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GOD IS IN SEARCH OF THE CHILDREN OF FAITH  
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ADAM AND EVE DISAPPOINTED GOD

*"And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?" - Genesis 3:9-11 (KJV).*

GOD IS LOOKING FOR A MAN IN THE GAP

*"And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none." - Ezekiel 22:30 (KJV).*

God is always looking, for a man of faith that will trust in His Word and execute it to the letter without adulterating it. God is looking for a selfless man that would abandon his own will for the will of God.

*"And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt." - Matthew 26:39 (KJV).*

God is looking for a man that will forsake his father and mother for His name's sake.

*"Then Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee. And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life. But many that are first shall be last; and the last first" - Mark 10:28-31 (KJV).*

GOD IS LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO SEND ON AN ASSIGNMENT

*"Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me. And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not." - Isaiah 6:8-9 (KJV).*

*“Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem: And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name....” - Acts 9:13-16 (KJV).*

WHAT SHOULD A MAN QUICKLY LEARN OF GOD TO QUALIFY HIM TO BE SENT ON A SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT?

Psalms 15:1-5 (KJV)

The following qualities must be in your faith:

#### 1. OBEDIENCE TO THE WORD AND INSTRUCTIONS OF GOD

*“And Samuel said, Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.” - I Samuel 15:22 (KJV).*

It was disobedience that led to the disenfranchisement and disfellowship of Adam and Eve - Genesis 3:23-24 (KJV).

King Saul lost his crown and kingly lineage due to disobedience. You must obey God's Word for, by it you live and become successful.

Job 36:11-12 (KJV).

*“But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.” - Matthew 4:4 (KJV).*

#### 2. CONSTANTLY FELLOWSHIPPING WITH GOD

*“And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.” - Genesis 5:24 (KJV).*

*“By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.” - Hebrews 11:5 (KJV).*

#### FIVE QUALITIES OF FELLOWSHIP

- a) Communion
- b) Communication
- c) Contribution
- d) Participation
- e) Distribution

Fellowship leads to friendship. Through fellowship, Abraham became the friend of God.

*“Art not thou our God, who didst drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Israel, and gavest it to the seed of Abraham thy friend for ever?” - II Chron. 20:7 (KJV).*

*“And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.” - James 2:23 (KJV).*

- John 15:15 (KJV).

### 3. GOD IS LOOKING FOR THE MAN THAT IS WALKING IN RIGHTEOUSNESS

*"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."* - Matthew 6:33 (KJV).

GIVE RIGHTEOUSNESS PRIORITY IN YOUR WALK WITH GOD

*"For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost."* - Romans 14:17 (KJV).

WHAT IS RIGHTEOUSNESS?

Policies and decisions that are acceptable and accepted by God. A righteous action has two qualities.

a) It is acceptable to God and accepted by God at that time.

*"Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil; neither shalt thou speak in a cause to decline after many to wrest judgment: Neither shalt thou countenance a poor man in his cause. If thou meet thine enemy's ox or his ass going astray, thou shalt surely bring it back to him again. If thou see the ass of him that hateth thee lying under his burden, and wouldest forbear to help him, thou shalt surely help with him."* - Exodus 23:2-5 (KJV).

*"But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;"* - Matthew 5:44 (KJV).

b) It propels you to higher heights. Your actions must be accepted by God.

*"For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness."* - Romans 4:3 (KJV).

*"And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be. And he believed in the Lord; and he counted it to him for righteousness."* - Genesis 15:5-6 (KJV).

*"Cometh this blessedness then upon the circumcision only, or upon the uncircumcision also? for we say that faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness. How was it then reckoned? when he was in circumcision, or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision. And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also:"* - Romans 4:9-11 (KJV).

*"For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith."* - Romans 4:13 (KJV).

*"And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God."* - James 2:23 (KJV).

PROMOTION! PROMOTION! PROMOTION!  
OUR GOD IS THE GOD OF PROMOTION  
OUR GOD IS THE GOD THAT UPGRADES

- Genesis 22:16-18 (KJV).

After Abraham performed an act of faith, his promotion came.

PROMOTION COMES TO THOSE WHO LIVE BY FAITH.

*"For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south."*

- Psalm 75:6 (KJV).

RIGHTEOUSNESS UPGRADES YOU. RIGHTEOUSNESS PROMOTES YOU.

JOSEPH WAS UPGRADED FROM THE PRISON TO THE PALACE.

DANIEL WAS UPGRADED TO THE LEADER OF THE KING'S WISE MEN.

SAUL WAS PROMOTED AND UPGRADED TO THE RANK OF AN APOSTLE.

RIGHTEOUSNESS WILL PROMOTE A NATION.

Proverbs 14:34 - *"Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people."*

4. GOD IS STILL LOOKING FOR CHILDREN OF FAITH IN HIM. ARE YOU ONE OF THEM?

- Luke 18:8-14 (KJV).

THREE THINGS ABOUT FAITH THAT GOD WILL BE LOOKING FOR WHEN HE COMES BACK:

a) A believer that trusts in God and not in his religious works.

*"O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?*

*This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law,.." - Galatians 3:1-5 (KJV).*

b) A believer that recognises and acknowledges the justification work of God.

*"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."* - Ephesians 2:8-10 (KJV).

- Romans 3:23-27 (KJV).

c) A believer that works in humility.

*"The fear of the Lord is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate." - Proverbs 8:13 (KJV).*

*"But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble." - James 4:6 (KJV).*

*"In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." - Proverbs 3:6 (KJV).*

#### CONCLUSION OF THE MATTER:

*"I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" - Luke 18:8*

#### SO WHAT CAN TAKE AWAY THE FAITH OF THE BELIEVER?

##### (i) SATANIC TEMPTATIONS

*"And the Lord said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, Doth Job fear God for curse..." - Job 1: 8-11 (KJV).*

*- Job 2:7-10 (KJV).*

*"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world." - I Peter 5:8-9 (KJV).*

*"Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked." - Ephesians 6:16 (KJV).*

*"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith," - Galatians 5:22 (KJV).*

(ii) THORN IN THE FLESH - II Corinthians 12:7-9 (KJV).

(iii) SICKNESSES, DISEASES AND BEREAVEMENT.

(iv) ROOT OF BITTERNESS, E.G. SIMON THE SORCERER

*- Acts 8:18-23 (KJV).*

(v) LUST AND GREED

*"For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows." - I Timothy 6:10 (KJV).*

(vi) LACK OF GODLY CONSCIENCE

*"For we reach the goal of fulfilling all the commandments when we love others deeply with a pure heart, a clean conscience, and sincere faith." - I Timothy 1:5 (TPT).*

*"We come closer to God and approach him with an open heart, fully convinced that nothing will keep us at a distance from him. For our hearts have been sprinkled with*

*blood to remove impurity, and we have been freed from an accusing conscience. Now we are clean, unstained, and presentable to God inside and out!"* - Hebrews 10:22 (TPT).

#### THOSE WHO SUFFERED THE FAILURE OF FAITH:

1. Peter - He denied Jesus three times
2. Judas - He betrayed Jesus
3. Elijah - He ran away from Jezebel

#### THOSE WHO STOOD IN FAITH:

1. Jesus
2. Paul

*"Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses."* - I Timothy 6:12 (KJV).

*"For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."* - II Timothy 4:6-8 (KJV).