

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me" (John 10:27)

"All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast him" (John 6:37).

I am blessed while reading these verses While meditating on them the Lord brought into my mind how beautiful His plan is to reach out to the lost of the world and restore them back to Him.

His sheep means the one that is born again child of God who received Jesus Christ as his/her personal Savior and Lord. I believe specifically there are two areas where the Lord's sheep hear His voice and respond: 1). To response to the call of serving the Lord in specific areas, committing fully to the call of God. 2). To response to become partner with God-intended ministry.

There is a Biblical principle of partnership, whereby people are called to join themselves to a work that God is doing. Both parties benefit from this spiritual relationship. **The origin of partnership is started from God Himself.**

Philippians 4:15: "Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only"

We see from this verse the Apostle Paul, who started churches all over the then known world, had regular partnership with the church in Philippi.

III John 7, 8: "Because that for his name's sake they went forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles. We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be fellow-helpers to the truth."

From this verse, we see that John encouraged the saints to become involved as partners with travelling ministers.

Luke 8:3: "And Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, which ministered unto him of their substance."

God could have met their needs supernaturally as He did with the O. T. prophet Elijah, but He had a better plan, one that would provide blessing and benefit to both the receiver and the giver. His plan was partnership.

#. IMP: First comes the local church. Your whole tithe and best offering should go to take care of your local church and your Pastor. Only after you have been faithful to your local church should you consider partnering with ministry like us.

May our good Lord continue to bless you and your families. Prema and I love you so dearly and pray for you daily. Write us for we love to hear from you.

Remember, <u>Jesus is Lord</u> and take with you <u>the Word of God and Faith</u>, excellent traveling Companions. (Psalms 119:105; II Corinthians 5:7)

