

Mandate to Heal

The Body of Christ as a whole and individual Christians get our mandate from the responsibilities of Jesus Christ to our earth. Jesus Christ was born to rule over our earth and to become Lord over the Heavens (where He came from) and Lord over the earth which He died to deliver. He declared that all power in the Heavens and earth is given to Him and immediately commissioned us to go and preach and make disciples of all nations. He has the responsibility over the earth and we share in that responsibility by receive the mandate to carry out His rule. That is why He said I will be with you till the end of the world. Jesus joins us in our quest to see our lands delivered and its people come to the safety of God's mercies, grace and favour.

Jesus is still going about recruiting for the work of ministry just like He did in His earthly life when He called the disciples. Bible says the eyes of the Lord move to and fro seeking to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is perfect towards Him. Also Matthew 20 tells of a parable to reveal that the Master is going around employing people who are idle and getting them to go and work in His vineyard with a promise of reward. To yield to Jesus means to align to His responsibilities to heal the earth and to save lives. Salvation is not just simply a ticket to heaven but more of a mandate from Heaven to heal our earth. Not to understand that and therefore not to engage in the active responsibility of saving and healing our land is the reason why many Christians still feel empty though saved and also continuously battling situations although delivered. The power to succeed on earth is found in the mandate we receive to reign and rule on the earth (**Revelation 5:9-10**).

The biblical account of the encounter that Jacob had with the "wrestling God" shows how a person make the transition from just knowing of God to working with God and receiving the mandate to heal our land (**Genesis 32:24-32**). Jacob's name meant Supplanter (a cheat) because as the younger twin he always battled with the older twin, Esau, for supremacy. Jacob always "looked out for his own interest" and that had included in cheating his brother twice and deceiving his father. Jacob, like most of us, live only for his own interest and justifies it that no one cares if you don't look after your own interest. When Jacob faced threat of complete annihilation from his vengeance seeking older twin he sought out God in prayer for help. Like always, Jacob felt

threatened and will not stop until he gets the deliverance he needed from God. But this time God was coming to change that selfish man (Jacob) into a prophet to a Nation and to make him the father to a Nation. Jacob wrestled with God for more blessings (apparently all that he had worked and cheated for was not enough to deliver him). But God changed his greedy nature. That evil nature that obscures him from seeing the goodness of God and that prevents him from seeing his responsibility towards a good God. Not only did God change that evil nature but replaced it with selfless nature. Jacob received the responsibility to stand between God and man as a prince. Jacob's task will be to use his feisty nature to the benefits of mankind and by taking his role as intercessor he will bring God and mankind together successfully. That was what Jesus Christ (Jacob's descendant) truly became. Not only Christ Jesus but all of Jacob's seeds will have that unique responsibility. Bible puts it this way "in you shall all the families of the earth be blessed".

To be a Christian (Jesus' and Jacob's descendant) is to live to fulfil the responsibility to bring God and mankind together. This means you and I must receive the mandate to heal our land and to heal its people. This is what Revelation meant by saying we have been saved to reign over this earth. This is the first mandate of mankind given to Adam when He was tasked to dress the Garden and to Keep it (**Genesis 2:15**). We are coming full cycle to the place of our birth; the place of power, mandate and responsibility. The book of Ephesians says be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might (**Ephesians 6:10**) and also we must be strengthened with might by His Spirit in our inner man (**Ephesians 3:16**). The task to dress and keep our land requires great power. We need power far beyond what we "selfishly" need for our personal deliverance but we need power that is big enough to encompass the deliverance of nations. The invitation of God to tarry for power is not for personal gratification power but for nations delivering mandate. Ask of Me, and I will give you the heathen for your inheritance and the outermost part of the earth for your possession (**Psalms 2:8-9**). Arise and shine for your light and come and nations are seeking your light and glory for their deliverance (**Isaiah 60:1-4**). Our mandate extends beyond our self and reaches to a dying world that desperately need to encounter the one and only Saviour.

Receive the mandate to heal. Crave the mandate to heal the land and its people. Ignorant Christians simply need something very small to heal them of their problems but well informed nations are seeking large enough anointing to repair desolate places and to set up foundations for generations to come (**Isaiah 61:4 and 58:12**).

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