

PURSUE FULFILLMENT

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To see what fulfils us we have to look at the heart of our Maker and to understand His purpose for making us and for giving birth to us the second time (born again). God made us to fill the earth with the good in us and to extend His knowledge to the ends of the world. When we departed into our own selfish sinful ways He paid a second price to have us born again to Himself so that we can be the bridge between Him and all His creation. God chose Abraham so that He could relate to the world through Abraham's interactions with the world. Through Abraham's total commitment and obedience to God he will be a blessing to all who bless him and a curse to all who curse him. It takes a great sacrifice and total commitment to walk with God and such a person will have the right to bless mankind with the presence of God and with His goodness. When God needed to set emotion the birth of Jesus Christ our Saviour He requested for a man to send in Isaiah 6. The prophet heard the call for a man and he responded. Isaiah therefore spoke the Words needed to usher in Jesus Christ. Isaiah spoke the birth, life, death and redemptive works of Christ and therefore prepared the way for Jesus Christ to be born. This is how God is to relate to His creation: He will have to get a people who completely and sacrificially offer themselves for a relationship with God and then He can use them to reach out His glory, knowledge and mercies to the ends of the world.

When God called on Elijah to present himself to King Ahab it was to enable God return rain onto the earth and to end three and half years of severe famine (1 Kings 18:1). This was after many days of

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petitions with God and just as He promised He will respond to the prayers of His servant the prophets (Amos 3:7). God is Mighty and merciful, willing and able to correct every situation and pardon every iniquity. But His ways and acts will be carried upon the earth because someone, who has developed a relationship with God, takes up the responsibility of petitioning heaven. God said “if the people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray I will hear their prayers and heal their land.” Jesus also told Peter “I give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven and whatever you permit on earth is permitted in heaven and whatever you refute is refuted in heaven.” Therefore if God’s works are not seen on earth it is simply because His people are not taking their part of the responsibilities. Bible says, in many instances in the book of Jeremiah, that God is rising early and sending His servant the prophets. This shows willingness on the part of God. What is blocking the flow of God is not sin or hatred of the world to God. This is a small thing for God to deal with because when people see the acts and ways of God they are quickly converted. The blockage is on the side of the servant the prophets who like Jonah have “a more important” issue to deal with than availing themselves to build up a relationship with God and to start a petitioning on behalf of the earth.

Isaiah 44:3-4 shows that when we become thirsty God will not just satisfy us but pour water on us and flood our dry land. The world is indeed waiting for the manifestations of the sons of God. The world is not necessarily looking for God because they do not know who He is. What they are waiting for are the children of God. The people who have developed their relationship with God and are before the face of God continually petitioning Him. Isaiah 43:20 says that the jackals and ostriches will give praise to God when God send down water in

the wilderness in response to His children's prayers. The world is not to be blamed for the lack of God's knowledge on earth because they are set to know God only through the acts and deeds of the children of God. God said to Abraham "all the families of the earth will be blessed because of you".

Therefore the process of healing the world begins by a person encountering God and becoming a child of God. This is the crucial stage we all fail in because we still accept sin and waywardness as part of the package. But bible says a person becomes a new creation and old things are passed away. We should walk daily conscious of the fact that we are born again and need to develop the righteousness of God in us instead of accepting sin and even looking forward to sinning. This pressure on yourself only helps to increase your consciousness of being born again and so when we sin we are quick to confess our sins and to get the cleansing needed to correct that abnormally. The next stage is to remain in prayers and reading of the word. Your spirit needs to be fed on the word of God and strengthened by prayers. This provides the solution to sin crouching at your door step. It also provides the tools of relationship development with God. It is after the second stage that the third stage really kicks in. Knowing what you were born for and going all out for it.

We are to pursue fulfilment by being conscious that we are born again, developing a relationship with God and building up spiritual power through the reading of the word and prayers, and the final stage of fulfilment is identifying what you were saved for and giving yourselves totally to it.