

Singing Zion's Songs

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Text: Ps. 137: 1-4 &

Thot: Singing Zion's songs

Our message today a message to world from bible

Intro: The story of text.

- There because of sin from a land flowing with milk and honey, the grapes extraordinary size.
- Now asked to sing Zion's song as tho all was well.

I see America as Israel, Once a God-fearing land of milk and honey, great success, provision etc.

Having fallen into a land of hatred, deceit, treachery, and blatant hypocrisy.

But yet still trying to sing Zion's song as tho all is well, a picture vividly painted at the inauguration of the 46th president, where after years of bitter fighting and hate against their fellow-man

The come together in the capitol in grand display of clear hypocrisy, in pretense of love and unity.

Hiring musical talents, trying to sing Zion's songs in the strange land of hypocrisy and hatred.

I heard the prayers of the pastors, asking God's blessings upon the country and assembly.

Trying as Israel to sing songs of Zion in a strange land, strange circumstance, strange surroundings.

See you cannot sing song of Zion just anywhere, anyhow, our gospel singers try it, dressing the gospel in worldly manner to fit on a worldly stage, but it does not work, for the spirit of God is absent all left is musical notes and rhythmical bodily exercise.

It cannot be done as our text suggests, the singing of Zion's songs in a strange land.

See Unity and love they falsely portray, requires according to the bible, first repentance of wrong and then forgiveness of wrong.

Yes, I heard the prayers, but Vain prayers will not do, for I also heard the Lord say: If my people called by my name would humble themselves and pray, seek my face and TURN from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and HEAL the land.

America is a divided land in need of healing. I'm sorry grand inaugurations won't do it.

The prayers I heard on Wed. was like unto the Lord saying to Joshua, why lie here praying, get on up, the people have sinned, I won't hear till repent.

We cannot sing Zion's songs in a strange land, last week we celebrated Dr. King's birthday, and today I find many not celebrating but desecrating his Legacy.

Dr. King was a Born-again true preacher of the gospel realized one could not sing Zion's songs in a strange land of violence and hate.

Before his famous I have a dream speech, I believe I heard him say somewhere:

All was not lost in slavery for the white man took the country but gave us Religion.

It was that Religion that found Dr. King In Montgomery Alabama on steps of the State capitol, . preaching ,

"Our aim must not be to humiliate or defeat the white man but to win his understanding and friendship, we must come to see a society at peace with itself, a day not of white men, or black men, just men. (My dream: Evil lives not in color of skin but lurks hearts of men)

It was His Religion: that taught hate cannot drive out racism, and only the light of love can dispel the darkness of hate.

I believe if Dr. King lived today he would be facilitator of a great revival of love for fellowman in the land,

It was Religion that told Dr. King we cannot sing Zion's sone in a strange land...

Religion that gave him the vison of victory thru non-violence, not marching with the weapons of this world

Religion; that told him "If in our heart we do believe we SHALL overcome.

Religion that brought white men and little boys and girls to the black community to peeping thru the heisted windows to hear the Old Negro Spirituals.

Many of our White Pastors preaching today were influenced by the "Religion of the black church"

See it was the White man that gave us religion , but it was the Black man that first discovered its truths.

True Religion: We must not be caught up with the anger and hate of this world, but practice it before the world..till Shiloh comes.

Lifting every voice to sing, not the black national Anthem nor the white, Spanish, Irish or Italian Anthem, but lift every voice and sing of His "Amazing Grace how sweet that sounds"--

For only the gospel of Christ can turn night to day

Only the gospel can change a man's heart of hate to heart of love

Only the gospel can bring true justice, true equality, true freedom

Only the gospel can bring peace out of confusion

Only then can the nations sing her founding song...God bless America... land of the free... Stand beside her and guide her to the light with the light from above.

Only then can sing: "faith of our fathers..IS.. living still"

They hung their harps upon the Willow....they required of us mirth...but how can we sing Zion's songs in a strange land

Strange land of Want without satisfaction

Desire without deliverance

Injustice and mistreatment.. disrespect and dishonor...how..how..can we sing ZION's song?

So just let us sing"

OF GOD'S AMAZING GRACE HOW SWEET?

GRACE THAT BROT US SAFE THIS FAR AND GRACE WILL...TAKE US HOME