



A Kairos Of Favor I

Dear Friend:

The Lord spoke in January of 2004 declaring “a kairos of favor”. I certainly could not have defined it by experience and was left to mine nuggets out of Scripture for a pictorial definition.

Psalms 102:12-14 declares “But You, O LORD, shall endure forever, And the remembrance of Your name to all generations. You will arise and have mercy on Zion; For the time to favor her, Yes, the set time, has come. For Your servants take pleasure in her stones, And show favor to her dust.” Mercy precedes favor causing God to arise from His throne, approach the believer, asking what would satisfy the deepest desire of their heart, and acceding to any stated request.

Verses 15-18 reveal the purpose for a season of favor, “So the nations shall fear the name of the LORD, And all the kings of the earth Your glory. For the LORD shall build up Zion; He shall appear in His glory. He shall regard the prayer of the destitute, And shall not despise their prayer. This will be written for the generation to come, That a people yet to be created may praise the LORD.”

Birthing an anointing for the calling and launching of a succeeding generation is no small matter. Key phrases speak volumes such as, “For the LORD shall build up Zion;” presupposing an extended season where it has been torn down, perhaps in unanswered prayer and unfulfilled vision.

When God promises to “...regard the prayer of the destitute...”, how can we measure the years or decades of unfulfilled promises manifesting in total despair of life, where God’s inactivity is so great He is not even considered as part of the equation? Who would choose to be numbered among this group? Yet no season of favor can be released without the heart-cry of the destitute. A kairos of favor is necessary if we are to bequeath a spiritual inheritance to the next generation. Only God can release such a season. He said He would!

Yours in Him,

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TUESDAY, February 1

Scripture: Acts 1:4-7

On the 7th day of January 2003, the Lord instructed me to declare a **kai-ros of favor** for the church. Having never heard or seen a **kai-ros of favor** proclaimed in Scripture, I protested that I could not in good conscience obey the prophetic mandate without first finding it in the Bible, not once but twice. I needed to see where a season of favor had been declared. The first Scripture discovered was more contrary than supporting. Seeming biblical resistance emerged in Acts 1:7 which says, “And He said to them, ‘It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.’” By declaring a **kai-ros of favor**, it would certainly seem that I had crossed over the line and entered into declaring something which the Father has put in His own authority. One line of reasoning could be, because the Father has kept this in His own authority He is free to release and declare it anytime He feels like it. It became quite obvious that I would have to find more evidence of God opening up the times and seasons, especially when we have this prohibition spoken by Jesus right before He ascended. Is it for us to know times and seasons? That is a question that has to be answered by rightly dividing the Word.

WEDNESDAY, February 2

Scripture: Acts 3:19-21

In verses 19-21 we’re told, “Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.” The “times” of verse 19 is **kai-roi**, plural, more than one. It is obvious that God intends different **kai-ros** seasons to come upon us for His purposes. In verse 21 the second “times” is **chr-onoi** meaning more than one season of restoration. Generally **chron-os** is used in the New Testament for forty year leadership generations. **Kai-ros**, on the other hand is used as the thumbprint move of God where we define the visitation by what God does, not by when it begins or when it ends. The Charismatic Renewal was a **kai-ros** in that we define it by the outpouring of the Spirit on the church and restoration of the gifts, not necessarily by when it began or when it ended. This Scripture makes it obvious that Jesus personally guarantees supervising the fulfillment of every prophecy given by every prophet. God is bringing to pass all that the prophets promised before Jesus can return. One of the things He says governs or

defines these seasons of prophetic fulfillment are God's **kai-ros** and **chron-os** seasons. So when the Lord said "Declare a **kai-ros** of My favor" that is well within the biblical norm for such an act. Finding biblical precedent is only the first step. We still need further definition of what a **kai-ros of favor** looks like. If God is going to release it, we need to define it and know what to expect.

