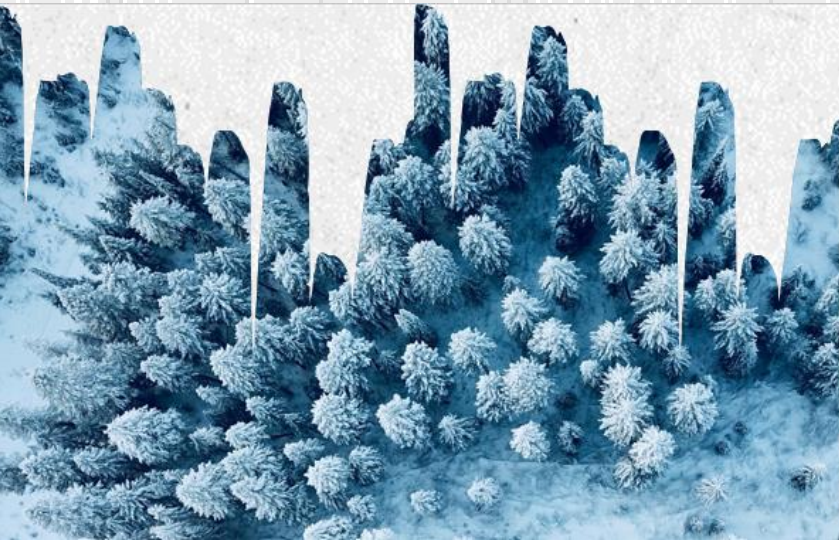


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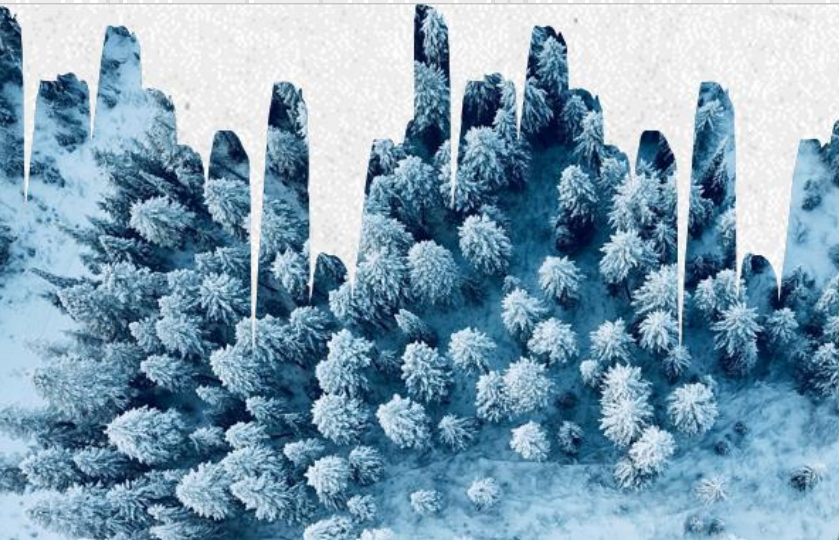
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For higher glory, God is committed “to bring a good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners. It is the **year of the LORD’s favour, and the day of vengeance of our God;** to comfort and provide for those who mourn in Zion — to give everyone a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

We will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display His glory.

HIGHER GLORY!



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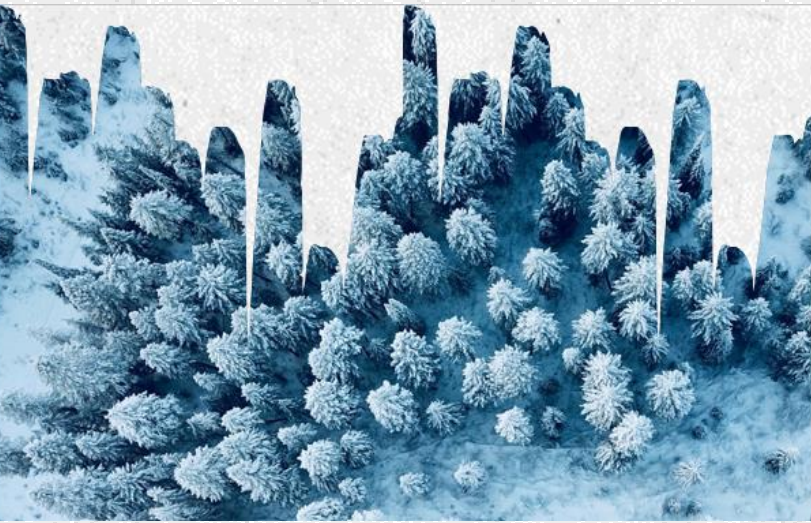
HAGAI 2:9 (NKJV)

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.

