

HAVE FAITH IN GOD

God promised Abraham that through his descendants all the nations of the world will be blessed. God was setting out the plan to redeem the world from the hands of Satan and God set the terms which was it will be done through the descendants of Abraham (**Genesis 12:1-3**). We have to understand that this covenant is to Abraham and his Seed (s) and therefore there is a specific group of people who have the right to ask God concerning the world and He promises to hear and deliver. We are the seeds of Abraham through Christ as told us in Galatians. To us God admonishes that we put Him in remembrance of His word and we are called into prayers that God's Kingdom will come upon the earth and the knowledge of the glory of God fill the earth as the waters cover the sea. Likewise in Deuteronomy 8:18 we are told that we are blessed that the covenant of God promised Abraham will come to pass. The earth will receive its King through the Church because we are the light of the world and the salt of the earth. We will set up the relationship between God and His creation and that His why God made us the first fruit of all His creation (**James 1:18**).

Every kind of God's intervention is only possible through the Church. We therefore have to take up our responsibility in order not to become a liability to our generations. The Church of God must be exalted and established above all so that the nations of the world will flow into it (**Isaiah 2:1-4**). We have an awesome admonishment from God in 2 Chronicles 7:14 that healing of the world only comes when the people called by God pray and make intercessions. Our relationship with God affects the rest of the world. The deeper and faithful we are to our quest to form our relationship with God determines the deliverance that comes to the world. When we do not take this responsibility seriously we throw the entire of God's

creation into great pain and dark hopelessness. Creation is waiting for the manifestations of the sons and daughters of God.

It is obvious we have to deepen our relationship with God not for our personal benefits but above all for the great responsibility entrusted us to heal our lands. When the Jews became aware of this through Jesus Christ in John 6 they asked the obvious question- what shall we do that we might do the works of God? The answer was to believe in Him (Jesus) whom God has sent (**John 6:28-29**). This is more than simply knowing of Jesus Christ and having affections for Him. This is associating with Him in all that He stands for. This is about understanding His ministry and giving our entire being to fulfilling His ministry on earth. For God love the world that He gave His only Son that the world will believe in Him and be saved. The mandate of God is to make the knowledge of God appealing to the world through the works of Jesus Christ. This Jesus Christ is to give every ounce of His being to the quest of turning people to the knowledge of God. This is how Paul puts it in **Philippians 3:7-11**: I press to fully come to the purpose for which Christ called me and I willingly share in His sufferings that the power of resurrection will be made known to all.

This is more than just taking the path of God in order for us to be relieved of our pains. This is even more than just being blessed so that we know how good God is. This is being so much blessed that the nations of the world are attracted to God. They come in asking questions when they see that we are not part of the darkness coming into the world. They will like to know how we are making it and then they will turn to God. This is our mandate. Ours is to deepen our relationship with God so that true riches of God are entrusted in our hands (**Luke 16:11**).

To do this we must fine tune our hearing of the word of God. Frankly speaking we are not passionate about the Word of God even if we cannot be accused of hating God's Word. A person who truly is passionate about the Word of God is hunting to hear it all the time and to understand it every time they hear it. The Word of God is their bread and their necessary food. Furthermore, we must hear the Word with our spirit. This means allowing the word to penetrate into our spirit. We must humbly seek the Word to come into us to correct us, rebuke us, direct us, encourage us and to show us the way to know more of God. When we have such humble attitude towards the Word of God we will begin to hear God in a different way and we will have a willing heart to obey the word. This is what birth fruitfulness. This is what causes us to believe and to trust the Lord so that all the promises made to us can come to pass. Then the world will see the difference between the people who trust in God and those who don't.

Church, creation is waiting for those who truly believe in their God. Those who don't just claim to know of God but willing to risk everything to prove their trust in God. God promises that He will shut the mouths of great lions against them that they don't harm them because they trust in their God (**Daniel 6:19-22**).

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