An Urgent Call To A Journey Of Personal Intimacy With God

The Only Solution To Our Problems

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Buy Truth, and Do Not Sell It

(Proverbs 23:23a)

Indeed truth, [sound Bible teaching] is hard to come by; therefore when God in His infinite grace leads you to the truth, you are to embrace and cherish it. You are to hold on to it tenaciously for life, happiness and the blessings of time and eternity to come.

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"A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step."

Ancient Chinese Proverb

My beloved in Christ, this book has been written to call you to embark on a journey of personal intimacy with God in a time such as this. Will you answer this urgent call today?

It is not a coincidence that you are reading this message. God has made it available to you. He has kept you alive on Earth as a channel of revival or great awakening resulting in extraordinary blessings to your family, and your nation. It's not an accident that you are where you are today in a time like this for there are no accidents in God's plan.

As God's children, we have God-given power to turn our country and the world upside down. It took only twelve disciples to turn their world upside down (1 Thes. 1:7). Christians in other generations have turned their world upside down. We can adjust to the justice of God today and watch Him do great and marvelous things in our time.

The Power of One Man

Recall that it was through one man that sin entered the world (Rom. 5:12). Have you forgotten that it was through Abraham, "a friend of God,"

that blessing came to the whole world (Gen. 12:3) and through one man, Moses, that deliverance came to Israel? It was one man's sinful act that caused a whole nation, Israel, to suffer military defeat when Achan's greed brought judgment upon Israel (Jos. 7:1-26).

You and I are swimming in a pool of arrogance and self-deception if we think that our spiritual life is insignificant in the dynamics of human history. We're going through hell on earth because we have turned away from God. Our lips praise God; our hearts do the opposite. We go to church regularly but live like unbelievers. In His justice, God is troubling us with every kind of distress: high inflation, economic stagnation, political turmoil and much more.

Are you delaying God's overflowing blessings to your country? Make no mistake, you could be one of the contributors to the present, tumultuous, worldwide, political and economic breakdown and the many resultant woes.

> The word of the Lord came to me: "Son of man, if a country sins against me by being unfaithful and I stretch out my hand against it to cut off its food supply and send famine upon it and kill its people and their animals, even if these three men—Noah, Daniel and Job—were in it, they could save only themselves by their righteousness,

declares the Sovereign Lord." (Ezek. 14:12-14 NIV).

It is easy to stand on a Pharisaic pedestal and say, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people [Christians]… (Luke 18:9-14)."

Because of you [the lukewarm believer] the sky has withheld its dew, and the earth has withheld its produce [economic woes] (Hag. 1:10).

You need not be emotional about the indictment. Take a serious look at your spiritual life and determine if it is because of you that Heaven is raging and thundering in anger.

I am surprised when Christians blame politicians and the government for national dilemmas. As a believer in Christ, you are light (Matt. 5:14); the government is not. You are a channel of blessing; the government is not. "By the blessing of the upright [righteous] a city [nation] is exalted (Pr. 11:11)."

Does your future seem blocked, with nowhere to go and nothing appears to be working? Stop and answer this question: Are you learning and applying God's Word consistently? If your answer is yes, then God is the One behind your closed door. He is preparing you for showers of blessing.

> Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything…. Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life, [an honor] that the Lord has promised to those who love him. (James 1:2-4; 12 NIV).

But if your answer is no, then unlock your door by turning back to God. If, as a believer you are not learning and applying His Word to your life, you are the one who has blocked yourself in. Don't blame God, or Satan, or the government, or even your circumstances.

How Did We Get Here?

To answer this important question, we take a cue from Israel in the Old Testament, who went through tremendous suffering. Why did they suffer in the same way we are suffering today?

- They abandoned sound Bible teaching. For many years Israel was without teachers of Scripture. They abandoned biblical truth; and consequently, they forsook God (2 Chr. 15:3).

- God responded by sending conflicts everywhere (Amos 3:6).

- They had no peace and there was no rest for their souls (2 Chr. 15:5).

- God troubled them with every kind of distress (v. 6).

The Solution

In their distress they turned to God and He restored them (v. 4).

Let us learn from Israel and return to God while we still have time. Our God is a merciful God.

> Let the wicked leave (behind) his way And the unrighteous man his thoughts; And let him return to the LORD, And He will have compassion (mercy) on him, And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon (Isa. 55:7 AMP).

