



SEASONS OF LIFE

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*"Daniel answered and said: "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, For wisdom and might are His. **And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise And knowledge to those who have understanding.**" (NKJV)*

INTRODUCTION

Today's teaching is taking us further in the journey of purpose discovery. It

is a very exciting one because this is the major thing that makes you discover the 'why' of your existence.

There is what is called the ***Sovereignty of God***. If you have ever asked yourself the question, "*Why some certain things happen to good, diligent and faithful people?*", the answer is God is sovereign over all. Most of the time as believers, we are used to different persons of God: Our Healer, Our Deliverer, Our Provider, Our Sustainer and so many others but a lot of people fail to grow to know Him as the Sovereign God, being unquestionable.

In Isaiah 45 verse 1, God called Cyrus, a pagan His anointed. It doesn't seem right to call a pagan an anointed, but this is the Sovereignty of God. Another person who experienced this person of God was David. He was disobedient and even murdered someone as compared to Saul who did neither but **when God establishes a throne, it is established forever**. This is why David was known to be a man after God's own heart. If you understand the person of God as being Sovereign, your journey as a believer would be easier. Backsliding won't be possible at any point in time because you have this understanding of who He is.

➤ ***"In times and seasons, power and control is not in our hands but in God's hands."***

I have come to an understanding over time that many believers waste time praying against seasons. Let's cite a practical example of this statement; A preacher intends to do an open-air crusade during the rainy season after claiming a leading from God. He then decided to call for 150 days of fasting and prayer in the church asking for a closed sky for the day. See that this is a waste of time, the inability to find covering for the church should not be an attempt to stop rain. The preacher lacked understanding

that times and season is not in our control, so he ventured into the wrong request.

More than often, a lot of us waste time praying against seasons God has proposed for us to experience certain things. But I will tell you, rather than trying to change the seasons apply faith to trust God to take you through it. Don't use your faith to change it by praying the wrong prayer.

- ***"In every season of life, we walk through by FAITH we don't pray against it."***

Faith does not control time and seasons, but faith operates in time and seasons. Don't forget this statement. Jesus Christ in the latter part of his ministry passed through a season where he ventured in a serious prayer asking that the cup pass over him. It was a terrible time and season in his life that was critical to the fulfilment of his divine purpose. However, in the end, he quickly understood the dimension of faith and trusting in the journey of life - ***"It is not my will but Thy will"***, ***the absolute trust in the divine hand in sovereignty to sustain you.***

Each time you see a believer pray against the season and receive no answer, they tend to resolve to fate. This is not supposed to be. There is a difference between destiny and fate. The latter can never be found in God but because of our persistence in trying to change the times that were supposed to make us become, we conclude that fate was written.

- ***"Don't resolve to fate, apply faith to go through the season. "***

Don't pray and use faith against the seasons of life because this will only bring frustration that can make you conclude God does not answer prayers. We go through some things in this life to help others. Don't fight against seasons and time, walk through them by faith.

Let's search the scriptures to have more understanding about times and seasons.

1 Chronicles 12:32

"Of the sons of Issachar who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do, their chiefs were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their command" (NKJV)

The Sons of Issachar understood what to do during the seasons hence they gained respect from all the people of Israel. The wisdom here for us is that **do we know what to do during our season?**

There was a season in Samuel's life that he kept mourning for Saul after his disobedience, it was not until God spoke to him and gave him direction on what next that he became sober. The essence of David did not emerge until Saul was buried in his heart. You don't pray against the season but gather wisdom to navigate your season by faith.

Acts 1:7-8

*And He said to them, "It is not for you **to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.** But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." (NKJV)*

The statement Jesus said to his disciples is also more or less particular to us as well. Many times, we ask God questions regarding the why of the seasons we pass through, but some things are better left unknown till there is a fulfilment. Go through it with the joy of the future.

Jesus' statement in the latter part shows that we are given power and faith to walk through seasons to become a witness. So, each time you are going through something, know that God is preparing you to be a witness to the next generation.

- *"There are some things that come your way unplanned, when it comes, learn to walk through it by faith and wait to see what God will do in it. "*

Acts 8:4-5

"Therefore, those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word. Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them." (NKJV)

The background of this scripture was the time the church ordained deacons and afterwards came persecution and problems everywhere to the point believers had to scatter across the world. Do you know this scattering was an agenda of God? They had begun building a tower of Babel instead of raising altars across the globe, hence their saturation in Jerusalem had to diffuse to other places for them to be relevant.

- *"Men that don't understand time and season will give complains till their time passes them. "*

But I want you to notice Philip, a deacon who was serving tables at a point in his life now after persecution began to preach and perform miracles. He went from a deacon to an evangelist. There were seven deacons ordained but only Philip and Stephen recognized and understood seasons. The scattering came for a purpose to be discovered. Philip in particular never returned to Jerusalem, but he continued steadfastly and being the first of

such experienced the move of the Spirit when he went to preach to the eunuch inside the chariot (Acts 8:24-39). This is all because he understood seasons, switched to them, and began to experience supernatural.

"Say with me: I will discover purpose. I will understand seasons. I will seize seasons and I will manifest in it. "

Prayer

- Lord open my eyes to understand my seasons.
- Lord, help me to know what to do during my seasons.
- I decree over my life, that I will not miss my seasons.
- Lord, I receive the baptism of discernment.