

## **SOUTH AFRICA: “BEAUTIFUL ONE, FAIR ONE”**

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In February 1995, only months after the epic transition of South Africa from the era of Apartheid to a full democratic state, Christian leaders gathered in Pretoria to attend a significant conference. This was the first time that South African leaders received firsthand insights to the transformation of cities from the pioneers of strategic prayer evangelism, Ed Silivoso and John Dawson. On this occasion John Dawson brought the following profound prophetic word for the nation of South Africa. The importance of this word is emphasised now as a Word of encouragement and direction to all South Africans whose vision of a restored and blessed “New South Africa” has been dimmed by the pressure and conflict of our contemporary reality. God would that we look to Him for the fulfilment of His word even when “the fig tree does not blossom, and there be no fruit on the vine” (Hab 3:17)

*“We bless you South Africa. The winter is over - the spring is here and Jesus says to you, ‘You're beautiful, come away with Me My fair one; come away with Me. Come and take your place within the nations. Come into liberty, come into dignity; come into purpose. You have been broken and wounded but I will restore your soul and I will give you a good name and a place of honour and you will sit in the gate of the nations and not be ashamed.*

*But know this I have set you a task that is impossible without Me. Your marriage, your familiness as a people cannot work without Me. You are a nation that should not even be tempted by the false confidence to think that you can walk without God. Apart from Me you can do nothing South Africa. But in Me I will demonstrate through you My Glory.’*

*And we who are of other nations we bless you and we honour you and we hold you in great esteem for God has put upon you a weight that we don't have for God has given you an assignment more difficult than that which we face. But His Grace is sufficient for you and we bless you and we tell you that we need you. We need your obedience and your victory to stand as a demonstration of the Living God in a world that is hopelessly stuck in ancient animosities. Rejected continent you are not rejected - you are chosen.*

*The Lord writes on your forehead a new name, "BEAUTIFUL ONE, FAIR ONE". For He calls you forth for He loves you. His goal is not even to use you but to bless you. To pour out upon you loving kindness, to embarrass you with abundance, to establish you in peace, to marry you to one another and surround you with children.*

*I believe that the Enemy has attacked many people in their minds over the safety of their children. I believe the Lord wants to write through the Church a name on the forehead of the nation, and it is CITADEL OF SAFETY. It's not the old metaphor of the circled wagons (laager); terrified people clutching their resources, huddled in fear; making inner vows, but its a quiet confidence that we sit on the lap of the Living God and that He is the Lord of this nation and that in His just governance there is safety for all. There is an inheritance for all and we need not be afraid. There is a place for you Afrikaner; there is a place for you Khoi, San, Bushmen, Zulu, Xhosa; not just here but in the nations; for you are fearfully and wonderfully made. Beautiful in God's sight and we call to you, we from other nations and we bless you. We call you beautiful, we call you ‘Land of Refuge’, we call you ‘Place of Safety’. AMEN.”*