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heritage

"for You, o God, have heard my vows; You have given me the heritage of those who fear Your name." psalms 61:1-5

what is heritage? heritage is the full range of our inherited traditions, monuments, objects, and culture. most important, it is the range of contemporary activities, meanings, and behaviors that we draw from them. heritage includes, but is much more than preserving, excavating, displaying, or restoring a collection of old things. the heritage we claim is new every morning.

so what is the heritage of those who fear His name? it is those who have trusted and walked in God's will. hebrews, chapter 11 gives us a synopsis of their works and deeds. some seemed and indeed were mighty. others were as simple as believing in a promise to conceive. it's that believing which allowed all those "mighty" deeds to be birthed also.

in the spirit realm, belief must precede conception. conception must precede birth. believing means confessing and speaking it out as truth. "i believed and therefore i spoke." 2 cor 4:13

we don't have authority to speak just anything into existence. only God has that power. but we are granted authority to speak in His name and if we are speaking His Words, birth will occur. "Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "all authority has been given to

Me in heaven and on earth." matt 28:18

what therefore do we speak? "bless the Lord, o my soul, and forget not all His benefits: who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from destruction, who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, who satisfies your mouth with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's." psa 103:2-5

we have His name. we have His authority. it then is "God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did." rom 4:17 our job is to follow those faith warriors before, "who, contrary to hope, in hope believed." rom 4:18

our struggle is our heritage. you and i were chosen to live out this last generation. we may not have chosen it but God did. He did not set us here to struggle powerless. He gave us His name and His authority to use it.

i think of the greek woman who came begging deliverance for her daughter. what was the message of Jesus and her response? "let the children be filled first, for it is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs. and she answered and said to Him, "yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs under the table eat from the children's crumbs." mark 7:27 people, we have been satisfied with crumbs from the table when we are children.

He set us here to fulfill the purpose He placed in us; a final witness to His love and mercy, a witness to His

goodness and severity awaiting, a witness of His majesty and power. this is our heritage: God "provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us." heb 11:40 is it no wonder that great crowd of witnesses is cheering us on? i can almost hear david and daniel hollering now, "come on. get it done so we too may inherit."

who owns "the past" and who is entitled to speak for future generations? only God owns the past, present and future. He speaks in the past of the now into the future; "declaring the end from the beginning." isa 46:10 i believe He is speaking even in this message to a few timid souls that are afraid to believe past initial salvation. perhaps they believe He is, but will He? the answer comes from His own lips, "I am willing." mark 1:41 i pray some word or verse or exhortation will cause that faith to move into conception , resulting in a glorious birth.

there is a spirit realm and a warring for hearts and souls. we have been equipped for that battle. "to bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; to execute on them the written judgment - this honor have all His saints." psa 149:8-9

it is an honor and a heritage. will you embrace it today? i pray we will all embrace it in a fuller measure than we have heretofore. as they say, time and tide waits for no one. the both keep rolling on. procrastination is a powerful weapon of the enemy. good intentions pave the road to you know where.

it won't be long "and He who is coming will come and

will not tarry." heb 10:37 don't let satan rob you of
your heritage!