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# Voice of Triumph

*“After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.”*

Genesis 15:1 (KJV)

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## TEEMING WITH LIFE: THE REWARD FOR THE MID-WIFE

One assignment you may shoulder is serving as a midwife, i.e., to be positioned to pull someone's offspring into their destiny. (This role is non gender specific.) Exodus chapter 1 outlines rewards for reverencing God. He will never leave your efforts unnoticed or unrewarded. The two midwives' names mean beauty and splendor as mentioned in Exodus 1:15 (AMP). "Then the king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah (beauty) and the other named Puah (splendor)." The Message translation acknowledges both qualities as God's own distinction: "GOD made the heavens—Royal splendor radiates from Him, A powerful beauty sets Him apart," Psalm 96:5-6. "GOD looms majestic in Zion, He towers in splendor over all the big names. Great and terrible Your beauty: Splendor and beauty mark His craft," Psalm 111:3. "Your beauty and splendor have everyone talking," Psalm 145:5. Their honor for God in Exodus 1:17 (VOICE) gave them the humility to abide loyal to God in the face of the death threat. The midwives never joined the mass destruction plot against Israel's multiplication. "But the midwives respected God *more than they feared Pharaoh*, so they did not carry out the Egyptian king's command. Instead, they let all the boys live." After being summoned before Pharaoh, the two were interrogated by him. However, they never succumbed under pressure to comply with any corruption. Although it was apparent to Pharaoh that his commands were being resisted, they were acquitted and allowed to return to saving the male babies without persecution in Exodus 1:18 (KJV). "And the king of Egypt called for the midwives, and said unto them, Why have ye done this thing, and have saved the men children alive?" What they pronounced to Pharaoh called those things that were nonexistent as if they had already existed. With the help of faith, their confession birthed both acceleration and accumulation right in the midst of contradiction, the planned extermination. Their testimony in the line of duty is recorded in Exodus 1:19 (CEV). "They answered, Hebrew women have their babies much quicker than Egyptian women. By the time we arrive, their babies are already born." Their predictability to be trusted placed the midwives in front of the line to have a family of their very own. God blessed them for being a blessing to His people, Israel. Therefore, He opened up their wombs to have and enjoy mighty and multiplying families along with the rest of His people as recorded in Exodus 1:20 (TLB). "And God blessed the midwives because they were God-fearing women. So the people of Israel continued to multiply and to become a mighty nation."

## GOD RECOMPENSES SERVING AS HIS LIVING SACRIFICE

In record time, God rewarded Ruth a two-fold recompense, double for the shame. Boaz blessed Ruth for her honor and humility before God, Naomi and now to him in Ruth 2:11-12 (KJV). "And Boaz answered and said unto her, It hath fully been shewed me, all that thou hast done unto thy mother in law since the death of thine husband: and how thou hast left thy father and thy mother, and the land of thy nativity, and art come unto a people which thou knewest not heretofore. The LORD recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust." Isaiah 58:6-12 (AMPC) illustrates how God's glory is not just upon you, but it surrounds you, even covering your back. Ruth lived a fasted life in God's presence to fulfill His dream. "Is it not to divide your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house—when you see the naked, that you cover him, and that you hide not yourself from [the needs of] your own flesh *and* blood? Then shall your light break forth like the morning, and your healing (your restoration and the power of a new life) shall spring forth speedily; your righteousness (your rightness, your justice, and your right relationship with God) shall go before you [conducting you to peace and prosperity], and the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard [rereward]. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and He will say, Here I am. If you take away from your midst yokes of oppression [wherever you find them], the finger pointed in scorn [toward the oppressed or the godly], and every form of false, harsh, unjust, *and* wicked speaking, And if you pour out that with which you sustain your own life for the hungry and satisfy the need of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in darkness, and your obscurity *and* gloom become like the noonday. And the Lord shall guide you continually and satisfy you in drought *and* in dry places and make strong your bones. And you shall be like a watered garden and like a spring of water whose waters fail not. And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of [buildings that have laid waste for] many generations; and you shall be called Repairer of the Breach, Restorer of Streets to Dwell In." You can see how 2 Samuel 22:20-22 (KJV) represents how Ruth could recall her reward from God. "He brought me forth also into a large place: He delivered me, because He delighted in me. The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness: according to the cleanness of my hands hath He recompensed me. For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God." Now Jesus, your Kinsman-Redeemer is ready to restore all your rights, that's restitution as well as to avenge all your wrongs, that's retribution just as God did for Ruth.

## Thought for Transformation

*Your faith ignites God as your rewarder in Hebrews 11:6, (KJV). "But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." Hebrews 11:25-27, (KJV) reminds us of Moses' faith when he had to choose God's reward over Egypt's status. Perchance he had perfect recall of how his own mother, sister, and the two midwives were determined to keep him alive to ensure he remained free from harm. Each in her own way were deliverers for Moses. Now it was his turn to be the deliverer for the children of Israel. So having God's assurance, he never shrank back in the line of duty. "Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward. By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible." Hebrews 10:34-36 (KJV) encourages us to have relentless passion to persist against all odds, i.e., remain resistless until God attains what He requires to fulfill His good, acceptable, and perfect will and after you received your reward. "For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance. Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise." Refuse to give up before you receive God's reward. Stick it out until the end.*

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