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Upon the so much talk about faith, the comprehension of what it is as a concept and the ability to employ faith in practical ways; remains a challenge.

To change your circumstances and results, faith is significant. You require power of our positive thinking and positive believing.

The reason for your present position and outcomes in life is your thinking and believing.

Your thinking affects your believing; your believing affects your talking, your talking affects you and your world.

DIFFICULT TIMES IN A GOD DEFYING WORLD

The times we are in are difficult times; and they have been difficult times since man made his way out of God's system, into satan's governed system of self-worship.

All the difficulties the world has experience, the present ones, and those still ahead are due to human selfishness. All the bad things that happen used to be attributed to God, with the coined "ACTS OF GOD!" Meanwhile the acts of God are actually His interventions every time man brings pain and death on Himself.

Man is the reason for all the pain, suffering, shortage and death in the world today; the only role attributable to the devil is, he suggests them to man on grounds of how much personal gain they (man) will get.

So, satan is not also to be blamed. We, humans, are the cause of the pain we have experienced and are experiencing right now. The first thing we must settle has been settled, "man is his own devil, not God, not satan."

Satan just introduced selfishness to drive this madness of man working to destroy himself. But, God's love and life system is in place to correct the situation, as He recruits love people in all the nations of the world, to assist with this effort.

REITERATING,

Sweat, pain, suffering, lack, shortage, sickness, diseases, was introduced by selfishness.

- Selfishness happens anytime man wants to run things outside God, who assigned him governor of the earth.
- Selfishness is a system of outwitting, outshining another while hurting and leaving them disadvantaged.

Right from the very moment man latched on to satan's suggestion that they don't need God, and that they are wise enough to run things on their own, the earth and man has not known peace.

THE RESULT OF MAN'S REIGN OF SELFISHNESS OVER ITSELF,

- The world's economic thrives on pain, sickness, lack, shortage, sickness, disease; causing people to sweat and suffer unnecessarily.
- Just because few want to be rich, they don't mind introducing pain, sickness, lack, shortage, monopoly, disease, pain and suffering to achieve it.
- The arms dealers want to sell their arms, so they instigate wars and terrorism. The pharmaceutical world wants to register its relevant so it introduces sickness and disease.

How about artificial shortage of sources of energy and power that are triggered by a few to pack the monies of the people into their accounts?

GOD MADE HUMANITY AS ONE NATION, RACE, ETC.

Man is humanity put together; that was how we were introduced to the earth, as Adam. The idea of humanism, feminism, and nations – race, tribe, ethnicity, etc.; was introduced by us, contrary to how the Creator designed things.

Nations in attempting to outwit, override, outshine one another has introduced nuclear, biological, cyber warfare.

The way the world is today, physical warfare is almost out of the ways; science and technology has gradually deleted combatant warfare.

WE KNOW THE HUMAN CHALLENGE - SELFISHNESS.

The greatest human challenges is satan's system of selfishness that he operates under; and the reluctance to accept God's love system, its only solution, Having read through the Bible several time, and studied the history of nations, it is clear that through selfishness and deception, satan has man where he wants him. Outside God!

Yes, selfishness, then deception. The devil always shows man gain or profit, and follows it with deception. That is how he has been keeping the world outside God.

Yes, satan has the world trapped in bondage to selfishness and deceptions; God has His arms open through the Christians, the church, daily welcoming men, women, boys and girls into His love and life.

FAITH IS CALLED FOR IN DIFFICULT TIMES.

We brought Covid-19 on us in attempt to outwit, override and outshine each other, recent media report attest to this; the world of science is blaming itself for the present world situation.

The question that covered the world at the inception of the virus: "Is this the end of the world?" Even people of faith who had the hope

of heaven where not left out. Most were not ready!

Spiritual and corporate heads had to gain balance before making statements; even heads of nations were not sure how to respond. And were blamed profusely for responding poorly.

Who, ever prepares for such events, they were not part of planning, not to mention one with such a fatal face. So, everyone thrown off balance by the corona virus earth invasion is exonerated; no one should feel guilty over it.

WHERE DOES FAITH COME IN?

Event of such magnitude and catastrophe are checks on how far we have looked into the future, our depth of understanding about the last days' event; and the solidness of our faith in God.

And faith for such times must be erected on the right perception and understanding. Just like the biblical sons of Issachar whom based their faith in a solid understanding of the time (their time), led the way for Jews at that time.

When you are privy of an upcoming event, its arrival does not shock you. Who does not

know that there will be terrible diseases in the last days? It's just that somehow bulk of the world was carried away by the daily activities and fanfares of life.

