

# Voice of Triumph

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*"If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful still: he cannot deny himself."* 2 Timothy 2:13

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## GO THROUGH THE OPEN DOOR

Frequently, I kept hearing in prayer the phrase, "go through the open door." I pondered and sometime even wondered what the Lord was really trying to say to me. What open door? Where is the open door? Then I began to say when others asked me when I was going to retire, I don't have the years in or the age, but the right opportunity could surpass not having all the years or the age required. Then as I was searching *The New Manners & Customs of Bible Times* by Ralph Gower a few weeks ago I came across an entry regarding open doors. It was referring to Revelation 3:8, "I have placed before you an open door." The commentary cited this enriching interpretation that follows: "It therefore means that God is always available. It has nothing to do with opportunity." I challenge you to start meditating on God's availability instead of he may not come when you call him, but he's always right on time. When you adorn God's presence, you will better understand if anyone is missing in action, it is you or I, because it took us so long to be there. But for God, he always has unoccupied time for walk-ins 365/24/7 and 366 in leap years. When you know in your heart you can't be denied access then every seemingly impenetrable wall will become a door.

## TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SEATING ARRANGEMENTS

What is the level of availability to a party you are sitting next to? What if he gave you his authority to sign all your transactions? What if all his promises to you were "Yes" and "Amen" by Jesus Christ? What if his grace was sufficient that you never receive a "No" reply? What if his Word were an incorruptible seed that lives and abides forever? There would be no way possible for him to be unreachable, unless you move your preferred seating and never return. The phrase "made us sit together in Christ" is interpreted in Greek as place together. In other words, God establishes an irreplaceable position where there is nothing between you and him. "And lifted us up from the grave into glory along with Christ, where we sit with him in the heavenly realms—all because of what Christ Jesus did," Ephesians 2:6, *The Living Bible*. When you extend a standing invitation to commune with the Lord in your heart, he is a present, active force in your life as well as of those who receive him as he really is. Once you realize that the seating arrangements never change, the time is always right for worship, praise, thanksgiving and prayer or just chit-chat or just listening for his still, soft voice. Like musical chairs, you won't lose your seat; remember, the Lord saved you a seat.

## CONTINUITY ILLUSTRATES GOD'S PRESENCE

The question remains, what happens to God's availability in drought? It all depends on who you place your trust in. Instead of drying up you will be stretched but you still won't have room enough to receive all the bounty. Isaiah 58:11 illustrates that God is always deposed to show you favor. "And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not." Jeremiah 17:5-8, *The Living Bible*, "The Lord says: Cursed is the man who puts his trust in mortal man and turns his heart away from God. He is like a stunted shrub in the desert; with no hope for the future; he lives on the saltencrusted plains in the barren wilderness; good times pass him by forever. But blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord and has made the Lord his hope and confidence. He is like a true planted along a riverbank, with its roots reaching deep into the water—a tree not bothered by the heat nor worried by long months of drought. Its leaves stay green and it goes right on predicting all its luscious fruit."

## LIVING UNDER OPEN SKIES WHEN HIS GRACE ABOUNDS TOWARD YOU

Hebrews 13:5 in the Amplified establishes our ever present God as our ever present blesser. "Let your character or moral disposition be free from love of money including greed, avarice, lust, and craving for earthly possessions] and be satisfied with your present [circumstances and with what you have]: for He [God] Himself has said, I will not in any way fail you nor give you up nor leave you without support. [I will] not [I will] not in any degree leave you helpless nor forsake nor let [you] down (relax My hold on you) [Assuredly not!] God's intent is not only to make you out of a firm believer, but also a firm receiver. Numbers 23:19 gives you his oath, "God is not a man that He should tell or act a lie, neither the son of man, that he should feel repentance or compunction [for what he has promised]. Has He said and shall He not do it? Or has He spoken and shall He not make it good? So believe that God exists in the present and that he blesses you to be a blessing right now.

### Thought for Transformation

*I received this message in the secret place. If you believe it, you can receive it also. I am being pulled into my destiny. If it were not so, then it would take me longer to get there. The Lord is there. Jehovah Shammah. The Lord is present to induce—not labor—but favor.*

### How Present is His Presence

*Isaiah 65:23-24, The Amp. verifies just how God works. "They shall not labor in vain or bring forth children for sudden terror or calamity: for they shall be the descendants of the blessed of the Lord, and their offspring with them. And it shall be that before they call I will answer; and while they are yet speaking I will hear."*

### A Very Present Help in Trouble

*Psalms 46:1, The Living Bible says "God is our refuge and strength, a tested help in times of trouble. And so we need not fear even if the world blows up, and the mountains crumble into the sea." With the Lord as our very present help in trouble, we can also proclaim, "O thou enemy, destructions are come to a perpetual end:" Psalm 9:6. With God present and ready for immediate intervention, qualified and willing to assume full responsibility, "he will stop your enemy with one blow; he won't need to strike again," Nahum 1:9, The Living Bible. With God's presence, that destruction cannot ever begin again.*