

**PREACHING THE GOSPEL MATTHEWA.DANIEL.**

This is the last topic in the series for the year titled knowing the God of the new covenant. This is one very significant topic as it concerns every child of God. The old covenant was anchored on the Ten Commandments with God showing forth the nation of Israel to the world as an example of a holy nation. Every nation that opposed her was crushed and those that supported her prospered. The old covenant showed the superiority and the sovereignty of our God. Jesus came to mediate a better covenant that is engrained in love showing unmerited favour and an opportunity for all to be reconciled to him. Preaching the gospel, making converts and disciple the nations is not optional; it's at heart of Gods plan for mankind. You, reading this can make a difference. The charge is simple but profound: preach the gospel to the entire world, make converts, baptise them in the name of the Godhead and disciple them. All the power in heaven and earth has been put at our disposal to accomplish this. **(Mat 28:18-20. Mark 16:15-18)**. God empowered Jews who spread the gospel to their world stopping in England to the West and India to the East. The sons of Japheth (Europeans) took the gospel to the uttermost parts of the world. The turn of 20<sup>th</sup> century saw most parts of the world reached with the gospel and an unfortunate decline in the quality of the work done started to unravel. Many of the established churches embarked on magnificent building projects around the 17<sup>th</sup> century, investing so much on cathedrals

and forgetting to invest on people. A couple of hundred years later, humanistic ideas crept into the church and Christianity has been in decline in the western nations since. The many empty cathedrals across the nations are relics of an era when the gospel ruled. Many of the developing nations had a resurgence of the popularity of the gospel and guess what they are doing? Erecting magnificent buildings and not really investing on the people.

***“Many christians today struggle to function properly outside of their denomination building. This is an undeniable evidence of the poor work being done in many churches.”***

Once we have preached and made converts, we owe it to God to disciple them so they can grow roots and not be tossed to fro. Many of the churches today are made up of recycled Christians from a number of churches. Statistics are shown quoting us make advancements but what is the quality of that advancement? **(Acts 11:26, Matthew 7:21, Mat 18:1-3)**. Much of the discipleship going on is about being faithful to an individual or a church organisation. What happened to being faithful to Jesus? So we have many converts calling themselves Christians holding allegiance to different Pentecostal Popes and not being able to function outside of their churches. I wonder what these Saints will do in heaven, when they find out their churches are



not there. **(Luke 14:33, John 13:35, John 15:8, Acts 11:29, Acts 14:28, Acts 18:23)**.

We are meant to raise kingdom citizens fully dedicated to the teachings of Jesus but we are busy raising church members and giving ourselves a pat in the back. The same thing happened when Jesus came with some calling themselves Pharisees, others, Sadducees and others Essenes. They were so fragmented; they missed out on the birth of our lord and saviour. **(Acts 20:30, Eph 4:14, James 1:6)**. The great commission is for us all. The point is what is worth doing is worth doing well. Shalom.

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