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THE HOUR OF MANIFESTATION

In John 17: 1-5, Jesus Declared that the Hour that the Lord had been waiting for glorify him has come:

¹ After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:

"Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. ² For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. ³ Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

It, therefore, confirms the Scripture that there is a time for everything under the heaven. There is time appointed for manifestation. A time when the Lord's will, counsel and purpose would have to be consolidated. To someone here today, this year and this month, the Lord will confirm His power, his glory, his Lordship, his sovereignty over your life in the name of Jesus.

For example, in the **Genesis Chapter 18: 1-14**, when the childlessness of Abraham had reached a proportion when people were wondering whether he actually heard God and whether he was serving a living God, the Jehovah and the maker of heaven and the earth, the Lord manifested himself and sent his angels to Abraham and at the end of the encounter, his childlessness came to an end. Every labour in vain in someone's life ends today by reason of the manifestation of God over your life in the name of Jesus. Every barrenness becomes thing of the past from today in the name of Jesus. **In Verse 14** of that chapter, the Bible says: "Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son." Somebody under the sound of my voice, at the time appointed, this year, you will carry your baby in the name of Jesus.

Also, in the life of Jacob, after many years of being an alien in another land and after being a cheat and a fugitive, he came to the realization that there was need for God to manifest in his situation. **In Genesis 32: 23-32**, he decided it was time to be alone. A man showed up and wrestled with him. The Lord Almighty God showed up to bring an end to his life of deceit and shame. The Lord will show up over somebody's life today in the name of Jesus. The man wrestled with him and the Bible says that Jacob prevailed. The Lord changed his name, his destiny and his fate. The Lord will manifest Himself and bring a radical change in your life this year in the name of Jesus. Remember this is your Month of Divine Manifestation.

Furthermore, in the Book of 1 Samuel Chapter 17: 1-50, Goliath tormented the people of God and despised the name of the Most High. He encamped at Schchoch and he was raining abuse over the people of God. David had a stone and that was all he had to destroy this giant of a man. Remember that the stone was not an ordinary stone. It was the rock of ages. I do not know how giant your problem is and I do not care how long it has been tormenting you; but your hour of manifestation has come. The Lord will kill every Goliath in your life today in the name of Jesus.

In Daniel Chapter 3: 1-25, the three Hebrew children with their not simple names: Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego refused to bow down to the idol that the King Nebuchadnezzar had made and they were thrown into the burning fiery furnace. The men who threw them there were consumed by the fire; but in

their case, there was a divine manifestation. The fourth man in the furnace showed up and the King said in verse 25: “Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt and form of the fourth is like the Son of God”. The Lord will show up in your time of need and adversity in the name of Jesus. Remember always, you are not alone.

In **Luke 5 : 1-11**, Simon and his brother had laboured all night without catching any fish. It was as if the heaven over them was closed and there was a conspiracy for all the fish in the ocean to migrate away from that river that night. But when Jesus showed up; the story changed. The toiling without result ceased. The Lord will bring an end to all your unproductive labour today in the name of Jesus.

In John Chapter 5: 1-9, there was a man that has been in Bethesda by the pool at the sheep market. He has been waiting for the water to be moved by an angel. This happens only once in a year. However, on a particular day when enough had become enough, the Lord Himself showed up. There was divine manifestation. Jesus made him whole. Someone here will be made whole today because the Lord is here. Someone will leave the ugly story behind today in the name of Jesus.

Jesus himself in the due season had his own time of divine manifestation. In **Matthew 17: 1-8**, he was at High Mountain and apart and the Lord glorified him. The Bible says he was transfigured before them. He was changed before them. Someone will receive a change of life, change of attitude, change of life today in the name of Jesus. The bible says after he received the heavenly visitors, there was a bright cloud overshadowing them and behold there was a voice out of the cloud which said: This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear him. The Lord will speak peace concerning someone’s situation today in the name of Jesus. The Lord will announce someone today and all your enemies will know that the Lord is with you in the name of Jesus.

Why would your time of Divine Manifestation come?

God has promised in His word that he will not leave us and he will forget us.

In Isaiah 49: 11-16, the Bible say:

And I will make all my mountains a way, and my highways shall be exalted.

Behold, these shall come from far: and, lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim. Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the LORD hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted.

But Zion said, The LORD hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me.

Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee. Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of [my] hands; thy walls [are] continually before me.

Also in Isaiah 44: 21-28:

21 Remember these, O Jacob and Israel; for thou art my servant: I have formed thee; thou art my servant: O Israel, thou shalt not be forgotten of me. **22** I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I

have redeemed thee. **23** Sing, O ye heavens; for the LORD hath done it: shout, ye lower parts of the earth: break forth into singing, ye mountains, O forest, and every tree therein: for the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and glorified himself in Israel. **24** Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the LORD that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself; **25** That frustrateth the tokens of the liars, and maketh diviners mad; that turneth wise men backward, and maketh their knowledge foolish; **26** That confirmeth the word of his servant, and performeth the counsel of his messengers; that saith to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be inhabited; and to the cities of Judah, Ye shall be built, and I will raise up the decayed places thereof: **27** That saith to the deep, Be dry, and I will dry up thy rivers: **28** That saith of Cyrus, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid.

Why would the Lord Manifest Himself?

1. Because he is a merciful God and the time of your affliction has ended – Exo. 3: 7-8, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmaster, for I know their sorrows and I am coming to deliver them.
2. Because the time to favour Zion has come – Ps. 102: 13-17: **13** Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come. **14** For thy servants take pleasure in her stones, and favour the dust thereof. **15** So the heathen shall fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth thy glory. **16** When the LORD shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory. **17** He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer.

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3. The Lord is faithful to His name and to His word. He has spoken and He will surely bring it to pass.