

YEAR OF GLORY TO GOD:

“HOW WILL MY TESTIMONY MAKE THE "GLORY LIST OF 2021"?”

“THE JOURNEY AHEAD”

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1 King 19:7 “The angel of GOD came back, shook him awake again, and said, “Get up and eat some more—you’ve got a long journey ahead of you.” (msg version)

Brethren, each time we are looking up to God for miracle, it is because we need a change of the narrative of today. We need God to do something better, something different, something bigger, something miraculous in our life.

However, the mind is wired to always remind us of the past, the mistakes that brought us here and things we could have done differently, had we known, to change our story today. Or even make us pride in our abilities/accomplishments of the past. Danger of focusing on the past is that, sometimes, when the system itself is at fault and problems are interconnected, it can appear like there’s nowhere to start and whatever we do won’t make a difference.

This was the state of mind of Elijah, until the angels visited him and turned

his mind from the “past” to the “future.”

In 1 King 18, Elijah has just finished the contest on Mount Carmel, where the **38** fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice,**39** Now when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, "The Lord, He is God! The Lord, He is God!" **40** And Elijah said to them, "Seize the prophets of Baal! Do not let one of them escape!" So they seized them; and Elijah brought them down to the Brook Kishon and executed them there.

Yet, in 1 King 19, **1** Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, also how he had executed all the prophets with the sword. **2** Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time." **3 And when he saw that, he arose and ran for his life,****4** he went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a broom tree. **And he prayed that he might die,** and said, "It is enough! Now, Lord, take my life, for I am no better than my fathers!"

He reflected on his past, his situation and condemned himself right away.

5 Then as he lay and slept under a broom tree, suddenly an angel touched him, and said to him, "Arise and eat." **6** Then he looked, and there by his head was a cake baked on coals, and a jar of water. So he ate and drank, and lay down again.

God has extended His hands of love and mercy, he took them and yet did not pick up the strength to continue; we was still afraid.

7 "The angel of GOD came back, shook him awake again, and said, "Get up and eat some more—you've got a long journey ahead of you." **8** So he arose, and ate and drank; and he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights as far as Horeb, the mountain of God.

He ate more food, gathered more strength and moved forward to Horeb, the mountain of God. The point where he could feel God's presence & hear God's voice.

9 And there he went into a cave, and spent the night in that place; **and behold, the word of the Lord came to him,** and He said to him, "What are you doing here, "

We note that God did not speak to Elijah until he moved forward, and got into the arena of God – the presence of God.

The food that Elijah ate that gave him strength is our “word of God” today.

In John 6:51, Jesus said: “I am the living bread that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread also which I will give for the life of the world is My flesh.”

When we are downcast or we need testimony, miracle etc., we should not just lie under a broom tree or under our blanket, we should rather find food to eat and eat more until we feel the presence of God and we hear the voice of God.

It was at this point that God gave Elijah a new assignment and a strategy on what to do:

15 Then the Lord said to him: "Go, return on your way to the Wilderness of Damascus; and when you arrive, anoint Hazael as king over Syria. **16** Also you shall anoint Jehu ...as king over Israel. And Elisha ..you shall anoint as prophet in your place. **17** It shall.

be that whoever escapes the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill; and whoever escapes the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill

The miracles of God are ahead and not behind or even where you are standing now, so if we seek testimonies that will make the glory list this year, we must focus on the journey ahead.

In Exodus 14:15 The LORD said to Moses, “Why are you crying out to Me? (standing at one spot). Tell the Israelites to go forward. **16** And as for you, lift up your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground “

As you move forward, God speaks to you and gives you new strategy. Once you believe and apply that strategy, new testimony happens.

In Isaiah 45, 18 God says “Do not call to mind the former things; pay no attention to the things of old. **19** Behold, I am about to do something new; even now it is coming. Do you not see it? Indeed, I will make a way in the wilderness and

streams in the desert.”

No wonder Paul said in **Philippians 3: 13-14** “**13**Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, **14**I press on toward the goal to win the prize (testimony) of God’s heavenly calling in Christ Jesus.

Ask God for mercy on mistakes of the past; ask for strategy to make it better for the future. so MOVE! Focus on the journey ahead.

In conclusion:

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“FOCUS ON THE JOURNEY AHEAD’: Only God’s strategy works. Therefore,

- Ask God for forgiveness & mercy for the mistakes/disobedience of the past
- Study the word to understand His principles and how He has worked with others who have gone before us (Elijah, Elisha, Moses, David, Paul Peter etc.).
- Thank Him for always being that for you.
- Praise and pray without ceasing.
- Ask God for new strategy in the endeavour, the staff in your hand, the zone you are expecting miracles
- Obey and do what He tells you.
- Testimony must come forth.