

THE VISION AND THE VALLEYS

INTRODUCTION

Job 17:11-16 (KJV)

¹¹ *My days are past, my purposes are broken off, even the thoughts of my heart.*

¹² *They change the night into day: the light is short because of darkness.*

¹³ *If I wait, the grave is mine house: I have made my bed in the darkness.*

¹⁴ *I have said to corruption, Thou art my father: to the worm, Thou art my mother, and my sister.*

¹⁵ *And where is now my hope? as for my hope, who shall see it?*

¹⁶ *They shall go down to the bars of the pit, when our rest together is in the dust.*

SYMPTOMS OF DISCOURAGEMENT – IF ANY OF THESE QUESTIONS APPLY TO YOUR CASE; THEN, YOU ARE BEING ATTACKED WITH A SATANIC WEAPON OF DISCOURAGEMENT.

Are you always sad all the time?

Do you feel that there is nothing to look forward to in life?

Do you feel discouraged about your future?

Do you feel that you are a failure as a person?

Do you feel that some powers are intentionally punishing you?

Do you think of ending it all and giving everything up?

Are you the kind of person that wakes up one or two hours before the normal time and begin to think and think, and it would be hard for you to go back to sleep?

Have you completely lost your appetite?

Do you have problems sleeping at night because you are always worried?

GREAT APOSTLE PAUL WAS PRESSED OUT OF MEASURE

2 Corinthians 1:8 (KJV)

⁸ *For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life:*

What was Paul's secret of victory when he was experiencing pressures and trials?

His secret was God.

WHEN YOU FIND YOURSELF DISCOURAGED AND READY TO QUIT, GET YOUR ATTENTION OFF OF YOURSELF AND FOCUS IT ON GOD.

Hebrews 12:2 (KJV)

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.*

When you find yourself discouraged because of difficult circumstances, it is easy to look at yourself and your feelings, or to focus on the problems around you. But the first step we must take is to look by faith to the Lord and realize all that God is to us.

Psalm 121:1-8 (KJV)

¹ *I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.*

² *My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.*

³ *He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.*

⁴ *Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.*

⁵ *The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand.*

⁶ *The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.*

⁷ *The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.*

⁸ *The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.*

GOD HAD CALLED US ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE AND WE HAVE TO LIVE TO ACCOMPLISH THAT PURPOSE

2 Timothy 1:9 (KJV)

⁹ *Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,*

I. OUR GOD IS A GOD OF VISION PURPOSED TO BE ACCOMPLISHED IN CHRIST JESUS.

Habakkuk 2:1-4 (KJV)

¹ *I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved.*

² *And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.*

³ *For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.*

⁴ *Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.*

IN THE VISION OF GOD FOR YOUR LIFE YOU WILL COME TO THE VALLEY OF THE GIANTS – SATAN DOES NOT WANT ANYBODY TO KNOW GOD’S PLAN FOR HIM

Joshua 15:8 (KJV)

⁸ *and the border went up to the top of the mountain that lieth before the valley of Hinnom westward, which is at the end of the valley of the giants northward:*

Ephesians 4:18 (KJV)

¹⁸ *Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:*

YOUR BEHAVIOR AND REACTION TO THE VALLEY OF GIANTS WILL DETERMINE YOUR REACTION IN THE VALLEY OF VISION

Isaiah 22:1 (KJV)

¹ *The burden of the valley of vision. What aileth thee now, that thou art wholly gone up to the housetops?*

Isaiah 22:4-5 (KJV)

⁵ *For it is a day of trouble, and of treading down, and of perplexity by the Lord GOD of hosts in the valley of vision, breaking down the walls, and of crying to the mountains.*

YOUR CONFRONTATION WITH THE VALLEY OF VISION WILL AUTOMATICALLY SEND YOU TO THE VALLEY OF DECISION

Joel 3:14 (KJV)

¹⁴ *Multitudes, multitudes in **the valley of decision**: for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.*

From the valley of decision we can identifier three possible directions the people take:

THE FIRST POSSIBLE DIRECTION IS REMAINING IN THE VALLEY OF DECISION.

Joshua 11:16 (KJV)

¹⁶ *So Joshua took all that land, the hills, and all the south country, and all the land of Goshen, and the valley, and the plain, and the mountain of Israel, and **the valley of the same**;*

These are people who are always yet to decide, they get nothing accomplished for they have not made their mind yet. They shall be destroyed in **the valley of the same**.

THE SECOND POSSIBLE DIRECTION IS THAT:

FROM THE VALLEY OF DECISION, MANY HAVE DECIDED TO BE SENT AND REMAIN IN THE VALLEY OF THE PASSENGERS

Ezekiel 39:11 (KJV) – the choice of being just a passenger in the vision of God

¹¹ *And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will give unto Gog a **place there of graves in Israel, the valley of the passengers on the east of the sea**: and it shall stop the noses of the passengers:*

A lot of people have decided just to be passengers in life, carried by every doctrine and trend from one vehicle to another without reaching any destination in life.

Being in the valley of passengers in the graves in Israel means you can be a Christian carried away from church to church and from movements to movement without being grounded or committed in anything concerning the will of God for your life.

THE THIRD POSSIBLE DIRECTION IS THAT FROM THE VALLEY OF DECISION, ONE MIGHT BELIEVE THAT HIS GOD IS GREATER THEN, ANY SITUATION HE MIGHT ENCOUNTER.

THEREFORE HE WILL DECIDE TO CONFRONT THE VALLEY OF THE MOUNTAINS.

Zechariah 14:5 (KJV)

⁵ *And ye shall flee to **the valley of the mountains**; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal:*

MOST MOUNTAINS ARE THE HABITATIONS OF HIGH PLACES OF BAAL

Jeremiah 19:5-6 (KJV)

⁵ *They have built also the high places of Baal, to burn their sons with fire for burnt offerings unto Baal, which I commanded not, nor spake it, neither came it into my mind:*

⁶ *Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that this place shall no more be called Tophet, nor The valley of the son of Hinnom, but **The valley of slaughter**.*

Ephesians 6:12 (KJV)

¹² *For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, **against spiritual wickedness in high places**.*

In the valley of slaughter, you have to fight. Fight with the different types of prayer:

1. Prayer of Confrontation

This is the type of prayer that makes you to run up to your adversary in confrontation.

It like when David ran after Goliath with a sling and five stones.

In a prayer of confrontation, you don't wait for the enemy to strike, you boldly advance against him, taking the battles right to his territory or doorstep.

2. Prayer of binding

This is a very aggressive kind of prayer. It is like taking a huge chain in your hands to tie your enemy. When you bind an enemy, you have suspended, hindered or stopped completely the activities and operations of the enemy.

3. Prayer of loosing

To loose is the opposite of to bind. There are things that are bound or tied up by wicked forces.

The prayer of loosing is employed to untie, remove the ropes and chains on such things.

THE VALLEY OF MOUNTAIN WILL SEND YOU THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH

Psalm 23:4-5 (KJV)

⁴ *Yea, though I walk through **the valley of the shadow of death**, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

⁵ *Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.*

CONCLUSION

2 Chronicles 26:5 (KJV)

⁵ *And he sought God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of God: and as long as he sought the **LORD**, God made him to prosper.*

Psalm 23:6 (KJV)

⁶ *Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the **LORD** for ever.*