

## Radio notes: 1.30.15 - The Issachar Anointing

### Program info:

#### **"The Issachar Anointing"**

A verse that has always made me hungry for the supernatural life is 1 Chronicles 12:32: "And of the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do, the heads of them were two hundred: and all their brethren were at their commandment." Here it is from the Living version: "From the tribe of Issachar, there were 200 leaders of the tribe with their relatives. All these men understood the signs of the times and knew the best course for Israel to take." Jesus spoke of discerning the signs of the times in Matthew 16:1-4 and Paul also spoke of this issue in Romans 13:11-12. "Perilous times" will be characteristic of world conditions prior to the coming of Christ to Judge the world. As believers we must 'navigate wisely'. Ask God for the 'Issachar Anointing'..... (picture credit to selahministries.co.uk)

### Scriptures

1 Chronicles 12:32

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Issachar among the mighty men who went down to Ziklag to help David when Saul was trying to kill him.

And of the sons of Issachar, having understanding for the times, to know what Israel should do; their heads [are] two hundred, and all their brethren [are] at their command.

Luke 12:54-56

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And he said also to the people, When ye see a cloud rise out of the west, straightway ye say, There cometh a shower; and so it is.

<sup>55</sup> And when ye see the south wind blow, ye say, There will be heat; and it cometh to pass.

<sup>56</sup> Ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky and of the earth; but how is it that ye do not discern this time? (the appearing of the Messiah among them)

Matthew 16:1-4

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The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would shew them a sign from heaven.

<sup>2</sup> He answered and said unto them, When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather: for the sky is red.

<sup>3</sup> And in the morning, It will be foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowering. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times? (preaching, teaching and healing)

<sup>4</sup> A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. And he left them, and departed. (His resurrection from the dead)

### Romans 13:11-14

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And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.

<sup>12</sup> The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

<sup>13</sup> Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

<sup>14</sup> But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof.

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The 'anointing' of Issachar was in truth the 'Spirit of Counsel', mentioned in Isaiah 11:2. The Spirit of Counsel is one of the manifestations of the 7-fold Spirit of God. The Book of Revelation mentions the 7 Spirits of God (Rev. 4:5). This must be understood as the 7-fold manifestation of THE ONE Spirit of God. Isaiah 11:2 makes clear what this 7-fold manifestation is: (1) The Spirit of the Lord; (2) Wisdom; (3) Understanding; (4) Counsel; (5) Might; (6) Knowledge; (7) the Fear of the Lord.

What I am encouraging you in is seeking the anointing of the Holy Spirit for counsel regarding the times in which you live. Verses 3-5 in Isaiah 11 give a picture of how this counsel worked out in the life of Jesus. Please read them carefully. This is from Vs. 1:

And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

<sup>2</sup> And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;

<sup>3</sup> And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:

<sup>4</sup> But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth: with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

<sup>5</sup> And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

These notes in brackets come from Matthew Henry: [This "Root of Jesse" is of course, Jesus Christ. Did you notice that Vs. 3 states he will not judge according to the 5-senses -what he sees or hears?

Sons of Issachar were wise in agricultural matters, weather forecasting, proper times for ploughing, sowing, reaping, etc; ceremonial times, the times appointed for the solemn feasts (they called the people to the Mountain Deuteronomy 33:19 - Moses final prayer for all).

They understood also the political times, public affairs, the temper of the nation, tendencies of present events.

They had good intelligence from abroad and made good use of it. They knew what Israel ought to do: from their observation and experience. They knew their duty in given situations and could help others find and define their duty.

At this point in 1 Chronicles 12, they knew that Israel ought to make David king.]

In 1 Chronicles 7 they are called valiant, men of might, chief men, bands of soldiers. Quite a list. Think about the multi-faceted wisdom that God gave to this tribe.

Think about the times in which Paul lived. Relate them to his words in Romans 13:11-14.

Draw on the Spirit of Counsel for your own life. The Holy Spirit has been sent to be YOUR Helper.

In Matthew 24, Jesus laid out clearly for the Jews what they were to do when they saw the Abomination of Desolation stand in the Holy Place (this did not happen in AD70) and when the armies of the world gathered against Jerusalem: flee to the mountains; don't go down and take anything out of your house. This will happen at the Second Coming so Jesus gave this counsel 2,000 years before it will happen.

Will He not also advise you just as carefully?

Pray for the enlargement of your tent and your territory:

Isaiah 54:

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<sup>2</sup> Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes;

<sup>3</sup> For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left;

1 Chronicles 4

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<sup>10</sup> And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he requested.

