Unlocking The Future With God's Word



'By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.' Hebrews 11:3

As we fast round up this year and start planning for the new year, the best way to determine what the future will hold is to intentionally create it. We understand that everything that is seen is first formed in the realm of the unseen. So in order to unlock the future we want to see, we have to speak God's word concerning that area. The word of God is spirit and life (John 6:63) and it has creative properties, which means God's word has the capacity to act as a vehicle of transportation in the spirit.

This series we are going to take practical steps to create the coming year using the power we have in God's word. We will be digging into how the spiritual realm responds to words, what things may impede the manifestation of what we're speaking and then crafting the coming year.

Day 1 Power in God's Word

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth... Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light." Genesis 1:1,3

It's interesting that the Bible introduces two elements of God to us in Genesis 1. The first element is His creativity. We are introduced to the One who created the heavens, earth, all we see and even things we don't see. Then we're introduced to His speaking element. Whenever God wants to see something, He says what He wants to see and it comes to pass.

"Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness..." Genesis 1:26

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue: And they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof." Proverbs 18:21

These two elements are critical for this study because we have been created in God's likeness, meaning we are to function like God here on earth. This means God has already placed within us the capacity to both create and call forth what we want to create by speaking. For good or bad, we create our future with what we consistently say. These means we must be very intentional about the words we speak because they are powerful. Even things we say supposedly in jest are shaping our future either for good or bad.

"For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." Hebrews 4:12

"...For You have magnified Your word above all Your name." Psalms 138:2

The most powerful thing that can come out of our mouth is the word of God. His word is spirit and life with the capacity to create both in the physical and spiritual world. Getting results with speaking the word of God is not about speaking without understanding or copying others. When we understand the power behind God's words, what it can do and the fact the God Himself honours the performance of His word, it helps us appreciate what possibilities are available to us through His word.

Prayer: Lord thank You for opening my eyes to the power in Your word. Help me function with the full authority and power available in Your word.

Day 2 Motive, Context & Obedience

'Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.' Luke 12:32

Our Father has given us the equivalent of a blank check through His word to create anything we want. However, when we speak God's word, it's important we also check our motives. Are we declaring what will glorify God or glorify ourselves? Are we seeking the advancement of God's kingdom or are we really just being covetous? Yes, we have access to all things through Christ, but what do we intend to use what we have access to for? It's critical we do a heart check as we begin calling forth, so we do not end up making self-centered demands.

We also need to check the context of what we're saying. There are some promises that the Lord made to David for example, that no one else has access to. As we do our personal study of the Bible, it's important we understand who the word was for and if we can appropriate it for ourselves. The wonderful thing about God's word is there are many blessings that are available to "whoever", "anyone", etc so we won't struggle to find them.

Obedience is a third factor we must bear in mind as we speak God's word. There are some benefits that are prefaced with conditions, those that start with "if you..." So we also need to ensure we are fulfilling our part of that scripture. For instance, there are numerous benefits in Deuteronomy 28:1-14, but sometimes we jump into confessing the scripture without paying attention to the fact that it starts with:

"... if you diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today...' Deuteronomy 28:1

This means we cannot be walking in selfishness, ignorance and disobedience and expect to gain the full benefits available to us in God's word. This background is important so we do a personal audit ahead and check that we are not speaking amiss, so we can give room for God's word to achieve maximum impact in our lives and circumstances.

Prayer: Lord as I speak forth your word, I ask for understanding to speak accurately. I also ask for an obedient heart so I can always do my part.

Day 3 Divine Favour

'And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.' Luke 2:52

Favour is a means that God uses to give His children a supernatural advantage. When we walk in God's favour, people align to help us, regardless of how they may feel about us. God's favour can distinguish us, open doors of opportunity, alter adverse situations, so we can fulfil God's divine mandate.

'But Noah found favor with the Lord' Genesis 6:8

'...David, who found favor before God...' Acts 7:45-46

'Now God had brought Daniel into the favor and goodwill of the chief of the eunuchs.' Daniel 1:9

'...And Esther obtained favor in the sight of all who saw her.' Esther 2:15

'May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work of our hands.' Psalms 90:17

The error we run into at times is that we are trying to first have favour with men rather than God. Meanwhile, when we have favour with God, the need to chase men for help will stop, because God will cause the right people to extend goodwill to us at the right time. He will advise us who to meet with, when and how. There will not be any need to manipulate people or circumstances because of what we think we can get from them. Remember, the hearts of kings are in the Lord's hands to turn as He chooses (Prov 21:1). As such, we will do well to prioritize our relationship with God first and allow Him to lead us.

Prayer: Lord You said You will honour those who honour You (1 Sam 2:30), I ask for the grace to live a life that honours and pleases you, that I may find favour with You. I ask Lord that You clothe me with Your favour like a garment and that I increase in favour with You and with men daily. Lord cause me to find favour in the sight of all who look at or hear about me. I speak Your favour into my life, family and all circumstances through all the days of the coming year in the name of Jesus.

