

## Message: Requirements and rewards for ascending to the hill of the Lord

Texts: Psalm 24 verse 3-5

Bible Passage: Exodus 3 verse 1- 10

NOW Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, *even* to Horeb. 2 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush *was* not consumed. 3 And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt. 4 And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here *am* I. 5 And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest *is* holy ground. 6 Moreover he said, I *am* the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God. 7 ¶ And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which *are* in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows; 8 And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites. 9 Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them. 10 Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.

In Psalm 24 verses 3- 5, the Bible says who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully, he shall receive the blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

The Bible is making us to understand that there are requirements for ascending unto the hill of the Lord, the Hill of the Lord is where we meet with God, it is a place of authority, a place called the holy of Holy, a sanctuary. Hear this not all places called the hill of the Lord are actually the Hill of the Lord, you may think the place is the hill of the Lord, but God may not be there. In Exodus 3 verses 1- 10, we saw Moses approaching the Hill of the Lord, on the hill of the Lord you must be able to see the Lord, hear the Lord and get messages from the Lord. I repeat, on the Hill of the Lord you must be able to see the Lord, hear the Lord and get messages from the Lord. For these three things to happen you must recognise that where you are is a holy place and must comply with the rules that governs it. The Lord told Moses in Exodus 3 verse 5 “AND HE SAID, DRAW NOT NIGH HITHER; PUT OFF THY SHOES FROM OFF THY FEET, FOR THE PLACE WHEREON THOU STANDESTH IS HOLY GROUND” for the Lord to continue with Moses, Moses had to remove his shoes, this will bring us to the requirements for ascending into the hill of the Lord and getting the three mentioned above.

### Requirements for ascending the hill of the Lord

- Holiness
- Obedience
- Patience
- Readiness to meet with the Lord

- Have a listening ear
- Not in a rush to leave the presence of the Lord
- Be ready to carry out God's instruction

Your compliance with the above will usher you into the blessings of ascending to the hill of the Lord which are

- Divine instructions and directions only for you
- You have your purpose in life been given to you
- Recognition
- Power and authority to confront the rulers of this world
- Have boldness
- Be a friend of God
- Have blessings of good health, prosperity and been victorious over every battles

Altar call..... Many in this age are claiming to be on the Hill of the Lord and yet living a confused life, some are living a life of no direction, and the truth of the matter is that they are yet to remove their shoes. What are the shoes that the Lord is asking you to remove? To some their shoes may be:-

- Worldliness
- Anger
- Lying
- Stealing
- Disobedience to the word of God
- Lack of faith
- Pride
- Lack of time for the things of the Lord
- Ungodly behaviours

Not until when you remove your shoes, the Lord will not be able to talk with you.....If you will like to remove your shoes and want to see God, then pray the following prayers

Prayer

1. Father Lord as I approached your hill tell me the shoes I must remove in the name of Jesus
2. My shoes that will not allow the Lord to speak with me be exposed and be destroyed by the fire of the Almighty in the name of Jesus
3. My inherited shoes that will blind me on the Hill of the Lord be destroyed by fire in the name of Jesus
4. My shoes shall not be too hard or difficult to remove in the name of Jesus
5. Father Lord help me to always yield to your corrections in the name of Jesus
6. I refused to lose my destiny because of my shoes in the name of Jesus
7. My life shall not be tired climbing into the hill of the Lord in the name of Jesus
8. Father Lord help me to be patience while on your hill in the name of Jesus
9. My eyes shall see the Lord on the hill in the name of Jesus
10. Spiritual arrows fired to blind me fail and backfire in the name of Jesus
11. When the Lord is speaking on the hill I shall hear clearly in the name of Jesus
12. When the Lord is speaking on the hill I shall not miss the word in the name of Jesus
13. All the words of the Lord to me on the hill shall not be forgotten in the name of Jesus

14. Powers playing with the word of God in my life fail now in the name of Jesus
15. Powers making me to forget Gods words and instructions die in the name of Jesus
16. Powers competing with my destiny you are a liar die in the name of Jesus
17. Anything in my life that hate the word of the Lord, the Lord shall destroy you in the name of Jesus
18. I refused to be the enemy of the word of God in the name of Jesus
19. Oh Lord arise and disgrace all the enemies of my salvation in the name of Jesus
20. Whatever the enemies have planted to destroy my spiritual life be uprooted and die in the name of Jesus