

Rise up in Faith

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But on Mount Zion there shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; The house of Jacob shall possess their possessions. Obadiah 1:17

The church is the mount Zion. God will work in the church such that there will be deliverance that the world needs. The children of God shall possess back their possessions and their inheritance in God.

In the end time, God is perfecting the church. As it is written that the church will become a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing (Eph 5:27). The power and the glory of the Lord is being released to prepare us for this end time, to deliver and put us over everything and place us in Mount Zion.

In order for the church to exercise kingdom and dominion, it is necessary for us to grasp and understand and be conscious of our position, authority and power in Jesus Christ. The reason for our shining shall be because of our wisdom and insight (Dan 12:3). We need to understand what the Word of God says about the church, and believe it, and walk / live by it.

The church has to manifest the wonders of God to the world because we have been delegated with the authority and power of Jesus Christ. The church needs to arise in the power of the Almighty God and bring salvation, freedom and healing to all nations of the earth, and we will stop evil and destroy curses. How to do so?

1. Have Faith in GOD at all times

Love is the basis of Christianity, but the key to the knowledge of God is faith. The church cannot exist without faith. Without faith, she cannot stand powerful and strong. Without faith, the church has no future. We come to God through faith in Him; by faith we receive God's blessing. Faith creates the possibility of us communing and fellowshiping with God in Spirit. Heb 11:6 says "Without faith, it is impossible to please God ...".

When there is no faith, there is no contact with God. But God blesses those who come to Him in faith. During church services, we give offerings but we should mix our giving with faith so that God will multiply the giving and offering and bless us with financial success and breakthrough. The motive is still out of love and thanksgiving, but as we give, we give by faith.

In the same manner, prayer is weak without faith; Praise is weak without faith; and so on ... The most important spiritual law is that all of our actions must be accompanied by or mixed with faith.

In Eph 2:7-8 God wants to show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. This is achieved by grace through faith. God has done His part in giving us the grace. We must operate in faith to receive it.

In the story of the woman with the issue of blood for 12 years, we know that there were so many people around Jesus. Many of them did not only touch Him, maybe they were stuck and pressed towards Jesus. But one woman with a very distant touch, she received the power of God, while others did not. This woman had come with faith and the power was released. Have faith in God!

Faith is the precondition that determines man's mutual relationship with God. So all promises of God become yes and amen as we exercise our faith in them (in these promises). Activate God's word and promises by actively believing in it.

2. Remove doubts from your life

Adam and Eve lived in the garden of Eden. God gave them authority to dominate the earth. They were the master of everything created by God. But later on they fell into sin. Why did they fall? What was the sin?

It is not just because of disobedience in that they took and ate the fruit and ignoring the command of God. Yes, the disobedience is a sin. But at the first place they doubt God's word. They were questioning God's word when the serpent tempted them and argued with them on the fruit.

If they had believed in God; if they did not suspect God to have any hidden agenda; they would not have done what God prohibited. Disbelief and doubt led them to disobedience and sin.

If you believe that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 6:19), you would keep it holy and clean. You would not do anything to harm or defile the body, which is the temple of Holy Spirit. Disbelief in this truth though, makes people careless with their lives.

If we still have thoughts that ... I'm not perfect; I'm still sinful; I still have lots of faults ... you are doubting 2 Cor 5:21 - For He made Christ who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him!

If we are still afraid of ghosts or dark spirits, we have not fully believed God's Word, saying Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world (1 John 4:4).

Any many other examples ... you can share with each other to add on. Many times we know the Word, but we have doubts whether it's true, whether it will work. If you want to rise up as kings and priests, you must choose to remove doubts and choose to believe. Anchor your faith in God's words! Read 2 Cor 1:20 together - For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.

3. Fight a good fight of faith

Faith is not an instant process. Faith is a journey - sometimes it can be a long one. Faith is also a fight. We have to fight the good fight of faith (1 Tim 6:12). Everyday there are lots of negative forces around us; people tend to complain; undesired circumstances happening; devil whispered doubts. We have to put up a good fight of faith. We need to be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might (Eph 6:10).

Man lost the glory of God when he doubted the truth that is in the Word of God. But in these last days, we have to get deep-rooted in faith, so much so that the Word will become flesh in us, and the glory of God will return back to us. The Word of God must become part of our lives - not just what we know but by which we live.

We are dead and our lives are hidden in Christ (Col 3:3). We no longer rely on our own strength and wisdom. We are dead. Rather we live with the authority and power of God!

Closing

Take a time to discuss, review, challenge ourselves in the 3 areas that we just discussed:

- Is our faith soaring or limping? Are we moved more by thoughts or emotions or faith?
- Do we harbour doubts in our lives? Are there any disappointments and discouragements that make us doubt the Word of God? You may want to share and pray for each other so that the lies of devils can be removed and you can start to believe again ... fully in the Word of God
- Are we diligent in putting up our shield of faith? Do we continuously disallow negative influence to weaken our faith?

God will use us more effectively when we live and walk by faith