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PART 11

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“Saying, Touch not mine anointed, And do my prophets no harm.” (Psalm 105:15 KJV)

We are living at a moment in history marred with uncertainties, to say the least. The topography of our circumstances is rapidly evolving, making it difficult for many to keep up. Terrible news flood the airwaves from every quarter; wherever we looked, something bizarre seemed to be the order of the day. To begin with, the sins of humanity have taken a new dimension. People are coming out of their closet to boldly flaunt their alternate lifestyles with reckless abandon. We continue to be besieged by a strange order of illnesses plaguing humanity. There are more discoveries of diseases in short order while the field of therapeutic cure continues to play 'catch up' — yet, this is just the beginning if the trend of world events today offers any predictions for the future.

Hunger and pestilence are on the rise as one in seven kids go without food each day! Homelessness is on the high side as shelter continues to be in higher demand than supply. Some people are having to make the unfortunate hard choice between food or shelter. While experts say that wages are on the rise, inflation continues to neutralize the supposed increase in wages. An average person now has to hold two to three jobs to make ends meet. Terror attacks are on the rise, a recent occurrence in Nigeria being the bombing of railway tracks by some thugs in order to derail a train. They killed, injured, and kidnapped a bunch of people and it seemed that these thugs had a higher power than the government. Humanity is gripped and apprehended by horror. The home front is under attack as well with all kinds of abuse also being on the rise; it seems there is no safety net anywhere. Divorces are in record number, forcing many parents to raise their kids as single-parents. I understand completely that sometimes, the situation is beyond our control, however, that was not God's original design. Governments are lying about what they have done in the past since deception is now the order of the day and no one can hold them accountable. My friend, I could go on and on stating the obvious facts, but the status quo of our world is anything but appealing.

So what is the way out of all these calamities? The right answer is that I do not know, however, I know a category of people that are not experiencing this horror. God's Word declares concerning such people, ***“Saying, Touch not mine anointed, And do my prophets no harm.” (Psalm 105:15)***. These are those who God has ordered not to be touched or harmed by any circumstance, regardless of the situation of events on the planet earth. I am sure you would like to join that company of people. So, who are they? They are the anointed ones and the prophets of God. In other words, they are the ones called out by God having surrendered their lives to Jesus by accepting Him as their personal Lord and Savior. Are you one of them?

If you are born again and you know it, then you are God's anointed who must not be touched by any evil on this planet. You are God's prophet who must not be harmed by any situation at all. If you are not enjoying this as a child of God, then you are not asking for what's yours or you don't know your rights. If you are not born again, however, there is no guarantee of immunity for you from the suffering, shame, and siege in the world. However, you can change your situation by inviting Jesus to come in and dwell with you. You can say after me, ***“Lord Jesus, come into my heart. I accept you today. I confess my sins and I am deciding to follow You. Give me the grace to live a fulfilling life again. Thank You for saving me today.”*** My friend, it is that simple! If you are making this decision for the first time or you are rededicating your life to Jesus again, let me be the first person to welcome you (again) to the Kingdom of Christ.

THE CHURCH (Part 11)

The church is the most important thing on God's agenda. How do I know that? He sent His only begotten Son to come and rescue her and made Christ the head and bridegroom of the church. What an awesome privilege to be involved in what God is deeply involved in! The church is a fun place where we have the opportunity to interact with the heavenly host. You will recall that when Christ was born, there was a notable occurrence —

“And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, good will toward men.” (Luke 2:13-14)

Angels came down to rejoice with mankind and gave us wonderful salutations. What a glorious sight!

My friend, Christ has paid for the church with His blood but while on the earth in the days of His incarnation, He had a major concern which, from all indications, still lingers till now, viz:

“And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it, and shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.” (Luke 19:41, 44)

The church back then did not know their time of visitation. The same could be said of many churches today! Consider your church, for example; do you feel confident that you know what God is up to in your church and specifically through your participation? Feeling the pulse of the Spirit should not be the exclusive preserve of pastors; all of us should be in the know regarding what God's plan is for His church. God is visiting His church across the world; please don't miss out on His visitation.

LEARNING FROM THE CHURCHES IN REVELATION

THE CHURCH IN PHILADELPHIA

We have looked at the churches in Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira and Sardis as a way of us knowing how to identify what a good church looks like. Today let's look at another church—the church in Philadelphia:

“And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.” (Revelation 3:7-8)

Among the seven churches addressed by the Lord in John's Revelation, the church in Philadelphia is the only church of whom no shortcoming was found. In today's assessment of what a 'fruitful church' should look like, however, this church will probably be overlooked because of its small size and little strength (probably in membership, financial status, influence, and clout). As far as God is concerned, however, this is a church that has kept His word and has not denied the name of Jesus. There is no compromise whatsoever. It was a patient church that has dug her feet in the sand to do the will of God at all cost. This is what a church that has heaven's full attention looks like, but unfortunately, many will choose the church that is rather filled with 'gymnastics.'

HOW POWERFUL IS THE CHURCH?

