

WE NEED THE OVERSHADOWING POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

“The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.”

(Gen. 1:2)

One of the cardinal truths we must embrace in life as long as we live in this world is that there are forces assigned to us to fight the plan of God for our lives. Until we accept the reality of the existence of these forces, we will not be able to fully dominate this world the way God expects us to do. Every evil against humanity started when man disobeyed God and obeyed the devil who came in the form of a serpent to deceive Eve. (Gen 3:1-8). Why do people take guns to kill? Why are innocent worshippers of Christ caught and beheaded in the name of religion? Why do we have beautiful ladies who make ends meet by prostitution? Why do nations war against other nations? Why do people kill others in the name of ethnic cleansing? These and many more questions raised about the evils of society point to the fact that the Bible is very true about the existence of the evil one called the devil and Satan:

“And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.” (Rev. 12:9)

When we read the key scripture that says that “the earth was without form and void; and darkness was over the face of the deep...” what comes into your mind? It is the presence of evil.

God is not chaotic and does not create a void world. It was the presence of the devil on earth that created this scene. Anytime God plans something nice and good for you, remember that the devil also plans to thwart God's plan for you by creating confusion. The earth was without form and void. This means it was shapeless and empty. Secondly, there was darkness over the whole surface of the earth. This is why we need to engage the help of God as we begin every year. We must keep on seeking the face of God continuously throughout the whole year and walk in fellowship with Him.

God allowed His Spirit to brood over the surface of the waters and move over the whole earth in order to bring order to His creation. We need the Holy Spirit to overshadow us as He did in the creation story. When the Holy Spirit moved over the face of the earth, God began to speak things into being. The creation story cannot be completely told without mentioning the work of the Holy Spirit and the commanding efficacy of the word.

PRAYER & CONFESSION

Holy Spirit, overshadow me to live for the Lord in Jesus' name. Amen!