THE CRY FOR GOSPEL HELP

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Prayer

Lord we thank You for today, we adore You and bless Your Holy name, we pray that as we go on today, that You'd speak directly to our hearts and help us to fulfil Your purpose for our lives in Jesus Christ name. Amen.

Introduction

It's a pity that the gospel in the hands of some ministers of God has died. They no longer preach Christ, rather they are preaching another gospel. May we not leave the original to pursue shadows in Jesus Christ name.

Study

Turn your bible with me to the book of Acts 16:9-10 KJV And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us. [10] And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.

Please follow carefully, In the preceding verses, The Holy Spirit stopped Paul from preaching in Asia. **Acts 16:6 KJV** Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia, He also did not permit them to go into Bithynia, not because God hated the people there but because He does things according to His own will and plan, Jesus Christ told His disciples not to go into the ways of the

gentiles or enter any of the cities of the Samaritans.

Matthew 10:5 KJV These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: But He later told them to go into all the world, for the gospel must first be preached to Jews before the gentiles. But here we do not know why the Holy Spirit restrained Paul from going into Asia and Bithynia, but it is certainly in accordance to divine plans.

Then, there comes a vision, Paul seeing a man of Macedonia. **Acts 16:9 KJV** And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us. How he got to know that the man was from Macedonia could simply have been through his countenance or his accents, or the words the man said. For he certainly knew the man was from Macedonia, the man stood and pleaded with him saying "come over to Macedonia and

help us" the man pleaded as someone who is in dire need, he was not proud of what his request is, he saw the need for Paul's coming and hoped that his request be granted. "Come over" he said, though he was the one speaking, yet he did not think of locating Paul by himself, instead he pleaded that he should come over "and help us" he was not only concerned about himself but about those in his country too. He cried for help not only because of himself but also because of others around him, why did he cry for help? Before a person can ask for help, such a person must have realised that there is a problem and because of that problem help is needed. He recognised that he was not the only one who was in problem, so he called for help on behalf of others. Though this was a vision, yet it passes a message across to us that we should not only seek after our own good especially when we have others who are faced with the same problem around us, as we seek for our ease and deliverance, we should intercede for others too. This man interceded for his country.

Psalm 122:6 KJV Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee. When there is peace in our land we tend to flourish. Our abode is our own Jerusalem which we must cry to God for help. The man called for help but he did not specify the kind of help he needed, possibly because he knew that his request would not be mistakenly understood because there are several ways that people need help. **Acts 16:10 KJV** And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them. After Paul saw the vision, an immediate response followed. At this point, it was not only about Paul but also about those who were with him. At once, they all sort to go to Macedonia immediately without delay.

Minister of God, if God commits His work into your hands, be rest assured that He has positioned those who would work with you hand in hand to carry the vision out, there is no vision that can be considered fulfilled outside

purpose, the best is achieved when one is able to get the right set of people as ordained by God. There are those who bear your visions on their shoulders as if it's theirs. When a man/woman marries the right person, the other carries your vision like theirs and that is why it must prosper. Paul had the right people around him, people of the same vision, mission, mind and purpose with him. That is why he thought it good to share the vision with them and they did not just hear it and shun it neither did they close their ears to it as if it was not said at all, but they took it up.

That's how vision carriers behave. We need to surround ourselves with people who have the same vision and mission as ours and always ready to carry the vision out with us, not those that would pull it down. Prompt actions are needed when there is a divine instruction, we should learn to avoid procrastination and delays in carrying out God's instruction. They all concluded that The Lord wanted them to preach the gospel to the Macedonians although

The Lord stopped them from going into two places earlier, but this did not discourage them. Their attitude towards the work which they have employed themselves in is that birthed out of optimism.

Looking at the request of the man and what it is interpreted to mean, if looked into closely, we would see some things to learn. He asked for help and they saw that it was the gospel that they needed at Macedonia, what other thing could this help mean than that which Paul would have been pleaded with to give. He was not a rich man that they would have needed and called for financial help, he was not a general in the army that would have called for military assistance. Paul was a tentmaker and if possible they needed his help, it would have been for him to come and make tents for them, it would not have been possible that everyone in Macedonia do not have tents and that there are no tent makers there, but it was simply the gospel they needed because the gospel just started spreading around the world, their need

was beyond the physical, it was a spiritual need as it is the duty of a person to seek for help where the need of his soul will be met.

A soul without Christ is a needy soul that needs help. Those who are actually hungry and thirsty for God seek for sources where the needs of their souls will be met. They would go about the searching for where the right meal for their souls will be given and would not settle for spiritual junks. God is not responsible for unfed souls because He has already provided means and channels to which every soul should be well-fed. The matters of the soul is very important, as a wretched soul needs serious help, and this should be our concern as ministers and we should not delay when summoned to attend to any because a sick soul is as a sick body that needs the immediate attention of a physician for it not to grow worse.

Looking at the time we are in now, it's clear and without doubt that our generation needs help, because insanity has taken over sanity and the whole body is sick there is no soundness in it.

Isaiah 1:6 KJV From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment. This generation needs gospel help and God is sending every of His children as the Pauls of this time to take the gospel to the people. People are dying, souls are wasting, we must make it a point of duty to preach to those we come in contact with. We need equip ourselves with people who are like minded to carry out this assignment. Without doubt there are many souls that are crying for the help of the gospel, but unfortunately those who should take the gospel to them are not zealous, they are not concerned or peradventure discouraged probably due to past disappointments or persecutions. Whereas souls are wasting, the Lord Jesus Christ is seeking for those who would seek out the lost with the truth of the gospel no matter where they are, so that the captives who have been imprisoned for a long time would be set at liberty, there are those who are waiting for you

to set them free, but you are not concerned and they're wasting away.

You need to make spiritual survey now to recognize those who are in need of the gospel, for many are oppressed, subjected, repressed and depressed, why not reach out to them with the gospel of deliverance from sin, for them to be free from other bondages. The Lord is counting on you, please do not let Him down.

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