The Tsunami Blessing Inside and Out, Part 268 Scriptures

This is Section AG of a multi-part instruction. Similar to a nation sending an ambassador into a territory, Jesus commanded the body of Christ to go into all the world. Although your kingdom of God assignment is in the world system, it is not in you. Jesus Christ is! You are His anointed carrier of the presence of God as well as the power of God. Your appointment is to bring the world into the kingdom of God until it is proof positive that, "those who have turned the world upside down are come here too!" Really, upside down is right side up!

Jesus' succession plan names you as His change agent to serve His divine purpose, plan, and path in one or even all the Seven Mountains: 1) government; 2) business; 3) media; 4) education; 5) arts & entertainment; 6) religion; and 7) family. Every Kingdom of God assignment is established on the Word of God as well as executed by the Spirit of God. If it is not, the mission will be an obstruction against your own breakthrough. Your minimum contribution is by prayer and petition, i.e., to intercede. Your maximum contribution is by practice and participation in the sphere(s) of influence God has chosen for you, i.e., to intervene.

Never give your seat of authority to an already failed world system. Let Holy Spirit reposition you to always "see" Jesus as He really is, the King of kings. Then grant the Lord of lords all the living room He requires, without issuing any eviction clauses. As your space restrictions are demolished, you can "be" as Jesus is in the world, a world overcomer. In other words, you are living on top of the world; it is not living on top of you.

Fasting helps to improve cognitive abilities not only mentally, but spiritually when God is your object of worship; you have the mind of Christ.

Isaiah 58, Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

¹ Cry aloud, spare not. Lift up your voice like a trumpet and declare to My

people their transgression and to the house of Jacob their sins!

²Yet they seek, inquire for, *and* require Me daily and delight [externally] to

know My ways, as [if they were in reality] a nation that did righteousness

and forsook not the ordinance of their God. They ask of Me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God [in visible ways]. ³ Why have we fasted, they say, and You do not see it? Why have we afflicted ourselves, and You take no knowledge [of it]? Behold [O Israel], on the day of your fast [when you should be grieving for your sins], you find profit in your business, and [instead of stopping all work, as the law implies you and your workmen should do] you extort from your hired servants a full amount of labor.

⁴ [The facts are that] you fast only for strife and debate and to smite with the fist of wickedness. Fasting as you do today will not cause your voice to be heard on high.

⁵ Is such a fast as yours what I have chosen, a day for a man to humble himself with sorrow in his soul? [Is true fasting merely mechanical?] Is it only to bow down his head like a bulrush and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him [to indicate a condition of heart that he does not have]? Will you call this a fast and an acceptable day to the Lord?

⁶ [Rather] is not this the fast that I have chosen: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the bands of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and that you break every [enslaving] yoke?

⁷ 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?
⁸ 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.

⁹ 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, ¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ 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.

¹² 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.

¹³ If you turn away your foot from [traveling unduly on] the Sabbath, from doing your own pleasure on My holy day, and call the Sabbath a [spiritual] delight, the holy day of the Lord honorable, and honor Him *and* it, not going your own way or seeking *or* finding your own pleasure or speaking with your own [idle] words,

¹⁴ Then will you delight yourself in the Lord, and I will make you to ride on the high places of the earth, and I will feed you with the heritage [promised for you] of Jacob your father; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.

Fasting is an act of worship. Jesus fasted successfully before God, during His 40-day temptation with satan.

Luke 4:1-2, 14-15 Living Bible

¹⁻² Then Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan River, being urged by the Spirit out into the barren wastelands of Judea, where Satan tempted him for forty days. He ate nothing all that time and was very hungry.
¹⁴ Then Jesus returned to Galilee, full of the Holy Spirit's power. Soon he became well known throughout all that region ¹⁵ for his sermons in the synagogues; everyone praised him.

Jesus reveals the secret of casting out the devil, was not only prayer, but fasting.

Matthew 17:15-21, King James Version

¹⁵ Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatick, and sore vexed: for ofttimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water.

¹⁶ And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him.

¹⁷ Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me.
¹⁸ And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour.

¹⁹ Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out?

²⁰ And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

²¹ Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.

Personal example of fasting and the effect I downloaded from heaven afterward.

