



The
Latter Rain Assembly

CHURCH IN THE HOUSE EDIFICATION MATERIAL (MARCH 2010)

Theme: HEAVEN'S STRATEGY FOR ALL TIME-LIVING

Topic: *The Just shall live by faith*

Text: Habakkuk 1:1 – 4, 2: 1- 4.

INTRODUCTION:

In the days of Habakkuk, he waited on God for divine direction in the midst of global political, economic and social crisis which is also happening around us today. The global crisis in the days of Habakkuk was (a) Violence (b) iniquity (lawlessness) (c) troubles (d) Plundering (looting & corruption, (e) strife (f) Contentions.

In the midst of this societal and global crisis, God spoke to Habakkuk as the prophet decided to wait on the Lord in prayers. (Habakkuk 2: 2 – 4)

Questions: Interactive session

How should the just live in the midst of violence, lawlessness, troubles, plundering, strife and contention?

How should the just live when the law become powerless, justice never goes forth, the wicked surrounds the righteous and perverse judgement proceeds from the court rooms.

Answer: The Just shall live by faith. (Habakkuk 2:4)

Three important principles we must learn and embrace in the midst of global, political and economic crisis.

1. There must be people praying and prophetic intercessors e.g Habakkuk (Habakkuk 2:1) prayed, Daniel (Dan 2, 3, 6 & 9) and Elijah (I kings 17 & 18).
2. Effective communication to all concerned of what we receive from the Lord in the place of prayer Habakkuk 2 : 2 – 3
3. Deliberate Alignment with the revealed word and will of God. Habakkuk 3:1-2, 16-19, Lk 1:37-38.

Nuggets:

Are you praying and standing up in prayers (1 Peter 4:7)

Or

Do you fold your hands in worry, doubt and anxiety (Matt 6: 25-34, James 1: 2- 8, Phil 4: 6-7)

You need confidence and endurance while waiting on God till the word becomes flesh in your life and situation. Heb 10: 35 – 39, Job 14: 14.

PRAYERS

1. Lord be it unto me according to your word Luke 1: 37 - 38
2. “Lord, work a work in my days and revive your work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the year make it known, in judgement remember mercy” Habakkuk 1: 5, 3: 2.



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CHURCH IN THE HOUSE EDIFICATION MATERIAL (APRIL 2010)

Theme: HEAVEN'S STRATEGY FOR ALL TIME-LIVING
Topic: *The Source of Genuine Faith*
Text: Romans 10: 1-18

INTRODUCTION:

Whichever way you look at **FAITH**, It has only one foundation, the **LIVING WORD**. In Ephesians 4: 1-6, the scripture specifies that there is only one faith and it has only one source – the **LIVING WORD OF GOD** (Rom. 10: 17). In effect, the living word of God is the only credible source of genuine faith.

Note the following:

- i) You cannot serve God or please Him without faith (Heb. 11 : 6)
- ii) You cannot separate the Word of God from the Power of God
- iii) You cannot be full of power without being full of faith (Acts 6 : 8, 11 : 23-24)
- iv) You cannot separate the word of God from the Spirit of God.

Study and discuss the following scriptures:

- (a) Romans 1: 16-17, (b) John 6: 63, (c) Romans 10: 6-10

Interactive Session

Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he really find faith on the earth? (Luke 18: 1- 8)

To answer the question, *please note the followings:*

“Genuine faith is not located in the realm of the flesh, it is not earthly and cannot be produced by man outside of God’s word and His Spirit.”

It is evident that:

- 1) Not all men have faith. (II Thessalonians 3: 1-2)
- 2) Those who have among men received their measure from God either through **His Word** or by **His Spirit**. Romans 12: 3
- 3) Some will depart from faith while the faith of others will be overthrown. I Timothy 4: 1-2, II Timothy 2: 15-18.
- 4) The love of money and the desire to get rich at all cost will not only choke the word of God it will also cause those so inclined to err or stray away from the faith. (Mark 4:13-20, I Timothy 6: 9-10)
- 5) It takes both the teaching and receiving of the **sound word of God** to produce sound faith.

To answer the question in Luke 18:1-8, the Son of Man may not find genuine faith except there remains on earth, especially within the Church, those contending for the faith. (Philippians 1: 27-30, Jude 3-4).

Conclusion

There is one source of genuine faith, the word of God, therefore if you desire your faith to grow and become robust as well as strong, then soak-in the word, feed on it, meditate on it until you become one with the word.

PRAYER

- 1) Ask the Lord who is the author and finisher of our faith to open your understanding of the scriptures for it to produce faith in us. Hebrews 12: 1-2, Ephesians 4:17-20, I Timothy 3: 14-17, Job 32:8, Luke 24:45.
- 2) Lord help me to hear accurately taking heed of **what** and **how** I hear. Mark 4: 24-25, Luke 8:18