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Day 32

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ENCOUNTER WITH GOD DURING THE WORLD CONVENTION

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GOD'S WORD

Halleluiah!

Clap for the Lord!

From today, we will start praying in a very specific way that we will encounter God during the convention.

On the board, I have written out ten intelligent encounters that I want us to cry out to God that it will happen. We can uproot our idols, but unless the Lord blessed our efforts and that the uprooting of idols, we will not satisfy the Lord by our penitence.

Without faith, it is impossible to please God. Like Corinthians says: all that is not from faith is sin. If we uproot idols, it must be accompany by faith. And there are many people who come here, they go through the prayer topics, the prayer topics are supposed to help us, but if you replace the prayer topics by the work that your heart was supposed to do, then you will be guilty of vain vindict. The heart must want the idol out and the heart must believe that because of what Jesus did on the cross, that our heart can be free of every idols. It must be accompanied by faith.

I am saying it because when brother Zach was battling with us in 2007 with the uprooting of idols, it became an exercise that we feared, he just wanted us to be sincere, but we became absorbed in doing the assignment, so there was a satisfaction in doing the assignment, because many people's lives remained untransformed in the core areas. So, our uprooting of idols must be accompanied by faith.

We shall continue in obedience as God commanded, but my faith that God will encounter us is not in our works. Who can present his work before God? Who of us hates sin as God hates sin? Sometimes when we say we uproot our idols, if God were to look at the gravity of our idols, he will be angry at our superficiality. It is not in what we have done that we merit God encountering us, it is not because of our fasting. Many people fast lack burden, all the small things that we use to cheat, some will consume yeast like Brasserie, others eat all kinds of things, if God were to be strict, and He will ask us: is it what you call fast? If we want to stand on our fasting, do you really have a fast to stand on? For me, at the end of every fast, I tell the Lord, the angels added incense to every prayer so that it can reach the throne, Lord, please add the merits of Christ so that they can reach your throne. If we are honest, both when we were unbelievers and now, we have no self-righteousness. I deserve nothing, I claim nothing, I am nothing, I have done nothing, I have nothing, I can do nothing. Our eyes must turn away from us; we must labour to obey the Lord.

The standards of the Lord Jesus, he said when you have done everything: say: I have done nothing, "I am just an unworthy servant", that is what we are to say when we have done everything well. We have not even done everything, what can we claim?

- *I would like three people to pray.*

Maybe it will be good for you to know that is how I am like inside. God owns us nothing. If we were honest, we do not even have where to stand to claim anything. We have only the Lord's indulgence and compassion and the blood of justice that cloth us so that we can stand before Him.

During this session, for the next one week, we are just going to be asking God, as his children, that He will condescend to tear the heavens and to encounter us. Even our hope of being better is in that encounter with God. He is the One that made us, He knows what we think, he is our maker, and he is our redeemer, he is our repairer and restorer and reviver.

We are going to beg God that He will be pleased to admit us in His presence (Psalms 65:4)

We want God to encounter us in very specific transforming ways. We would like God to encounter us in specific and transforming ways.

I want us this night to plead that the Lord will encounter us through His Word.

The Lord Jesus said in John 6:63, he said: "the letter profits nothing; it is the spirit that gives life. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life".

When we listen to the Word of God, we can meet the letter, and it will just torment us. The Lord Jesus said about the Pharisees: "you bind heavy weights and put on

people's head... that is what teaching as religion does to man. It puts weight on men's consciences. It puts weight and they are weary, and the Christian life becomes boring, because even the law of liberty can be transformed into the law of slavery.

The apostle John says his commandments are not weary, but we can teach the commandment of Jesus as burden, because we are appealing at the fallen heart of man to obey God's law, just torment. This is love for God, that we keep his commandment, that we keep his commandment, and his commandments are not weary. Love for God changes his commandants and they are not boring. The letter killed, the teaching of the Pharisees are a burden, but the words I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

In the Old Testament, Isaiah the prophet asked: "do not my words do good?" the words of the Lord do good. He sent his Words to heal them. He gave his words and they lived.

