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And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt. - Exo. 12:13 KJV

The Almighty God had decided that it was time for the Israelites to be delivered from slavery in the land of Egypt and thus commissioned Moses and his brother Aaron as His tools to be used for the deliverance – Exo. 3:7 – 4:17.

With the support of the Lord and in the company of Aaron, Moses had invoked ten plagues before

Pharaoh on Egypt but none was sufficient to make him release his clutches on the Israelites – Exo. 7:1-10:29 . Whereas he was able to get his wisemen, magicians and sorcerers to replicate the signs and wonders on the first three occasions, their failure on subsequent occasions was still not sufficient to make him change his mind. Like the Almighty God mentioned to Moses, Pharaoh's heart had been hardened by Him so that he could destroy him – Exo. 7:3. The master stroke was to arrive when the Almighty God on this occasion prepared the mind of Moses for the departure of the Israelites from Egypt

unlike the previous occasions. On this occasion, he let Moses know that, that was going to be the last one as He, the Almighty God was going to send the angel of death to every household of the Egyptians who was going to kill the first son of every household – Exo. 11:4-10.

In preparation for this last act and in order to provide a cover for the Israelites who were living in the Goshen part of Egypt from the activities of the angel of death, each household, in a ceremony that became the prelude to the modern day Passover, was to sacrifice a clean one year old male lamb, mark the top and sides of their door with the blood and roast the flesh, to be consumed with bitter herbs and unleavened bread, all in one night. Should a lamb be too big for a household, they could unite with another; according to the judgement of Moses, on the number of lambs per household, to ensure that every part of the Lamb was consumed in a ready for flight manner. Whatever remains must be burnt before morning. The blood on the door post according to the foundation scripture for today's devotion was to be a token to ensure that the angel of death who was to pass over such homes does not visit them with death whilst in the process of implementing judgement by visiting every household of the Egyptians with death – Exo. 11:1-13.

It turned out to be a great night of deliverance and joy in the land of Goshen but sad and wailing night in the rest of Egypt as every home of the Egyptians lost the first son whilst no such event happened to the Israelites – Exo. 12:28-30. For Pharaoh, this was the proverbial last straw that broke the Camel's back as he immediately issued instructions for the release of all the Israelites from bondage. They suddenly became free to go with all their possessions. Free at last! – Exo. 12:31-36.

Indeed there are many children of God today who are under one form of oppression or the other and are waiting anxiously on the Lord for deliverance. Although the time for deliverance is still an exclusive decision of the Almighty God, there is no need for the sacrifice of the year old lamb again as an ultimate sacrifice had been made by Jesus Christ with his death and the shedding of his blood on the Cross at Calvary. Whether the bondage is due to sin or the wicked acts of oppressive people, this once and for all sacrifice is sufficient to provide deliverance and freedom. All that is required is for the Christian under one form of bondage and oppression or the other to continue to plead this blood and at God's own

time, freedom and deliverance will come.

However, mere pleading of the blood may not be sufficient as the blood only works for those who have taken the decision to worship Jehovah God exclusively and have accepted His son as Lord and Saviour.

To accept him as Lord and Savior

1. Is to accept him holistically without reservation as the ruler of one's life. Every aspect of such a person's life must be governed solely by his instructions. The Israelites ate every part of the sacrificed lamb but the modern day Christian is expected to consume every instructions that comes out from the Jesus Christ just as the Prophet Ezekiel did – Deut. 8:3; Eze. 3:3.
2. Is to receive the mark of his salvation as a token, similar to the mark of the blood on the door post of each household of the Israelite, that will help the Christian to process divine knowledge and information in a more efficient manner. This mark this time is the Holy Spirit with which he sealed all those who have taken the decision to believe and accept his teachings as a life style – Eph. 1:13; Jn. 14:26; 16:12-15. Such would have gone through both the water baptism for the remission of sins and the Holy Spirit baptism.
3. Is to be prepared to face the challenges that the ruler of this world has placed before all believers. Like the Israelites were prepared, the one who has taken this decision must be prepared at all times to confront these challenges head long, of course with the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. Success in this decision will be achieved if such remains in the Lord without doubt. Like Jesus Christ advised, the one that wishes to follow him must prepare to carry his/her cross – Matt. 16:24-25.

In summary there is a blood available for the one who intends to be free from any form of oppression or bondage. Unlike the Israelites, it is the benefit of a sacrifice made by the Almighty God on behalf of man and it remains fresh and relevant eternally. It can be a token to stand you out for victory and deliverance if only you accept him as Lord and savior. The blood has never stopped flowing and it will continue to do so until he returns. Take advantage of this grace today whilst it is still available as tomorrow may be too late. May the blood continue to speak for us in all our trials and tribulations in Jesus name. Amen.

