Prayer, A Journey To God

Last time we talked about prayers, and now we are still talking about prayers as a continuation from last message. We talked about; he that prays, and He that prays in a man, what kind of prayers we should offer, we gave some definitions on prayer and today well be talking more on these definition of prayers for it is our main purpose for praying.

Today, people pray and pray, lacking knowledge of why God wants us to pray, we focus more on our fleshy and material desires, when there is a place God wants to take us, " the spiritual realm. " God is spirits and except we possess the spirit of prayer (the holy spirit)we go nowhere. I can recall, we've talked about this before some time ago under prayers, but still it is the word of God and we will talk on it again for the word giveth life and what is a man if he is dead on the inside.

Every word is given for our spiritual growth, it is not for joke or for formality, it is a priceless treasure, most of us treasure other things like our gadgets, jewelry, even pictures stored in our memory cards, but I tell you if you don't treasure the word of God now that it is closer to you, a time of famine will come when you'll look for it and you won't find.

Prayer as a journey to God, prayer is a communion with God, but have you ever asked yourself this?

" This God you're talking to, have you ever heard Him talk back to you,"

Is not like He doesn't want to, in fact He is always speaking to us, but the fall of man has cut us off from His presence making us unable to hear from Him.

As God once walked and relate with Adam at the garden, so also He wants to speaks to us, what kind of Father doesn't relate and tells his son about his business. But sin has driven us far and that is why we need to start again, being born again of the spirit of God which we had lost. Born again is fine, but unless you pay the price to grow you'll never hear from God and relate with Him as a son, and your duty as a son in the house will never be known to you.

Though God has been speaking, but we can not hear, because we are too far from Him, well only very few of us are close, some of us a bit close, many are too far. How can you hear someone calling out to you from Africa without a telephone when you're in Europe, it's not possible. That's why we have prophets today, not false prophets, but men who have paid the price to hear God. When God speaks they hear and then delivers to those who doesn't hear, they are like delivery men.

The Lord sends a package and they are the ones to deliver it to us. However, how long are you going to be a recipient and not that post man, being baptized in the holy ghost is not only for specific people, it is for all who are in Christ Jesus, because that is God's original plan for us here on earth, to hear from Him and carry out His project assigned to each of

us, not just to enter the Kingdom, but to have a relationship with Him. Any man born again has been assigned a project by God to be completed, but how can you complete your project when you don't have the complete blueprint.

To hear from God is not for everybody, because though some are born again they feel they're okay the way they are, they want to maintain a Christian life which is indeed dangerous, because if you don't grow, surely you'll be brought back to sin, but a man who pays the price to grow, goes far and reaches the Father. No one can hear from God if he's still in sin.

He that maintains his spiritual growth in Christ in one position, in time will fall, how? There is no such thing as a normal Christian it's either you go forward or you fall backwards. It's just like a man standing on a rickety bridge with an heavy weight, if he doesn't go forward, surely in time the bridge will come crashing down, but he who moves forward will cross over.

Desiring to hear from God is not just our desire, in fact no one can have the desire to hear from God if it doesn't comes from the holy spirit. There comes a time when a man has grown in Christ to live without sin, the holy spirit then puts in him a new desire to make sacrifices in order to be restored back to the original position God has made him for. It is God's original plan for us to be restored to that relationship which we had lost, so we can expand his kingdom.

No man can thread this path if he still has sin properties in him, only those who have paid the price and are sanctified by the holy spirit can walk this path, for God is holy and we should be holy as He is holy. He wants to make His home in our hearts, but our heart are too dirty, even if just a speck of dust is found, He won't come in. Many doubt it is impossible to hear from God, thinking you must be called, well even those called still paid the price to maintain that which they have gotten, like Paul.

Some do desire, but with empty words, because the spirit that drives a man unto God isn't there. However you who still desires are you ready to war, are you ready to lose your life to gain it, are you ready to deny yourself of everything and sacrifice your time for God, be it your food, because spiritual men don't eat anyhow, is it your friends, your daily activities that eats away God's time for you. It's like being a pregnant woman, you mind whatever you do, wherever you go, you are careful of that which you're carrying inside of you, if not you'll have a miscarriage. Unless your heart is sanctified you cannot hear from God.

How is sanctification; sanctification is a two man game, a man play his part by denying himself of all things, which is his righteousness (effort). It is then however, by your righteousness your heart is judged by the holy spirit to see if he'll move you farther spiritually, because he is the one that sanctifies the heart in preparation for the Lord to come in, if you're not paying enough price, hell leave you there and find a replacement, you need to become a dead man to be called by God, you must sacrifice your Isaac. Only those called by God, are highly recognized in heaven.

