### General

Our Sunday Services have reconvened at the Hill of Blessing at 08h30

Our monthly Apostolic Community Forum is hosted at the Hill of Blessing in Verulam. The next meeting is on Saturday 10th December at 07h00

### News

We hosted a successful matric tuition program for the past 5 months. This project will reconvene in the near future.

### Meetings

Our week day meetings are currently being hosted ONLINE using the BlueJeans conferencing platform

### Tuesday

Online Bible Study	19h00 to 19h45
Thursday	
Online Prayer	18h30 to 18h45
Saturday	
Online Session	08h00 to 08h15
Sunday	
In person Service	08h30

Details for the meetings are communicated

via Whatsapp.

Covenant partner with



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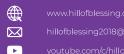


# **SELF DENIAL** (Part 2)

I will make them and the places all around MY HILL, A BLESSING; and I will cause showers to come down in their season: there shall be showers of blessing. - Ezekiel 34:26

Families are encouraged to gather each day, read the devotion, pray and partake of communion

Senior Elders: Pastor Ralph and Michelle Ellaya



### Do not fear

#### Genesis 15:1 (NKJV)

1 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward."

Abraham had given away all his spoils of war expressing the true nature of self denial. It is in this context that God tells Abraham not to fear. When we deny ourselves to express Christ we do not have to fear or be afraid.

#### Pray:

- That anxiety and fear will leave us when we live for Christ 1.
- For the fear of man to be overcome by our fear for God 2.
- That like Abraham we would overcome the fear to give 3. generously

## Exceeding reward Genesis 15:1 (NKJV)

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God promised Abraham that He would be His exceedingly great reward meaning his total provision. When we deny ourselves so that others can benefit as Abraham did we see the abundance of God's provision.

#### Pray:

- For God to be our exceedingly great reward as we deny 1. ourselves
- That we would experience a greater dimension of God's 2. provision so that we can be a greater blessing to others
- For grace to handle the abundance of God 3.

### No heir

#### Genesis 15:3 (NKJV)

3 Then Abram said, "Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!"

Abraham's complaint to God was that he had no heir or no offspring. Self denial can break barrenness. When we deny ourselves to be a blessing to others we can position ourselves for God to break barrenness of the womb and of the land.

#### Pray:

- That we would position ourselves through self denial for 1. barrenness to be broken
- That our sacrifice would also break barrenness in the lives 2. of others
- 3. For barren wombs to become fruitful

### Innumerable

#### Genesis 15:5 (NKJV)

5 Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be."

God showed Abraham the stars and told him that this will be the number of his descendants. God has a posterity for us both biological and spiritual. For us to see such a posterity we must take up our cross just as Jesus did.

#### Prav:

- For our minds to perceive spiritual posterity 1.
- That we would not limit ourselves only to biological heirs 2.
- For the church which is the spiritual family of God to 3. increase globally

### Account

#### Genesis 15:6 (NKJV)

6 And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.

Abraham believed God despite his circumstances and it was accounted or credited to him as righteousnesses. When we deny ourselves for the benefit of others we are receiving a credit to our righteousness account. God does not forsake the righteous. The righteous are always blessed.

#### Pray:

- 1. That we would believe God despite our circumstances
- For our self denial to credit our righteousness account 2.
- 3. That as we walk in righteousness we will be blessed

### Land

#### Genesis 15:7 (NKJV)

7 Then He said to him, "I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to inherit it."

Owning land is a statement of dominion and one of having dignity. God promised Abraham land because he denied himself when he left his family and his country. Obedience demands self denial but will result in land ownership.

#### Pray:

- That as we obey God we will come into ownership 1.
- That like Abraham we will deny ourselves and choose 2. to obey God
- For grace to own and manage property 3.