Day 4 Gaining Divine Direction

'The Lord directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives.' Psalms 37:23

God does not intend for us to walk through life on the basis of ignorance or trial and error. Through His word we are equipped with the knowledge of His will and the capacity to walk in divine direction and accuracy each day. The Lord delights in ordering our steps and leading us along the best pathway for our lives. Since we know God is willing to do His part, then the onus is upon us to yield to His leading and obey His instructions, especially when they don't appear to align with what we have in mind for ourselves.

'Then I said, 'Look, I have come to do your will, O God— as is written about me in the Scriptures.' Hebrews 10:7

Nothing takes God by surprise and He already has a plan for each of our lives. Looking at Jesus's life, we see that it's possible for us to program our steps to be in alignment with heaven's agenda. This is critical because God's provision (spiritual, mental, financial, etc.) follows His agenda. Today we are going to program God's divine direction into the coming year.

"Don't be pulled in different directions or worried about a thing. Be saturated in prayer throughout each day, offering your faith-filled requests before God with overflowing gratitude. ..." Philippians 4:6 TPT

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths." Proverbs 3:5-6

When we walk according to divine direction, we will be at the right place at the right time. So it's important we recognise when the Lord is speaking to us and are willing to let Him direct every situation and re-direct us when we may have been going in the wrong direction to realign to His divine plan and timing.

Prayer: Father I thank You for giving me access to complete knowledge of Your will with all the spiritual wisdom and understanding I require to live a life that pleases You and walk in accuracy (Col 1:9-10). Lord visit my destiny with Your divine direction, lead me along the best pathway for my life, where I am guaranteed of your provision, security and alignment with Your plan for my life (Ps 32:8, 91:11; Prov 3:5-6, Ecc 9:11)

Day 5 Divine Protection

'...He is a shield to those who walk uprightly; He guards the paths of justice, and preserves the way of His saints.' Proverbs 2:7-8

The days we are in are unpredictable and it's clear that a lot of wickedness abounds. Some of the things that used to shock society before are rapidly becoming the norm. As unsettling as it may be, this shouldn't take us by surprise as we have been warned that the last days would be filled darkness and the people with gross darkness (Isa 60:2). However in spite of what is happening around us, we have access to divine protection in the Lord.

'then the Lord will create above every dwelling place of Mount Zion, and above her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day and the shining of a flaming fire by night. For over all the glory there will be a covering.' Isaiah 4:5

'...The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; The God of my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, My stronghold and my refuge; My Savior, You save me from violence.' 2 Samuel 22:2-3

Jesus told us that the last days will be turbulent times with deceptions, wars, rumours of wars, famines, pestilences, earthquakes and so much more. We cannot stop the world from being wicked, but we can bring ourselves under God's divine protection regardless of what is going on around us. He alone has the capacity to protect, defend and preserve us despite the raging of the enemy and the things that must happen in the last days. He has promised to keep those who dwell in His secret place protected and He will always do what He says. Let's unlock God's divine protection for the coming year.

Prayer: Lord You are my refuge, my protection, my deliverer. I declare that in the coming days You alone are my strength and shield and Your glory is a cover for me and all that concerns me. Even if thousands fall around me, it shall not come near me or mine. Deliver me Lord from wicked and unreasonable men and every snare of the enemy. Protect me and my household from deadly pestilences and the evil that rages daily. Deliver me from every from of deception. Order my steps and incline my heart to Your instructions because I understand that my safety lies in You alone. (Ps 3; 91; 119:133; 2 Thess 3:2)

Day 6 Unlocking our Careers/Businesses

"Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land." Job 1:10

The marketplace is where majority of us spend a significant amount of our active years. But how much of that time has positive eternal impact? Jesus was very intentional about where He's planted/positioned us, He's very interested in every area of our lives and is more than able to equip us to excel in our respective fields. As we step into a new year, what is God saying concerning our lives, our careers, our businesses? It's important we know this so we do not self sabotage what God is doing and we build according to the pattern He shows us.

"Be sure that you make everything according to the pattern I have shown you here on the mountain." Exodus 25:40

""Known to God from eternity are all His works." Acts 15:18

He already knows January to December. So today we're digging into the scriptures to ask that the Lord opens up the agenda of heaven to us concerning our careers and businesses. As we pray that we daily run our careers/businesses in total accuracy and walk in understanding of what God has assigned for each day, we must first acknowledge that God is our source and our careers/businesses are just tools and platforms for us to receive resources do His will. This means we must intentionally prioritize the things of God and ask the Holy Spirit to help us partner with Him to make our careers/businesses relevant to God's current agenda.

