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## Dreams and Visions #9

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For several weeks we have been studying about the importance of visions, where they come from and what our part is in seeing the end results that God has planned for us. Habakkuk had inquired of the Lord about the vision the Lord had given him regarding the children of Israel and the following instructions were what God had told him. God instructed him write down the vision in order that it would be plain and could be read by all so that they would not forget what the Lord had shown him and that the vision was for an appointed time, it would come to pass.

Hab 2:2-4 "And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. 3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. 4 Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith." KJV

As believers we need to be writing down our visions or dreams that we receive from the Lord. A gentleman in the congregation shared how he had written down his dream and because of continually rereading it, ie; in the form of putting a blanket on his horse and taking it off everyday, he was keeping it in front of his eyes, he has been able to see that dream coming to pass, it is not a completed dream yet, but it is nearing the end and he will be able to see it completed in the future, later this year. He explained how even though he did not do everything right on his part, that God was faithful to do His part and he is excited and looking forward to the full manifestation.

God is for us, He is not against us and as individuals we have to get beyond the past hurts in order to fulfill our destiny. Don't allow offenses and hurts to move you away from your destiny, being quick to walk in love and forgiveness. God wants all of His people to be blessed and He will show us what needs to be done on our part to receive that blessing. There is a principle of sowing and reaping which brings about multiplication of the harvest and God gives us the power to get the wealth.

Deut 8:18 "But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he swore unto thy fathers, as it is this day." KJV

Deut 28:8 "The Lord shall command the blessing upon thee in thy \*storehouses, and in all that

thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." KJV

\*storehouses are places of saving

Pro 10:4 "He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the \*diligent maketh rich." KJV

\*diligent means firms steady hand

Pro 12:24 "The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tribute." KJV

It is important what we set our minds on in regards to receiving the blessings from God, and that we get the mind of the Lord. We find that the Jewish people have a certain way of receiving their needs being met and the over abundance they receive in order to be a blessing to others. They have a cup that they fill to the top which represents their needs, but they want an overflow to bless others so they run the cup over. On purpose they go through this ceremony each week, they keep the vision before their eyes. They are saying that first God wants our needs met in order that we can bless others.

There is an example of this regarding the Good Samaritan in Luke 10 who went out of his way to minister to the man who had been left by the wayside and the follow up he had with him, taking care of all his needs.

Luke 10:25-37 "And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? 26 He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou? 27 And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself. 28 And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live. 29 But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour? 30 And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. 31 And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32 And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. 33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, 34 And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. 36 Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves? 37 And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise." KJV

This man was not just operating of getting by but was operating out of an overflow. Jesus was operating out of an overflow so that he could help other people, Abraham had this same overflow on his life. Gods plan is just not to bless us but that we should have an overflow so that we can bless others.

Acts 10:38 "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him." KJV

Pro 19:17 "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he pay him again." KJV

We can't give to others without God giving back to us. God does not want us just barely getting by, that is not His plan, the Jewish people understand this principal.

Mal 3:10 "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." KJV

Nothing is more powerful than speaking the word of God out of our mouths. Change what we are saying and we will change what we are seeing. If all we see is defeat and failure, check what is coming out of your mouths. When what is on the inside becomes bigger than the negative circumstances we are saying "that it is never going to work, never coming to pass" it is just a matter of time until we see the manifestation what God has promised us.

Isa 46:10 "Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:" KJV

This is the ways of God or what He does, declaring the end from the beginning, God doesn't look at us with a chaotic situation all around us and talk about how it will not work out. He calls us more than conquerors and will meet all our needs according to His riches in glory. He may call us in some kind of ministry and if something might happen along the way, He looks at the end knowing how it will turn out. We cannot borrow trouble or worry about a situation from tomorrow, God knows what the outcome will be.

Heb 11:3 "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." KJV

\*framed means to mend, repair or restore or put in order.

Faith tells us how God does things, framing the world by His spoken word. We frame our world by the words we speak in faith, we determine our future or the outcome, and though it tarry it will come to pass. How do we repair our messed up lives? The anointing of Jesus must be involved, poured into a broken heart of disappointment and unforgiveness will cause it to be alright. We must understand the necessity of forgiveness. the importance of it. The following scripture not only tells us to forgive, but how to forgive.

Mark 11:25 "And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him and let it drop (leave it, let it go), in order that your Father Who is in heaven may also forgive you your [own] failings and shortcomings and let them drop." AMP

If we truly forgive, we won't be talking about it everyday, to everyone we come in contact with. Believers have to learn how to leave the offenses and not start speaking about them again.

Rom 4:17-18 "(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those \*things which be not as though they were. 18 Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be." KJV

\*things is in the plural

There are two principals here; the end at the beginning and what was dead is alive. God declares that the promises would happen and were already in existence. When we begin to apply these principals, writing the vision down and begin to say it, making it firm on the inside and calling those things that are not as though they are, they will come to pass, it is a principal of God. This scripture is referring to Abraham and the promise that God had given him and Sarah.

When the answer on the inside is bigger than what is on the outside, it is only a matter of time before we see the manifestation and promise of God. This comes through writing it down, meditating the word of God, keeping on believing what God has spoken.