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DIVINE ENLARGEMENT AND DELIVERANCE

12 And they told to Mordecai Esther's words. 13 Then Mordecai commanded to answer Esther, Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king's house, more than all the Jews. 14 For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this? {enlargement: Heb. respiration} 15 Then Esther bade them return Mordecai this answer, 16 Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish. {present: Heb. found} 17 So Mordecai went his way, and did according to all that Esther had commanded him. Now it came to pass on the third day, that Esther put on her royal apparel, and stood in the inner court of the king's house, over against the king's house: and the king sat upon his royal throne in the royal house, over against the gate of the house. 2 And it was so, when the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, that she obtained favour in his sight: and the king held out to Esther the golden sceptre that was in his hand. So Esther drew near, and touched the top of the sceptre. 3 Then said the king unto her, What wilt thou, queen Esther? and what is thy request? it shall be even given thee to the half of the kingdom. Esther 4: 12-5:2-3.

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The theme for this discussion was from a statement made by Mordecai to Esther. It was a statement of hope and expectation of a divine intervention. Recall that the prevailing situation at that time was of impending destruction and elimination. However, Mordecai knew that enlargement and deliverance could come from somewhere. Recall this saying of the Hebrew writer: *“But my righteous one will live by faith. And if he shrinks back, I will not be pleased with him”*. But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who believe and are saved. (Heb. 10: 38-39 NIV).

Situations in our country and all over the world today seemed to be hopeless and with no solution to the looming crisis at sight. The Israeli-Hamas war, the Ukraine-Russia war, the insurgence, kidnapping and terrorism in Nigeria, the riots in United Kingdom etc., all are indication of situations of harm, hurt, and destruction. Despite all these, we are to be hopeful people. The scripture above says, the just shall live by faith.

Enlargement means expansion, extension, increase and amplification. It is not to decrease, shrink or diminish. God's plan for you has always been to increase. Remember that at creation, God's pronouncement to man was 'have dominion over the sea, air and land as well as to be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth (Gen 1: 26-28). This promise is still subsisting today. However, man has his part to play in this matter, just as God will not fail to do his part. What then is man's part and what will God do? The following discuss will apply.

RESOLVE TO BE HOPEFUL AND FULL OF FAITH

God declared to his children thus: *For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end* (Jer. 29: 11). When you relate this promise to the creation story, God did his part of the plan by planting a garden with all that man needs to survive for him (Gen 2:8) and put man in it to cultivate it (Gen 2:15-17), with the instruction of what to do and what not to do. God did his part perfectly, but man did not. What is God expected of you and I?

Enlargement Unto Excellence

God expects you and I to hold fast to his word and promises today. *Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the*

race that is set before us, 2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God (Heb 12: 1-2)

There are so many things around us that may make you doubt God's enlargement at a time like this. However, I advise you to trust God rather than what your eyes are seeing or your heart is imagining. Recall that in Elisha's time that he prophesied that by this time tomorrow, there is going to be an enlargement which will deliver the people from the existing destruction of famine.

Then Elisha said, Hear ye the word of the LORD; Thus saith the LORD, To morrow about this time shall a measure of fine flour be sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, in the gate of Samaria. 2 Then a lord on whose hand the king leaned answered the man of God, and said, Behold, if the LORD would make windows in heaven, might this thing be? And he said, Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof. (2 Kings 7: 1-3)

The man who doubted and made a mockery of God's word did not partake of the abundance.

Let your faith be on this word that cannot fail despite the situation you are passing through. Deliverance, on the other hand means relief, rescue, release and liberty. This is what Mordecai knew will be his portion with all Jews at the time of this crisis. Be like Mordecai, see the possibility of what God can do and stick to it. It shall surely come to pass for you, your family and business as well as for our nation in Jesus name.

Escape from Extinction (of Nations and Nationals)

Mordecai did not envisage enlargement alone, he saw by faith that deliverance was possible. You may ask: deliverance from what? It is deliverance from extinction. The plan of Haman was to totally eradicate the Jews from the surface of the earth. It did not happen because only the counsel of God that shall stand. *Let us go up against Judah, and vex it, and let us make a breach therein for us, and set a king in the midst of it, even the son of Tabeal: {vex: or, waken} 7 Thus saith the Lord GOD, It shall not stand, neither shall it come to pass* (Isa. 7: 6-7)

Haman had his plans. He had money for the enactment of a decree to kill the Jews (Esther 3: 8-10). Letters of destruction of the Jews were sent out by the king's command and letters were sent out in haste. The perpetrators of this evil were rejoicing and drinking, believing that success of their evil plan was

inevitable (Esther 3: 13- 15). However, God showed up for the Israelites. It is my prayer that God will show up for you in Jesus name. Notice also that God also intervened for the Israelites from the hands of Pharaoh. When the Israelites were at the Red Sea and it was as if their escape from slavery was dashed. They cried to God, but in doing so they were blaming Moses and all things that God had done for them (Ex. 15: 9-14). The encouragement of Moses is applicable to you and I today in the text. Moses remarked that the Lord will fight for you, and you will hold your peace (Ex. 14: 14) The escape of the Israelites was not by the use of war-artillery, but by his outreached hand through Moses. May the lord stretch out his hand to deliver you from all situations that wants to continually enslave you in Jesus' name.

