

A RENEWED CALL TO FUNDING GOD'S WORK IN LESS PRIVILEGED COUNTRIES

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So Joshua did as Moses said to him, and fought with Amalek. And Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. And so it was, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands became heavy; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. And Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. So Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

- Exodus 17:10-13 (NKJV)

From the above text one can see Joshua and his army at the battle front fighting while Moses served as the spiritual link between the children of Israel and the Lord interceding with his hands raised up to God.

The victory depends on his raised hands. Aaron and Hur were there to assist Moses. They both held up his hands signifying a beautiful interdependence between the army, the priest and their leader Moses.

The three worked together with each fulfilling his part to achieve victory for Israel. Everyone was deeply involved. Everyone was excited and the victory was for all.

This pattern is still the same today. The work of missions is not a one man job. It is for everybody – teamwork. While some are called to go to the unreached people groups with the Gospel, others may be called to support the work. The support can take any dimension — to pray, to encourage and to give of finances. The job belongs to all of us. (Romans 12:4,5)

The Bible says money answers all things (Ecclesiastes 10:19). The less privileged pastors need to eat, take care of his/her family, procure infrastructure like teaching aids, medical facilities, transportation and other things.

The demands of God upon our lives is such that we should consider it unjust to be eating three square meals a day while the average missionary trusts God to get just a meal a day. We all must go to the same heaven in our level of sacrifice.

We must be ready to sacrifice our legitimate pleasures to enable the less privileged pastors and missionaries to the actual fighting on the mission field without their hands getting tired.

What have you as a person, or a church done to promote the work of God in less privileged countries? In John 3:16 the Bible records that God loves the world and as such gave. He gave his only Son. He gave heaven's best. What have you given? Have you given yourself? Have you given your money? What have you done to rescue those in the agony of darkness?

Another important issue I want to raise here is that you either lay up your treasure here on earth or in heaven. Everything you invest in the souls of men, you will save. You are going to enter heaven either poor, having sent nothing on ahead or as one who is to receive an inheritance made possible by contributions laid up while still on earth. We have a very short time left in which to lay up a treasure in heaven. We had better start now or it will be eternally late. Everything invested in missions will await on arrival and we will receive it back with dividends.

According to W.M. Felter, a man may die leaving upwards of a million dollars without taking any of it upwards. The only way you can take upwards is to invest in the souls of men. In Oswald J. Smith's words, "If God wills the evangelization of the world, and you refuse to support missions, then you are opposed to the will of God."

The Bible says in 1 Samuel 30:24, "The share of the man who stayed with the supplies is to be the same as that of him who went down to the battle. All share alike."

Whatever is your part in the work of God, you will have the same rewards as those on the frontlines in the less privileged countries. We need your support to promote God's work in Malawi.

Our ministry depends on God and His people for financial support. We are looking for partners who can cooperate with us in ministry in order to realize our God-given vision.

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