THURSDAY, February 3

Scripture: First Thessalonians 5:1-2

In First Thessalonians 5:1 and 2 we're told, "But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night." Isn't it interesting that in Acts 1:7 Jesus said, "It is not for you to know times or seasons..." and in First Thessalonians 5, Paul writes by the Holy Spirit concerning the times and seasons, "...brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. For you yourselves **know perfectly**...." How did we get from "...its not for you to know..." to "...you know perfectly...."? What unusual event took place that marked the transition from "...its not for you to know..." to "...you know perfectly...."? Can we identify the reason for the change?

FRIDAY, February 4

Scripture: Acts 11, Hebrews 10:13 and Acts 2:4

When we ask ourselves what happened from "...its not for you to know the times or seasons..." to "...you know perfectly..." the first thing that comes into view is the ascension. When Jesus ascended He was then seated at the right hand of God. And according to Acts 2 he poured out the Holy Spirit. Is it possible that in releasing the Holy Spirit, who Jesus promised would lead us and guide us into all truth, that now those times and seasons are available to be discerned and to be understood by the Spirit, so that Paul could write in First Thessalonians and declare, "...you know perfectly...."? It would certainly seem we have made a major transition through the resurrection and ascension, being seated at the right hand of God, and fulfilling the promise to show us things to come by the Spirit. It is time we walked in all that God has made available.

SATURDAY, February 5

Scripture: First Chronicles 12:32

Understanding the times and seasons is not a new and unusual expectation for anybody who understands God's prophetic heart and His types and shadows from the Old Testament. In First Chronicles 12:32 we find this statement, "...of the children of Issachar who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do, their chiefs were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their command;...." The anointing to understand the times and seasons resided on the children of Issachar in the Old Covenant. In the New Testament it comes via the Holy Spirit and, of course, He releases that which pleases the Father. We can see the biblical precedent for understanding the times and seasons from the children of Issachar to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, where Paul firmly grasped the concept and outlined it for the church.

SUNDAY, February 6

Scripture: Psalm 102:12, 13

Verses 12 and 13 state, "But You, O LORD, shall endure forever, And the remembrance of Your name to all generations. You will arise and have mercy on Zion; For the time to favor her, Yes, the set time has come." It is obvious, in Psalm 102, that God released seasons of favor and had them declared over the church. It is time to recognize that the Lord Himself, from Old Testament to New, declared seasons of His favor above covenant Israel and for the church. So we can certainly understand that when the Lord begins to speak about declaring a **kai-ros of favor** it is guaranteed that we are entering such a season. It is time to find out exactly what that means.

MONDAY, February 7

Scripture: Mark 1:14, 15

In Mark 1:14 and 15 we're told, "Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, 'The time/**kai-ros** is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.'" Jesus Himself declared a **kai-ros** of God's favor. He did it in His own hometown. The **kai-ros of favor** Jesus declared lasted three and one half years. The parallel passage to Mark 1 is in Luke chapter 4 where we discover more details. He reads from the prophet Isaiah and declares the favorable year of the Lord to include: good news to the poor; healing to the broken-hearted; liberty to the captive; and the opening of the prison to those bound. That favorable season lasted three and one half years. Perhaps it is time to believe the Lord for the full measure of His **kai-ros of favor** and that we'll see it as a season of harvest and great fruitfulness.

TUESDAY, February 8

Scripture: Psalm 102:1-12

Perhaps one of the first things we should ask ourselves about a **kai-ros of favor** is what are the prerequisites if any are required? In Psalm 102 the beginning of the Psalm describes the condition that brought forth a declared or set time of favor. We are told in the heading, "Prayer of an Overwhelmed Saint." In the New King James Open Bible Expanded Version it says, "A prayer of the afflicted, when he is overwhelmed and pours out his complaint before the LORD." God prophetically declares a set time of favor after a long-standing season of affliction when people are overwhelmed and their intercession only consists of groans, because words cannot describe what they have experienced. Overwhelming circumstances created the soil out of which a **kai-ros of favor** was declared. Perhaps we should thank all those in the church who have experienced such circumstances, because their groans must have registered in heaven and brought forth God's declaration of a **kai-ros of favor**.

