

THE CHILDLESS CHURCH #4  
THE NATAL CHURCH  
CAN WE DELIVER?

We have looked at **the Childless church** as it is represented in Hannah. She was desperate for a child and after the taunting of Peninnah she has Samuel- a voice to the nation.

We examined **The Unexpected church** of Zachariah and Elizabeth. They were old and unexpectant, but they experienced and unexpected visitation (angel) with and unexpected word from the Lord (son is coming who will we a Nazarite) and was given and unexpected sign (mute). They produces one who would be a “voice crying in the wilderness” announcing the coming of the Christ.

We also examined Mary a symbol of **The Chosen Church** produces the DELIVERER- JESUS

Today we look at **The Natal Church**.

Isaiah 37 <sup>3</sup> And they said unto him, Thus saith Hezekiah, This day *is* a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of blasphemy: for the children are come to the birth, and *there is* not strength to bring forth. KJV

Isaiah 37 <sup>3</sup> They told him, “This is what Hezekiah says: This day is a day of distress and rebuke and disgrace, as when children come to the point of birth and there is no strength to deliver them. NIV

The church is scheduled for its greatest hour. We have been impregnated with the Word of God, the promises of God and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Will the church deliver?

Will we give birth to what God wants in these last days.

The text uses the travail of woman that is weak in relation to a crisis that demands deliverance.

V3.....This day is a day of distress and rebuke and disgrace...

It is a day of disgrace and distress when women do not have the strength to deliver their children.

Notice these details:

**I. Travail will come-**

....when children come to the point of birth

**A. The body is saying it is coming soon.-**

Travail is the beginning of the birthing process.

The person becomes restless, uncomfortable, and pain becomes intermittent.

**B. The body begins to change.**

The body's muscles begin to contract. It is nature's way of pushing out that which has been carried for a season.

The church cannot stay the same. What is to be birthed will be changed by natural process.

Whatever the church needs to change to produce it will do.

**C. The body is saying “now”.**

We must know the time we are in.

We must do our part to deliver what Christ has placed in his body.

**II. The condition of the mother (the church) is in question.**

V3 ... there is no strength to deliver them. NIV

A. If there is no strength to deliver the children will die.

It takes 85 Christians to reach 1 lost person.

It appears that we are not able to deliver.

It appears that we are losing strength.

A movement that was started by the Pentecostal Experience of baptismal tongues has decreased in proportion to growth.

We grew .8% with - 3.6% in Spirit Baptisms.

B. If there is no strength outside help is needed.

Zechariah 4:6 ....Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit saith the Lord of Hosts.

**C. God will bring into being that which he has conceived in us.**

Isa. 66<sup>8</sup> Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children.<sup>9</sup> Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? saith the LORD: shall I cause to bring forth, and shut *the womb*? saith thy God. KJV

Jesus said, "Upon this rock I will build my church".

Acts 2:47.... And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved. KJV

John 4 <sup>35</sup> Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. <sup>36</sup> Even now the reaper draws his wages, **even now he harvests the crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together.** <sup>37</sup> Thus the saying 'One sows and another reaps' is true. <sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor." NIV

Travail is upon us. When Zion travails sons and daughters are born. We need the power of the Holy Spirit to help us birth this last day harvest.