

KINGDOM ADVANCING PRAYER

Mark: 1:35 & Matt: 11: 11-12

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Divine Momentum Possessing A Different Spirit

We are so grateful to the Lord for what He is doing in our midst and today I will like to submit to you this article written by my wife, friend, faithful helpmate and co-labourer.

“Then the LORD said: "I have pardoned, according to your word; but truly, as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD--because all these men who have seen My glory and the signs which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have put Me to the test now these ten times, and have not heeded My voice, they certainly shall not see the land of which I swore to their fathers, nor shall any of those who rejected Me see it. But My servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit in him and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land where he went, and his descendants shall inherit it.” Numbers 14:20-24

Over the past few months the Lord has been giving us a Divine Momentum and as our Snr. Elder continued speaking to us the importance of recognizing this and cooperating with Him my heart has been truly stirred. As I awoke one day last week the Holy Spirit released the following writing into my spirit – He said to me “Check out the significance of the names of Joshua and Caleb”. As we continue our press in this season of “Divine Momentum”, we must realize the absolute need in possessing what the Lord calls “a different spirit”. In these days of lukewarm Christianity in many quarters, the idea of taking the nations of the earth for Jesus seems “farfetched”. To many, even possessing their own souls seems a daunting task; nonetheless, the Lord is calling for a people that can and will rise up to fulfill all His Will.

A fitting example of this can be seen in the lives of the Israelites as they journeyed to the “Promised Land”. The Lord told Moses to send out twelve spies to check out the land of promise and they all returned with a negative report, except for Joshua and Caleb, resulting in the Lord declaring that they possessed a “different spirit”, of which He was obviously pleased.

It is interesting to note that Caleb was born in the tribe of Judah. Caleb, born in the tribe of Judah (Praise), possessed an understanding of praise and worship and knew it meant to go after the enemy. He knew in his heart that the giants in the land of Canaan were not bigger, stronger or greater than the power that dwelt in him.

Praise and worship destroys the enemy’s strong holds and powers. This act must be done at all times in order for us to reap the fruits of the land which can be interpreted as being fruitful in our lives.

Joshua on the other hand was born in the tribe of Ephraim (Doubly Fruitful). He knew what it meant to be fruitful, and in order to get or possess the fruit of the land, some sort of work had to be done. This is why both Joshua and Caleb knew they could have fought the giants or “ites” of the land of Canaan.

For a fruit tree to bear fruits it must be nurtured and taken care of. It has to be trimmed, watered, cleared of weeds etc. Joshua and Caleb knew that type of processing; they grew up under the hand of God and were processed by Him while they were led by Moses. Even though the other 10 spies could not and did not see the victory of conquering the land of Canaan, Joshua and Caleb knew it could be done.

We as a church must sense, recognize or discern in the Spirit that the “power of praise and worship” destroys our enemies and when our enemies are subdued, fruit will be born in our lives, which we will see in our families, our finances, our health, etc. We must rise up and diligently enter always into praise and worship so that we will eventually see fruit being born in our lives. We must not forget that prayer is also vital for fruit to be born.

The scripture says in Num 14:24 “But My servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit in him and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land where he went, and his descendants shall inherit it.” Yes they were of the nation of Israel, they belonged to the same nation but the spirit that was upon them was different. Like many today, even though they are Christians, there is a lukewarm spirit in some of them.

Having a different spirit causes us to fully follow the Lord. There is no greater dimension in serving the Lord than OBEDIENCE. Obedience is one of the master keys to every successful kingdom advance in our lives. At times the flesh would cry out, not wanting to obey the Word of God. It would declare to us “you cannot make it, there are giants in the land; your situation is too bad or great for the Lord to handle;” and the list can go on. However difficult it may seem to our natural senses, the power of God is released through our obedience.

This is the season for us to lay aside every weight and any besetting sin and run with patience the race that the Lord has set before us; and we have been given much to accomplish. The Word of God declares in James 4:7-10

“Therefore **submit to God**. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. **Draw near to God and He will draw near to you**. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.”

In closing, let me say we at Dominion-Life International want to have a different spirit upon us; a spirit similar to that of Joshua and Caleb (Praise & Worship and Doubly Fruitful). A spirit that says if the Lord delights in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us. See passage in Numbers 14:6-10

“But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes; and they spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying: “The land we passed through to spy out is an exceedingly good land. If the LORD delights in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us, ‘a land which flows with milk and honey.’ “Only do not rebel against the LORD, nor fear the people of the land, for they are our bread; their protection has departed from them, and the LORD is with us. Do not fear them.” And all the congregation said to stone them with stones. Now the glory of the LORD appeared in the tabernacle of meeting before all the children of Israel.”