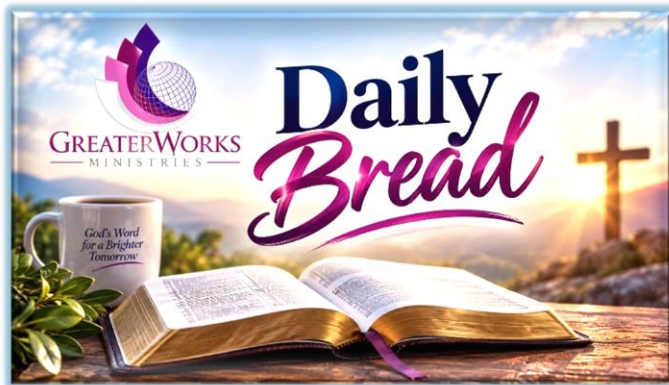




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ATTEMPT GREAT THINGS FOR GOD

Dealing with the high places. (Part 1)

The problem of most of Jewish kings in the Bible was their failure to deal with the high places. Remember, at this time the kingdom had already separated with the northern kingdom being called Israel with Samaria as its capital. The Southern kingdom now called Judah was headquartered in Jerusalem.

God's attention was on Judah because of the promise He had made to David and his house. However, Jewish kings attempted to do great things for God except that they did not deal with the high places that were representing idol worship in the land.

People would worship God but would also sneak to these high places to offer sacrifice to idols. King after king would come and do mighty things for God but would not dare touch these high places. Maybe for fear of causes of unrest or for lack of faith. From **2 Kings 12**, Joash failed to deal with high places. His son Amaziah took over and still did not touch them (**2 Kings 14 vs 4**)

Azariah succeeded his father Amaziah despite doing great things for God, he too failed to deal with the high places **2 Kings 15 vs 4**. Ahaz took over and he also did sacrifice at these high places. **2 Kings 16 vs 4**.

It was the coming in of king Hezekiah that brought so much change in Judah. When the young Hezekiah succeeded his father Ahaz, he went on to destroy the high places which his fathers dreaded. **2 Kings 18:4 (KJV)** He removed the high places, and brake the images, and cut down the groves, and brake in pieces the brasen serpent that Moses had made: for unto those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it: and he called it Nehushtan.

Can you identify the high places that you have not been dealing with despite your love for God? You really want to also attempt great things for God but these high places keep distracting you. You fast, you give, you pray but you know certain things in you or around you that do not please God.

Some high places are generational. You did not start them but they affect you. You love God but something keeps telling you to leave your marriage. You keep fantasizing on having another partner which is not the one you have.

You keep fantasizing on having a second wife...such is a high place that has not been dealt with which keeps speaking in your blood.

We have many people who serve and love God but will sneak back to their high place behaviours and habits. They love God but still masturbate. They still entertain themselves with erotic things like sex films, books, pornography, flirting and even cheating. These behaviours are not innocent, they are high places you should destroy before they destroy you.

What is interesting about these high places is that they will allow you to do everything you want to do for God but will drag you to go to them and sacrifice. You will go back to them and service the habit, thereby diluting and contaminating the pure service you would have given to God. Deal with them!

To be continued....

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Dealing with high places (Part 2)

King Hezekiah did very well by destroying the high places that his fathers feared to deal with. He had so much boldness and faith to confront those altars and it brought so much revival in Judah.

However, after God gave him an extension to his life, he gave birth to the worst king ever of Judah in history, Manasseh! Manasseh instead of building on what his father had done, he became more evil than any other king of Judah. He rebuilds the high places which his father had destroyed. He led the whole of Judah into serious sin of idolatry (**2 Kings 21 vs 1 -10**).

It was during Manasseh's reign that God vowed to destroy Judah and Jerusalem, the city he had chosen for himself. (**2 Kings 21 vs 12-15**). In his anger God sent the Assyrians to capture Manasseh (2 Chronicles 33 vs 11). In his distress Manasseh sought the Lord the God of his fathers, repented of his sins and the Lord had compassion over him. God brought him back to Judah to his throne.

