



HOW TO LIVE IN BABYLON

The evening news signed off leaving us filled with dreadful thoughts of what might happen next. Recent events and the continued moral decay of our country made us wonder what had become of the country we had grown up in. Sue looked at me and said, “I think we had better learn how to live in Babylon.”

The Bible is filled with examples of people of faith living victoriously while surrounded by a faithless culture. Hebrews 11 is called the faith chapter because such people are listed. Verses 13-16 relate, “All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth. People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. Instead, they were longing for a better country, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.”

When we live by faith in God’s promise, in what his word tells us, we can make it through, overcome no matter what happens around us. Romans 4:21 says, “Being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.” That’s faith—being fully persuaded that God will keep and perform his word.

I went back and read through The Book of Daniel to see how he survived in Babylon. Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego resolved not to defile themselves with the rich food of Babylon while captives but to seek to live according to God’s standards. We can also resolve, determine to live according to the direction of the Word of God supported by the power and presence of God’s Holy Spirit.

They sought God for wisdom and guidance using the gifts and graces God gave them. Likewise, we need to seek the Holy Spirit’s

help in all our decisions, to depend on the Holy Spirit’s wisdom and direction, to live by the grace gifts of God not on our own wisdom and intelligence, to rely on God’s power and presence. Daniel 1:20 records the result of such actions, “In every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the King questioned them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters in his whole Kingdom.”

Prayer was the key to living in Babylon for Daniel and the others. When a need arose, they sought the Lord together, and God gave Daniel the interpretation for the king’s dream. Daniel used God’s wisdom to help all the people, not just himself. We need to pray, but also to share our prayer needs with others who have faith. Our prayers can be of help to all—even unbelievers or those we would consider our enemies. Use our blessing from God to help others and give all the glory to God. Daniel told the king that no man could solve the king’s mystery, but the God of heaven could reveal the mystery (Dan. 2:28, 30). So as we use God’s wisdom and gifts to help everyone, God will use others to meet our needs.

Following the example of Daniel, Christians must always stay true to God and not be afraid to confess our faith even at the cost of our job or life. When we take our stand for Jesus in love, God will see us through, even if it costs us our life. Like Daniel, we need to know what God’s Word says and stand on it. Pray it. Repent for our nation, churches, family and self when actions are taken which are opposite to God’s directions. Then God can move on our behalf and allow “his will to be done here on earth as it is in heaven.”

Finally, we can follow Daniel’s example of surrounding ourselves with believing, like-minded Christians who will share their gifts and come together to encourage, pray, praise and seek God’s help to live victoriously in this world’s evil as we look forward to the country God has prepared.



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REPORT ON

Sierra Leone

“OH! HALLELUJAH! THANK YOU JESUS! GOD IS SO GOOD!” Pastor Jacob was excited. I placed a Skype call to him on Christmas day letting him know that Orphan’s Promise, of CBN’s 700 Club, had sent our ministry a check for \$8000 that would start the construction of a primary school next to the orphanage in Lungi, Sierra Leone. This will be the second project Orphan’s Promise has joined with us to complete. The orphanage was dedicated in February 2010. Right now the children have to be transported to a Muslim school in the area. Having a school on the property will be a blessing for the children and will be an evangelical outreach to Muslims in the neighborhood.

Pastor Jacob’s wife, Fatu, has recovered from a physical problem which caused a loss of the use of her left arm and hand. She works hard as the caregiver of the children. Our ministry tries to send \$500/\$600 a month for food and to pay a small amount to several women who help with all the household chores.

Another cause for celebration is taking place in Manannie with Pastor Paul. Originally ten, and now fifteen, small villages in the area asked our ministry to help build a secondary school (grades 7-12). The men have cleared ten acres provided by the village

chiefs. Funds have been donated toward the construction and an initial \$5000 has been sent to provide cement for the footers. Since sending Pastor Paul to start a church there in 2010, a primary school has been built and the church has grown to approximately 250. Pastor Paul has proven to be an effective evangelist, visiting hut to hut to share about Jesus. I have a 12-minute DVD available if you would like to see more of the work there.

At our first location in Monkey Bush, the New Miracle Praise Ministry, led by Pastor Harold, the work continues. Pastor Harold had to move his piggery to a location further away from the school. This side industry enables him to provide for his family as he serves the church. Pastor Harold is also a tailor. He has students come to him for training. These students are learning a trade as they sew school uniforms. It’s a win-win situation! The church and school remain strong. Our ministry is committed to sending \$1000 a month to pay the nine teachers and their helpers. Paying the salaries gives Pastor Harold the option of selecting the teachers and curriculum for the primary school, rather than having the government in control. Pastor Harold trained and oversees Pastor Paul and the ministry in Manannie. He is respected by all the village chiefs who say, “He never lies to us.”

SPECIAL NOTE TO THE HHS CLASS OF ‘58
Our 55th Class Reunion will be held the weekend of September 20 and 21, 2013. Our class has always been like a family and we miss you when you are not with us.

Hope to see you.
-Phil

PLEASE PRAY FOR PASTOR DALE DOBBS
of the McVeytown Parish as he fights a battle with cancer. I was blessed to fill in for him over the summer and know his church family is looking forward to having him back in the pulpit.

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