

ENTERING INTO YOUR SEASON OF BLESSING

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According to Eccle. 3 Vs 1 **“To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:”**; there is a time apportioned to everything and every purpose under heaven.

God speaking in Eze 34:26 says **“And I will make them and the places round about My hill (My church) a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season (in their season); there shall be showers of blessing”**.

We are told in scriptures that whatever promise God made through the prophets find their fulfillment in Christ, and the Amen is spoken by us to God’s glory (Ref 2 Cor. 1:20). In other words, what God said He will do has been done.

“For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes in Christ” (in other words, they find their fulfillment in Christ). And so through him the “Amen” is spoken by us to the glory of God”(NIV).

If we don’t say the Amen there will be no fulfillment. The Bible says **“Thy word is settled in heaven”** (Ps 119:89). Therefore, the Amen is spoken by us on the earth to His glory.

Eze. 34:26 says, **“I will make them and the places round about My hill a blessing...”**. Before you can become a blessing you should have been blessed: you can’t bless somebody when you are not a blessing yourself. He said **“I will”** make them a blessing. Then now in the New Testament He is saying **“I have”** made them a blessing.

The prophet said **“... the time to favour her (Zion), yea, the set time, is come”** (Ps 102:13b), and Zion is a prophetic word for the church of God. Now beloved, we have entered into the season of His blessing. In other words, there are showers of blessings.

When the rain is falling you have a choice to go under it for it to wet you, or stay indoors. God is saying now, there are showers of blessings Then it was **“there shall be...”**. He said **“I have made you a blessing”**.

Why are some of us not enjoying this blessing wherein we stand? Do you know you can be working in a soap factory and be dirty? Is it possible? O yes. You have soap - at least if you don’t have any allowance, you will have some soap every month free of charge because you’re working there. But some will still not have their clothes washed; some will still not bath well. Who do you blame? the factory? No.

Beloved, upon each of us in Christ Jesus rests the blessings of God but there are three (3) key things we should hold and do in order to experience this blessing. Remember God told Abraham ***“I have made thee a father of many nations”*** (Roms. 4:17), but that wasn't how it looked in the natural. He was still childless. He was very old and the wife out of form. In that condition God said, ***“I have”*** made thee a father of many nations.

Abraham began to do some things to become who God said he already is. The same way too if you are blessed - which I know you are because God' says so, then there are things you should do to become, or to flow in the blessing. Abraham did some things and God saw it and counted his faith as righteousness. You too must do some things.

First: Acts 3:19 ***“Repent ye therefore, and be converted (be changed), that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;”***

The one thing that hinders the believer most, that makes him not to flow in the blessing is ***“the little foxes, that spoil the vines”***. (Songs 2:15) The Bible says ***“he that covereth his sin shall not prosper; but he that confesseth and forsaketh them shall obtain mercy”***. (Pros. 28:13).

That sin you commit by keeping a girl friend, or keeping a boy friend for example, is defrauding you. May God open your eyes to see what you are losing by such misconduct. Sin robs you of your vital joy. It takes from you what you deserve and stands you disqualified.

Though you are an heir, as long as you are a child - still bound by sin, it says you are like a slave though you're an heir of God. God keeps you under until a time appointed by Him. (Ref. Gal 4:1-2)

No father in his right senses will give his Ten (10) years old son his car to drive. And if he does, he would not be kind to that boy, he will be killing him.

I have a friend whose father gave him a car while we were in school. He will drive round the campus with it. He was a big boy. One day he told me ***“I don't know how to believe God for anything”***. I said ***“well that's how I live”***; my father was dead and I had to live day by day. But that guy just needed to make a call home and money will be sent to him. His parents even gave him a wife and sent him abroad. Today that guy is unable to find his path in life; he does not know how to transverse his life. Now he's wishing his father had left him alone then. God will not allow you to be destroyed. The Bible says ***“..the prosperity of fools shall destroy them”*** (Pro. 1:32). The guy was without judgment then.

Sin is a destroyer. The Bible says ***“Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.”*** (Acts 3:19). When you repent of those ***“small sins”*** (little foxes) and change, God will give you back what was stolen from you. He says times of refreshing will come from His presence, praise God.

Beloved when God blesses you no man, no devil can take it away. You may lose some things, but nobody can take your blessings away. Henry Ford the founder of Ford Motors & Ford Foundation said *“if you take everything from me I can begin all over again because what created this wealth is still in me”*. He was a Christian. Though Ford is dead, Ford Motors is still going on strong because that principle still stands.

