

Spiritual Father At The End Times

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Now, God is looking for people who have the Father heart who will win and bring more people to Jesus. Below are some of the people God use in the Bible:

- 1. Prophet Elijah.** God has used him extraordinarily. When he pray that there shall not be rain in Israel, it happened (1Kings 17:1). Elijah has many followers and one of them is Elisha. On the Bible it said that Elisha performs more wonders than Elijah, his spiritual father. With the same Elijah's anointing, we will be able to bring more people to Jesus to receive salvation (Malachi 4:5-6).
- 2. John the Baptist.** John has the spirit and power of Elijah that can bring more people to Jesus and also to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the disobedient to wisdom to prepare them for the Lord (Luke 1:16-17).
- 3. Noah.** He knows that God wanted to wipe mankind from the face of the earth with flood and he hold on to God's promise that he and his household will be saved. He obeyed the Lord and build an arc. Noah told his friends and relatives but they did not believe him. And now we know that only Noah and his family are saved from the flood.

We should not be scared when we talk about the end times and the second coming. Instead, it should make us glad and give us new strength. In 1Thessalonians 4:8 we can read about the comfort of Christ's coming. These will make us believe and ready to welcome His coming. Noah believed, that was why he built the arc for him and his family salvation.

Ricardo Cid from Chile received a revelation about Jesus' second coming. He saw a very long table for millions of people with plenty of food and refreshments has been prepared. This was the table prepared for the wedding of the Lamb. Before these, there's another servant of God who had a revelation but at that time he saw that the table has not been prepared completely. Only few minutes left before the clock strike midnight. There's not much time left. Jesus will return at anytime.

All the time that is left is simply the Father's grace for those who have backslidden to offer them a chance to repent and do the first works for He does not want anyone to perish (2Peter 3:9). We have to wholly offer our life, seek Him with all our heart and asking forgiveness for our sins. Let everyone of us be found ready to go with Him and not be left behind. Let these story give us comfort of Christ' coming.

The story about second coming should give us joy because:

- 1. We will have rest (John 14:3).**
Everyone of us like the word 'rest'. God bless us, Hid beloved, when we sleep (Psalm 127:2). God will bring us to a resting place from any of our burden in life. Jesus said, "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

2. We will meet Jesus face to face.

Everyone who believe and even who are not will meet Jesus the righteous judge. 1 John 3:2, we will come and meet Him face to face in his glory and holiness.

3. Heart of those who believe in Him will be strengthened.

Fellowship with God and other Christians will strengthen us. So does the news about His second coming. Because we will enter into an eternal fellowship with Him forever and ever (1Corinthians 15:21-22).

4. To sanctify and awaken God's children who were asleep.

To sleep spiritually means that even when their eyes are open, they work every day, being able to go shopping and do all activities, their spirit is asleep. There's no fire in the spirit. They were not serious and focus when singing and praying to Jesus. In 2 Peter 3:11 it talks about holiness. God is looking for His churches that are holy. God is serious about being holy. He wants us to be the light and salt in this world.

5. We will receive our crown (2 Timothy 4:8).

After the judging, we will receive our price. The crown of righteousness will be ours because we have long for Him.

Discussions:

1. Honestly, are we really ready to welcome Jesus' return or are we scared?
2. Have we prepared our spiritual arc like Noah who prepared his arc for him and his family salvation?

Conclusion:

There are many teachers, apostles, evangelist, prophets and pastors but many are looking for a father figure in their life. Like Elijah and Noah who has a heart of Father who brings their family and others to come to know Jesus. In these end times, God is also looking for those who has a Father heart who will bring their families and spiritual children towards salvation and God's purpose in their life. In these grace time, we have to make sure that our family, friends and others are part of this great salvation too. As a good spiritual father, we have to care about the salvation of others not just ourselves.