

the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the thoroughly penitent.

2. God's Judgment Delayed

Jonah 1:1-2 AMP – (1) Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying (2) Arise, go to Ninevah, that great city, and proclaim against it, for their wickedness has come up before Me.

Jonah 3:5-10 NIV – (5) The Ninevites believed God. They declared a fast, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth. (6) When the news reached the king of Ninevah, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust. (7) Then he issued a proclamation in Ninevah: By the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let any man or beast, heard or flock, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. (8) But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. (9) Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish. (10) When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, He had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction He had threatened.

3. National Revival Ignited

2 Chronicles 7:14 AMP – If My people, who are called by My name, shall humble themselves, pray, seek, crave, and require of necessity My face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land.

A SEASON OF MATURATION

Part 4 – A Season of Humility

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I. THE PATH OF HUMILITY

-Brokenness: acknowledging that we have nothing, we are nothing without Him.

-Humility: is an emptying of ourselves – laying aside or “gifts” our “position” our “anointing” for the greater Glory.

Philippians 2:5-7 AMP – (5) Let this same attitude and purpose and humble mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus: Let Him be your example in humility: (6) Who, although being essentially one with God and in the form of God, possessing the fullness of the attributes which make God God, did not think this equality with God was a thing to be eagerly grasped or retained, (7) But stripped Himself of all privileges and rightful dignity, so as to assume the guise of a servant, in that He became like men and was born a human being.

-Jesus demonstrated the path of humility when he came as a man and as a servant.

-Jesus demonstrated the path of humility when he washed the disciple's feet.

-Jesus demonstrated the path of humility when he said and did only what the Father said and did.

-Pride is not something you cast out – it is something that must be displaced with purposeful acts of humility.

-Humility offers its gifts and services without demanding to be seen or heard.

-Pride says, "I am needed." Humility says, "I am available."

James 4:10 AMP – Humble yourselves, feeling very insignificant in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you, He will lift you up and make your life significant.

John 3:30 AMP – He must increase, but I must decrease. He must grow more prominent; I must grow less so.

II. THE PROMISES OF HUMILITY

1. Salvation

Job 22:29 NAS – When you are cast down, you will speak with confidence and the humble person He will save.

2. Strength

Psalm 10:17 AMP – O Lord, You have heard the desire and the longing of the humble and oppressed; You will prepare and strengthen and direct their hearts, You will cause Your ear to hear.

3. Grace

James 4:6 NAS – But He gives a greater grace. Therefore as it says, God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.

4. Guidance

Psalm 25:9 AMP – He leads the humble in what is right, and the humble He teaches His way.

5. Riches/Wealth

Proverbs 22:4 AMP – The reward of humility and the reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord is riches and honor and life

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-Poverty is not a sign of humility!

6. Honor

Proverbs 18:12 AMP – Haughtiness comes before disaster, but humility before honor.

Proverbs 29:23 AMP – A man's pride will bring him low but he who is of a humble spirit will obtain honor.

Matthew 23:12 AMP – Whoever exalts himself with haughtiness and empty pride shall be humbled, brought low, and whoever humbles himself, whoever has a modest opinion of himself and behaves accordingly shall be raised to honor.

I Peter 5:6 AMP – Therefore humble yourselves, demote, lower yourselves in your own estimation under the mighty hand of God, that in due time He may exalt you.

7. Life

Proverbs 22:4 AMP – The reward of humility and the reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord is riches and honor and life.

III. THE POWER OF HUMILITY

1. God's Presence Released

Isaiah 57:15 AMP – For thus says the high and lofty One – He Who inhabits eternity, Whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, but with him also who is of a thoroughly penitent and humble spirit, to revive