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2017 Faith Awakens - Part #3  
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Pro 14:34 "Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people." KJV

Psa 33:12 "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance." KJV

The church has been seeking God regarding those that would be the new leadership of our country, a president, vice-president and all the new members of his staff that would be appointed by him to fill different positions. The scriptures exhort believers to pray for those in authority on all levels and that is how today's service began. We must continue to lift them up daily; not only for protection but that they would receive wisdom in all their duties, regardless of what outsiders may be saying.

1 Tim 2:1-4 "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; 2 For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. 3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; 4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth." KJV.

Because of the power that the church has been given, Pastor led the entire congregation in prayer, reminding the church of their position and authority that is theirs, regarding prayer for our new president and all his staff, for protection and wisdom. That the church also has the power over all the outside evils that are in operation around Washington.

Eph 1:19-23 "And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, 20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, 21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: 22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, 23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all." KJV

Eph 3:10 "To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God," KJV

Pastors prayer:

"Father, we worship you, we thank you for the plan that you have for America and the world, that you have exhorted us and instructed us to pray for our governors and leaders, for those in authority and to pray for our nation, we lift up Donald Trump in Jesus name, we pray that you surround him with the wisdom of God through wise council, that his counselors be anointed and speak wisdom from on high, flowing through their mouths and Father you said that righteousness exalts the nation and for America to be exalted, righteousness is the key, following after Your ways, so we pray that this leadership continue and carry out the journey he has started to lead this nation in righteousness in Jesus name, we pray for the senate, the house of representatives, congress, that they would be turned toward you, in Jesus name, we declare that any weapon formed against them will not prosper and we speak to principalities, powers and rulers of the darkness that has tried to manipulate like a puppeteer all those in leadership, we declare that the demon spirit that is in control is broken and that there become an awakening in congress. We thank you for the awakening that is coming to the president and vice president and those closely

around them, we pray for them today, that your spirit will be sensed in a manifested way in our capital, in Jesus name, we plead the blood of Jesus Christ over the president, vice president and their families, for protection that the angels would gather around them deliver them from calamity or accident and may they hold forth the torch of light, brighter than ever before. May the torch of Jesus Christ shine brightly, in Jesus name."

We know that things in America are not good right now, but God is coming for a glorious church, without spot or wrinkle, not hiding behind closed doors as the disciples did after the crucifixion. He is not through with America yet and America will be great again. We are in the church age and judgment will come later.

Pastor then shared a prophecy regarding the church age and the future of the United States, the word spoken had been given by Bro. Kenneth E. Hagin in Longmont Colo. in 1974. It follows below:

"No, the time of the end is not yet. No, America is not doomed," I heard the spirit say. "No, judgment will not fall yet. Some have seen some things in the Spirit and didn't know how to interpret it. They interpreted it as happening now. I didn't say it was going to happen now. In the Spirit you see things in the distance, even in another age. When the Church age is over, judgment will fall. But judgment will not fall upon the Church. For the only judgment that the Church will face is the judgment seat of Christ. They'll not face the judgment of the enemy or the judgment of God. For they're protected by God."

"And there is more to happen yet. There's missionary work to be done. And even the renewal that you call 'Charismatic Renewal' and the move of the Spirit in these last days - you have only seen a little. And there shall be those that stand before the leaders of this nation and work miracles. And it shall be even so as it was with Philip. After he had baptized the eunuch, he was caught away and found in another city. And so one shall be in this city, television cameras shall be trained upon him. The reporters will say, 'He's here in Dallas, Texas.' And as fast as you can snap your finger, a television camera in Los Angeles - and there he is. Some will say, 'How did he do that?' It shall be the Spirit of God that shall catch him away. And these signs and wonders shall become more prevalent. Signs and wonders have come here and come there. But they shall become more and more prevalent in these last days. And let not your heart be fearful, nor let it be afraid. For there shall, and on the scene he has already arisen, \*one who shall respond unto the things of God, and whose heart will be open toward God. And your nation that seemed to be cut down to the roots, and the wild birds and fowls of the air came and roosted in her branches and did much disrepute unto the nation. Yet, that shall all be repaired, for this man shall say, 'I will walk in the way of God and I will trust also in Him.' He shall be at the head and many shall follow him. The work of God shall be consummated that must be consummated in other nations before I come. I heard Him the spirit say, "Because you see, the enemy shall not gainsay the work of the Lord." And like a trumpet sounding across the valley, I heard His voice, so strong and clear, and He said, "I AM NOT COMING FOR A CHURCH, THE BODY OF CHRIST, THAT'S WEAK, EMACIATED, SICKLY, AND UNDERGROUND. I'M COMING FOR THE SPIRITUAL GIANT THAT'S ALIVE AND LIVING AND WORKING THE WORKS OF GOD!" So be not fearful, nor cast thy glance around about. But look ye up unto Him for He is the Head of the Church. And through the Church, the Head will manifest Himself. Men are the hands of the Lord, and the hands are in the Body. And He shall stretch forth His hands to heal the sick. That signs and wonders shall be wrought in the name of the Holy Child Jesus. Two things shall shortly be made manifest unto the real people of God. One is further light, teaching, and revelation in the area and realm of healing - physical and divine healing. That will be the key that will unlock the chain that has bound so many and they'll nevermore be the same. And then there shall come revelation. Further light according to the Word concerning the miraculous and the part that faith doth play. For faith is like the fuse that ignites the dynamite, and when the explosion goes off all can hear and see. But there was a fuse that had to be lit and FAITH is the fuse. And the curtain was closed. Into the realm of eternity I could no longer see, and into the realm of eternity I could no longer hear. But I looked again into the realm of time where you sit and live and say with words from heaven above, These things shall shortly be and shall shortly come."

