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GLORY AND HONOUR

GOD CAN STOP ALL THE DARKNESS AROUND YOU

PART 1

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***“He setteth an end to darkness, And searcheth out all perfection:
The stones of darkness, and the shadow of death.” (Job 28:3 KJV)***

Darkness is darkness no matter how you try to spin it and it can only respond to only one thing—Light. Light is the only thing that can chase darkness and challenge it to keep its tail between its legs. Yes, darkness in any area of your life will turn to light the moment you allow God into your world. As such, the devil will do all it can to make darkness continue to be a part of our lives.

In the creation account, however, we can learn from how God dealt with darkness. Genesis 1:2 says, ***“And the earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.”***

The situation was bleak with darkness covering the face of the deep. With such darkness in the way, progress was far from reach. The devil, one may say, challenged God with darkness! It goes without saying, therefore, that if God had to deal with darkness, you will have to do so, too. The good news, however, is that God's victory over darkness back then—at creation—gives us a template and an assurance that victory over the darkness in our life is possible. Permit me to call your attention to Isaiah's prophecy along these lines,

“For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.” (Isaiah 60:2)

He speaks of the certainty of darkness covering the earth and gross darkness covering the people—a perfect 'double jeopardy' situation. He would go on—thankfully—to speak of an assured victory for God's people over such thick darkness. We could go on and on about the woes of darkness — for instance, such as the Egyptians experienced among the plagues God sent to them:

“And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven; there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days: They saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for three days: but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.” (Exodus 10:22-23)

The darkness in the land of Egypt was so thick that no one saw each other and no one rose from his or her place. In other words, when there's darkness in one's life, such a person may become invisible to those who are meant to help him/her and such a person becomes stagnated.

When COVID-19 hit the world in 2020, it was as though a fog of thick darkness fell upon the world and terrorized the world community maximally. Many of the resultant effects of the pandemic were, in fact, manifestations of 'darkness' in various ways—sudden loss of job, broken marriages, the loss of a loved one, temperamental government, and many more.

Given these many unpleasant situations prevalent in the life of many across the world, what is the way out? Job 28:3 gives us a clue,

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God is the one Who puts an end to all darkness! He will even go further to search out what will make your life perfect. He conquers the stone of darkness and the shadow of death. If you are born again, your case is settled because you have invited the everlasting light into your life and situation. God is the one Who created light; He said “let there be light and there was light.” If you are not born again, I am so sorry to inform you that the devil will have a lot of fun with your life and darkness will be your perpetual companion. But you can change that today by asking Jesus to come into your life and all will be well. His sweet light will come upon you and you shall become a

city set on a hill, visible to everyone. If you are making this decision for the first time (or rededicating your life to Jesus), let me be the first one to welcome you into the Kingdom of God.

GLORY AND HONOR (Part 1)

Welcome to a brand new series. My hope is that those who followed the previous series (titled 'The Church') have been able to glean some great and powerful insights about the church. We learnt about the place, position, purpose, and our part to play in the well-being of the church. I grew up in The Apostolic Church, a denomination that played a significant part in my solid foundation in the Christian faith. I love one on the church's rules of conduct; it says, ***“Make the church your spiritual home.”*** In other words, your safety is guaranteed when your spirit is grounded in the Church of Jesus Christ. Hopefully, through the series, we have shown you more reasons why you should commit to the local church and become an active member in one. God reveals that once this foundation is grounded and sound, it will be easy to build a great structure on it.

Moving, what does God want us to focus on next? I believe that the Lord told me it is high time His glory and honor was revealed in us. He said we are created in His image and likeness and it is high time we began to show forth the power of that image. When you see the son or daughter of a king, the glory and splendor of the kingdom oozes from them—princes or princesses alike. It brings back to mind God's blessing upon humanity from the very beginning, viz:

“And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.” (Genesis 1:28)

If such proclamations of blessing from the lips of God don't translate to tangible blessings in your life, I don't see the proclamations of any prophet or pastor doing the same. So, let's stand on the word of God together and say with me, **“I am blessed by God!”**

THE FIVE FOUNDATIONAL BLESSINGS

Let us quickly go over what I call **“The Five FOUNDATIONAL BLESSINGS.”** These five cardinal blessings must find expression in your life in this season in Jesus' name.

1. BE FRUITFUL

This is a command. The problem with many of us is that we are trying to ACHIEVE fruitfulness rather than BECOMING fruitful. You don't try to achieve maleness or femaleness; if you are a boy or a girl by divine command, nothing can change that; you just go ahead and be one!

2. MULTIPLY

The reason why this part of the blessing finds it difficult to manifest in our lives is because we have been programmed by our environment to think in ADDITION rather than MULTIPLICATION.

