

Christ Apostolic Miracle Ministry Sunday School

Week 1: January 5th, 2025

Topic: Your labor is not in vain – Part 6

Bible Reading: Hebrews 6:9-10

You need to face the reality

Many people in the world are treating their young ones cruelly, and they are unconcerned for their safety. Parents who hardened themselves against their children; instead of teaching them the way of the Lord must realize that their labor will be in vain. People across the globe should know that treating their children harshly will make their labor be in vain. Do you have no sense of danger for your offspring? Are you treating your youngsters heartlessly without worrying that your labor might be in vain? Don't you care that your work may be for nothing; if you don't give your children proper upbringing?

Are you negligent with your young ones? It is inevitable for you to accept the fact that if you mistreat your young ones, your efforts will be wasted. People who are unconcerned for their offspring are similar to ostriches whose labor is in vain. The Bible attested to this fact by saying, "She treats her young harshly, as though they were not hers; her labor is in vain, without concern." **Job 39:16**. Are you without dread that your children may die, and your labor will become empty? You must face the reality that having empathy for your offspring, and teaching them the statutes of the Lord is what will make your labor not to be in vain.

The labor of the repentant people: Today, many people are raising the question that 'What do we gain from all our hard work and struggles?' These people need to know that if their works are performed in a way that pleases the Lord, they will be rewarded physically and spiritually. The profit of your toil is not limited to this world; because you will also be rewarded in heaven; if your works are acceptable to God. As it is written, "What profit has the worker from that in which he labors?" **Ecclesiastes 3:9**. Hence, do what pleases the Lord, and you will be rewarded; instead of saying, 'What do people really get for all their hard work?'

The mindset of most people in the world is that if they are accused of being wicked, and held guilty, why should they labor in vain to appear innocent? If they thought they were guilty and condemned; why waste their efforts? The perception of numerous people is that they will not be admitted into the kingdom

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of heaven; so, if that is the case; why should they struggle in vain, since they will be found guilty? This group of people have given up hope; because they believe that whatever happens, they will be found guilty. So, what is the use of trying? According to the Book of Job which says, "If I am condemned, why then do I labor in vain?" **Job 9:29.**

This category of people is wrong; because as long as they repent with contrite hearts, and humble themselves before God; no matter how deep the stain of their sins; God will take it out, and make them as clean as freshly fallen snow. Even if they are stained as red as crimson, God will make them white as wool. The Bible corroborated this fact by saying, "Come now, and let us reason together," says the Lord, "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool." **Isaiah 1:18.** For this reason, stop saying, 'what is the use of trying to prove your innocence?' Instead, repent.

Gift of God to the righteous: The gift of God to the honest people is that they will have the ability to enjoy the riches that the Lord bestowed upon them, and they will have every cause to rejoice in their labor. Anyone who is in right standing with God will be enabled to enjoy the wealth that the Lord granted such a person. If you are upright, you will not brood over the fact that life is short; because God will keep you occupied with what will bring you joy.

Do not forget that, if God gives you possessions and empowers you to enjoy it in good health; it is a gift from your Maker. If you do not need to look back with sorrow on your past; because God gives you joy, it is the gift of the Lord. The Bible confirmed this fact by saying, "As for every man to whom God has given riches and wealth, and given him power to eat of it, to receive his heritage and rejoice in his labor—this *is* the gift of God." **Ecclesiastes 5:19.** We pray that you will enjoy your wealth in good health, and be happy in your toil, in Jesus' name.