THE WORD OF GOD

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THE FLOODGATES OF THE HEAVENS

Isaiah 24: For the floodgates of the heavens are opened up and the foundations of the earth shake....¹⁸Whoever flees at the sound of terror will fall into a pit; whoever climbs out of the pit will be caught in a snare.

When the floodgates of heaven are opened, the foundations of the earth shake so much so that there will be no hiding place for anyone. Each person must give account of each moment.

Reason bible says "make the most of every moment" "because the days are evil." --- Eph. 5:16 NIV The only thing that rightfully exonerates a man from God's wrath is **righteousness**. No wonder the bible says:

"Seek you first the kingdom of God and the righteousness of God and every other thing will be added unto you." Matthew 6:33

Brethren, working with God is a one-on-one commitment, you can make irrespective of what is going on around you.

For instance, Genesis 6 gives an account of Noah.

⁹ This is the account of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God.....¹¹ the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. ¹² God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. ¹³ So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. ¹⁴ So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out. "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. ¹⁴ So make yourself an an ark of cypress wood; make rooms

in it and coat it with pitch inside and out. Though the earth was corrupt, Noah was committed to keeping himself and his household righteous.

When God looked, He saw Noah's righteousness and went ahead to show His name mighty in the life of Noah – so when the floodgates of the heavens opened, Noah and his household were saved.

In Deuteronomy 28, God said,

¹"If you fully obey the LORD your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. ² All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God: ... (v3-11)

¹² The LORD will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands. You will lend to many nations but will borrow from none. ¹³ The LORD will make you the head, not the tail. ¹⁵But if you do not obey the LORD your God and do not carefully follow all his commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these **curses will come on you and, overtake thee.**

Brethren, that is the danger, when the floodgates of heaven opens, it brings blessings to the righteous and curses to the unrighteous.

Isaiah 24 says that the curse will be so much that there will be no escape because "¹⁸Whoever flees at the sound of the terror will fall into a pit; whoever climbs out of the pit will be caught in a snare." So there is no way out Brethren this is why in addition to the efforts we make to be righteous, we must

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

2. Always ask God for mercy and forgiveness, just incase there is that part that you do not know. Ephesians 2:4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, Psalm 86:5 You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you.

3. Pray for God's grace to stay righteous

¹³ I can do all things through ^[a]Christ who strengthens me. (Philippians 4:13

Conclusion

Let us work with the end in mind. God will open the FLOODGATES OF THE HEAVENS and given blessings to those who deserve them and curses to those who don't. GOD BLESS YOU!

2019 PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Pray over today's message.
- 2. For KCM ask for grace to diligently fulfil its mandate as "the house of prayer for all nations" (Isaiah 56:7), extending God's love to all the nations.
- 3. Prayer for the Leaders of Nations
- 4. Thank God for stopping wars in nations.
- Continue to ask God to have mercy on our land, forgive our sins & heal us (2 Chro, 7:13-18).
- 6. Pray for Ministers and Missionaries, their ministries and missions.
- 7. Pray for Marriages, Children and families. Restoration of troubled marriages & children family
- 8. Pray for Members of the fellowship
- 9. Pray for the needs of the members & the fellowship, and any special request.
- 10. Also pray for next Sunday.