

Fresh Oil Releases

The Time of Performance

Hello precious saints

This was originally written in 2008, but today 06/12/2017, the Lord directed me to pull it out so I want to share it with those who have only recently come to my Blog:

Yesterday I attended my son Daniel's dressage Competition and the Holy Spirit ministered powerfully to me through the events that unfolded. I have a sense that the message that emerged is for other brothers and sisters besides myself. So here it is :

As I sat in the shade watching my son's event from a distance, I could hear a conversation going on behind me. There were two women complaining about the one's daughter's attitude as she practiced. The mother spoke some shocking words about her daughter and the other one backed her up. They were also declaring they had the power to remove this girl from the competition and were saying spiteful things and criticizing the other riders as well.

There was also a field between my seat and the arena where my son was riding. It was full of horses and riders practicing and exercising; there was no general direction to their movement. They rode in all directions and there were some close calls, with people narrowly avoiding collisions because they were not paying attention. Nobody in this field took any notice of what was going on in the arenas. They had their appointed times of performance and that was all they cared about.

While this was going on, Daniel was doing his event. He was oblivious to what was going on at the sidelines amongst the spectators or in the practice field. The judge was watching his every movement and Daniel's ear was trained to the voice of the person at the edge of the ring, who was calling out the sequence of movements expected. As he completed a movement, the next step was called out. He did it with confidence because he had been through the rehearsals and so the actual performance was not a frightening thing - even though he was riding against adults. He was awarded first place, achieving the highest marks of any competitor.

As I watched, the Holy Spirit began to unfold a spiritual parallel. These are the words He spoke: "Your time of performance has begun. What you have waited for and prayed for and prepared for in secret has now arrived. Some people are not even aware that you are going through your paces; they will give you no attention nor encourage you in any way. There will be all sorts of criticism and backbiting from those watching from the sidelines but do not be distracted. Even though the criticism may come from those who have mothered you in the past; even though they utter threats and boast of their power to prevent you from riding for Me, pay them no heed. Keep your ear tuned to the voice of My Spirit giving you instructions at each step you take. You are performing for the Judge of all the earth and all the preparation you have undergone has been for this season and this reason. Do not run ahead of My Spirit but wait for each instruction and focus only on that which I have given you to do. Complete the course; run the race. Then you shall hear, 'well done good and faithful servant' and receive the victor's crown."

