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There is trouble everywhere. The whole world has been in trouble since the day the devil deceived Eve and lured her into eating of the forbidden fruit and, my friend, trouble has not left humanity alone ever since. Our world is literally burning up, and it keeps getting hotter by the day. Call it climate change or something else, but I definitely know that once upon a time, we used to hardly sweat in my city; today, however, you cannot wear a shirt once and try to wear it again before you wash it.

Of course, the hotness transcends atmospheric climate into every sphere of life, really. The financial climate all over the world is extremely volatile with the indices of the global stock market being nothing to write home about; money is merely evaporating, and fortunes are being lost instantaneously. Families around the world are suffering like never before as the inflation rate soars alarmingly, yet income is not catching up to expenditure, thereby causing enormous stress on the home front. Many parents no longer ask their children if they are full; they are thankful as long as the children at least have something to eat. As Jesus said, "in the beginning, it was not so." Everything God created was good — even by His own testimony! In the beginning, He gave humanity a five-fold blessing—to be fruitful, multiply, replenish, subdue, and have dominion. Dominion is our heritage from the foundation of the world. So what changed? And more importantly, what is the way out of this trouble?

Apostle Paul volunteers an answer in 1 Corinthians 10:13; it says:

"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

This verse is very loaded and it gives us a lens through which we can begin to understand what we are perceiving as troubles in the world today. The verse begins by saying that there's no temptation or sin that you have committed that God has never seen before. In other words, God is saying, "Don't let your sin fool you; I am always ready to forgive when you come to Me." That's some very good news right there! God is not judging you contrary to what the devil wants you to believe. He has judged the sins of humanity once and for all in the death of His Son, Jesus Christ—and everyone who believes that truth enjoys God's pardon and restoration on-demand! God even promised that if you come to Him as you are, He will not allow the devil to mess you up more than necessary, even though you are undeserving of such a favorable treatment. Isn't that good news? God made a final offer in that verse that He's able to provide A WAY OF ESCAPE for you and your family!

There you have it! If you want to partake of this offer, all you need to do is to become a part of God's family by believing that Jesus really did pay that price for your sins almost 2000 years ago! God is offering you something greater than membership; He's offering you SONSHIP. If you are born again, then you are already a son or daughter of the Most High! He's ready, willing, and able to take you through all the calamities in the world without you feeling the heat thereof. If you are not born again, however, what suffering awaits you as things get even hotter by the day! All you have to do is to ask Jesus to come into your heart. You can say this prayer with me: "Lord Jesus, come into my life. I accept and receive You today. I confess and forsake my sins and my old lifestyle. Take me as Your own. Thank You for saving me, in Jesus' name." My friend, if you say this prayer sincerely, you have just encountered Jesus! If you are doing this for the first time or rededicating your life to Jesus, let me be the first to welcome you into the Kingdom of Christ.

# **GLORY AND HONOR (Part 7)**

God is good all the time. He has ordained and predestined us to wear two great crowns: glory and honor! Isn't that amazing? Of course, that in itself says something about the Source of our crowns — it is only God Who can give us two

crowns to wear concurrently without one falling off. My friend, have you tried wearing two caps at the same time without one covering the beauty of the other? The answer is a capital NO! This is the mystery that I am talking about. God is calling us into the life of supernatural glory and honor that cannot be averted by any satanic force from any realm. This is the reason why Jesus said we have been given the grace to understand the mystery of the kingdom. If you are not panting after these nuggets from the Word of God with a zeal and zest for His rhema, then we can easily miss out on the life of glory and honor destined for us.

We have been unpacking this mystery since we started this series and today we will add to the revelatory knowledge of the Word with which God has blessed us so far in this series. Let us ask a very important question: What is it that makes you different in life? The answer lies in your pedigree! If you look at your lineage very well, you will completely understand that you have no choice than to rule and reign in life—unless you choose the prodigal path. We know that in most Kingdoms, people do not become a king unless they come from the royal family. This is true whether you are considering the monarch in the British empire or the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; there is a line of succession to the throne. The same is true spiritually. Your spiritual pedigree shows that you are born into royalty. You are not only made in the image of God, you are also a descendant of Abraham through whose lineage Jesus came — in Whom we have been accepted and chosen to enjoy the commonwealth of Israel. Paul puts it like this in his letter to the Ephesians,

# "having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will," (Ephesians 1:6)

My heart pounds for joy every time I am challenged, knowing fully well that the situation cannot win because I have a way of escape (as explained above in the Good News section). I know that I am accepted in the Beloved. Therefore, just as you will not find a member of our earthly royal families living in penury, imagine what being a member of God's royal family will imply! By the reason of our adoption into the beloved, therefore, we have received a great gift from Jesus given to us prophetically and fully activated when we accepted Him as our Lord and personal Savior, viz:

"And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ." (Matthew 16:19-20)

You see, every time you broadcast Jesus to the world as the Christ, your equity in the life of glory and honor rises and becomes more enforceable, because those who turn many to righteousness shall shine as stars forever. That's the key that unlocks the mystery.

