

Message preached on Sunday, January 5, 2025

So, I heard from God regarding 2025...

READY? 2025 will be a year of healing and health, wealth and increase, more than enough, a year of God's favor, a year of joy, peace and love...a year full of God's blessings.

WHEW! Sounds good, doesn't it?

If you know me...then you know that I don't take this kind of thing lightly.

I guard my mouth when it comes to speaking things over the New Year.

YOU MAY SAY: Well, how can you be so sure of these things?

ANSWER: Because the Bible tells us so!

IN OTHER WORDS: I heard from God...because I heard it in His Word.

Yup...many are looking to the prophets to tell them what the New Year will hold...or a prophetic word... but I will tell you that the Word says about the New Year...

Psalm 65:11 - "Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness."

QUESTION: What year? **ANSWER:** Every year!

Healing is in the works for you in 2025...because by His stripes you were healed.

Wealth and increase is in the plans for you...because when you give, it will be given back to you good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over.

Peace and joy is going to appear...because it is a fruit placed in your spirit at conversion, AND God has given you a sound mind.

BELOVED: Blessings will come to you because they come with the BLESSING that has been placed on your life.

When you walk in the BLESSING of God it doesn't matter what is going on around you...or what someone says...BLESSINGS will come to you, every year.

Sure battles come...but QUIT focusing on the battles...focus on the blessings!

The Children of Israel in Egypt

In EXODUS 1 we see that IN THE WORLD (Egypt) God's people (Israel) prospered and grew, because of the favor of God that was on Joseph and his lineage!

Exodus 1:7 – "And the children of Israel were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed exceeding mighty; and the land was filled with them."

NOTE: This kinda freaked out Pharaoh...new new Pharaoh that didn't know Joseph...

Exodus 1:8 – "Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph."

He was NOT acquainted with Joseph...the one who saved Egypt and elevated them to the greatest in the world, at that time.

He was JUST nervous about how big the Israelites were becoming in the land of Goshen.

THEREFORE: He put great burdens on the people...

Exodus 1:11-14

Therefore they did set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh treasure cities, Pithom and Raamses.

But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were grieved be cause of the children of Israel.

NOTICE: The more they were afflicted...the more they grew.

Hmmmmm...do you think we need to understand that?

"Grieved" - disgusted, anxious, loathe, distressed, vexed.

NOTICE: The Egyptians (whose land it was...who were burdening Israel) were stressed and anxious.

IMPORTANT: Not the Israelites...not God's children...they grew!

- And the Egyptians made the children of Israel to serve with rigour:
- And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage, in morter, and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field: all their service, wherein they made them serve, was with rigour.

"Rigour" - cruelty, severity

I WANT TO POINT OUT: Yes, there will be battles...but guess what...

<u>Exodus 1:20</u> – "Therefore God dealt well with the midwives: and the people multiplied, and waxed very mighty."

NO MATTER WHAT the world threw at the children of God...they grew...they increased...the walked in His GOODNESS.

We can get SOOOO overwhelmed at circumstances...at even possibilities...but when it comes down to it...God BLESSES His kids.

<u>John 16:33</u> – "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

The Story Continues

God begins a process of raising up a deliverer, Moses.

After 430 years in bondage...the children of Israel get tired of being in bondage.

REMEMBER: Proverbs 10:22 – "The blessing of the Lord makes one rich, and adds NO SORROW with it."

Exodus 2:23-25 – They decided to NOT be satisfied with the sorrow.

- And it came to pass in process of time, that the king of Egypt died: and the children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and their *cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage*.
- And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.
- 25 And God looked upon the children of Israel, and *God had respect unto them*.

BELOVED: As long as you are okay with living in NOT ENOUGH...God will allow you to live in NOT ENOUGH. When you are ready to live in your COVENANT BLESSING...God will move on your behalf.

"Remembered" - thinking about...not recalling, but thinking on

God had been thinking on this covenant...and they had NOT been enjoying it all.

NOTICE: They still increased...but God had better.

"Respect" - to know

BELOVED: This is a covenant mention...God knew them...He had relationship with them...He moved on their behalf because of that relationship. He brought them the covenant blessing because of that relationship.

So God began His plan...we are not going to go through the whole plan...but when Pharaoh refuses to let God's people go...God brings in the plagues.

One plague should have been enough...but the world hates you...so God will move on your behalf time and time again, until you are free of the enemies schemes.

HERE IS THE THING I want you to see...all of these plagues came to Egypt, but not into Goshen.

- * All the water turning to blood...not in Goshen.
- * Frogs coming out of the Nile and getting into EVERYTHING...but not in Goshen.
- * Gnats or lice engulfed everything and everyone in Egypt...but not in Goshen.