> We ought to take note of these words in which the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you will hear his voice, do not harden your hearts" (Heb. 3:7-8 J. B. Philips Translation).

If you will heed the voice of the Holy Spirit right now; if you desire a closer walk with God, He will provide the power.

> He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them His way…. If anyone desires to do His will, he will [find favor] (Ps. 25:9; John 17:7).

God will enable you to make the necessary changes in your spiritual life if you are eager.

> Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied (Matt. 5:6).

Here is Good News

The good news is that God, in His infinite wisdom, gave man the key to open the door to a bright future. The responsibility to use the key rests with you. Remember, you have the key. You can look into your own life and do what the prodigal son did. Unlock the door and begin a journey of intimacy with God.

> When he came to his senses, he said, "… I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you" (Luke 15:17-18 NIV).

You can be among those whom the Lord will use to ignite a fire of revival in our time. Walk towards your Father-God, Who has been yearning to have a close relationship with you. Our future is in God's hands. He has given us the green light to

impact our world. The Holy Spirit and the Word, are available to us and they empower us.

Now take a giant step and move the hands of the Almighty in the direction of enormous blessings. How? By cultivating an intimate relationship with Him. It takes only a personal decision, no more and no less, to begin a journey of intimacy with God and a Great Awakening hopefully in our day.

Stop!
Make a decision right now.

Would you follow the roads to true revival, restoration and blessings?

Road No.1 - Self First:

It is imperative that you do what the prodigal son did. He left the spiritual dungeon. You can be like him and take a step and move out of the dungeon of deception, the dungeon of exploitation and gimmicks, the dungeon of power lust, the dungeon of approbation lust, the dungeon of selfishness and self righteousness, the dungeon of love of money, the dungeon of spiritual lukewarmness, and the dungeon of all sorts of evil desires.

> Ezra had set his heart to study the Law of the Lord [personally], and to do it [obey it, apply

it] and to teach his statutes and rules in Israel (Ezra 7:10 ESV).

He learned the truth. He lived by the truth. He taught the truth to others.

We can do the same thing the Israelites did in the past when they were troubled—return to God.

A. Self-examination. Consider where you have fallen (Rev. 2:5). Apply 1 John 1:9. Confess all your sins before God who knows you inside out.

B. Go to the fountain of His Word and begin to drink afresh.

James calls you a deluder, if all you do is study sound Bible teaching but never apply it to your own life (James 1:22). His conclusion is that you would never prosper in life if all you do is accumulate biblical knowledge and never apply it (vv. 23-25).

Road No. 2 - Massive Evangelism:

They [Scripture teaching priests] taught in Judah, and had the book of the law of the Lord with them, and went about throughout all the cities of Judah, and taught the people [sound teaching from Scripture] (2 Chr. 17:9 KJV).

The result was striking and immediate:

> And the fear of the Lord fell upon all the kingdoms of the lands that were round about Judah, so that they made no war against Jehoshaphat (v. 10 KJV).

What's more, God blessed them abundantly (vv. 11-13). Saturation of sound biblical truth in a nation and application of it lead to restoration and blessings.

Reading for Revival

Suggested New Testament reading:

The Gospel of John (once or twice).
1, 2, & 3 John (at least three times).
Ephesians (three times)
Matthew
Mark
Luke
Acts
Philippians (twice).

Read other epistles in any order of your choice.

In addition to reading through the New Testament, you can go to the GEM websites and download our free ebooks which have helped many people around the world. Our aim is to saturate the world with sound Bible teaching through publications.

With your Bible open, prayerfully begin to read these books, one book at a time. If you have hard copies, read them and trade with others who have different titles.

Suggested reading order:

1. *Riding the Death Train*
2. *Biblical Doctrine of Salvation*
3. *God's Plan After Salvation*
4. *Overview of God's Grace*
5. *What Is The Spiritual Life?*

Read the rest of the books according to your interests. Strive to read them all. Some have read them multiple times. A pastor in Kenya told me that he read the book *Joseph A Pillar of Grace* 10 times. My wife has read *Focus on Christian Marriage* cover to cover more than 20 times.