WEDNESDAY, February 9

Scripture: Psalm 102:13-17

Verse 13 specifically says, "You will arise and have mercy on Zion; For the time to favor her, Yes, the set time, has come." As we study God's favor, the word that usually precedes favor is mercy. **Kha-ane** is the word generally used for grace. The word for favor here is **khaw-nan**, it means to bend or stoop in kindness, the superior to the inferior, where the greater is blessing the lesser. The picture portrayed is one where the Lord arises from His Throne, moves toward the individual who is overwhelmed and in mercy pours forth His compassion by stooping down and whispering in their ear "What is it that I can do for you which would satisfy you at the very depth of your being?" Why would God declare a **kai-ros of favor**? Is there a specific purpose that He desires to accomplish by declaring one? Perhaps the answer to these questions can be found in the context. We're told in verses 14-17, "For Your servants take pleasure in her stones, And show favor to her dust. So the nations shall fear the name of the LORD, And all the kings of the earth Your glory. For the LORD shall build up Zion; He shall appear in His glory. He shall regard the prayer of the destitute, And shall not despise their prayer." One of the things we see God acknowledging is a season where His people have been ground to powder. Compassion for people in adversity usually follows our own baptism in it. Verse 14 mentions this very thing, "...favor to her dust." The nations need to see God at work in behalf of the church. It is part of the restoration of the fear of the Lord. There is no fear of the Lord in the worldly part of the nation until they see God's favor on the church. A **kai-ros of favor** is a season in which God comes to build up the church. It is a season where He begins to regard the prayer of the destitute spiritually, physically, relationally and financially. A season has begun in which He will not despise our prayers. The church has very little respect today. Perhaps in America the church has gained *some* respect after the last election, in which it was obvious that it was the church that turned out to the polls and beat back the liberal forces trying to thrust perversion and covenants of death on the nation in ever greater measure. For years I have groaned watching segments of the church support

homosexual marriage by how they voted. I would sit in stunned silence! How can the church ever support abortion, which defiles the land by the shedding of innocent blood and causes us not to be able to protect our nation? It appears there is a slow subtle change! A measure of respect for the church for how the church votes is rising, but so far it is manifesting only in trying to figure out how to talk their language while continuing to support and actually do the agenda of the perverse. The next great battle for respect will be in Supreme Court Justices that are nominated. When that happens we will see where people stand on both sides of the aisle. One thing is for sure, it is time for the dust of the spiritually destitute to begin to cry out. He is ready to answer!

THURSDAY, February 10

Scripture: Psalm 102:18-22

Verses 18 through 21 state, “This will be written for the generation to come, That a people yet to be created may praise the LORD. For He looked down from the height of His sanctuary; From heaven the LORD viewed the earth, To hear the groaning of the prisoner, To loose those appointed to death, To declare the name of the LORD in Zion, And His praise in Jerusalem. When the peoples are gathered together, And the kingdoms, to serve the LORD.” Why would God declare a **kai-ros of favor** for the church? A **kai-ros of favor** is necessary for the church to possess the anointing so we can pass on to the next generation the testimony and empower them to move into their ministry. A **kai-ros of favor** becomes the season in which God visits and the generational transfer takes places. This passage says that He will “...hear the groaning of the prisoner...” He will “...loose those appointed to death...” Surely we have come to such a season and if the church will cry out, God will make the changes necessary on our Supreme Court and Roe v Wade will be overturned! It is time for that to take place. The question is, are we willing to enter the war and believe God for such a season. This is an issue that extends well beyond the political parties and it goes into the future of the nation and the generational transfer that God is preparing. Will we be like David? Will we possess the full measure of what God has? He is declaring a **kai-ros of favor** and what we do with it may well determine the future of the next generation. Verse 18 says, “This will be written for the generation to come, That a people yet to be created may praise the LORD.” Surely it is time to rise to the occasion.

