

REVIVAL VOICE

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Florence Nightingale**

I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Matthew 16:18



From Pastor's Desk...

October is the beginning of the last quarter. A sense of packing up of the year arises. Those who have a sense of time understands what this means.

When we are done with a travel we pack up to go back to where we came from. In time, we pack up to go forward. Normal understanding of time prevents us to get 2018 January through September again.

If we could pick up and pack up those things of value that we gathered in 2018; it would be a haul of value. We found the truth behind many truths and found them to be false. We had experiences that made us wiser. In all these things we found HIM to be faithful and loving.

Lets get ready to pack up to face a new year in 2019. Behold I do a new thing;

Best

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Word Study : Zion

Psalms 48:12 - 14

Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof.

Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following.

For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death.

We have been seeing our new man reflected in certain expressions relating to the name of Zion.

Here we see the Psalmist exhorting to do five things with a purpose. The purpose is to declare God to a coming generation. Let us look at those five things.

1. Walk about Zion
2. Go round her
3. Tell the towers thereof
4. Mark you well her bulwarks.
5. Consider her palaces.

Observe the buildings in Zion namely,

1. Tell.
2. Mark.
3. Consider.

All exercise is about what appears open and speakable in Zion like Towers, bulwarks, and palaces. These three refer to the works of God through man and that which is visible. (We must submit that all things built on Zion have to be from the Lord through Godly efforts of man.) In other words, the observer of Zion is asked to observe the works of God.

We have a similar spiritual exhortation in the Pauline epistles. We see this recorded in the letter to the Ephesians and it goes like this.

Ephesians 3:18

May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

The works of God are manifested through the New Testament Zion which is our inner man.

The simple message that we get from these observations; Get involved with the things of God, only that will stand.

I do not remember my grandparents or parents ever mentioning earthly or worldly things in the proportions that they spoke spiritual things. I see many years later it is those Spiritual things that remain and have been passed on.

Let's get more involved with the things of God so that our children may Know HIM and we can leave a Godly heritage to them.

Blessings.

Heroes of Faith - Florence Nightingale

Early Life

Florence Nightingale was born into a wealthy aristocratic family in England in 1820. Her father, William Nightingale was the high Sheriff of the county. He was very wealthy land owner. Her mother, Fanny Smith was the daughter of William Smith, a Member of Parliament for forty-six years.

Florence had a fairy tale childhood. Her parents had two homes 'Lea Hurst' a 2000-acre estate in Derbyshire, which was there summer home, and 'Embley Park' another 2000 acre property in Hampshire, which was their home for the rest of the year.

Deeply Conscious of the will of God

Even before the age of six, she was deeply conscious of the will of GOD. In a letter to her sister who was away in a relative's house she writes "Pray dear Parthe (her elder sister) let us love each other better than we have done. It is the will of God and Mamma particularly desire it."

Education

Her parents gave her the best education possible at that time. She studied the classics, mathematics, and also modern languages. Florence Nightingale exhibited a gift for mathematics from an early age and excelled in the subject under the tutorship of her father. Later, Nightingale became a pioneer in the visual presentation of information and statistical graphics. She used to get up at four in the morning in the biting cold to study. But her real passion was Nursing and brig healing to the sick particularly poor.

A passion for Nursing

Her passion was Nursing. She found great delight in relieving the suffering of the sick. She was keen to know about medicines and principles of good health and healing. Even at the age of ten, whenever there was childbirth or when anybody was ill in the family or among her relatives, Florence always volunteered to be a nurse.

Conversion

At the age of sixteen, she was converted (Born again). One particular book, 'The Corner-stone' by Jacob Abbot, an American Pastor & Educationist brought her very close to God. Many years later she said, "This was the book that converted me."

Call of God, February 7, 1837

Some month after her conversion, one day while she was walking in her garden and praying alone she heard a divine voice, ' I HAVE CHOSEN YOU TO SERVER ME...'. That night she made this note in her diary, "Today I heard the voice of God calling me to serve him." From that day, she set aside the 7th of every month as a day of self-examination. She should examine every decision, action, thought and motive and set right her life.

Teaching Bible to Children

After hearing the call of God she decided to dedicate her life to God. She started visiting the women and girls who lived in their estate and the nearby villages and began to conduct a regular Bible class for them. She used to sing a hymn and then read few passages from the Bible and explain its meaning to them. After Bible class, she used spend time with the sick and give them medicines. In those days, there were no formal nursing education and Florence began to study on her own.

Her first big question, 1842

One day the German Ambassador, Baron Charles Bunsen had come to their home. Baron Bunsen was a scholar and a committed Christian.

Florence went to him and asked him this question, "What can an individual do towards lifting the load of suffering from the helpless and miserable?" He told her about the Institution for Protestant Deaconesses in Kaiserwerth, Germany. This was an institution founded by Pastor Fliedner to train dedicated Christian women as Deaconesses (women workers) to serve God as nurses.

Her second question

From 1842 onwards, Northern Europe went through the worst famine in history. In 1845, the Potato crop, the staple diet of Europe failed. More than 1,500,000 people died in Ireland alone. Another 100,000 people died in Germany and Scotland. She wrote in her diary at this time, " My mind is absorbed with the idea of suffering of man, it besets me behind and before... all that poets sing of the glories of this world seems to me untrue. All the people I see are eaten up with care or poverty or disease." In a letter to her aunt who was her spiritual mentor, she asked this question, "Can it be to the glory of God that we live in luxury and not help the poor in this crisis?"

Courtesy: Eternal Light Biographies

(To be continued.....)

Love the Lord – Word Scramble Puzzle

- **Complete the Bible verse given below.**

Bible Verse: Mark 12:30 (KJV)

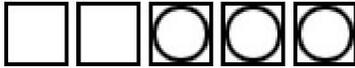
" And thou shalt love the lord thy _____ with all thy _____ and with all thy soul and with all thy mind and with all thy _____ this is the _____ ".

- **Unscramble the following words: (Hint: Words taken from the above verse)**

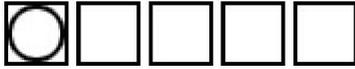
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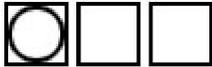
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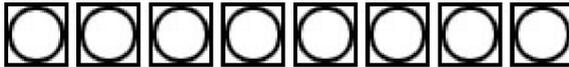
3 - RTAHE



4 - GOD



Copy the circled letters from above into the blanks below and unscramble the final word. (Hint: Look for the words not used earlier)



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Recipe Corner

Cooking Tips: How to make pure Asafoetida powder?

Shared by: Sis. Leela George

The one we buy from the market is not pure. They add many other preservatives. Let us see how we can make fresh and pure asafoetida powder.

We need 1 Pkt of L.G Asafoetida bar. Place it in a plate and microwave it for 30 seconds. Turn on the other side with a butter knife, it's sticky and hard but with butter knife it is much easier. Then microwave it for another 30 seconds. Wait for 1 minute to let it cool. Break it into pieces with mortar and pestle. 

Now you have fresh and pure asafoetida powder with a great aroma. Store is a glass jar with tight lid.

Event Schedule

Sunday Service

10:30 AM - 12:30 PM : Worship Service

09:15 AM - 10:15 AM : Sunday School

Special Worship(In Church): Friday 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Youth Meetings: Every other Saturdays 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Bible Study(In Homes):

Wednesday : 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM & 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Cell Meetings:

Northeast Philadelphia: Saturday & Sunday 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

SHEPHERD'S VOICE

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My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

- JOHN 10:27 KJV