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GOOD NEWS: GOD IS VISITING AGAIN

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There are only two places referenced in the Bible where Jesus wept. Jesus wept at the tomb of His friend, Lazarus. He was so distraught at the incident of Lazarus' death that He wept! (Of course, this goes contrary to the erroneous opinion that God tests His people with bad things—why would He weep for something he caused?) The other incident that made Jesus weep was when the people of Jerusalem weren't aware of the day of their visitation. Jesus knows that when we miss moments of divine visitation, it can lead to unfortunate aftermaths.

Let's put that into our context for a moment. We all know that the past few years have been tough for most people, if not everyone! We have seen things that we have never seen before in our lifetime. The entire universe came to a standstill and darkness loomed upon the entire world at the onset of the global pandemic. The world is still struggling to pick up pace till date. Right now, many major market indexes are far from what they've always been and the unfortunate incidence of war in Ukraine continues to raise alarms as the aggressor remains unrestrained in its agenda to destroy lots of innocent lives and properties. My friends, dark days are ahead in this world and the future remains coloured with different shades of uncertainty.

On a personal note, perhaps you are also in a dark place right now with no end in sight. You may be jobless right now with no indication that anyone wants to give you the chance to showcase your talent or to be interviewed for employment. Maybe you are looking for someone to marry and it seems like no one finds you attractive or you are dating someone who keeps shying away from making the lifelong commitment of marriage. Perhaps, you are even married but still believing God for the fruit of the womb with each new month selling you the lie that no one will ever call you 'daddy' or 'mummy.' Yours might be a wayward child who will not listen to anyone or you might be so broke at the moment that you cannot even tell where the next meal is going to come from. Friends, permit me to remind you all that you are not alone.

Let me tell you a quick story of a man named Moses. Once upon a time, he had everything going on well for him. He was adopted by the daughter of the king and grew up with maximum royal privileges. However, when he was 40 years old, a situation out of his control took over the narrative of his life such that he suddenly became a fugitive who kept on running for his dear life for another 40 years! Afterwards, however, at age 80, he had a revolutionary encounter —

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After 40 years of being a fugitive, the Angel of the Lord appeared to him! Priceless words! My friend, I don't know how long your situation or condition has been going on for, but let me announce to you that the God of heaven is visiting His people again! The question, however, is this: “Are you one of His people?”

Moses was an Hebrew man and in spite of the privileged Egyptian royal context in which he grew up, he always saw himself as one of the children of Israel. If you are born again (i.e. given your life to Jesus by accepting His Lordship over you), then all you need to do is to wait; the Lord will surely visit you. It doesn't matter how long you have been suffering; salvation is coming! If you are not born again, however, you belong to the group that is making Jesus weep because such people are insensitive to the moments of divine visitation. My friend, you can change that today by asking Jesus to come into your heart; accept His Lordship and good will come your way. If you are doing this for the first time or rededicating your life to Jesus, let me be the first one to welcome you into the Kingdom of Christ.

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God made humanity in His image and likeness and blessed us with a five-fold blessing—to be fruitful, multiply, replenish, subdue the earth and to have dominion. We can see, therefore, that from the beginning, God wanted nothing but the best for His prized possession: HUMANS. In the previous episode, we discussed extensively why each blessing is designed to elevate us to the next level and how God has made us curseproof. The scriptures revealed that there can never be any divination or enchantment against us and the handwriting of ordinances that were contrary to us have been nailed to the cross by Jesus Christ Himself when He paid the ultimate price. So we have been perpetually placed on the path of glory and honor! (Hallelujah!) Let's look at this promise of glory and honor more closely by examining what the scriptures has revealed to us:

“Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.” (Matthew 5:13-14)

Part of the dimensions of how we are clothed with glory and honor is that we are the SALT of the earth. Without salt in the world, things will remain bland—just as food prepared with no salt will tend to be tasteless. So when Jesus uses this metaphor to describe believers, He is basically saying that if we don't live in glory and honor, the world will be a dark and boring place. My friend, you are extremely valuable and important! Without you and I radiating the light of God's glory and honor, life will be lifeless. Jesus went on to declare (in Matthew 5) that we are the LIGHT of the world. As such, as someone crowned with glory and honor, darkness will simply give way anywhere you find yourself. Nothing can stop you from becoming a city that is set on a hill and thus, cannot be hidden because of the tremendous glory and honor you carry.

Besides, Solomon reveals what the path of glory and honor looks like when he says, ***“But the path of the just is as the shining light, That shineth more and more unto the perfect day.” (Proverbs 4:18)***. The path of the just—those crowned with glory and honor—is as a shining light that glows brighter every day. By implication, a child of God is meant to never know a better yesterday. Your future is extremely brilliant and bright. You are guaranteed of a life of excellence from now until you see Jesus face to face. As such, your time on earth must display the splendor of God's glory and honor. Beloved, you have been set up for a blissful life!

ANCHOR TEXT

God is happy when we come to our rightful place in glory, just like when the prodigal son came back home. His father had been waiting for him and he killed a fatted cow to celebrate the return of His son. One of the many reasons why we are crowned with glory and honor is simply because God wants us to be in partnership with Him. He can do things alone but He will rather do it with us in the equation. When God decided in His Sovereignty to start afresh with humanity, He chose to crown a man with glory and honor—the man called 'Noah.' Noah found favor in the sight of God until he became drunk and messed it all up. Ask yourself, *“What is my part in maintaining this glory and honor?”*

Hence our foundational text for this series goes thus:

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

May you find favor in the sight of God this season in Jesus' name.

WHY ARE THE GLORY AND HONOR FADED?

We started last week by considering one reason:

1. SIN

Let's continue from there today.

2. STRANGE FIRE: THE CASE STUDY OF NADAB AND ABIHU

“And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which he commanded them not. And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD.” (Leviticus 10:1-2KJV)

Last week, we began by unveiling the reason why the crown of glory and honor which God has placed on our head can become faded. We looked at the effect of sin and darkness. We submitted that the life of someone who, despite accepting Jesus Christ as his/her Lord but still continues to live in sin is a strange life. This week, we want to consider another thing that can quench that glory and honor in our lives.

Aaron was the high priest in the service of God. God had so much respect for the priesthood that He commanded the children of Israel to pay attention to the office. It was not surprising, therefore, that when Aaron's sons desecrated the altar with a strange fire, God brought upon them an instant judgment. I don't know what 'strange fire' you are bringing into your house. Are you still practicing witchcraft? Are you still participating in strange practices that God had delivered you from? Do you belong to a secret society? It is quite unfortunate that the two sons of Aaron died on the altar and God instructed their father (Aaron) to not mourn them. In summary, be careful of your associations; they can easily lead you into playing with strange fire. Beware.

CALL TO ACTION

Are you in a dark place?
 Does it seem like God is far away?
 Are you wondering when your time will come?
 Do you know your worth?
 Do you know what you carry?
 Is your path shining brighter or dimmer?
 Are you messing around with strange fire?

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: “UNEQUALLY YOKED WITH UNBELIEVER”

“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?” (2 Corinthians 6:14 KJV)

If you are unequally yoked together with an unbeliever, friend, you may simply be bringing a strange fire to the altar. My friend, it burns! Shalom.

PRAYER POINTS

1. I declare that from this day forward, my path continues to shine brighter and brighter in the name of Jesus.
2. Lord, deliver me from every unequal yoke with unbelievers and every action that may bring a 'strange fire' to Your blessed altar 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.