We have been considering King Solomon's profound insight into God's idea of His church. In **2 Chronicles 6:18** he asked, ***“But will God in very deed dwell with men on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house which I have built!”***

Solomon's prayer at the dedication of the temple provides some insight which we began to unpack a few weeks back. So far, we have considered the following indices of the power and relevance of the church even till today:

- 1. The eyes of God are always open upon the church**
- 2. The power of restoration finds expression in the church.**
- 3. The church is a place of deliverance.**
- 4. The church is the place where God's power is real.**
- 5. The church offers the guarantee of God fighting our battles for us.**
- 6. The church is the solution to every captivity.**
- 7. The church is a solution ground.**

Let's look at one more reason why the church of God is still powerfully relevant today.

8. The church is where God's answer to prayers is guaranteed.

“Now, my God, let, I beseech thee, thine eyes be open, and let thine ears be attent unto the prayer that is made in this place.” (2 Chronicles 6:40)

This does not need any interpretation; King Solomon asked God to keep His eyes open and ears to be attentive to all our requests — in the house of God, the church. There is a guarantee of answers when you come into the church with a penitent heart.

ANCHOR TEXT

David was a great and very happy, prosperous, servant of God who was fully satisfied with life. It has been my quest to find the secret behind the success of such a man who was marred with blood according to God's standard. I discovered that it was his selfless love for the house of God that set him apart. Here's how he puts it in:

“For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, Than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.” (Psalm 84:10)

When someone tells you that one day with you is like spending eternity with you, I am sure this statement will put your art of benevolence in overdrive. As such, King David gave us the theme of our study as found in Psalm 122:1-2,

“I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD. Our feet shall stand Within thy gates, O Jerusalem.” (Psalm 122:1-2 KJV)

PRAYING FOR THE CHURCH

David knew the importance of praying for the church so that the church can be there when we need her to meet our needs. Likewise, Jesus cared and prayed for the church and commanded us to do the same. So our prayer for the church this week is in **Habakkuk 3:2**

“O LORD, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid: O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years, In the midst of the years make known; In wrath remember mercy.”

1. Pray for the Body of Christ that the church will be able to hear the voice of God afresh, so that the church can be positioned for exploits.
2. Pray for the Body of Christ to experience a fresh revival in 2022 and beyond—the revival that will usher in a new level of grace beyond measures.
3. Pray for the church of God in Ukraine and for Ukrainians at large; pray that there will be healing of all kinds of wounds and injuries in Jesus' name.

THE REASONS WHY THE CHURCH OF GOD IS THE SAFEST PLACE ON EARTH

We have been highlighting some reasons why the Church of God is the safest place on earth. We have considered these points so far:

- 1. THE CHURCH IS THE SECRET PLACE OF GOD**
- 2. THE CHURCH IS THE PLACE OF UNUSUAL POWER**
- 3. THE CHURCH IS WHERE THE KEYS OF THE KINGDOM ARE DELIVERED TO US FOR FREE**
- 4. THE CHURCH IS THE PLACE OF UNUSUAL COMPANION**
- 5. THE CHURCH IS THE PLACE OF UNCOMMON WISDOM**
- 6. THE CHURCH IS A DANGER-FREE ZONE**
- 7. THE CHURCH IS THE GATEWAY OF HEAVEN—THE PLACE WHERE GIFTS ARE DISTRIBUTED TO THE SAINTS**
- 8. THE CHURCH IS THE PLACE WHERE JESUS IS IN FULL CONTROL, BRINGING TOTAL DELIVERANCE TO HIS BODY**
- 9. THE CHURCH IS THE PLACE WHERE WE GET TO SIT ON OUR THRONE FOREVER**

10. THE CHURCH IS THE PLACE OF UNUSUAL AND UNCOMMON REVELATION

We continue from there today.

11. THE CHURCH IS WHERE WE BRING OUR TITHE FOR OPEN HEAVEN

“and this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.” (Genesis 28:22 KJV)

I don't know what your beliefs are about tithing but if you are not doing it, you are missing out a lot! Let me show you something powerful about the thought of tithing, not even the act of doing it yet. Jacob was on the run for his life having done a terrible thing—with the help of his mother, he stole a blessing. This wouldn't have mattered, but he had an encounter in Genesis 28 which led to him making a down payment on the tithing of everything he was planning on getting and that statement he made in Genesis 28:12 opened the heaven over his head and the blessings of Laban followed him home. Try it; it works! Here is how Prophet Malachi puts it:

“Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.” (Malachi 3:10-12)

You want heaven to be opened over you perpetually? Tithe to your church. I will encourage you to personally take it in whenever possible. There's something that happens when you walk into God's house.

CALL TO ACTION

- Do you belong to the anointed group?
- Are you God's prophet?
- Do you spread the gospel?
- Do you know what God is doing at your church home?
- Are you regularly visited by God in His word?
- Are you praying for the church?
- Do you tithe?

THOUGHT FOR WEEK

“And the king said unto Araunah, Nay; but I will surely buy it of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the LORD my God of that which doth cost me nothing. So David bought the threshingfloor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.” (2 Samuel 24:24 KJV)

God doesn't need anything from us; we need everything from Him.
When you tithe, that is your obedience and the cost of love for God.
Beloved, Jehovah sees and knows. Shalom.

PRAYER POINTS

1. Father, as a member of your church, grant me answers to my prayers in the name of Jesus.
2. I receive the grace to be a faithful tither that the heavens may be open upon my life and business in the name of Jesus.

PS: Remember to reach out or pray for ten souls to be added to the Kingdom of God in your area. God bless you as you do so. Amen.