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Introduction

We know God's plans for us are good plans...plans to prosper us! But we have to do things HIS ways...not our own.

Which is tough...because we like our own ways.

"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. (Proverbs 14:12; 16:25)"

Solomon becomes king after his daddy David.

1 Kings 3:4-9

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NOTICE: God gives Solomon a blank check..."what do you want"

YOU MAY SAY: Well that would be nice!

DID YOU KNOW that time and time again in the New Covenant we are told that whatsoever we ask...He will give it.?

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(Matthew 21:22; John 11:22; John 14:13; John 15:16; John 16:23; 1 John 3:22; 1 John 5:15)
NOT GONNA SPEND MUCH TIME ON THIS, but you have to seek the right thing in order to get kind of blank check.
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- 6 And Solomon said, Thou hast shewed unto thy servant David my father great mercy, according as he walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee; and thou hast kept for him this great kindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day.
- 7 And now, O LORD my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in.
- 8 And thy servant is in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that can not be numbered nor counted for multitude.
- Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?
 Vs. 9 Understanding heart (wisdom) to rule your people.
- We **UNDERSTAND** that ruling and reigning are what kings do...they speak and the people follow those instructions.

Solomon wanted wisdom to rule and reign correctly.

God gave it to him (as well as everything that he could have asked for).

UNDERSTAND: When you walk in wisdom...you get everything else.

When wisdom becomes your target...everything else will come.

NOTE: Matthew 6:33 – The kingdom is about God's system...they way He operates.

When you INITIALLY get everything else (as your focus), you may not have wisdom...therefore, your hold on those things are at best tenuous.

BELOVED: We know what God wants us to have...but we NEED to understand how to do what He wants us to do...operate in HIS KINGDOM.

When we get that understanding and walk in it...something very interesting happens.

1 Kings 5:2-4

- 1 And Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants unto Solomon; for he had heard that they had anointed him king in the room of his father: for Hiram was ever a lover of David.
- 2 And Solomon sent to Hiram, saying,
- 3 Thou knowest how that David my father could not build an house unto the name of the LORD his God for the wars which were about him on every side, until the LORD put them under the soles of his feet.
- 4 But now the LORD my God hath given me rest on every side, so that there is *neither adversary nor evil occurrent.*

"adversary" - satan (see slides)

"evil occurent" - what satan brings (calamity; opposite of favor; evil)

- <u>John 10:10</u> "*The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy:* I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."
- **UNDERSTAND:** When you do things God's ways...when you rule and reign WITH Him...there will be an absence of something in your life.
- **ILLUSTRATION:** Our snake friends that have shown up around our house. One person's answer is that snakes only go where there is food (mice); so if you get rid of the mice...the snakes will go!
- "Snakeline" an altitude where snakes do not go, it is a particular plateau at an elevation above sea level...NO SNAKES!

BELOVED: There is an elevation where snakes can't go.

There is an elevation where the enemy can't go!

That is where Solomon went...but He had to have wisdom to get there. Not just knowledge, but walking in that understanding.

You have to do things His way.

Revelation 1:6 – kings and priests

Revelation 5:10 – "And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth."

- "Reign" a king or queen who rules over something or someone
 - <u>2 Timothy 2:12</u> "If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:"
 - "*Suffering*" in this passage is dealing with doing things God's ways...when you don't really want to.

Ruling and Reigning

How does a king rule/reign? He speaks...things are done!

<u>Job 22:28</u> – "Thou shalt also **decree a thing, and it shall be established** unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways."

<u>Ecclesiastes 8:4</u> – "*Where the word of a king is, there is power*: and who may say unto him, What doest thou?"

Why questions the kings Words?

- **BELOVED:** You are a king! God is THE KING! When you, a king, speaks the Words of THE KING... it shall come to pass.
- **HOWEVER:** You are a king...so when you speak things contrary the THE KING, it also will come to pass.

Matthew 8:5-10 – "speak the Word only"

- 5 And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him,
- 6 And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented.
- 7 And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him.
- 8 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: *but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.*
- 9 For I am *a man under authority*, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.
- 10 When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.
- **BELOVED:** You rule and reign in this life by speaking the Word...speaking ONLY what you intend to happen...as a finished work.
- <u>Matthew 8:13</u> "And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour."
- EXACTLY what Jesus (with authority of ruling and reigning) said came to pass!
- Luke 8:49-55 Jairus' daughter...who had died, while He was taking care of the woman with the issue of blood.
- 49 While he yet spake, there cometh one from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, Thy daughter is dead; trouble not the Master.
- 50 But when Jesus heard it, he answered him, saying, Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made whole.
- 51 And when he came into the house, he suffered no man to go in, save Peter, and James, and John, and the father and the mother of the maiden.
- 52 And all wept, and bewailed her: but he said, *Weep not; she is not dead, but sleepeth.*
- 53 And they laughed him to scorn, knowing that she was dead.
- 54 And he put them all out, and took her by the hand, and called, *saying, Maid, arise.*
- 55 And her spirit came again, and she arose straightway: and he commanded to give her meat.

JESUS had NOT examined her...but He knew she was asleep and gonna rise up!

BELOVED: As long as you are speaking what you see...you will keep getting what you see.

Jesus in creation couldn't say, "Goodness it is dark out here!" He had to speak LIGHT. If He just talked about how dark it was...guess what? It would still be dark!

