

## God's Plan

Acts 16:6-10

Today is Thanksgiving Sunday. Also, today is Holy Communion and baptism. May God's blessing be upon all the believers who are participating. There are important aspects that the Bible records such as the wilderness and the covenant. The ark of the covenant, tabernacle and 3 feasts are important as well. In the past, books were not common to which they relayed the covenant by mouth. In that time, the method was to act, confess to imprint the covenant. Therefore, God strongly commanded the Israelites to keep the 3 feasts for them to never forget and to relay to the next generation. Through that, God yearned to complete the covenant of Jesus Christ on the cross. Furthermore, Jesus Christ completed the covenant on the cross to which world evangelization is taking place even now. Leviticus 23:33-44 states the Feast of Ingathering. As a result, they were liberated from the blood of the lamb through the Passover. It is the Feast of Ingathering that must be commemorated and never forgotten of the salvation that is completed through the guidance and protection of the Holy Spirit that has arrived on the day of the Pentecost. As the feasts are observed each year, the covenantal blood is imprinted on His people and for them to stand before God as they never depart from the covenantal blood.

### 1. God's plan

- 1) Today's bible passage records a very historical moment when Apostle Paul began his evangelism movement. It records the night when the Gospel spread across Europe and not yet in Asia. The Gospel is a blessing and way for mankind to come out of curses. So Europe was blessed by God first.
- 2) It was not Apostle Paul's decision but God's plan. Apostle Paul changed his plans because of the man of Macedonia that appeared in his dreams. Thus, he followed God's plan and lived a historical life.
- 3) It is a precious blessing for mankind to follow God's plan. It is also the easiest and most successful. There would be no greater thing to be grateful for if your life is led by God's plan just like Apostle Paul.
- 4) Apostle Paul used to persecute Christ. He was within danger when he arrived in Damascus to persecute those that believed in Jesus when he met Christ. (Acts 9:1)
- 5) He was in great shock for three days, so he fasted in prayer. When he was ordained by Ananias, Apostle Paul regained his vision and he immediately began to relay that Jesus is the Christ of Nazareth.
- 6) This was Apostle Paul's Passover. It was the moment of realization that the blood of the cross is the covenantal blood. Apostle Paul was someone that memorized the Old Testament and therefore knew Genesis 3:15 and the sacrifice of the covenantal blood of Genesis 3:21. He also knew of the blood of the lamb that was placed on the doorpost on the night of Exodus. However, he realized that night that Jesus is the Christ of Nazareth is the master of the covenant.
- 7) During this shocking day, the Lord gave the commission to Apostle Paul. Acts 9:15 states, "But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel.'" The Lord spoke to the disciple of that region, Ananias, but was a commission for Apostle Paul.
- 8) These 2 things are the reason that Apostle Paul was led by God's plan. It is so simple. He came to realize that Jesus is the Christ of Nazareth and the commission to testify to this Christ. These 2 things are the mystery that enabled him to enjoy the blessing of living by God's plan.
- 9) Miracles will arise if you live by God's plan. Your life will go by God's Word and the Word will be fulfilled as everything in your field will be overturned and conquered. And you will make a world evangelism masterpiece and your life will come out of curses as you conquer all works of Satan. This is the life following God's plan. You have this authority in God's plan.
- 10) But you know and can do these 2 things. You already know Christ and God has already given you the commission. The Gospel that you receive today is the Gospel that can become a turning point like recorded in today's bible passage. Because this is the historical Gospel, historical

events automatically arise. God has given you the Gospel to show these evidences in Latin America and the Americas.

- 11) You must live by God's will. It was not only good things that occurred for Apostle Paul. Within difficulties and hardships, he did not forget his commission and did not lose hold of Christ as his covenant. If you do this, it will work. The result is a historical masterpiece that will change the culture of the world.
- 12) Whatever works arise, it will not happen over one night. You must continue to think in the same direction as God. Amongst the many hardships and answers, there will be a masterpiece that is left behind. And you must lift all the glory to God. May you be blessed to create a historical masterpiece of your life.

## 2. **Victory and Conquest**

- 1) Those who live according to God's plan are happy, successful, and victorious. No matter how precious evangelism missions are, they must be carried out according to God's plan. Human beings are precious beings made in the image of God, but in the end, they are still nothing. They are simply God's creations. So at that time, you can only look to God.
- 2) Everything goes according to God's plan. Therefore, life is easy and simple for those who live according to God's plan. Your life is not yours. You are His creation. Because you belong to God, you must live according to God's plan.
- 3) This is wisdom. God protects you completely. Today, Apostle Paul followed God's plan. He left behind a masterpiece that changed the culture.
- 4) You know of God's plan. It is to spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth. If you live your life according to this, God will guide everything else. Matthew 6:33 states: "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." So if you align your life to this, you will leave behind a masterpiece.
- 5) It does not matter what you do. Regardless of that, it's important to know why you do it. The reason and direction should be in line with God's plan.
- 6) In this way, you must conquer life, economy, and time. Your life should be a life that spends the most precious time for God. In this respect, Apostle Paul is the model example.
- 7) 2 Corinthians 4:8-9 states: "We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed." May this blessing be with all of you.