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Leveraging God Through Building Personal Altars of His "Visitations"

In your journey with Me and to My Promised Land for you, you can leverage your experience of My visitations, appearances, manifestations, and miracles to you (and your family) by a lifestyle of building personal altars to Me. That way, you grow your faith, confidence, intimacy, victories and 'utility' as My Child and/or Minister; you can get more of Me; you can attain to higher levels in Me.

I remembered Noah, his family and all that were with him in the ark, and stopped the rain and the flood. When they emerged from the ark, the only living things alive on My cleansed earth, Noah built an altar to Me, and worshipped me with a sacrifice. On smelling the pleasing aroma of his worship, I made a promise: never again will I curse the ground because of man; never again will I destroy all living creatures.

I called Abraham out of his country and he obeyed and came to Canaan. There I appeared to him and made him a promise: "To your seed will I give this land". And what did he do? "So, he built an altar there to the Lord Who had appeared to him".

Later, Abraham would make a mistake, in going to Egypt when a famine came, instead of trusting and proving Me to provide for him in Canaan. In Egypt, he lied about his wife. I had mercy on him by forbidding Pharaoh from taking over Sarah, and he had favour in acquiring riches. But I never spoke to him; I never appeared to him through out his mis-sojourn to Egypt. When he came out of Egypt, he was wise to go to the place where I first appeared to him; where he had built an altar. There, again, I spoke to him.

So did your other patriarchs of the Faith: Isaac built an altar in Beersheba where I appeared to him and re-assured of My presence, blessings and the promises I made to his father Abraham. So did Jacob in Bethel, and Moses in Rephidim, and with accompanying blessings and promises.

David, the man after My heart, built his own altar in his heart, by way of testimony: "moreover, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee". Past victories beget confidence.

Peter wanted to build a physical altar (tent) when he, James and John saw my manifestation at the Mount of Transfiguration. But this was a new dispensation: he built an altar in his heart, and kept a RECORD, which became a MARKER in his walk with Me; a major witness to the truth of Jesus as the Messiah. Said he, "We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain."

And John the beloved built a heart, spirit altar, as well; and RECORDED it: "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched — this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us."

Saul, who became Paul, had the Damascus encounter, and both recorded and testified about it as the ANCHOR to his acceptance of the Faith, and for his ministry: "and He appeared to me also"; "I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision I received".

Have I appeared to you? Intervened significantly in your life? Manifested My Glory, Power, and Miracles to you? Is there an altar you have intentionally, consciously built – etched on your heart/spirit, recorded in your journal - to mark that visitation/appearing? An altar of My visitation is a memorial, a milestone, a stone of remembrance, a palace of praise, a throne of thanksgiving, to which you can always 'go back: to seek My appearing again, to remind Me of My promises and receive re-assurance, to call and Me again; to boost your confidence when "the needle is on low"; when the tribulations of this world come and satan mocks, 'where is your God? ". Like the Psalmist, you need to bless the Lord with all your soul & all that is within you, and NOT forget My benefits; and like the Patriarchs of Faith, you need to build altars where you can LEVERAGE My 'BENEFITS'; My 'VISITATIONS'... .Says the King, to His Kid, today.

Prophetic Word: "Significance" ... it's time for you to intentionally move from "success" to "significance". Higher to my promise to "bless you" is that to make you "a blessing". Seek the Lord today, and receive of Him the 'what' and the 'how' to bless peoples of the earth through you", says the Spirit of the Lord.

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