

Sunday 1st February, 2009.

DIVINE UPLIFTMENT

Theme for the Month: Month of Divine Upliftment

Text: Ps. 40: 1-3

- 1 ***I waited patiently for the LORD; He turned to me and heard my cry.***
- 2 ***He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; He set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.***
- 3 ***He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD.***
- 4 ***Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods.***
- 5 ***Many, O LORD my God, are the wonders you have done. The things you planned for us no one can recount to you; were I to speak and tell of them, they would be too many to declare.***

This was a Psalm of David to declare the Praise of the Lord. We would remember that David was the most likely candidate who could have sang a song like this.

Another example of spiritual upliftment happened in the case of Mephibosheth in **2 Sam. 9:1-12**. He was supposed to be a crown prince but evil started trailing him from when he was young. His name meant: “exterminator of shame” but as you can find in **2 Sam. 4:4**, he was not crippled from his birth. He became a product of accident and he became crippled. The Lord will defend your home, your children and all you have this year and for ever more in the name of Jesus. He became a victim of what he knew nothing about; but the Lord remembered Him and brought him out of a forgotten land. From Lodebar, the Lord brought him out and he made him sit with the King at table. The Lord will remember you in the name of Jesus.

If you look at the book **2 Sam. 21: 1-7**, the Bible also described how Mephibosheth was spared from death even when all the sons of Saul were killed in disgraceful circumstances. That happened because there was a severe famine in the land for three odd years. Even as we witness famine at this time, the Lord will keep you and even make you sit with Kings in the name of Jesus.

The Lesson I have learnt since the beginning of this year is that divine manifestation is always followed by divine upliftment and that will be our portion in the mighty name of Jesus. When God shows up in the case of a man, the man is always uplifted.

In the case of David, as he sang in the **Book of Psalms 40: 1-5**, he waited patiently for the Lord and the Lord inclined unto him and heard his cry. Subsequently, the Lord blessed him with five distinct blessings:

1. The Lord turned toward him. That means that the Lord manifested Himself in his affair. The Lord showed interest in his affairs and decided to get involved. That is divine manifestation. I have good news for you: the Lord is interested in your affairs. The Lord is interested in your matter. The Lord is interested in your life in a positive way.
2. The Lord heard him (v. 1). When the Lord decided to hear you, it is wonderful! **Ps. 20: 1-9:** is very clear about what it means for the Lord to hear us from His Holy Hill. This month as you wait upon the Lord in prayer, the Lord will hear your entire cry in the name of Jesus.
3. He brought him out of the pit (v.2). The most vivid example of a man in the pit was Joseph. He was taken out of the pit and he later became a Prime Minister. Such will be your elevation in the name of Jesus.
4. He was also brought out of miry clay (2). A commentator has described this as: "*The great distress and trouble that the psalmist had been in the pit. He had been plunged into a horrible pit and into miry clay (v. 2), out of which he could not work himself, and in which he found himself sinking yet further. He says nothing here either of the sickness of his body or the insults of his enemies, and therefore we have reason to think it was some inward disquiet and perplexity of spirit that was now his greatest grievance. Despondency of spirit under the sense of God's withdrawing, and prevailing doubts and fears about the eternal state, are indeed a horrible pit and miry clay, and have been so to many a dear child of God.*"
5. The Lord set his feet on the solid rock (v.2). The Lord took him out of doubt and engrained him in His son. The Lord planted Him in the cliffs of the Rock of Ages. That is a place where we can never be moved by the trials of life and the vagrancies of life.
6. The Lord established his ways (v.2). The Lord will establish your ways this year in the name of Jesus. Everything that represents impossibility in your life is turning to possibility in the name of Jesus.
7. Finally, the Lord will put a new song in your mouth in the name of Jesus (v. 3). The Lord will turn your mourning into joy in the name of Jesus. The Lord will change your testimony in the name of Jesus.

That is what it means to be divinely uplifted!

Song: I am going Higher, yes I am