THE GOD THAT MOVES MOUNTAINS.

JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME YESTERDAY, AND TODAY AND FOREVER.

"THE ANOINTING BREAKS THE YOKE!" NOV. 19, 2023

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Hebrews 13: 5-8

5 God has said,

"Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

So we say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.

What can mortal man do to me?"

- ⁷ Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.
- ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Luke 5:37-38

"No one pours new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the new wine will burst the skins, the wine will spill, and the wineskins will be ruined."

"Instead, new wine is poured into new wineskins."

Our Mandate Remains:

- "The House of Prayer for all Nations; Extending God's Love to all the Nations."
- We are sowers (not eaters) but sowers reap in multiple folds.
- 2 Chronicles 7:13-14 "When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people, if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."
- Ezekiel 22:30 "³⁰ And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge (wall), and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none."

Text Isaiah 10:27,

Luke 22:31-32 message version

Isaiah 10:27

"²⁷And it shall come to pass in that day, that the burden shall be taken away from off your shoulder, and the yoke from off your neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing."

Luke 22:31-32

"³¹⁻³² "**Simon, stay on your toes.** Satan has tried his best to separate all of you from me, like chaff from wheat. Simon, I've prayed for you in particular that you not give in or give out. When you have come through the time of testing, turn to your companions and give them a fresh start."

Brethren, devil placed a yoke on the disciples, a yoke of separation from Jesus Christ. It took Jesus to interceded for Simon (now called Peter) because these disciples had not yet received anointing.

Acts 10:38 revealed to us how God had anointed Jesus Christ before he could embark on His ministry:

"how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him."

Jesus received anointing on the day of His Baptism by John Matthew 3:13-17

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴ But John tried to deter Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵ Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented. ¹⁶ As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on Him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased."

The same John the Baptist who baptized Jesus had warned the crowd in Matthew 3:11-12

"¹¹ "I baptize you with water <u>for repentance</u>. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you **with the Holy Spirit and fire**. ¹² His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will clear His threshing floor, <u>gathering His wheat</u> <u>into the barn</u> and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

How does He separate the wheat and the chaff?

John 1:12 "To all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God— i.e. wheat!

Work of the he Holy Spirit:

The Holy Spirit anointing and fire protect us and position us to do the work of God. This protection is critical because once you get born again, in everything you do or achieve, you are challenging the devil and the domain of darkness. So the devil rages against you.

This raging caused the devil to want to sift Simon and the other disciples (**Luke 22:31-32**).

At this time of their attack, they were followers (believers) of Jesus but they had not yet been protected by the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and fire. Only Jesus had the Holy Spirit anointing to protect, and so He had to intercede (pray for) for the disciple – Simon.

Simon because Jesus had already committed to prepare Peter and build His church from there. So He prayed for Simon (Peter) and then said to him "When you have come through the time of testing, turn to your companions and give them a fresh start."

Matthew 16:17-18

"¹⁷Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by My Father in heaven. ¹⁸Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer. it. **So, Peter was already selected to lead others.**

Brethren, the absence of the Holy Spirit in the disciples meant that they did not have the anointing within them that can automatically fight and break any yoke.

Reason Jesus told them to stay in one place until you have been anointed by the Holy Spirit and fire:

- Luke 24:49

"And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven."

Acts 1:4 reported saying:

- "And while they were gathered together, He commanded them: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift the Father promised, which you have heard Me discuss."

In Isaiah 44:34, God had revealed His promise

"I will pour My spirit upon your seed, and My blessing upon your offspring."

Brethren, the anointing breaks the yoke:

In Isaiah 32:13-15, God revealed:

"¹³ On the land of my people (i.e. believers, God's people) will come up thorns and briers (yoke), Yes, on all the happy homes in the joyous city:... — ¹⁵ Until the Spirit is poured upon us from on high, And the wilderness becomes a fruitful field (the yoke is broken), And the fruitful field is counted as a forest (once broken, it is increase forever)."

The Holy Spirit came down on the disciples: Act 2: 1-3

"¹On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. ²Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. 3 Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. ⁴ And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit."

Isaiah 10:27, our text says:

"²⁷... the burden shall be taken away from off your shoulder, and the yoke from off your neck, **and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing**."

When the yoke is removed, you bear fruit more abundantly John 15:8 "When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father"

What God promised (Isaiah 32:15) is "the wilderness becomes a fruitful field. And the fruitful field is counted as a forest"

In Luke 22:31-32, Jesus notified Peter of the yoke of separation that devil had placed on him but Jesus, who had the anointing then prayed for him so that Peter could have some shield in the time of his testing, before he gets his own anointing. Jesus said to him, "When you have come through the time of testing, turn to your companions and give them a fresh start."

Peter under the Yoke was very unstable:

Luke 22:33-

³³ But Peter replied, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death." ³⁴ Jesus answered, "I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows **today**, you will deny three times that you know me."

... ⁵⁴ Then seizing Jesus, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest.

⁵⁶ A servant girl saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at him and said, "This man was with him." ⁵⁷ But he denied it. "Woman, I don't know him," he said.

Peter denied Jesus 3 times.

⁵⁹ About an hour later another asserted, "Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean." ⁶⁰ Peter replied, "Man, I don't know what you're talking about!" Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. ⁶¹ The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter

remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: "Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times." ⁶² And he went outside and wept bitterly.

BUT NOW PETER AFTER THE ANOINTING ROMOVED THE YOKE ON HIM:

Acts 2: ... ³ ..., what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. ⁴ And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit.... They spoke in tongues (**their yoke was broken**).

⁵⁻⁶ ...Jews from every nation living in Jerusalem. ⁶ heard the loud noise, came running, ... ⁷ They were completely amazed. "How can this be?" they exclaimed. "These people are all from Galilee, ⁸ and yet we hear them speaking in our own native languages!

Peter Preaches to the Crowd: ¹⁴ Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles (stepping forward strengthened others) and shouted to the crowd, "Listen carefully, ... ¹⁶ No, what you see was

predicted long ago by the prophet Joel....²² "People of Israel, listen! God publicly endorsed Jesus the Nazarene by doing powerful miracles, wonders, and signs through Him, as you well know

Peter spoke so much extempore (Act 2: 23-36)_

³⁷ Peter's words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?"

³⁸ Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

⁴¹ Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day— **about 3,000 in all.**

What an abundant fruit!

Peter's call was to become a fisher of people. He bore fruit abundantly in the call

Matthew 4:18-19 "¹⁸As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." ²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him."

When the anointing Peter received removed the yoke on him, he bore fruit by fishing people and bore it abundantly.

Brethren, what vocation are we called to? Once the anointing in us breaks the yoke upon us, we will bear fruit and bear it abundantly.

Our focus, therefore, should be on 'how to ge<u>t and retain</u> the level of anointing that can break the yoke on us and keep yokes off' so we can bear fruit and bear fruit abundantly. **PART II of "THE ANOINTING BREAKS THE YOKE", will treat this. GOD BLESS YOU!**