It is not just nations that are delivered from all forms of troubles, but individuals as well are delivered. The three Hebrew men were a good example. Their faith in God was tested and by refusing to bow down to the graven image of the king, they were to be destroyed but God intervened (*Dan. 3: 22-25*). As the three Hebrew men escape the fiery fire of destruction, you and your family as well as your business shall escape the fire of destruction in Jesus name.

REVERSE THE HORROR AND FRIGHT

What did Mordecai do to reverse the horror and fright of destruction? One of the things that Mordecai did was to recognize the role that Esther could play in this matter. He, therefore approached Esther for the needed support. His actions led to the reversal of the dreaded evil and destruction.

Hold Not Your Peace

To hold one's peace is to be silent, not to be vocal and to keep mute. The question is should you keep quiet in the face of danger? The answer is NO. the essence of not keeping quiet is captured by Prophet Isaiah thus:

For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth. 2 And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name. 3 Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God. 4 Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Hephzibah, and thy land Beulah: for the LORD delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married. (Isa. 62: 1-4)

- Hold not your peace until righteousness prevails over unrighteousness
- Hold not your peace until righteousness becomes brightly visible
- Hold not your peace until righteousness becomes the new order of the day
- Hold not your peace until the crown of glory is put on your head
- Hold not your peace until you are no more forsaken and desolate but you become delightful.

Hold Not Your Peace, but Plead for Mercy

The first thing that Mordecai advised Esther was that she must be involved in this matter. She must not see herself as privileged and excluded from the Jewish race. Therefore, as a believer, get involved in pleading for mercy. Why mercy, you may ask?

The plead for mercy is the starting point because anyone who appeared before the king without being called can die. After the Mordecai's persuasion in the discussion with Esther, Esther decided to approach the king, believing that she would find favour before the king.

16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need (Heb. 4: 16).

Anyone who trusts in God's mercy will rejoice in God's salvation and deliverance (Psalms 15: 5). The mercy of God is based on his goodness (Psalms 25: 7). When you are desolate and afflicted, then you need to turn to the mercies of God (Psalms 25: 16). By the mercies of God, God becomes your helper (Psalms 30: 10). Mercy compasses around those who trust in the Lord (Psalms 32: 10). When you hope on God's mercies, then God's eyes will be upon you (Psalms 33: 18).

From the scriptures above, it is clear what mercy can do for you and I. Mercy is what qualifies you when you are not qualified. Let us therefore never forget to plead for God's mercy as we approach the throne of grace.

Hold Not Your Peace, Purposeful Fast

Today, a lot of believers has left out fasting from their Christian Walk with God. It should however be emphasized that fasting is still part of the believers' walk with God. Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount talked of **when** you fast and **not if** you fast (Mat. 6: 16). Jesus also told the disciples that some spiritual victories can only be attained through fasting and praying (Mat. 27: 21). Paul, the Apostle was involved in fasting often (2 Cor. 6: 5, & 11: 27). He (Paul) always puts his body under control ... (1 Cor. 9: 27).

Esther, as queen fasted with her subject. It means that your status should not be used as an excuse for not fasting. Take the spiritual advantage of fasting to obtain enlargement and destroy every form of enslavement surrounding you. Note also that fasting also brings some physical benefits to your health.

Hold Not Your Peace, Proactively Make Petitions to God

Esther obtained mercy as she approached the king's palace and she was able to make her petition known to the king. Also, make your petitions known to the king of kings and lord of lords. A song writer sang 'tell it to Jesus, He is a friend that is well known. You have no other such a friend or brother. Tell it to Jesus, alone.'

The promise of God is that when you ask, you will receive. When you seek, you shall find and when you knock the door, it shall be open unto you. The assurance is that everyone who asks will receive, everyone who seeks will find and to him that knocks, the door shall be open (Mat. 7: 7-12). Note that verse 11 states that God will give good things to those who ask it of him. therefore, ask until your joy shall be full (John 16: 24)

Conclusion: Crisis, chaos, calamities and catastrophe abound all around us, however with a heart full of hope and faith, there can be a reversal of all evil concepts through effective prayers and fasting, coupled with an abounding mercies of God.

Conclusion: What God did for the Jews and the Israelites, He can do for you, your family and this nation. You will not shrink, but enlarge, expand and extend bigger and larger in all positive spheres of life in Jesus name. you are the next candidate for enlargement and deliverance.

PRAYER POINTS

1. My life will not fulfill the agenda of my enemies in Jesus' name.
2. This is my season of enlargement, not shrinkage.
3. I shall not die but live to declare the glory of God (Psalm 118: 15-17)
4. Every evil altar with sacrifice(s) for my destruction, be scattered and destroyed now in Jesus' name
5. Every letter of destruction concerning me, family, business, I nullify in Jesus' name.
6. I escape every snare of the fowler in Jesus' name (Psalms 91: 3)
7. Every plan of ethnic extinction like that of Haman is destroyed now in Jesus name.
8. Let your mercies be upon us as we hope on you Lord (Psalms 33: 22)
9. O Lord subdue those who are sad when I am happy as well as those who are happy when I am sad.
10. My joy shall be full in Jesus' name.