PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Moscow Leaders Conference

> This gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

I want to speak to you briefly about our forthcoming conference to be held in Alma Ata in Kazakhstan this coming May. Last May we held a conference in Moscow where we invited a thousand people who had been contacted through our ministry either by radio or by book or by cassette, and we had the most glorious meetings that I can recall anywhere, and we were able to sow the Word of God to people from many different areas of the former Soviet Union who went back charged with the power of God inspired and instructed to be messengers to their own people. This coming May we plan to do a similar conference in Alma Ata in Kazakhstan.

Now if you're like me a few years ago I'd never heard of Alma Ata. But the first time that anybody mentioned the name Alma Ata to me, something leaped in my spirit, and I had a feeling that I was due to be there one day in the service of the Lord. Now Kazakhstan is in central Asia. It's second in size of all the republics only to Russia itself, and it has very large deposits of oil. In fact, probably second only to the Arabian Peninsula. In other words, it's a key city. It's a center for many things, but for us what's particularly important is that it is at the center of a vast kingdom of spiritual darkness which has never really been penetrated by the light of the gospel in the past two thousand years. Altogether there are eleven nations that will be involved in this conference. And I list them in order from west to east. They really stretch across the whole of central Asia: Turkey, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Kavesia, then Northwest China and finally Mongolia. That's eleven nations. We are expecting that representatives from all these eleven nations will be at this conference.

These nations have been dominated by the powers of darkness, really throughout history, and particularly in the last two thousand years. There are three main successive powers of darkness that have dominated those areas: first of all, demonic paganism, second, Islam and thirdly, atheistic Communism.

But in the past decade there has been some penetration by the gospel of Jesus Christ. It's as though God's time has come for that part of the world and He has set in motion a sovereign visitation. Our aim in Alma Ata is to strike at the very heart of this whole area of darkness.

We plan two main thrusts that represent the phrase that we use to describe our ministry—*Reaching the Unreached and Teaching the Untaught.* The first emphasis will be on evangelism, but much the most important emphasis will be on equipping leaders to take the Word of God back to their own people. Probably most of them are either leaders who have been only recently in that position or potential leaders, because the whole work is so fresh that there has been very little time to build up mature leadership. Our main task will be to help to do this.

I think I could compare what we envisage from two simple examples, first of all, the throwing of a big stone into the middle of a pond. And what happens is there's a big splash and then after the splash ripples move out in all directions in a circular way to the edge of the pond. I believe our conference will be like throwing that stone into the middle of the pond. There'll be a big splash, but then the ripples will spread out surely to every edge and area of the pond.

The second example that I would like to use is that from modern military tactics when an army has to invade a fortified position or area or country, and there are three main phases in this invasion. First of all, there is bombardment from the air by the airplanes of the invading force, and this I would compare to intercession from a distance. The purpose of the aerial assault is to sweep the skies clear of enemy aircraft, and I believe the purpose of the intercession will be to sweep the skies clear of the satanic principalities and powers that have been dominating that area so long.

Then the next stage in the invasion is the heavy artillery which is closer at hand, and I would liken that to intercession by those who come to intercede on the spot.

And then the third phase is the infantry assault, and I would liken that to the actual ministry of God's Word. But in warfare unless the first two phases are successful, the third phase will end in defeat, and I believe the same is true of this situation. Unless intercessors can sweep the skies clean of the principalities and powers of Satan, unless they can bombard the area with their fervent prayers, then our attempts will

be in vain. We depend upon our intercessors.

And so our purpose in making this brief message is to share our vision with you and to challenge you to respond by a commitment to intercession. We have said many times, and I say it again with conviction, that this is the harvest hour. This is when the harvest is ripening, especially in these areas now of which we've been speaking. And the Scripture says something which I want to leave with you.

A son who sleeps in harvest causes shame.

I want to challenge each of you who hear this message, are informed about this forthcoming conference, that you will not be a son that sleeps in harvest. You will rise up and take your place as an intercessor and play your part, and maybe even come to the actual place for intercession. But, please, remember that Ruth and I and Derek Prince Ministries are counting on you to assume this responsibility of intercession for these meetings. I believe these meetings can have a profound and lasting impact on the whole of that vast area of central Asia. So please will you stand with us? May God bless you.

