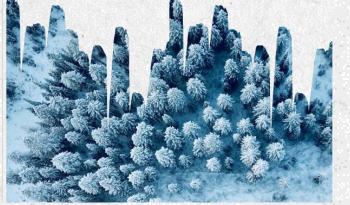
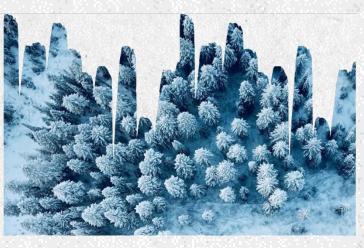
# HIGHER GLORY (Part 19) What Should I Do to Make God Appear For Me as 'the Lord Almighty'?



Ans.: "BE CLEAR ON WHAT YOU NEED: SEED OR FOOD"

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## TEXTS: HAGGAI 2:9 (NIV)

<sup>9</sup> 'The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,' says the LORD Almighty. 'And in this place I will grant peace,' declares the LORD Almighty."

## 2 CORINTHIANS 3:18

<sup>18</sup> But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, **just as by the Spirit** of the Lord. (The transformation journey is by the Holy Spirit).

#### Ephesians 3:20-21

"Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, <u>according to His power that is at work within us</u>, be the glory throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen"

## "BE CLEAR ON WHAT YOU NEED: SEED OR FOOD"

### 2 Corinthians 9:8

"And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

## 2 Corinthians 9:10

"Now He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, will also supply and multiply the seed you have *sown* and increase the fruits of your righteousness."

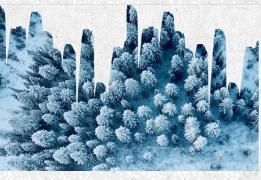
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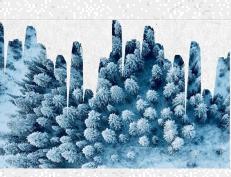
### Which one do you need?

It is important to be clear on what you ask of God: Sower or eater? Isaiah 55:10 "As the rain and the dew come down from heaven and give seed to the sower and bread to the eater"

#### James 4:2-3

<sup>2</sup> ... You do not have because you do not ask God. <sup>3</sup> When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask amiss (ask with wrong motives), that you may spend what you get on your pleasures."





#### In Exodus 16, the children of Israel cried for food and God gave them food:

<sup>3</sup>"If only we had died by the LORD's hand in the land of Egypt!" they said. "There we sat by pots of meat and ate our fill of bread, but you have brought us into this desert to starve this whole assembly to death!"

<sup>4</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, "Look, I'm going to rain down food from heaven for you. Each day the people can go out and pick up as much food as they need for that day. I will test them in this to see whether or not they will follow my instructions. <sup>5</sup>Then on the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on the other days."

<sup>35</sup> The Israelites ate manna forty years, until they came to a land that was settled; they ate manna until they reached the border of Canaan.

#### Joshua 5:10-12

<sup>10</sup>While the sons of Israel camped at Gilgal they observed the Passover on the evening of the fourteenth day of the month on the desert plains of Jericho. <sup>11</sup>On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate some of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched *grain*. <sup>12</sup>The manna ceased on the day after they had eaten some of the produce of the land, so that the sons of Israel no longer had manna, but they ate some of the yield of the land of Canaan.

#### Brethren,



There is no sin whether we ask for SEED of you ask for FOOD. In Exodus 16:11, God confirmed that He is still the Lord to the Israelites: <sup>11</sup> The LORD said to Moses, <sup>12</sup> "I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, 'At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God."

The danger is that people who ask for food never get enough to comfortably give to others. They get just as much food as they need. God said to Moses: "…"Each day the people can go out and pick up as much food as they need for that day." (Exodus 16: 4).

But we must note that for people who ask for FOOD, God goes to them as **"the Lord".** However, for people who ask for SEED, God goes to them as **"the Lord Almighty."** 

### Acts 20:35

"<sup>35</sup> ...we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus Himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' " Brethren, multiplication for giving comes with SEED "Now He who supplies seed to the sower, .... will also supply and multiply the seed you have *sown* and increase the fruits of your righteousness." (2 Corinthians 9:10)

#### Gen 26:12



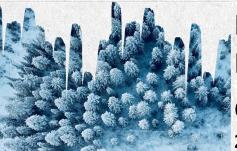
**"12** Isaac sowed seed in the land, and that very year he reaped a hundredfold. And the LORD blessed him, **13** and he became richer and richer, until he was exceedingly wealthy."

