

7/14/24

Sunday service

Prophecy

1 Corinthians 14:1-12

God has given you the Gospel so that you can conquer and live a victorious life. God's request to those who have received this amazing grace is to share this Gospel to the ends of the earth. May you participate in this amazing work and receive blessings to repay the salvation received from God. It's rightful to think about the fact that He bled for six hours with nails nailed into His hands and feet until He passed. Even today you must hold onto the precious blood of Christ that He shed as the covenant and give worship to the holy God who saved you. You must value His wishes and do your best to honor them. No one in the world respects this promised blood; rather they look down upon it and despise it. However, although the Word of the cross may look foolish to them you must confirm the power of God that gives you salvation once again. May this worship allow you to see great evidence through amazing answers.

1. Prophecy

- 1) Today's passage explains the importance of prophecy using the two words: tongues and prophecy. Prophecy speaks of the things that will take place in the future and the Bible was fulfilled through true prophetic words. However, teaching and delivering the completed prophecy is also an important aspect of prophecy.
- 2) Most people believe that prophecy only speaks of future events rather than explaining the Scriptures. However, Apostle Paul provides a clear clarification on this matter in today's passage (verse 6).
- 3) Of course, in Acts chapters 20 and 21, there are accounts of prophecies made by people. Many predicted that Paul would be seized when he went up to Jerusalem, and that indeed happened. However, despite their urging Paul not to go, he did not listen, and so they ceased, saying, 'Let the will of the Lord be done' (Acts 21:13-14).
- 4) In Acts 11:28, it is recorded that a man named Agabus prophesied that a great famine would occur, and it did happen. Because of this, the church in Antioch provided offerings to help the church in Jerusalem. The Old Testament contains even more records of such prophecies, with the prophet Elisha being a representative example.
- 5) However, today you need to consider one important thought regarding the word 'prophecy'. Most of these prophecies, when viewed broadly, were mostly concerning small physical matters.
- 6) Of course, prophecies such as Paul's imprisonment and the prediction of a great famine are significant. However, it was not related to the fundamentals. There is a fundamental prophecy in the Bible, and it is given as a promise to solve all trivial, even physical matters.
- 7) For example, Genesis 3:15 is a fundamental prophecy. If you have this prophecy, it doesn't matter if a famine comes. God told Noah that a great flood would come and that all living things would perish. This is a prophecy. However, if you know the fundamental prophecy it's okay even if the flood may come. Wisdom to navigate through it also comes, as seen in the ark.
- 8) However, if you do not know this fundamental answer you will wander. That person will begin to look for someone that will tell them about their future. A person who searches for answers to these trivial problems will have to do so all their life. Because problems keep coming.
- 9) They have no choice but to be defeated by Satan. It is because God has answered in the Bible and the Lord has completed it. His death has completed it all, but many look for the answer elsewhere. With that, how can they avoid Satan?
- 10) To teach the Bible accurately is to prophecy. You must convey the fundamental prophecy accurately. Also, when they speak in tongues, they converse with God so no one can understand it. Verse 7: If even lifeless instruments, such as the flute or the harp, do not give distinct notes, how will anyone know what is played? Verse 8: And if the bugle gives an indistinct sound, who will get ready for battle? One must accurately know the message to have the right response.
- 11) The Word recorded in the Bible is the prophecy. The Bible recorded the prophetic Words, but it is all the same Word of yesterday and today. Therefore, the Words that were testified to Adam in the past are being applied to you today. There is no past, present, and future for God. It is all the same as today.
- 12) The completed prophetic Words are the completed promise. Also, the Word will be done according to it and there is no mistake at all. This is relevant even now.

- 13) Therefore, Apostle Paul saw Timothy as his son (2 Timothy 4:1-2). Apostle Paul tells Timothy to preach the Word. The ministers must testify the Word. This is the mission of the ministers. Therefore the ministers prophesy the Word. This is the reason why God has called Abraham the prophet.
- 14) Therefore, the ministers must always examine their spiritual state whether they are conveying the Word or not. Also, they must see if they are simply testifying the Word or truly relaying the Word with their whole heart. This will determine everything for the ministers.
- 15) Also, all believers must live centered on the Word. The Sunday pulpit message must always be your covenant throughout the week. The headquarter messages must be your life direction and it must be your life guideposts. You must always receive the guidance from the Word.
- 16) Many believers spoke in tongues in the Corinth church. They must have felt quite superior, even though they were saying things they didn't understand. Today's Bible passage is the answer that the Apostle Paul gave to the believers.
- 17) That is, tongues are divine, but they do not build virtue in the church because they do not understand what is being said; prophecy builds virtue because it is spoken in understandable words. Verse 39: So, my brothers, earnestly desire to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues.
- 18) God does everything by the Word. All His Word is prophesied. The prophetic Word in the past is living and active even now. You will be victorious and conquer all things when you live the Word. Jesus healed all by the Word alone. Jesus never used anything else.
- 19) May the Word come in you and become your covenant. Then, the Word will be fulfilled. Therefore, you must always pray before you come to the place of worship. May you place your heart and be a person of prayer as you receive answers by the Word.
- 20) May you be the one who prophesy the Word. Also, may you live your life according to the prophetic Word. It will be done according to the Word. May this be your covenant once again.