

Lessons From the Sermon of Jesus on the Mountain Part 64

The Letter of Jesus to the Church in Philadelphia Part 3

We continue in this message to speak about the victorious church in Philadelphia, ***“10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.” (Revelation 3:10 KJV)*** Here the Lord speaking to the church and declaring to them that He will keep them from the trials that will come upon all the world. ***The Lord may allow certain troubles and tribulations and allow Satan to attack and cause pain to God’s church and to us and the brethren, but the Lord will use all these things to promote us as He promised in the book of James, “Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.” (James 1:12 KJV)*** The Lord shall reward you with good things that will compensate you and will give you the crown of the eternal life, and He will spare you the hour of temptation; when the Lord shall come with His judgment He will spare us from such troubles and tribulations.

“kept the word of my patience”: The meaning of it is to serve God with patience, and persevere even in times of troubles and hardships. God will reward us for that perseverance, patience, and willingness to keep the commitment and the achievements that we reach to. The Scriptures confirmed that and as in the following examples:

1. ***“16 Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name. 17 And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. 18 Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.” (Malachi 3:16-18 KJV)*** Here the Lord declared clearly that it will be seen; the difference between those who serve God and those who are not.

2. ***“And ye shall serve the LORD your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee.” (Exodus 23:25 KJV)*** As we serve God, the Lord shall bless us and our living with all good things. Basically the message of God to Pharaoh was to release His people so that they will go and serve Him, and it was repeated, ***“And thou shalt say unto him, The LORD God of the Hebrews hath sent me unto thee, saying, Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness: and, behold, hitherto thou wouldest not hear.” (Exodus 7:16 KJV)*** And it was repeated in ***Exodus 8:1, 20; 9:1, 13; 10:3, 7.*** Now if we will stop serving God for whatever reason then we are no more the people of God but the synagogue of Satan.

3. ***“Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name.” (Deuteronomy 6:13 KJV)*** We are required to serve God, and to fear Him and His Word.

4. ***“And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,” (Deuteronomy 10:12 KJV)***

5. ***“14 Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD. 15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” (Joshua 24:14-15 KJV)*** You should be aware that the people of God faced big troubles when they forsook the Lord and started to serve idols, and that ultimately mean serving Satan. Joshua challenged the people of God to choose what and whom they will serve. But he finally told them, his decision, that he and his house will serve the Lord. ***Repeatedly to those who wanted to bend me seeking that I will compromise with them I said the following: Even if I will be alone, I will continue with my family to serve the Lord.***

Good number of people left our church because I removed the idols that they adore; the idol of educations, the idol of marrying what they like, the idol of vacation and tourism, the idol of spending and no saving, the idol of birthday celebration, the idol of Christmas and new year, and the rest of the detestable idols. They left because I did not approve such to them and bent to their requests.

6. ***“10 And they cried unto the LORD, and said, We have sinned, because we have forsaken the LORD, and have served Baalim and Ashtaroth: but now deliver us out of the hand of our enemies, and we will serve thee. 20 And Samuel said unto the people, Fear not: ye have done all this wickedness: yet turn not aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart; 24 Only fear the LORD, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you.” (1 Samuel 12:10, 20, 24 KJV)*** Here the people of God confessed their sins of serving idols for they recognized that their sins of serving idols had harmed them, and they promised God that they will serve the Lord, and Samuel also encouraged them to repent and to come back to the Lord and start to serve Him.

How about you today, are you willing to repent, throw away your idols and come back to the Lord and start to serve Him?

7. ***“Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.” (Psalm 2:11 KJ)***

8. ***“And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.” (Luke 4:8 KJV)*** ***If we refuse to serve the lord with fear and trembling we are becoming loyal to Satan. But when we persevere in serving the Lord, we will be like the brethren in the church of Philadelphia. Tell him get behind me Satan I am going to serve the Lord.***

9. ***“Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them.” (Luke 12:37 KJV)*** ***Jesus wants us to continue to persevere and be patience and serve Him until He come with His judgment or with His second coming. If we do that, then we are eligible to be taken by Him.***

10. ***“If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.” (John 12:26 KJV)*** ***Those who serve Christ they need to be where Christ wants them to be and they need to abide in***

the places that God had placed them. God the Father will honor those who serve Christ in such a way. So He will honor us also as we continue to serve Him.