Sin will rob you of the vital principle of life. It will give you false pleasure in advance. This is one reason some of us are not enjoying the blessings and so we look for shortcuts: pour oil on me, use mantle. Listen beloved, with God there are no shortcuts.

“Repent He says, and be converted that times of refreshing may come from His presence”. When you repent of that lifestyle, act or behaviour, and you change, then you’re converted. That new position attracts the favour of God.

God has favoured us all, but some things are not in place that’s why things are the way they are with you, but His mercy will prevail over judgment, (Ref Jms 2:13c)

Secondly: Connect with God. Under this connection there are three things I want to bring to your attention.

i) Avoid vain company:: Who are your friends? The old adage, *“birds of the same feather flock together”* is still true. When your friends are vile and have no respect for Godly things they will be a cloud and a veil unto you.

Lot’s name means “Veil”. As long as he remained with Abraham, Abraham could not progress. He was a veil to Abraham so Abraham could not see well. He was always being offended by what Lot and his men were doing. That offence will always cause a kind of cloud and shield and a veil for him not to see. Lot was a hindrance.

If you have a vain or vile friend or a friend who has no regard for the things of God, that friend is a veil to you. That veil puts off the blessing from manifesting in your life because that friend of yours has wrong values.

It is far much easier to fall than to rise. If I stand on a high platform a boy of five years can pull me down and I can fall, but to pull a man up to a platform you will need other men to join you. If your best friend is an unbeliever examine your conscience, examine where you stand. Who are your friends?

We have such ungodly advisers around, but blessed is the man that will not follow the advice of the ungodly (Ref Ps 1:1). The counsel may look right, but if it comes from an ungodly man, don’t take it.

“He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but companion of fools shall be destroyed” (Provs. 13:2).

This is a man who is blessed who ought to be walking in his season of blessing, but because fools are his companion he's destroyed. Who are fools? They are men who have neither regard for God, nor the things of God.

Your friends tell who you really are. Though you're born again, though you're a child of God, all that is inside. Your friends are an outward expression of who you are and the Bible says "**evil companion corrupts good manners**". (1 Cor. 15:33). They corrupt you and once you're corrupted the blessing is hindered. Though you're born a son of the blessing, you have been corrupted. These are hindrances, little foxes that deny you the blessing.

ii) Give attention to God's word:: Psalm 1:1-3 "**Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.**

2. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

3. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season;"

God says you have come into your season. How do I bring forth fruit in my season? It says here, when you spend time in His word you will know the laws and principles of His word. You will know His way of doing things. And then it says "**you will bring forth fruit in your season**".

As a result of studying, spending time in the word, remaining in God's word, you shall always have nourishment. He cannot fail because he will know what to do and how to do it. God's word tells you what, how and when because God has appointed time to everything in life.

A minister of God puts it this way, "*see bushes around you as opportunities*" If you have money buy lands in hectare. Don't only think of today, think of tomorrow. If God has given you some money you can invest in lands because the value always appreciates.

God will give you uncommon insight as you study His word. He will cause you to see what men don't see. There are people with Doctorate Degree in Theology, but you will see what they don't see, and when you start your investment it will prosper; ' ...**whatsoever he doeth shall prosper**" because he has seen well.

Pros 4:20-22 says "**My son, attend to my words** (clear instruction); **incline thine ear unto my sayings.**

21. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.

22. For (because) **they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh**".

Spending time in God's word will make you prosper in your health; in your finances and in every way. It says "**.. health** (medicine) **to all their flesh**" (Ref Pros. 4:22). Spending time to study the word is connecting with divine resources.

“Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded” (Provs 13:13).

This man is blessed, but instead of walking in, and enjoying his blessings, he is been destroyed because he despised the word of the blessing.

iii). Put God in remembrance: Isa 43:26 ***“Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified”***.

Remember God said ***“I have made thee a blessing”***. He said ***“there shall be showers of blessings”*** (Eze 34:26). It means you have come into a season of blessings. So now you will say ***“Lord your word is true. I have come by your word into a season of blessings. Though all around me is commotion, poverty, hunger, nothing to wear, no job, no food; I have by your word come into a season of blessing. I am a blessing by your word”***. Then you are putting God in remembrance. He said ***“declare thou”***; the word “declare” here means rejoice, celebrate.

