

Though It May Tarry, Wait for it...

"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. And the LORD answered me, and said, write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it may tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry" (Habakkuk 2:1-3).

I will stand upon my watch

Like Habakkuk the Prophet, we all must come to points in our lives when we take some personal decisions on where we want to stand and be counted in the things of God.

We must be deliberate, we must stand up and take our stand when it matters most. We must take concrete actions to reposition ourselves when it comes to the things of God. We must set ourselves to hear Him clearly and correctly, and also avoid all distractions that the devil may want to bring our way.

There is a deliberate decision involved if we must discern the times and hear the word of the Lord clearly in these times. The prophet said I will stand upon my watch, and set myself upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me. It was personal to Habakkuk the prophet. He needed a personal experience at this point in his life. He needed to hear God personally. He was not going to follow the crowd at this point, he needed to make his own decisions. He needed to hear the word of God clearly so that he can respond in an appropriate manner. He needed to be able to see with his own eyes, look upon him by his own self, and handle the word of the Lord with his own very hands, he didn't want a second hand experience at all (1 John 1:1).



I firmly believe that this is the season of personal consecration, we need to consecrate ourselves afresh to the Lord, and in doing so we need to hear the word of the Lord personally. We need to see, hear and write the vision so we can make it plain so that others can read it and run with it. The prophet said I will separate myself and consecrate myself to seek his face. I will stand up and separate myself, and watch to see what he will say to me. God needs our total attention and consecration at this point. We cannot afford any form of distraction at the moment.

We cannot afford to be double-minded or sit on the fence any longer. Our commitment must be total and our gaze must be upon Him alone. We must look unto Him alone, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith. We must separate ourselves from everything that is capable of holding us down and putting us in bondage. We must separate ourselves from our present situation and reach out to God for a new life altogether. This will involve getting up from whatever has kept us down and separating ourselves unto God.

The woman with the issue of blood made a deliberate and conscious effort to get up and reach out to Jesus. It was not convenient for her but she had to do it. She summoned the last strength left in her to get up from her situation of defeat and to reach out for the hope that Jesus offered. She did not confer with anyone; she did not take permission from anyone. She just knew within her that this was her chance to get well. She knew within her that her time had come, and she got up with the last ounce of strength in her. She didn't wait for anyone to pull her up knowing fully well she was already very weak having lost blood continuously for 12 years. "And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, and could not be healed of any of them, got up and came behind and touched the border of his garment: and immediately her issue of blood stopped" (Luke 8:43-44).

Unless we all sit up, get up, and brace up, and reposition ourselves to hear from God nothing will change for us. We need to reach out to God like this woman with the issue of blood otherwise we may miss what the Lord is doing in our time. It cannot be business as usual if we want to hear correctly from God in these last days. We must come out of our little corners and the cocoons that we have placed ourselves in. We must rise up and look beyond our denominations, our doctrines, and our set ways of doing things. We must do somethings different at this time.

We must get up and walk out of the box, and think outside the box. We must listen to, and dance to a different tune in this hour. We must break out of the artificial walls that we have erected to separate and divide us and listen to what God has to say to us. It is a new day, and the Lord is speaking and gathering his people unto himself because it is time to favor Zion (Psalm 50:5). We must get up and walk away from our bitterness, unforgiving and divisive spirit, we must walk away from our bondages, we must look up to God and walk away from our pain, despondency, sickness and disease. We must receive strength to look up and to walk away from our defeat. We must climb up to the lookout tower and scan the horizon, and wait upon God to see what he will say unto us because he is ready to speak to us.

"And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, **come up hither.**" (Revelation 11:12), "After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, **come up hither**, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter". It is time for us to come up hither. We must come away and separate ourselves from the carnal things of this world. We must come away from the earth and we must look up and partake of the heavenly things while we are on the earth here "The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. As we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly". We have borne the image of the earthly long enough, it is time for us to shed this toga and move away from this carnal fleshly life and move on to partake of that which is heavenly.

We must move away from the outer court. There is a lot of noise and activity in the outer court but there is no depth there. We must move away from the outer court kind of Christianity, we need to move into the holy place and partake in the ministry of the seven golden candle sticks by walking in the spirit, we need to partake in the ministry of the of the last piece of furniture in the holy place which is the alter of incense. The alter of incense signifies death to self. It means a crucified life. We need to completely die to self. It is not about us but it is all about Him. Like Paul, we must learn to die daily (1 Corinthians 15:31).

We must come up hither and press in to the Holy of Holies. The holy of holies is the third compartment in the tabernacle. This is where the ark of the covenant rests, this is where God's presence resides. In the holy of holies man becomes united with God. In the holy of holies man

comes unto the stature of the fullness of Christ. In the holy of holies there is no physical light God is the light there. Here we come up hither unto Christ, we leave the realm of the flesh completely. We decrease completely and he increases completely in us. There is no room for strife and divisions anymore among us. In the holy of holies, the servant of the Lord must not strive, he must carry his cross daily and follow the master.

Write the Vision and Make It Plain

“And the Lord answered me, and said, write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it” (**Habbakuk 2:2**). Writing the vision is necessary to ingrain the vision in our hearts. Writing the vision and making it plain is to make the vision undying. When the vision is written it can never be upturned, it can never fail. When the vision is made plain it cannot be changed. It becomes a permanent proof that can be tendered anywhere. When the vision is written it will also serve as a reference point. It becomes a source of inspiration. Whenever we are tired and discouraged and it looks like the vision is delayed we can look at the written vision and encourage ourselves and know in our hearts that the vision will surely come no matter how long it takes.

