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## THE RESTORATION OF SPIRITUAL SIGHT

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# **THE RESTORATION OF** **SPIRITUAL** **SIGHT**



Every part of our physical body was created at birth. All these parts grow as we develop from babies to adults. This growth is usually facilitated through the following: the right source of fuel (food), the right source of liquid (water), sleeping, and lastly, exercise. We see that the daily nourishment and exercise of the body brings about its consistent growth.

The above process is what is applicable in the realm of the spirit. Like the body that is fed and exercised to experience growth, so must we nourish and exercise our spirit man if we must grow spiritually. This means that if we do not look after our spirit man by giving it the right and proper treatment, malnourishment occurs. One of the ways we exercise our soul and spirit is through the mechanism and process of prayer. Like an orchestra with many parts, there are many aspects of prayer that believers must take note of, if growth will occur in the spirit realm.

For the purpose of our discussion today, we will focus on thanksgiving, meditation, praise and worship as the necessary components of our prayers receiving answers. We will also explore how to fire up our soul and spirit, which will help us in the restoration of our spiritual sight. Bear in mind that spiritual sight does not begin and end in just “seeing”. You must be able to understand and interpret what you see.

In Philippians 4:8, Scriptures urge us to meditate and chew on God’s word which will help our spirit and soul in experiencing growth. It says: ‘Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think on these things.’ I must point out here that we are not talking about memorizing or cramming bible passages. Far from it. While it is easy to memorize or cram parts of scriptures, thinking on or meditating on scriptures is a more deliberate, difficult and intense act. Two things happen when we speak the word of God from a standpoint of faith: One, the enemy aligns and obeys that word. Two, God brings that word to fruition.

When you imagine, think and meditate on God’s word, your whole being (spirit, soul, mind and body), experiences different depths and dimensions of the word and gets engaged. This deepens your communication and fellowship with God. Your spiritual sight and the understanding of what you see then gets easier and clearer.

Conversely, when you do not feed your soul and spirit with God’s word, your spirit man becomes malnourished, and begins to gravitate towards the flesh. This weakens your ability to receive, interpret and manage divine revelation, the result of which is the loss of spiritual sight.





Now, sight without understanding is meaningless. In Jeremiah chapter 11, the prophet Jeremiah saw an almond tree and a boiling pot but didn't understand the meaning. This is why it is important to train one's spirit to be able to understand when certain revelations are shown to us. For without understanding, what is being seen becomes useless.

Ephesians 1:16-20 underscores the importance of thanksgiving as an important component of prayer. Apostle Paul demonstrated this in verse 16 of Ephesians 1. Having spiritual sight comes with wisdom and understanding. The first step to getting an understanding of our spiritual sight is thanksgiving. Verse 17 of the same Ephesians 1 offers a prayer for wisdom and revelation, two important aspects needed in the restoration of spiritual sight. This must be the daily prayer of a believer and indeed, a marketplace minister. The feeding of the spirit man causes one's eyes to be enlightened (Ephesians 1:18), and your soul and spirit come into fellowship with God. When faced with life's challenges and tribulations, the peace of God in you will sharpen your spiritual sight and enable you to face those challenges and tribulations with faith and total abandonment to God's will and plan for your life.

Today, I ask for the spirit of wisdom and revelation over your life, business, family and every other thing that concerns you so that your spiritual sight may be restored and fully activated to not just see or understand but be applied fully for your sanctification, activation, edification and to the greater glory of God. In Jesus' mighty name. Amen.



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# TIME, YOU AND GOD'S INTENTION

Then God said "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs & seasons, and for days and years, and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth; and it was so..

Then God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night."

For clarity, the greater light is the sun and the lesser light is the moon. In the opening sentence of this story, I have placed emphasis on the order of appearance which usually tends to be significant in the bible and so we first see "signs and seasons" and then "days and years".

These verses describe the creation of time as we know it, which is determined by the two lights, as sunrise and sunset are fundamental to how we measure time and part of the units of measure which includes seconds, minutes, hours, weeks, months.

This time is called Chronos which is quantitative, mostly irreversible given that days become weeks, months and ultimately years as part of a continuous cycle. An example is how through Chronos, a child moves from baby to toddler, to pre-school, to grade schooler etc.. and should this previously-known as a baby come into teenage years and has some difficulty, cannot just decide to go back to being a toddler!

Although all humans born on this earth are bound by time, God Himself is not ! Isaiah 57:15 says "For thus sayeth the High & Lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy." Jeremiah 23:24 says "Can a man hide himself in hiding places so I do not see him? Do I not fill the heavens and the earth?" Eternity is a place without time and since time itself was created, it makes sense that the One who created it is not bound by it.

You see, God created time and stepped out of it ! All of time is in His hands and a favorite song of mine is "Ancient of Days by City Alight" which talks a bit about this.

There is another form of time which means "season" but it's not just mere time, it's more like the "opportune" time, the "right", "appointed", "certain" time. In Luke 1:20, Zechariah, owing to his unbelief was told "and now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens because you did not believe my words which will come true at their appointed time"



After John was put in prison, Mark says that Jesus said "The time has come" This time is known as Kairos and the psalmist in Psalm 31:15 says "my times are in your hand, deliver me from the hand of my enemies" Times here means both Chronos and Kairos times.

Kairos means the right time and whenever God steps into time either through encounters with men, or through his word by prophets announcing something – it is Kairos.

Even the devil knows about Kairos ! When Jesus drove out demons from 2 possessed men in Mathew 8, they said "what do you want with us, son of God? have you come to torture us before the appointed time?"

Kairos is the chosen time, the perfect time, God's time for something to happen and 100% set/scheduled by Him alone. It may be a season or period where you are being tested or simply as an event.

In 1 Samuel 13:8, Saul was in a season of Kairos which he could not discern and his instruction or test was to wait for Samuel but because he placed his trust in the events around him i.e., people deserting him, he decided to make the sacrifice himself after waiting for 7 days. Immediately he did this, Samuel appeared and let him know that his action had ensured that the kingdom would be taken away from him instead of being established forever.

Saul, in today's time, looked at his watch and decided that God was being too slow to act. The equivalent of Saul in today's age just said "Jesus, give me the wheel" and let me take things over from here. In the message bible, it says "Saul took charge" .. Please understand that whenever you take over the wheels in a Kairos season, it just changes to Chronos i.e., simply days and years which is still time but no longer the right or appointed time.

This means that season is lost !

Jesus walked in Kairos.

Everyday, early in the morning before dawn, He would get up to pray in an audience of 1 to get direction before that day starts. This ensured that although he was still within the remit of Chronos as days and years passed, He was in different seasons (Kairos) right from His baptism up unto the cross and now being seated at the right hand of Abba, His Father and mine.

In the opening sentence of this article, specifically "let them be for signs & seasons, and for days and years," we see that God's intention is for the seasons (Kairos) to be primary while the days and years (Chronos) is secondary.

How do we walk in Kairos?

Joel 2 is famous for being the chapter that addresses lost time and is where God was saying to his children that He would restore the years the cankerworm, palmerworm, caterpillar etc. have stolen. In verse 27 of chapter 2, it says "You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel and that I am the Lord, your God."

Questions to you today are: Is God in your midst? Do you have a relationship with him so He can restore time to you? Is He important to you enough for you to trust His leading of you?

Kairos comes from having a relationship with Him, unless you do.. it's just Chronos.





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