I am a credible witness that God is faithful to deliver you because Jesus already redeemed your life from destruction. He remains breachproof all the time! You too can receive intelligence from Holy Spirit. The following is a personal testimony of unveiling the truth behind what seemed obscure to the naked eye.

My life rhythm felt so imbalanced to the point I kept repeating internally, "My rhythm is off." In my desperation to resolve the matter, I fasted for forty days and ate just one meal daily. I chronicled everyday what I believe Holy Spirit downloaded to me. The Wednesday after the fast was scheduled to end I still felt impressed to still lean into Holy Spirit and linger in a heightened listening posture. As I was praying the following Saturday morning, the words and melody began to well up within me that birthed the song, "*All Because of You: Lord of the Breakthrough.*" I didn't want to offend Holy Spirit, so I kept praying until I felt complete. Afterward, I went to the keyboard and further developed it under the inspiration of Holy Spirit.

I had already purchased "*The Gift in You*" by Dr. Caroline Leaf months before the fast but had never read the book until approximately two months after the aforementioned original song had been written. As a scientist who is a Christian, Dr. Leaf's research disclosed just how God wired your brain to follow His designed life purpose, plan, and path for each person, i.e., both personally and professionally. Of the seven categories, the two top areas help determine the areas where you will thrive the most.

After completing the brain assessment that was in the book, I discovered that Musical is my second highest category. It was in that very moment I realized the reason why my rhythm was off. I had not composed any songs for approximately five years.

With that revelation, I am now even more cognizant of penning melodies from heaven. I realize that I am not just writing songs, but I am modeling God's rhythm of life for me. The enemy that was determined to muzzle my voice instead is silenced by my praise and worship to my Creator now. The Lord is enthroned in my praise!

Daniel and the three Hebrew children were taken captive along with other young boys from Judah. Still God gave them favor among their captors. After receiving permission to fast the king's menu, so not to defile themselves before God, the king found the four Jewish boys more influential. The king's other advisors and even his magicians were unable to outclass Daniel and the three Hebrew children. Daniel even interpreted a dream the king had that no one else could do.

Daniel 1, Living Bible

¹⁻² Three years after King Jehoiakim began to rule in Judah, Babylon's King Nebuchadnezzar attacked Jerusalem with his armies, and the Lord gave him victory over Jehoiakim. When he returned to Babylon, he took along some of the sacred cups from the Temple of God and placed them in the treasury of his god in the land of Shinar.

³⁻⁴ Then he ordered Ashpenaz, who was in charge of his palace personnel,^[a] to select some of the Jewish youths brought back as captives— young men of the royal family and nobility of Judah—and to teach them the Chaldean language and literature. "Pick strong, healthy, good-looking lads," he said; "those who have read widely in many fields, are well informed, alert and sensible, and have enough poise to look good around the palace."
⁵ The king assigned them the best of food and wine from his own kitchen during their three-year training period, planning to make them his counselors when they graduated.

⁶ Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah were four of the young men chosen, all from the tribe of Judah. ⁷ However, their superintendent gave them Babylonian names, as follows: Daniel was called Belteshazzar; Hananiah was called Shadrach; Mishael was called Meshach; Azariah was called Abednego.

⁸ But Daniel made up his mind not to eat^[b] the food and wine given to them by the king. He asked the superintendent for permission to eat other things instead. ⁹ Now as it happened, God had given the superintendent a special appreciation for Daniel and sympathy for his predicament. ¹⁰ But he was alarmed by Daniel's suggestion. "I'm afraid you will become pale and thin compared with the other youths your age," he said, "and then the king will behead me for neglecting my responsibilities."

¹¹ Daniel talked it over with the steward who was appointed by the superintendent to look after Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, ¹² and suggested a ten-day diet of only vegetables and water; ¹³ then, at the end of this trial period the steward could see how they looked in comparison with the other fellows who ate the king's rich food and decide whether or not to let them continue their diet.

¹⁴ The steward finally agreed to the test. ¹⁵ Well, at the end of the ten days, Daniel and his three friends looked healthier and better nourished than the youths who had been eating the food supplied by the king! ¹⁶ So after that the steward fed them only vegetables and water, without the rich foods and wines!