If your problem is lack of data, and you have extra garments, shoes, (or anything else of monetary value), sell some and buy data.[1] Your investment will pay for more garments, shoes, etc. in due time. God will provide! You mock God when you say that you love His Word, but are not willing to sacrifice to have it. You must demonstrate that you truly love His Word and that

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you are willing to pay any price for it. That's what it means to hunger for righteousness.

The time to alter your mindset is now! You can't continue to play games with God and expect His blessing.

> You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water…. As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God (Ps. 63:1; 42:1 NIV).

Are you truly hungry for intimacy with the One who holds your future? The time of playing Christianity has gone. The time of playing church is over. "He who has an ear, let him hear..." (Rev. 3:22).

Here are two encouraging testimonies from brothers whose lives have been changed by the truth of God's Word. They chose to seek the truth for themselves, just as Ezra did. One is from a devoted believer in the UAE and another from a pastor in Uganda:

Letter from UAE

> I just want to thank you for the incredible Word of God that you shared on your trip to the United Arab Emirates. We were all really blessed by it. I must not forget to mention that

the way you explain stuff is truly commendable and for once in my life, I didn't find myself getting distracted, for even one second, throughout the whole teaching session.

Truly speaking, I never wanted you to stop because there was so much that I was getting to know for the first time. I mean we were taught that we are to work out our salvation till the end, portraying it to be a very difficult thing to get. But when you told us that salvation is free of cost and we don't have to work for it, I went like WHOAH!!!… I mean, it's more like the whole picture of salvation became totally clear and I got a much better understanding of what it really means.

Thank you so much. S. A. from UAE

Letter from Uganda

Sir, I want you to know that the two times I have sat under your teaching ministry, my life has been stirred up to think twice about my walk as a Christian and my actions as a minister of the Gospel, most specifically as the pastor of a church. I feel like a pond that was stagnant at the bottom but seemingly flowing on the top in which a big rock has been thrown and all that was stuck at the bottom has come up to the top, floating to be seen.

My life is full of questions now, which are forcing me to read your books page after page in search for answers. Thank God I am finding many and thank you for the good work. Even then, I am still compelled in my spirit to step down from the full time Pastoral Office and take some time studying the Word of God more. I need to be very sure and certain beyond doubt that I am doing the right thing before I commit my life into a drowning boat of unfruitful radicalism."

Yours in His grace, Pastor T. A. from Uganda.

God has turned around the life of this pastor from Uganda. His ministry of grace is now in high demand in Uganda. He can hardly keep up with invitations from schools, radio stations, churches and more. God uses prepared vessels (2 Tim 2:20, 21).

Listen: There is no situation too dire for the overwhelming power of the Almighty God. His grace abounds. There is no situation God can't change, no matter how ugly.

There are two sides to intimacy with God, yours and His. Play your part and watch God surprise you.

As you take a giant step, I will make the apostle Paul's prayer my own:

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth

derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith… That you may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ…I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people. (Eph. 3:14-18; 1:18 NIV).

May the Lord grant you grace as you begin your journey today. I lift my prayer in the Most Precious and Powerful name, King of kings, Lord of lords, our Redeemer, and our Great High Priest, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Don't keep truth to yourself.
Share it with others!

Publications Available

Tracts:

An Urgent Call to a Journey of Personal Intimacy with God
(The Only Solution to Our Problems)
Eternal Security of the Believer *(English & Spanish)*
God Speaks Through Storms
Riding the Death Train
(A Message of Hope) *(English & Spanish)*
Shower of Christian Love
Who Are You?

Books:

Biblical Doctrine of Salvation
Comfort in Suffering
David, A Symphony of God's Grace
Disaster: God's Warning Bell
Focus on Christian Marriage
Forgiveness by Confession Alone
Giving, An Integral Part of Worship
God's Plan after Salvation *(English & Spanish)*
James: Faith Without Works is Dead
(An Urgent Call to Practical Christianity)
Joseph, A Pillar of Grace
Overview of God's Grace
Paul, a Trophy of God's Grace
Power of Prevailing Prayer
(Exploring 18 Hindrances to Prayer)
Signs & Wonders
(A Biblical Reply to the Claims of Modern Day Miracle Workers)
The Spiritual Gift of Tongues
(A Biblical Response to Modern Day Tongues)
What is the Spiritual Life?

"Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen."

2 Peter 3:18

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