

Father and Mother of Many Nations

How wonderful is one having the life of the image of God! How remarkably wonderful is the mystery of 2 lives uniting to become another life (couple)! Within the unity of a man and a woman, are hidden God's unlimited blessings and potential. If the couple can restore God's life and promises, their family, descendants and era will become alive. Many couples not only cannot enjoy God's blessings, but they are also struggling within many contradictions. But no matter what, if only one out of the couple really restores God's life and promises, the problem of the couple is already solved, God's blessings will also slowly be revealed.

1. A Couple's unity possesses God's unlimited promises and blessings

- 1) "A Couple of 2 Persons" shares the same blessings and inheritance
* 1Pe 3:7 → Ge 1:27-28, Ge 2:21-25, Ge 17:5-17; Eph 5:22-33
- 2) "Between Parents and Children" share the same spiritual heritage and inheritance
* Ex 20:6 → (1) Ge 12:1-3, 17:7 (Abraham – Source of All Blessings)
(2) Ge 26:23-25 (Son – Isaac – 100 times)
(3) Ge 28:10-22 (Grandson – Jacob – Israel)
(4) Ge 41:37-45 (Great-grandson – Joseph – Conquered Whole World)
- 3) God accomplished "Regional Gospelisation" through one blessed family
* Ac 1:13-14 (Mary's home: Mark's Upper Room)
Ro 16:3-5 (Priscilla and Aquila's home and the church in their house)
Col 4:15 (Nympha and church in his house)
Philip's home, Lydia's home, Jason's home...
- 4) Possess the promise of blessing an era and all nations
* Ge 17:1-8 (Eternal Promise) → Is 60:1-5; Mt 28:18-20; Ac 1:8

2. Therefore, Satan's greatest attack is also found in a couple's relationship

- 1) Couple's Problem <Ge 3:1-19>
- 2) Children's Problem <Ge 4:1-8>
- 3) Family line, Descendants' Problem <Ge 6:2>
- 4) Societal and the era's problem <Ge 6:17 Flood; Ge 11:1-9 Tower of Babel; Ge 19:1-28 Sodom & Gomorrah>

3. First of all, must restore the one life inside God

- 1) The healing method targeting only on the couple's harmony brings even worse problems <Ge 3:60>
- 2) First, must understand that the fundamental reason lies in "departing from God thus receiving the influence of sins and Satan" <Ge 3:1-7>
- 3) Both must be born again through the precious blood of Christ, thus restoring one Father, one Lord, one Spirit, one Body <Eph 4:1-6>
- 4) To also restore God's reason, God's purpose and God's method <Ge 2:18-25, Ge 1:27-28>
- 5) Through the mystery of Christ and the Church, to restore the husband-wife relationship and roles <Eph 5:22-33>
- 6) To impart God's promises to children and descendants, fostering them in God's grace <Dt 6:4-9; Eph 6:4>

- 7) Under all situations, if a person really restores God's promises and reasons, the problem of the couple is already solved, and they will receive the answers and testimonies of blessing many people and families <1Sa 1:10-11>

4. Actually, much more blessings are hidden in the "areas where each other has differences and thus frequently resulting in conflicts"

- 1) Actually it is not two perfect persons becoming one, but perfection results after two persons become one
- 2) The couple of two persons ought to possess different personalities, backgrounds and habits (God's arrangement)
- 3) When viewed from God's perspective, will be able to discern "what needs to be changed" and "what need not be changed"
- 4) Concerning things that the spouse can change, intercede and at the same time assist while awaiting
- 5) For things which cannot be changed no matter how hard the spouse strives, seek out God's reason for such arrangement to give thanks and to complement him for life
- 6) Do not forget that when I am Holy Spirit-filled and thanksgiving-filled, all problems will convert into blessings
- 7) The greater the problem, the more and deeper the power, answers and blessings

5. What is your situation currently?

- 1) Situation as Single or Divorced <1Co 7:25-40>
 - * Possessing: The blessings apportioned to Ruth, Mary Magdalene, woman of Samaria, Tabitha
 - (1) Confirm "I am one who is blessed and loved", to seek God's reason and give thanks in all current conditions and situation
 - (2) Live a "church-centered life", to expand blessing of meetings within the relationships of the spiritual household
 - (3) Set blessing and teaching children and descendants as whole life's goal
 - (4) Bless the people under the same circumstances, thus enjoying the portion of blessings that people without such experience cannot enjoy
- 2) In a situation of having a non-believer spouse <1Co 7:12-16>
 - * Possessing: The blessings apportioned to Eunice, Timothy's mother
 - (1) Holy Spirit filled
 - (2) Priority
 - (3) Strive to maintain the spiritual atmosphere and harmony (discerning things of the Spirit and of the flesh)
 - (4) Immanuel's evidences and testimonies, cast unto the Lord and wait
- 3) Couple in Christ <Eph 5:22-33>
 - * Possessing: The blessings apportioned to Abraham and Sarah, Parents of Moses, Parents of John the Baptist, Priscilla and Aquila
 - (1) Restore promise and absolute direction
 - (2) Submit to God's predetermined couple's relationship (husband and wife)
 - (3) Fostering blessed children
 - (4) Taking up leadership roles in church
 - (5) Becoming the core family in regional gospelisation (Mission Home)