What do you need God to do for you?



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**HIGHER GLORY (Part 1):
“THIS PRESENT HOUSE”**

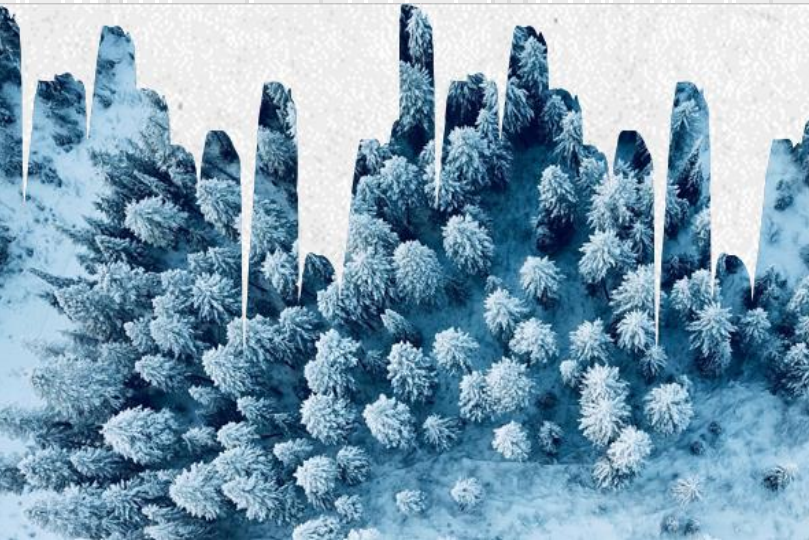
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We must be able to define our own “this Present House” each day.



Brethren, the first step into a higher glory is realizing that where we are today is different from where we were yesterday.

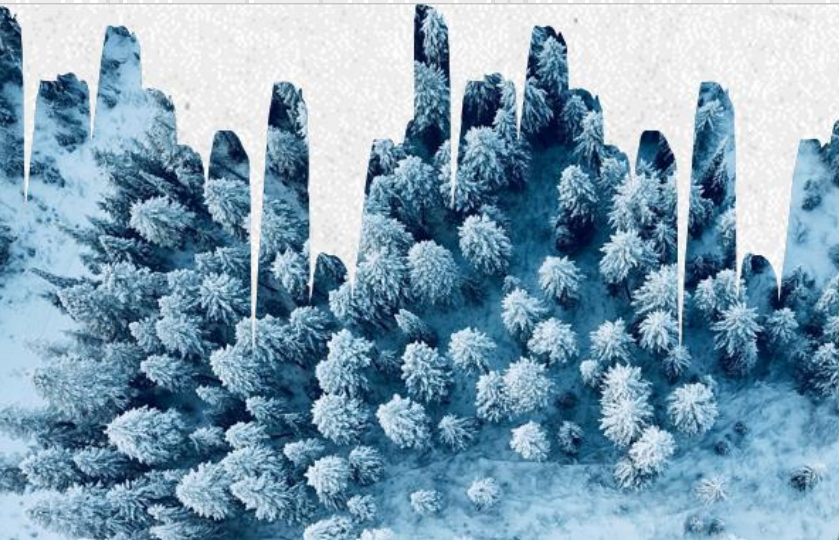
By principle, God never leaves us at one place; He moves us each day. And as many as realize it leverage the power of God in each new day.

Lamentation 3:22-23 says "God's steadfast love and mercies are new every morning."

In Isaiah 43:19, God said, "Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?"

In Isaiah 65:17-18, God said, "Behold, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create."

We must visualize today differently from yesterday.



Brethren, those who visualize their today differently/ better (beholding as in a mirror) than their yesterday have the confidence and courage to move forward.

In Job 8:7, bible says “And though your beginning was small, yet your latter days will be very great.”

By the same principle, God warned us (**Ephesians 4:26**), “In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry.”

