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Leveraging God Through 'Altars' II – "And the Stones are there to this day"

When you build 'altars' to your experience of My visitations, appearances, manifestations, and miracles (to you, your family, ministry, church, workplace, business etc), you establish TESTIMONIES of the defining moments of your life. As you 'go back' to them, share them with your children and others and answer their questions, they will EMBRACE Me and My goodness. They obtain SECURITY through them, and as you pray for and guide them; they also develop a hunger for their own personal visitations and encounters with Me, which will become MARKERS, DEFINING MOMENTS and ANCHORS in their own Life & Faith journeys. Furthermore, these testimonies showcase Me/My Power, as it were, to the world, and draw the peoples of the earth to Me – to worship, obey and fear (reverence) Me as the One True God.

At My word, Joshua asked each representative of the 12 tribes of My people Israel to carry stones from River Jordan, whose flow I had stopped for My people to pass on dry ground on their journey to the Promised Land. They set them up at Gilgal. Also, Joshua took another 12 stones (also from River Jordan), and set them up at the spot where the priests who carried the ark of the covenant had stood. "And they are there to this day". Why? "In the future, when your children ask you, 'What do these stones mean?' tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever." "In the future when your descendants ask their fathers, 'What do these stones mean?' tell them, 'Israel crossed the Jordan on dry ground.' For the LORD your God dried up the Jordan before you until you had crossed over. The LORD your God did to the Jordan just what he had done to the Red Sea, when he dried it up before us until we had crossed over. He did this so that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the LORD is powerful and so that you might always fear the LORD your God." Later, these children and descendants not only took "ownership" of and prided in these testimonies, they made them an anchor to their prayer; as they hungered and thirsted after similar visitations, miracles, manifestations and encounters: "We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, the deeds you did in their days, in days of old: You drove out the nations with Your Hand, but them You planted ... for they did not gain possession of the land by their own sword; nor did their own arm save them. But it was Your right Hand, Your Arm, and the light of Your countenance, because You favoured them. You are our King, O God; command victory for Jacob. Through You I will push down my 'enemies' ... For I will not trust in my 'bow', nor shall my 'sword' save me ... In God we boast all day long, and praise Your Name forever..".

When you go to Israel, go see the 'pillar' of 12 stones in the middle of the Jordan, and the other heap in Gilgal, and behold one of the ways the descendants of the patriarchs of the Faith have leveraged Me to become the most blessed people on earth. Use similar 'stones of testimonies' in your life to do same with and for your children and people, enter another level of My blessing ... of knowing Me.

Says the King, to His Kid, today

Prophetic Word: "First Fruit"; "First Son"... There is someone reading this and you have not 'redeemed' your 1st son, and have not 'sacrificed' some '1st fruit' of your increase to the Lord. And you may be a 1st son and you are not sure that your parents 'redeemed' you – 'bought you back' from the Lord, in lieu of being sacrificed to Him. Take steps to obey God's word regarding the 1st male that opens the womb, and the offering of the 1st fruits of your increase (promotion, enlargement, largesse, an inheritance etc), and experience a special Passover and Cross-over from the Lord. Says the Spirit of the Lord

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