

THE ACCEPTABLE TIME

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There are some things you have to wait for; you can't hastened them, you can't delay them. They have their appointed time. And there are things also that you don't wait for, you go for them.

Waiting for what you should go for leads to frustration. In the same way, going for what you should wait for also leads to frustration. So we don't have a choice but to understand timing.

Isaiah 49: 7 says “***Thus saith the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel, and His Holy One, to him whom man despiseth, to him whom the nation abhorreth, to a servant of rulers, Kings shall see and arise...***”

You may have been despised or looked down on. God is saying men will see you and arise because of what He will do in your life. “***..Princes also shall worship, because of the Lord that is faithful***”, because God is faithful to you men will see you and arise. He will keep His word concerning you.”... ***and the Holy One of Israel, and He shall choose thee***” God was reaffirming to the Prophet Isaiah that He has chosen Israel.

Verse 8 – 10 of the same chapter says “***Thus saith the Lord, In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee: and I will preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, to establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages;***

9. That thou mayest say to the prisoners, Go forth; to them that are in darkness, shew yourselves. They shall feed in the ways, and their pastures shall be in all high places.

10. They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them: for He that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall He guide them”.

The acceptable time mentioned in verse 8 means the time of His goodness. So He says “*in the time of My goodness I have heard you*”, and this time of His goodness is the day of salvation.

The word “Day” in the same verse 8, is not just a day or time of twenty four hours; There are two Hebrew words for Time: “Kairos” and “Kronos”. “Kairos” speaks of the exact time, being the time an event happened, while the “Kronos” speaks of a season, a period of time.

God says “*in My good time, the time that is acceptable I have heard you*”. “*In the day of salvation*” talks about His season of goodness. He says in the day of His salvation for us, “***have I heard thee ...have I helped thee***”. Another word for “help” is “to preserve”; “to keep”. So all that God has spoken and done for you, in that day of salvation are preserved, they are kept for you.

The Hebrew word for salvation is “Yeshua”, which is the same as our Lord bares, which in the Greek means “Jesus”.. Salvation or Yeshua talks of salvation from whatever oppresses and victory in every area of life. It talks of divine health and healing, it talks of the help of God.

There is a day of deliverance, and of victory, a season of divine health, of olivine healing, of help and provision from God.. Praise God. There is a season for all these, and that season is the day of salvation.

In the season of divine healing those who are sick get healed. So He says in that day of salvation, I have helped you.

2 Cor 6-7 says "***We then, as workers together with Him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.***

2. For He saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation"..

Now is the day of deliverance, now is the day of healing and health, now is the day to do well in the land, now not tomorrow. Praise God. Now is the season of His victory. All who call upon His name must live triumphantly because this is the season .of His salvation, a season of His goodness. Hallelujah The Lord came to usher in that season.

Luke 4:18-19 says "***The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He hath anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,***

19. To preach the acceptable year of the Lord". This was the ushering in of the season of salvation. Now is the season.

By the grace of the Lord, everyone who is born again has received the grace of His salvation. In this season He said I have helped you. Not a promise to help you, but a fulfillment of the promise.

He said "*I have helped you; I have delivered you from the demonic powers that oppress men. I have given you victory over*

whatever holds men down. I have given you victory in life and I will cause you to triumph”.

You have God’s life in you. That also means that you have His health. It’s a season of His health, soundness of body and mind: soundness altogether. It’s the season of the Lord’s favour. Now is the time to experience the goodness of God and you are in the season already.

Now is the season to do well. That is why whatever you put your hand to do should prosper because you are in the season. When you plant your seed you should expect a good harvest because you are planting in the season.

We are in the glorious season of the Lord’s salvation. Therefore, no sickness or disease should have a permanent stay in your body. If they do come they will have to bow out because you stand in the season of His goodness.

You may be poor now but because you are in the season of doing well, because you have been born into that season by the grace of the Almighty, you will do well.

2 Cor. 6:1 says “***We then, as workers together with Him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain***”. The day of His salvation is His grace.

2 Cor. 5:20-21 “***Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.***

21. For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him”.

The word “reconcile’ in this context means to make one again. So it says be one with God again, reflect His glory again, shine like Him again, show forth like God again, because God has made Him to be sin for us on the cross of Calvary that we may be made the righteousness of God (Ref 2 Cor. 5:21).

That simply means that you and I have become evidence of His righteousness. We were not there physically when Adam sinned although in the other sense we sinned in him. But we are all suffering the consequence.

