

**We wish you a joyful and peaceful New Year, dear Friends and Partners in this work of Hansi Ministries. May our LORD God bless you all with clarity of vision for 2020!**

Doctors often use the number 20/20 to express “normal” vision for their patients; that is, you can see clearly at 20 feet what you should normally be able to see at that distance.

I think that it is not a little coincidence that the number of this election year is 2020, for it will be a year where clarity of vision is necessary for ALL of us who are called after the name of Jesus Christ!

Perhaps it is not so coincidental that Grandma Hansi also had cataract surgery in both of her eyes in 2019, just about six months apart. The first surgery happened right around the time God gave her a “vision” for beginning a prayer ministry for this coming election. With much trepidation she stepped forward, not knowing what to expect but trusting that God, who has perfect vision, was leading her and would faithfully reveal His plans, as she “got out of the boat”.

To be sure, there have been wild waves around the **PALS (Prayer And Light Sharers)** ministry, threatening at every step to pull her under, even issues with me, my broken wrist, etc. **But God** (I just love those two words!) has stretched out His hand to hold hers, and she walks closely with Jesus, sure of His calling. He has never yet forsaken those He has called and He never will!

The second cataract operation took place on Hansi’s 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday, just about one year from the 2020 presidential election, giving her a clarity of vision she has not experienced in quite some time. What a precious gift is our eyesight, one we may take for granted without realizing.

Cataracts will slowly cloud a person’s vision, impairing the eyesight gradually until a radical surgery is necessary to replace the affected lens. And just as this is true with our physical eyesight, so it is as God’s Holy Scripture tells us:

*“Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained, but happy is he who keeps the law.” (Proverbs 29:18, NASB)*

A comprehensive eye examination by a doctor of optometry can diagnose what is affecting your ability to see well. Reading God’s Word does the same for us spiritually. God speaks to His children. Are we listening?

The prophet Habakkuk said he would stand at the guard post and “keep watch” to see what God would say to him. He is given a vision and a command to write it down:

*“That the one who reads it may run. For the vision is yet for the appointed time; it hastens toward the goal and it will not fail. Though it tarries, wait for it; for it will certainly come, it will not delay.” (See Habakkuk 2:1-4, NASB)*

We have no doubt that this coming year will be a showdown between the light and the darkness; indeed, the shaking has already begun! One only has to turn on the news to see what is happening. The blind cannot see out of the darkness swirling around them. It seems the voice of reason has been muted as easily as pressing a button on the remote control. Nevertheless, God’s Voice will not be silenced, if God’s people are on their knees praying:

*“If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” (2 Chronicles 7:14)*

As God’s children, and ones who **should** know better, we must pray, pray, and pray without ceasing! Do not look to the television reporters to give you the truth. The major media outlets, who are served by their advertisers, are owned by a mere six corporations, controlling about 90 percent of the media in America!

Social media is notorious for spreading fake news! All one needs is a large number of followers, generally generated by popularity as a “star” in sports, film, music or the internet itself, never mind whether the person has a clue about what ideas or “news” he or she is propagating!

An often quoted but still true word (attributed to Edmund Burke) comes to mind: *“The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing.”*

God has given us the power of His Holy Spirit to pray and move His hand, not that we force or command God to do our will, but that we pray according to His will and He will give us the desire of our heart, as we are delighted in His will. (See Psalm 37:4)

We do not need to wring our hands and moan and complain about the state of our nation, but we must pray. It is God’s people who will decide the outcome of this year’s election for our nation over the next four years: consistent and honest intercessory prayer for our president, our Congress, and our beloved America.

A year from now, should the LORD tarry, we will be looking back at the 2020 presidential election. What will be foremost in our minds? Relief or fear? Did we do what we could and should have done? Let us not get caught up in the enemy’s distractions and end up only having that “hindsight is 20/20” mindset.

*“Behold, as for the proud one, his soul is not right within him; **but the righteous will live by his faith.**” (Habakkuk 2:4)*

This coming year will mark a turning point of historical significance: good happenings and hopefully a divine healing for our nation! God is so willing to fulfill His promises, if we will just listen, trust, and obey!

Above all, we must not lose heart, must not give in to fears, must not lose faith in the God in whose Hand *“is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind”*. (Job 12:10)

Thank you for your loving and faithful standing by Hansi Ministries this past year, as we seek to shine the light of His glory in this work to which He has called us.

Blessings and prayers,

Jessie