FRIDAY, February 11

Scripture: Proverbs 14:35

Perhaps the question we should ask ourselves is, what can we do in a **kai-ros of favor** to prepare ourselves to receive the full measure of what God wants to give? Proverbs 14:35 gives us a major starting position when it says, “The king’s favor is toward a wise servant, But his wrath is against him who causes shame.” We can safely say this is not a season to cause God shame. We perhaps could also speculate that in a season where God declares a **kai-ros of favor** all those who name the name of Christ, but consistently cause shame, may find that favor extended to the church may mean their removal. Will we see the wrath of God against him who causes shame? A **kai-ros of favor** may well include such events. A word to the wise should be sufficient.

SATURDAY, February 12

Scripture: Psalm 5:11, 12

Verses 11 and 12 state, “But let all those rejoice who put their trust in You; Let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them; Let those also who love Your name Be joyful in You. For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous; With favor You will surround him as with a shield.” What precedes a **kai-ros of favor** is usually a great season of adversity and devastation. During seasons of reversal it feels like the shield is down. Usually every conscientious believer goes through an intensive time of self-examination looking for anything that might be wrong or causing all the pain and agony that overwhelms their family. The end result of this introspection is usually the conclusion that for some reason their spiritual shield is down and they can’t figure out why. During a **kai-ros of favor**, God restores the shield and once again confidence returns in their relationship with the

Master. We can expect during a **kai-ros of favor** that the shield of the Lord is rebuilt personally, corporately and possibly nationally if we respond properly. A **kai-ros of favor** is here. How we respond determines a lot of what will happen on the national stage.

SUNDAY, February 13

Scripture: Psalm 30:1-5

The first five verses of Psalm 30 state, “I will extol You, O LORD, for You have lifted me up, And have not let my foes rejoice over me. O LORD my God, I cried out to You, And You have healed me. O LORD, You have brought my soul up from the grave; You have kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit. Sing praise to the LORD, You saints of His, And give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name. For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for life; Weeping may endure for a night, But joy comes in the morning.” Verse 5 is especially interesting because it tells us that a **kai-ros of favor** marks the end of a long season of weeping and mourning because of adversity. Favor marks the end of a trying season. Can we embrace a **kai-ros of favor**? In verse 3 the promise was “...LORD, You have brought my soul up from the grave;...” For all those who have walked in the grave, a **kai-ros of favor** marks a transition and a coming out. Perhaps we can all agree that there needs to be a “coming out” for the church. Let’s trust that “coming out” is not that far away.

MONDAY, February 14

Scripture: Psalm 30:6-12

Psalm 30, verses 6 and 7, show us one of the primary lessons that must be learned in order to maintain a **kai-ros of favor**. These verses state, “Now in my prosperity I said, ‘I shall never be moved.’ LORD, by Your favor You have made my mountain stand strong; You hid Your face, and I was troubled.” If we remember that it was God’s favor that empowered us, blessed us, carried us through, and don’t think or surmise that it was our faith, or it was our ability, or it was anything that we conjured up, *then* perhaps we can administer that **kai-ros of favor** in a way that will be pleasing to the Lord. A **kai-ros of favor** marks a distinctive transitional season where the price has been paid and now it is time to reap the reward of faithfulness. Surely we have come to that place.

TUESDAY, February 15

Scripture: Psalm 44:1-3

“We have heard with our ears, O God, Our fathers have told us, What deeds You did in their days, In days of old: How You drove out the nations with Your hand, But them You planted; How You afflicted the peoples, and cast them out. For they did not gain possession of the land by their own sword, Nor did their own arm save them; But it was Your right hand, Your arm, and the light of Your countenance, Because You favored them....” The message we get from favor comes out of verse 3 where we are told that Israel did not gain possession of the land by their own sword, their own arm, or their own right hand, but the fulfillment of the promise came to pass disqualifying, *because of God’s favor*. A problem can arise during a **kai-ros of favor** when victory has come if we begin to think it was our ability, our cunning, our strength, or our faith that brought it. We have to always remember that when victories come and adversity vanishes, it does so because of God’s favor, not because of our ability or anything that we have created. Favor brought victory. To think anything else is to start down a dangerous path of self-destruction. Every generation needs fathers and mothers in the faith that understand that principle and can impart it at the right moment to future generations as they rise into their calling. Certainly such a generation is being prepared in this hour to be advisors and counselors in the decades ahead.

