

Fathers Fullness

Father - SEE GOD

- This really is the Gospel, a Father who loves his children and has a plan for their lives

The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice. [2] Clouds and thick darkness surround him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne. [3] Fire goes before him and consumes his foes on every side. [4] His lightning lights up the world; the earth sees and trembles. [5] The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all the earth. [6] The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all peoples see his glory. **Psalm 97:1-6**

- A Holy God working out a glorious unfolding story on the earth
- Asking the Lord to come in Shekinah glory, to come in his fire that melts mountains.
- Praying for the fire of Gods presence to cause relational mountains, financial mountains, political or societal mountains to melt before him.
- May the way be prepared for the coming of the King in Jesus name.

A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. [4] Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. [5] And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken." **Isaiah 40:3-5**

- He loves His people and chooses to work in partnership with
- A relational God unfolding a glorious eternal story on the earth

Born for such a time

For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?" **Esther 4:14**

For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building. **1 Corinthians 3:9**

Fullness - SEE GODS PLAN

If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; But when they attend to what he reveals, they are most blessed. **Proverbs**

29:18 MSG

- What you **See** determines what you **reach** for
- See what God has for you
- Your Identity, Your purpose, Relationships, Finances

- Salvation for many
- Revival - UK and Globally

Become intimate with his purpose - Relationally connected too

We will call that Fullness - The state of being filled to fullness

- Completeness, totality, wholeness
- As opposed to incomplete, weak
- Union with him
- Fruitfulness in life
- Our destinies connected to his Master plan
- Living Full
- Reaching for Fullness

Frustrated - PEOPLE ARE OFTEN DIFFICULT TO WORK WITH

"Woe to the obstinate children," declares the LORD, "to those who carry out plans that are not mine, forming an alliance, but not by my Spirit, heaping sin upon sin; [2] who go down to Egypt without consulting me; who look for help to Pharaoh's protection, to Egypt's shade for refuge. **Isaiah 30:1-2**

- Obstinate - stubbornly refusing to change one's opinion or chosen course of action
- Carry out plans that are not mine
- Forming unholy alliances
- Consulting the world without consulting the Lord
- Looking for help in other places without first coming to the Lord

For these are rebellious people, deceitful children, children unwilling to listen to the LORD's instruction. [10] They say to the seers, "See no more visions!" and to the prophets, "Give us no more visions of what is right! Tell us pleasant things, prophesy illusions. [11] Leave this way, get off this path, and stop confronting us with the Holy One of Israel!" **Isaiah 30:9-11**

- God's people had become rebellious, deceitful
- They were unwilling to listen to the Lord
- Said their leaders 'No more visions, stop telling us what's right'.
- *Tell us pleasant things, prophesy illusions. [11] Leave this way, get off this path, and stop confronting us with the Holy One of Israel!*

People ruin their lives by their own foolishness and then are angry at the LORD. **Proverbs 19:3 NLT**

- Isaiah 30 the people were misaligned from God's purpose and plan
- Their bad choices had impacted their lives and families
- Their disobedience resulted in discipline from the Lord
- Disobedience has consequences - They were not protected, they suffered lack
- Everything they had been doing was built on the wrong foundation

Application - Return to Fullness

This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, says: "In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it. **Isaiah 30:15**

- In repentance - change of mind, coming into agreement with the Father
- In Rest - Stillness, turn the volume of the world down, stop rushing to and fro
- In quiet trust - Faith in God
- The Lord longs to save them and give them strength

Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him! [19] People of Zion, who live in Jerusalem, you will weep no more. How gracious he will be when you cry for help! As soon as he hears, he will answer you. **Isaiah 30:18-19**

21 Days of prayer and Fasting

1. Come to Father and reach for Fullness - Restored relationship
2. Give yourself to the scriptures - Reading, meditating, living in you
3. Give your self to prayer - Constant conversation with Father

The Father restores Fullness

Although the Lord gives you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, your teachers will be hidden no more; with your own eyes you will see them. [21] Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it." [22] Then you will desecrate your idols overlaid with silver and your images covered with gold; you will throw them away like a menstrual cloth and say to them, "Away with you!" [23] He will also send you rain for the seed you sow in the ground, and the food that comes from the land will be rich and plentiful. In that day your cattle will graze in broad meadows. **Isaiah 30:20-23**

- The Lord will teach them
- He will lead them - This is the way walk in it
- Remove the idols in your life
- The Lord will send rain for the seed you have sown
- Rich, plentiful, broad, spacious - This the Fathers desire and promise

“According to my judgement the most important point to be attended to is this: above all things see to it that your souls are happy in the Lord. Other things may press upon you, the Lord's work may even have urgent claims upon your attention, but I deliberately repeat, it is of supreme and paramount importance that you should seek above all things to have your souls truly happy in God Himself! Day by day seek to make this the most important business of your life. This has been my firm and settled condition for the last five and thirty years. For the first four years after my conversion I knew not its vast importance, but now after much experience I specially commend this point to the notice of my younger brethren and sisters in Christ: the secret of all true effectual service is joy in God, having experimental acquaintance and fellowship with God Himself.”

— George Mueller

Faith - possess the promise

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. [2] This is what the ancients were commended for. **Hebrews 11:1-2**

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. **Hebrews 11:6**

- Faith is the currency of heaven

For we also have had the good news proclaimed to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because they did not share the faith of those who obeyed. Hebrews 4:2

- They heard the message or word but it was of no value to them
- Because they did not combine or mix it with faith
- May we mix faith with the promise or message
- Faith to believe the identity God speaks over us.
- Faith for our nation
- Faith faith faith

Feed your Faith

Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ. **Romans 10:17**

Reading the scriptures creates faith

- You see Gods character
- His faithfulness
- His compassion and love
- His many kindnesses
- You see the lives of others

The greatest enemy of hunger for God is not poison but apple pie. It is not the banquet of the wicked that dulls our appetite for heaven, but endless nibbling at the table of the world. It is not the X-rated video, but the prime-time dribble of triviality we drink in every night. **John Piper**

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable-if anything is excellent or praiseworthy-think about such things. **Philippians 4:8**