THE POWER OF LIGHT



It is not unusual for people in general and Christians in particular to constantly refer to a supposed Power of darkness and its profound influence on their lives. Much attention has been given to this influence of darkness so much so that there is the impression that such Power may actually be beyond the control of any other Power in existence including the Power of the Almighty God. Nothing can be farther from the truth as the Bible makes it clear that all Power belongs to God – 1Pet. 5:11. It is the entirety of this same Power that has been given to Jesus Christ by His father – Matt. 28:18. It should therefore be clear that there is actually nothing like “the Power of darkness”. The right phrase to use in this situation would be “powerful people in dark places” – Eph. 6:12. This will rightly refer to people who have been physically and spiritually empowered by the Almighty God but have chosen to deploy such powers for negative purposes either following carnal desires or the dictates of Lucifer.

All people in general and the Christian in particular should know this fact that the source of all Power remains the Almighty God who bestows this grace

on people without withdrawing it but will expect all to give account of how the grace was used at some point, probably during existence in life but definitely after death – Rom. 11:29. Even the devil who is father of all evil people had the source of his power as the Almighty God but only chose to deploy it negatively and that decision makes him evil but not the Power so deployed – Eze. 28:14-17. There is simply no Power of darkness but divinely empowered people who have decided to use the divine grace for purposes outside Will of the Almighty God.

However this divine grace is in measure as stated in the scriptures (Eph. 4:7), not because the Almighty God is discriminatory in his approach to the dispensing of this grace but it is because it is dispensed according to the measure of faith that each person invests in the relationship with the Lord – Rom. 12:3, Eph. 2:8-9. It is therefore safe to conclude that there is only one Power which is the “Power of Light” since the Almighty God who owns all this power is light – 1Jn. 1:5.

Many Christians today are also falling into the same error that Lucifer fell into at the beginning. They indeed possess the Power of Light but have chosen to deploy such Grace to achieving negative purposes that are not in the Will of God. By the same Power of Light, they perpetuate acts that are not different from that of Lucifer thereby being actually guilty of the same offence and so should expect the judgement similar to that of Lucifer. They deploy their God-given Power for the purpose of inflicting evil on fellow beings and/or making them disobey the instructions of the Almighty God – Gen. 3:1-7. This negatively deployed Power which may be physical or spiritual make victims of several people and puts them in oppressed position of pain and distress. The solution out of this uncomfortable state is not to pray in expectation that people who deploy Power negatively will be stripped of such Power by the Almighty God, after all the Apostle Paul reminded all that God bestows this grace without repentance – Rom. 11:29. He will definitely not take that grace away from such a person until it is time to give account. This can be confirmed in the various cases of misuse of power in the scripture where the Almighty God never deposed any one but such people lived and died in their Grace with expectation of fearful judgement. The cases of Lucifer and his constant deception of

men and King Saul's fall from grace are suitable examples to buttress this point. It is therefore left to the one who desires freedom from such negatively deployed Power to seek other effective means of achieving victory and relief.

Whether as an individual or as a group, the solution to the oppressive nature of a negatively deployed Power will always be the deployment of Power in a positive manner by positive minded people. Power is indeed a weapon of war, and the true Christian under the influence of negatively deployed Power is also expected to possess this Power similar to the one that is deploying the Power negatively, with each side battling to ensure that individual goals and objectives are achieved.

Whereas the use of the weapon of Power in the hands of the negative minded person is dictated by the desires of the devil, the positive minded person deploys the weapon of Power based on the instructions and guidance of the Almighty God. Such makes no tactical movements, even with the possession of the weapon of Power, unless so directed by the Almighty God. It is Power deployed in the wisdom of God that gives assurance of victory over negatively deployed Power. The mere possession of a weapon of war is no guarantee of victory unless it is used with appropriate wisdom.

The effect of negatively deployed Power of God manifests when there are no people who seek the Power of God or are willing to deploy the Power according to the Will of God such that it can manifest as positive events. For as long as this situation persists, activities of darkness will continue to spread but as soon as people of Power who are willing to operate in the Will of God begin to act, such negative manifestations will disappear, not because the negative people have lost their ability, but because the wisdom of the God of Light that is above all wisdom is being used to operate the possessed Power. No one who has Power can deploy such in a manner that manifests as Light without seeking the wisdom of the Almighty God just as most times deployment of Power outside the Will of God will always at best, be guided by the carnal mind if not dictated by the desires of the devil and will always manifest as negative acts.

All Power indeed belongs to the Almighty God and all may possess it but only those who apply such



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Power in the Will of God can manifest as the agents of Light. Those who are doing otherwise will remain relevant for as long as those who possess Power and have taken a decision to operate in the Will of God remain idle and inactive. Darkness is never killed or destroyed but is only rendered impotent by the positive activities of this latter group of divinely empowered people. Fight the darkness in your life and Organisation today by taking the deliberate step to seek the Power of the Almighty God through Faith, and deploying such Power in the Will and Wisdom of the Almighty God. That way you will manifest as Light which is the intention of the Almighty God for granting the Power in the first place. May the Almighty God grant us all the Power, and the Wisdom to deploy such Power according to His Will so we can manifest as Light in Jesus name. Amen.

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