Now this was exactly what Abraham did: he rejoiced in hope. He gave glory to God even before he saw what he asked for. ***“Declare thou”***. When you put Him in remembrance ***“declare thou”***, rejoice, celebrate and thank Him. Though what you’re seeing on ground may be quite threatening, He says ***“Declare thou”***, celebrate what you are hoping for; then you shall be justified as Abraham was justified. It’s the same principle. When I know I’m a blessing by God’s grace, then I can celebrate it.

God said there shall be, and in fact it has begun, showers (not one shower), showers of blessing Then He says we should come into a season of restoration, of refreshing (Ref. Acts 3:19).

In spite of what you’re going through, never wear a long face. Choose to rejoice and bless God anyhow. For to everything a time has been apportioned, so thank God for that. If for now you cannot afford a flat, get a room - life is in phases. Rejoice, ***“declare thou”***.

Thirdly: Be a cheerful giver:

Giving is in three levels:

- i). Giving to God or His cause
- ii). Giving to His ministers
- iii). Giving to the brethren.

We can see a case of giving to God in Luke 5:3-4.

Christ was to preach somewhere. He saw two boats and entered the one that belonged to Peter. He said move the boat into the sea away from the land and Peter did. Christ preached from that boat. When He finished preaching He told Peter ***“now launch out into the deep for a draught”***.

Peter sowed his business. That boat was more like His capital. He gave his business, so to say to the Lord. The Lord used it, and then said go for a catch.

There was a heavy harvest. The blessing that the man was, was revealed after the master used his boat.

Whenever you sow to God's work, to His cause, you are lending to God, and He will repay (Ref. Pros 19:17). Whenever you give to His cause you are unlocking the blessing that you are.

Don't say "*church has money they can take care of their work*". It can still go on somehow, but if you had given something you would have been blessed. If you don't give to God's cause God can raise somebody anywhere to give. But when you do it the blessing is unfolded.

The blessing is not always in monetary form. When you give ten thousand Naira you shouldn't expect ten thousand Naira in return because God is not a money doubler (Ref. 2 Cor. 9:7-8). God's work is a priority.

ii.). Give to His minister: Elijah was hungry. God said "***I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee***". (1 Kings 17:9). One would have thought that the woman was a millionaire, but when he got there the woman was gathering two sticks to make her last meal (1 Kings 17:12)

Elijah greeted the widow and said please get me some water to drink, and as you're coming back bring me some cake (1 Kings 17:10-11). She said "***as the Lord thy God liveth I have no cake now I want to make my last meal for my son and I to eat and die***". *Elijah said you won't die but go and make for me first afterwards make for yourself.* (Ref. 1 kings 17:12-13). Thank God she obeyed. In her lack God had said I have commanded a widow to feed you. God had in mind to bless her.

Now who needed the blessing more, Elijah or the woman? The woman of course, but she gave to the man of God first, then others began to follow. She flowed in oil and food for three and a half years. When others were grinding and lamenting she had abundance.

The blessing that she was, unfolded as she gave. When God impresses in your heart to give don't delay, just obey.

iii). Give to brethren: Some brethren have the habit of knocking on the door of people in church that they think have money to ask for a favour. Have self respect, have integrity. Don't walk up to such brethren to say you have a need. Let people be led by God to give you. Your duty is to go and pray to God. Let God impress it in somebody's heart to give you. That person is not your source. God is your source.

In the same vein, you be a cheerful giver. If you notice a brother or sister in church that is in need, just call him or her and bless him/her with your substance. You will feel more honored; you will feel better that way; you will know that you have given something.

Learn to give. Be a cheerful giver so that those that don't have in the house and those that have will all be contented. There won't be so much disparity that some

people are so rich, while¹ others have barely enough (Ref. 2 Cor 8:13-14). Let us learn to give to each other as we may have need.

Help a brother get a job; help a sister get a house, but don't go asking, knocking on their door and making phone calls because they don't owe you anything. Let a brother or sister give you as he or she may be led.

Daniel 2:21 ***“And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise and knowledge to them that know understanding”:***

Maybe now you're so broke and poor, God will change your times. Maybe now there is a lack: no baby, no husband, no wife, God will change your times. It is God who changes times and seasons because to everything He apportions times and seasons. When lack comes, He will change your time of lack into abundance because your time of abundance has its appointed and apportioned time and season.

God changes times. Your poor time, your lack time, God will change because you're not condemned to be poor forever. Some may be very rich, some might just have enough, the point is that you shouldn't beg. There are some who have the grace to have super abundance, and there are some who have enough to just keep them going, but however it is, you will not lack. If you do lack now, it's just a season in your life and God will change it.