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GOING DEEPER IN THE SPIRIT

Ezekiel 47:3-5 (KJV)

3 And when the man that had the line in his hand went forth eastward, he measured a thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the waters were to the ankles. Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through the waters; the waters were to the knees. Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through; the waters were to the loins. Afterward he measured a thousand; and it was a river that I could not pass over: for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over.

This passage is toward the end of the book of Ezekiel. Ezekiel was a prophet at the time of Israel's exile in Babylon. It was a time of despair for Israel. They were being taken out of their homeland and brought to a foreign land where they will be slaves for many years. The situation looked bleak and hopeless but amid that bad situation, God gave them hope by showing them His plan to save, bless and restore them again.



God gave the prophet Ezekiel a vision of a river flowing from the temple of God. Increasingly, the river became deeper and deeper until it flowed into every dry area and trees began growing along its banks, and the river turned the valley into a place of abundance, teeming with life and fruit.

We know from Scripture that water is often used to represent the Holy Ghost as well as the power, presence, and provision of God. (See John 7:37-39)

From this passage, I just want to make a connection between how the Spirit of God can completely restore and transform our lives from dryness to fullness. From slavery to freedom. And from hopelessness to hopefulness-- if we answer God's call to go deeper in our walk with Him.

The influence of the Holy Spirit is all around us. But we cannot reap the benefits of God's power in our lives if we do not yield ourselves to Him and allow Him to take full control of our lives.

The Bible says that no man can come to God unless He draws us to Himself. So, our whole walk with God is only because the Spirit of God called us and brought us closer to His presence. (Jn. 6:44) Philippians 2:13 says, for it is God which works in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. It is God that gave us the desire to come to Him and to know Him. And it is His will that our love for Him grows each day. Not for us to settle into what we already know about Him but to go deeper in our relationship with Him.

As we respond to God continually, more and more we will experience the nourishing and life-giving waters of the Holy Spirit that will cause us to grow, be strong and established, be rooted and eventually bear much fruit that brings glory to God.

I. We need to be in a level where the waters are to the ankles and covers our feet.

God wants to direct every step you take.

- David wrote, The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord and he delights in his ways. Though he fall he shall not be utterly cast down for the Lord upholds him with His hands. Ps. 37:23-24
 - When your steps are ordered they're not just guided, they're determined. It's not you who's making the steps and God simply guides them, but God ordains your steps. God will put you in the path He has prepared for you. God will give you an expected end, a sure future, a determined outcome.
 - You may stumble, but you're never forsaken. You may falter, but you will never fail.
- Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for you are with me, Lord. Some things I may have to walk through but you're with me every step of the way.
 - Daniel didn't pray the lions to go away.
 - David didn't pray for the giant to go away.
 - Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego didn't pray for the fire to go away.
 - They all went through it, but God brought them through it!

Blessed is the man that walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. Psalm 1:1-3

God gave this promise to the children of Israel through Moses. Deuteronomy 11:24, "Every place on which the sole of your foot treads shall be yours." If you keep walking with the Lord, He will enlarge your territory. He will broaden your habitation. He will expand the borders of your tents.

We need feet that are immersed and saturated in the waters of the Holy Spirit!

II. But Ezekiel didn't stop there. He went further until the waters were to his knees.

There is a place in God where our prayers are answered. Prayer can be drudging, monotonous, boring and lifeless. But when our prayers are anointed and saturated with the waters of the Spirit, prayer is powerful! And prayers are answered!

- The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. (James 5:16)
- Hannah kept praying year after year in the Temple for God to give her a son. She prayed until she had no strength or voice left. But Hannah, keep praying. Samuel is coming!
- Elijah prayed for rain seven times in a time of drought. First time - no rain. Second time - no rain. Until a cloud the size of a man's hand appeared in the sky. Prepare for an outpouring is about to come. I hear the sound of an abundance of rain!