WEDNESDAY, February 16

Scripture: Psalm 44:4-9

Verses 4 through 9 portray a familiar transition. They talk about the great victories that God brings in one generation with the overcoming of the enemy, rising up to trample those who have come against, the profession of not trusting in their own ability, and the proclamation of God being their salvation. After boasting in God all day long and praising His name, they begin to address the issue of "...why have we been cast off and put to shame and why are You not with us to bring victory." This is certainly an issue that must come to the forefront for the church in a season when our nation is engulfed in a war. In addition to war without, we have the enemy within, usually manning the majority of our media, news broadcasts, opinion writers and journalists, nearly all treasonous and traitorous to the core, except for a few who understand God's ways. Where does the church go in such an hour and can we rise to recognize the issues that endanger and jeopardize our troops because we have not paid the price for victory here at home? The church is called to change things in the land *or* to lose it as a harvest field. A **kai-ros of favor** brings these issues to the forefront.

THURSDAY, February 17

Scripture: Psalm 44:10-22

As the adversity rises and victory seems far removed, everyone in the situation of Psalm 44 begins to look for a personal failure that would cause such lack of covenantal fulfillment. In verse 17 they begin to go down the list, "All this has come upon us; But we have not forgotten You, Nor have we dealt falsely with Your covenant. Our heart has not turned back, Nor have our steps departed from Your way; But You have severely broken us in the place of jackals, And covered us with the shadow of death. If we had forgotten the name of our God, Or stretched out our hands to a foreign god, Would not God search this out? For He knows the secrets of the heart." They said, "Well, its not because we are lukewarm, its not because we are complacent, its not because we are covenant breakers, its not because we are rebellious, neither have we backslidden, its not because of idolatry. After looking under every rock and behind every tree to find out what sin it could be that we committed, which removed God's victory, the conclusion in verse 22 is, "Yet for Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." What could God gain out of our adversity? That is a question that has to be answered in every generation and should come into focus preceding a **kai-ros of favor**.

FRIDAY, February 18

Scripture: Romans 8:32-37

Early in the ministry verse 32 was one of my favorite scriptures until the Lord retranslated it, "He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?" The Lord spoke to me one day and said, "The same God who did not spare Jesus for His generation will not spare you for your generation." From that moment on this verse read differently. But it certainly was consistent with verses 36 and 37 which state, "As it is written: *'For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.'* Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us." How can our adversity and devastation cause us to be more than conquerors in Christ? How does that work? How does God redeem individual adversity and bring victory out of it? In Psalm 44 they looked for their own personal failures as to why God hadn't delivered them, but they couldn't find any, and they had to conclude it was, "...for Your sake this happened to us." How does that work? Why do we endure such devastating adversity in God's service? What is gained out of it that makes us "...more than conquerors...."?

SATURDAY, February 19

Scripture: Colossians 1:24-26

Paul was the one who got the revelation of how this worked. He certainly preached out of Psalm 44 in Romans 8, and again in Colossians 1 where he alludes to this same principle when he says, "I now rejoice in my

sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church, of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God, the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints.” How is it that Paul found himself “...filling up what was lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church...”? And how did that “...fulfill the word of God, the mystery which had been hidden from the ages and from generations...” but was revealed in his lifetime? Paul is building here on what he wrote in Romans, about three or four years earlier, the mystery that he expressed in his letter to the Ephesians. It is obvious this is a theme Paul shared in the churches. He had a revelation of victory that was coming out of the adversity the church was experiencing. What was that mystery? What was the adversity? Well it is one we can certainly expect to find Paul preaching in the Epistles.