THEN WE MOVE to the fourth plague...the plague of flies.

In this plague we get some specific information... because WHO REALLY tells a fly where to go. Shoo fly, don't bother me!

Exodus 8:22-23

- And I will **sever in that day the land of Goshen**, in which my people dwell, that no swarms of flies shall be there; to the end thou mayest know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth.
- And I will put a division between my people and thy people: tomorrow shall this sign be.

"Sever" – distinction or division

God will move upon one, but not upon the other.

"Division" - division, redemption

BELOVED: God wants us to know...and the world to know that there is a division between us and the world.

In the world are sorrows...in our land, there is only blessing.

There is a wall of separation...I have heard it called the WALL OF BLESSING.

This wall...the curse cannot break through.

The plagues on this world HAD TO STOP at that wall...cannot come nigh my dwelling place.

Psalm 91:8 – "Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked."

Sickness, poverty, stress, depression, anxiety, etc...are on the other side of that wall of blessing. That is why it has nothing to do with us in 2025 or any year!

Back Against the Wall?

Have you ever heard the phrase, "Having your back against the wall?" Have you ever used that expression?

MEANING: Being in a difficult situation...pressure situation...where there doesn't seem like MUCH YOU CAN DO to come out okay!

Maybe you didn't know that phrase existed...but you say...yep, that is how I feel.

Maybe you have used that expression to describe things.

LISTEN: I get it!

HOWEVER: Let's make one small change. Instead of making that expression (or something close to it), because that means there is NO WAY OUT!

You are not UP AGAINST THE WALL...

INSTEAD SAY: "If the CURSE has come against me...THE CURSE is about to HIT THE WALL OF BLESSING in my life. Because I live under the blessing of God."

REMEMBER: "Division" means redemption. A wall of redemption between God's people and the world! Because of that redemption...we are under the blessing!

Galatians 3:13,14,29

- 13 Christ hath *redeemed us from the curse of the law*, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:
- That *the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles* through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.
- 29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

We have the PRIVILEGE of standing BEHIND that WALL OF BLESSING...God's BLESSING. THAT WALL separates us from the curse...keeps us in the blessing. Just like the flies in Egypt!

THINK OF THESE SCRIPTURES:

Psalm 5:12 – His favor surrounds us like a SHIELD (separation).

Job 1:10 – The enemy recognized there was a HEDGE or FENCE around Job, and the enemy couldn't touch him.

That same wall surrounds you!

STAYING BEHIND THE WALL

Deuteronomy 28:1,2,15

- And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:
- And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.

THEN it proceeds to go through 12 verses that tell exactly the GOOD THINGS that are behind this wall of BLESSING!

But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:

THEN it proceeds to go through about 54 verses of vile THINGS that will cling to you when you LET THE WALL down.

Several times it says things like, "Things that touched Egypt will touch you." YIKES!

Did you NOTICE the key? Basically two fold.

- 1.) Know the WORD.
- 2.) Do what YOU KNOW.

<u>Joshua 1:8</u> – "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."

I KNOW...I wish I could give you a five step plan...12 step plan...but it really is just a two step plan.

LET me show you how it works against you.

Psalm 91:7,8

A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nighthee.

8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

OKAY...what does this passage say?

When we are under HIS CARE (behind the WALL OF BLESSING)...

* A thousand shall fall by my side, ten thousand at my right hand...BUT IT SHALL NOT COME NIGH ME.

SWEET! We like that!

* IT GOES ON: ONLY with your eyes will you see the reward of the wicked.

So, the WORD makes it clear...there will be times when others around you are dropping (health, finances, peace, joy, etc.)...**HOWEVER**...

- * When we start seeing them DROP...we panic...we think what will happen to us?
- * **THEN we** start game planning on our own...our own ideas...our own thoughts. Well, if I stay home from church. Stop giving. Stop tithing!
- * **INSTEAD of** knowing the Word (which we probably do) and doing it...we change to our thoughts and concepts and move ourselves to Deuteronomy 28:15 instead of the first part.

OUR FOCUS should ALWAYS BE to stay BEHIND the WALL OF BLESSING, by HEARING AND OBEYING.

Conclusion

BELOVED: We've been redeemed by the blood of Jesus! **THEREFORE:** We live behind the WALL OF BLESSING.

OUR JOB: Stay in the Word...do what it says!

THEN we have a guarantee...EVERY YEAR will be full of healing and health, wealth and increase, more than enough, a year of God's favor, a year of joy, peace and love...a year full of God's blessings.

Including 2025!