Now I'm asking Ruth to share with you the special perspective which I believe God has given her on this conference.

RUTH

First of all, I would like to read the report of a vision that a woman in England had. She did not know anything about our plans to go to Alma Ata, but she shared this with some leaders of our ministry in England. She said she had a sense of being in the west looking toward the east of the world. She explains that she was not good at geography and had not used a map for this, but she had a sense that it was to the left of China. She thought that the place began with the letter K and that it had been a part of the old Soviet Union. A big oriental door was open, the kind of door that would represent a country. It was made of stone and very ornate. Through the door was bright light which represented Christ. Therefore those who went through the door into the light would find Christ. She saw that countless thousands of people were going through the open door. The people were foreign to her and there were various different kinds

of foreigners, different nationalities which she did not know. She had thought they were Chinese, but they did not seem to be. Some seemed quite barbaric. Those that she identified seemed to be Cossack. The point of it is that there was a mixture of people going into the light.

She said then the door started to close and became a rock face as though it had never been. In other words, what is now an open door will at some point close. Some were caught and crushed as the door closed. Others were left outside. She felt that God was giving this information to her that intercessors should be raised up that the door might be held open.

She asked the Lord, "How do we hold the door open?" She said she had no idea of time scale—past, present or future—but there was a sense of urgency because of those who were crushed and those who were unable to get through. The Lord gave her the word *time lock* to hold it open. She felt there was a need for a people, she said "a Samson band"—people like Samson—to hold the door open in intercession.

Now if that speaks to you, will you join with us to hold that door open? And then Derek has asked me to share with you something that I saw as we were praying in January with our International Council. We were seeking to know what God's priorities were for Derek Prince Ministries at this time, and as we prayed I saw a map. I was looking eastward and I was aware that just out of my field of vision was Italy. So I was looking across this map at Eastern Europe, Russia, the whole of central Asia, the Muslim republics, China, eastern Russia, and on to Japan and I also had the impression that I could just see Southeast Asia—Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia, Viet Nam and so on. And as I looked at it the thought came to me that if the people of the Muslim republics are reached for the Lord, then they would reach out to the Middle East and the Arabian Peninsula.

Now we are fully aware that the doors that are open now may not stay open. That's why we're going now to Alma Ata. That's why we went last year to Moscow. They may close because of political changes, or because of religious pressure, or probably the saddest would be that hearts might close because of the lure of materialism. But we're going now because we believe that this is the harvest hour for that area and that God wants Derek Prince Ministries to come in and to participate in reaping the harvest, but even more important to equip laborers for the harvest. And I think of the words of Jesus. He said in John

chapter 4 verse 35,

> Do you not say, "There are still four months and then comes the harvest"? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!

Now Derek and I and the leaders of Derek Prince Ministries who work together with us see the harvest field. We see it white before us. And we know that we can't do all that God has called us to do unless we have people like you standing behind us with their prayers. So we want to thank you, Derek and I and all those of Derek Prince Ministries, want to thank you, and the people to whom we are going want to say thank you for standing with us in prayer.

If you want further instructions on how to pray, get in touch with our office and we will send you further information and instructions. The people who are going with us, the intercessors, the worship team, the workers, all need your prayers, not just Derek and me. So write and ask for more instructions. Now is the harvest hour. God bless you.

ANNOUNCER:

As Derek and Ruth have just shared, fervent, ongoing intercession before and during this conference is vital before the Word can be proclaimed in power and victory. We invite you to be a part of the intercessory team needed here at home to pray for the strategic undertaking. We also encourage you to reproduce this cassette for free distribution to others whom you believe would respond to this serious call to prayer.

To receive our prayer information packet, which gives specific conference prayer guidelines and other pertinent information, please write immediately to ensure that you will receive your prayer packet well before the conference dates of May 23rd through 26th. Please use the enclosed response card or write to Derek Prince Ministries, P.O. Box 300, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33302. Please write today.