

A Moment of Clarity; An Eternity of Peace

Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

In this world of confusion, distractions and chaos we all get lost in our thoughts and for the believer our faith can be shaken; for those that are lost, the devil's distractions can prevent them from ever coming to the saving knowledge of the LORD Jesus Christ. This is not unique; for many of those spoken of in the Bible have fought the same battles that rage upon the mind today. They are examples for us and we can see the events in their lives that brought them to their moment of clarity in Faith and Salvation of the Living God. Have you had your moment of clarity in fully serving or accepting the LORD Jesus Christ?

Clarity in the Promises of God

Numbers 13:27-28 And they told him, and said, We came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with milk and honey; and this is the fruit of it. (28) Nevertheless the people be strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled, and very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there.

Numbers 13:31 But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we.

God had promised to bring His people to a land flowing with milk and honey, a land of wheat, barley, bread without scarceness. This part was believed by the spies for the land was as God had said it would be, but the spies walked by sight and not by faith; the land was as God had promised but they did not believe that God would give it to them. They were blinded by the walled cities and the giants; the children of Anak; the strong people; such it is for those that walk by sight and not by faith.

Deuteronomy 8:7-9 For the LORD thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills; (8) A land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of oil olive, and honey; (9) A land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness, thou shalt not lack any thing in it; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass.

CALEB'S AND JOSHUA'S MOMENT OF CLARITY

Numbers 13:30 And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.

Numbers 14:6-9 And Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, which were of them that searched the land, rent their clothes: (7) And they spake unto all the company of the children of Israel, saying, The land, which we passed through to search it, is an exceeding good land. (8) If the LORD delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which floweth with milk and honey. (9) Only rebel not ye against the LORD, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their defence is departed from them, and the LORD is with us: fear them not.

We see that Joshua and Caleb walked by faith and not by sight; they had clarity in the promise of God that He would not only bring them to a land of milk and honey; but that he would also give it to them. They believed that God would not only bring them to it; but He would see them through it; such it is for those that walk by faith and not by sight.

The believer also has been given promises by God; that there is a place prepared for them. If we will walk by faith and not by sight, we will possess it

1 Corinthians 2:9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

Revelation 21:21-25 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass. (22) And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. (23) And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. (24) And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. (25) And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.

As God's people would go forth and conquer the land of great wall cities and giants in order to possess the land; so too must we go forth in this world of sin and fight many battles and overcome the trials and temptations ever before us; let us not forget that God has promised us the victory and Heaven is ours!

Clarity in the Battle

Beloved there are many giants that we will face in this pilgrims walk upon this fallen earth cursed with sin and death; but we have been promised a heavenly home and it is ours to possess for an eternity. However, battles must be fought to get there and it is important that we have clarity in the fight.

1 Samuel 17:1-2 Now the Philistines gathered together their armies to battle, and were gathered together at Shochoh, which belongeth to Judah, and pitched between Shochoh and Azekah, in Ephesdammim. (2) And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and pitched by the valley of Elah, and set the battle in array against the Philistines

1 Samuel 17:4 And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span.

1 Samuel 17:12 Now David was the son of that Ephrathite of Bethlehemjudah, whose name was Jesse; and he had eight sons: and the man went among men for an old man in the days of Saul.

1 Samuel 17:14 And David was the youngest: and the three eldest followed Saul.

1 Samuel 17:37 David said moreover, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee.

DAVID'S MOMENT OF CLARITY

1 Samuel 17:45-47 Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. (46) This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. (47) And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the LORD'S, and he will give you into our hands.

David had clarity in the battle, for he knew where his victory would come from; not of his own hand but by the LORD. David's moment of clarity was the realization that our battles are the LORD'S battles and he will always be with us to see us through them; the giants in our lives are no match for the LORD; we must have clarity in the battle and realize the battle is the LORDS and we turn the fight over to Him in obedience to His will. By the hand of the LORD the victory is ours.

1 John 5:4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

Clarity in the Need of an Understanding Heart

SOLOMON'S MOMENT OF CLARITY

1 Kings 3:7-10 And now, O LORD my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in. (8) And thy servant is in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude. (9) Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people? (10) And the speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing.

Solomon with so great a burden of judging a great nation recognized the need for wisdom from above to be able to judge rightly. In his moment of clarity, he realized that true wisdom and an understanding heart could only come from above; we too must have an understanding of where true wisdom comes from and from whom it comes. To truly understand the reality of this world we must seek wisdom from above; Solomon had his moment of clarity in this matter; have you had your moment of clarity?

Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 2:6-8 For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. (7) He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly. (8) He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints.

James 1:5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

1 Corinthians 1:23-31 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; (24) But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. (25) Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. (26) For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:

(27) But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; (28) And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: (29) That no flesh should glory in his presence. (30) But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

True wisdom comes from above and only it offers a true understanding of this fallen world, the vanity of life without the LORD JESUS CHRIST, the reality of a devil's hell, the understanding of eternal torment, and the understanding of to be born twice is but to die once, to become rich we must become poor; the understanding of mercy, grace,

redemption; it is by the spirit and wisdom of God we understand the cross, the Lamb, and eternal life. Have you had your moment of clarity in the need for a saviour and the wisdom from above?

Clarity in the Recognition and Need of the Saviour

Luke 23:32 And there were also two other, malefactors, led with him to be put to death.

ONE MALEFACTOR'S MOMENT OF CLARITY

Luke 23:39-43 And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. (40) But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? (41) And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. (42) And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. (43) And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

For one thief the clarity of the moment came upon the cross as death and an eternity in Hell approached; his soul nearing the gates of Hell he had clarity in the recognition and need of the Saviour. It is never too late to accept the LORD; for the malefactor upon the cross, in the midst of the sweat, blood, thirst, suffocation, wounds; the Saviour was there with him.

The malefactor believed; clarity came to him through the pain and he accepted the Saviour, and Jesus became LORD to him; from pain and agony to Paradise!

Beloved if you don't know the LORD Jesus as Saviour, I pray that you have that moment of clarity in the recognition and need of the Saviour; the LORD Jesus can deliver you from your pain and the burden of sin; the malefactor came to belief; I pray the same for all that are lost in their sins for that moment of clarity. You too can be delivered as the malefactor.

Romans 4:8 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.

We have all sinned and deserved the cross, but Jesus took our place. In **Romans 4:8** we see that man is blessed not because he doesn't have sin; but in that His sin is not imputed to his account. The LORD Jesus took our sin upon Him! Our account before God is wiped clean by the blood of Jesus, it's gone! We did nothing to deserve it; all was done by the Saviour. Beloved I pray for clarity in the moment of your life for the recognition and need of the Saviour.

Revelation 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

AMEN

JESUS SAVES-To God be the Glory

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