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Sunday service

God's Plan for the Age

Ezra 1:1-11

Since all mankind is under the curse of original sin, they can never solve problems with their own strength. What little you can do is because of the common grace that God has already given to you. However, if mankind is faced with a problem that can never be resolved through common grace mankind has no choice but to perish. For the sake of the problems that cannot be resolved through common grace the answer that God gave is the precious blood of Christ. However, many believers end with believing and receiving salvation. When you live by this covenant you will conquer your physical problems and have victory however, many just end with prayer. However, with this kind of walk of faith you cannot conquer your problems or life. Many live their lives without faith trying their best to have faith and pray. The answer is to enjoy the covenant and apply it in our lives but because many people try to resolve their problems by praying a lot the answer is not clear. God gave us prayer to enjoy the covenant but because many people put in more effort to pray they end up living a religious life. There are also many believers who end up closing their hearts and living by their own strength because things do not work out for them. The precious blood of Christ is the answer to all problems that arose due to original sin. Therefore, when you live by this answer God's promises contained within this answer will be revealed in your life. There is another desire of God contained in this promised blood. It is to relay this answer and save people. In every age God called one person for this work and that one person received the answer of the age.

1. God's plan for the age

- 1) God has a plan for each age. And His plan is undoubtedly fulfilled for he saves people through it. This is the same for Cyrus, king of Persia, as recorded in today's bible passage.
- 2) He was not a person of Israel, but God has given him a tremendous promise and it was fulfilled. (Isaiah 45:1-3) The prophecy of Isaiah was recorded 200 years before Cyrus was even born, but his name was clearly recorded.
- 3) This Cyrus was made aware of Isaiah's prophecy through some way, but has come to the conclusion that God has protected him after looking back at the many twists and turns in his life.
- 4) Therefore, Cyrus made a tremendous confession of faith and put down a command to start building the temple starting from Verse 2. He set the captives of Israel free and made every provision to ensure that they can go and rebuild the temple.
- 5) And all of the vessels that were taken away from the temple by King Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, were returned. Verse 11 states, "all the vessels of gold and of silver were 5,400.
- 6) This is the reason why God has kept Cyrus alive and gave him the strength to conquer many nations. Rebuilding the temple was God's plan for that age. This one reason is why God has blessed Cyrus.
- 7) Then, you must know what it is that God desires to do in this age and must do it. What God desires to do in this age is recorded as the 4 resurrection messages. You must do this even on the day that the Lord returns. The Lord has promised you this and He desires to fulfill this.
- 8) God's plan for the age is very important to you. The reason the Israelites died in the wilderness was not because of any other sin. God forgave them even when they made a golden calf.
- 9) However, God did not forgive them when they refused to go. God's plan for that age was the land of Canaan and building a nation of Christ. So God made them wait 40 years in the wilderness until all of the Israelites were dead.
- 10) They entered in pairs. They went and met the person who was waiting like a prostitute Rahab. God never gave up on His work to be done in that age. God's plan is the absolute plan. As long as they did not refute God, they would have not died in the wilderness.
- 11) God planned to get rid of all the people who did not enter the ark in the age of Noah. Noah came to uncover it and discovered the method of what to do. Also, all the animals that entered the ark lived. Through Noah, God exalted the covenant of the sacrifice of the covenantal blood and God's covenant that gives life.
- 12) Joshua and Caleb knew the reason why they must go to Canaan. It became their covenant deep in their hearts. Therefore, they enjoyed the historical blessings. Noah, Joshua, and Caleb knew God's covenant. It is important to know the covenant.

- 13) Therefore, you must know God's plan for the age. It must be your covenant. It is not to do it with your will and might. With your resolution, you can't go far. God's desire must be your covenant first and you will receive power through it. You must receive the spiritual power to receive the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
- 14) How can you have the 4 resurrection message that is the covenant of the age as yours and have it rooted in your heart? You must hold to the promising blood of Jesus Christ who has resurrected and never lose hold of the Word. When you continue, the day God has prepared will come to you.
- 15) You must never lose hold of the training messages and pulpit messages. It is because God does everything according to the Word. If you continuously hold to the Word, the day will come for you to have the Word in your heart, be rooted in you, and as you come to realize it more as the covenant, you will become a person who connects with God.
- 16) You will become a person of God and a person who deeply understands the Word. Then, you will have God's desire and plan as your prayer topic. You will become more of a person of God's desire.
- 17) If you do this, you will become a historical figure like Cyprus. You will be like Apostle Paul who will be used to rewrite the history of the world and change the stream. As you partake in the Gospel movement like Apostle Paul, God will rewrite the history of America and change the stream of Latin America.
- 18) You have received the same Gospel that Apostle Paul received and God will do the same work to you as well to testify the Gospel. This is the authority of those who remain that will change everything in the world. All the history of mankind will surrender to this and God will raise you as the historical figure. May this tremendous blessing be upon you.