James 1:20 “for man's anger does not bring about the righteousness that God desires.”

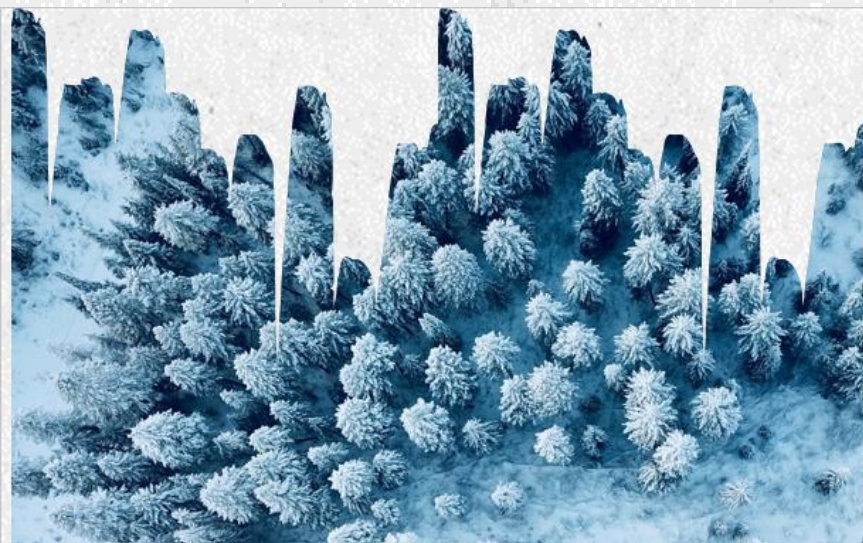
..... It is our righteous position that would enable us to access what God has for us each day. But if we are not positioned, we can't access it.

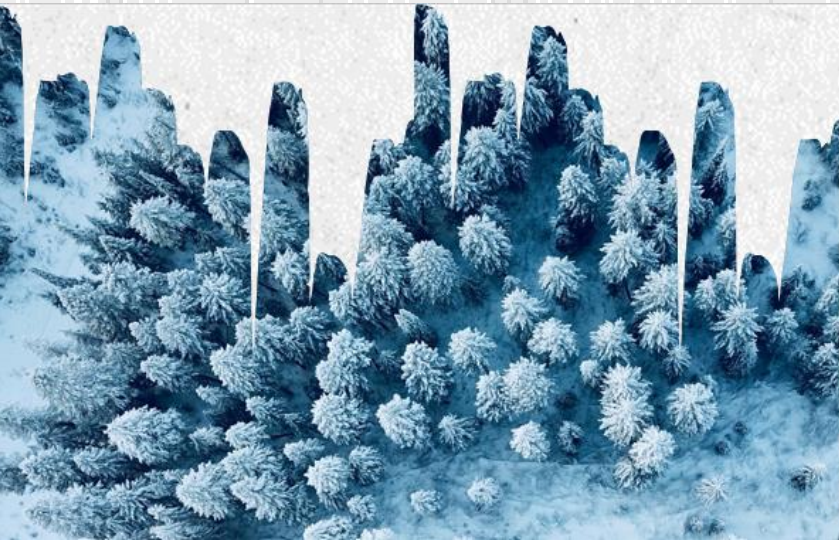
In **Philippians 3:13**, Paul said “But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead.”

Luke 9:62, Jesus said "No one who puts his hand to the plow and then looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Once God is at work within us, He is always in motion and each day is never the same.

To move to **Higher Glory**, we **MUST**, each day, visualize a “**THIS PRESENT HOUSE**” that is **greater than “the former house. ...your today is greater than your yesterday. And God will be transforming you into** the same image you see from glory to glory.