3. REPLENISH THE EARTH

This is the beginning of the principle of giving as a way for God to establish the second cardinal blessing. To replenish is to restock—to supply what's lacking. This is a blessing that is connected to the aforementioned; if you are not replenishing, you are not a candidate for multiplication.

4. SUBDUE THE EARTH

When you replenish the earth, many things on it will be subject to our command. Unfortunately, some of us are stingy and we want spiritual authority at the same time; the two cannot walk together because they do not agree. For the earth to be subdued by you, you must contribute to her replenishing literally and spiritually.

5. HAVE DOMINION

Dominion is what you possess or acquire by simply exercising and operating in the first four cardinal blessings. Your dominion should be automatic and non-negotiable.

Irrespective of what your past experiences had been, I am persuaded that your time of glory and crowning has finally come! What was true of God's people in the scriptures is true of us today —

“Surely there is no enchantment against Jacob, Neither is there any divination against Israel: According to this time it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel, What hath God wrought!” (Numbers 23:23)

There are no more curses at work in your life. The greatest curse against you—and against all humanity for that matter—has already been broken. Apostle Paul shows us the receipt of the transaction:

“blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; and having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.” (Colossians 2:14-15)

Friend, you have a clean slate. Principalities and powers have been spoiled on your behalf! To say it the way Prophet Balaam said it, *“How shall I curse, whom God hath not cursed? Or how shall I defy, whom the LORD hath not defied?” (Numbers 23:8)*

In other words, no man can curse you anymore because you are operating in the five cardinal blessings.

God is brewing something special for you in 2022, but you have a part to play. Your glory and honor is rising now in Jesus' name. (Amen.)

ANCHOR TEXT

This is a great time to be alive; a time when God is doing awesome things on the earth. God is decorating His children in a manner that has never been seen before because the days are here for God's giants to rise. We shall be looking at the giants in scripture whom God crowned with glory and honor. Of course, we must begin with the first man, Adam. As we can see in Genesis 2, God decorated his life with glory and honor and spelt out his own part of the arrangement.

Our foundational scripture for this study is found in Psalm 8:5,

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

I pray that we shall all enjoy the grace needed to sustain the blessings of God in our lives in Jesus' name.

WHY ARE THE GLORY AND HONOR FADED?

When my kids were growing up, there was a particular clothing line called 'FADED GLORY.' I don't know if the brand is still alive or dead, but I made sure that none of my children ever wore that brand. The few clothes from the line which we bought before our discovery about the name of the brand, we ripped those labels out and prayed seriously on those clothes. We understood the power of words and were not going to take any chance with such negative words being on any of our kids. I mean, why would anyone want to make life hard for themselves, as if life is not already hard for those who are vulnerable?

To this end, in this series, we shall be considering some of the things that can cause our crown of glory and honor to fade.

The first point to make is that God is not going to crown us 'someday' — WE ARE ALREADY WEARING THE CROWN!

The scripture says in our anchor verse that God has CROWNED you and !! One could wonder, therefore, why some of us still struggle to show forth God's abundance in our reality. Here's a thought on that from the psalmist:

1. SIN

“Have respect unto the covenant: For the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty.” (Psalm 74:20 KJV)

In this sacred communication of David with the spirit realm, he demands RESPECT for God's COVENANT. Why? Simply because the DARK PLACES of the earth are full of the habitation of CRUELTY. This means when darkness is in the command, you are fully subjected to its control. You cannot be living in sin and wanting to enjoy the crown of glory and honor! Paul beautifully articulates this point in his letter to the Roman believers,

“What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?” (Romans 6:1-2)

Sin will cover all the splendor of God in our lives. If you are not born again or continue to live in sin after salvation, you cannot see the glory and honor crown fit your head. The only covenant that the devil and its darkness respond to is the COVENANT OF SALVATION; every other covenant in the body responds to you when you meet its demands of it. We will talk more on this later in our study about other covenants.

This much I will leave you with in this introductory episode; some forces want to keep the earth dark because it allows them to carry out their evil deeds. However, I declare that you are exempted in Jesus' name. Your rising in glory and honor begins with your genuine repentance from the dead works of sin to come alive in Christ Jesus. From today, I pray that the devil will always have respect for the covenant you are walking in and that your glory and honor must shine now in Jesus' name.

CALL TO ACTION

Are you in darkness?
Is your home in trouble?
Are having problems at work?
Do you have a wayward kid?
Is your money right?
Are you born again?

THOUGHT FOR WEEK: “DARKNESS AND GROSS DARKNESS”

“For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.” (Isaiah 60:2 KJV)

There are many layers of darkness and each one poses its own serious dangers. You cannot see or rise in darkness. I pray that God will bring His unquenchable light to every darkness tormenting your life in Jesus' name. Shalom.

PRAYER POINTS

1. I declare that from this day forward, I arise and shine in the name of Jesus.
2. Lord, cleanse me from all unrighteousness and let Your glory be seen in my life like never before 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.