



MANIFESTATIONS OF THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF GOD

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# "For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God." (Romans 8:19KJV)

As we look forward to the second coming of the Lord Jesus, wonders and strange happenings will not cease. Indeed, since the day the devil succeeded in getting Adam and Eve to fall into the one single sin they could possibly sin, he had tainted humanity and all of creation with the virus of sin which veils the true glory of creation. The devil understands that his days to oppose the will of God are numbered so he is ready to wreak havoc until the time appointed to him runs out. He's on a mission to continually rain terror on earth, thus making it very dangerous to be without any covering. Darkness, chaos and calamities are the devil's signature. We saw at the beginning of creation that the earth was in complete darkness, void and without form before God went into action. After creating such a beautiful world out of the disorder and darkness, he gave man dominion.

The recent events all over the world give us a glimpse into the devil's modus operandi; we can literally say that the entire world came to a standstill because of the COVID-19 pandemic and the lingering effect of that attack is still evident all over the world. The economy still remains uncertain; movement is still limited to a certain extent; travel has taken on a whole new meaning; schools are opened with a no-nonsense mandate to maintain healthy environments; church gatherings are still being heavily guarded; employment is still on life support, and the homefront is very much under attack. Our health and sanity are being threatened by the forces of darkness which are seeking to destabilize us and gain an upper hand over us and guess what? The devil is having a field day. So what's the solution to these many attacks on God's own image and likeness?

The answer is found in Romans 8:19, "For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God." The earth itself is so fed up and tired of these many attacks that it's groaning for deliverance. The only way you and I are going to breathe easy is to MANIFEST. How? It is by connecting with God! That is when you can manifest and the earth will be able to recognize and honor your legitimacy on earth. Until then, you cannot have the DOMINION you need to have or get anything done in this earth realm. If you are born again, then you are already connected with God and you can be in the world and not of the world. If you are not born again, then you cannot manifest, and if you cannot manifest, the devil is bound to experiment with your life. (I am sure you don't want that.) Life is already hard and there's no need to complicate matters any further; you can change your life's narrative today by asking Jesus to come into your heart and the rest will be history. You need to lay claim to all that God has for you in this season; your best life is still ahead of you, but you can only get there through the saving grace of Jesus. If you are doing this for the first time, let me be the first one to welcome you into the Kingdom of Christ.

### **GLORY AND HONOR — Part 3**

Proverbs 4:18-19 tell us, "But the path of the just is as the shining light, That shineth more and more unto the perfect day. The way of the wicked is as darkness: They know not at what they stumble." We are justified by the blood of Jesus and this makes us a bona fide candidate for this massive glory and honor.

Another scriptural principle is that in the mouth of two or three witnesses, every truth will be established. In light of this principle, here is another scripture that confirms the brightness of the glory and honor we are talking about — 1 John 3:2. It says, "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." In other words, there is something more ahead for us; this is not our final bus stop. You might be thinking that you are at your height of success right now, but God is saying that He is just about to begin this journey of glory with you.

Apostle Paul beautifully articulates this in 2 Corinthians 3:18 where he says, "But we all, with open face

beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." We are being CHANGED into the same image from GLORY TO GLORY and from HONOR TO HONOR. What a time to be alive in Christ! Honor is coming your way in Jesus' name.

God has many ways of bringing you and I into glory and honor. Esther 6 gives us one case study. (Please read the chapter to get the full story.) The king began by asking a question, "And the king said, What honour and dignity hath been done to Mordecai for this? Then said the king's servants that ministered unto him, There is nothing done for him." (Esther 6:3) What a question! "On that night could not the king sleep, and he commanded to bring the book of records of the chronicles; and they were read before the king." (Esther 6:1). The God of heaven took away sleep from the king so that he could bring the good that Mordecai did years back into remembrance. This is one of the ways God brings glory and honor into our lives. He knows the good we have done for which we have not been rewarded. I decree in the name of Jesus that today, the book of remembrance will be opened because of you.

Mordecai had saved the king from a coup plotted by two of the king's guards and he was instrumental in foiling the coup and he was never rewarded for that. But when the time for God to honor a man comes, He will cause men to remember him all of a sudden. That's what happened in Esther 6. I will let you read what was done for Mordecai yourself as recorded in verses 8-9,

"let the royal apparel be brought which the king useth to wear, and the horse that the king rideth upon, and the crown royal which is set upon his head: and let this apparel and horse be delivered to the hand of one of the king's most noble princes, that they may array the man withal whom the king delighteth to honour, and bring him on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaim before him, Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delighteth to honour."

I declare prophetically that what the Lord did for Mordecai shall be done for you, too.

- You will be clothed in royal apparel (signalling the end of lack).
- You will ride on the horse that kings ride (symbolising an unusual lifting).
- You will be crowned with a royal crown the crown of glory and honor (symbolising unprecedented access to the king's resources and all-round influence).
- Those who dislike you will announce God's glory upon your life for you shall become more honorable than them with unrivalled authority and power!
- You will be honored by those who are your adversaries and the battles and wars in your life shall come to an end.
- Your name will ring in high places and the Lord will make your enemies your footstool.

This is the portion of those who are to be honored by the king; I, therefore, announce to someone reading this that there's something happening in the throne room of heaven that will result in a sudden lifting for you in Jesus' name. Amen.