In **Exodus 3**, for instance, **Moses** did not realize that “His Present House” was greater than the former. He did not even visualizing a possibility. So, when God told him he will be going to Pharaoh, he as afraid:

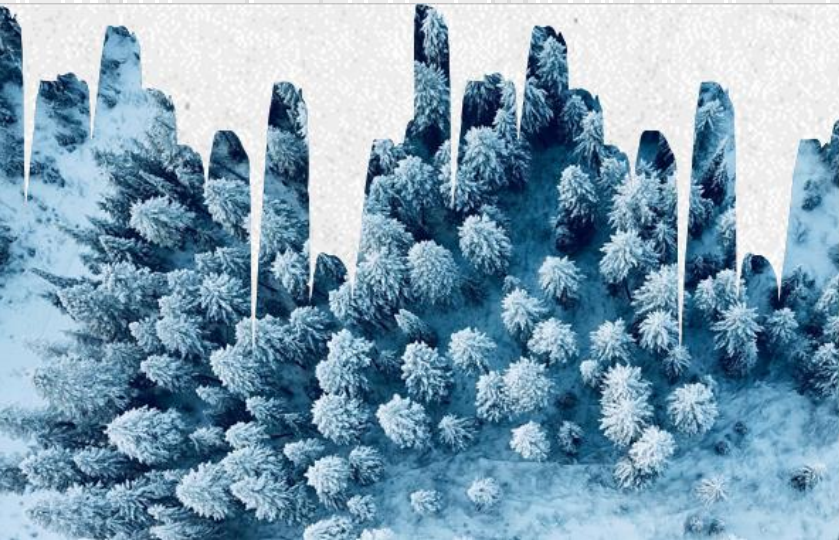
In Exodus 3: ¹⁰ God said to Moses, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.”

¹¹ But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

.....He had not visualized a different day from his previous day.

He focused on what yesterday's circumstance made him to become --- **tendering flocks!** And forgot the zeal with which he defended his people, Israelites, when he killed the Egyptian. He did not imagine what God could possibly do with him. (Exodus 2)

Moses did not realize that when God is set to move a man to a Higher Glory, the same tools that were nothing yesterday become great today.



By **Exodus 4**, we begin to see God demonstrate to Moses that his today is different from his yesterday – **His Present House is different from His former house:**

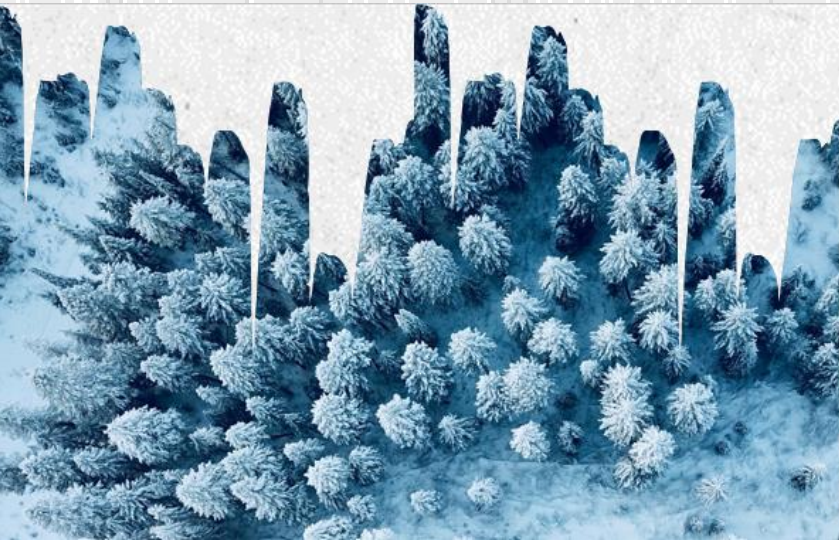
Exodus 4: ² Then the LORD said to Moses, “What is that in your hand?” “A staff,” he replied.

³ The LORD said, “Throw it on the ground.”

Moses threw it on the ground and it became a snake, and he ran from it. ⁴ Then the LORD said to him, “Reach out your hand and take it by the tail.” So Moses reached out and took hold of the snake and it turned back into a staff in his hand.

⁶ Then the LORD said, “Put your hand inside your cloak.” So Moses put his hand into his cloak, and when he took it out, the skin was leprous^[a]—it had become as white as snow.

⁷ “Now put it back into your cloak,” he said. So Moses put his hand back into his cloak, and when he took it out, it was restored, like the rest of his flesh.



Conclusion

“There is a difference between wishing for a thing and being ready to receive it.” “No one is ready for a thing until they believe that they can get/acquire it.”

“The state of mind MUST be “believe” and not mere “hope or wish”.” Believe that:

- **Your Present House** is different from your former.
- Your today is different from your yesterday.

And visualize what you will get from God and God transforms us into what we see in our mirror.

By God’s grace, we will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display His glory.

God Bless You!