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Dear partners in ASKing,

We bless you and your households in this wonderful season of celebrating the Incarnation, the Word becoming flesh!

This letter comes from the International Team to you all. We have sought the Lord earnestly about what He wants to say to ASK Network as we enter 2010. Please read these various words and meditations, understanding their prophetic importance, and turn them into prayer, then action.

While in prayer God showed us He was offering us a blank scroll with a quill.



The interpretation of this is God is giving us a new page in 2010. Each of us must *listen* carefully to the Word to receive what He wants us personally to write on the page of this New Year. What is it that we will hear God say to us? What is it He will instruct each of us to do for Him in ASK?

Here is another word we received in prayer:

Gathering all generations to pray for all nations asking God to do what only He can do and doing whatever He asks of us.

The Lord is saying, "I want you".

He wants us. He wants all of us. He wants us to be wholeheartedly committed to him in the way Caleb was. It is interesting that Caleb was described as wholeheartedly committed to God but then it was his daughter Acsah who ASKed for "special favor", she asked for the Upper Springs to water the land she already inherited from her father.

Wholeheartedness begets ASKing. Are you, am I, wholeheartedly committed to God? Are we ASKing for the Upper Springs to water what He has already given? We need to ask for the Upper Springs for 2010. Some of you may remember when God gave us this word about Caleb's daughter (Joshua 15:19 , Judges 1:15) last year in 2008, a year of formation for us.

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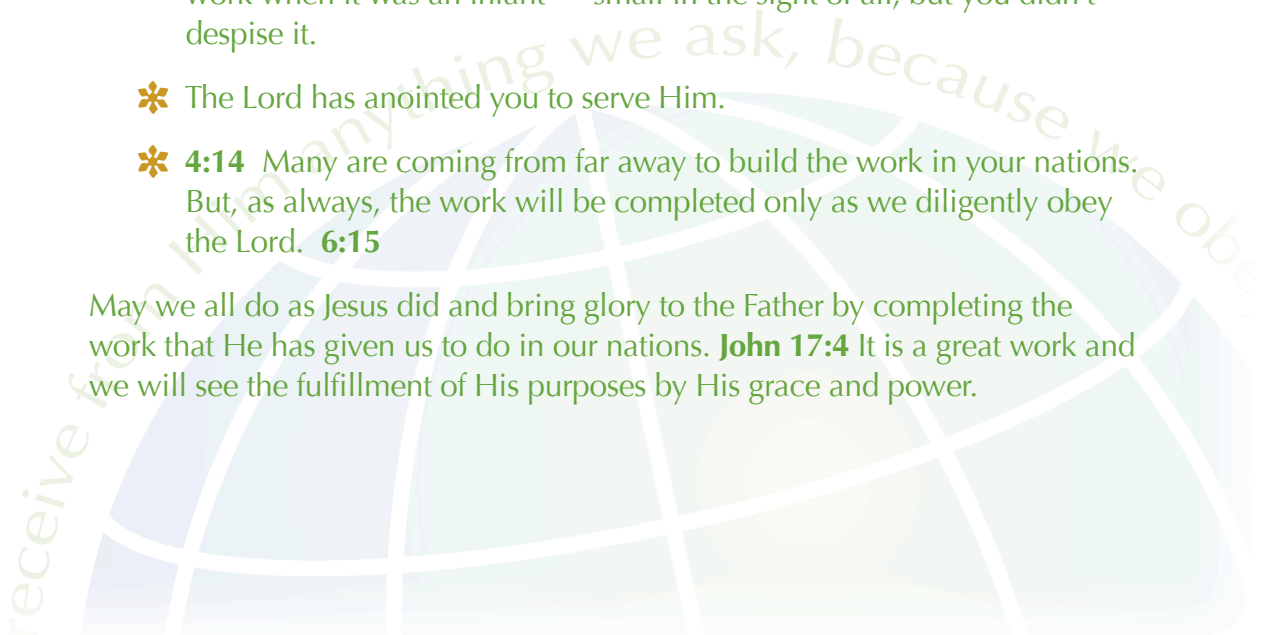
It is a scripture we need to revisit. We always need the fresh water of the Upper Springs to irrigate the land already given. Caleb had spied out the Negev once as a young man sent by Moses; now older, he hears his daughter, probably the same age now he was then, asking for the Upper Springs to water land he originally had spied out, then possessed, then handed onto the next generation. Acsah earns mention seven times in scripture, She indeed had “special favor”. Wholeheartedness...ASKing...possession...an inheritance for future generations

Be blessed by this meditation:

God’s promise to us in **Zechariah 3:7** is: If we will walk in His ways and keep His requirements, then we will govern His house, have charge of His courts and He will give us a place among those standing with us. We need to remind ourselves that it is never by our own strength or power that His kingdom is built but by His Spirit alone. **4:6** There are no mountains that will be able to stand against the work of His kingdom — they will become level ground by His grace.

- * **3:7** God has used your hands to lay the foundation of the work of ASK in your nations and it is by your hands that the Lord will complete the work.
- * **3:9** You have endured through the difficult days of the beginning of the work when it was an infant — small in the sight of all, but you didn’t despise it.
- * The Lord has anointed you to serve Him.
- * **4:14** Many are coming from far away to build the work in your nations. But, as always, the work will be completed only as we diligently obey the Lord. **6:15**

May we all do as Jesus did and bring glory to the Father by completing the work that He has given us to do in our nations. **John 17:4** It is a great work and we will see the fulfillment of His purposes by His grace and power.



The following is an excerpt from the most recent UK ASK Letter from their national team...

WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT ASK?

- * God is its founder and revealed the name. Is 62:2
- * It springs from relationship, mirroring the very heart of Christianity as expressed through the Trinity
- * It is open to any believer
- * It seeks to promote understanding of the Word (rightly handling, 2 Tim 2:15)
- * Its work is to prophetically pray God's Word back to him: Jer 1:5
Greek: Prophema=to prophesy: from pro=forth & phema=declare — thus speak the word prophetically over your family, church, community, city, nation.
- * Its purpose is to serve and be a resource for the body of Christ throughout the nations
- * It is not to be based in any one nation, but rather in the nations. Ps 2:8
- * It will look different in each nation, responding to different cultural norms.
- * Its call is to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit; as someone has put it, 'to go where God is going.'
- * It is to contribute to making prayer (asking) accessible to the body of Christ at large.
- * It is to operate under the covering and authority of local leadership when serving the church.
- * It embraces the whole gospel, asking for salvation, healing and deliverance (Lk. 19:10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save (Gk=sozo) what was lost)

Finally something to ponder. Maybe you have heard this saying: 'To get something you never had, you have to do something you never did.'

We pray the truth of this will become your obedience and joy in the upcoming year of ASKing. Remember our scriptural mandate of 1 John 3:22: *Receive from Him anything we ask, because we obey His commands and do what pleases Him.* ASK big! Receive big!

We bless you all as we seek to serve God wholeheartedly in ASK Network to His glory in the nations in 2010,

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