"Be Still, and Know"



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Through the Psalms
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> Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;
> he [God] lifts his voice, the earth melts. . . .
> He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth;
> he breaks the bow and shatters the spear,
> he burns the shields with fire.
> "Be still, and know that I am God;
> I will be exalted among the nations,
> I will be exalted in the earth."
> (Psalm 46:6, 9–10)

The psalmist describes a scene of worldwide confusion. Nations are in an uproar; kingdoms are falling. There is a clash of weapons; war is imminent. Then, in the midst of it all, God intervenes. He brings all the frenzied activity of the nations to a standstill. To His own people He says: "Be still, and know that I am God."

The scene today answers exactly to the psalmist's prophetic picture: nations in an uproar; kingdoms falling; accelerating accumulation of armaments; ever-present threat of war. In the midst of all this we must listen to what God is saying to His people: "Be still . . . be still, and know . . ."

We dare not permit the confusion in the world around us to disturb our own spirits. No matter how great the pressures, we must continually cultivate an inner stillness that permits us to hear what God is saying. He is telling us: "I have foreknown all that you see around you. I am not unprepared. When all My purposes have ripened, I will intervene. Do not give way to fear. The situation is not out of control. Ultimately all will work out for My glory and for your good."

In His last great prophetic discourse, Jesus gave a similar picture of the world at the close of the present age, but He added: "When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near" (Luke 21:28).

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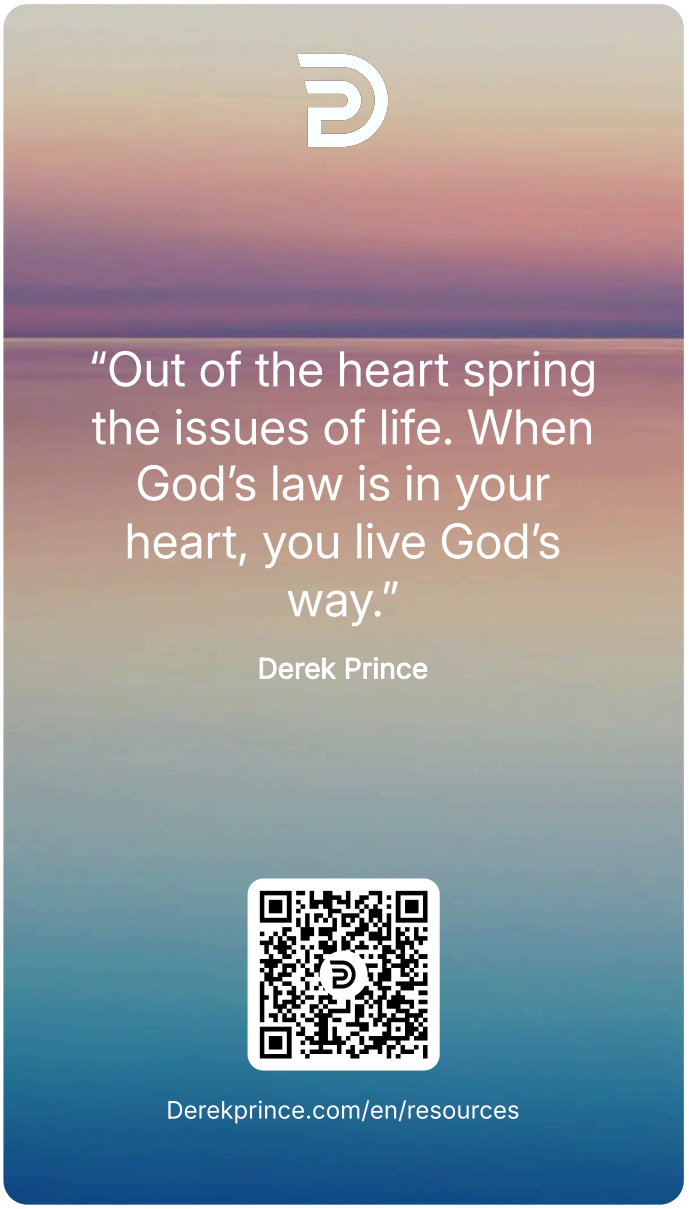

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