

OASIS: Sept. 4 -10, 2025: The Goal Part 3



"who works all things according to the counsel of His Will, that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory" Ephesians 1:11-12 (NKJV).

"that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory." In the NLT version, "we" is qualified as "Jews." But in contemporary times, and because of the Work of Jesus Christ, it is not so qualified. The general application that was made without the qualification is in line with the Purpose of God of making everything, whether in heaven or on earth, to come under the authority of Jesus Christ. And Jesus prayed that ALL who believe and will believe in Him will be made one with Him and the Father. So, whether in its limited sense, referring to the Jews or in the general sense, referring to ALL Believers, one thing that is required is that they live for the glory of God. They have no life of their own outside of God, which is made possible through Jesus Christ.

Let us return to the Book of Haggai from which we read last week. God was greatly offended when His people, the Jews said it was not time to build His house, but it was time to be busy about their own things. Why is this important and God had to discipline the Jews? It is simply because the Jews were the ones God chose, and would use to spread His Gospel, Nature, and His Rites and Regulations to all other people. But the Jews, abandoned the responsibility given to them and went their own way and about their own businesses – building their Paneled Buildings! This is the same thing with present day Christians, led by their leaders. Let us also remember that Jesus specifically told Peter to Tend and Feed His flock and sheep. Then He told His disciples and all others who will believe through the service of the disciples, that they should Occupy until He returns. He warned about the need for faithfulness when He asked the great and rhetorical question, if He would find faithfulness among His believers when He returns? He further taught His disciples and by extension present-day believers the need to remain connected to Him who is the Vine and the need to be productive. He expects fruitfulness, because that is what glorifies His Father and our God. Finally, He made it clear that He does not expect everyone of His followers to produce at the same rate and level. Some will produce thirty, others sixty, and while others still, will produce hundred times over what they invested. Will God be angry or say, 'oh they are living in the time of grace, and part them on their backs?' Certainly not, they will be severely punished, all of them, especially those who have abandoned the work of shepherding the flocks under their care, whether they fly in private jets or ride in the most expensive cars and wear only designer clothes. ***"and like animals, they will be destroyed. They lure unstable people into sin, and they are well trained in greed. They live under God's curse. They are doomed to blackest darkness."***

This is where the action of the revered man of God, with several millions of people in his ministry, referred to last week who has ***acquired a private Jet at his age of 80, is very disappointing and a great disservice to the Almighty God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, whose Grace this person has used and now abused. He is sent to Occupy, to be to the praise and glory of God faithfully, with the implications to Tend and Feed the flock of Christ under him. This is an obligation not for personal benefits, like private jet, but for the good of the sheep and the glory of the Lord Jesus, and the Glory of the Almighty Father, God. He did not need a private jet to get the millions under his ministry, in the first place. Acquiring private jet, just because others have done the same is not the way to Tend and Feed the flock of God under his ministry. Most of these millions live in a condition of abject poverty in a country which ordinarily is well endowed by the Almighty God. But many like this revered man of God have allowed greed in their lives, neglected, and left the people to waste away in poverty and sinful actions in the midst of plenty. It is a gross insensitivity, focus on personal wellbeing to the disregard of, and a rejection of God's purpose. (to be Continued).***

Have a Blessed, God-Centred, and Victorious Week.

Further & Daily Readings: Ephesians 1:9-14; 1Peter 4:10-11; 5:1-4; 2 Peter 2:9-10, 12,-14, 17; Luke 19:12-24, 27; John 15:1-8, 16; 17:3, 12, 20-23; 20:21; 21:15-17; Matthew 13:1-13; 1Corinthians 4:2-7; 12:14, 18-20, 24-26, 30-31; Haggai 1: 2, 4-6, 9-11.

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