SUNDAY, February 20

Scripture: First Corinthians 2:6, 7

In First Corinthians chapter 2:6-8 Paul outlines another foundational piece of this puzzle. He says, “However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing.” He didn’t say, “...have come to nothing.” He said they “...are coming to nothing.” Many have taught that when Jesus said “It is finished” then that was the end. He made a show of principalities and powers and at that point He brought them to nothing. That may be true theoretically but it is not necessarily true practically. Paul is addressing the issue of how you bring a theoretical truth into reality and what it costs to do that. In verse 7 he says, “But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory,...” God can bring glory out of our adversity, if we trust Him. The problem with trusting Him over this issue is sometimes the glory is for another generation and doesn’t manifest till after we are gone. Are we ready to trust Him all the way to the grave?

MONDAY, February 21

Scripture: First Corinthians 2:8

Verse 8 says, “which none of the rulers of this age knew; **for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.**” “...**had they known, they would not have...**” is a **key** principle. We then have to ask ourselves, how does God destroy His enemies? The answer is, He has to find the select few who are willing to be led into the teeth of the lion where illegal things happen to good people. What Satan did to Jesus was illegal, yet Jesus had to endure it in order for the judgment on the enemy’s activities to come. It was the judgment on the enemy’s actions that God was after. It was the dethroning and depriving Satan of authority in the earth that Jesus fulfilled in His assignment. “For this purpose the Son of God was manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil.” Paul recognized that this was not just a one-time event but there was a pattern in every generation for the practical out-working of an eternal spiritual truth. How do we become “...more than conquerors...” and why does Scripture say, “...for Your sake we are killed all day long.”? We purchase the judgment of God on the enemy in our generation and birth an anointing to destroy his works as God leads us into the teeth of the lion in the arena to which we are called. Many early Christians went to the arena and faced the lions, but by 325 AD the Roman Emperor declared Christianity to be the only religion of the Empire. Only God can make these assignments individually, corporately and generationally. The early church was victorious! The question is, are we preparing a generation to be victorious in winding up the age? Paul prepared succeeding generations. He spoke the revelation he was given while living the example and giving voice to the revelation. Can we say we are doing the same thing? We should qualify!

TUESDAY, February 22

Scripture: Psalm 89:13-17 and Psalm 75

In Psalm 89:14 we are told, “Righteousness and justice (or judgment) are the foundation of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before Your face.” Verses 16 and 17 say, “In Your name they rejoice all day long, and in

Your righteousness they are exalted. For You are the glory of their strength, and in Your favor our horn is exalted.” A **kai-ros of favor** means the exaltation of our horn. The first question we should ask is what does God mean by the phrase “exalt our horn”? Psalm 75 explains that process. In verses 1 through 5 it talks about being boastful and about self-promotion warning us not to lift up our own horn. It warns not to speak in arrogance. It goes on to say in verse 6 that promotion or exaltation does not come from the east or west nor the south but God is the Judge and He puts down one and exalts another. Verse 10 says, “All the horns of the wicked I will also cut off, But the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.” A **kai-ros of favor** then is a season where God promises to come and deal with the enemy. Favor forms the foundation for our victory over the enemy’s attacks. God’s favor is a two-edged sword because favor shown us means judgment to the enemy. Part of laying hold of God’s favor means that we have a sincere expectation that His judgment will fall on the enemy releasing our salvation. Unless we can embrace that concept, we may never take the covenantal position necessary to believe God to perform what He has promised.

WEDNESDAY, February 23

Scripture: Psalm 119:57, 58

Verses 57 and 58 say, “You are my portion, O LORD; I have said that I would keep Your words. I entreated Your favor with my whole heart; Be merciful to me according to Your word.” Our response in a season where God declares a **kai-ros of favor** is to be a faithful *doer* of the word. We are also to seek God’s favor and to do it from a position of being wholehearted not halfhearted. Can we say we are truly walking in a place where we are wholehearted and are we putting being halfhearted under our feet? The time is at hand. Will we do it? Will we continue to walk in God’s path and walk in His ways? This is certainly not a season to be halfhearted. It is a season to be wholly sold out!

