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GOD IS STILL THE WAY OUT

PART 10

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***“Thou wilt shew me the path of life: In thy presence is fulness of joy;
At thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.” (Psalm 16:11 KJV)***

The God of heaven, the creator of all things, had a conversation with Satan as recorded in the Book of Job. He asked the devil a simple question — ***“The Lord said to Satan, “Where have you come from?” Satan answered the Lord, “From roaming throughout the earth, going back and forth on it.”*** In other words, the Lord asked what Satan had been up to in those days. The devil's answer then could very well be his response now if he was asked the same question again. Since he had no place to stay, he's always restless, constantly going to and fro. This is still the devil's *modus operandi*—he doesn't rest and robs his followers of any real rest.

That conversation recorded in the Book of Job remains relatable to us in our day and age because of what has been happening in the world lately. There is trouble, restlessness, chaos, and even war here and there—to mention but a few. Folks, the devil is always on the lookout to wreak havoc hence our need to seek coverage from the horror that is to come soon. The good news is that our God knows where the devil is at all times. He knows his moves many steps ahead! God knows where the devil is going to strike next and who the devil is targeting to attack at his next opportunity. Yet, this God is not far from us; indeed, He's closer than we think. If we can seek to know Him, then we can easily escape from the horrors of the future. God has many ways by which He can beat the devil in his game, but you and I don't have a clue how to avoid the devil's trap, hence our need for God. Let me show one of the many ways by which God can secure your life and that of your family—according to the psalmist:

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So, the Lord has promised to show us the path of life—the path that leads to a great life and not destruction. Besides, God is also saying that He will bring us into His presence where there is joy, peace, and tranquility. He will also let us enjoy pleasure forevermore! More than you could ever desire these blessings, God is willing to bless us with them, however, there is one question you must answer: ***“Do you have any relationship with this God?”*** I am neither talking of attending church services for ages or reading the Bible once in a while or all the time. The big question remains: ***“Have you given your life to Jesus?”*** This happens by giving your life to Jesus and accepting Him as your personal Lord and Savior. Have you done that yet? If your answer is yes, then you can enjoy the benefits of the Kingdom and outsmart the devil's tactics.

Speaking of Himself in **John 14:6**, ***“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”*** He is the way—the path out of trouble; the One Who will reveal the truth about the devil's strategies; and He's the One capable of delivering to you the LIFE you want—of course, not a crazy or restless life, but one that is filled with joy, peace, and fulfillment. My friend, if you are not born again, you are the devil's toy; as he roams the earth with his doomed fate, he wants company. Don't be his recruit; rather, you can shut him out of your life and change the narrative of your life story by declaring for Jesus. You can do this by praying with me right now saying these words:

“Lord Jesus, come into my life. I confess my sins before You and I receive Your forgiveness. Come into my heart and help me to overcome the heat of troubles in the world today. I believe you died and rose again; thanks for saving me, in Jesus' name.”

That's it, my friend; you are now born again! If you are doing this for the first time or you are rededicating your life to Christ again, let me be the first one to welcome you (again) into the Kingdom of God.

THE CHURCH (Part 9)

The church is a wonderful place to be, if only we could understand the full benefits. The psalmist gave us another clue of how powerful a church can be in **Psalm 65:2**, ***“O thou that hearest prayer, Unto thee shall all flesh come.”***

God is the only One Who hears our prayers and fulfills them; it is to Him that ALL FLESH shall come—not *some* but *all*.

And where do you find this God 24/7? The CHURCH! This is where we go with an assurance that our voices shall be heard by the Father and our petitions granted.

The church has come in different shapes and sizes; we have seen the church from the perspectives of Moses, Noah, Obed-Edom, Isaiah, and last week. Nehemiah. Each of them reveals a different perspective and a powerful depiction of the church. Today, let's look at it from Prophet Zechariah's point of view:

“Then lifted I up mine eyes, and saw, and behold four horns. And I said unto the angel that talked with me, What be these? And he answered me, These are the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem. And the LORD shewed me four carpenters. Then said I, What come these to do? And he spake, saying, These are the horns which have scattered Judah, so that no man did lift up his head: but these are come to fray them, to cast out the horns of the Gentiles, which lifted up their horn over the land of Judah to scatter it.” (Zechariah 1:18-21)

Indeed, it is always good to have spiritual intelligence that facilitates an understanding of what's going on in the church we belong to. Prophet Zechariah was able to see the FOUR HORNS that have kept the church from being productive. However, he didn't only see the problem; he saw the solution as well. He saw four carpenters that had come to destroy those horns. This prompts the question: **“ARE YOU A HORN OR A CARPENTER?”** A 'horn' is a troublemaker, the one who disrupts the peace of everybody; a 'carpenter', however, lifts the hands of his/her pastor. The choice is ours to make!

LEARNING FROM THE CHURCHES IN REVELATION

THE CHURCH IN THYATIRA

So far, we have looked at the churches in Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos. and Thyatira as a way of us knowing how to identify what a good church looks like. Today let's look at another church—the church in Sardis:

“And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.” (Revelations 3:1-2)

This was a church that was once vibrant but is now dead—with no word or power. The church had a name that was once on everyone's lip but now a shadow of God's glory. Beware of churches like this; there are many churches in this category today. Some of them used to be a megachurch or a mega ministry with abounding fruitfulness, but now, all they have left is the story of how God used to move. Beware of a church like this; don't attend a church just because of the celebrity status of the pastor or the church.

HOW POWERFUL IS THE CHURCH?