\* believing that this man spoken of is probably the new president who was recently elected, who is pro-Israel and

will save Jerusalem.

There is no time or distance in the spirit realm, this prophecy was given in 1974. Have we started the season? we are still in the church age and we don't know the day or hour, but we know the season, Amos told us that God doesn't do anything unless He reveals to His servants or His prophets, who know the season, the farmer knows the season and that the time is close for harvest. We are living in a glorious time, there is a sense of expectancy, we will begin to see the manifestation and miracles that will be poured out, and we will see the glory of the Lord, as we seek His presence.

If we are going to inherit what God has promised to us through His word or speaks to us by way of hearing a message, we must know something about faith principles.

Rom 4:16 "Therefore, [inheriting] the promise is the outcome of faith and depends [entirely] on faith, in order that it might be given as an act of grace (unmerited favor), to make it stable *and valid and guaranteed* to all his descendants—not only to the devotees *and adherents* of the Law, but also to those who share the faith of Abraham, who is [thus] the father of us all." AMP

The children of Israel who because of unbelief, were unable to inherit the promise that God had made to them, and because of having lack of faith in that promise, they died before entering into the Promised Land. Joshua and Caleb however, did receive because they believed God and what He had promised, consequently, they were able to go into the Promised Land.

Heb 4:2 "For indeed we have had the glad tidings [Gospel of God] proclaimed to us just as truly as they [the Israelites of old did when the good news of deliverance from bondage came to them]; but the message they heard did not benefit them, because it was not mixed with faith (with the leaning of the entire personality on God in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness) by those who heard it; *neither were they united in faith with the ones [Joshua and Caleb] who heard (did believe).*" AMP

As believers we can have the message preached to us from Gods word and it will not benefit us, unless it is mixed with faith, with the leading of the entire personality of God in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom and goodness. These scriptures speak of the importance of believing the message or promise that God gives to us. How do we mix faith, how do we respond to what God has promised? We are the seed of Abraham through Jesus Christ, we have become heirs and what was promised to Abraham is promised to us. How do we awaken that measure of faith that is given to us when we were born again? A light comes on and we see what the Lord has been speaking to us. Faith lies dormant until a demand is put on it. God quickens that which is dead and calls those things which are not as though they were. This is based on the principle of what had been promised to Abraham. Natural hope had not produced what God had promised, but Abraham knew that God had promised and the promise would be manifested.

Paul tells us in Romans chapter 4, that if we are going to partake of our promise from God that we must understand and know something about faith, for "the just will live by faith."

Gal 3:11 "But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith" KJV

Heb 10:38 "Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him." KJV

Hab 2:4 "Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith." KJV

Rom 1:17 "For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith." KJV

There are additional scriptures listed below in different translations in order to give us a better understanding of what is being said regarding faith.

Rom 4:17-18 "As it is written, I have made you the father of many nations. [He was appointed our father] in the sight of God in Whom he believed, Who gives life to the dead and speaks of the nonexistent things that [He has foretold and promised] as if they [already] existed. 18 [For Abraham, human reason for] hope being gone, hoped in faith that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been promised, So [numberless] shall your descendants be." AMP

Rom 4:17 "(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were." KJV

Rom 4:17 "(as it is written, ***"I have made you the father of many nations"***). He is our father in the presence of God whom he believed—the God who makes the dead alive and summons the things that do not yet exist as though they already do." NET

Rom 4:18 "[For Abraham, human reason for] hope being gone, hoped in faith that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been promised, So [numberless] shall your descendants be." AMP

Rom 4:18 "We call Abraham "father" not because he got God's attention by living like a saint, but because God made something out of Abraham when he was a nobody. Isn't that what we've always read in Scripture, God saying to Abraham, "I set you up as father of many peoples"? Abraham was first named "father" and then became a father because he dared to trust God to do what only God could do: raise the dead to life, with a word make something out of nothing. When everything was hopeless, Abraham believed anyway, deciding to live not on the basis of what he saw he *couldn't* do but on what God said he *would* do. And so he was made father of a multitude of peoples. God himself said to him, "You're going to have a big family, Abraham!" MESSAGE

Rom 4:18 "Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be." KJV

Gal 3:9 "So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham." KJV

If we have ever been in a situation that it looks hopeless, we have a decision to make, are we going to believe God completely trusting in what He said that He would do? or are we going to back off and let circumstances take over our lives? Most believers when the pressure comes down and they are needing a manifestation from God, really don't have a promise to stand on. We must have a particular scripture that we can stand on and we must speak to the problem. The word will come alive as we exercise our faith and continue to believe.