

CHILDREN AND TRANSFORMATION

GOD'S MESSAGE:

Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength, because of Your enemies, that You may silence the enemy and the avenger. [Psalm 8:2]

When you were born, you cried and the world rejoiced. Therefore live in such a way so that when you die, the world cries and you rejoice.

Many children lack the attention from people who regard themselves older than them - in fact, many parents and churches underestimate children and children's ministry. Since they were still inside the womb, the devil tried to destroy children, for example: children who were aborted, unwanted, and rejected since they were in the womb due to many reasons. Therefore, this is the time to equip the children to do spiritual warfare, both to defend their parents and themselves.

Transformation which is buzzed around us is not only applicable for adults. It is also applicable for children because children are the future generation of church and they belong to God Himself. Many children rebel to their parents because they experience hurt, rejection, etc – and this thing needs to be restored.

In Joel 2:15-16 it is commanded that we gather the children, even the nursing babes to gather together in prayer. In 2 Chronicles 20:13 it is also said that they have to pray with their children.

The question for us is why children need to be invited when the fact tells us that children are often forgotten and even looked down?

1. *Because theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (it is not "heaven", because the heaven belongs to Jehovah).*

We need to understand "the kingdom of heaven". Many Jesus' teachings and parables talked about "the kingdom of heaven." Many prophets prophesied that the "kingdom of heaven" is coming – even the last prophet, John the Baptist, said: "Repent, because the Kingdom of heaven is near!" Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven has come!"

Lord Jesus taught His disciples to pray: "Our Father in heaven, Thy kingdom comes" (the Kingdom of heaven). Jesus even commanded His disciples to seek the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 6:33). What is the kingdom of heaven? Jesus said that the "kingdom of heaven" is not about food or drink, but about power and..., unless you are become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 18:3-4). What does the kingdom of heaven mean? Lord Jesus said to His disciples: "If I cast out the demons with the power of the spirit of God, it means the kingdom of heaven has come." The kingdom of heaven is the power to cast out the devil with the power of God's spirit – and the amazing thing is that children also have this power.

2. *Because their angel is in heaven. Angel is very important in spiritual warfare.*

The importance of angels' roles in answering prayer and fighting against the worldly power was told in the story of Daniel prayer and his answered prayer. (Daniel 9:20-11:20).

Why is it very important to invite children to pray? Because they have the support, back up from the angels in heaven.

3. *They have power in their mouth.*

God put the power in children's mouth to silence the enemy. Our enemies are the evil spirits in the air (Ephesians 6), the spirit of poverty, impurity, dispute, disunity, disease, terrorism, etc..and children have the effective power to silence them.

During the Bible's history, God often used and involved children in His movement. The same thing will happen with the transformation movement in this end times. Our duty as their parents and church's duties through Sunday school teachers is to prepare a generation who will inherit this country and welcome Jesus' second coming.

Children who were born and served well will be excellent generation: children like Samuel, Joas, John the Baptist, Timothy and even like little Jesus. In some cases found in the Bible, these children became excellent because their parents had served them since they were still young, even when they were in the womb.

To prepare the children to get involved in our nation transformation, we can involve them in children prayer tower, and we can also build children prayer network. It's possible for children to have prayer burdens for our nation's transformation. Their sincere prayer from their heart will move God's heart to visit our nation until the transformation that we long for finally happen.

ESSENCE:

Transformation which is buzzed around us is not only applicable for adults. It is also applicable for children because children are the future generation of church and they are God's treasures. Children's rebellious action to their parents, their involvement in drugs and criminality generally happen because they are hurt and feel rejected by their parents. These things need to be restored.

REFLECTION:

As parents: are we willing to become wise parents? Have our children restored?
As children: are we willing to be shaped by God through our family?

COMMITMENT:

For parents: I love our children as Jesus loves them. I educate them in Christian's faith.
For children: I accept and forgive my parents and regard them as one of God's instrument to make me more like Jesus.

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