We have been considering King Solomon's profound insight into God's idea of His church. In **2 Chronicles 6:18** he asked, *“But will God in very deed dwell with men on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house which I have built!”*

Solomon's prayer at the dedication of the temple provides some insight which we began to unpack a few weeks back. So far, we have considered the following indices of the power and relevance of the church even till today:

1. The eyes of God are always open upon the church
2. The power of restoration finds expression in the church.
3. The church is a place of deliverance.
4. The church is the place where God's power is real.
5. The church offers the guarantee of God fighting our battles for us.
6. The church is the solution to every captivity.

Let's look at one more reason why the church of God is still powerfully relevant today.

7. The church is a solution ground.

“if they return to thee with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity, whither they have carried them captives, and pray toward their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, and toward the city which thou hast chosen, and toward the house which I have built for thy name: then hear thou from the heavens, even from thy dwelling place, their prayer and their supplications, and maintain their cause, and forgive thy people which have sinned against thee.” (2 Chronicles 6:38-39)

What King Solomon was saying in these two verses is simple — when you come to the house of the Lord with a penitent heart, no matter how big your trouble might seem to be, a solution awaits you at the tabernacle of the Lord. Isn't God good? His promise to forgive and restore when getting in His presence (in the congregation of His people in a 'church') is AMAZING.

ANCHOR TEXT

David loves the Lord and His house. David's love for God is so intoxicating, palpable and real that God called him 'a man after My heart.' In **Psalm 130:6**, David says, *“My soul waiteth for the Lord More than they that watch for the morning: I say, more than they that watch for the morning.”* For someone who loves God and His house this much, it makes sense why nothing is beyond the limit of God's performance towards David. The same King David gave us the theme of this study series, viz:

*“I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.
Our feet shall stand Within thy gates, O Jerusalem.” (Psalm 122:1-2 KJV)*

PRAYING FOR THE CHURCH

David knew the importance of praying for the church so that the church can be there when we need her to meet our needs. Likewise, Jesus cared and prayed for the church and commanded us to do the same.

So our prayer for the church this week is in **Exodus 33:15** —

“And he said unto him, If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence.”

1. Pray for the Body of Christ, that the church will be filled with the presence of God afresh for a maximum harvest.
2. Pray for the Body of Christ, that God's presence will cause a new wave of God's manifestation in the church in the 21st century.
3. Pray for the church of God in Ukraine and for Ukrainians at large; pray that there will be healing of all kinds of wounds and injuries in Jesus' name.

THE REASONS WHY THE CHURCH OF GOD IS THE SAFEST PLACE ON EARTH

We have been highlighting some reasons why the Church of God is the safest place on earth. We have considered these points so far:

1. THE CHURCH IS THE SECRET PLACE OF GOD
2. THE CHURCH IS THE PLACE OF UNUSUAL POWER
3. THE CHURCH IS WHERE THE KEYS OF THE KINGDOM ARE DELIVERED TO US FOR FREE
4. THE CHURCH IS THE PLACE OF UNUSUAL COMPANION
5. THE CHURCH IS THE PLACE OF UNCOMMON WISDOM
6. THE CHURCH IS A DANGER-FREE ZONE
7. THE CHURCH IS THE GATEWAY OF HEAVEN—THE PLACE WHERE GIFTS ARE DISTRIBUTED TO THE SAINTS
8. THE CHURCH IS THE PLACE WHERE JESUS IS IN FULL CONTROL, BRINGING TOTAL DELIVERANCE TO HIS BODY
9. THE CHURCH IS THE PLACE WHERE WE GET TO SIT ON OUR THRONE FOREVER

We continue from there today.

10. THE CHURCH IS THE PLACE OF UNUSUAL AND UNCOMMON REVELATION

*“After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter. And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.”
(Revelation 4:1-2KJV)*

Apostle Paul, the sage, gave us some insight into how anything can happen when we get in the presence of God, especially at the church. Here's what he said in one of his letters to the Corinthians,

“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 12:2-4)

This interesting experience that Apostle Paul had when he was caught up into the 'third heaven' — to the very presence of God — is an archetype of what happens when we gather in church and do life together, worshiping our Savior. Paul had access to certain information that was for his ears only! This is one of those things which happen when we are in the presence of God, especially at church. John the beloved, while banished to the Island of Patmos, also encountered God in a manner that granted him access into divine secrets. Such are the dividends we enjoy by virtue of our membership in the Body of Christ. The church is a place of unusual encounters and powerful revelation. It is in the church that someone who has no clue what's going on in your life can begin to speak by the authority of God through a manifestation of the gift of 'word of knowledge', things that are super-accurate as though they've been reading your mail. The church is a unique place where anything can happen when the atmosphere is right and ripe. Get in the church today and begin to enjoy the amazing presence of God.

CALL TO ACTION

Are you still struggling with life?
Are you at a standstill and not knowing the way to go?
Are you enjoying God's peace and joy?
Have you made up your mind to follow Jesus?
Are you attending the right church?
Do you have access to revelation?

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: “STILL SMALL VOICE”
*“and after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire:
and after the fire a still small voice.” 1 Kings 19:12 KJV*

God is still speaking today. Are you able to hear Him? It is a still small voice. Shalom.

PRAYER POINTS

1. Father, as a member of your church, grant me access to divine secrets that will set me at an advantage in life in the name of Jesus.
2. I declare that my ears are opened to hear God's still small voice in my heart that I may be guided into Kingdom prosperity 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.