

## **GOD PREPARES HIS CHOSEN**

### **GOD IS PREPARING A BLESSING FOR YOU**

**Ephesians 1:3**

**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, ...**

But God is preparing you for the blessing He has already provided.

### **EXAMPLES**

1. When God formed man, he had already planted the garden for him. He prepared him in a way that when He place him in the garden, man will be able to enjoy and partake of everything God has made for him.
2. When he took Israel from Egypt, He did not go to prepare Canaan for them. But Canaan was ready for Israel.

But between God's calling and the Blessing, there is preparation time. The calling never changes because His calling is irrevocable.

### **GOD PREPARES HIS CHOSEN ONES**

**Exodus 13:17**

**Then it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was nearer; for God said, Lest perhaps the people change their minds when they see war, and return to Egypt.**

The reason was that they were not ready to face the challenges of their freedom. The persecutions, the wars, the disappointments, and so on.

So, God had to prepare them first. There is a difference between the calling and the appointment.

**Deuteronomy 8:2**

**And you shall remember that the Lord your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.**

God protected them from failure but led them for 40 years to make sure they were ready to obey Him.

**When you try something and fail, it is not God who caused you to fail. But during your failure God will find an opportunity to work something in you.**

We fail because we disobeyed His direction and moved before or after His time, or we opened a door for the enemy without realizing it.

## **THE PREPARATION TIME IS QUIET.**

**Isaiah 49:2**

**And He has made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of His hand He has hidden me and made me a polished shaft; in His quiver He has hidden me.**

Nothing serious happened in the wilderness. When God prepares you, people may not even notice you or recognize your talents and gifts. And your might even spend a long time without an opportunity to use them. Just like an archer who sharpens his arrow and puts it in his quiver to wait for the opportune moment.

God will not allow you to use your gifts and talents for failure because that will give a bad name to Him. He will polish them in a hidden place and prepare them for the right time.

## **EXAMPLES FROM THE BIBLE**

1. God called Moses, but He prepared him for 80 years. At 40 Moses tried to step into his appointment and failed. He had to spend another 40 years being prepared how to be a leader.
2. God called Joseph, but He prepared him for 13 years.
3. God called David, but He prepared him for 13 years.
4. Jesus called His disciples but prepared them for 3 years.
5. Jesus called Paul but prepared him for 3 years.

It is obvious that there is no specific time for preparation. It depends on you, how you deal with your preparation. If you don't want to learn, it will take long.

The children of Israel failed to listen and obey, it took 40 years for them. Their blessing was still waiting for them.

## **OBEDIENCE IS THE WAY TO YOUR BLESSING**

**2Kings 4: 1-7**

As long as the woman obeyed the instruction, she received her provision

**2Kings 5:** as long as Naaman obeyed the instruction he received his healing.

Submit under God's word, obey His word and you will see your blessing.

Don't do what people tell you to do. Allow God to deal with you and lead you.

Don't complain, go with His flow and in His time, God will set you up for success.

God's time is always right.

People may not recognize you – but God is preparing you.

Your blessing is set, the problem is you. God is dealing with you.

AMEN.