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GOD CAN MAKE YOU HURT-PROOF

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“Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.” (Luke 10:19 KJV)

We are living in unstable times. There is immense pressure from every angle and everyday living now comes at a cost that is almost beyond the capacity of an average individual. Worse, there's no end in sight. Even our planet is revolting with many unusual happenings—unusual temperatures all over, earthquakes of unusual magnitude, drought in unimaginable places with entire lakes or oceans drying up completely. Farming has become terribly difficult and harvest is nothing compared to what it was in the last five years. This has resulted in famine in unusual places and many third world countries are in danger of starvation. Indeed, even the developed countries are not left behind. Unusual kinds of diseases are surfacing due to these ongoing problems in the world and, unfortunately, many lives are being lost by the minute.

The rate of unemployment keeps soaring while those who can secure jobs are still struggling to live well on one income; indeed, many are working longer and making less. People are sacrificing their health, wellbeing and time with family almost for nothing; simply put, the world is burning up. Families are under attack; raising a family is becoming a burden; many children no longer have the support of both parents due to financial pressure on the family; many are quitting and/or giving up on building their own family; the younger generation are preferring to become babies' daddies and mummies without any serious familial commitment—in total contrast to God's original plan! The world is littered with dangerous drugs the abuse of which have resulted in much death in the last three years (from drug overdose). Even our faith is under attack with many religious instabilities the world over. The political climate in the world is pitching people against each other and, sadly, it is getting worse by the minute. All these attacks can easily leave us damaged for life, so what's the way out of this mayhem? The good book offers an answer:

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The opening word in that verse actually suggests that God has been trying to get our attention all along! The word “BEHOLD” is an invitation to see what you may be missing. God is saying that you don't have to do life alone; you don't have to hurt like this. The next thing that verse says took me by surprise: “I GIVE UNTO YOU POWER . . .” Isn't that what we have all been looking for? Some power will surely get us out of this jam—this rat race—and the dangerous environment we find ourselves in. The cost of power in the world is enormous and many have sacrificed their lives and money for it, but God is giving it all away for free. Jesus has already paid for it so it doesn't cost you anything; all you have to say is “Yes, I want the power to tread on all the serpents and scorpions out there!” Note also that the power is over “ALL THE POWER OF ENEMIES” and they cannot hurt you. How amazing!

The question is, “How do I say yes”? If you are born again, you have already said yes! All you need to do if you are still struggling is to assert your authority and appropriate the promises allocated to you. If you are not born again, however, then the future is bleak and you won't like where it will end. However, you can change that right now by asking Jesus into your life. Let us do this right now; let us pray as follows together: *“Lord Jesus, come into life. I accept You today and I confess my sins before You. I believe that You died and rose on the third day. Thank You for accepting and being the Lord of my life in Jesus' name. Amen”* If you are doing this for the first time or rededicating your life to Jesus Christ again, let me be the first to welcome you into the Kingdom of God.

GLORY AND HONOR (Part 9)

It is obvious that God is not playing hide and seek with us; He wants us to have the best of His glory and honor. Dr Luke records for us one of Jesus' words to His disciples:

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God is ready to load us up with His dynamic power; He wants us to operate like Him. We find ourselves in the similitude of those who are referred to as 'gods' in Psalm 82:6. God has given us tremendous power over anything that would attempt to challenge our life of glory and honor, and we have extended authority over the cosmos in all realms of existence. It simply means that there should be no limitations that can stop us from living this wonderful life that God had planned for us from the foundation of the world. Paul's prayer for the Ephesian believers was born out of this understanding of the wonderful deeds of God; he prays:

“that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,” (Ephesians 1:17-19)

What a rich prayer! He reminds us that God is the FATHER OF GLORY Who is going to give us the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Himself. As such, our eyes of understanding will be enlightened to know the hope that is available to us by the reason of God's call upon our lives and the depth of His riches in glory. God is encouraging us to subscribe to this lifestyle of glory and honor wrapped up in the exceeding greatness of His power towards those “WHO BELIEVE”. Do you believe in this life of glory and honor? You can only come into the fullness of His glory and honor when you fully subscribe to this school of faith and power. If you are not yet shining in God's glory and honor, you are yet to start living your best life.

