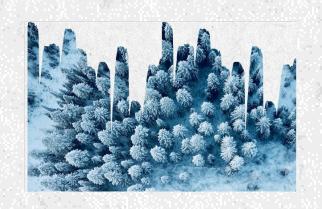
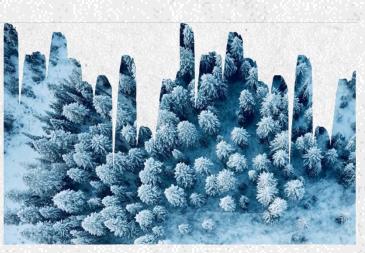
HIGHER GLORY



THE FULLNESS OF JOY (Part 2)

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HAGGAI 2:9 (NIV)

⁹ '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."

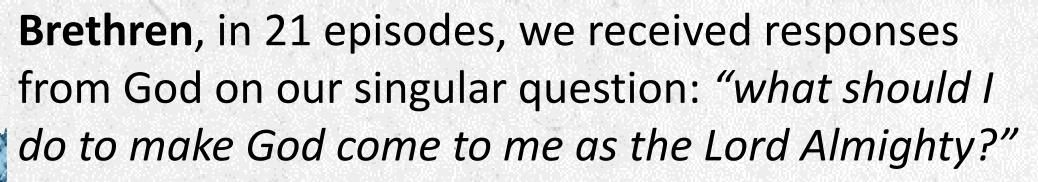
2 CORINTHIANS 3:18

¹⁸ 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

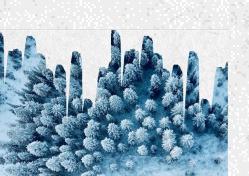
"Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, be the glory throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen"

THE FULLNESS OF JOY



Armed with the responses, we continued on our journey on Higher Glory.

When we experience 'Higher Glory' which results from God coming to us as 'the Lord Almighty', there is the **FULLNESS OF JOY.**



In Isaiah 54, God said

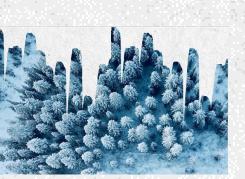
¹ "Shout for joy, O barren one who has borne no children; burst into song and shout, you who have not been in labor! For the children of the desolate woman will be more than the children of the one who is married."

God promised this woman that He will come to her and that when He comes, her joy will be full and she will have more than those we thought they had and laughed at her.

Our need may not be for a child but whatever it is, the Lord will come to the point of our need.

In Philippians 4:19-20, Paul said:

"God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus."



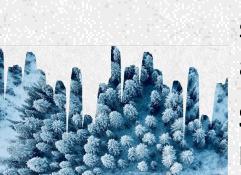
When God comes, there is FULLNESS OF JOY! Example: In 1 Samuel 1:6-28, we see the case of Hanna: God opened her womb and her joy was full.

⁶ Because the LORD had closed Hannah's womb, her rival kept provoking her in order to irritate her. ⁷ This went on year after year. Whenever Hannah went up to the house of the LORD, her rival provoked her till she wept and would not eat.

⁹ Once when they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh, Hannah stood up. Now Eli the priest was sitting on his chair by the doorpost of the LORD's house. ¹⁰ In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the LORD, weeping bitterly. ¹¹ And she made a vow, saying, "LORD Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the LORD for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head."

Brethren, all these years, Hanna has always joined the husband to go and make sacrifice in the church. BUT She Did Something Differently This Time:

1. She went deeper: Hannah stood up and went to pray. ¹⁰ In her deep



anguish Hannah prayed to the LORD, weeping bitterly.

2. Hanna asked for seed not for food:

¹¹ And she made a vow, saying, "LORD Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the LORD for all the days of his life."

She committed to sow her son for the work of God.

Brethren, Samuel was born and he became a great man of God. His mother, Hanna, enjoyed a FULLNESS OF JOY! No matter the pain, God will remove it.

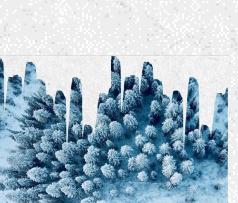
As we saw in FULLNESS OF JOY - Part 1 (Oct 2, 2022), God said:

Isaiah 54: ¹¹ "O you afflicted one, lashed by storms and not comforted, **I will rebuild you** with stones of turquoise, your foundations with sapphires, ¹² I will make your pinnacles of rubies, Your gates of crystal, and all your walls of precious stones."