- <u>Romans 4:17</u> "(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, *and calleth those things which be not as though they were*."
- **BELOVED:** This isn't fantasy...it is REAL...if something is MISSING, as kings, we are to call them into existence! Speak what is missing as done!
- That doesn't mean that we are denying the existence of something...it means we are speaking the outcome of that thing...matching the Words of our King!

Ecclesiastes 8:4,5

- 4 Where the word of a king is, there is power: and who may say unto him, What doest thou?
- 5 *Whoso keepeth the commandment shall feel no evil thing*: and a wise man's heart discerneth both time and judgment.

BELOVED: Who, in the world, are we to speak opposite of what God has said?

We see this AGAIN and AGAIN in Scripture.

Jeremiah – Jeremiah 1:4-9

- **NOTE:** Jeremiah was called by God to get Israel to turn their ways...speak of coming doom. It was important!
- 4 Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
- 5 Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.
- 6 Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child. NOTE: The first thing Jeremiah did was speak of his inability. What he could NOT do...a child (at oldest 20...possibly younger due to "child".

If God didn't stop HIS MOUTH...he would have failed at what he was called to do.

(deal with callings that we keep limiting by our mouth)

ILLUSTRATION: A pastor that used to be under Grace Ministries and his mouth on what God called him to do..."Where I am now to get to what I've seen in me...it would take more than this lifetime."

Don't fool yourself. God has called you to specific ministries and gifting. Don't put them off for any excuse.

You say...but our church is small! Nope! God called you to the right church to manifest those giftings.

- 7 But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak.
- 8 Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD.
- Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth.
 BELOVED: OUR JOB is to speak His Words...not our own!
 REMEMBER: We are the greatest prophet over our own lives.

Ruling and Reigning

David – <u>1 Samuel 17:32-40</u>

- 32 And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; *thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine*.
- And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.
 NOTE: David isn't consumed with they YOUTH thing! Only Saul.
- 34 And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock:
- 35 And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him.
- 36 Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and *this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them*, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God.
- 37 David said moreover, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, *he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine*. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee.

NOTICE: David didn't let what others said about him stop Him...only what God said about him.

- 38 And Saul armed David with his armour, and he put an helmet of brass upon his head; also he armed him with a coat of mail.
- 39 And David girded his sword upon his armour, and he assayed to go; for he had not proved it. And David said unto Saul, *I cannot go with these; for I have not proved them.* And David put them off him.

NOTICE: David used the word CANNOT! Is it just like Jeremiah?

NOPE...David used his words CANNOT towards natural things that he had not proved.

- **BELOVED:** There are things we CANNOT do and accomplish what God wants to accomplish in our lives...sin, etc.
- **LISTEN:** If I would have only depended upon my natural skill, as a speaker, to manifest this call...I would have come up short. But I answered the call to tap into God's skills and ability.
- 40 And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his sling was in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine.

Daniel - Daniel 1:8,12-15

8 But Daniel *purposed in his heart* that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

UNDERSTAND: This is where your voice starts...in your heart (soul).

<u>Luke 6:45</u> – "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh."

If the TRUTH isn't set in your heart...it probably isn't coming out of your mouth in power. **The proverbial phrase**, "Are you asking me or telling me?" will be the result. When Jesus spoke to the fig tree...He wasn't asking anything!

You are the greatest prophet over your own life. You speak what you are believing to come to pass...just like David did!

Ruling and Reigning

- 12 *Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days; and let them give us pulse to eat, and water to drink.*
- 13 Then let our countenances be looked upon before thee, and the countenance of the children that eat of the portion of the king's meat: and as thou seest, deal with thy servants.
- 14 So he consented to them in this matter, and proved them ten days.
- 15 And at the end of ten days their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children which did eat the portion of the king's meat.

He spoke EXACTLY what he expected to happen...guess what!

When your heart is on the things of God...your mouth will be on those same things!

- 1.) Your heart will redirect your desires.
- 2.) God will trust you with your wants.

3 Hebrew Children – Daniel 3:13-18

- 13 Then Nebuchadnezzar in his rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Then they brought these men before the king.
- 14 Nebuchadnezzar spake and said unto them, Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, do not ye serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up?
- 15 Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made; well: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?
- 16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, *we are not careful to answer thee in this matter.*

Two of the most misunderstood verses in the Bible (at least one):

17 If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king.

NOTICE: They spoke EXACTLY what they believed was going to happen! They were going to be delivered! No effect on them AT ALL!

18 But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

NOTE: This is to be built on vs. 15...NOT vs. 17.

People who say they were saying, "God can and WILL deliver us! But if He doesn't we still won't bow!

- a.) That is not how the words of your mouth works.
 - **ILLUSTRATION:** The man who was in my first church who had cancer..."I believe God can heal me, but if he doesn't I will still believe in Him."
- b.) It doesn't make sense...if God doesn't come through and deliver them, they will be dead...so duh!

Conclusion

BELOVED: What comes out of your mouth about ANY circumstance is your expectation of what is coming to you. Abundance of the heart!

It is your command...as the ruler of your life.

<u>John 19:30</u> – "When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost."

When the King of kings spoke it is finished! Guess what came to pass?

Anything you would ever need is done...you just have to speak it done.