CHANGING SEASONS

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"And what will ye do in the day of visitation, and in the desolation which shall come from far? To whom will ye flee for help? And where will ye leave your glory?"

Isaiah 10:3

The Lord asks Israel what their response will be to Him visiting them. The Lord is once again in our day asking us what we will do in this, our day of visitation.

A fresh new move of God's Spirit is beginning to break out all around the world. Recently in our church the Lord has been visiting us in a fresh new way. Lives are being transformed; those who were spiritually dead are being awakened, bodies are being healed and our youth are on fire for the Lord. Manifestations of all kinds are taking place among God's people. A season of miracles is upon the church and will increase as this day of visitation unfolds.

Whether we have entered this new season of visitation, or if we are still between seasons the Word of God will help us navigate our way into this new day. We usually find in scripture that crisis occurs between seasons much like Israel leaving the wilderness and crossing over into the Promise Land. The Jordan River had overflowed its banks at harvest time; the waters were out of control. The Lord told Joshua to send the priests in with the Ark of the Covenant as an act of their faith, and the Lord rolled back the waters and all

of Israel crossed over. It is always in the place of transition that we face crisis that prepares us for the new season. The Lord will never transition you into the new season without concluding the old first. The book of Joshua opens up by saying, "Moses my servant is dead". Even good things may have to be buried before you go into the new place of promises. Not only bitterness, unforgiveness and rejection need to be buried, but God may require even that which has been good in your past to die.

"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before." Philippians 3:13

Until you let go of your past you will never embrace your future.

"And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

Luke 9:62

Our focus on King Jesus and His Kingdom qualify us and give us access into the new thing God is doing. In God's economy you cannot wait for your season to come to you, you must go into it.

The Prophet Samuel anointed Saul to be King of Israel. The Word of the Lord tells us after Saul's sin at Gilgal, Samuel came no more unto the King.

"And Samuel came no more to see Saul until the day of his death: nevertheless Samuel mourned for Saul: and the Lord repented that He had made Saul king over Israel." I Samuel 15:35

It is interesting to me that Samuel mourned for Saul even though he was rebellious and disobedient to the Word of the Lord. The Lord questioned Samuel as to why he was still mourning. He told him to "go fill your horn with oil, go to Jesse's house and I will show you whom you shall anoint as king in Saul's stead". Samuel would receive fresh oil to go into the new season. When Samuel arrived at Jesse's house his memory was so filled with the old, he couldn't recognize the new. He attempted to anoint the older brothers of David who resembled Saul. The Lord rebuked Samuel and told him he had not chosen this. If we are continually focused on where we have been we may miss seeing the new that God has provided for us.

"For surely there is an end; and thine expectation shall not be cut off." Proverbs 23:18

Expectation is the mother of all miracles! Expectation opens us up to new miracles, levels of glory and new seasons in God. Expectation is built by having vision.

"Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he." Proverbs 29:18

As we focus on the vision before us we can endure the process which is necessary to get through.

The Prophet Elijah was sent by the Lord to the Brook of Cherith for a season. At this place the Lord provided for his every need. But, the day came when God would push him into a new season by drying up the brook in which Elijah drank from. This was a sign that his season was about to change. The Word of the Lord came to him to arise and go to Zarephath where God commanded a widow woman to sustain him there.

God hasn't left you; He is moving you from one degree of glory to another. Elijah arrived at Zarephath this appeared no different than where he had been. There was famine in the house, only a little oil and a little meal left. We can't enter our new season and act like we're still in the old. We must see by faith the new season God has brought us to. It must be conceived in our spirit before it's received in the natural. We must learn to walk by faith in this new season even though we may not see it with our natural Faith is the currency of God's Kingdom. Therefore; we must begin to act accordingly to the new season we are in so it can manifest.

"Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear." Hebrews 11:3

"Behold the voice of the cry of the daughter of my people because of them that dwell in a far country: Is not the Lord in Zion? Is not her king in her? Why have they provoked me to anger with their graven images, and with strange vanities? The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Jeremiah 8:19 & 20

Israel had drifted from truth and no longer knew who she was, what she had and how to walk in it. Her season of harvest had come and she didn't know it. Her change did not come even though she entered her season. Many believers are in this same place presently, they have transitioned into a new season and nothing is happening. Many are asking, where is my salvation, deliverance, healing, breakthrough in ministry and in my family? By faith, we must learn to live in our new season.

"And of the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do; the heads of them were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their commandment." I Chronicles 12:32

Like the children of Issachar we must discern our season, and by faith 'do' or 'act' like we have arrived into this new season.

"Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone." James 2:17

Step out, a new day has dawned! What didn't work before will work now. Nothing is impossible to him who believes.

What will you do in the day of visitation?



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