III. Ezekiel went further until the waters were to his waist.

The waist is where our strength comes from. God wants us to be strong in this season. We need to be able to carry heavy burdens. We need a strong back if we are to carry the heavy and loaded blessings that God wants to give to us. We cannot be weak, tossed about by every wind and doctrine, we've got to be able to stand and carry the weight of our times.

- Mary was a teenager when the angel came and visited her to tell her she is to be the mother of the Messiah. Her muscles were not developed when she carried the greatest revelation of all (Jesus) She did not have the capacity to birth the greatest promise ever given to man. But God raised up two intercessors, Simeon and Anna. 80 years before Mary even came into the picture, to pray in the Temple to intercede for her and strengthen her womb so she can carry the weight of what was to come down the road.

You need to be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Not just for you, but for somebody carrying a promise in their spiritual womb but may not be strong enough to carry it. We are called to carry one another's burdens and together, we will bring God's promises to pass!

- The waist is also where our reproductive system is. God wants to give us an anointing of reproduction. Where dreams can be born. Where vision can be incubated then produced into reality. Where spiritual babies can be born into the kingdom of God.
 - There is an abortion spirit in our world today that wants to cancel our dreams, that wants to silence our voice, wants to abort futures, and ministries, and destinies. We come against it in the name of Jesus!
- In Ephesians 6:11-17, the Scriptures admonishes us to put on the full armor of God. One of the main items of that armour is the belt of truth.
 - 1 Peter 1:13 tells us to gird up the loins of our mind...
 - We need to put truth around our waist. Not only must we embrace truth but we must let the truth embrace us. Put on the belt of truth so that we are fastened, anchored and secured in the truth of God's Word.
 - The best way to fight fraud is to know the authentic. The best way to combat error is to have a grasp on truth! The Holy Spirit helps us not just to read and understand God's Word but to apply truth in our daily lives so we are not deceived by the lies of the world and of the devil.

IV. Then Ezekiel went further until it was a river that could not be passed over: it became waters to swim in, a river that was overflowing.

- No wonder Jesus said we must be born again of water and of the Spirit. It all comes together!
 - We must be baptized in water in the name of Jesus for the remission of our sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Acts 2:38
 - The water saves us, the Spirit strengthens us!
 - The water cleanses us through the blood of Christ and the Spirit ennoble us! To ennoble means to confer or give to someone royal status. The Holy Ghost literally makes us children of the King of kings. Through the Spirit we have received the Spirit of adoption whereby we cry, Abba Father. (Romans 8:15)
- Romans 8:5 tells us to live according to the Spirit
- Acts 2:38, ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit
- Galatians 5:16, walk by the Spirit
- Ephesians 5:18 says but be ye filled with the Spirit.

Don't stop until it overflows. Don't quit until you are fully immersed. Don't settle until you are filled.

- ankle deep is good but keep on going.
- knee deep is good but keep on going.
- waist deep is good but keep on going.
- don't stop until the water is a raging river overflowing, waters to swim in

Let us surrender to the flow of the Spirit every single day and allow Him to take us where He wants. No matter how long you have been walking with the Lord or whatever depth you have in your experience with God, He is always ready to take you to a deeper place in Him.

Follow His leading and go deeper!



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THE WHOLE ARMOUR OF GOD

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Ephesians 6:14-18 KJV

[14] Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; [15] And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; [16] Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. [17] And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: [18] Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

The Belt of Truth

Every piece of the full armour of God is anchored in the belt of truth. Without truth, we cannot stand against the enemy. As Jesus said, "You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." Truth is what separates us from the world, holding everything together. It guides, corrects, and instructs us, making us effective in our faith.

1 Timothy 2:4 - "Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth."

The Breastplate of Righteousness

The dictionary describes righteousness as the quality of being morally right or justifiable—goodness. The enemy (our flesh) will tempt us with fleshly desires, chasing after worldly pleasures and temporary glory. The purpose of the breastplate is to protect the most vulnerable part of our body: our heart. Our heart is the most deceitful part of our body; we must guard it from wrong motives and keep it pure.

