WATCHMAN CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL MOVEMENT FIRST FRUIT FASTING FELLOWSHIP (OCTOBER EDITION) Day 3

Theme: GALLOPING ALONG THE GLORY GRADIENT

Texts: Isa.60:1-5, Joel 3:1-10, 13-18, Jn.10:10

Welcome to the last day of the First Fruit Fasting feast for October 2023.

It is clear that these are the days of identifying the people that know their God, by their exploits. (Dan.11:32). It is at such troublous times that the street and wall shall be rebuilt (Dan.9:25b).

God in His nature sometimes chooses to showcase His power by allowing things to degenerate before showing up, so that creatures may appreciate the Creator (Gen.15:13-16; Exo.1:12-14; 2:23-25; Rom.9:17; Eph.3:8-10).

In this month's message, we have stated that this is the time of rapid progression in the pace of exhibiting divine glory. We stated that there is need to have awareness of an optimal attainment as Apostle Paul did (Phil.3:13). On the second day, we showed the way to the high speed realm using the *"Eagle-Phenomenon* (Deut.32:11; Ps.103:5; Isa.40:31).

Today, we shall be looking at

Topic: ACHIEVEMENT OF ADMIRABLE ACCELERATION Sub-texts: Pro.4:18; Eccl.9:10; 1Cor.9:25-26; 15:10; Heb.1:8,9

Acceleration is simply "*capacity to gain speed*". It is common saying that nothing good comes easy, so achieving admirable acceleration will not come without some investment.

When speed is gained, momentum (impetus) increases. So the talk about achieving admirable acceleration is for exertion of influence, and subsequent increase in kingdom might and population (Jn.4:35). When one is steadily accelerating, speed continuously increases until the person begins to gallop or fly.

To achieve the desirable status, there is

- (a) The God Factor
- (b) The Role of the Saint
- A) The God Factor: is a constant that indicates that growth comes from God (1Cor.3:6-7). He has laid the foundation upon which everyone builds: that is the finished work of Calvary (1Cor.3:11), it is also the Lord that motivates and enables one into actions (Phil.2:13; Jud.24).

Now, even though the Lord does all these, He expects His children to also do the needful (cp.Matt.7:6)

B) **The Role of the Saint:** is to obey the Lord in faith. This entails leaning on the Lord: trusting Him implicitly for sustenance (2 Cor. 3:5-6, Jn.15:26; 5; Isa.1:19; Job.36:11; Deut.11:8,9; 4; Num.13:1-3,20; Jos.1:5,7).

The saint does not repose confidence in himself or his works, but ascribes his success to God only. However, other necessary things required of a seeker will be found viz:

- i) **Persistent Quest for Increase In Performance** (Matt.5:6; Phil.3:13) The quest marker is the evidence of spiritual liveliness, therefore absence indicates stalling or degeneration or death. The thirsty takes challenges from others, and gets edified readily (Isa.55:1).
- ii) Participation In Spiritual Exercises (Gal.6:7; Mk.1:30; Lk.6:12) The Lord Jesus taught that the disciples will participate in the exercise when He departs from them (Matt.9:15; 6:16).
- iii) Partaking of Corporate Exercises (Matt.18:18-20; Lk.10:1-6,19; Act.4:23-31) The platform that has been terribly neglected is a key to success. There is immense power in plurality.

Any believer that intentionally engages in these events will be launched into the realm of ever increasing spiritual acceleration. This is the realm of sons of God. (Rom.8:14, 19) who enjoy divine rest. (Heb.4:9-11).