¹⁷ God gave these four youths great ability to learn, and they soon mastered all the literature and science of the time; and God gave to Daniel special ability in understanding the meanings of dreams and visions.

¹⁸⁻¹⁹ When the three-year training period was completed, the superintendent brought all the young men to the king for oral exams, as he had been ordered to do. King Nebuchadnezzar had long talks with each of them, and none of them impressed him as much as Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. So they were put on his regular staff of advisors. ²⁰ And in all matters requiring information and balanced judgment, the king found these young men's advice ten times better than that of all the skilled magicians and wise astrologers in his realm.

²¹ Daniel held this appointment as the king's counselor until the first year of the reign of King Cyrus.

Footnotes

- a. <u>Daniel 1:3</u> who was in charge of his palace personnel, literally, "his chief eunuch"; see 2 Kings 20:17-18. to teach them the Chaldean language and literature. The language was Aramaic; the literature would have included mathematics, astronomy, and history—plus a strong dose of alchemy and magic!
- <u>Daniel 1:8</u> made up his mind not to eat, literally, "determined that he would not defile himself with." The defilement was probably in eating pork or other foods outlawed in Leviticus 11 and Deuteronomy 14:3-21. *He asked the superintendent for permission to eat other things instead,* literally, "He asked the superintendent to allow him not to defile himself."

Esther was made Queen in a foreign land. After learning about the mass weapon of destruction to annihilate all one million Jews, she called a three day fast among her own maidens. Afterward, Esther approached the king, and received his immediate favor. But she never revealed her request at the first banquet invitation. Fasting

helps you to download the right time to receive favor from God, favor with man, and favor over the enemy.

Esther 4, Living Bible

¹ When Mordecai learned what had been done, he tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and ashes, and went out into the city, crying with a loud and bitter wail. ² Then he stood outside the gate of the palace, for no one was permitted to enter in mourning clothes. ³ And throughout all the provinces there was great mourning among the Jews, fasting, weeping, and despair at the king's decree; and many lay in sackcloth and ashes.

⁴ When Esther's maids and eunuchs came and told her about Mordecai, she was deeply distressed and sent clothing to him to replace the sackcloth, but he refused it. ⁵ Then Esther sent for Hathach, one of the king's eunuchs who had been appointed as her attendant, and told him to go out to Mordecai and find out what the trouble was and why he was acting like that. ⁶ So Hathach went out to the city square and found Mordecai just outside the palace gates, ⁷ and heard the whole story from him, and about the \$20,000,000 Haman had promised to pay into the king's treasury for the destruction of the Jews. ⁸ Mordecai also gave Hathach a copy of the king's decree dooming all Jews, and told him to show it to Esther and to tell her what was happening and that she should go to the king to plead for her people. ⁹ So Hathach returned to Esther with Mordecai's message. ¹⁰ Esther told Hathach to go back and say to Mordecai, ¹¹ "All the world knows that anyone, whether man or woman, who goes into the king's inner court without his summons is doomed to die unless the king holds out his gold scepter; and the king has not called for me to come to him in more than a month."

¹² So Hathach gave Esther's message to Mordecai.

¹³ This was Mordecai's reply to Esther: "Do you think you will escape there in the palace when all other Jews are killed? ¹⁴ If you keep quiet at a time like

this, God will deliver the Jews from some other source, but you and your relatives will die; what's more, who can say but that God has brought you into the palace for just such a time as this?"

¹⁵ Then Esther sent this message to Mordecai: ¹⁶ "Go and gather together all the Jews of Shushan and fast for me; do not eat or drink for three days, night or day; and I and my maids will do the same; and then, though it is strictly forbidden, I will go in to see the king; and if I perish, I perish."
¹⁷ So Mordecai did as Esther told him to.

Esther 5:1-8, Living Bible

¹ Three days later Esther put on her royal robes and entered the inner court just beyond the royal hall of the palace, where the king was sitting upon his royal throne. ² And when he saw Queen Esther standing there in the inner court, he welcomed her, holding out the golden scepter to her. So Esther approached and touched its tip.

³Then the king asked her, "What do you wish, Queen Esther? What is your request? I will give it to you, even if it is half the kingdom!"