#### **ANCHOR TEXT**

Perhaps you are reading this and saying to yourself, "Pastor, no one has remembered me; in fact, rather than being remembered for good, the hatred is getting worse. When is my time going to come?" Well, Mordecai could have said exactly the same thing while in exile and fiercely hated by Haman. Only God knows for how long he wondered if he would ever be called and celebrated with the honor he deserved. However, God is always in the business of moving His people from glory to glory; your best is yet to come. Look at yourself in the mirror

now, because the next time you see yourself, you might not recognize the person on the other side of that glass!

Our anchor text for September, therefore, is found in Psalm 8:5,

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

#### THE PRAYER OF JABEZ

We have concentrated our attention on the prayer of Jabez which made him more honorable than his brothers. I am persuaded that if we do what he did, we will get what he got — and even more for us because we have a better covenant than he does. He prayed for God to bless him indeed and requested for God to enlarge his territory, but that's not all. Today, we shift our focus on his third request; he asked God for His "HAND TO BE WITH HIM." What a smart man and a smart prayer request! To understand what he was asking for better, here's what the scriptures say about the hand of God in Psalm 118:16, "The right hand of the LORD is exalted: The right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly." Wow! If you have the hand that does valiantly with you at all times, you cannot lose at all! The odds will always be stacked in your favor. Get the hand on your side and experience the result of that hand as stated in Psalm 44:3. (I dare you to read it.)

#### 8 THINGS THAT CAN OBSCURE OUR GLORY AND HONOR

We have considered four of such things:

- 1. THE POWER OF DARKNESS
- 2. OFFERING STRANGE FIRE TO THE LORD
- 3. MISTAKES AND CIRCUMSTANCES
- 4. LIMITED VISIONS & DREAMS FOR ONE'S LIFE

Today, we continue by looking at two more things:

## 5. DISOBEDIENCE AND REBELLION

"But the queen Vashti refused to come at the king's commandment by his chamberlains: therefore was the king very wroth, and his anger burned in him." (Esther 1:12 KJV)

No one would have heard about Esther if not for the disobedience of Vashti. Think about it. King Ahasuerus was simply enjoying himself and displaying the splendor of his kingdom for 180 days of non-stop feasting. Things were going on well and the queen had her own guests and partied hard as well. However, there can only be a queen because a king does exist in the kingdom. Somehow, Queen Vashti forgot about this and made a serious mess of her life. At the king's request for her to come and show her beauty to the world, she disobeyed the king and this made the king very mad. He banished her from her duties and requested a replacement. I did a bit of digging around about Queen Vashti and saw that it was like she never existed beyond the little we know about her from this book. Nothing could be found in history about her; it was like someone erased her from the history books! Disobedience will wipe you clean of glory and honor in life. Ask King Saul; he will tell you how high the cost of disobedience is. It robs people of color and dignity. I have a simple rule that I follow — I'd rather miss God than disobey Him. In other words, if I think God is telling me to do something, and I did it, only to find out later that it was not from God, I can simply ask him for forgiveness rather than say I wish I would have done what He, indeed, wanted me to do.

#### 6. COMPLETE FORGETFULNESS

"Yet did not the chief butler remember Joseph, but forgat him." (Genesis 40:23 KJV)

The wording of this verse actually does suggest that this was not the first time that Joseph was forgotten. He was forgotten in the pit until the Midianites came; the Potiphars forgot him in the prison on the account of a false

witness; and now, the butler also made the list of those who would not remember all the kindness of Joseph while he was in the prison with him. But the scripture is perfect because the psalmist will later frame this episode beautifully by saying, "Until the time that his word came: The word of the LORD tried him. The king sent and loosed him; Even the ruler of the people, and let him go free." (Psalm 105:19-20).

For someone reading this episode, I pray that your word will also come and the King of kings will set you free indeed for glory and honor. Finally, Joseph was remembered. Pharaoh became disturbed by a dream and a commotion in the palace brought Joseph to the forefront. I pray for you today that things will happen in the heavenly and earthly palaces that will trigger the memories of men to lift you into honor and glory in Jesus' name. It took another two years for the butler to remember but by the divine unction of this apostolic capacity and order given to me by God, you will be lifted immediately and no more waiting for you.

Let's look at what happened to Joseph when his heritage was activated in Genesis 41:14, "Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon: and he shaved himself, and changed his raiment, and came in unto Pharaoh." I declare that you are changing your clothing forever to the one that attracts glory and honor. From now on I suggest that you start dressing for the place you are going and not the place you currently are. From today onwards, you will be remembered for good in Jesus' name. That well-deserved elevation will land in your lap this season by the grace of God.

#### **CALL TO ACTION**

How are you coping?
Are you manifesting the divine order?
Are you in the world and of the world?
Is your path shining brighter daily?
Is the hand of God working for you?
Are you in disobedience?
Does it seem like you are forgotten?
Have you forgotten someone?

Meditate on these questions and search yourself deeply.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "DISOBEDIENCE, REBELLION AND STUBBORNNESS"

"For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.

Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, He hath also rejected thee from being king." (1 Samuel 15:23 KJV)

It is quite obvious why glory and honor will depart quickly from a life full of disobedience. Rebellion is witchcraft and stubbornness is idolatry; with these two present in anyone's life, they are saying 'bye bye' to dignity and honor. Shalom.

#### **PRAYER POINTS**

- 1. Lord, make me totally victorious over disobedience in my life in the name of Jesus.
- 2. I decree that the time for me to be remembered for good has come in Jesus' name.

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.