Manasseh began to try and change things but he failed because the whole nation had already been sold into serious idolatry. Even though he had repented during his time in exile, he failed to lead the nation back to God. The people continued in idolatry that even after his death, his son Amon did evil by sacrificing on the high places again.

Sometimes personal repentance without undoing the things you have done may only save you but cannot save your family. Avoid rebuilding altars that you have destroyed. Avoid going back to things you have left before. Avoid going back to the same people you had cancelled and kicked out of your life because of their wrong influence.

Avoid the lifestyle you had destroyed before. If you bring it back it will destroy you.

The end of Judah was sad. They ended up in Babylonian captivity. The whole city of Jerusalem was burnt with fire, the House of God which Solomon had built was destroyed and walls of Jerusalem broken. What a sorry state of a life which once pleased the Lord but has been ruined by sin and disobedience.

However, before the destruction of the city, a young boy was born, his name was Josiah. He was a prophetic child, he did exactly what he was born to do, destroyed the chief altar that was at Bethel and rebuilt the House of God again with the help of Hilkiah the Priest. God said He will not punish Jerusalem during the time of Josiah. God did not want the young king to see destruction (**2 Kings 22 vs 20**).

I tell you that there are those of us here who have been doing great things for God even in the midst of evil, the Lord will postpone His anger and not allow any harm to happen in their life time. It is because of you that your family has not been judged yet.

Let us talk about Josiah tonight. Do not miss prayer @21000hrs.

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Dealing with high places

(2 Chronicles 34:3 (KJV)) For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young, he began to seek after the God of David his father: and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem from the high places, and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images).

From the above scripture, we learn that when Josiah was still very young, he purged (removed/got rid of) his family and nation of all the high places that kept seducing the Jews into idolatry. He was ruthless in his removal of these altars such that even the bones of the evil priests that burnt sacrifices on these altars were exhumed and burnt.

Sometimes you need this ruthlessness when you dealing with stubborn generational altars and behaviours. If you know that your high place is lust, which has affected all the men in your clan, you obviously have to deliberately avoid loose flirtatious relationships with women or with men if you are a woman. Not everything ends with prayer, other things will require your physical participation to remove them. Stop visiting places that will tempt you to fall back and rebuild high places which you had defeated. If you relapse into something that you had conquered before, know for sure that it will harder than before to come out of it.

It is also worth noting that the energy and boldness that Josiah had in dealing with these altars were not just natural, it was prophetic. Josiah's birth and his assignment was prophesied hundreds of years in **1 Kings 13:2 (KJV)**. And he cried against the altar in the word of the LORD, and said, O altar, altar, thus saith the LORD; Behold, a child shall be born unto the house of David, Josiah by name; and upon thee shall he offer the priests of the high places that burn incense upon thee, and men's bones shall be burnt upon thee.

It was prophesied that when Josiah comes, he will deal with these altars and high places. You never know, you might be living a prophesy right now, just like Josiah, you might have been born for such an assignment to purge your generation of stubborn high places. It is the prophetic that will give you the energy to deal with certain things. People carrying a prophetic assignment are dangerous, they have a certain level of boldness and faith. They will not rest until the assignment is finished. God could have delayed your birth for you to be alive at a time like this so that you can fulfill your assignment.

God then made a promise to Josiah, **2 Kings 22:20 (KJV)**. Behold therefore, I will gather thee unto thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered into thy grave in peace; and thine eyes shall not see all the evil which I will bring upon this place. And they brought the king word again.

Josiah would die in peace, he would not see the evil that God was to bring upon the land as punishment for idolatry. Imagine God postponing His plan just to save you from experiencing His wrath. Imagine God saying to you, I want to do something bad but NOT IN YOUR TIME MY SON/DAUGHTER. Wow! Josiah was spared by God because of his zeal for the things of God.

NOT IN MY TIME 'O' LORD!

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