

Beyond Earthly Success (part II)

“Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.’” (Matthew 25 verse 34, New King James Version).

This is the key Bible verse for the ***“Come and See”*** devotional today.

We cannot speak of being blessed without mentioning Abraham. During the calling of Abraham by God, His intention for mankind was revealed and this was to progress beyond being successful to becoming a network of blessings. Thus, God said: *“I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”* (Genesis 12 verses 2-3, New International Version). Abraham was blessed, and ultimately became our only source of blessings through Lord Jesus Christ: *“that the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.”* (Galatians 3:14, 21st Century King James Version).

We must look beyond ourselves and start doing deeds that will be remembered for many generations to come because of their positive impact on society. One example is Jacob, who was successful but his impact on the nation of Israel transcended his life. The well that he provided was spoken of thousands of years later by the woman whom Jesus met at Samaria. She asked Jesus: *“are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?”* (John 4 verse 12, New King James Version).

Our God and Father lives forever and we, as His children, should also live forever through our good works. We must note the great achievements of Apostle Paul and his huge contribution to the Church and humanity. He wrote: *“if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.”* (Romans 12 verse 8, New International Version).

There is one category of people who will always be with us and these are the needy, the poor, and the destitute, deprived and underprivileged: they are always around us, within our sight and reach. Jesus Christ noted: *“For you have the poor with you always, and whenever you wish you may do them good; but Me you do not have always”* Mark 14 verse 7- New King James Version

The shield of protection around Job was there because he was the eye to the blind, the feet to the lame and the hope of the needy in his generation. Referring to the needy, the Bible asserts: *“blessed is he who considers the poor; the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble. The LORD will preserve him and keep him alive, and he will be blessed on the earth; you will not deliver him to the will of his enemies.”* (Psalms 41:1-2, New King James Version).

Let us pray: *“Father, may I receive grace not to be caught up in the vanities of life. Instead, may I receive grace to follow the example of Christ, impacting my generation positively,”* in Jesus’ Mighty Name, Amen.

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