Jeremiah 17:9 - "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?"

The Sandals of Peace

The word "peace" in Greek can be translated as oneness or wholeness. Oneness with God produces peace. Ephesians constantly reminds us to stand firm, no matter the attack of the enemy. We must not crumble or be distraught; rather, we must keep fighting back. We tend to fight for the truth, but in reality, we must preach the truth—it will defend itself. Walk by faith, not by sight. Wear your sandals of peace, and wherever you go, peace and oneness will walk with you.

Isaiah 26:3 - "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee."

The Shield of Faith

In ancient Rome, Roman soldiers carried shields covered in animal skin, which was very flammable. To combat the fiery darts that would strike them, they would plunge their shields in water. In the New Testament, water is often used as a symbol of repentance, such as being baptized in water for the remission of sins. It serves as a covering that protects us from the attack of the enemy. We must continuously be immersed in His water, and it will protect us from the fiery darts of the enemy that are meant to harm us.

1 John 5:4 - "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

The Helmet of Salvation

Spiritual battles are often fought in our mind. Our mind can be our strongest ally or our greatest enemy. Humility and pride battle begins in our thoughts. The late Bishop Billy Cole once said, "Humility is not what you feel, it's what you think." Our minds need to be protected from sinful and destructive thinking. What we allow into our minds will ultimately be reflected in our words and actions. Our thoughts should be focused on things in Heaven, rather than on the things of this world.

Colossians 3:2 - "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth."

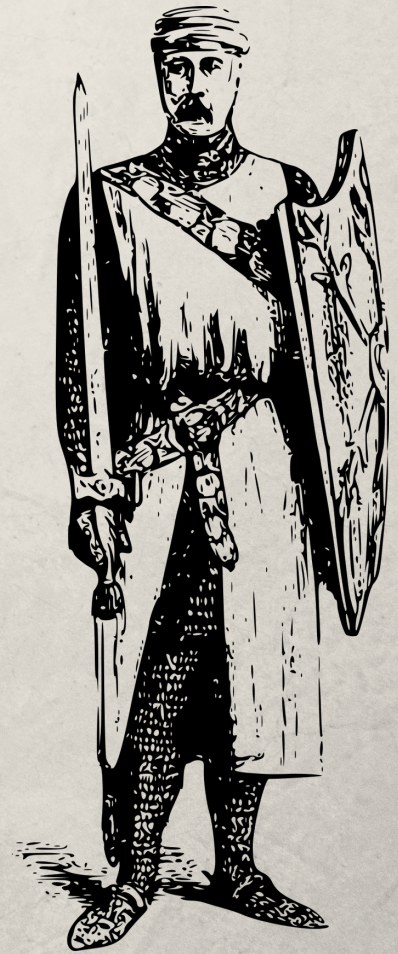
The Sword of the Spirit

The Word of God is powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword. It is not only an offensive weapon but also a defensive one. When the devil tempted Jesus three times in the wilderness, Jesus used the Word of God to defeat the devil and his temptations. The Word of God should be used every day. We should carry the sword and study it. Before becoming a great swordsman, you must learn how to carry your sword. So practice it, use it, and love it, because the Word of God is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Isaiah 40:8 - "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand forever."

In conclusion, the armor of God is intended to protect us from spiritual attacks by the enemy. For example, the helmet of salvation protects our mind, the breastplate of righteousness protects our heart, the shield of faith guards us against the fiery darts of the enemy, and the sandals of peace allow us to walk in peace with unity with God wherever we go. The sword of the Spirit not only protects us but also equips us to fight back against spiritual forces with the Word of God. Lastly, the belt of truth holds everything together in both in spirit and in truth.

So, keep wearing your armor daily and never neglect it, for it will protect you until you achieve your victory.



Hidden word puzzle



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