WATCHMAN CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL MOVEMENT 2024 FIRST FRUIT FASTING EXERCISE (May Edition)

(Day 1)

Theme: THE GENERATION OF THE GOLDEN ONES Texts: Dan. 1:3-4,8, 3:15-20, 23-28, Rev. 7:1-4, 9-10, 13-17

There are certain basic things that all who want to walk with the All-knowing God must know which include the truth that His ways are not our ways (Isa. 55:8-9) and He has factored every apparently negative phenomenon in His programs for His people be it individuals or corporate groups (Jer. 29:11, Acts 15:18, 1 Cor. 10:13)

With the admonition of the man of God to switch camps in our last retreat, it is expected that the gracious call was heeded and choice has been made to belong to the camp of Christ.

Such persons that have chosen to be in Christ's camp must also note that at these times of the global darkness approaching a crescendo, God has devised a parallel program of establishing a Church that is tall, strong and beautiful (Matt. 25:5,6, Rom. 5:20, Eph. 5:27). These sanctified ones constitute the long awaited sons of God whom we can call 'the golden ones' (Rom. 8:14,19).

They are outstanding people in the society whose lives are impacting, inspiring and exceptional. They are beacons and trailblazers. This essential class possesses three characteristics amongst others: *Golden vision*, *Golden heart* and *Golden tongue*.

Topic: SAINTS OF GOLDEN VISION Subtexts: Prov. 29:18, Heb. 12:2

The Lord Jesus' vision was an enabling force that propelled Him through the excruciating execution that yielded salvation for mankind (Heb. 12:2, Jn. 12:27, Matt. 26:36-40, Isa, 53:11).

Vision is all about mental sight; what one sees with the mind's eye, presses to pursue it and so on (Prov. 3:6, 16:3).

Visions are of various classes based on the object. The visions on temporal things are subsidiary to those of eternal things (Cons. Mk. 8:36-37, 1 Cor. 9:25).

It can be therefore concluded that vision of eternal well-being is the golden category.

It is sad to say that the focus on matters of temporal consequence is a major cause of dilapidation of the present day church.

Many young adults dream about and plan their wedding ceremonies without preparing for the married-life: biblical relationship, parenting etc. Parents just think about getting secular education to their children and don't pay attention to their spiritual wellbeing.

Brethren in Church strive over position, possession, personal interest etc. without bothering about consequences of their actions (Pro. 16:25, 1 Cor. 3:16-17).

But a believer of a golden vision focuses on things above and uses the things on earth to amass resources on high (Col. 3:1-3, Eph. 1:17-19, Lk. 16:9-15).

He refuses to accept anything that could diminish or cost him his place in glory (Ex. 20:5, Lev. 2025,26, Dan. 1:8, 3:15-18, 1 Cor. 9:27), and also appreciates the blessedness of saintliness (Eph. 1:17-19).

This vision makes him to love the Lord above all (Lk. 14:26, Mk. 10:28-30)

NB: It is what one sees that he can possess so those without a vision of heaven will likely not reach there (Cons. Gen. 13:14-15, Matt. 6:19-20; Col. 3:1-3)

Saints of golden vision look unto Jesus and prosper thereby (Heb. 12:2, 1 Pt. 2:19-23, 2 Cor. 4:16-18)