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“IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD”

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JOHN 1:1-5

“In The Beginning Was The Word”,

“And The Word Was With God”, “And The Word Was God.”

³ Through Him All Things Were Made;

Without Him Nothing Was Made That Has Been Made.

⁴ In Him Was Life, And That Life Was The Light Of All Mankind.

⁵ The Light Shines In The Darkness,

And The Darkness Has Not Overcome It.”

(the darkness can never extinguish it. the darkness cannot comprehend it.)

Brethren, having been privileged to have this powerful insight about the Word of God, “let us throw off everything that hinders” from embracing the Word, “especially sin that so easily trips us. And let us run with *Endurance (Perseverance and Diligence)* the race God has set before us.” (Hebrews 12:1).

The Word of God says, “the diligent hand will lead (rule)” (Proverbs 12:24). And each person God created has a race assigned to him/her by God.

How do we know that?

The word says “The scepter of the wicked will not remain over the land allotted to the righteous” (Psalm 125:3). The land means the race allotted to each person.

And God is there to protect us through that race.

“I will never leave you or let you be alone” (Heb 13:5).

You are my battle-ax and my weapons of war (Jeremiah 51:20)

“⁹ You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.” (1 Peter 2:9)

David understood this and said (Psalm 119:104-105)

“I gain understanding from your precepts (command or rule); therefore I hate every false way (sin). **105** your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”

Brethren, how high a building can go depends on the foundation of that building. The stronger the foundation, the higher the building can go!

In 1 Corinthians 3, Jesus said:

“**10** by the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. but each one must be careful how he builds. **11** for no one can lay a foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. **12** if anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, or straw, **13** his workmanship will be evident, because the day will bring it to light.

It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will prove the quality of each man's work. **14**if what he has built survives, he will receive a reward. **15**if it is burned up, he will suffer loss. he himself will be saved, but only as if through the flames (even though only as one escaping through the flames - NIV).

Brethren, we should never engage in anything without the insights from the Word of God as the foundation. We must build on the foundation that the Word has already laid. We must do only the things that God's word is leading us unto doing.

This is important for two main reasons:

1. Then we can go very far and build very high (great accomplishments on earth)
2. When our path to success is tested, it will gain not only the credence of men but also stand the fire test of God.

People who understand the precepts (not concept) of building on a laid foundation accomplish a lot for God!

Examples:

1. David benefited from striving to build on the laid foundation.

“the LORD has sought out for himself a man after his own heart, and the LORD has appointed him as ruler over his people.” (1 Samuel 13:14).

In Psalm 33:16-18, David affirmed:

“no king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength.”

In 1 Chronicles 29:19, David made a request of God:

“Give Unto Solomon My Son A Perfect Heart, To Keep Thy Commandments (precepts), Thy Testimonies, And Thy Statutes, And To Do All *These Things*, And To Build The Palace”.

Anyone who adheres to the precepts (foundation laid by God) will build a palace that will bring glory to God.

2. Moses Said To God, "if your presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here." (Exo 33:15) He understood that God's presence must be the foundation. And Before Moses started God spoke from the burning bush (Exodus 3)

⁴ when the LORD saw that Moses had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!"

and Moses said, "here I am. ...¹⁰ I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."

God is ready to use us to solve problem (s) on earth but we must find out which problem(s) He wants us to solve and then diligently follow through.

3. Samuel said to Saul, "you have done a foolish thing," "you have not kept the command (precepts) the Lord your God gave you; if you had, God would have established your kingdom over Israel forever. (1 Samuel 13:13).

Even Samuel was called before he started his ministry:

1 Samuel 3: "¹⁰ the LORD came and stood there, calling "Samuel! Samuel!" then (the little boy) Samuel said, "speak, for your servant is listening."

¹¹ and the LORD said to Samuel: “see, i am about to do something in Israel that will make the ears of everyone who hears about it tingle....

¹⁹ the LORD was with Samuel as he grew up, and God let none of Samuel’s words fall to the ground. ²⁰ and all Israel from dan to Beersheba recognized that Samuel was attested as a prophet of the LORD. ²¹ the LORD continued to appear, and ... revealed Himself to Samuel through his word.

Brethren, ensuring that everything we do and the path we go are based on the Word we heard from God is, not just important but, the key to life and good success!

The Word of God should always be the foundation of our path in life.

4. Before Jesus started his work on earth, the Word of God laid the foundation:

Matthew 3:“16as soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water.

suddenly the heavens were opened, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and resting on Him. **17**and a voice from heaven said, “this is my beloved son, in whom i am well pleased!”

5. WE CAN GO ON AND ON WITH EXAMPLES:

- **Before David started his path**, God spoke

1 Samuel 16: “¹³ so Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed David in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the spirit of the LORD came powerfully on David.”

- **Before Saul** (who became Paul) started, God spoke (Acts 9)

“Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?”

⁵ “who are you, Lord?” Saul asked. “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,” he replied. ⁶ “now get up and go into the city, and **you will be told what you must do.**”

- **Before the Apostles** started, Jesus told them not to start until the Holy Ghost has come (Luke 24:49). “But stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

- **Before Abraham** started God spoke (Leave your family to the land I will show you)

- **Before Joshua started**, God spoke (arise, and cross over, **I** have given you every place where the sole of your foot will tread, just as I promised to Moses (Joshua 1:2)

If we don't allow God to speak before we start a path, we run the risk of building on a wrong foundation and the structure will not stand when tested by fire.

BUT THOSE WE SEEK GOD FIND HIM...

“ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. **8**for everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. (Matthew 7:7-8).

In conclusion Brethren, before and during a path of life, let us seek the face of God for His Word, and then continue to seek His face and walk with Him diligently as we go on along the path.

In the beginning should be His Word!

God Bless You!