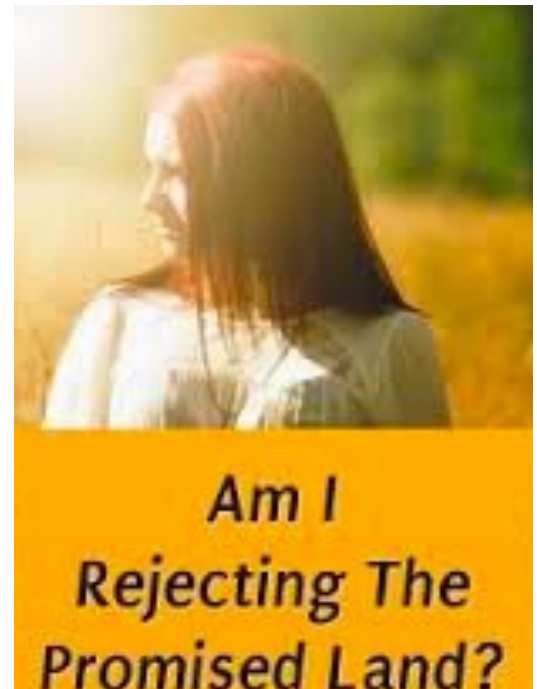


THE ALMIGHTY GOD

This year, I want to encourage all of you to make seeking the will of the Lord for your personal life the main thing. **We have no time to waste** trying to get God to do something that He does not intend to do, or even promised us that He would do.

In Genesis, 17:1, God speaking to Abram said, “I am the Almighty God. Walk before me and be thou perfect”.

Back in the 12th chapter of Genesis, we also read that the Lord had said unto Abram, “get thee out from thy kindred and from thy father’s house, unto a land that I will show thee.” Abram obeyed partly. He did leave his father’s house, but he did not leave all of his kindred. He took his brother’s son Lot with him. It would have been better had he obeyed God fully, because Lot became the cause of a lot of trouble later on. This call of Abram has been used for years as a symbol of God’s call to the unbeliever to leave his old life and go out into a new life. A lot of us have acted like Abram, did not fully obey and endeavored to hold on to some things, retain some worldly company, or keep some unclean habit. This has caused us more trouble than we realized that it would on this side of our professed salvation. To make it plain, it will continue to cause us trouble until whatever it is that is holding us back is completely abandoned. There are a lot of us who have brought Lot with us and he, she, or whatever the thing is, is creating havoc in our lives. I believe that this is a time to focus on what is God’s will for your life NOW.



You have to abandon the things that you are holding onto; those that are remnants of the past that you were so desperate to be delivered from.

Abraham went out, but by taking Lot with him, there was sorrow and trouble that he would not have had, if he had only fully obeyed the instructions of the Lord. Sometimes, doing it your way may appear to have some benefits, but in the long run, you will lose more than you gain.

After getting to the place where God wanted him (in Genesis 12) and instead of remaining where God sent him, Abram went down into Egypt and became wealthy by doing so. There was one unexpected problem that came up: that same wealth caused separation between the family. In Chapter 15, we read that Abram believed the Lord and he counted it to him for righteousness. This is the meat of the story. Fifteen years later, God speaks to him again and says, "I am the Almighty God, walk before me and be thou perfect."

He's Perfect

On one hand, perfection in this life is a place where we will never reach, but on the other hand, it is possible to reach. We will never be without imperfections, but we can be mature in God's love and God's faith. God says, "I am the Almighty God." Have you ever heard money spoken of as the Almighty Dollar? While it is true, the dollar is mighty, but God alone is Almighty. He is the one that pours out blessings. He is the one who sends the sunshine to warm the earth. He is the one that causes the rain to come to moisten the ground and cause it to bring forth in abundance. There are many other gods, but there is but one Almighty God. He alone can bring peace and purity to the human heart; perfection.

Let this month of fasting and prayer be a time to reconnect yourself with The Almighty God and learn what His will is for your life.

How do you do this? By reconnecting in prayer, in the study of the Word, and in fellowship with other believers. As we begin this year's consecration, I urge you to reflect on what it is that you will give up. Replace that desire with prayer and Bible study. What you surrender to God at this time needs to be important to you. If what you are giving up means nothing to you, then it means nothing to God. Please keep your meal to one time a day after 6PM. Stay tuned in for the next consecration sheet.

Meet me in prayer on Friday, January 4th, 2020 at 7PM

Pastor Earl & Denise Goings