It is often surprising how often the most important things are jumped over for side distractions. So, faith was shaken; but most people gained balance, immediately or maybe later. But some are still neither here nor there.

To know the quality, strength, beauty of a thing, you must test it against some pre-set, prescribed harsh, high, standard, stretchy measures of judgment. The present human created plague, the covid-19 virus, ravaging the earth right now is such a test.

You can profess to have faith in God, all you like, and you are solid (or so you think), until some difficult times arises to question the depth or genuineness of your faith. Here, genuineness does not suggest fake.

NUGGETS OF FAITH

The following are nuggets of faith to verify and validate your faith. These nuggets are checklists of faith; and you are the auditor of your faith. 1. The strength, efficacy of faith in God's word or promises must be based on the conviction that God is always able and available; for it to be attested solid.

2. To build up your faith meditate God's promise against the premise that He is always able and available; in all conditions, situation and circumstances.

3. Another solid premise to establish your faith is God is always the same, what He was in a previous situation – He is in this one,

4. He'll always show up when you call on Him, and repeat His ability and availability in every situation He's called into.

5. You can trust God to come through on His word on the basis that He did not make any of His promises to impress anybody; He does not have to impress you.

6. He is God all by Himself, the LORD don't need anyone's backing, campaign, acceptance to be God.

7. The woeful failure all the world's attempt to push God to the background and rid the world of His existence and place in creation.

Surely, Covid-19 is an evidence of the many failures of the world's system's to think God out of existence or to minuscule or ridicule His true image.

EXERCISING YOUR FAITH IS HOW TO GET DESIRED RESULT.

Fear that the outcome of exercise of faith may not be achieved has caused many to altogether give up the idea of exercising faith. For starters, start your faith journey on the premise that God receive the right to say yes, wait or no; and there are basis for each answer He gives.

He has always answered yes to His will; but it will take you time to study, master and so personalize His word or will (or promises) until the reality of it coming to pass becomes a living thing to you.

CONDITION THAT COULD CAUSE GOD TO SAY NO:

- You are asking contrary to His will, word and promise
- You are asking with ulterior motive and intentions contrary to His love.

- You are asking in doubt or fear that He might not answer you; which is attributable to ignorance of His word on the matter.
- You are letting anxiety unseat your faith, after you have prayed.
- You refused to receive, when you asked; making have what you asked difficult.
- You have not developed yourself in praying in picture; i.e. you are not yet developed in taking the picture of what you asked for with you from your prayers.
- You are trying to play by wanting to take delivery of the physical representation of what you took with you from you prayers.

The condition of bullet seven, ties in to patience. Patience and persistence is the double-edged sword that cuts through your waiting period into your answer. It is a period to work with God as He perfects the answer to your request; through praising, worshiping and giving in advance for it.

Take the next step; start trusting God to perfect the answer you receive in your prayers. He promised: "I will perfect all that concerns you." Begin to praise, thank and worship Him, behold the answer.

YOU MUST DESIRE TO GROW AND ACTIVE GOD'S WORD AND POWER.

Active, growing faith results from a strong desire to see God in action, backing His word and bringing it to pass. He promised to grant us the desires of our hearts, in Psalms 34:10.

Faith that comes out of a strong desire, mixed with strong emotions, so that it burst forth out our mouth and action, will receive, attain, achieve, and reach the object of its exercise.

Faith is second only to desire, for it is desire that causes the activation, growth, increase and release of faith.

Covid-19 met you alive; and will leave you alive. Just keep staying under God's mercy, invoke the sure mercies of David to speak for you, your family and friends; and extend it to the front liners and those who are down right now.

FAITH DECLARATIONS:

- I am a carrier of an unending (interminable, indestructible, uncontaminated) life, which makes me a contagion of health and life to my world; therefore diseases, sicknesses, infections, poisons, plagues dies whenever they have contact with my body or enter my systems through the nose, mouth, eyes or skin.
- I declare healing over those going about with the virus unknowingly, those who daily have contact with them – their family, neighbours and colleagues.
- I declare powerless every covid-19 virus that is flying about in the air.
- I ask the wisdom of God to override the wisdom of the world system, and influence the decisions of governments across the world.
- I ask that the active power of God to invade all covid-19 isolation centres across the world.
- I release the wisdom to discover the cure for covid-19 upon the pharmaceutical world.
- I decree that people will discover the place of God in their lives, and

be driven to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

- I demand that the church step into this great awakening and take her place in the last days program of Almighty God.
- I call forth from the realm of God (and take advantage) of the new beginning inside this crisis; and every other crisis.
- May all ministers, leaders, organizations, nations, peoples and individuals locate the new beginning this crisis brought them.

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