Prayer: Lord I thank you for my career/business and for how far You have brought me. I acknowledge You as my source and ask for the grace to make the works of my hands a useful tool for the expansion of Your kingdom. Help me download the strategies that will give me access to hidden treasures as You teach me to profit and give me ears to hear what instructions You give me to ensure I walk within Your provision. Help me to always seek You first and not trade busyness for fellowship for with You so that my life will truly be prosperous. (Matt 6:33, Ps 32:8, Isa 45:3, 48:17, Jn 5:19, Gen 26:12-13)

Day 7 Unlocking Divine Health

"Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers." 3 John 1:2

We have the right to walk in divine health (mental, physical, emotional and spiritual) and receive healing for whatever might be causing us unease. During His earthly ministry, Jesus went about doing good and healing all,this tells us that our well-being is important to Him. He paid a heavy price on the cross to secure our divine health and break the enemy's right to harass us. Therefore, Satan doesn't have the right to afflict us with any form of infirmity.

"Bless the LORD, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases," Psalms 103:1-3

"And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people." Matthew 4:23

"Then He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach, and to have power to heal sicknesses and to cast out demons:" Mark 3:14-15

Armed with the knowledge that there's absolutely no kind of sickness or disease that Jesus cannot heal, and that he has also given us authority over every form of infirmity, let's call forth divine healing and wholeness in the coming year.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, I acknowledge that my body is Your temple and because I belong to You, Satan has no right over my body. Wherever I am feeling unwell, Lord I ask for complete healing and wholeness in the name of Jesus. Lord Jesus, You already defeated the enemy and wiped away every negative report about my health, so I stand on the authority of what You have done for me. I reject every form of sickness the enemy may be planning against me and all that concerns me in the name of Jesus. Your word says You have been given the name above every other name, therefore I speak into the new year and call forth divine health in the name of Jesus.

Day 8 Breaking out of Limitations

Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. For you will spread out to the right and to the left; your descendants will dispossess nations and settle in their desolate cities. Isaiah 54:2-3 NIV

During the last year some of us may have experienced delays, closed doors, stagnation, near successes, amongst others. We know that God's plan for us is to expand our spheres of influence, finances etc. even as we expand the frontiers of His kingdom. This means we have the right and authority to unlock expansion in the coming year.

"... These are the horns that scattered Judah, so that no one could lift up his head; but the craftsmen are coming to terrify them, to cast out the horns of the nations that lifted up their horn against the land of Judah to scatter it." Zechariah 1:21

We know that life is spiritual and to see anything in the physical, we need to address issues from the spiritual realm. We also know that we have an enemy who does his best to resist what God is doing with us and as such the activities of the enemy in our lives must be bound. This understanding helps us know that when whenever we're not seeing the desired progress in any area of our lives, we need to step back and seek guidance from the Lord on what is going on and what we should do about it.

God does not promote beyond a person's capacity, as such we need to be sure the limitation is not due to a deficiency on our part (e.g. lack of diligence, inconsistency, etc.) then we can address every spiritual factor causing the limitations.

Prayer: Father I come in the name of Jesus and address any spiritual factors coming against my growth in every area of life. I break the hand of the enemy over all that concerns me and bring my life and all that concerns me under the government of the Holy Spirit. I break out of every limitation and ask lord that You increase in me and increase my capacity to be more and do more. I ask for unusual favour and unexpected opportunities so my path will shine ever brighter unto the perfect day. I ask that You bless the works of my hands and expand my areas of influence and territories as an ambassador of Your kingdom. (Matt 12:29; Eph 3:20, Job 29:6; Prov 4:18; Deut 8:18; Isa 54:2-3; Jn 15:16)

Day 9 Maintaining A Prophetic Position

"Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know." Jeremiah 33:3

As we venture into the unknown terrain of a fresh year and new seasons, we can't afford to rely on yesterday's instructions from God as He is always speaking to us and giving fresh instructions and guidance. However, there's a posture we must adopt to hear the deeper things of God. Jesus said many times throughout the gospels, "He who has ears, let him hear." Clearly Jesus wasn't speaking about our natural ears, but our ability to hear what the Holy Spirit is saying per time. This means we need to be intentional about hearing from Him, especially as most of what we will encounter are things we could never figure out on our own abilities.

"Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches." Revelation 3:22

"And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision; but a great terror fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves." Daniel 10:7

"For God may speak in one way, or in another, Yet man does not perceive it. In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls upon men, While slumbering on their beds, Then He opens the ears of men, and seals their instruction." Job 33:14-16

In addition to hearing, we must also see what the Holy Spirit is doing within and around us, so we make the right decisions. As we call on God to show us what is to come, He will respond through diverse ways: instructions, direction, dreams, etc. so we need the Holy Spirit to open up our ability to understand God's word and discern spiritual realities. We need our perception and discernment to be constantly sharpened so we don't become victims of circumstance or deception. God will always do His part, we have to do ours by constantly yielding to the leading of the Holy Spirit, so nothing impedes the communication flow between us.

Prayer: Lord as You show me great and mighty things to come, I ask for ears that hear, eyes that see and a heightened sense of perception and discernment. I ask that You give me understanding of how You speak to me and open my ability to accurately understand what You're saying to me per time. Show me the consecration You require from me per time, so nothing hinders my connection to You.

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