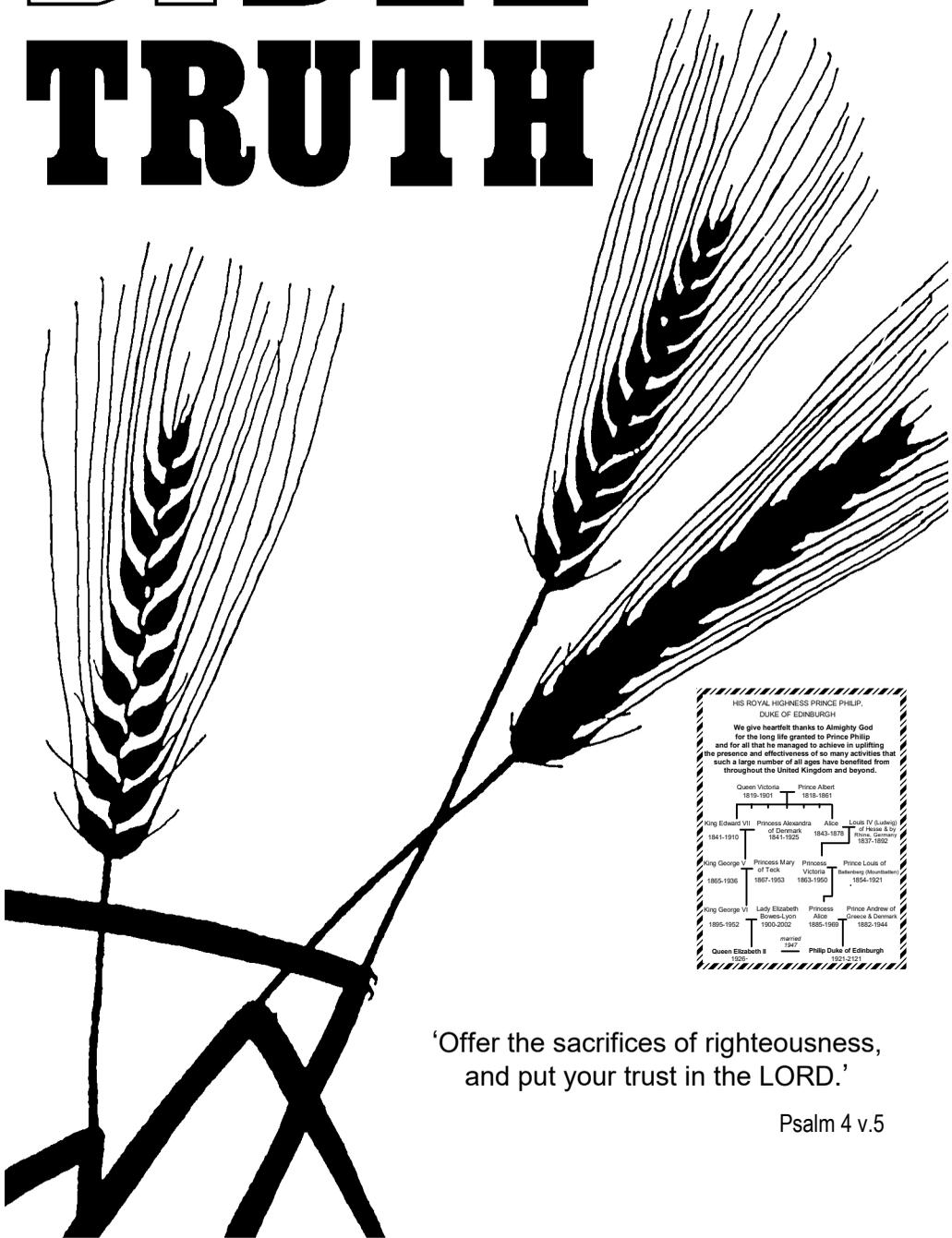


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**HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE PHILIP,
DUKE OF EDINBURGH**

We give heartfelt thanks to Almighty God
for the long life granted to Prince Philip
and for all that he managed to achieve in uplifting
the presence and effectiveness of so many activities that
such a large number of all ages have benefited from
throughout the United Kingdom and beyond.