Hanna became more famous than her rival who had mocked her.

In Zachariah 4:10, God said:

¹⁰ "Who dares despise the day of small things, they will rejoice when they see the chosen capstone (Plumb line) in the hand of Zerubbabel"



Brethren, Samuel became a plumb line in the hand of Hanna Just like Painters and Carpenters use plumb lines to keep their work straight, Samuel was used by God to keep the work of many leaders straight, Examples: Saul, David, etc.

As we ask for SEED, God is looking at how well we are prepared for the abundance that comes with SEED.

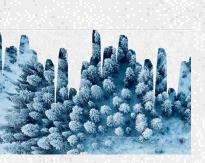
5 TOP CRITERIA FOR QAULIFYING TO ASK FOR SEED

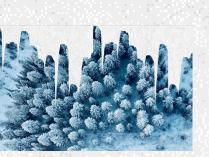
Isaiah 56

- 1. ¹Do what is right, for my righteousness will soon be revealed. ² Blessed is the one who does this. "without holiness no one will see the Lord" (Heb. 12:14) In John 21:5, Jesus called the disciples "friends" "Friends, haven't you any fish?"
- 2. Plan to Extend your Seedlings to the Unsaved.

Isaiah 56: ³ Let no foreigner who is bound to the LORD say, "The LORD will surely exclude me from His people. And let no eunuch complain, "I am only a dry tree." For ⁵ to them I will give within my temple and its walls a memorial and <u>a name better than sons and daughters;</u> I will give them an everlasting name that will endure forever... ⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. <u>For my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations."</u>

In Acts 9 God sent Ananias to anoint Saul an unbeliever: ¹⁰.. there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!"... ¹¹ "Go to the house of Judas and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul. ¹³ "Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to



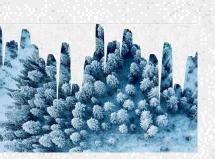


arrest all who call on your name." ¹⁵ But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel.

¹⁷ Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength. Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. ²⁰ At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God.

BUT in ministering to the foreigners and eunuch, you must be guided only by the word of God (so that you are not drawn into their ways).

In Romans 15:15-21, Paul shares his testimony on the unsaved:



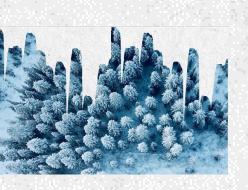
¹⁵ "I have written you quite boldly on some points to remind you of them again, because of the grace God gave me ¹⁶ to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles (foreigners and eunuch). He gave me the priestly duty of proclaiming the gospel of God, so that the Gentiles might become an offering acceptable to God, sanctified by the Holy Spirit... ¹⁸ I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me in leading the Gentiles to obey God. ²⁰ It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known, so that I would not be building on someone else's foundation.

²¹ Rather, as it is written:

"Those who were not told about Him will see, and those who have not heard will understand."

In Mark 2:16-17, the case of Jesus...

¹⁶ When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw Jesus eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹⁷ On hearing this, <u>Jesus said to them</u>, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."



3. Don't be a dog that cannot Bark (Isaiah 56), therefore, Participate!

¹⁰ Israel's watchmen (Christians) are blind, they all lack knowledge; they are all mute dogs, <u>they cannot bark</u>; they lie around and dream, yet, they love to sleep (without deliberate action).

4. Increase your Praise.

As you increase your praise, God will increase your anointing.

David was a man of praise...

Praise draws down anointing and anointing draws down higher glory.

In Psalm 132:17, God said "I will increase the anointing that was upon David, and my glistening glory will rest upon my anointed one."

Higher Glory comes when there is higher praise and thus higher anointing!

5. Take Refuge in the Lord (Isaiah 57) without compromising ¹³"Whoever takes refuge in Me will inherit the land and possess my holy

mountain."

Refuge: offers cover from the weather or protection from danger.

Brethren, let's keep in mind the above 5 TOP CRITERIA.

GOD BLESS YOU!