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Voice of Triumph

"Imagine the wilderness whooping for joy, the desert's unbridled happiness with its spring flowers. It will happen! The deserts will come alive with new growth budding and blooming, singing and celebrating with sheer delight."

Isaiah 35:1-2, The Voice

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YOUR HEART'S WORSHIP PRESERVES THE ABUNDANT LIFE

Deuteronomy 28:47 (KJV) indicates that the state of our heart always fuels the quality of our expectation to receive the fullness of the blessing. "Because thou servedst **not** the Lord thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all things..." Discover the purpose for guarding your heart with all diligence; out of it flows the issues of life that keep you from the issues of death, i.e., the failure to thrive. The Israelites believed God breached His promise to them; their murmuring brought slander upon the land. So what does your praise do: God is enthroned as King when you praise Him. The sacrifice of praise is all about your constant choice to serve God. Praise is never performance-based. The Lord receives the offering of your heart as your sincere desire for Him, even when the conditions don't seem right or fair. Habakkuk 3:17-19 (AMPC) encourages us, "Though the fig tree does not blossom and there is no fruit on the vines, [though] the product of the olive fails and the fields yield no food, though the flock is cut off from the fold and there are no cattle in the stalls, Yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will exult in the [victorious] God of my salvation! The Lord God is my Strength, my personal bravery, *and* my invincible army; He makes my feet like hinds' feet and will make me to walk [not to stand still in terror, but to walk] *and* make [spiritual] progress upon my high places [of trouble, suffering, or responsibility]!" Loyal worship ushers in your bounty: God's will and work in you and around you.

ACCELERATED HARVEST FROM YOUR DESIGNER'S VIEWPOINT

Isaiah 35:1-4, The Message. The Voiceless Break into Song. "Wilderness and desert will sing joyously, the badlands will celebrate and flower— Like the crocus in spring, bursting into blossom, a symphony of song and color. Mountain glories of Lebanon—a gift. Awesome Carmel, stunning Sharon—gifts. GOD's resplendent glory, fully on display. GOD awesome, GOD majestic. Energize the limp hands, strengthen the rubbery knees. Tell fearful souls, "Courage! Take heart! GOD is here, right here, on His way to put things right And redress all wrongs. He's on his way! He'll save you!" Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the LORD will do great things. Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength. Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for He hath given you the former rain moderately, and He will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month. And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil." Always refer to the Designer's Manual only.

HONORING GOD TAKES HUMILITY; OUR HUMILITY BRINGS US HIS HONOR

From Isaiah 14:9-17, you can see the conceit behind satan's rebellion against God. "Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations. All they shall speak and say unto thee, Art thou also become weak as we? art thou become like unto us? Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, and the noise of thy viols: the worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee. How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners? Daily, live being Holy Spirit guided by Proverbs 16:18. "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall."

Thought for Transformation

You are not going to, but just going through the wilderness. No camping out there; it is not your dwelling place, no matter how long you have been there. Webster defines wilderness as "a tract or region uncultivated and uninhabited by human beings." Move on!

Defining your Place of Trust

While relationships are established and sustained by trust, there is a confidence you can only give to God alone. Jeremiah 17:5-8, CEB defines the blessing set before you as the empowerment to prosper and the curse as the empowerment to fail.

"The Lord proclaims: Cursed are those who trust in mere humans, who depend on human strength and turn their hearts from the Lord. They will be like a desert shrub that doesn't know when relief comes. They will live in the parched places of the wilderness, in a barren land where no one survives. Happy are those who trust in the Lord, who rely on the Lord. They will be like trees planted by the streams, whose roots reach down to the water. They won't fear drought when it comes; their leaves will remain green. They won't be stressed in the time of drought or fail to bear fruit." Expect to yield supernatural rest from trusting God alone.

"AND HE BROUGHT US INTO THIS PLACE..., EVEN A LAND THAT FLOWETH WITH MILK AND HONEY." DEUT. 26:9