Queen Victoria 1819-1901 Prince Albert 1819-1861

King Edward VII 1841-1910 Princess Alexandra of Denmark 1844-1925 Alice 1843-1878 Louis IV (Ludwig) of Hesse & by Rhine 1837-1902

King George V 1865-1936 Princess Mary of Teck 1867-1953 Princess Victoria 1863-1951 Prince Louis of Battenberg (Mountbatten) 1854-1921

King George VI 1895-1952 Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon 1900-2002 Princess Alice 1885-1955 Prince Andrew of Greece & Denmark 1882-1944

Queen Elizabeth II 1926 married 1947 Philip Duke of Edinburgh 1921-2021

‘Offer the sacrifices of righteousness,
and put your trust in the LORD.’

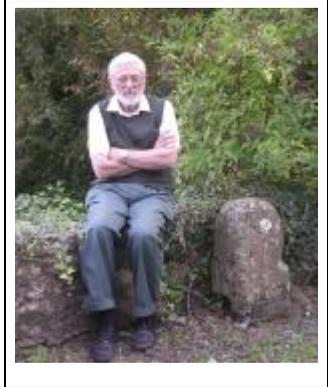
Psalm 4 v.5

SUDDENLY

by Arthur Eedle

‘Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.’

Matthew ch.6 v.10



The verbs underlined are in the **imperative mood** in Greek. They suggest a **command**. When uttering this Pattern Prayer we should say to God, ‘Let it be!’, ‘Let it be done!’ We are given authority to shout with such impassioned cries, not to water it down with an **optative mood** (expressing a hope) saying ‘May it be’, ‘May it be done.’ No! Let it be done! Let the heavens hear our demand, exactly as Jesus instructed.

But do we really **want** the Kingdom to come? Have we studied the Scriptures to learn what will happen when the Kingdom arises on Earth? Have we appreciated the **suddenness** of its appearing, and the effect this will have on mankind in general, as well as on God’s children scattered abroad?

Jesus said His coming will be similar to the Flood in Noah’s day, and the cataclysmic fires in Lot’s day. He said people would be ‘marrying, given in marriage, eating, drinking, buying, selling, planting, and building’ (see Luke ch.17 vv 26-30). Notice that He focused only on the ordinary, regular, repetitive activities of life, and not on the ‘violence’ of Noah’s day, or the ‘abominations’ of Lot’s day in Sodom. This was to emphasise the **suddenness**, the **unexpectedness** of His return.

Paul gave his readers a solemn warning.

‘For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.’

1 Thessalonians ch.5 vv 2-3

People yearn for peace and safety, even in the midst of a world in turmoil, but no one expects a sudden dramatic change. My wife once said, 'The onset of labour produces two dire thoughts, no way of going back, and no release from what is about to come'. In such manner will people find themselves locked within a new world under Heaven's Government.

So much for the world, but Paul was more interested in the Brethren. He would be repeating the Master's words.

'Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.'

Mark ch.13 v.33

The start of the Kingdom would be a time of **separation** between the world's people and those who are God's children. It was spelled out with great clarity by the Lord.

'I tell you, in that night there shall be two (*men*) in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left. Two (*women*) shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.'

Luke ch.17 vv 34-36

Night time for sleeping, daytime for working, as for different parts of the world.

I was given a lengthy prophecy in earlier days, the first part of which was as follows.

'I am about to do a work that will astound the nations of this world. It will come upon them suddenly when they least expect it. It will take men by surprise, from the godliest to the most arrogant. It will alter the face of the world; it will shatter kingdoms; it will break down fences; it will demand great things from those who can bear to listen to my voice; it will tear down the mighty from the seat of pride and exalt the humble in spirit, granting them release from bondage.'

In the following year a similar word was granted.

'A day of gladness in a day of sadness: a time of joy in a time of pain;

A time of total realisation to a dazed world;

A lifted veil; An agonising cry - "Too late!"

A door shut and locked but a window opened.'

And a few years later God's word came to me again.

'Suddenly the whole earth shall stop to consider what I am doing. Nothing shall be done in a corner anymore; secret preparations shall finally come to an end. Instead there shall be a day of manifestation and light; a healing shower of rain in the dust bowls of man's creation; a time of Sabbath-rest, a time of reconsidering, contemplation, and re-analysis.'

Are we ready for this sudden intervention in the world's affairs? Have we been watching, waiting, expecting, walking by faith, keeping our eyes on the Throne rather than on daily news channels? If so, then the Kingdom will be a day of release, a time of enlightenment, a moment of sudden **expected** answer to that prayer, 'Let Your Kingdom come. Let Your will be done, in heaven and upon earth!' And the Lord's words to Daniel will be enacted.

'... one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.'

Daniel ch.7 vv 13-14

'And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.'

Daniel ch.7 v.27

Be prepared! It could happen tomorrow, even today!
