



KINGDOM VISION

PART 19

The Single-Eyed Believer (cont'd)

VOLUNTEERING AND WORKING IN YOUR FATHER'S FIELD

DR. JOSEPH & MRS MERCY OLOWE-HOSTS

Please help us spread the gospel by sharing this post with 5 or more people on your social media network. God bless you as you do so.



“And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.” (Habakkuk 2:2-3 KJV)

VOLUNTEERING AND WORKING IN YOUR FATHER'S FIELD

“These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and the lad was with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives: and Joseph brought unto his father their evil report.” (Genesis 37:2 KJV)

“For with thee is the fountain of life: In thy light shall we see light.” (Psalm 36:9 KJV)

To not understand one's reason for existence is, to use the terminology of the medical professionals, to be DOA (“Dead on Arrival”). It's like traveling on one's path in life like a snake which crawls on the rock without leaving any impact or footprints. We can all recall how Judas' place was taken by another man because he was not faithful while serving in the master's field where people are groomed for their life's assignment. We remember how Vashti became irrelevant in history because of her attitude in the service of the king; she—almost literally—fell off the face of history! And Gehazi? He became a leporous man because his focus was not the master's gain but how to enrich himself. Thus, he forfeited the possibility of a future where he could have been so unforgettable that the acts of his life and ministry would have been documented—as the one who took over from Elisha, his predecessor. In other words, not tending to the Master's command and His need robs us of our place in destiny. The discovery of God's plan for our lives can only be known in the Master's Vineyard. This is how the psalmist puts it:

“Then said I, Lo, I come: In the volume of the book it is written of me, I delight to do thy will, O my God: Yea, thy law is within my heart.” (Psalm 40:7-8)

Can you see from the above verse how to get the full picture of what life holds for you? In the passage, the psalmist was given a prophecy about what was going to happen in the future about the Messiah—Jesus, our perfect example. David began this adventure of knowing the mind of God by saying: **“LO, I COME . . .”** In other words, for you to get your future right, you have to come to the field to discover the 'volume of books' written about you. And how do you gain complete access to that book? It is simply **TO DO THE WILL OF GOD** and to understand the Law (the Word of God) within your heart. This was how Joseph survived on the field before ascending to the throne! When Portiphar's wife came to tempt him, Joseph said that his only reason not to commit that grievous sin was because of his **FEAR OF GOD**.

Let's continue to see how Gideon encountered God while serving on the master's field—a prerequisite to fully discovering our purpose in life!

GIDEON'S ENCOUNTER (continued)

Gideon encountered God in a big way and we have explored about seven of those encounters, viz:

1. Gideon had a divine visitation—he was visited by an angel.
2. Gideon's designation changed forever. He became 'a mighty man of valor.'
3. Gideon was not playing around; he was able to let the angel know that he knew this day would come.
4. The Lord LOOKED upon him and was very pleased with everything He saw in this young man.
5. When you follow the divine order of events in your life, beginning with your faithful service in the vineyard, you go from being the LEAST in your generation to becoming the GREATEST in the eyes of many.
6. The Lord promised this inexperienced young man HIS PRESENCE
7. Gideon became empowered with divine authority.

Let's look at a few more, so as to understand the importance of following God wholly in our discovery journey. Follow me as we further explore Gideon's experience.

“And Gideon went in, and made ready a kid, and unleavened cakes of an ephah of flour: the flesh he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot, and brought it out unto him under the oak, and presented it. And the angel of God

said unto him, Take the flesh and the unleavened cakes, and lay them upon this rock, and pour out the broth. And he did so.” (Judges 6:19-20 KJV)

8. Gideon mastered the art of giving while he was on the master's field. The most difficult thing about giving is to give to something you cannot see—to give to God. Once you have mastered this, it will be very easy to give yourself to your gift and to your future. Giving to God is a big part of how we make it in life, and you can begin right where you are. Gideon did not promise what he could not afford, but out of his terrible economic condition, he prepared something for the Angel—on behalf of the God he couldn't see.

“Then the angel of the LORD put forth the end of the staff that was in his hand, and touched the flesh and the unleavened cakes; and there rose up fire out of the rock, and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes. Then the angel of the LORD departed out of his sight. And when Gideon perceived that he was an angel of the LORD, Gideon said, Alas, O Lord GOD! for because I have seen an angel of the LORD face to face. And the LORD said unto him, Peace be unto thee; fear not: thou shalt not die.” (Judges 6:21-23 KJV)

9. Gideon encountered God in a strange way through his giving. We know that God likes to speak in similitude. To put this in perspective, let me show you what the Lord showed me here concerning this act of giving. 'The flesh' signifies those things that can hinder us from complying with the demands of our calling; when we give our flesh, our calling catches God's fire and our life becomes the unleavened living sacrifice for God—pleasing and satisfactory to Him. In other words, an encounter with God and our sacrificial giving will take us to another level with God and our pliability remains ever growing.

“Then Gideon built an altar there unto the LORD, and called it Jehovah-shalom: unto this day it is yet in Ophrah of the Abi-ezrites.” (Judges 6:24 KJV)

10. Gideon built an altar there to the LORD. Did you notice that 'LORD' was written in all caps in the above verse? That is how the name of God (Yahweh) is translated in the KJV. It's a name that shows a serious commitment from the covenant-keeping God! When you have an encounter with God on the master's field and your life's purpose is revealed to you, no one, I repeat, no one will ever encourage you to build an altar to the Lord. You will make a commitment by yourself to serve God with your gift—the same gift which He helped you discover. This is how VISION gets fulfilled!

CALL TO ACTION

Are you walking in the light?
 Are you actively present in the Father's field?
 Are your motives pure and purposeful?
 Are you aware that there is a 'volume of books' written about you?
 Are you a giver?
 Is your flesh crucified in the flame of God?

PONDER THIS: “PRESENT YOUR BODY A LIVING SACRIFICE”

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.” (Romans 12:1 KJV)

Your reasonable service is to come as a sacrifice before God—even by your giving. Give to the God Who you cannot see and you will have abundance to give to what you can see. Shalom.

PRAYER POINTS

1. Father, release upon me a fresh grace for generous giving in the name of Jesus.
2. Lord, open my inner eyes to see what has been written of me in the volume of books in the name of Jesus.

PS: Reach out or pray for ten souls to be added to the Kingdom in your area. God bless you as you do so.