MINISTERS OF RECONCILIATION

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Introduction

*** Who is a Minister:

- From its original Latin meaning, "A Minister" simply means "A Servant"
- Someone either Chosen, Appointed, Assigned or Hired to serve a specific task, duty or assignment.
- + 1 Peter 2:9 NKJV- "But you are a <u>chosen</u> generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, <u>that you may proclaim</u> the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light;

Arise, You Minister of God

- God's work of Redemption, Restoration & Revival on earth is always carried out by His Human Agents.
- God is always searching for the Man/Woman that He can use.

*** When Israel was in Decline

- + Eze 22:30:-"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."
- + Eze 22:23-24,26,29-31
- The Priests, The People of God & The Princes in the Land have made unholy the name of God.

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*** God is looking for You:

- He's always looking for that Vessel of Honour
- That Vessel that He can Pour Himself into & Use.
- Will You be that Man/Woman?
- Will You be that People?
- + 2 Tim 2:20- "But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor."
- + V21- "Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work."
- Are you Ready, Prepared for the Master's use?

The Ministry of Reconciliation

- God has given us the task of Reconciling Humanity back to God.
- + 2 Chro 5:18 "And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him."

*** To Share God's Gospel of Redemption

- Tell people of the Love of God Through the Saving Gospel of Jesus.

*** To Warn of God's Judgement

- Warn people of God's Displeasure & Wrath against all ungodliness.
- + 2 Cor 5:11- "Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men..."

- Few Things to Note As Ministers of Reconciliation
- + 2 Chro 7:14- NIV

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

-1-) You are God's Chosen Vessel

- Do not mess up your life. You are God's Temple, Do not Defile your Body, Spirit & Mind. (I Cor 6:15-20)
- Do not let God Down.
- + John 15:16- NIV- "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit

-2-) Humble Yourself before God

+ 2 Chro 7:14- NIV- "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves...."

*** How Do I Humble Myself Before God?

- We must recognise our failings in our walk with God.
- We must Renew, Restore & Revive our Commitment, Devotion, Service, Worship & Fellowship with God
- + James 4:7 NIV- "Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."
- + 1 Peter 5:8- "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time
- Submit Your Life To God.
- Resist the control of the devil.

-3-) Pray & Seek the face of God

- We have to Intercede for Ourselves, The Church & The Land. Like Father Abraham interceded for Sodom
- + Gen 18:20-21,23,26

*** Future Glory of Jerusalem

- + Isa 62:6-7
- + V7 NET- "I post watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; they should keep praying all day and all night. You who pray to the LORD, don't be silent!"

*** Restoration of Jerusalem (i.e. the Nations)

- + Psalm 122:6-9
- + V6 NLT- "Pray for peace in Jerusalem. May all who love this city prosper."

-4-) Turn From Our Wicked Ways

"God's people must genuinely repent by turning from specific sins and all forms of conformity to the world and draw near to God for mercy, forgiveness & cleaning."- Life in the Spirit Bible Study

*** Isaiah was Commissioned

- + Isaiah 6:3- "... Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD ..."
- +V5- "...woe is me! ...; I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips:"
- +V7- "... This coal has touched your lips. Now your guilt is removed, and your sins are forgiven."
- +V8- "... whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me."

LET US PRAY

*-1-) O Lord, Cleanse my life & make me a Vessel of honour ready for Your use.

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*-2-) O Lord, Revive Your Church

+Eze 37:14- "I will put my Spirit in you, and you will live again..."

*-3-) O Lord, Heal our land

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