



Morning Life Ministries / What God is Saying

**“Get yourself up on a high mountain, O Zion, bearer of good news,
Lift up your voice mightily, O Jerusalem, bearer of good news;
Lift it up, do not fear. Say to the cities of Judah, “Here is your God!”
Behold, the Lord God will come with might, With His arm ruling for Him.
Behold, His reward is with Him And His recompense before Him.
~ Isaiah 40:9-10 NASB95 ~**

Hello beloved brothers and sisters,

God Bless you and keep you in all your ways of service and obedience to Jesus. We have been preparing for months for our September Africa Missions Trip... and we are finally here! The time is upon us. We have over 60 churches and their pastors under us in Kenya and Uganda, and we are looking forward to three rich weeks of ministry and fellowship with them.

Brother Greg said something many years ago that, like many truths he stated, has stuck with me: "We stand on the shoulders of *giants*." He was talking about spiritual giants, of course; giants of faith. Sister Claire (my lovely wife) and I are not the first ministers to go to Africa with the Gospel; no doubt you know.

Others Sowed

Many others have gone before us. Mighty men and women of God. Jesus' words along these lines have been resonating in my heart the last couple of days.

“For in this case the saying is true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ “I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored and you have entered into their labor.”

- John 4:37-38 NASB95

We oftentimes make the mistake of disconnecting ourselves from past generations and moves of God. The truth is that we are far more connected than we think. God sees humanity much more like a growing tree, where the most recent branches have sprung from the branches that came before them.

Others put up with a lot of persecution and deprivation in paving the way for us to pick up the baton of faith in our generation. We honor their sacrifice, commitment, and faithfulness to God, even when they saw so little fruit. But they did not quit! We are here today, building on the ground taken and foundation laid by others.

Send Forth Laborers to Reap!

The increase of God's House in the earth ought not cease with us! We are part of the Kingdom of God, a government whose increase shall never end (see Isaiah 9:7). Not just the government itself, but the increase of it. Hallelujah!

Many in former generations sowed and sowed much. They sowed in faith, not seeing their desired harvest, so that this last generation before The Lord returns could reap big! The prayer Jesus told us to pray is,

And He was saying to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."
- Luke 10:2 NASB95

There is labor to sowing, just as there is labor to reaping. Many have prayed for God to send forth the last-day laborers. Claire and I are laborers. We are workers on the frontlines, so to speak, of the fields of The Lord. God is sending us and others like us in answer to their prayers. We are laboring to bring in the harvest of souls and grow them up quickly in Christ through the ministry of the Word and the Spirit. What an honor! What a responsibility for which His grace makes us adequate!

Reward for All

With all that being said, I want you to understand something Scripturally. Some wish they were called to be missionaries or to stand behind a pulpit and preach this glorious Gospel Message, but that is not God's assignment on their life. It does not mean, however, that they do not have their part. It does not even mean that they do not have a reward! David said it this way,

[...] whoever stays behind with the supplies gets the same share as the one who goes into battle."

- 1 Samuel 30:24b GNTD (emphasis mine)

Those needed on the home-front with the supplies get the same reward as those who go to the battle-front. Similarly, those who go on the mission field or who stand behind the pulpit as ministers do not get all the reward for the work of ministry. Those who send them share in the reward! They get **"the same share"**!

Jesus confirmed this when He talked about receiving a prophet in the name of a prophet, receiving **"the same reward a prophet gets"** (see Matthew 10:40-42 ERV). How could this be? Because the prophet of God (that is, the minister) could not do what he is doing without support from others.

This is a Body-wide program, friends. This is not a one-man show (except for the One Man, Jesus, of course). Those who support the ministry prayerfully and financially get the same reward as the ones called and supplied to **"Go"**.

Speed Them On Their Way

Finally, let's look at a practical example of this from the New Testament. In his absence, Paul had written Titus about God's will concerning how to manage affairs in the Church of Crete. At the end of the letter, he speaks of the way Titus was to help two visiting ministers who came to the Cretan Church. The first half of the verse begins,

"Send Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey with haste. . ."

- Titus 3:13a NKJV

The Classic Amplified Bible reads,

"Do your utmost to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way. . ."

- Titus 3:13a AMPC

These men were traveling ministers who had ministered in Crete and were getting ready to depart for another ministry assignment. Paul was directing Titus to do something to help these men journey well, even *speedily*. As the apostle over this pastor, Paul was commanding Titus to lead his congregation in providing this help.

So what was the nature of the help Titus was to give? Certainly prayer is good, but he does not mention prayer. An encouraging word is good, but he does not mention encouragement. He does not mention anything purely "spiritual," although what he does say is more spiritual than you might think. The second half of the verse tells us.

". . . see that they want for (lack) nothing."

- Titus 3:13b AMPC

Paul ordered Titus to help them financially and/or materially to ensure their travels began without delay. Lack and insufficiency can slow down the ministry; they can actually hold up the work of God in the earth. If ministers are held up, then their ministry of the Word will be restrained. People talk about wishing so-and-so "god-speed." Well, this is where and how those kinds of good intentions can be practically applied: in providing financially and materially for ministers of the Gospel.

When people who should be involved in a work of God withhold their support unduly, God has to call on others with the means to do what they should have done—and these other people will get the reward while the folks who got passed over will go without.

Understand, nothing is said of Titus putting pressure on the people or demanding them for an amount. That would violate the voluntary, Christian spirit of giving. No pressure going on here either, but everyone should know the opportunity before us, so each one can **"...give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver."** (2 Corinthians 9:7 NKJV)

We are never to look to man as our Source or ourselves as somebody else's source. God is our one Source, and He uses many channels. But we are to be ready and faithful to fully obey when The Lord calls upon us to give. We preach the Word to tell people the purpose and the reward of being a partner here. God touches people's hearts to support.

knowing that whatever good thing each one does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether slave or free.

- Ephesians 6:8 NASB95

As you have in your heart, give in faith, give in love, give in the hope of your harvest—and expect your reward! In this life and the next. We love you and pray for our partners regularly. We are expecting healing and financial miracles, people being born again, and much freedom from the truth of the Word preached on this trip! Praise God!

Grace and peace to you and your house,

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