

THE MAKING OF A MIRACLE

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God told us that this is our year of good tidings of His glory, of His goodness. Hallelujah!

Ex. 18 – 19 says “..**He said, I beseech thee, shew me Thy glory.**

19. And He said, I will make all My goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before thee;”.

Beloved, I want you to know that as you crossed over to this New Year (2010), you came in with all the goodness of God. Halleluiah!

Again, the word “**Pass**” in the text above means to “Cross over”. In other words, you are not going alone, you are going with all of heaven’s resources. God is saying He has made all of His goodness to pass over with us. It tells you that you have entered into a season of favour whereby out of the mercy and sovereignty of God, doors will be flung open before you.

Ps. 102:13 says “**Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come”**

The Lord shall arise and show mercy upon the church. God said, “**Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field”**, (Zech. 10:1). Remember it is not about you, but about Him. He shall arise and have mercy upon you because the time to favour you has come.

God will do something uncommon that the ear that hears it will say “*this has to be God*”. You will know without a doubt that this is God because this is a season of His favour.

If you have waited for a good man (husband), by the hand of God, the man will come because it is the season of His favour, and God has remembered His covenant. That covenant will stand.

The Psalmist said “**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me...**” (Ps 23:6). Maybe you’ve been struggling and making little out of your struggle. That struggle is broken.

Have you been asked “*where is your God*”? Have you been mocked? Now the Lord shall arise on your behalf and show you mercy; for your set time has come. The Psalmist said “**My times are in Thy hand**” (Ps 31:15). This is your set time therefore you will experience the mercy of God;

A Prophetic word from God: “**As I have said, I will make men to see who I AM to you. They will see Me in you. Yes, I will fight for My name. They will see My name made manifest in you. I will declare Myself in you and yours that all may know that I love you. That I have loved you and I still love you. They will see it, they will see it, and I will do it now. I will do it, I will perform it”.**

Have you been driven out of the house because you serve God?. God says ***“I have seen your reproach, I have seen your shame.. As I have said, for your shame, you will have double honour”***.

The Making of A Miracle

Due to the sins of the land, in 1 Kings 17:1, Elijah said, ***“there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word”***. And so for three and half years there was neither rain nor dew. People suffered because there was absolute dryness everywhere,. and then a word came from the Lord in verse one of chapter 18 of 1 Kings

1 Kings 8::1 ***“And it came to pass after many days, that the word of the Lord came to Elijah in the third year, saying, Go, shew thyself unto Ahab; and I will send rain upon the earth”***.

Verse 41 of the same chapter says ***“And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain.***

42. So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees,

43. And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, There is nothing. And he said, Go again seven times.

44. And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare thy chariot, and get thee down that the rain stop thee not.

45. And it came to pass in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel”.

From the above passage, you can see the making of a miracle because a miracle can be worked out.. God’s word is spirit, it is not tangible, but when it becomes flesh then you can handle it. A true miracle is when God’s word manifest, and what you see is His glory.

God said ***“I will send rain upon the earth”***, and the prophet told the king to prepare himself.

Verse 41 ***“And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain”***. God said it, Elijah then repeated what God had said.

When God says a word, you and I are suppose to say it also. That God said it is not enough to experience it. Elijah in agreement with what God said could now declare that there is a sound of abundance of rain though there was no cloud in the sky.

Verse 42 says ***“So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees”***. Ahab went up to eat, Elijah went up to pray. How are you going up?

The word came, ***“I will send rain upon the earth”***. That was all God said and then kept quiet. Before a thing is done upon the earth a man has to agree because the earth is given

to men, (Ref 2 Cor. 1:20). Before God Himself could do anything upon the earth, He had to come in the form of a man.

One may wonder that since God has already spoken the word, why should we still pray? Your prayer is an evidence of faith. The man that prays shows that he believes what was spoken. The one that does not pray shows that he does not believe. .This prayer must be according to His word.

God said “***I will send rain upon the earth***” but He did not say when. The when is determined by your prayers.

Elijah went up to pray. When he felt he was done, he sent his servant to the seaside to check for a cloud but there was no sign. But Elijah persevered in prayers. His servant kept going to and fro until the seventh time when he saw a cloud. As small as a the size of a man’s hand (Ref 1 Kings 18:44). Naturally, one would have discounted it, but you must realize that your miracle may not come the way you expect it. That small cloud became a big black cloud with wind. When you see the sign of a miracle, run with it. But it only comes in the place of prayer.

Have you heard a word from God? He said “***I will make all My goodness pass before you***”. He has said that, but we will not rest until He makes our life a praise, (Isa 62:7). We have heard the word; we should follow it up by saying that “*I am blessed with all the goodness of God*”.

Beloved, if you feel denied or deprived of anything, do not begin to cry. Your crying out of self pity is self defeat. Do not give place to the devil who wants to deny you of God’s goodness. Rather in the face of all your pressure boldly say, “*I am blessed with all the goodness of God*” .Keep on saying it and the word’s will create the atmosphere around you. If you are so hard pressed go on your knees and pray. God is The faithful God therefore you know you will not return ashamed. Instead of tears of pains and sorrow, learn to cry tears of joy.

Pray with what you have heard from the Lord. He said “*I will help you*”. Even when it seems like nothing is happening, around you; still say “*Lord, my help comes from you*”. When a man gives you a promise, do not rest on it because that man also has issues. What you must do is to depend on God.

Beloved, even as we come into a season of His mercy, take prayers along with you. Pray the word, it shows that you are actually anchoring your life upon that word. Never complain in prayer; complaining is as good as murmuring, and God abhors murmuring. When you murmur Gods says “***As truly as I live, ... as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you***”, (Nums 14:28)..

God knows about the pressures we go through, but when you hear the word, declare it with your mouth and pray using those words; that is how you make a miracle: declare it and pray it. In that place of pray God will give you an instruction. He said “***I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go***”. (Ps 32:8)

When you have prayed He said “***And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, this is the way, walk ye in it***” (Isa 30:21). God said “*I will help you*”. How fast or slow that help comes depends on how much time you spend in prayers, and if need be, add fasting, so that your life will transform and you will be a wonder to many.

There is an abundance of rain for each one of you, and all that you set your hands to do. Begin to declare it and learn to offer thanksgiving to the Lord for what He said o you.