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Sunday 1st Message

The Word God Has Spoken

Isaiah 66:1-6

The gospel has the power to turn every curse into a blessing. The Lord died and shed his blood for this very purpose. There are no exceptions. For those who live by this covenant, every problem is transformed into a blessing. There are many examples of this in the Bible and around us. Therefore, to say that you have come to an answer regarding this gospel means to possess the spiritual eyes to see every problem as a blessing. Jeremiah 33:2 "...the Lord who made the earth, the Lord who formed it to establish it…" This verse tells us that he is the one who creates all things and brings about all circumstances.

If you form a new circumstance, the incidents will take a new turn and be overturned. In the midst of this, those who, by God's grace, have come to understand prayer realize that everything that happens is an answer to prayer. This means that those who have come to understand the gospel and know how to pray see that new answers and new blessings are unfolding.

As you go through this process and your eyes are opened to evangelism, you finally begin to see the field. This means that when you encounter a prepared individual, a family, or a field, you will know exactly what to do and how to do it. If your eyes are not opened, not only will you fail to recognize the answer when it comes, but you will also have absolutely no idea what to do or how to do it. Since God does everything through his word, what he says is truly important. When the word you hear becomes a covenant and shapes the blueprint of your life, you will conquer.

1. **The Word God Has Spoken**
    1) God spoke these words in verse 1 today. "Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool; what is the house that you would build for me, and what is the place of my rest?" Verse 2: "All these things my hand has made, and so all these things came to be, declares the Lord". This means that before that, there was nothing. Therefore, it implies that there is nothing we need to do for God, and that God does not need the help of mankind.
    2) Therefore, in the latter part of verse 2, he says, "But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word." He has revealed the secret to receiving the care of God the Creator. It is simple and all too rightful.
    3) In verse 3, he warns against offering sacrifices with an evil heart, lest we profane the blood of the covenant. Verse 4 speaks of the punishment for those who offer such sacrifices. He says he will allow them to be tempted by Satan and bring their fears upon them. All decision-making authority rests with God.
    4) In 1 Samuel 3:14, it is stated that "the iniquity of Eli's house will not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever". While such a curse will not fall upon us, I believe this is a reason for us to once again reflect on the worship we offer.
    5) In the middle of verse 4, it says that he is choosing a harsh treatment for them because, "when I called, no one answered, when I spoke, they did not listen; but they did what was evil in my eyes". We must respond when God calls us, and we must have the attitude that even if no one else does it, I will. Simply hearing the word and following it - even if I am the only one - is what world evangelization is all about.
    6) In verse 5, it says, "Hear the word of the Lord, you who tremble at his word" He promised that if you do this, then "Your brothers who hate you and cast you out for my name's sake…shall be put to shame."

7) To summarize: Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool - what can you do for me? I created all things; is not what you see before your eyes a manifestation of that? Therefore, humble yourselves, contrite in spirit, and tremble at my word. Then, I will look after you forever.
8) However, if you break my covenant and despise the blood of the covenant - which is meant to be set apart as holy - I will cause you to fall into Satan's temptations and be cursed, and I will bring upon you the very fear that drives you to worship idols. But if you listen to my words with a fearful heart and obey them, I will put your enemies to shame. This is God's earnest plea to never forget this fact.
9) In other words, you do not need to try to help me. Everything belongs to me, and I can recreate everything even now. Simply listen to my words with a fearful heart and obey them. Then, I will remove what you fear, and even if your enemy casts you out, it is your enemy who will be put to shame.
10) In conclusion, he mentioned two things: the word and worship. This means that all we need to do is listen to and follow the word and give worship properly. This year, our church has held onto the word of worship, prayer and the word movement. If we worship with a sincere and genuine heart and approach it with the proper attitude, God will fulfill his promises. If we keep the time, hold fast to the covenant, and participate in worship, we will surely receive an answer.
11) In Isaiah 55:2-3, it says, "Listen diligently to me…Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live". There is no one who, while maintaining this attitude, will fail to conquer. I hope you will live a life of summit and leave behind a masterpiece of the emperor.

2. One More Thing

1) God opens the door for evangelism to those who receive answers. When that happens, we can share the gospel, lead people to accept Christ, and connect them with follow-up ministry. However, there are many cases where things do not go smoothly. This is one of the attitudes we should adopt in such situations. While it is not essential, the Lord himself healed the sick and forgave the woman who needed forgiveness.
2) These things were so precious and a source of such gratitude to those involved, and the Bible records many instances where people turned their hearts to the Lord because of them. It is undeniable that these miracles and acts of help played a crucial role in opening their hearts.
3) The attitude of ending all things with solely the gospel and looking at nothing else is truly precious. However, it is also very valuable to consider what physical needs might exist other than the spiritual gospel. Most people prioritize physical problems over spiritual problems. In this regard, even our smallest efforts - how modest they may be - can play a very important role in opening their hearts.
4) We have such a precious gospel. All that remains is now to win their hearts. There is surely no evangelist who fails to share the gospel simply because they don't know it. I hope we can take some time to reflect on what we need to do to open their hearts.
5) If there were just one more thing we could do besides the gospel, what would it be? I hope we'll all take a moment to reflect on this and become people who do not lose a single soul entrusted to us. May the life of David - who never lost a single sheep - become the life we all live.