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JUST BEFORE WE BEGIN...

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GOD BLESSES WHEN WE SERVE

“And ye shall serve the LORD your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee”. Exodus 23:25

That scripture has been my motivation when it comes to kingdom service. But motivation without a clear elevation is deception.

Let's do a quick analysis on that scripture.

If you serve God;

1. He will bless your bread.

2. He will bless your water.

3. And He will take sickness away from your midst.

Isn't that beautiful? But then, despite this assurance, why do many committed believers still fall sick? They serve God with the whole of their heart, yet, they have nothing to show. I was a victim of this, until I began to walk in the light of scriptures.

That scripture didn't say God will "Give"; rather, it says God will "Bless". In other words, after you must have served, work towards getting your bread and your water, so that He can bless them. It's easy for Him to

take sickness away from you, but if you don't provide the bread and water, what will He bless? This has been the challenge of many believers.

BUT WHAT IS THE BREAD, AND WHAT IS THE WATER?

We all know what it means to live a sickness-free life; but we'd also agree that a body without food will definitely fall sick. It's not like God did not heal many sick believers, but that they don't have bread to eat. However, some even have bread, but the absence of water is what is making them sick.

LET'S TALK ABOUT THE BREAD...

2 Cor 9:10 tells us that God gives seed to the sower, and gives bread for food. But the fact

that God gives bread doesn't mean that bread will automatically enter into your house and be available at all times, no!

During the Exodus, God also gave bread to the people of Israel - daily in the wilderness. But the bible specifically mentioned that they all went out and fetched as much as they could eat. There was supply of bread for each day, but they had to go out to fetch what they could eat by working.

God still gives bread to those who serve Him today. In Matt 6:11, while Jesus was teaching the people how to pray, He said "*Give us this day, our daily bread*". God releases our daily bread when we ask for it, but we have to go out and work to gather them. There is assurance of bread, but your work is what will deliver the bread to you. If you're looking for

a job for instance, visit organizations and leave your documents with them. If you sit down at home hoping that a job will come to you, then you'd be sitting for a long time. The bible never recorded that bread entered into the tents of the Israelites, it says they went out and picked the quantity they could eat. That is what you should do; go out and take the job you can do!

Bread in this case simply means our daily benefits. And according to Ex 23:25, if God will bless our bread, then it simply means He wants to bless our daily benefits. But He can't bless what we have not collected or presented to Him. His blessing provides security and preservation, but we all know that nobody secures what he does not have. If you must enjoy your daily bread, then you must work towards getting them.

LET'S TALK ABOUT WORK...

Every man was created to work. If you are not working, then you are nothing. It takes work to put food on your table; and a man who cannot provide for his home is worse than "nothing".

There is a difference between "work" and "a job". Work requires effort, a job requires time. When a company employs you, what they've done is to buy your time to add your efforts to theirs. Work doesn't always guarantee a pay; it is a job that does. Work is essentially an engagement of the heart; if your heart is not engaged then you can't be productive.

Within every job is work, and at the tail end of work is job. That means you need work to get a job and you need work to sustain it. A job only gives you a title, work gives you a status. Your job is sustained by your work; the day you stop working, that's the day you'd start dropping. If you want to get a good job, start doing a good work. A job naturally locates work. You can't know how to work and not get a job. A good job is the certificate of your good work.

Now the big question; how do I work when I don't have a job? Adam never had a job, but he was maintaining the garden with his talent. And when God saw the beauty of the garden, God gave him his first contract, to name all the land animals and birds. After he named them, God had no choice but to agree to whatever name Adam gave to the creatures. It wasn't long before God paid him

by giving him a woman to help him. Stop saying you don't have a job, work on the talent in you to secure a job.

MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE...

Now that we know how to get bread, it's important that we also know how to get water. Actually, this is the most important part of this book.

