

Year of Prophetic Fulfillment

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The children of Israel were chosen by the Lord. He brought them out of the bondage in Egypt where they had been living for 430 years. He brought them to the wilderness and at Sinai He made a covenant with them that they were His special treasure. When they came across the Red Sea, He asked Moses to take a census as the Lord wanted to establish them as a nation. So the 4th book is called "Numbers". The cloud of glory was guiding them in their wilderness journey as they were moving towards the land flowing with milk and honey.

Gratitude is the only way to "more"

God had been providing them the heavenly bread, manna. It was bread from heaven, made in heaven. It was the food of the angels. God rained it upon the camp everyday. They ate it by grinding it and baking into cakes. It was very tasty. As you read the following verses, one can understand God took special care in transporting manna from His kitchen in heaven to the people:

Now the manna was like coriander seed, and its color like the color of bdellium. The people went about and gathered it, ground it on millstones or beat it in the mortar, cooked it in pans, and made cakes of it; and its taste was like the taste of pastry prepared with oil. And when the dew fell on the camp in the night, the manna fell on it. (verses 7-9)

After feeding on this special food for about a year, the children of Israel wanted to have a change. That was what their bellies wanted. Getting fresh food everyday in the wilderness was a great miracle. Now they asked for meat. But then the trouble came. They did not have a single word of appreciation or a song of thanksgiving for the Lord who was providing them such awesome food. There was no gratitude at all. But they were grumbling, complaining and weeping that they had better food in Egypt. Egypt was still in them through their memories. They had forgotten their bitter slavery. They were only remembering the food. What a pity!

God was giving them heavenly blessings which were far valuable. Manna was to give them perfect health that they could live past the wilderness to enter the Promised Land. They were looking for the things, the world could offer. They stopped being grateful, they started to grumble. Numbers 11:10 tells: Then Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, everyone at the door of his tent; and the anger of the LORD was greatly aroused; Moses also was displeased. Moses was displeased and God was angry. It was not even sin to request meat. But the problem was with the ingratitude.

Thanksgiving is the only way to have more in our lives. It is good to give thanks to the LORD, And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning, And Your faithfulness every night (Psa. 92:1-2). Thanksgiving is a good exercise that we need to practice everyday, morning and night. No matter, what the situation is, focus your eyes on the Lord by praising Him and your face shall be made radiant. Psa. 34:1 tells: I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. The more you rejoice in the Lord through your thanksgiving, God is committed to decorate you by granting the desires of your heart. Psa. 37:4 tells: Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart. Thanksgiving pleases the Lord much and it makes way for more blessings to come.

Put Kingdom Needs Before Personal Desires

The easy way to succeed in life is to give first place to God and the interests of His kingdom. Though the people cried for meat, God's attention was upon Moses and what he had prayed. Moses asked for God to raise people who would share the burden he had for God's people. God wanted to raise 70 leaders in Israel who would carry His burden in serving the people. Until then, Moses was the only person who was carrying the entire burden of serving the people. Though there were leaders under Moses who were working, they did not carry the burden and the anointing. They were mere workers. It is the anointing that brings the burden for the lost souls and for the church.

God commanded Moses: "Gather to Me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tabernacle of meeting, that they may stand there with you. Then I will come down and talk with you there. I will take of the Spirit that is upon you and will put the same upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, that you may not bear it yourself alone. (Num. 11:16-17)

When Moses did that the next day, the Lord came down in the cloud and took of the Spirit of God that was upon Moses and placed it on the 70 people, though two of them were in the camp. (Num. 11:25) Then He addressed the issue about the meat. The kingdom of God and its work are the topmost priority for the Lord in this world. People who do not understand this waste their years trying to do all that they can only to end up with nothing. Any man who pursues the interests of God with all His heart becomes a star. Look at Nehemiah. He being the cupbearer to the king launched out to endeavour for the building of the walls of Jerusalem. He was promoted to be the governor of Judah without seeking it. (Neh. 5:14)

Stop worrying about your family problems, financial problems and future problems. The Scripture says: For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. Start focusing on the things that matter

to God. You will shine as a star. Ask the Lord to fill you with that grace that gives you the burden for the lost. Start serving Him with all of your heart and see His blessings.

Say What He Says, It Will Come To Pass

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After the spiritual experience had happened, the physical miracle was ready to unfold. When the Lord heard the cry of the people for meat, His anger had been aroused. But first, He answered the cry of Moses His servant. God told that they would eat a whole month. When Moses asked how that was possible, He told the above words: Now you shall see whether what I say will happen to you or not. Though it appears as though God was throwing an open challenge to Moses, He was actually declaring a verdict about the veracity of His word and the power of the prophetic. The point is this: You shall see. . . what He says.

Though feeding 6,00,000 men and many women and children was beyond the wildest imagination, God told Moses that it was going to happen. He dared Moses to believe. He also told Moses to speak these words to the people. And Moses did. Num. 11:24 tells: So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. Though Moses did not understand, God told him and he believed and confessed it in the hearing of the people. The result came.

Now a wind went out from the LORD, and it brought quail from the sea and left them fluttering near the camp, about a day’s journey on this side and about a day’s journey on the other side, all around the camp, and about two cubits above the surface of the ground. (Num. 11:32)

You may not understand what the Lord says. But you can believe. He backs up His words with His power. He will fulfill what He says. He cannot fail. He is not a man to lie, nor a son of man to repent. He told Jacob: I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you. (Gen. 28:15) Yes, He fulfilled His word to Jacob even as He fulfilled it to Moses. There were so much quails that each man gathered 10 homers, which is about 235 kgs of meat or 1900 quails. The desert turned into a meat mall thanks to the prophetic voice of God.

This is the season for the unfolding of such prophetic dimension of God. Begin to hear the voice of the Spirit in the stillness of your heart and declare it with faith. His word has the power to create and you shall see the blessings of God. When you see the blessings, glorify the Lord and be a kingdom builder. You will be made the head and never the tail.