



MIRACLE MINISTRY NEWSLETTER [July-December 2004]

Understanding Seasons [Part 2] (1 Chronicles 12:32)

What an awesome privilege to be serving our Lord Jesus Christ in these last days! Saints, I welcome you to another edition of the Miracle Ministry Newsletter. It's amazing what the Lord is doing in our midst and I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Remember to keep praying for this ministry that the Lord will continue to open doors for us and that we would continue to witness the power of God with great intensity in all we do.

In this edition of our newsletter, we will continue to consider the topic "Understanding Seasons" but this time around from a different perspective from that of the last edition. I pray that the voice of the Lord will accompany your reading of this newsletter (Amen!).

In Genesis chapter 1, The Most High God introduces us to the first season of time which He called "The beginning" (Genesis 1:1; John 1:1). This was the period God in His Divine Excellency engaged in the creation of the world. "He began the beginning when the beginning began". The bible teaches us that He existed before the foundation of the world (Psalm 102:25, Hebrews 1:10).

After "The beginning" and the fall of man in the Garden of Eden, another season was born. God could no longer fellowship with man as He used to because of sin and He raised prophets whom He used to speak to man and communicate His laws (Hebrews 1:1). That time was the season of the prophets. God used Prophet Isaiah to speak to His people about the coming of the Messiah, He used Moses to communicate The Ten Commandments, and He spoke through Ezekiel, Daniel, Elijah, Elisha and many others. Interestingly, even up to the time of our Lord and Savior (Jesus Christ), God was still using a prophet – John the Baptist (Matthew 14:5).

The ascension of Jesus to Heaven after his death, burial, resurrection led to the outpour of the Holy Spirit upon God's people (Luke 24:49; Acts 2:14-36) and brought about the season called "The Dispensation of the Holy Spirit". God's promise in Joel 2:28 of pouring His Spirit upon all flesh finally came on the day of Pentecost when the disciples were in one accord waiting for the promise of the father (Acts 2:1-4). The promise was "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: ..." (Acts 2:17). Note the underlined part of the promise – "the last days". So not only are we in the dispensation of the Holy Spirit/grace but also in the last days (Hebrews 1:1-3). This season is called the last days because the coming of the Lord is at hand (Revelation 22:7 & 12) to wrap up every evil activity with judgement (Hebrews 12:29). Revelation chapter 20 to chapter 22 gives a detailed account of God's final judgement upon every instrument of darkness and it also assures of unending peace and joy for those who serve Him till the end.

"The last days" is the time of an outpour of the Holy Spirit upon God's people (Acts 2:17-21) to be able to withstand the evil and wickedness to be released from the pit of hell (2 Timothy 3:1-13). Matthew 24:12 declares that during the last days, iniquity






shall abound. It will take the power of the Most High God released by His Spirit to overcome the gross wickedness displayed in the end times/last days. Only those who endure to the end shall be saved (Matthew 24:13). So we as blood washed believers need to be watchful (Matthew 25:13) and dedicated to the things of the Spirit knowing fully well that we are only pilgrims here on earth (1 Peter 2:11). “We are spiritual beings having a physical experience and not physical beings having a spiritual experience”. Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it (Hebrews 4:1). Romans 2:1 says we are inexcusable; this means we do not have any reason or excuse for not living up to the standard of God in the end time.

As children of God, by divine revelation we know about the season we are in. Likewise also we ought to know what we should do in this end-time season just as the children of Issachar knew what to do in their generation (1 Chronicles 12:32). We ought to be sober and vigilant (1 Peter 5:8); we ought to walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time for the days are evil (Ephesians 5:15 &16); we need to be watchful (Matthew 25:13); we need to be prayerful (1 Thessalonians 5:17); we have need of patience, we need to live by faith and never look back to the world of sin (Hebrews 10:35-39); we need to keep fighting the good fight of faith and never give up (1 Timothy 6:12); we need to have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness (Ephesians 5:11); and we need to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, and look for the glorious return of our redeemer (Titus 2:11-13).

I pray that the word of the Lord will guide you as you seek to please Him in this end time. I look forward to seeing you at the marriage supper of the lamb.

Blessings,

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Prayer Requests

1. A brother in Nigeria is seeking God for:
 - divine revelation in life (purpose in life)
 - direction in ministry
 - life partner
2. A dear friend in the U.S. is trusting God for the well being of his brother.
3. A fellow believer from India is asking for prayer for the salvation of a friend.
4. A dear sister in Nigeria is believing God for:
 - a laptop
 - success in an exam
 - divine direction in the choice of a life partner.
5. A fellow believer in Nigeria is trusting God for success in a professional exam.





6. I'm trusting God for the salvation of a friend.

Saints of God, I want you to pray for these requests as the Holy Spirit gives you the utterance. As you do so, trust that the Lord will meet your needs (Amen!).

Exhortation for Wisdom

1. Baby Christian & Mature Christian:

- A baby Christian believes that anything goes; a mature Christian believes in discipline.
- A baby Christian goes after fashion; a mature Christian selects what he wears.
- A baby Christian will compromise; a mature Christian defines his stand.
- A baby Christian will pattern after the world; a mature Christian will pattern after the word.
- A baby Christian will use men as his standard; a mature Christian makes God his standard.

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2. Ten gets to making an impact:

- Get on your knees (Ephesians 6:6-16).
- Get vision (Habakkuk 2:2 & 3).
- Get counsel (Proverbs 19:20 & 21).
- Get wisdom (Proverbs 4:7).
- Get thinking (Luke 15:11-18).
- Get goals (2 Chronicles 30:1-27)
- Get up (Acts 3:8).
- Get moving (Acts 3:8 & 9).
- Get committed (Luke 18:1-8).
- Get Jesus (Colossians 2:6-15).

Is HE not worthy to be praised?



Saints of the living God, it is with rejoicing that I write you this newsletter giving thanks to God for mighty things he keeps doing. Let me seize this opportunity to say a big thank you to all the saints of God and partners that have ensured the success of this ministry hitherto. Special thanks to Dave and all the ministry partners that have contributed to the effective running of the Miracle Ministry website (God bless you!).





So many miracles, I do not even know where to start from; but I give all the glory to The Most High God who ruleth forevermore. Only a few days ago, we recorded a triumphant breakthrough which we attribute to the goodness of the Lord. I therefore affirm to you that nothing is too hard for the Lord.

By the time this newsletter is out, if I'm not already in Virginia, USA, I should be packing my things in preparation to go (Praise God!). Till next time, stay blessed!

