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Sunday 1st Message

Assurance of Things Hoped For

Heb 11:1-6

The term “3 Ages” represents a message that must live within us for many years to come. The courtyard of the Gentiles, the courtyard of prayer, and the courtyard of the children are the tasks that every church must undertake with all its strength once it is established in the world. Through the courts within the temple, God has conveyed a message to the entire world; it is a strategy for proclaiming Christ - the foundation of the temple - to the world. The term “Gentiles” signifies that we have a duty to share this gospel with all the Gentiles of the world, and the temple was built for this very purpose.

The children’s courtyard speaks of our future. The message is that we must become a church that loves children as the Lord does, shares the gospel with them from a young age, raises them to be sure disciples, and equips them to be witnesses for Christ. The reason the 3-day weekend age was established is so that we can use these three courtyards to plant these truths more deeply in the hearts of our future generations.

Furthermore, since the world will face increasingly serious spiritual challenges as time goes on, we must protect future generations by meditating on the word and ushering in an age of deep concentrative prayer - this, too, is the age of Holy Meditation.

Moving toward a church of the 3 ages through the 3 courtyards is God’s desire, and it is the message God has been conveying through the temple since the time of the Old Testament. Our church must live according to this direction and philosophy, and this must be conveyed exactly as it is to the mission field.

1. **Assurance of Things Hoped For**
    1) Verse 1: Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Verse 2: For by it the people of old received their commendation. This passage reveals that for those who have faith, the things they hope for become a reality, and the things they cannot see are made evident as answers.
    2) And verse 3 states, “so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.” In other words, it means that all things were created simply by the word, without any material substance. Verse 4 then says that Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. Verse 5 goes on to say that by faith Enoch, who had pleased God, was taken up so that he should not see death.
    3) And in verse 6, it says that without faith it is impossible to please him, and that whoever would draw near to God must believe in two things. First, they must believe that he exists, and second, that he rewards those who seek him.
    4) This is so obvious, and all these promises are found in Christ. Christ died to prove this truth to us and to fulfill that covenant. Through faith in him, we come to know that God exists. Without faith in Christ, we cannot believe that God exists, and faith itself cannot even arise.
    5) Unless this faith arises, human beings can never believe in God nor escape the curse. That is why we say that Christ is our liberation from the curse, that our destiny has been transformed, and that the head of Satan has already been crushed. It is because of this faith, and that faith is Christ.
    6) And it is possible to come to him because Christ has completed the way. Therefore, Christ alone is the way to God, and the reward God gives at that time is also promised in Christ. That is why he told us to pray in his name from now on and promised that he would accomplish everything. He is telling us that we must believe that God is the one who gives this reward found in Christ.

7) When this happens, what I have been hoping for and praying for in my heart will appear before me as reality, and things that were invisible to my eyes will appear before me as evidence - all because of the name of Christ. It is because he died on the cross and shed his blood to fulfill this covenant.
8) Therefore, these two promises are made to those who believe that Jesus is the Christ. If we hold fast to the blood of Christ as our covenant and live by that faith, what we hope for will become a reality, and things that are not seen will appear before our eyes as evidence. That is why he told us to have this faith, and why he said that without this faith, we cannot please God. He continues to explain this by giving examples - Abel, Enoch, and countless other righteous people of all the past lived this way.
9) God is telling us, with so many witnesses, you too should believe and live your lives in this way. This is a message worth reflecting on deeply and taking to heart. It is only the precious blood of Christ that crushes the head of Satan and frees us from curse and destiny. There is no other answer. This is because there is no other way to resolve original sin. Therefore, if it is true that original sin is the root cause of all our problems, there is no way to solve them except through the precious blood of Christ.
10) The key is that our eyes must be opened, and this must enter within us to become a covenant. This process must take place. One day, this process took place within Hannah. She received an answer immediately, and even though nothing had changed yet, the look of sadness was gone. That look of sadness vanished completely, and in her heart she enjoyed victory and conquest; she waited for that moment in prayer, and not once did anxiety arise.
11) This is the nature of the answer God gives. It never wavers or fades away; you might never even have the thought that it might fail, but instead come to enjoy the confession that it will surely succeed and that it is already finished.
12) You must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who seek him. I hope that you have this certainty. May you receive the blessing of having the serpent's head - which hinders your assurance - crushed by the precious blood of Christ. Those who hold fast to the covenant and enjoy it will receive the blessing of faith and the blessing of assurance. It doesn't stop there; your eyes will be opened to see that you have conquered, and you will come to the answer that everything has already been settled.
13) All the people mentioned in Hebrews 11 were in this state. That means we, too, are fully capable of achieving this. If we concentrate on the message, do not treat worship as a mere formality, and pour our hearts into prayer, God will grant us that day.
14) For some, like Hannah, who prayed for ten years, the answer may come unexpectedly one day. For others, like the woman with the issue of blood, who had been hearing about Jesus and meditating on his teachings, that day may come when they conclude that they will be healed simply by touching his garment. There may also be cases, like that of the centurion, where someone consistently hears about Jesus at home and one day finds the answer.
15) Thus, there are those who make a historical confession, saying, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed." No matter who we are, all that matters is that the day comes when our eyes are opened. Then we will become those who hold the answer, and we will all become masterpieces that conquer and save the world. May this blessing come upon all of us today.