The second thing I want to say about the Word of God. When we encounter the Word of Word of God, when somebody hears the Word of God, the Word of God comes with power. He spoke and it works. Whenever God has spoken, his words creates. In creation, he spoke and it was. When God speaks, that Word of God creates what God has said. When a man hears God, he received life, and when a man hears the Word of God, he has already received from God's own end what the Word of God has said. God's Word is power. When God tells you very big and lofty things, the normal tendency of those who have failed so much is to ask: another demand. Shall I cope? You have not heard God's Word; you are in the prison of unbelief. The Word of God creates. I want to confess brethren that my experience is that when I have truly heard God, that Word has come with the power to do it, it is not burdensome. God cannot now ask sinner who did not obeyed Him before to start not now obeying Him in his power. But the Word of the Lord is power. When the apostle Paul boast: I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for whoever believes. So, when the apostle Paul preaches the gospel, he is not giving the sinner who is already guilty new standards. What is the gospel? It is the dynamist of God for everyone who believes. When Paul preached the gospel, he was not offering people corrupt standards, he was not offering the sinner with corrupted standards to start now pleasing God, he was saying that, when I gave you the gospel, I gave you power for a new life. You receive it by faith; you grow in it by faith, from beginning right to the day you shall die. The Gospel: God spoke and it was.

If during the convention, men hear the Word of God, they will receive life and power to change. When the Word of God is received, power flows, accompanies the word, life accompanies the word. The words I have spoken to you are life, they don't torment the heart, they give life and power. When we are asking that the brethren should encounter the Word of God, the times when I have received God's rhema, everything has changed. If the first reaction of your heart when God has said something is : Oh it has killed me. The Word did not profit them because it did not meet with faith in those that believed. Your heavenly Father calls you, give you a new quality of life through His life, why not accept it first. The Word did not profit them because it did not meet with faith.

Some of us have made a little more progress, compared to others, not because we are better, but because we believed. If God tells me today: my son, today, you will buy that plane that I told your father. For me, we will start building the airport. What does it matter to God to give me ten thousands and ten billion. Does he make an effort? He will not even turn his head from his throne, he will not have a DDEW himself, no seraphim will clap his wings, I am the Lord, is there anything too hard for me? If the Lord tells me: Theodore, you are a man of prayer, alleluia, I will bless the Lord and from that day, I will start teaching on prayer, because I am a man of prayer. Say: amen.

I want us to stand up together, pray that people will encounter God through His Word. Because sometimes, for people who have listened a lot and have disobeyed, God send a prophet so that they will listen and do not obey and be condemned. When you resist a man's message, even what he says will not be clear. The Lord Jesus told them, the one who heard from God belongs to God, the reason you cannot hear is because you do not belong to God. The Lord was talking to believers. The Words that drove some disciples were the words that Peter called the words of eternal life that made them stay. So, it is a burden for me that our people will hear God, no matter how clear the teaching, it is God that removes the hardness of heart.

Jesus asked the twelve: don't you understand. When we fed the five thousand, did you not understand? Why is it that you have not understood that it is not the yeast of the bread? Are your heart hardened? Because for the Lord Jesus, when the heart is hardened, the eyes cannot see God, cannot hear God.

- ***Pray that during the convention, God will encounter us through His Word***
- ***Pray that during the convention, whether it is the sharing of the brethren, the praying of the saints, or the teaching of the Word, that the brethren will encounter God through His Word.***
Let us pray, pray from your heart.
- ***Let's pray that God will take away our hardness of heart, through the disobediences of the past, so that it will please Him to speak to each one of us.***
- ***Let us pray that the Lord will anoint the Word, cloth the Word with his Power, with His Spirit, to do good, to remove all the obstacles that we raise.***

When prayers are anointed, they traverse satanic obstacles and reach God. When teaching is anointed, it breaks through obstacles and reaches the hearts to accomplish what God intended.

- ***Let us pray that the Lord will cloth the Word and anoint the Word with power, to be able to reach the hearts, reach the lives, reach the future and even reach eternity, by bearing fruits that will last***
- ***Let us pray together that the Lord will cloth the Word and anoint it with power - let us pray together -***

Praise the Lord!