11. ***“9 And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob, and out of Judah an inheritor of my mountains: and mine elect shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell there. 10 And Sharon shall be a fold of flocks, and the valley of Achor a place for the herds to lie down in, for my people that have sought me. 11 But ye are they that forsake the LORD, that forget my holy mountain, that prepare a table for that troop, and that furnish the drink offering unto that number. 12 Therefore will I number you to the sword, and ye shall all bow down to the slaughter: because when I called, ye did not answer; when I spake, ye did not hear; but did evil before mine eyes, and did choose that wherein I delighted not. 13 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, my servants shall eat, but ye shall be hungry: behold, my servants shall drink, but ye shall be thirsty: behold, my servants shall rejoice, but ye shall be ashamed: 14 Behold, my servants shall sing for joy of heart, but ye shall cry for sorrow of heart, and shall howl for vexation of spirit. 15 And ye shall leave your name for a curse unto my chosen: for the Lord GOD shall slay thee, and call his servants by another name.” (Isaiah 65:9-15 KJV)*** Clearly we read here the difference in the way that God shall treat those who serve Him and those who do not serve Him. Those who went away and refused to serve the Lord, they will be prepared for the sword and slaughter. They refused to answer God when He called them, so they will be in troubles and God will not be there to help them.

“11 Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.” (Revelation 3:11 KJV) The Lord is saying here to the church that I will come to them quickly, confirming His coming, his reward and His judgment; either He means here His second coming or His coming with the judgment on those who were troubling the brethren in Philadelphia or those who are troubling us. He is coming quickly and will not delay to judge, and to settle the situation, and He is telling also ***“hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.”*** When He said, ***“hold that fast which thou hast”***, it means in your hand are valuable things. Certain times Satan will put in your mind that you are a loser, that you are a failure, an empty person, and of no importance, but here the Lord is telling to you, ***“hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.”*** What you have in your hand, the people, and even you, may consider it not important and not essential, but the Lord seeing in them something else and He is telling you, ***“hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.”*** Don't let Satan or the people deceive you and let you leave the good things that you have in your hands. ***Hold on it, so that no man will take your crown and your reward. Take hold on the ministry, take hold on this effective and great door that the Lord opened for you for the service, and do not move to other places, but continue, for the Lord will come soon, and will help you and reward you.***

“Hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.” We as church had accomplished and reached certain commitment and implemented certain teaching and we need to keep holding fast on that and not to leave it and go back for whatever cause.

“12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.” (Revelation 3:12 KJV)

“Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God,” pillars we can see in the structure of the buildings; in the mid of the building. The pillar could be some people hang a picture on it, or they rest their backs on it, or hang other things. But they are not aware that on the pillar the whole building is standing. ***The church will stand on the people who are stable, persevering, who has patience, and they are standing firm and to the end. Might be the people are laughing on them and scorning them, the people fight against them, the people get them as their enemies, and try to harm them, but they are standing firm. Why? Because they are pillars.***

The pillar here to be in the temple of my God is also a promotion and reward to those who are persevering. The Lord shall elevate you, and the Lord shall reward you when you stand firm and become pillar for His church; you stood as pillar and through your life the church stood. As you allow God to work in your life and filled you with the Holy Spirit and through your obedience to the Word of God and you did not deny the name of God and you had kept His Word of patience and you were patience as Jesus was patience on the cross, and you were patience through all the hardship God allowed to pass on the church because of those people who were of the synagogue of Satan who were opposing the church, and you stood firm in front of these opposition, the Lord shall make you a pillar in His church as Jesus promise, ***“a pillar in the temple of my God,”*** and because of your stand the church stood, the Lord shall make to you a place in the eternal life.

We read also about the pillars in the temple of my God in Galatians, ***“And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we should go unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision.” (Galatians 2:9 KJV)*** When Paul and Barnabas went and met with Peter, James and John, they said about them that they were pillars.

Pillars for honor, power, for awe and for promotion. The meaning of the Word Apostle means someone sent by the Lord. Who laid the foundation of the New Testament church on Christ. ***We are not apostles, but we do the apostles' ministry and do the apostles' work. The apostles they put the foundation of the church and they wrote the Word of God that is in our hands today, we continue their ministry and do their work, and if the Lord see us that we are standing firm and standing in love, and we continue in the love of God, He will make us also pillars in the temple of our God.***

We read also about pillar in the house of God or in the temple of God as Paul wrote to Timothy, ***“But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.” (1 Timothy 3:15 KJV)*** The Church of God is the pillar and the ground of the truth. You need to continue to behave and stand firm as the workers in the Philadelphia church persevered in their stand against persecution and against the threats, and sanctions, and against boycotting, for they were depending on the door that the Lord had opened to them to evangelize. They did not give in, or bargain with the power of darkness and those who opposed them, they kept the Word of God, they did not deny His name, they were patience and persevered, so they deserved to be pillars in the house of God who is the Church of God, ***“the pillar and ground of the truth.”*** Therefore, the church as we can see now is the people who are standing as pillars who are standing firm. Floods and waters coming, but the pillar is not affected, people laugh

and scorn them, but the pillar is not affected, people fight and persecute but we as pillars standing firm, in glory, and in confidence with a reward and promotion from God as Jesus said, ***“and he shall go no more out”***: It mean assurance of salvation and no change in the status of eternity.

