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THE GOD OF OUR SALVATION

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25 years – but really only 1

I read of a man, who, after 25 years of working for the same company, was still doing the exact same job and being paid the exact same pay. Finally, he went to his boss and told him he felt he had been neglected. “After all,” he said, “I’ve got a 25 years of experience.” “My dear sir,” sighed the boss, “you haven’t had 25 years of experience, you’ve had the one same experience for 25 years.”

40 years when it should have been 11 days

We know that when the children of Israel were called out of Egypt they were only 11 days journey from the promised land. 11 days if they just would’ve listened to what God said. Instead they listen to themselves and spent 40 years circling in the desert...

The ministry of a biblical prophet.

It is certainly one that does not afford popularity. Those who have been called to warn a culture like Isaiah or Ezekiel or John the Baptist, are of a completely different cloth. – they are absolutely normal believers like us, but when the spirit of God takes hold of them they become fearless in the presence of evil and wickedness.

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1.) We need to get rid of some stuff

vs. 1-3a

1 **“Cry aloud, spare not; lift up your voice like a trumpet; tell My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.**

(Are we willing to hear the truth about you, from God? - -
what's my reaction when He points out a sin in my life?)

The Christian Life is a Progressive Experience,
Meaning that God continues and will continue to prod and to press and
shake up the status quo of our lives.

“He will not let sleeping dogs lay” – “give Him in inch and He'll take the mile”

He will not leave His sanctifying work undone.
You must remember something - - God wins in the end
and all those who have been on His side win with Him.

One Gross Hindrance to Our Development is Hypocrisy

2 Yet they seek Me daily (*in the present*), and delight to know My ways (*in the present*),, as a nation that **did** righteousness, (*in the past*), and **did** not forsake (*in the past*), the ordinance of their God. They ask of Me the ordinances of justice; they take delight in approaching God. **3a “Why have we fasted,” they say, “and You have not seen? Why have we afflicted our souls, and You take no notice?”**

The Danger of being **“Routine / Predictable”** with God
Is a danger that we all must guard against.

Disciplines and Routines are good - we must have them.
But we must never allow the passion to leave the relationship

Jeremiah 2:1-2,5

The Lord gave me another message. He said, **2** “Go and shout this message to Jerusalem. This is what the Lord says: “I remember how eager you were to please me as a young bride long ago, how you loved me and followed me even through the barren wilderness... **5** This is what the Lord says: “What did your ancestors find wrong with me that led them to stray so far from me?

Rev. 2:1 “To the angel of the church of Ephesus write, ‘These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands: **2** “I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars; **3** and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name’s sake and have not become weary. **4** Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love. **5** Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent.

Sadly - This is How we Cheat on Jesus. We Relax Our Love (verb.)

James 1:12-15

Blessed is the man who **endures temptation**; for when he has been **approved**, he will receive **the crown of life** which the Lord has promised **to those who love Him. 13** Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. **14** But each one is tempted when he is **drawn away** by his own **desires** and **enticed. 15** Then, when **desire** has **conceived**, it gives birth to **sin**; and sin, when it is **full-grown**, brings forth **death**.

Revelation 3:14-16

“And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write ‘These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: **15** “I know your works, that you are neither **cold** nor **hot**. (the Laodiceans understood exactly what Jesus was saying) **I could wish you were cold** or **hot. 16** So then, because you are **lukewarm**, and neither **cold** nor **hot**, I will vomit you out of My mouth.

The hot therapeutic pools of Hierapolis
and the ice cold, invigorating waters of Colossi

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2.) We need to take out the trash

vs. 3b-5

3b ‘In fact, in the day of your fast (*religious fast*) you **find** (*seek out normal*) pleasure, and exploit all your laborers (*mistreat people*). **4** Indeed you fast for (*as you*) strife and debate, and to strike with the fist of wickedness. You will not fast as you do this day, to make your voice heard on high. **5** **Is it a fast that I have chosen**, a day for a man to afflict his soul? Is it to bow down his head like a bulrush, and to spread out sackcloth and ashes? Would you call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the Lord?

Very rare in Scripture is there a call to Fast corporately.

