

GLORY AND HONOUR



PART 5

GOOD NEWS: GOD WILL PERFECT IT

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“The LORD will perfect that which concerneth me: Thy mercy, O LORD, endureth for ever: Forsake not the works of thine own hands.” (Psalm 138:8 KJV)

One of the world's oldest and most pervasive plagues is 'corruption.' Everywhere you look there's corruption and devastation all over the place, and even worse, there's no end in sight. The problem seems to increase daily as more and more people are getting more selfish, showing no care for other people's interests. Betrayal and sabotage are on the rise between married couples, friends, employers and employees, politicians, and worse of all in those that are happening within our various houses of worship — both in Christian and Muslim circles. It is almost like there is a global betrayal bonanza.

Another expression of the corruption around us is the various killings going on across the world. The questionable invasion of Ukraine by bloodthirsty individuals destroying innocent citizens on both sides is a classic example. There are also many racial killings by different factions going on across the world. Our schools are not safe, houses of worship are not off-limit, and there is no more respect for the sacred. Grocery stores where people shop for daily needs have become war zones in some parts of the world and our malls are now the target of insane individuals trying to hunt humans like animals. Movie theaters were, once upon a time, a place to unwind and relax but in recent times, many have died doing just that! Clubs and pubs are not safe anymore and no government can provide and guarantee absolute safety, both in the developing and the developed countries. Joblessness is on the rise; inflation is destroying modest salary increases; there is political instability and ineffective governance all over the world; our financial system is collapsing helplessly and our currencies are failing all over the world with no country exempted. Simply put, we are in a time of great uncertainties and unprecedented evil. Indeed, there is no adjective to qualify what we are experiencing at the moment.

When I look at the times we are living in now, I can only wonder what it will look like for our children and, of course, their children too. It is an extremely scary imagination coloured with corruption and devastation. Even right now, the effects of this in our world today are not good. In fact, the pressure of surviving is beginning to tell on us. A lot of marriages are crumbling. The home front is becoming very unstable. Many kids now have to choose between living with either their dad or their mom (often a choice forced on them) in a strange one-parent system that is a far cry from God's intended plan for the home. Yet, children produced from these flawed contexts are the ones to lead our world in a matter of time. Can you begin to see how this unending loop of corruption will continue to destroy our world?

In light of such a background, a question screams: “What is the solution to all these problems?” Surely, there is no correct 'human' answer because no one has been able to fix any of these problems. In fact, more often than not, the humanly proffered solution seems to create more confusion and horror. But I have some very good news for you from the good book, the Bible. It is found in the psalms,

“The LORD will perfect that which concerneth me: Thy mercy, O LORD, endureth for ever: Forsake not the works of thine own hands.” (Psalm 138:8)

Wait a minute, does that verse suggest that there is Someone Who can fix all of these? The answer is a resounding “Yes!” His name is the “THE LORD” — The Lord of all and the Lord of Angel Armies! As we have previously established, the humanly possible solutions offered by the world, while they may patch things up for a moment, often end up making things worse in the end. However, as we focus on the Lord's solution as revealed in this verse, the first thing we will notice is that this Lord assures us that ***“He will perfect that which concerns you.”*** He's not only going to make it better, He will go on to PERFECT it. In other words, nothing in your life will be taken for granted again.

The only limitation with this blessed assurance is that it is only for those to whom the Lord has become 'their' LORD. So the question for you is this: Is He your Lord? The only way He can become your Lord is by giving your life over to Jesus. If

you are born again, then you have made Him your Lord, and you can rest in the assurance that perfection is coming your way. If you are not yet born again, however, you will continue living by the dictates of the world! The good news is that you can change that narrative today by simply asking Jesus to come into your life. You can read these words with faith in your heart: ***“Lord Jesus, come into my life. I accept and receive You today. I confess and forsake my sins and my old lifestyle. Thank You for saving me, in Jesus' name.”*** If you have repeated this simple prayer with agreement in your heart that the words are true for you, I believe that you are now born again. Get ready to start enjoying not only God's perfecting grace but also a beautiful assurance that His mercies endures forever—not only for the moment—and He will not forsake you ever again because you are now His responsibility. If you are doing this for the first time, let me be the first to welcome you into the Kingdom of Christ.

GLORY AND HONOR (Part 5)

Our destiny in Christ is very colorful, to say the least. God had sworn by Himself that He will surely take us to the Promised Land. The case for our glory and honor has been settled even before the world began. All you need to do is to show up in Christ, and it will be all yours.

We have been looking at scriptural evidence that solidifies and protects our position of a colorful destiny. Besides being born spiritually dead, none of us is born a pauper; in other words, the culprits responsible for derailing people from their glorious destinies is their Adamic nature as well as chance and circumstances. Let's look at two more pieces of evidence that we can provide in the court of heaven—subsequent to submitting to the Lordship of Jesus—to bring our already established glorious destinies into reality in the Kingdom of God. Beloved, I know you have been through so many things; perhaps, many have betrayed and disappointed you such that it seems like this life of glory is not meant for you . . . Don't give up just yet. Let me bring your attention to this piece of scriptural evidence in the book of Isaiah,

“Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.”
(Isaiah 43:18-19 KJV)

I don't know what has messed things up for you to the extent that you have ruled yourself out of this wonderful lifestyle of glory and honor that God has planned for you to enjoy. Let's look at His instructions from the above text together.