“and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.” He will write on him, on that pillar the name of God the Father and the name of the New Jerusalem city and the new name of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord Jesus in His second coming He will have new name and we will know that name when we will live with Him in the eternal life in the new Jerusalem that is coming from Heaven, so at that time we will know that name, ***“13 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.” (Revelation 3:13 KJV)***

My dear and beloved: Let us stand in God’s presence. The Lord today made us understand the true situation of the true church, to live in holiness and standing firm as our Holy One the Lord Jesus Christ lived His life. Let us fix our eyes on the author and perfecter of our faith the Lord Jesus Christ, focusing on the great and effective door trusting the Lord shall open it to us so we can continue to preach and evangelize. Put in your mind that God not only called you to serve Him but to be pillar in His temple.

My prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins, who was buried and rose from the dead on the third day to give me eternal life. Lord, thank you for your Word that encouraged me much and revived me to go on and serve you and do the work of yours and to preach the gospel of Jesus.

Come to the Lord and confess your discouragement and that you did not stand firm but got discouraged because of persecution and the work of Satan against you. Throw away your fear and idols and come to the Lord.

Pray and cry to the Lord to open to you the effective and the great door for evangelism, a door from the Lord to preach the Word of God and to reach new people, and a door of utterance to teach and reach people with the Word of God.

Cry to God, Lord help me you are my rock, you are my shelter, you are my peace, you are my salvation, Lord make me and make us like the church in Philadelphia to stand firm and to do the work of yours inspite of all the opposition and persecution. Lord work in my life to persevere and to endure till you make me a pillar into your temple.

Lord I thank you for the open doors that you opened up to us to preach your Word and to declare your teaching and the mystery of Christ. Lord, protect us from all the work of the evil one. Lord increase our faith and trust in you. Lord, refill us once again with the Holy Spirit and lead us to the new places that you had prepared for us and the souls that are ready to receive your Word and the Gospel of Jesus.

Lord go before us as a church, do miracles and wonders and help us to plant new Bible studies and congregations. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us, and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus’ name, Amen.

Lessons from the sermon of Jesus on the mountain Part 64. The Letter of Jesus to the church in Philadelphia Part 3. Revelation 3:10-13. James 1:12. Malachi 3:16-18. Exodus 23:25. Exodus 7:16 and is repeated in Exodus 8:1, 20; 9:1, 13; 10:3, 7. Deuteronomy 6:13. Deuteronomy 10:12. Joshua 24:14-15. 1 Samuel 12:10, 20, 24. Psalm 2:11. Luke 4:8. Luke 12:37. John 12:26. Isaiah 65:9-15. Galatians 2:9. 1 Timothy 3:15.

Dr. Ramiz Khalaf
The Church Overseer
Church of God
United Arab Emirates
www.churchofgoduae.com
Email: thebread1@gmail.com
Mobile Tel #: 00971551902647

Note: The Bread of Life is a weekly publication from the Church of God, United Arab Emirates. For further issues and more spiritual enrichment you can visit our web site at: www.churchofgoduae.com.

Share the message with your friends.

Please share with us your view about the message and if you have any question.

If you have a prayer request, please send it to this whatsapp Number: 00971551902647, or to this email: thebread1@gmail.com.

Please send your tithes, your first fruit, and your various offerings to the church to this account

BANK NAME:
First Abu Dhabi Bank (FAB)
ACCOUNT NAME:
RAMIZ BAHNAM ABBO KHALAF
ACCOUNT NO.:
1576003753162014
IBAN:
AE380351576003753162014
SWIFT CODE:
NBADAEAACPU

Or contact me to this whatsapp Number: 00971551902647, or to this email: thebread1@gmail.com.

If you need counseling in area of your life, whether about family, children or finances, please be free to contact me to this whatsapp Number: 00971551902647, or to this email: thebread1@gmail.com.