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Chrisco Church, Thika-The Joyful Assembly

Main Service,

Minister: Pastor/ Dr. Samuel Kimingi

Theme: Giving Sunday

Reference Verse: 2nd Chronicles 6:1,2nd kings (4:8-17), John (1:1) and John (10:34-37)

Introduction

2 Chronicles (6:1), describes the dedication of the Ark of the Covenant, where God's people prepared a permanent dwelling for Him. This act of dedication invited the Lord's presence and blessings upon them and their city, Jerusalem. Their sacrifices and offerings at the altar symbolized both their devotion and the transformation that God promised as they invested in His sanctuary.

Building the Temple

The Ark of God was now going to have a permanent dwelling among the Children of Israel. People brought their provisions for the dedication of the Ark of the Covenant.

When a people builds the Lord a sanctuary, part of the provisions that are given by the Lord to the people is the Name of the Lord. The Lord transforms the lives of His people as they dedicate their provisions towards the building of His temple/ sanctuary.

The Shunamite woman

2 Kings (4:8-17), the Shunamite woman upon recognizing Elisha as a prophet, opened her home to him. By providing for the prophet, she demonstrated faith and generosity. In response, God rewarded her with the deepest desire of her

heart, a son. This shows that no earthly wealth could fulfill her needs; it was only through her devotion to God's servant that her true reward came. Following her good deed, her day of Remembrance came and the man of the Lord asked her what he might do for her.

The time of the Shunamite woman's reward did come. In that place where she prepared for the man of God, she was called at the same place to receive her reward. Nothing was made that was made without the word of God.

John (1:1) and **John (10:34-37)**, emphasize that through God's Word, those who believe, are empowered to experience divine blessings and even work miracles. Just as the Shunamite woman stood in the doorway of her blessings, believers are called to prepare their hearts and lives for God's provision. **John (1.1)**, A time is coming for you to stand in the door way of your blessings just like the Shunamite woman.

John (10:34-37) God's word gives those who believe the power to do Godly/ miraculous things.

Conclusion

Isaiah (54:2-3) speaks of enlarging and preparing our lives to receive God's promises. The message is that as we build a place for God in our lives, whether through our resources, service, or faith, He will bring transformation, provision, and abundant blessing in return.

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