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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

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Starvation From Needs

MATTHEW 25:34-40 NKJV – (34) Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: (35) for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; (36) I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.’ (37) “Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? (38) When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? (39) Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ (40) And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.’

So many people are starving from not having their needs met. Yes, we are to turn to God first, but have we (the people of God) made any effort to meet the needs of starving people? Are we wholeheartedly seeking to fulfill the need of the people in our churches or do we have more important agendas than salvation, sanctification and Divine Biblical teaching? God gives us an outline on how we as a church should meet others needs in **Acts 2:43-47**. Are we so caught up in our educational degrees, job status and /or church positions that we forgot to humble ourselves in assisting our fellow brothers and sisters? My brothers and sisters in the faith, don't be selfish, do not say it is the Pastors duty. We must feed God's people, for many are starving. Don't wait on them, meet them.

Martin Luther King Jr. said in a sermon shortly before his death, “One day we will have to stand before the God of history and we will talk in terms of things we have done. Seems I can hear the God of history saying that was not enough, for I was hungry and you fed me not.” (See **Matthew 7:21-23**) Dr. King said on a tape played at his funeral, “Don't talk about my worldly accomplishments, don't talk about my winning the Nobel Peace Prize. Talk about how he made a difference by loving his brother and sisters through righteousness and providing to others needs and how we should come together to help one another and treat each other equally.”

When Jesus was speaking the above passage, He was speaking judgment to the Gentiles and the judgment continues in the below passage.

MATTHEW 25:41-46 NKJV – (41) “Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: (42) for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; (43) I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.’ (44) “Then they also will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?’ (45) Then He will answer them, saying, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do *it* to one of the least of these, you did not do *it* to Me.’ (46) And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

SCRIPTURE READING

1 JOHN 4:20

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus said Himself, if you love Me, feed My sheep.

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