

Liberty In The Spirit

The opposite of liberty is bondage. It is analogous to a person being in prison or an animal in cage, trap or snare. While incarcerated, they cannot use their skills, talents and resources nor achieve their potentials / goals in life. Satan's strategy is to hinder progress through the prisons of sin, self and demonic bondages or snares of fear. As Peter was set free from prison to continue his Ministry (Acts 12:1-17); as the apostles were released from the common prison to continue their preaching (Acts 5:18-20); As Paul and Silas were released from the inner prison to continue their missionary activities (Acts 16:23-26) so also does God want to liberate you to accomplish your mission in life. **"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed"** (John 8:32,36).

Today offers everyone a new canvass for a new beginning, and we need to make it a grand one. For us to truly fly to our destination, we need to possess the liberty that Christ has already purchased for all who will. You can come into this liberty by a positive response to the Lord's invitation **"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."** (Matthew 11:28-30). Living in the presence of Christ brings true liberty because **"... the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty"** (2 Corinthians 3:17). Such

liberty facilitates success and progress as well as keeps Satan out of the ranges. **"... When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him"** (Isaiah 59:19). Paul admonished believers to **"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage"** (Galatians 5:1).

Liberty in the Spirit also breaks the bondage of fear as it is founded on the love of God. **"There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love"** (1 John 4:18). This is not theoretical liberty. It translates into healthy relationships with man and God. Imagine the level of liberty that existed between Jesus and his disciples that allowed John (a disciple) to lean on the bosom of Christ - his leader (John 13:23). This is a model of true love in the Spirit of God. Today, it is difficult to find such freedom in the Spirit as some human leaders delight to rule by fear to the extent that their followers fear them more than God, and take their words more seriously than the word of God. This is what King Solomon referred to, when he said **"The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe"** (Proverbs 29:25). Such bondage, if not overcome, can ruin souls in hell.

Liberty is available to all but comes with a price tag. However, the benefits far outweigh the cost. **"Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly: Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble**

the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God? Then will the LORD be jealous for his land, and pity his people” (Joel 2:15-18). God also reminded Israel to **“Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you”** (Hosea 10:12).

Despite the enormity of the tasks associated with the great commission (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8), Jesus commanded the disciples to first **“... tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high”** (Luke 24:49). After His ascension on Mount Olivet, the disciples obeyed this command by returning to the upper room in Jerusalem and **“... all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren”** (Acts 1:14).

Please note that the immensity of the great commission did not tempt them into pre-mature execution of plans and activities without power. The manner in which a project / programme starts and continues affects its course and results. Often, the enormity of the tasks ahead of us and the pressures of life (e.g. from study, work, family, etc) tempts us to run ahead of God, and by so doing abandon

the very source of power that could enable us to achieve better and faster success. This day can make a difference in your life. You must overcome the temptation of just responding to needs rather than to divine directives obtained by tarrying first. When the power comes, like Elijah after eating the angel’s food, who went in the strength of it from Beersheba in Judah to Mount Horeb (Sinai) – accomplishing within 40 days, what took Moses 40 years! (I Kings 19:3,8); you can achieve your life’s ambition just like that – in the twinkling of an eye!

After Pentecost (Acts 2) the fears of the disciples were so transformed into liberty in the Spirit that they became unstoppable and conquered the then known world for Christ within their lifetime. Truly, **“... they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint”** (Isaiah 40:31). Hurrying to save time, by not taking time to pray, only to lose it, through mistakes and problems that could have been avoided, is not true wisdom. Take time to seek God. When God speaks, it will ignite the rocket of your mission and propel it straight into its orbit.



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