Unfortunately, even though all believers have been given the KEYS of the kingdom, some of us are very ignorant of the power and the effectiveness of the key. It is like you holding the key to your house and still crying that someone locked you out. These keys give us authority in two realms—heaven and on earth. It's a shame that some of us concentrate on heaven and forget that we live here on the earth. Many will hold prayer vigils for hours but will fail to take corresponding action on earth, waiting for God to move the earth. Please, read Matthew 16:19 again and again — "Whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." It is all up to you to operate both dimensions.

### **ANCHOR TEXT**

You are royalty and your star is bound to continue to shine—unless you choose otherwise. Our God is a constant God; He said "I am the Lord, I change not." If anything is wrong with your crowns, therefore, don't look at God; look inward for His direction on how to fix the problem. The prodigal son chose to move out and he experienced life without the father; the moment he returned to his senses, his experience changed. Paul gives us another example of someone who walked away from this wonderful lifestyle, viz:

"for Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed

# unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia." (2 Timothy 4:10)

Demas was once on fire for God and was doing exploits with Paul in the ministry, but he later decided to love the world and went after that. We have to be very careful not to love this dangerous present world.

Our foundational text is found in the Psalms,

"For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, And hast crowned him with glory and honour." (Psalm 8:5KJV)

I pray that we will not forsake the cause of Christ for this dying world in Jesus' name. May we be present and persistent for the sake of Christ always. The devil is busy; please be very careful.

#### WHY ARE THE GLORY AND HONOR FADED?

So far, we have considered six reasons, viz:

- **1. SIN**
- 2. STRANGE FIRE: THE CASE STUDY OF NADAB AND ABIHU
- 3. THE EFFECT OF TERRITORIAL POWER
- 4. THE PRESENCE OF STRONGHOLDS IN A FAMILY AND A NATION
- 5. WRONG DECREES THAT CAN KILL YOUR DESTINY
- 6. COMMITTING A GRAVE MISTAKE

Let's continue from there today.

#### 7. UNFORGIVENESS

"And when Haman saw that Mordecai bowed not, nor did him reverence, then was Haman full of wrath. And he thought scorn to lay hands on Mordecai alone; for they had shewed him the people of Mordecai: wherefore Haman sought to destroy all the Jews that were throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus, even the people of Mordecai. In the first month, that is, the month Nisan, in the twelfth year of king Ahasuerus, they cast Pur, that is, the lot, before Haman from day to day, and from month to month, to the twelfth month, that is, the month Adar."

(Esther 3:5-7 KJV)

This is a very deep mystery of why glory and honor can fade very easily and quickly. I will be explaining these few verses from two points of view. This life is very delicate and needs the understanding of things that can cause us to lose what God has fore-ordained to be ours. Let us look at the first point:

Let us learn from HAMAN. He was a man that had been promoted by the king into one of highest position in the land —

"After these things did king Ahasuerus promote Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and advanced him, and set his seat above all the princes that were with him. And all the king's servants, that were in the king's gate, bowed, and reverenced Haman: for the king had so commanded concerning him. But Mordecai bowed not, nor did him reverence." (Esther 3:1-2)

Haman was enjoying his new found promotion but he was not careful and observant enough. He did not guard his heart well but allowed something little to bring it all down. Just because a man refused to bow down to him, he took an OFFENSE for that. There are many ways Haman could have handled that situation which could have resulted in both him and Mordecai co-existing and enjoying their life together but he chose a wrong solution and decided to kill Mordecai and his entire generation. That was a bit much for a little situation, wasn't it? Every time you allow

unforgiveness to take over you, it is definite that you are going to lose big. Haman paid a dear price and, in one day, lost it all because he could not bring himself down to the level of calling Mordecai and talking things over about why he was behaving oddly.

#### MAY GOD NOT LET YOU OFFEND THE PERSON WHO WILL NOT FORGIVE YOU.

This is the second angle to look at this story through. Haman did not succeed because Mordecai and Esther went rogue in the spirit. How many people have died and couldn't manifest the life God had chosen for them because someone decided to cut their short because of one thing or the other? Believe me, there are many who are living on earth but dead in all ramifications; they are just existing, not living—just because they offended someone who refused to let it go. Here is my advice for you today: if you are in a situation like this and you know the person, seek spiritual wisdom to handle it correctly. That may look like asking the elders in your area to join you in apologizing to the person you offend or, like Esther and Mordecai, go rogue in the Spirit and wage warfare intelligently. May God give you the wisdom of Esther and the strength of Mordecai to fight your HAMAN in Jesus' name.

See the summary below:

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# **A CALL TO ACTION**

Are you stuck at the moment?
Are you looking for a way of escape?
Are you aware of your covenant rights?
Are you part of the royal family of God?
Are you using your keys correctly?
Are you still living in unforgiveness?
Are you bound because someone will not forgive you?

# THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "KING'S WRATH PACIFIED"

"So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then was the king's wrath pacified." (Esther 7:10 KJV)

May the wrath of the King of kings be not pacified concerning the stubbornness of your enemy. And remember, unforgiveness and pride are like deadly concussions. Please avoid them at all cost. Your life is too important. Shalom.

### **PRAYER POINTS**

- 1. Father, give me the grace to always forgive as You forgive me, too in the name of Jesus.
- 2. Lord, destroy the operations of bitterness and unforgiveness in my life, wherever they may be coming from in the name of Jesus.

PS: Remember to reach out or pray for ten souls to be added to the Kingdom of God in your area. God bless you as you do so. Amen.