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Chrisco Church Thika-The Joyful Assembly

Speaker: Presbyter John Nzinga

Theme: God's Plan for Our Lives - Living Today
In Light Of Prophecy

Scripture ref; Genesis 1:26

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Introduction

The sermon addresses two critical aspects of Christian life: understanding God's plan for us and living in light of prophecy. Unlike other religious texts, the Bible emphasizes not just moral living but also fulfilling God's specific purpose for each individual. Living righteously is essential, but it's equally important to discern and pursue God's unique plan for our lives. This was exemplified by Paul's transformation on the road to Damascus, where he not only embraced righteousness but also sought God's purpose for him. Similarly, we are called to seek God's plan for our lives and actively pursue it. Let us delve deeper into understanding and fulfilling God's purpose for us as we live our Christian lives.

Lessons from the sermon

1.The General Call: Living Righteously and Seeking God's Plan

The focus is on the general call of God for all believers to live righteously and seek His plan for their lives. Starting from the creation narrative in Genesis, it emphasizes the fundamental truth that God created humanity in His image and intended for them to have dominion over the Earth. However, sin entered the world in Genesis 3, disrupting this divine plan. The subsequent journey of humanity, as detailed throughout the Bible, becomes a process of restoration and redemption. Christians are likened to newborn babes in Christ, called to desire spiritual growth and maturity. Just as a child is expected to grow physically, believers are urged to

grow spiritually, moving from infancy to maturity in their faith. The sermon stresses the importance of actively seeking God's plan for one's life and pursuing spiritual growth in order to fulfill God's purpose. *Verses used: Genesis 1:26-27; Hebrews 1:3; 1 Peter 2:1-2*

2.The Church's Journey: From Infancy to Spiritual Maturity

The sermon delves into the journey of the Church from its infancy to spiritual maturity. Drawing parallels with the early Church as depicted in the book of Acts, the sermon highlights the Church's intended destination of becoming a powerful and effective body of believers. Examples from Acts, such as the miraculous acts performed by the apostles, underscore the potential of the Church when it operates in alignment with God's plan. The sermon calls for introspection within the Church, urging believers to assess their progress in fulfilling God's purpose collectively. Emphasis is placed on seeking spiritual growth and effectiveness, with the understanding that the Church has yet to fully realize its destiny as outlined in Scripture.

Verses used: Acts 2

3.The Land of Kadesh: Choosing Faith over Fear

In this section of the sermon, the speaker draws parallels between the Israelites at Kadesh and believers today, emphasizing the importance of choosing faith over fear. The speaker references the story from Numbers chapter 13, where the Israelites sent spies into the Promised Land.

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Verses Used: Numbers 13:1-33, Numbers 32:1-42, Deuteronomy 1:26-28

4. Living in Light of Prophecy: Recognizing God's Fulfillment

The speaker emphasizes the importance of living in light of prophecy, understanding God's plans and recognizing when they come to fruition. Using the example of Peter's explanation of Pentecost in Acts chapter 2, the speaker illustrates how prophecy was fulfilled in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. By living in alignment with prophecy, believers can discern God's work in their lives and respond accordingly, positioning themselves to receive the fullness of His blessings.

Verses Used: Acts 2:1-21, Joel 2:28-32, Acts 1:4-5

5. Pursuing God's Destiny: Committing to God's Calling

In this segment, the speaker challenges believers to pursue God's destiny for their lives with unwavering dedication. Drawing from the analogy of inheritance, the speaker exhorts listeners not to settle for lesser blessings but to press on toward the fulfillment of God's promises. By remaining faithful to God's calling, believers not only secure blessings for them but also pave the way for future generations to inherit the divine legacy.

The speaker urges a rededication to God's calling, emphasizing the importance of passing on a heritage of faithfulness and blessing to future generations.

Verses Used: Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Psalm 78:4-7, Malachi 4:6

Conclusion

Believers are urged to assess their progress within God's plan, seeking first His kingdom and righteousness. By prioritizing the kingdom of God, believers are promised divine provision and are poised to fulfill their individual callings within the broader context of the church's restoration. Thus, the sermon calls for a renewed pursuit of God's plan, both at the individual and collective levels, envisioning a church restored to its early glory and empowered to impact the world in accordance with prophecy.

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