

Moving Forward, Trusting in God

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We need to trust in God's promises and exercise faith to unlock His treasures and overcome challenges in our lives.

Scripture: Isaiah 45:2, Matthew 6:33, 2 Corinthians 5:7, 2 Corinthians 6:10, Colossians 2:3

Topics: "Faith And Trust", "Gods Provision"

Description

Joshua Daniel preaches about the importance of faith and trust in God's promises, emphasizing the need to walk by faith and not by sight, as God's ways are higher than ours. He encourages the congregation to have their hearts enlarged by God's love and to claim the hidden treasures and promises God has for them, even in times of financial need and uncertainty. By relying on Christ as their inexhaustible treasure, they can possess all things and be rich in Him, despite their material poverty. Joshua Daniel urges the Fellowship to pray fervently, trust in God's provision, and remove any hindrances that may block their blessings, reminding them that God's thoughts are of peace and not evil towards them.

Transcript

Isaiah 45:2 & 3; 2 Corinthians 6:10 & 11

Isaiah 45:2 & 3, "I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron: And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel." 2 Corinthians 5:7, "For we walk by faith, not by sight:" 2 Corinthians 6:10,11 "As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing: as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

O ye Corinthians, our mouth is open unto you, our heart is enlarged." We have been praying for important matters, so that God may help us in these hard projects or problems. We are waiting to see the fulfilment of promises and for what we have been praying. God says, "Our minds are small minds." We cannot understand His great mind. So slowly, carefully and little by little, He reveals His plans and purposes. God says, "Your thoughts are not my thoughts. Your ways are not my ways.

Mine are higher thoughts, higher than the heavens above." Our hearts also need to be enlarged by the love of God. Our hearts are narrowed by our limited understanding. So God gives us promises that the range of our desire and hope may be widened by them. As we claim these promises our hearts are

enlarged. In Isaiah 45:3 God says, He will give us hidden treasures in secret places. We need to understand this promise, to know where those treasures are and how to get them. God says, "I have got treasures for you."

God gave this promise to my husband. God says, He has got great treasures. When we came to the city of Madras, God said to me, "You are Levites, you will not have possessions." So I believed those words. We left everything and came to this city. But we came with Christ. With my small mind I could not understand what my husband said to me of the promises of God. So I went to the Lord and asked Him, "Lord, you told me we were to have no possessions and now you say you have got treasures for us in secret places."

Then the Lord spoke to me and explained His promise, "It is not for you, but for my work. There are hidden treasures which I will give for my work. I want to tell you we have been praying that this prayer hall's construction should be completed. Another storey has to be built. This is a big work. Today an engineer told me that the price of steel has gone up four times since we halted our construction. I asked "How much money is there in the bank?" Just now it is nil balance, she said.

Then I said, "We are now to exercise that kind of faith St. Paul referred to, having nothing and yet possessing all things, poor and yet making many rich." All the treasures we need are hid in Jesus Christ. St. Paul understood this truth. Colossians 2:3, "In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." That is the treasure God has given to us. Till now we did not tell our needs to others. We did not borrow any money from others. Christ has been our inexhaustible treasure.

That is what we have seen. Though the bank balance is nil, we have Christ our treasure. Having nothing, we believe, we do possess all things. Such faith lives in the hearts where the love of God is dwelling. Looking to Christ and to no other, we have gone forward these fifty-five years. Jesus Christ is the author and finisher or perfecter of our faith. And the Lord has given us faith. And the Lord has helped us build this hall so far by faith. We should look up to Him now for the construction of the next floor. Let us weigh ourselves in the balances of God to know, how much our faith has grown in the meanwhile. With faith we have to start the work.

Building another floor is an added responsibility. Maintenance is a big work. We have to keep the place clean and safe from all unworthy people. We have been seeing, Christ is victor. We want our prayers to be answered. To get to understand God's mind is not easy. God says, "I have thoughts of peace and not evil for you." If we are failing when temptations assail us, it is our mistake. If we are not able to see Christ as victor it is also our fault. Our Fellowship is a poor Fellowship. But because we possess Christ we are rich. Poor as we are, we also make others rich. The Word says, that in Christ are hid all treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Money for His work is also hid in Him. It is good we have come to nil balance financially. In many places we have to build prayers halls. In Ooty, in Rajahmundry, in Vishakapatnam and Chingleput. Even at Vijayawada, we have only a shed for our place of worship. But we have the promise, that God has got treasures hidden for us. We have to dig them up. When Jesus had to pay the temple tax, He knew where to find that money. He said, "Catch the fish. In the mouth of the first fish lies the needed coin." We do not have sufficient faith. But Jesus will help us and increase our faith. Only if we are praying people we will see victory. We do not have to be asking all the time, "Lord give us money, give us money." We have to see there is no hindrance in us. God can help us locate the hindrance and remove it so that our prayers are answered. Once when there was no money for that day's bread, we went to the Lord and asked, "Have we sinned before Thee? Is this a test of faith planned by you? Do we have to pray for a miraculous supply from you?" The Lord said to me, "This is not my test. Your husband has got money in

his box, but he has forgotten." So we took the money and used it. So God will supply all our needs. But we are often unwise people and cannot understand the wisdom of God. Some run to this person and that person and borrow money and spoil their testimony. But God gives us promises. If we are praying people, He gives us strength to believe those promises. If all of us are praying people it becomes all very easy. The next storey will soon go up. We can be of greater blessing to many people. God has promised to make us blessings. He wants us to be builders of His kingdom.

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