

YEAR OF GLORY TO GOD:

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

“STOOP TO WIN”

“BY STOOPING TO WIN”

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STOOP TO WIN

We find that:

One can lie-down and sleep off

One can sit-down and sleep off

One can stand-up and sleep off

But it is difficult (if not impossible) to stoop and sleep off

Today, God says we need to STOOP TO WIN.

Dictionary definition of stoop is “to bend downward and forward”.

Downward is humbling ourselves before God.

Forward is focusing on the goal – don't lose sight of the reason you are stooping.

When we stoop to pray, there is no break in our prayer until we have gotten what we need.

Prov. 18:10 “The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.”

People who realize this stoop and win.

In Psalm 18 David poured out his heart:

Vs 2: “The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies.

Vs 6-7 In my distress I called to the LORD; I cried to my God for help. From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came before him, into his ears.

Brethren, those who stoop to win:

- humble themselves before God and lean forward on the goal until they get their answer, being alert to read the times.

In Exodus 17, the bible records how Israel defeated the Amalekites.

⁸ The Amalekites came and attacked the Israelites. ⁹ Moses said to Joshua, “Choose some of our men and go out to fight the Amalekites. Tomorrow I will stand on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hands.” ¹⁰ So Joshua fought the Amalekites as Moses had ordered, and Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of the hill.

¹¹ As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning. ¹² When Moses’ hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. **Aaron and Hur held his hands up—one on one side, one on the other—so that his hands remained steady till sunset.** ¹³ So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword.

Lessons:

- 1. Moses needed to stoop for Joshua to win.**
- 2. Today, we are all 4-in-1 (Moses, Joshua, Aeron, Hur) --- we stoop to win**
- 3. However, the Holy Ghost is with us to help us fight a good fight of faith.**

Brethren, once we are righteous and stoop long enough, the Lord hears us.

Exodus 2:23 After a long time, the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned and cried out under their burden of slavery, and their cry for deliverance from bondage ascended to God.

Exodus 3:9-10 - God heard them.

9And now the cry of the Israelites has reached Me, and I have seen how severely the Egyptians are oppressing them. **10**Therefore, go! I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring My people the Israelites out of Egypt. **This came from consistently stooping**

Therefore,

- **If you need a testimony, stoop and don't "take your feet off the gas" until he answers you.**
- **And if God has promised you anything, stoop and don't "take your feet off the gas" until he answers you.**

Busy schedules come in the way.

Case Study...

I came across a touchy piece by a medical student:

“I must confess that during exams, I sometimes find myself spending less time with God. Tired from hours of cramming, I start getting too tired to spend time with God after a long day’s work. I begin to lose my priorities. I unintentionally pack my days so full with study that there’s no room left for God. Before I know it, my usual routine of setting aside time for the Lord each day flies out the window. It’s not an intentional decision to turn from God... but an insidious (gradual but cumulative) process that happens when I lose my priorities in the face of looming barrier exams. But every year when this happens, one particular verse comes back to me and grabs my attention: **Matthew 6:33-34 “Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”**”

When I remember this passage, I remember what is really important in life. I realise anew what is the **true** key to success. What amount of human effort can ever be more effective than the **help that God gives** to anyone who **seeks His kingdom?**

Every time I've tried to live my life in accordance with this passage, I've seen God do things which I thought weren't possible. Now, as I look back after five years of exams, I realise again that my success in exams so far has come from **seeking the Lord**, not from trying to achieve out of my own human strength.

So with my **final** exams of medical school coming up in six days, I've decided to post a collection of my favourite 75 Bible verses for exams that have helped me through every exam so far from the last five years. **This collection of Bible verses for exams are as much a reminder to myself, as an encourager to other students facing exams.** The writer concludes by saying:

“My help comes from God, the maker of heaven and earth (Psalm 121:2)”

In stooping, the hands may grow tired and busy schedule may come in the way:

Exodus 3:¹² When Moses' hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. **Aaron and Hur held his hands up—one on one side, one on the other—so that his hands remained steady till sunset.**

Similarly, when the medical student realized that he/she was slacking, he quickly made adjustment to stay on track.

This is where alertness and fasting come in:

Isaiah 40: ²⁹ God gives power to the weak, And to *those who have* no might He increases strength.....³¹ those who wait on the LORD Shall renew *their* strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.

1 Peter 5:8-9

⁸ Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

Brethren, God strengthens us to stoop and win.

So brethren, let us be alert and stoop being watchful that we do not faint or grow weary.

God Bless You!