

Count your blessings...

For the glory of God, and the spiritual edification of those who read these testimonies

Mixed Multitude

Even within the church, there are two groups of people (perhaps more). At least two groups are easily identifiable to the discerning – the Overcoming Man child that will be caught up at the coming of the Lord, and the left behind church – the woman who gave birth to the man child.

It should be our aim to be part of the Man child and not the woman, because we do not want to get left behind. Therefore, let us see how God wants us to separate from the woman in order to become part of the Man child; i.e. even within the church, there is a clear separation, a group of people who will stand out in the eyes of God, who will do anything to be caught up at His coming!

In Genesis Chapter 12, God separated Abraham from his own family, country and from his father's house. *"Now the Lord said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee."* (Verse 1).

God separated Abraham from his father Terah, who was holding him back from a better hope and a better country. Terah means 'delay', and we should not delay or hinder the work of God that He has planned for our lives. Even within the church, there will be a group of people, constantly seeking the will of God for their lives. In every decision they make, they will go on their knees and seek the counsel of Servants of God for both spiritual and earthly matters.

In contrast, we also see people in the church who will carry on doing their own will. They come to meetings, they pray, they do their ministries in church. But when it comes to making decisions, they find it easier to use their human wisdom and logic, and praying that somehow God will continue to bless their decision and choices.

Matthew 6:33 – *"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."* Let the spiritual matters come first. Be bold to take the spiritual steps to become holy, to make a stand for God, because Colossians 3:2 tells us to *"Set your affection on things above, not on things of the earth."* You can then be assured that God is with you when you pray and make the decisions you have to.

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Secondly, God separated Abraham from his country; these are people who do not hold onto their cultural practices which come between fellow believers in church. They do not hold any such bias based on skin colour, culture, language, and natures. All they are concerned about is how they can reflect the character of Christ to others, and encouraging each other through their spiritual experiences, wanting others to grow with them at the same pace.

Country can also show where you call home. If we are called for New Jerusalem and Zion, there will be no sentimental attachment to any country. We will be happy where we have been placed by God, not looking for any other place of worship or lifestyle, but constantly seeking the truth. These are the people who have truly set their affection on the thing of above, to become only like Jesus!

Thirdly, God separated Abraham from the father's house. Father's house shows the comforts of this life. The message of leaving the comforts of this world is very strong these days. God is speaking so many people to not be concerned for the cares of this life, but again, to set their affection and focus on Him only. And truly God is separating a people within the church, who are not concerned with comforts, but are practicing a faith life, with their primary concern being that their character should be changed. Matthew 6:25 *"Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?"*

Again, we see in Genesis Chapter 13, how God separated Abraham even from Lot, who was travelling with him! Or rather, we see the Lot chose the leave the camp of Abraham and head for the plains of Jordan (Verse 11). There are Abraham's and Lot's also in the church. People like Lot, are primarily concerned with the worldly matters, carnal things, not fully committed, no zeal for God, no concern that their characters need to be changed, no concern for spiritual things. From this, we can take this as what will eventually happen to these people in the church – they will leave of their own accord, because they will feel that they cannot be part of a group of people who are obsessed with holiness. They will remain as long as they are comfortable, in a back seat when it comes to spiritual matters and helping the work of God. However, their vision of New Jerusalem has become obscured by the things of this world. They want to go there, but keeping putting off spiritual matters of importance, which are constantly being preached. Therefore, they think they will somehow end up there, but actually end up doing what they like for their lives.

Dear child of God, don't be like Lot. Come out from your comforts, come out from that mindset of this world, and come out of your carnal and natural ways. Have a zeal to do whatever it takes to be caught up at the coming of the Lord! Somehow, we need to be part of that Man child – somehow, we need to go!