THURSDAY, February 24

Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-7

Isaiah 60 highlights the church arising in, of all things, a **kai-ros of favor**. Most of us are familiar with the promises of Isaiah 60 for the church, but perhaps one of the things we need to look at is verse 7 which says, “All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together in you, The rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you; they shall ascend with acceptance on My altar, and I will glorify the house of My glory.” The “...they shall ascend with acceptance on My altar...” is a reference to the favor of God, because the Hebrew word **raw-tsone** is also a word for God’s favor. It could just as easily been translated, “...they shall ascend with favor on My altar...” or “...I will look favorably on your request...” or “...be careful what you ask for because with My favor I promise to bring it to pass.”

FRIDAY, February 25

Scripture: Isaiah 60:8-10

In verse 10 He re-accentuates the key point, “The sons of foreigners shall build up your walls, And their kings shall minister to you; For in My wrath I struck you, But in My favor I have had mercy on you.” Again we see the Hebrew word **raw-tsone**. **Raw-tsone** in verse 10 makes a very clear picture of the transition from adversity to favor and what happens in the process. God said, “...in My favor I have had mercy on you” and the result was “I delivered you from your enemies.” Again, we see favor and mercy working together to bring deliverance and salvation. Again the point has to be made, salvation to covenant Israel means judgment on their enemies. Unless we understand that seeking God for favor has a by-product of bringing judgment, we’re not prepared for the consequences of what we may be led to ask.

SATURDAY, February 26

Scripture: Isaiah 61:1,2a

In Isaiah 61:1 and 2a we're told, "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me. Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; To proclaim the favorable year of the LORD...." "...the favorable year of the LORD..." is something that Jesus declared. So not only do we see it prophesied in Psalm 102 but we see Jesus declaring it as a season of His ministry. "...the favorable year of the LORD..." is a season in which we ask Him for what we want and He births it or brings it to pass. Are we ready for such a season? Are we ready to embrace it? Are we ready to believe God for it?

SUNDAY, February 27

Scripture: Leviticus 25:8-10

"...the acceptable or favorable year of the LORD..." has further definition. Leviticus chapter 25:8-10 speaks about this season in terminology that most of us understand. These verses say, "And you shall count seven Sabbaths of years for yourself, seven times seven years; and the time of the seven Sabbaths of years shall be to you forty-nine years. Then you shall cause the trumpet of the Jubilee to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month; on the Day of Atonement you shall make the trumpet to sound throughout all your land. And you shall consecrate the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a Jubilee for you; and each of you shall return to his possession, and each of you shall return to his family." Jubilee was a year or a season, a **chron-os**, in which people acquired lost possessions as they identified and returned to their families. Perhaps this **kai-ros of favor** will mark a season in which we identify spiritual families and begin to identify lineage and heritage moving toward it with all our heart, might and being. Can we trust that this is actually a Jubilee season and can we move toward it with all of our being? That is the challenge. God declares it. It is up to us to move toward it.

MONDAY, February 28

Scripture: Leviticus 25:11-13

Verses 11-13 say, "That fiftieth year shall be a Jubilee to you; in it you shall neither sow nor reap what grows of its own accord, nor gather the grapes of your untended vine. For it is the Jubilee; it shall be holy to you; you shall eat its produce from the field. In this Year of Jubilee, each of you shall return to his possession." "Possession" could just as easily been translated "inheritance." In a **kai-ros of favor** God expects us to locate, identify, and move toward the fulfillment of our spiritual inheritance. If you were to ask God, in this **kai-ros of favor**, for your spiritual inheritance, what would you ask for? Have you identified it? Do you know what it is? Certainly this needs to be a part of what we are doing in this season because the Lord is ready to birth and bring us into the full measure of what before the foundation of the world He ordained. There is a spiritual heritage and a spiritual inheritance that we need to identify and move toward. God is declaring it prophetically. It is up to us to find it.

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