

WATCHMAN CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL MOVEMENT

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Theme: The Great Friend from Heaven

Topic: JESUS, THE SUPPLIER OF THE NEEDS OF THE NEEDY

Texts: Jn.1:9-11, 5:1-7; Rom.8:31,32; 2Cor.8:9

INTRODUCTION:

So far in this programme, by the assistance of the Holy Spirit, we have revealed Jesus as the Friend indeed (Jn.15:26). It has been a time of times, that was arranged by the Lord to achieve great goals in our lives.

This night, we are continuing the programme as we survey yet another side of Jesus, the Great Friend from heaven. The aspect in question is Jesus, the Supplier of the needs of the needy. For us to see Him as the Supplier of the needs of the needy (as Peter saw Him as Christ from heaven), we must do the following: **(1) List and describe the needy of His day (2) Consider why and how He supplied their needs.**

Following these, we will consider how it applies to us this time – The implication.

A LITANY OF THE NEEDY IN THE DAY OF JESUS CHRIST (Mk.1:37; Matt.4:23-25; Acts 10:38)

A record of the needy in the day of Jesus Christ shows that all were needy in His day. Some had needs directly for themselves, while others had needs for their relations, children, servants, etc. The needy in His day cut across all the ranks and file of human beings, while their needs ranged from physical to spiritual things like salvation, interpretation of scriptures, etc. (Matt.4:23-24; 8:1-3, 5-9, 14,16; Mk.4:37-40; Matt.9:1-8,18,20-22,27-30,32; Jn.7:37-39; Matt.12:10-13; 14:15-21; 20:20-27; 9:36-38; 22:50-51; 13:11-17; 5:1-8; 21:15-18; Acts 1:8; etc). Some identified all their needs, while some have their needs pointed out by Him. All in all, all the needs of the needy were supplied by Him in His days.

WHY AND HOW HE SUPPLIED THEIR NEEDS (Acts 10:38)

The major reason for supplying all the needs of the needy in His days on earth was because He was ordained to do so (Gen.22:15,18, Matt.9:6; Isa.61:1-3; 45:20-22; Jn.1:16; Heb.10:7; 1Pet.5:7; Acts 4:12; Phil.4:19; Isa.9:6-7; Acts 10:38: etc).

He was able to do this through the power of God that was in Him (Isa.61:1-3 cp. Lk.4:14-18; Matt.28:18; 11:27; 9:1-8; Jn.3:34-35; 10:17-18; 17:11-2; Acts 10:38; etc).

IMPLICATION

Jesus, being the same yesterday, today and forever (Heb.13:8) means that He remains the only One ordained to supply all our needs. In His days in the world, He needed that the Spirit of God be upon Him to achieve this, but today He has returned to His glory as God. So whatsoever He was able to do while on earth, He will much more and readily do them now that He is in heaven (2Cor.8:9; Jn.14:12-14).

So, whatsoever be anyone's needs - for himself or his beloved ones or whosoever, he can get from Jesus now as he comes to Him on the basis of this truth; regarding Him as the great Friend from heaven.(Jn.14:12-13; Matt.11:28; Heb.13:8).

Let us pray.

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