

Voice of Triumph

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"We are pursued (persecuted and hard driven) but not deserted to stand alone..." II Corinthians 4:9, The Amplified

ASSET PROTECTION: THE DOUBLE PORTION SECURED

God protects his heaven-born investments in the earth. Jacob was one of God's most valuable assets, although he seemed to have a bad reputation. With further study, Jacob's name really means "may God protect [to watch from behind]", not a supplanter or "heel" which is an offensive term. Figuratively, it means to circumvent to protect heaven's assets on earth. His brother, Esau despised his birthright enough to sell it to Jacob for just one meal. Jacob esteemed God's promise more. Therefore he looked for right time to present the right opportunity (kairos time) to purchase the birthright for as little as possible, Genesis 25:37-34. Jacob did not discount what little he had to sow as a seed to receive what God promised; he believed God. Esau was not bribed out of the birthright; he preferred the natural provisions over the spiritual. Now that Jacob legally purchased the birthright—the position God ordained for him—it should have been easy to complete the transaction. However, his father Isaac purposed to overthrow God's promise by trying to invoke the blessing on Esau anyway. If he had succeeded, it would have revoked Jacob's redeemed birthright as well. Rebecca his wife overheard his deceitful plan and intercepted it after which Jacob went undercover to reclaim the first-born blessing. Jacob worked in concert with his mother to complete the transaction therefore he received the blessing God originally purposed for him, Genesis 27:1-40. Expect an opportunity to repossess what contrary forces connived to confiscate. Never sit by passively and watch the thief steal, kill or destroy. Inactivity may just mean you have sided with the thief and took the lost willingly.

MOVE FROM A LABOR-INTENSIVE TO A FAVOR-INTENSIVE LIFE

Jacob left home with only his father's verbal blessing which showed what his future looked like. It was not labor-intensive at all because it was patterned after Abraham his grandfather's covenant with God. So Jacob made a conditional promise with God which translated as "the power to get wealth". Based on favor, God would provide for Jacob's daily needs and he would willingly serve the Lord. Even with the covenant, it appeared Jacob only had a labor-intensive contract. Don't look. Expect. Jacob volunteered for his Uncle Laban at first. Then even with a labor contract with Jacob, Laban never honored his word. The entire two decades Laban always worked under the guise of favoritism so Jacob worked under a false pretence. He reduced Jacob's wages ten times: he was even made to pay for every loss that occurred. Laban and his sons charged Jacob with cheating. Still Jacob proved to be a great employee. He never once sought revenge. Then the tables turned. God dreamed through Jacob and restored his revenue streams supernaturally. God's stimulus plan increased his assets exceedingly, abundantly, above all that he could imagine. God's invention moved Jacob to receive a favor-intensive inheritance that gave him to two flourishing camps, (Genesis 31:1-21). God's intervention moved Laban out of Jacob's way. In a dream, God warned Laban not to retaliate against Jacob. (Genesis 31:22-42). Favor is based on a covenant distinction; favoritism on discrimination.

THE CURRENT OF GOD'S FAVOR CHANGES SEASONS

Dawn always breaks the night. It may not feel like it, but the darkest part of the night is also the shortest. No matter how dark it is outside, when God's light shines you experience his joy. That's the favor of God. "When the Lord brought back the captives [who returned] to Zion, we were like those who dream [it seemed so unreal]. Then were our mouths filled with laughter, and our tongues with singing. Then they said among the nations. The Lord has done great things for them. The Lord has done great things for us! We are glad! Turn to freedom our captivity and restore our fortunes, O Lord, as the streams in the South (the Negeb) [are restored by the torrents]. They who sow in tears shall reap in joy and singing. He who goes forth and bearing seed and weeping [at needing his precious supply of grain for sowing] shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him," Psalm 126, The Amplified. Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning. If you are still weeping then it is not harvest. God changes the season, but you determine the timeframe. "A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance", Ecclesiastes 3:4. Laughter changes your season because it is a seed that overturns what you thought was the worst time of your life: it is by God's favor that your mourning is turned into joy because now you know you can outlast the pain of change. Arise my brother, my sister, arise. Wipe your weeping eyes. "Arise, shine: for thy light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you... and the days of thy mourning shall be ended," Isaiah 60:1,20. Whose report will you believe?

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Thought for Transformation

God always protects his interest. He never ignores any injustice. He always hears the cries of the defrauded so to release them to praise him alone, James 5:1-10. God brings you out laughing as he recompenses. Don't complain to others. Cry to God in faith to correct all injustices. He uproots the source of the system and sets all things straight. God is committed to reign righteously, Psalm 89:14-18. When the Egyptians unfairly treated the children of Israel, God sent a deliverer. Before departing, the children of Israel were instructed to go to their oppressors and ask for their precious assets. i.e., restitution. The children of Israel spoiled the Egyptians, Exodus 12:34-36. Yes!

God's Word on Trial Triumphs

Keep the Word wrapped around your harvest for asset protection, Mark 4:7,17. "Other seed [of the same kind] fell among thorn plants, and the thistles grew and pressed together and utterly choked and suffocated it, and it yielded no grain. And they have no real root, and so they endure for a while; then when trouble or persecution arises on the account of the Word, they immediately are offended (become displeased, indignant, resentful and they stumble and fall away.

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