#### In Genesis 27,

Although Isaac was exceedingly rich, his blessing for his son Jacob was not just to pass the wealth to him. Isaac started him off with SEED – the dew of heaven.

"<sup>27</sup> When Isaac caught the smell of Jacob clothes, he blessed him and said,
"Ah, the smell of my son is like the smell of a field that the LORD has blessed.
<sup>28</sup> May God give you heaven's dew and earth's richness— an abundance of grain and new wine.

<sup>29</sup> May nations serve you and peoples bow down to you."



#### Brethren, it is better to ask for SEED than to ask for FOOD. Seed brings multiplication.

Jacob understood the principle of SEED, so when it became his turn to make request, he asked for SEED.

No one gets rich with food. Richness comes with SEED Proverbs 10:22 "The blessing of the LORD enriches..."

#### Genesis 30

<sup>25</sup> ... Jacob said to Laban, "Send me on my way so I can go back to my own homeland.... <sup>27</sup> But Laban said to him, "If I have found favor in your eyes, please stay. I have learned by divination that the LORD has blessed me because of you." <sup>28</sup> He added, "Name your wages, and I will pay them." <sup>29</sup> ..."You know how I have worked for you and how your livestock has fared under my care. <sup>30</sup> The little you had before I came has increased greatly, and the LORD has blessed you wherever I have been. But now, when may I do something for my own household?"

#### <sup>31</sup> "What shall I give you?" Laban asked.

"Don't give me anything," Jacob replied. "But if you will do this one thing for



me, I will go on tending your flocks and watching over them: <sup>32</sup> Let me pass through all your flock today, removing from there all the speckled and spotted sheep, and all the brown ones among the lambs, and the spotted and speckled among the goats; and *these* shall be my wages.

<sup>34</sup> 'Agreed,' said Laban. 'Let it be as you have said.' <sup>35</sup> That same day he (Laban) removed all the male goats that were streaked or spotted, and all the speckled or spotted female goats (all that had white on them) and all the dark-coloured lambs, and he placed them in the care of his sons. <sup>36</sup> Then he put a three-day journey between himself and Jacob, while Jacob continued to tend the rest of Laban's flocks.

## Brethren, once it is God's seed, God will make it multiply.

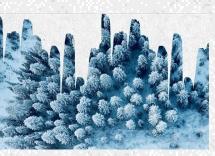
#### God gave Jacob a new strategy:

<sup>37</sup> Jacob, however, took fresh-cut branches from poplar, almond and plane trees and made white stripes on them by peeling the bark and exposing the white inner wood of the branches. <sup>38</sup> Then he placed the peeled branches in all



the watering troughs, so that they would be directly in front of the flocks when they came to drink. When the flocks were in heat and came to drink, <sup>39</sup> they mated in front of the branches. And they bore young that were streaked or speckled or spotted. <sup>40</sup> Jacob set apart the young of the flock by themselves, but made the rest face the streaked and dark-coloured animals that belonged to Laban. Thus he made separate flocks for himself and did not put them with Laban's animals. <sup>41</sup> Whenever the stronger females were in heat, Jacob would place the branches in the troughs in front of the animals so that they would mate near the branches, <sup>42</sup> but if the animals were weak, he would not place them there. So the weak animals went to Laban and the strong ones to Jacob. <sup>43</sup> In this way the man grew exceedingly prosperous and came to own large flocks, and female and male servants, and camels and donkeys.

Brethren, multiplication is in the SEED, not in the FOOD. Though Laban hid away the food, Jacob prospered through the SEED Conclusion, God comes as the Lord Almighty on the Seed but as the Lord on the food.



## Psalm 126:6, says

"He who goes to and fro weeping, carrying his bag of seed, shall indeed come again with a shout of joy, bringing his sheaves with him."

Brethren, as we ask God to come to us as the Lord Almighty, let us ensure that we have Seed in our hands and not focus on food.

**GOD BLESS YOU!**