



DEVOTIONAL 5

WE ARE CHILDREN OF GOD

GREETINGS

The Lord bless you, my brethren; we place this day, this precious morning, into the hands of our King, Jesus Christ. Let us pray to our Almighty God:

PRAYER

Father, I pray to You in this hour,
Strengthen, O Lord, Your Church.
O Lord, keep her through Your Holy Spirit
The Power and Glory are Yours,
Cover each of my brethren with Your protection
Wherever they are, Lord;
For them to know that You are a living God,
A God who fights for them,
Take care of them, Lord.
O Holy, mighty and glorious
Oh, Lord, Lord, comfort Your Church this morning
Oh, Your glory, Your glory
The power and majesty are yours,
You are the only God
You are my Lord
And You are my Saviour
We praise and bless You
We thank You, Lord,
For this morning
For I know that You will be with my brethren,
And with all Your Church
Hallelujah.



PRAISE/WORSHIP

My brethren, I invite you to praise the King of kings with joy and gladness. Praise Him with the worship song "The Salvation's Battle."

BIBLE READING

My beloved brethren, I want you to open your Bible in Romans 8:16-17:

¹⁶ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,
¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

TEACHING

The name of this devotional is "We Are Children of God."

In these two verses, Romans 8:16-17, we find key expressions, which are "children of God" and "heirs of God." The apostle Paul says that God's children are heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.

Only God's children have the right to an eternal inheritance. The Bible clearly teaches that human beings are divided into two groups: those who are God's children and those who are God's creatures. Notice that many people mistakenly think that all human beings are children of God, but this is not so.

The Bible teaches that only those who receive Christ as Lord and Saviour and believe in Him are called children of God. John 1:12-13 says:

¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

¹³ who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

You will observe that only those who receive Jesus, those who believe in His name, those who believe in Him, in Him who is God; only those who are convinced that He is the only Saviour, the only way to God the Father, the ONLY One who gives eternal life; only those who believe that this is so, have the right or authority to be children of God.



The Apostle John says that the children of God are not begotten of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, or the will of man. The children of God are begotten by God Himself through the new birth in the spirit by the Word of God, thanks to the redemptive work of the living Christ, who died for all sinners so that they would repent of their works, repent of living with their back turned from God and the Bible, the Word of God.

The apostle John is saying that all human beings, begotten by the will of a man who is joined to a woman, are not children of God but creatures, and the only way to become children of God is through Jesus Christ, the only Saviour and Lord. Hallelujah.

My beloved, the Holy Spirit comes to dwell within us when we have been born again, when we have received Christ, and when we believe in Him, who is the only mediator between us and God the Father. All this bears witness to the fact that we are children of God, as the apostle Paul says in Romans 8:16.

In the first epistle of the apostle John, chapter 3, verse 1 and 2, says:

¹ Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.

² Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

Hallelujah! You are Mighty and glorious, oh Lord! My brethren, if you are now a child of God because you believe in Jesus, abide in Him, and live His Word, God's love has been greatly manifested in you. But being now a child of God, the Scriptures say it has not yet been revealed what we shall be; but when the Lord Jesus Christ is revealed on the day of the Rapture, we will be like Him; that is, we will have a body in the likeness of the body of glory of the Lord Jesus Christ, and so we will be able to see Him face to face, we will see Him as He is. Praise the Lord!

My brethren, look, all the true children of God, to whom the Holy Spirit bears witness, have this hope of being like the Lord Jesus Christ because now we are like Him in His death; however, the Bible says we will be like Him in the resurrection. Rejoice in this promise, my brethren!

If you have this powerful hope, then you keep yourself pure and holy, for the Lord says in 1 John 3:3:

³ And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.



Because we are children of God, we are also heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. The apostle Paul affirms this in Romans 8:17; let's read:

¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together.

We are heirs and joint heirs if we suffer with Christ; because we suffer when we are true children of God, we suffer because those who are God's creatures cannot understand the things of God that are spiritually discerned (1 Corinthians 2:14) and attack us with reproaches. Even those who were once children of God but turned away from Christ and His Word, also attack us; but this is Satan's war against the children of God, for we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places (Ephesians 6:12). This is the war that the world, ruled by Satan, has orchestrated against the children of God.

However, the Lord has given us victory, His powerful Word, and His Holy Spirit; we have mighty weapons in God for pulling down strongholds. We overcome in Christ Jesus our Lord; we endure to the end because soon, very soon, we will receive the inheritance He promised. The impediment to receiving this eternal inheritance, which is this body of death and the old nature (the Perverse), will be forever taken out of our being when we are transformed into glory because, just like Christ, we will be glorified.

TIME OF THINKING

And I ask you this morning, my beloved brethren, are you now a child of God? You will receive the eternal inheritance soon, the glorified body, because we will meet the living God, the King of the Universe; we will make the best journey of our entire lives, a mighty journey, the journey to the greatest city in all the Universe, the New Jerusalem, the Heavenly City, the Father's house, the Third Heaven, hallelujah! We will receive, my brethren, the dwelling place Christ has prepared for us; we will receive the eternal promises that make up the inheritance that the King promised us: the eternal Earth, the holy and eternal descendants, and the eternal government.

And if you are not a child of God now, the Lord is calling you to repentance and receive the love of the truth to be saved. Say to Him: "Father, I repent of all my sins, I repent of my past life far from You and Your Word; Lord Jesus, I receive You today as my only Lord, my only



Saviour; save my soul from Hell, I want to be a child of God, an heir of God and a joint heir with Christ. Amen." Now let us pray:

PRAYER

Father, I thank You, Lord
I thank You for this Word, Lord
That it may have reached the hearts of my brethren,
That You have given them a humble heart
A meek heart to receive this fire, Lord.
That the Holy Spirit convicts of sin,
Of righteousness and judgement
All the glory is for You, Lord
Oh, touch their hearts, Lord
Throughout this day
O Lord, minister the wonders You do in Your children.
We are strengthening more and more every day,
And we are waiting on You, Lord
We are waiting for the sound of the trumpet.

Remain blameless, keep sanctifying yourself, and watch and wait for Christ with faith, fire, and love. The Lord is coming soon. Maranatha!