



DEVOTIONAL 1

THE TRUE REPENTANCE

GREETINGS

May the Lord bless you, my brethren. Let us place this precious day in the hands of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; let us pray to the Lord, my brethren.

PRAYER:

Father of glory

Thank you for this new dawn

I ask you, Lord, that Your grace may be with your Church,

That Your grace be with my brethren,

And that You may continue to strengthen us at all times, O Lord.

Thank You, King, thank You, my Lord Jesus Christ,

For Your perfect work

Thank You, my Lord.

PRAISE/WORSHIP:

My Brethren, I invite you to praise the King of kings with joy and gladness, with the worship song "Run and Hurry up."

BIBLE READING:

I want you to invite you to join me in the passage of 2 Peter 3:9-11

⁹ The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.

¹¹ Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,



TEACHING

The name of this devotional is "The True Repentance".

The Lord says in this passage that He wills everyone to repent because He does not want them to suffer His wrath that He will pour out during the 7 years of Tribulation. But what is repentance, and what should we repent of? The Bible teaches that there are three actions we must do for true repentance:

The first action we must do for true repentance is to understand that we have sinned. The only way to understand this is to receive the Word of God, which the Holy Spirit uses because He convicts of sin, righteousness, and judgement (Jn 16:8).

Convicting is a powerful work that only the Holy Spirit can do directly in the heart. When we understand sin, we can comprehend the scope of what we have done; this also leads us to see the Lord as the Just One, the Holy One, the One who has the right to judge and condemn us. But the Lord does not condemn us when we come before Him to repent; rather, He sees in our hearts that we have understood the wickedness of sin and how terrible it is to have committed transgressions against God.

When we understand sin, **the second event of repentance** immediately occurs, and it is deep pain and deep sadness for having sinned against God because it is against God that we sin. You must feel a pain in your heart for having attacked the holiness of God and having been against His Word.

When this sadness occurs, we weep before the living God; we pour our hearts out before Him and say to Him, "Forgive me! Forgive me, Lord! You are holy, You are righteous, You are God, and I have done evil in Your sight". When we do this before Him, the Lord forgives us. The Holy Spirit makes us understand that Jesus Christ paid for our sins on the cross of Calvary, that He died for us and is the only One who gives us salvation and eternal life, the entrance to God the Father.

And then the fruit worthy of repentance takes place, which is **the third glorious event**: This event refers to a change of will, a change of behaviour; our thoughts are changed, our life is changed; we no longer do that sin, we no longer practise that sin of which we have repented. At this point, SANCTIFICATION takes place in which the God of glory works, in which God the Father, God the Son, Jesus Christ, and God the Spirit work. Hallelujah!



And do you know what happens then? There is a joy, the joy of God's forgiveness, the joy of salvation, the joy of reconciliation with God; for when we sin, we become enemies of God; but when we repent, we have the joy of peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ (Rom. 5:1).

TIME OF THINKING

I ask you this morning: Have you not repented? Are you not a child of God? Then run to repent; don't waste time. And you know how to do it; you have already learnt today. Are you a child of God, but you strayed from the gospel? Are you practising the customs of the world, vanity, vainglory, worldly feasts, worldly music, liquor, lies, hatred, strife, adultery, and fornication? Then, run to repent! Are you a child of God, and you have sinned? Are you clinging to this Earth and not looking up to Heaven? Run to repent, for the Lord will abundantly pardon you! Be reconciled with God and be His friend because He wants to save you (2 Corinthians 5:20; cf. Romans 8:7; James 2:23; 4:4). He wants to sanctify you and cleanse you. He wants to lift you up in glory and take you home to the New Jerusalem because He is coming very soon for His Church. The Rapture will happen soon! Then, the judgement of the Tribulation will begin, and the wrath of God will be poured out on this Earth. Only those who have repented and live in holiness will be worthy to escape all that is to come.

PRAYER

Lord, thank You for this Word
Thank You because we understood
that we were Your enemies, Lord
But Your grace rescued us
Your marvellous grace, Lord
And today, You shelter us, You keep us, You preserve us
You keep our soul
You made us new, Lord
And for that reason, we are grateful to You
And we want You always to be giving us
a tough faith to wait for You
For we want to hear the trumpet
Hallelujah, You are mighty, Lord

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