In the natural sense, that is injustice. But for God to show that He is a righteous judge He had to save us, to bring us out of that condition. So now He is saying, show to the world that He is righteous. He has saved you, He has delivered you, He has made you whole in the time of His salvation.

He made him to be sin who knew no sin (Ref 2 Cor. 5:21). What was on that cross was sin personified. He made Him sin, and killed Him to destroy the power of sin once and for good.

That is why the devil cannot force you to sin. He can only tempt you. He made Him sin for us that you and I will become the evidence of God’s righteousness (Ref 2 Cor 5:21). What binds the people in the world no longer binds us. Therefore He says, we urge you not to receive this grace in vain: do not receive the grace for nothing or to waste. (Ref 2 Cor. 6:1).

So He says “**Be ye reconciled to God**” (2 Cor 5:20), it is up to us to decide.

He says “**We then, as workers together with Him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain**” because He

has said ***“I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured (helped) thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation”***.

If you are sick in your body don't think that the time for your healing has not come, the time is now. Do not allow a demon to harass your life saying it's not yet time for your deliverance. Now is the time for your deliverance.

Beloved, you may not be so very rich, but don't be poor either. You should by all means in God do well because you are in the season of His goodness. So you are admonished, ***“do not receive His grace in vain”***.

You may ask how do I show the grace? Simply believe His word and live it. Live what God says, don't live another life. If you live another life you are showing that you are not saved.

To further explain how you can show the grace 1 Tim 6:12 says ***“Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.”***

Roms 5:10 says ***“For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life”***.

When two persons fight, one will try to conquer the other and at the same time resist him. So the Bible says “fight”, meaning there is a challenge. There is a challenge to the grace of God.

That sickness, that condition of no job is a challenge. That oppression, that failure in your life is a challenge. And what do

you do to a challenge? You fight it, resist it. “**Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold...** (grab it, it requires force)”

Mathew 11:12 says “**And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force**”. (KJV)

“**..the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and violent people attack it**” (NIV) (Ref Matt11:12).

And now we are told to “**..lay hold**” It requires force: force of faith and courage. Do you believe God’s report? Then take it by force.

If your life reflects what is not God’s grace, refuse it by all means. “**Fight the good fight ...**”, resist it. Don’t say “*that’s how God planned it for me*” because that is not within the bracket of His grace. God will not will for you something that is not within His grace in that respect. So when you are challenged, resist it with all your being. He says “fight”.

Many years ago, there was a certain man and his wife who lived in a house without restroom for about eighteen (18) months. All the while he lived in that house he wasn’t happy. His soul and all that is within him rejected that condition.

Within that period the man took a stroll and saw a block of four flats and admired them though he had no money. But he told the Lord that he liked the place. Then the Lord spoke to his heart saying “ **My people shall dwell in secured places**” (Ref Isa 32 :18)

They fought. They joined hands and faith and prayed. All through that period they resented that condition. They were in that

condition, but they didn't remain there. They fought the good fight of faith, paid for one of the flats and moved in.

Do you believe that God has helped you when it is not showing? He said ***“in the season of My grace have I helped you”***. It has been done. That is why you must refuse and reject anything that does not reflect the grace of God in your life. Resist it and lay hold on the promise with the words of your mouth, talk about it and speak of it.

Don't rehearse your condition to your friends and relations. When you do that you are confirming the condition.

Isaiah 49: 8 again says ***“ Thus saith the Lord, In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee: and I will preserve thee...”***. When you travel don't be afraid, He will keep you. Planes may crash, boats may capsize but God will keep you. He said in Ps 91: 8. ***“...but it shall not come nigh thee Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked”***.

Again Isaiah says ***“...and give thee for a covenant of the people, to establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages”***. Until this scripture is fulfilled in your life you are not going to die.

The phrase “to establish” in the Hebrew word means “to build up” and to cause folks to inherit that thing the Lord has made available for them”: your salvation, your victory, your prosperity, your health.

God is doing all this for you so you can make an impact in the land, so you can help build up the land and He needs strong people to do this, not sick ones that are always on drugs.

My family and I take communion every weekend. When we take the bread we know we are taking in life, so we get renewed every weekend. When we drink of the blood we rehearse the covenant. We stand firm on the life releasing power in the body. That's the secret. Do the same.

God wants us – not only Pastor Emma - to cause the people to inherit the wasting heritage. Your salvation has been assured so walk in it.

Beloved, I would that you all will walk in this faith. Believe the report of the Lord, believe what He has spoken, believe it and dare to live it. Choose to live it and experience the power of God at work in you. Shalom!