And thus, sanctification is on prayers, pray without ceasing as the apostles did, I don't mean praying with you mouth, I mean praying with your heart constantly, our heart is too porous, you hear things the holy spirit in you don't want to hear, you see thing the holy spirit don't want to see, and unless you constantly clean your heart through meditation your heart will become too dirty for the Lord to enter.

You must constantly sanctify your heart in hymns, psalms, spiritual songs and in prayers as the word says in;

Colossians 2:6-7

" let your heart overflow with thankfulness,"

Even just the word " thank you Jesus!" is a prayer, because you are conscious you are talking to God. Prayer is being conscious of God, whatever you say to God in consciousness of Him from your heart by His spirit, through His word in you, are prayers. Whether you say in your heart these words;

" lead me not into temptation,' ' take more of me, give me more of you,"

Even the name " Jesus " alone is enough, just constantly in your heart, soon you'll get to God.

Prayer is talking to God, prayer is walking with God, when you walk with Him, His glory in your life will continue to expand. Prayer is our journey to God, when you pray constantly in your heart, you journey to Him and the more you pray without break in your heart the faster you get to Him.

It's just like two vehicle journeying to same destination, one stops frequently to take break along the way, because of the long journey, legs gets cramped, backs aches and all, but the other vehicle decides to take no break at all till she gets to her destination. Figure out yourself which one will get to her destination first.

You now see how it is, meditation of heart that is; praying without ceasing is our only way to God, it is the key to journey unto God, in order to hear from Him. Like i said; the journey is long, causing body aches all over, so it is also with sanctification of heart, you must endure it till the end, you must be crushed ,broken and remolded

It is not an easy journey it's on price payment, you deny yourself of most things in life, yielding your heart in obedience to the holy ghost. Whatever your activities, you involve God, whether you're reading your book, you sing spiritual melodies also in your heart, whether you are watching a movie, talking or walking, you keep your heart busy with God in prayers. Keep your heart occupied, until it is occupied by God completely He won't reveal Himself to you.

It is difficult at first, but the Lord is always watching to see if your heart is genuine, if you are genuine then he'll step in and snatch you by the hand when you're drowning, just like Peter. However no can thread this path without the holy spirit in him, because he is the one who gives the desire and sustains a man in the journey.

You who are in sin and want to hear from God repent from the depths of your heart to be born again of the spirit of Christ, when you have grown to overcome sin, at first your desire will be to enter God kingdom, but when you have grown higher then His spirit is being made manifest, He gives you the desire not of the kingdom, because your name is already written there, but the desire to hear from God, to be baptized in the holy ghost to established God's kingdom in the hearts of men, and breaking down every encroachment of darkness.

Such a wonderful and glorious life to hear from God directly, you know where to go, because He tells you where to, you know what to say, because He speaks to your heart audibly on what to say, you can preach the gospel to every man, because He knows the hearts of men and he reveals them to you in other to save him, if He says " drop your career and follow me," you'll do it, because you know the one who is speaking to you, what a life. No man can get there without laying down his life ambition, and surrendering to the purpose of God for his life.

People just go on evangelism without hearing from God, how can you convert when you don't know the problem of your patient, how can you treat diarrhea with malaria drug, but if God speak to you, He speaks to you what to say to administer the right treatment. That's why people preach and not convert at times, in fact these days sinners go on evangelism.

One who is filled with the holy spirit lives a life without sin, because Christ in personality has dominated his heart. Some will say all have sinned and have fallen short of the glory of God misinterpreting the scripture, yes all have sinned. However you who have sinned, Christ went on the cross to delivers us from the jaws of sin and curse of death, are you willing to pay the price to be without sin.

He died that we might receive his spirit to be like the Father, when one is tagged a sinner and he is delivered from sin, remove the word sinner, what then is he called, how can you call the spirit of Christ that lives in a man born again and delivered from sin a sinner, then you tagged Christ a sinner. You say this because you have tried and gave up on overcoming sin, but I tell you, there are people who have done worse things and overcame. They will stand as a judgment to you.

If you're still in sin, go back to the word don't just confess by mouth, but go back to the word for without it you cannot have the holy spirit to live without sin. You want to hear from God, do you think God will speak to a sinner, if no man is without sin then no man will enter into he kingdom of God, for nothing of sin will enter.

You who is filled with the holy spirit, pay the price then, be dead to the flesh, deny your worldly friends, better a man in Christ with zero friends than a man in the world with multitude, chew on the word like grass that it shall become a part of you. The more the word dominates your heart, the more your become spiritual, the more your are strengthened and when you journey into God's presence by meditation, you go fast faster like a jet engine

However, if the word is not dominating you, you'll move with a bus engine and before you know it, before you reach God your life on earth is over when people has already gotten to God ever since, because of the price they paid. A bus engine is cheaper than a jet engine, but he that puts his hand to the plough, sold himself, paid the price and bought the jet engine will in the end see the glory of God revealed in his life.

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