ANCHOR TEXT

I believe one of the greatest gifts God gave to mankind is the gift of FREE WILL. God is very comfortable with us having the ability to say no to His leading and instructions—of course, we will then have to pay the terrible price that often comes with doing things our way. The gifts of glory and honor which we have focused on in this series are also within that remit; we can choose to get them by submitting to God's guidance or we can mess it all up by doing things our way. Moses offers us a case study. God called Moses from the womb and spared him from the deadly decree of Pharaoh to kill all the male children of the Hebrew women; he was raised at the palace and lived in affluence, glory and honor. When Moses had stayed 40 years in the palace, he thought it was time to take matters into his own hand, so he killed an Egyptian in defense of a Hebrew man —

“And it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens: and he spied an Egyptian smiting an Hebrew, one of his brethren. And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that there was no man, he slew the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand.” (Exodus 2:11-12)

His life of glory and honor as he knew it went out the window and he became a fugitive for another 40 years, living in obscurity . . . until God had mercy on him.

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 we will not become impatient and go ahead of God to do life our way in Jesus' name.

WHY ARE THE GLORY AND HONOR FADED?

So far, we have considered seven 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
7. UNFORGIVENESS
8. THE EFFECT OF SPIRITUAL ATTACK

Let's continue from there today.

9. OUR INABILITY TO KEEP SECRETS

“The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.” (Deuteronomy 29:29 KJV)

God is a God of all secrets. The clear difference between us and God is that God has secrets that He has not disclosed to anyone—living or dead—and that is why He is God! As the psalmist rightly said, *“The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him; And he will shew them his covenant.” (Psalm 25:14)*

When God decides to let us into His secret, sometimes—if not all of the time—He doesn't want us to tell the world about it. As someone once said,

*“Thrones are secured by secrets”
“Kingdoms are preserved by mysteries”
Destinies are guarded by codes.”
— Unknown*

I absolutely resonate with these words. Indeed, many have made a shipwreck of their lives and ministries by not adhering to this simple life creed. Samson was not destroyed by adultery—sinful and destructive as adultery is; he destroyed himself when he opened his secret to Delilah:

“that he told her all his heart, and said unto her, There hath not come a razor upon mine head; for I have been a Nazarite unto God from my mother's womb: if I be shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak, and be like any other man.” (Judges 16:17 KJV)

And that was the end of Samson as we knew it. Was there redemption? Yes, but the cost was too high.

We see another case study in Joseph. He was a great man with a lot of wisdom but he almost blew up his life of glory and honor, if not for God! The beginning of his hardship has everything to do with his lack of ability to keep

secrets! Let's read the narrative:

“And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren: and they hated him yet the more. And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed:” (Genesis 37:5-6)

Joseph dreamed and TOLD HIS BROTHERS. He was 17 when he dreamt but he had so many detours on his path to glory—including some years in prison. He did not get to the throne he had envisioned in his teenage dreams until he was 30 years of age—after 13 years! Yes, the word of God will always come to pass, but we can delay it by our actions and by how we use our tongue.

Let's look at the Apostle Paul, the man who labored more than all the other apostles and wrote two-thirds of the books in the New Testament. One of his secrets is that he was a discreet man; he knew to keep certain revelations he received to himself. Let's check out an example of this in his letter to the Corinthians,

“It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord. I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven. And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) how that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.” (2 Corinthians 12:1-4)

There's got to be a time in our life that what we hear in the spirit should become unspeakable to anyone until we are allowed to share it or for it to remain unlawful to share with any human. Not everything is ripe for sharing and discussion. Be wise; share less.

CALL TO ACTION

- Do you have any power?
- Are you very vulnerable at the moment?
- Are you able to see what God is showing you?
- Do you have any understanding of the depth of His glory?
- Are you talkative?
- Are you able to keep secrets?
- Can God trust you with His agenda?

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: “LET HIM REFRAIN HIS TONGUE”

“For He that will love life, And see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips that they speak no guile:” (1 Peter 3:10 KJV)

Tame your tongue; you won't regret it. Shalom.

PRAYER POINTS

1. Father, give me the grace to tame my tongue in the name of Jesus.
2. Empower me to trample on the 'snakes and scorpions' on my path of glory and honor and to overcome every power of the enemy 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.