I’m not saying that we should not come together in a fast – I’m saying that it must be called by the LORD to the fast and not by us.

In almost every situation found in the Bible,
the person or people fasting are moved internally by the Spirit or by the situation. It’s an act of God upon someone personally or a nation corporately.

The New Testament assumes that were going to fast.

Matthew 6:16-18

“Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. **17** But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, **18** so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

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3). We need to do the right thing

vs. 8-9a

6 “Is this not the fast that I have chosen: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, to let the oppressed go free, and that you break every yoke? **7 Is it not to** share your bread with the hungry, and that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; when you see the naked, that you cover him, and not hide yourself from your own flesh *(relative)*?

Be about doing good at every opportunity

James 1:27

Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

1 John 3:16-17

By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. **17** But whoever has this world’s goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?

Luke 9:11-17

But when the multitudes knew it, they followed Him; and He received them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who had need of healing. **12** When the day began to wear away, the twelve came and said to Him, “Send the multitude away, that they may go into the surrounding towns and country, and lodge and get provisions; for we are in a deserted place here.” **13** But He said to them, “You give them something to eat.” And they said, “We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we go and buy food for all these people.” **14** For there were about five thousand men. Then He said to His disciples, “Make them sit down in groups of fifty.” **15** And they did so, and made them all sit down. **16** Then He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking

up to heaven, He blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the multitude. **17** So they all ate and were filled, and twelve baskets of the leftover fragments were taken up by them.

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4.) We need to watch God show up

vs. 8-9a

8 Then your light shall break forth like the morning, your healing shall spring forth speedily, and **your righteousness** shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. **9a** Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and He will say, "Here I am."

Watch This – Watch How obedience always produces blessings.
"It's The Law"

Prayer and Obedience are Inseparable.

Psalm 32:9

Do not be like the **horse** or like the **mule**, which have no understanding, which must be **harnessed with bit and bridle**, else they will not come near you.
This is a more excellent way

Psalm 32:8

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will guide you with My eye.

Matthew 6:33

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,
and all these things shall be added to you.

Psalm 37:4

Delight yourself also in the Lord,
and He shall give you the desires of your heart.

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5.) We need to let the light out

vs. 9b-12

9b 'If you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, **10** If you extend your soul to the hungry and satisfy the afflicted soul, then **your light shall dawn** in the darkness, and your darkness shall be **as the noonday**.

This is what is meant when the scriptures say;
“The LORD will guide or direct or lead the righteous.”

At first – the Holy Spirit will nurse the new believer along
with special grace and regular feedings. As time goes on, That same Holy Spirit
will begin to shorten the feeding times and lengthen the frequency of feeds...
Until eventually He says – reach for your own bottle (Bible) and start adding
some meat and potatoes to your diet and then go outside and get involved!

“ok now - back off of the psalms and the
gospels, let's get some doctrine in your belly.”

Hebrews 4:13-14

For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of
righteousness, for he is a babe. **14** But solid food belongs to those who are of
full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to
discern both good and evil.

**11 The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your soul in drought,
and strengthen your bones; you shall be like a watered garden, and like a
spring of water, whose waters do not fail. 12** Those from among you shall
build the old waste places; you shall raise up the foundations of many
generations; and you shall be called the Repairer of the Breach,
the Restorer of Streets to Dwell In.

Here's (2) two Great Questions to Ask Yourself,
“Do I attend a New Testament Church?”
“Am I part of a New Testament Church?”

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6.) We need to be a blessing to the Lord vs. 13-14

13 “If you turn away (keep) your foot from (breaking) the Sabbath, from doing
your pleasure on My holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy day of
the Lord honorable, and shall honor Him, not doing your own ways, nor finding
your own pleasure, nor speaking your own words, **14** then you shall delight
yourself in the Lord; and I will cause you to ride on the high hills of the earth,
and feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father.
The mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

Matthew 12:8

“For the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.”

Hebrews 10

For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect... 9 then He said, “Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God.” He takes away the first that He may establish the second. 10 By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.... Heb. 10:19 Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, 21 and having a High Priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,

End of Study

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