BIBLE STUDY DEPARTMENT

THEME 2008: *...THAT THOU MAYEST PROSPER...*

TOPIC: ***GRACE IN THE NEW COVENANT*** **13TH APRIL, 2008**

Memory verse - For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

Jn. 1:17

Notes

Grace has been an integral part of man's walk with God. Moses found grace in the sight of God when he saw his glory (Ex. 33:17). Before Moses, Noah also found grace with God (Gn. 6:8). Indeed, it is the lord's portion to give grace amongst other things (Ps. 84:11).

The unique thing about these encounters with grace is that the personalities involved found grace to help in time of need (Heb. 4:16) as it were. In significant essence, these extensions of grace, as is characteristic of all old testament encounters, is in the form of a helping hand being given by a gracious and mighty God (II Cor. 12:9).

The Bible talks about all grace (II Cor. 9:8). A pointer to the fact that there are different forms of grace. Since all of it signifies different parts). So, the old grace is different from the new. Whereas that of the old was an external resource, the new grace is an implantation (II Cor. 6:1). This new grace is the Holy Ghost in us (compare Zech. 12:10 and Jn. 14:16-17). The new grace therefore is the implantation of God's abilities in us.

When he expresses his desire for us to prosper (III Jn. 2), there is also the assurance that this is achievable by those who have his abilities.