

The Feast of Epiphany

(Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6, Matthew 2:1-12)

Theme: Allow Your Faith In Christ Jesus To Lead You!

Beloved in Christ Jesus: Today we celebrate the Epiphany of Our God Lord Jesus. How the three wise men or kings from the east were led to the child Jesus by relying on the movement of the star. Relying on the voice of God, they discovered the King of Kings, the Messiah. They worshipped the newborn Messiah, Jesus Christ and offered Him the gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh.

The gift of Gold offered to the child Jesus, show that Christ will be a great king, the Frankincense signifies that, Jesus will be a high priest, while the gift of Myrrh, signifies that when He dies, His body will never decay.

These three kings from the east relied on the voice of God or faith in God in their lives. Their obedience to the voice or word of God as a mark of their Faith in God led them to Christ Jesus, the Messiah. In our lives, as Christians, we cannot achieve anything without Faith in God. We need to allow God to take the lead always in our lives. Our Faith in God makes us vulnerable to be strengthened by Christ Jesus. Faith makes us live the life of uncertainty, believing that God is there for us, to guide, protect, feed, heal, sanctify, bless and redeem us. Faith means, rendering yourself powerless but relying on the mercy and power of God, which is absolute and certain.

Faith or relying on the power and mercy of God, does not entertain too much questioning or knowledge like: How am I sure? Is it possible? Give me an example? I want 100% assurance that it is going to work? We are so afraid to let go of our human power, reasoning, senses, strength, knowledge, science and rely on the power and mercy of God through our Faith.

We know the common story of a man who was falling down from a cliff of a mountain and managed to grab the root of a shrub. As he was hanging in the air, he started shouting for help. A voice came and revealed that He was Jesus, and He was ready to help him only if he could let go of the shrub he was hanging on to. The man replied, "Jesus, you mean I should let go of this shrub I am hanging on to?" And Jesus said, "Yes." And the man shouted, "Is there any other person out there who is ready to help me?"

Most of the times in our lives we are like this man, we find it very difficult to let go of our human power and reasoning to rely on the grace and power of God. Our Father in Faith, Abraham, abandoned his human reasoning and relied on the word of God. When God told him to leave everything behind and follow Him and God would make great, Abraham believed and God blessed him abundantly. These three kings relied and trusted on the voice of God and their faith led them to Christ, the Messiah.

Beloved in Christ, let this New Year we are entering by a year of great faith in our lives. Let us stop being afraid to let go of our mere human power and knowledge to rely on the mercy and power of God. Let us put our faith on the living word of God. Let us allow our Faith in Christ Jesus to take the lead and show us the way to Christ and His blessings.