The process of writing the vision and making it plain is the process of internalizing the word of God in our hearts. We must receive and know his words in our hearts and not in our heads. The word must be written clearly on the tables of our heart and not just in our intellect. The

vision must be revealed to us in our hearts if we are going to receive the fulfillment of the vision in our lives. This process of writing the vision and making it plain is very important. This is what is going to make a difference whether we are able to discern the time or not.



Apostle Paul talked about the epistle that is written in the hearts of men, known and read of all men (made plain so that all may see it). This epistle is written not with ink, but with the spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone or on paper, but in the fleshly tables of the heart (**2 Corinthians 3:2-3**). This is the reason why we do not need the outward physical letters of commendation from men as others do because you are our epistles, you have become an embodiment and personification of what we preach says Apostle Paul.

It is no longer about verbally preaching the gospel, we much preach the gospel with our lives. There are too many preachers around today but very few that have internalized the word that they preach. The gospel may be in their mouths but it has not been written on their hearts and made plain in their lives for all to see. “But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more” (**Jeremiah 31:33-34**). When the law of God is written in our inward parts and in our hearts we shall serve him unconditionally and live all our lives to please him and him alone. We shall know him, and they that know their God shall be strong, and shall do exploits (**Daniel 11:32**).

Jesus said you are the salt of the earth: but if the salt has lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your

light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Mathew 5:13-16). We must do whatever that is necessary to ensure that our light so shine before all men, our light must be visible for all to see.

If we truly are the city set on a hill, our lives cannot be hidden. All eyes are on this city set on a hill. This city ought to be a reference point for all to see and learn from. This is practical and important. The people of the world need to see our good works so that they can glorify our father who is in heaven. The world is not interested in our doctrines or how large our denominations are. They want to see how we have impacted them. It is how much we care that will touch the world, not what we say or how many times we say them.

Jesus said in John 12: 35-36 "Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye be the children of the light". It says walk in the light while ye have the light so that you don't get overtaken by darkness. We must walk in the light of the truth that we know. We must be doers of the word. We cannot not be hearers of the word alone; we must live what we preach. The time has come for us to walk in the light of His word.

The Vision is for an Appointed Time

"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" (Habakkuk 2:3). It must be clear in our minds no matter the situation we may be going through; God has set a time for the fulfillment of the vision in our lives. Job said thou has appointed me a set time, and thou would remember me.... All the days of my appointed time will I wait until my change come (Job 14:13-14).

There is a time appointed by the father, that appointed time will not fail, it will speak at the end. This means that a process may be involved before the appointed time comes but at the end it will speak, that appointed time will not fail it will come at the end. God has appointed a set time for each one of us and he will remember us in his time, when the set time comes. God will make everything beautiful in his time, he has set everything according to his own time so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end (Ecclesiastes 3:11). For the days of God's appointed time in our lives we must wait, even if there is a delay we must wait until our change comes.

"Now I say, that the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be Lord of all; But is under tutors and governors until **the time appointed by the father**" (Galatians 4:1-2). There is a time appointed by the father, the vision is for an appointed time, though it may tarry, wait for it because it will surely come. The vision will speak at the end it will not lie. God is all wise and all knowing, he has an appointed time for each of his children. He does that because he loves us. Many times when we experience delays in our lives, it is in actual fact the demonstration of God's eternal love towards us. God allows time to pass in order to train us and prepare us for the greater task he has ahead for us.

Even though the child is the heir of the throne and the successor of the throne but because there is still a child in him, he needs to be under tutors and governors so that he can mature and learn how to handle situations before he can be allowed to sit on the throne. He is definitely going to sit on the throne and be the king but he must wait for the time appointed by the father. He must allow the ministry of the tutors and governors to work in him. He must allow process to have its course in his life. Our God is a God of process. Unto us a child is born but unto us a son is given.... (Isaiah 9:6). There is a process that takes place that transforms the child that was born in to a son that is given.

A child is born but a son is given. There is a difference between the two. “And Jesus when he was baptized, went straightaway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the spirit of God descending like a dove, and lightening upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, this is my Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased ([Mathew 3:16-17](#)). Jesus was announced and declared a son at this point. He began his ministry at this point. He was thirty years old when this took place signifying that he had come into maturity. We too must come into sonship. The creations are waiting for us to do so ([Romans 8:19](#)).

As we submit ourselves to the Lord and allow his dealings in our lives, we mature into sonship, and we move away from being carnal and babes in Christ. After many years of being in the Lord and in the ministry, many of us are still babies in Christ, we still feed on milk instead of strong meat. And consequently we are carnal in our lifestyles because there is strife, envying, and divisions among us and we walk as men. We are divided based on our doctrines and the artificial walls built by men called denominations. We say ‘I am of Paul’, while some say ‘I am of Apollos’. What other evidence do we need that we are carnal? Who is Paul and who is Apollos, are they not servants of God? Paul can only plant at best and Apollos water, but it is the LORD that gives the increase. Should our focus not be on Lord rather than on men whatever their claim? ([1Corinthians 3: 1-7](#)).

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