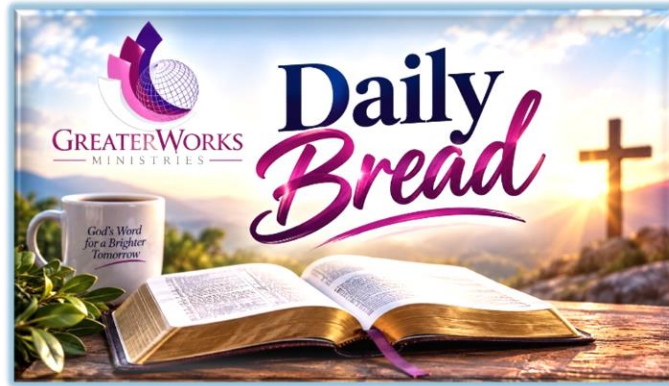




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1 Corinthians 2:9 (KJV)

But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

God has already prepared the blessing; what He is doing now is preparing the vessel. The vessel has to match the blessing. Blessings that come without enough preparation often become burdens. New wine must always be put into new wineskins.

In most cases, preparation is often mistaken for punishment or general suffering, because a vessel being prepared and a delinquent being punished may often go through similar experiences. However, the one being prepared has peace in his heart despite the challenges, because God is at work within him.

FIVE THINGS GOD USES TO PREPARE US

1. Testing

James 1:3-4 (KJV)

Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

God will allow you to be tested as part of preparation. God will never use an untested vessel. Your resolve has to be tested. Your faith, your resilience, and your character will all be tested. Many people love God when they have nothing, but the day they receive what they desire, they disappear. That, too, must be tested. God wants to know if you will still remain faithful when the blessings come.

2. Pruning

John 15:2 (KJV) Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

God prunes the branch that He wants to bear more fruit. Pruning is not wasting, and pruning is not punishment. Pruning is preparation for greater fruitfulness.

Sometimes things you love may be removed, reduced, or delayed so that God can make room for something greater in your life. What feels like loss may actually be preparation for increase.

3. Waiting

Anything of value is worth waiting for. Everything that is rushed often has painful consequences in the future. The world today has lost patience. No one wants to wait anymore. Children want to become adults before their time. But the vessel whom God is preparing must pass the test of waiting. Some delays are not demonic; they are orchestrated by God to prepare you. Be careful not to fight the process that God is using to shape you.

Isaiah 40:31 (KJV)

But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Wait upon the Lord, and your strength will be renewed daily. Those who pass the test of waiting will run and not be weary. They will fly like eagles above limitations and discouragement.

Brother/Sister, WAIT UPON THE LORD.

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Often, God prepares hearts before manifestation. Private faithfulness must come before public success. God allows a person to be tested in secret before He can publicly endorse them. The season of testing is often the season of preparation.

THINGS GOD WILL USE TO PREPARE US.

4. Hardships

1 Peter 1:7 (KJV) That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.

God uses hardships to strengthen those He wants to use. Through hardships, vital lessons of life are learnt. Hardship has a way of exposing what is false and revealing what is genuine. Even wrong relationships may be exposed during difficult seasons. Certain people may leave because they cannot endure the process God is taking you through. Sometimes God allows this so that only the right people remain. Not all hardships are punishments; some are God's training ground for His own people. Do not lose heart when you go through trials, God may be preparing you for greater things.

5. Separation

Galatians 2:1 (KJV) Then fourteen years after I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and took Titus with me also. Paul stayed for 14 years away from Jerusalem. Even after his conversation, he stayed for 3 years alone before going to meet Cephas (Peter). Moments of separation are crucial. You cannot be effective if you love the crowd. Sometimes God separates you from the crowd in order to prepare you. You are not being separated into loneliness; you are being separated into fellowship with the Lord. When no one includes you, when no one invites you, when people seem distant or avoid you, it may be a season where God is drawing you closer to Himself for His purpose. Separation is often preparation. God removes distractions so that He can build depth, character, and intimacy with him.

6. Pain

John 16:21(KJV) A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world. You see from the scripture, a woman is pain because he is about to give birth, once the baby is out, the pain is gone. Joy comes soon after.

God never allows pain for nothing. He does not waste your pain. Where pain is present, birth may be near. Some pains are birth pains for bringing forth purpose, destiny, and blessings that will impact generations. Endure the pain. Whether it is the pain of betrayal, rejection, disappointment,

or being left alone, hold on. God is still at work in you. Pain may break you temporarily, but God uses it permanently. Hold on during your season of preparation. Hardship, separation, and pain may not feel pleasant, but they are often tools in the hands of God. What He is producing in you now will be revealed in due time.

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