



The Report

ISAIAH 53:1

WHO HATH BELIEVED OUR REPORT? And to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? **January/February, 2010**



NEW YEAR, NO NEW CHALLENGES!

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As 2010 began, I heard again the cry of phrases such as “begin again in 2010.” The only thing new in 2010 is opportunity. New opportunities to do more, learn more, and allow more of God to permeate our lives. The greatest thing we can look forward to in this new year, is for God to find us worthy of pouring more of His Holy Spirit out upon us. We are reminded, this January, of how close the end time is. In Matthew 24:7, Mark 13:8, and Luke 21:11 God’s Word tells us of sights and signs of the end times.

1. [Matthew 24:7](#)

For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and **earthquakes**, in diverse places.—KJV

2. [Mark 13:8](#)

For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be **earthquakes** in diverse places, and there shall be famines and troubles: these are the beginnings of sorrows.—KJV

3. [Luke 21:11](#)

And great **earthquakes** shall be in diverse places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.—KJV

Our greatest command is no different from what the disciples were given in Matthew 28. We are to go and make disciples. Our work is not done till all have heard the Gospel message and made a decision to accept Christ as their Lord and Savior.

We need to be on our knees, asking God to put before us those who need Christ and then to help them grow in the grace and knowledge of Him. Days are short, but the harvest fields are white unto the harvest and yet still so many are on their way to hell. If it were not for God’s intervention in my life, almost thirty years ago, I would be right there with them. But God loved me so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on that cross for me. As long as we have life within us, we need to be about the work God has called us to. At the end of this message is the Great Commission. I would challenge you to read and pray over each word of these verses for the next few days and see what God would lay upon your heart for ministering to those who are lost and those who will give their lives to Christ in the weeks and months ahead as we fulfill this GREAT COMMISSION.

Matthew 28:19-20

¹⁹Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

²⁰Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.—KJV

When All I Can Do Is Pray...

By: Michelle Hoff

Watching the news since the earthquake in Haiti, it is humbling to see the devastation of an entire city. The people there are in such great need; it is amazing to see the world respond with such compassion and aid for this devastated city in Haiti. Money, relief workers, supplies, and prayers have been sent to relieve the earthquake victims. Watching this effort to help, in a time of great disaster, just shows that people want to help others. Why does it take a disaster to draw people together to pray to God for the rescue and help of those in such great need? What about those in need in our own backyard? How do we help? Who do we help first?

These questions have made me evaluate how we, as Christians, respond to others in need. It is not always possible to physically go to a disaster area ourselves and help. There are people who are able to do so, but many must find other ways to help from where they live. Volunteering to help local disaster efforts is one way; but many people find donating money and prayer time, to a reputable organization, is the best way to help in situations like the earthquake in Haiti. My friend made a comment that all she can do is “give a little money and pray,” sounding as though that was not much help at all. Why do we feel like that is not enough?

There are people in our communities that are homeless; they may not have been through an earthquake, but they still have no place to live. It is heartbreaking not to be able to “fix” everyone and give them warm clothes or a place to call home. Many people have lost jobs and can’t find work. How do I, as a Christian, help someone like this?

The verse that comes to mind when I think of these things is Hebrews 13:5-6 where it speaks, “...Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you...The Lord is my Helper, I will not be afraid” (NIV). Also, Luke 1:37, “For nothing is impossible with God,” and 1 Thessalonians 5:17, “pray continually” or “pray without ceasing” (NIV). These are promises that God has given us! Even in times of trouble, He will not leave us; He is our helper and will not forsake or abandon us. Nothing is impossible for Him to accomplish, even when we feel the situation is impossible. If we “pray without ceasing” and continue to pray for the people who need it; we are asking for God’s power to do the impossible, the things we cannot do ourselves. This is an awesome gift to those in need, whether they are earthquake victims, a homeless family, or a neighbor who just lost his/her job. When “all I can do is pray,” if praying is done frequently and earnestly, this is the best gift of help a Christian can give to those in need. Don’t limit God to what you can do, believe His promises and let Him handle the part that you find impossible to do. Using our talents and giving monetarily is important as well, but the power of prayer for those efforts is just as valuable. Without prayer, we do not utilize the fullness of God’s power in our lives and the lives of others.

Next time you feel “helpless to help,” get down on your knees and ask God to do it for you!



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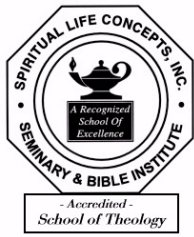
- President Obama and our national, state, county, and city government leaders to receive and follow God's divine salvation, guidance, wisdom, provision, protection, and blessings as they lead us throughout this year.
- God to continue to lift up and bless all of the ministries that are a part of Spiritual Life Concepts.
- The leaders of Spiritual Life Concepts and that they continue to receive God's guidance, wisdom, provision, protection, blessings, etc. throughout this year.
- Ask God to give divine guidance, wisdom, and provision of finances as our Bishops continue to plan SLC website changes.
- A move of God to bring people back to the basics of simple hope and faith in Jesus Christ this year.
- Dr./Bishop Richard and Pastor Vunita Iske, of Rushing Wind Worship Center, and their congregation as they assess outreach ministry needs in Pinellas County, FL.
- Danie's headaches to be treated and healed. Also for motivation, creativity, and success in her college classes!
- People who are out of work/looking for jobs and the stability of the world economy. Pray that they find satisfying work that they can accomplish during this year.
- God's blessings as His children continue to reach out to the Haitian people affected by the tragic earthquake that happened in January. Spiritual Life Concepts has several vital ministries in Haiti and we have not been able to contact them since the quake happened.
- Rev. M. George and his ministry, Shalom Ministry and Welfare Society, and his seven coworkers in the Gospel of Christ need our continuous prayers to help their ministry meet budgetary needs for this year. The leaders and congregation also need our prayers for God's continued guidance, wisdom, provision, protection, blessings, etc. throughout this year.
- SLC's Missions department and its continued growth, for leaders who will devote their time/assistance to the department, and for people to be generous in their giving this year to support our mission ministries and SLC operating costs.

Praise Reports

Thank God For:

- Helping Danie in her classes.
- The successful selling and closing of Archbishop Lowery's house.
- The successful moving of Spiritual Life Concepts' headquarters to Williston, FL.
- His salvation, protection, guidance, wisdom, provision, blessings, etc...to all His children and the Church!
- The rapid response and massive outreach of compassion shown towards the people of Haiti





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