It begins with the instruction to ***“REMEMBER NOT the former things.”*** What are the former things that have set you back or taken advantage of you? God is instructing you to move on! FORGET THEM! This is the first step for God to bring you into the next phase of glory for your life. Unfortunately, this is also where most of us miss it. We want to hold on to the pain as a badge of honor, but God is saying forget about it. When you choose to forget it, you are giving God the chance to ***“DO A NEW THING”*** for you. Listen, nobody in this world is worth your glorious and honoring destiny. You cannot give anyone such a right to hold you back. God is doing a new thing and it is now springing forth! God will make the impossible possible for your case. My friend, your time is here and you are next in line.

Let's look at the second piece of evidence for your glorious destiny from Paul's epistle to the Romans,

“For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,”
(Romans 8:19-20 KJV)

These two verses simply confirmed what we highlighted at the beginning of this study. To say that the world is corrupt is an understatement; this above scripture reveals to us the entire creation has been subjected to vanity by the powers and principalities that rule our universe. The good news is that the same world is waiting for you to manifest in glory and honor because that's the only way we are going to be able to liberate the world from oppression and darkness. It is very important to God and He's counting on us to show up, take over and dominate in glory and honor. Say this with me,

“It is my time and season to shine in glory and honor. No more delays for me, I am ready to take over and reign in this world and the one to come in Jesus' name!”

ANCHOR TEXT

Jesus came to do His Father's will by restoring us to the fullness of God's provision from the beginning, including our glory and honor. That Friday afternoon when His mission came to a climax, Jesus declared after much torture: ***“It is finished.”*** From that moment onwards, everything that can derail your glory has been dealt with, however, appropriating this for our individual life is up to you and I.

Today, let us look at another person who witnessed the glory and honor available in God but couldn't remain in it. His name is 'HAM,' one of the three sons of Noah. Noah's three boys saw the glory, honor, and divine Providence of God firsthand. They saw God call their father into honor by building the first ark of its kind—magnificent and glorious—yet, no sooner had the ark achieved its purpose than Noah was found drunk and Ham brought a curse upon his head for looking at his father's nakedness in his drunken stupor. While Noah's three sons were supposed to carry on their father's legacy of favor with God and build on the glory God gave their father, Ham attracted a curse over himself and his unborn generation. A good lesson here for parents is to be careful not to mess up the calling upon our lives and send wrong signals for our children to follow. One mistake by Noah led to the destruction of a generation yet unborn. I pray for you today, peradventure you might be subjected to a condition like this or something similar, the finished work of Jesus will reverse the irreversible and reinstate your glory and honor in Jesus name.

Our foundational text 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)***

I pray that you will not mess up the plan of God for your life and destroy the glory and honor of generations yet unborn in the name of Jesus.

WHY ARE THE GLORY AND HONOR FADED?

So far, we have considered four 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**

Let's continue from there today.

5. WRONG DECREES THAT CAN KILL YOUR DESTINY

A case study that illustrates this is the story of Moses' birth in Egypt.

“And the king of Egypt spake to the Hebrew midwives, of which the name of the one was Shiphrah, and the name of the other Puah: and he said, When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see them upon the stools; if it be a son, then ye shall kill him: but if it be a daughter, then she shall live. But the midwives feared God, and did not as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the men children alive.”
(Exodus 1:15-17 KJV)

When the enemy knows that your glory and honor are not negotiable, he might move the authority of the country or state to make an ungodly declaration that might rob you of your purpose in life and make fulfilling your destiny a

daunting task. Let us look at Moses as a typical example. King Pharaoh decreed that every male child of the Hebrew women must be killed so that the Jews will not be able to take over the land of Egypt. This is the main reason why we should pray for those in authority that they will be moved by God and not their carnal thinking. At the time of your rising and shining, any strange decree that will terminate your glory and honor is hereby aborted in Jesus' name.

Another case study is that of Jesus in Bethlehem:

“Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, In Rama was there a voice heard, Lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, And would not be comforted, because they are not.” (Matthew 2:16-18 KJV)

King Herod became restless because another 'King' was born and he issued a decree that will kill every child under the age of two. I pray that such a strange pronouncement will not come to pass in your life in Jesus' name. The devil knows that many more Kings and Priests will be born so he is determined to wage war, but by virtue of the prayer of the righteous that avails much, such battle is defeated in Jesus' name.

We have to be aware of the devices of the devil and be ready to engage any agenda of the devil in our various communities. We are Christ's ambassadors; we have the power to reverse decrees and destroy the work of the devil. Glory!

CALL TO ACTION

- Are you struggling in any area?
- Does your life look imperfect?
- Are you going through a wind at the moment?
- Are you still allowing your old memory to dictate your future?
- Are you truly manifesting as a son/daughter of God?
- Do you know what the devil is up to in your community?
- Are you annulling every strange counsel against you and your family?

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: 'HE SUFFERED NO MAN TO DO THEM WRONG'
“He suffered no man to do them wrong: Yea, he reprov'd kings for their sakes; Saying, Touch not mine anointed, And do my prophets no harm.”
(Psalm 105:14-15 KJV)

Jehovah is a 'Man of War' and His DNA is replicated in you! So what are you waiting for? Fight the good fight of faith and cancel every wrong or strange decrees against you or your family by the authority of Jesus. Shalom.

PRAYER POINTS

1. I declare that every area of my life begins to manifest God's glory as a true child of God redeemed by the blood of Jesus in Jesus' name. the operations of every 'horn' sent to scatter my life or my family in the name of Jesus.
2. I stand on the authority of Jesus' name and cancel every contrary decree, policy or pronouncement against the manifestation of God's glory in my life 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.