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Word for the Week

MY RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE MIGHTY HANDS

It is another Sunday and indeed the last one in the month of August, 2017! It is to the glory of God that we are here once again to worship Him. We are here not by our righteousness or qualification. We slept last night, woke up this morning and were able to take care of ourselves before coming to church. Not everyone alive is able to do these without the aid of a caregiver. Some have been sleeping and waking up in the hospital day after day for the past year, but here you are hale and hearty with your body and mind complete. Is that not enough reason to praise the name of the Lord? Please make out some time to bless the name of the Almighty God for His grace and mercy upon you and your household.

Today marks the last Sunday on which we shall be considering the theme: “Mighty Hands and Outstretched/Everlasting Arms”. It is in the light of this that we are today considering the topic: “**My Responsibilities under the Mighty Hands.**”

The word of God (Bible) has revealed to believers what the mighty hands of God symbolize. It symbolizes strength – (Elijah, 1 Kings 18:46); promotion and lifting (1 Pet. 5:6, Ps.75:5), power (overcome enemy, Ex. 15:6; Ex. 13:9); deliverance from danger (Peter on the sea, Matt. 14:22-31); does wonders (creation, Ps 8:3; Isa 64:8; Israelites, Ps. 44:3); provision (Ps. 145:16; 1 Chron. 29:12); destruction to the enemy of God (1Sam. 5:6-9) and protection (David, Ps. 138:7; Jabez, 1Chron. 4:10); victory (Ps. 98:1; Ex. 13:3); favour and miracles (the Israelites, Ex. 3:19-20; Deut. 5:15).

Let us consider some of our responsibilities under the mighty hands of God:

- A. **Abide in the Lord** - There are 2 parts to abiding in the Lord (John 15:7): (1). Living by the word of God and continue in the word that you have learnt as a true disciple of Jesus (2 Tim. 3:14; John 8:3; Ps. 1:2-3; 119:97 Joshua 1:8); and (2) The word of God is living in you and you will become an overcomer under the mighty hand of God. You will have power over sin and the fire of God will continue to burn in your soul for God (Col. 3:16; 1John 2:14; Jer. 20:9; Ps. 119:9, 11).
- B. **Obey God's commandment and serve Him** - According to Deut. 28:1, God will set you high above all circumstances only when we observe and do whatever He wills. Jesus said, “**My meat is to do the will of him that sent me**” (John 4:34). No wonder Jesus Christ performed miracles and wonders because the mighty hand of God was with him (Acts10:38). If you want the mighty hand of God to be with you for great miracles, signs and wonders, you need to be committed to his service and obey him always, then you will see his mighty hands working in you and through you (Phil. 2:12-13; 4:13).
- C. **Trust and have faith in God** - When God makes a promise, it is for believers to believe Him for His words and trust in His ability to bring it to pass (1 Thess. 5:24; Heb10:23). Therefore, faith in God is key
- D. **Faithfulness to God.** It is the duty of stewards (believers) to be found faithful in all things (1 Cor. 4:2). Joseph was a faithful servant to Potiphar (Gen. 39:1-6). Faith in God and his ability is important for fulfilling the purpose of God for your life (Heb. 11:6)

E. Humility - It is the act of submission to the God that makes his mighty hands elevate you (1Pet. 5:6). In Phil 2:8-12, Jesus was exalted (lifted) and given a name (recognized or singled-out) above every name.

Other responsibilities include lifestyle of holiness, giving praise and thanks to God and preaching the gospel of Christ to others. A believer who is committed to these responsibilities will continue to enjoy the blessings of the mighty hands of God.

May the good Lord shower His mighty arms over you as you read these words and put them into practice!

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A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. - JOHN 3:17 NIV

NB. If you have been blessed by our Word for the Week or inspired in any way by them, please let us know by sending an email to The Pastor at pastor@rccglfc.org.