In Luke 4:3-4, Satan obviously knew that God gives bread, and he didn't hesitate to tell Jesus to work a miracle that will turn stone into bread. But amazingly, Jesus responded saying, "*...man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God*". Jesus knew that we can't live the kind of life that God has

destined for us by bread alone. God does not only want you to meet your everyday need, He also wants you to have sufficiency in all things, and abundance for every good work. God wants you to feature in the development of the world; but bread alone can't do that for you, you need water.

BUT WHAT IS THIS WATER?

The word of God! Jesus pointed that clearly in the earlier verse we read. He said "***man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God***".

Water symbolizes God's word in many places throughout the bible. Israel drank in a figure of the word of God when they drank water in the wilderness from the rock which represented Christ. Exodus 17:6 tells us how water may come out of the rock so that the

people could drink, and 1 Cor 10:4 tells us that the rock was Christ.

In Isaiah, water was used to describe the knowledge of God. Isaiah 55:10-11 says ***"as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it"***.

In Hosea, rain was used as a sign of the presence of God. Hosea 6:3 says ***"let us acknowledge the LORD; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the***

winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth".

In Amos, water was used to represent justice. Amos 5:24 says ***"but let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream"***.

Ephesians makes it clear that studying God's word will have a cleansing effect on you. Eph 5:26 says ***"to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word"***.

THE WORD AND WATER SPEAK OF BLESSINGS FROM GOD...

Water is sometimes the setting, and other times, the material used by God to Bless His people.

In John 2, we read the first miracle done by Jesus at a wedding feast in Cana, where He blessed a couple and the guests that were gathered to celebrate their wedding.

John 2: 7-11 *Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.*

Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine.

This is more like saying, "fill your heart with God's word; then take from it to settle the issues around your life". In the days of

trouble, it is the word in your heart that will deliver you. Prov 24:10 says ***"if you faint in the day of trouble, then your strength is small"***. God's word is your strength. Jesus wouldn't have told them to fill those jars with water if they were already filled with water. The issues that keep confronting you are the ones you've not confronted with enough word.

God's word and water were connected again in Exodus 17, where we find that after the Israelites were in the desert for a time, they became thirsty and needed water. They needed a lot of water; enough for about one million people, plus all the livestock that was with them. And God provided it for them.

Exodus 17:5-6 ***The LORD answered Moses, "Walk on ahead of the people. Take with you***

some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink." So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel.

Eliphaz declares God must be good and just because:

Job 5:10 He bestows rain on the earth; he sends water upon the countryside.

In Isaiah 44, we read about Israel, the chosen of the Lord;

Isaiah 44: 1-3 "But now listen, O Jacob, my servant, Israel, whom I have chosen.

This is what the LORD says— he who made you, who formed you in the womb, and who will help you: Do not be afraid, O Jacob, my servant, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen.

For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants.

When Jesus healed a man that was blind from birth, He used two forms of water. First he ***spat*** on the ground to make mud, and then tells the man to go and take a ***bath***. As he obeyed, his sight returned. Let's read the story from the scriptures;

John 9: 1-7 As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him,

"Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

"Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life. As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

Having said this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means Sent). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

From these analysis, it is clear that water is related to God's word.

WE NEED TO CREATE THE BALANCE...

Just as we need to work to gather our daily bread, we also need to study God's word to enjoy the water.

If we serve the Lord, He will bless our bread and water, and He will take sickness away from our midst. But bread without water will soon choke you, and ultimately cause sickness for you.

God may take away sickness, but we need to provide the bread and water for Him to bless.

Many people are committed servants of God; but because they never produce bread and water, they rarely experience the blessings of God.

When God blesses the work you do, you'd enjoy daily living. When He blesses the word in you, you'd begin to command exploits. Remember that it was the word in Jacob, Ezekiel and Abraham that made them do exploits. They all had great professions, but it was the word in them that gave them impact.

Let me conclude with this; when God takes away sickness from you, you'd enjoy divine health. When God blesses your bread, you'd enjoy daily living, when He blesses your water, you'd command world impact. May God give us understanding!

God bless you, I love you, and don't forget to send me your testimony.

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