⁴ And Esther replied, "If it please Your Majesty, I want you and Haman to come to a banquet I have prepared for you today."

⁵ The king turned to his aides. "Tell Haman to hurry!" he said. So the king and Haman came to Esther's banquet.

⁶ During the wine course the king said to Esther, "Now tell me what you really want, and I will give it to you, even if it is half of the kingdom!"
⁷⁻⁸ Esther replied, "My request, my deepest wish, is that if Your Majesty loves me and wants to grant my request, that you come again with Haman tomorrow to the banquet I shall prepare for you. And tomorrow I will explain what this is all about."

Between the first and second banquets, the king received documentation about Mordechai, the Jew preventing the king's assassination. The king moved to honor him publicly.

Esther 6, Living Bible

¹⁻² That night the king had trouble sleeping and decided to read awhile. He ordered the historical records of his kingdom from the library, and in them he came across the item telling how Mordecai had exposed the plot of Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's eunuchs, watchmen at the palace gates, who had plotted to assassinate him.

³ "What reward did we ever give Mordecai for this?" the king asked. His courtiers replied, "Nothing!"

⁴ "Who is on duty in the outer court?" the king inquired. Now, as it happened, Haman had just arrived in the outer court of the palace to ask the king to hang Mordecai from the gallows he was building.

⁵ So the courtiers replied to the king, "Haman is out there."

"Bring him in," the king ordered. ⁶ So Haman came in, and the king said to him, "What should I do to honor a man who truly pleases me?" Haman thought to himself, "Whom would he want to honor more than me?" ⁷⁻⁸ So he replied, "Bring out some of the royal robes the king himself has worn, and the king's own horse, and the royal crown, ⁹ and instruct one of the king's most noble princes to robe the man and to lead him through the streets on the king's own horse, shouting before him, 'This is the way the king honors those who truly please him!"

¹⁰ "Excellent!" the king said to Haman. "Hurry and take these robes and my horse, and do just as you have said—to Mordecai the Jew, who works at the Chancellery. Follow every detail you have suggested."

¹¹ So Haman took the robes and put them on Mordecai, and mounted him on the king's own steed, and led him through the streets of the city, shouting, "This is the way the king honors those he delights in." ¹² Afterwards Mordecai returned to his job, but Haman hurried home utterly humiliated. ¹³ When Haman told Zeresh his wife and all his friends what had happened, they said, "If Mordecai is a Jew, you will never succeed in your plans against him; to continue to oppose him will be fatal."

¹⁴ While they were still discussing it with him, the king's messengers arrived to conduct Haman quickly to the banquet Esther had prepared.

Esther invited the king and Haman to a second banquet. During that time, Esther made her request to the king and received his immediate favor, even in the presence of Haman who concocted the mass murder plan.

Esther 7 Living Bible

¹ So the king and Haman came to Esther's banquet. ² Again, during the wine course, the king asked her, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? What do you wish? Whatever it is, I will give it to you, even if it is half of my kingdom!"

³ And at last Queen Esther replied, "If I have won your favor, O King, and if it please Your Majesty, save my life and the lives of my people. ⁴ For I and my people have been sold to those who will destroy us. We are doomed to destruction and slaughter. If we were only to be sold as slaves, perhaps I could remain quiet, though even then there would be incalculable damage to the king that no amount of money could begin to cover."

⁵ "What are you talking about?" King Ahasuerus demanded. "Who would dare touch you?"

⁶ Esther replied, "This wicked Haman is our enemy."

Then Haman grew pale with fright before the king and queen. ⁷ The king jumped to his feet and went out into the palace garden as Haman stood up to plead for his life to Queen Esther, for he knew that he was doomed. ⁸ In despair he fell upon the couch where Queen Esther was reclining, just as the king returned from the palace garden.

"Will he even rape the queen right here in the palace, before my very eyes?" the king roared. Instantly the death veil was placed over Haman's face. ⁹ Then Harbona, one of the king's aides, said, "Sir, Haman has just ordered a 75-foot gallows constructed, to hang Mordecai, the man who saved the king from assassination! It stands in Haman's courtyard."

"Hang Haman on it," the king ordered.

 $^{\mathbf{10}}$ So they did, and the king's wrath was pacified.