



Days of Heaven on Earth Session 8

Hindrances to Heaven's Flow

I. Text Scriptures

Deuteronomy 11:8-21 (NKJV) – ⁸“Therefore you shall keep every commandment which I command you today, that you may **be strong, and go in and possess the land** which you cross over to possess, ⁹and that you may **prolong your days in the land which the LORD swore to give your fathers, to them and their descendants, ‘a land flowing with milk and honey.’** ¹⁰For the land which you go to possess is not like the land of Egypt from which you have come, where you sowed your seed and watered it by foot, as a vegetable garden; ¹¹but the land which you cross over to possess is a land of hills and valleys, which **drinks water from the rain of heaven,** ¹²**a land for which the LORD your God cares; the eyes of the LORD your God are always on it, from the beginning of the year to the very end of the year.**

SKIP to vs 18 – ¹⁸“Therefore you shall lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ¹⁹You shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. ²⁰And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, ²¹that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers to give them, **like the days of the heavens above the earth.**

II. Review of Sessions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

A. Session 1 – The Flow of Heaven on Earth – God is bringing us into a season of a different flow.

B. Session 2 – Can You Believe It?

C. Session 3 – Prepare Yourself

D. Session 4 & 5 – Releasing the Atmosphere of Heaven

E. Session 6 – The Voice of Heaven



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F. Staying in the Flow

III. Hindrances to the Flow

While the flow of heaven is freely provided to us, we can be sure that Satan will always try to hinder the flow. He does not want your life to experience anything from heaven. He wants to keep you in the flow of this natural world, culture, despair, hopelessness, sickness, weakness, etc. We must identify and deal with the hindrances sent to stop the flow of heaven in our life.

A. Scriptures regarding hindrances.

1. Paul's Hindrance

1 Thessalonians 2:17-18 (NKJV) – ¹⁷*But we, brethren, having been taken away from you for a short time in presence, not in heart, endeavored more eagerly to see your face with great desire. ¹⁸Therefore we wanted to come to you—even I, Paul, time and again—but Satan hindered us.*

1 Thessalonians 2:18 (NIV) – *Satan blocked our way – Satan will attempt to block your way.*

1 Thessalonians 2:18 (NLT) – *I tried again and again but Satan prevented us.*

1 Thessalonians 2:18 (CEV) – *We really wanted to come, I myself tried several times, but Satan always stopped us.*

We can clearly see the hindering mission of Satan in this passage.

2. Nehemiah's Hindrance

Nehemiah 4:7-9 (NKJV) – ⁷*Now it happened, when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites heard that the walls of Jerusalem **were being restored** and the gaps were beginning to be*



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closed, that they **became very angry,** ⁸**and all of them conspired together** to come and attack Jerusalem and create confusion.

⁹**Nevertheless we made our prayer to our God,** and because of them we set a watch against them day and night.

a. **The enemy does not like to see things restored.**

The flow of heaven is a flow of restoration.

b. The enemy can become very angry when he sees what is happening in your life.

c. The enemy will conspire against you.

d. **NEVERTHELESS** – *always make sure you include a nevertheless when speaking of what the enemy is attempting to do.*

e. **WE** prayed watched – **watch and pray always.**

Nehemiah 4:11 (NKJV) – *And our adversaries said, “They will neither know nor see anything, till we come into their midst and kill them and cause the work to cease.”*

This passage reveals the mission of the enemy against you.

To cause the work to cease.

To hinder the work that God is doing in your life.

To hinder the flow of heaven – freedom/deliverance/healing

Nehemiah 6:3 (NKJV) – *So I sent messengers to them, saying, “I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down. Why should the work cease while I leave it and go down to you?”*

- **I don't have time to give attention to those that are attempting to hinder the flow of heaven in my life.**
- **Why should I leave the flow of heaven to give attention to your hindrances?**

3. **Hebrews 12:1-2 (CSB)** – ¹*Therefore, since we also have such a large cloud of witnesses surrounding us, **let us lay aside every hindrance** and the sin that so easily ensnares us. Let us run with endurance the race that lies before us, ²keeping our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. For the joy that lay before him, he endured the cross, despising the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*



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- a. **Hindrances and the sin.**
*Sin is an issue if left unchecked in our life.
Hindrances are a separate issue.*
- b. **Hindrances (KJV) =weight** – a burden that weighs you down keeping you from going forward – something that slows you down – slows progress – something that STALLS you out
English Definition – to cause delay – interruption or difficulty – to prevent – to stop something from happening
- c. **Spiritual Hindrances are always sent for the purpose of keeping you from reaching the intended goal.** *Satan's hindrances are sent to throw you off course, slow your progress or stop you in your journey of faith altogether.*
- d. **Lay aside** = to put off or put aside – put down or lay down
Separation of one thing from another – Distance

Pastor's Note: *If we are going to deal with hindrances, we must identify them – and put them off – SEPARATE ourselves from them – DISTANCING ourselves from them.*

Whatever is identified as a hindrance in your life – distance yourself from it – put it away – refuse to give it opportunity to continue to HINDER you in your journey of faith.

4. Examples of hindrances in the Bible

People in the Bible that God had a tremendous plan for – yet they allowed HINDRANCES to prevent them from having the full flow of heaven in their life.

- a. **Samson – hindered by self-interests – specifically women**
*He failed to honor God – His calling – The anointing – the flow of heaven that operated in His life.
It was costly!*
- b. **1 Timothy 1:18-20 (NKJV)** – ¹⁸*This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, ¹⁹having faith and a good conscience, which some having rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck, ²⁰of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I delivered to Satan that they may learn not to*



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blaspheme.

1 Timothy 1:18-20 (MSG) – ¹⁸*I'm passing this work on to you, my son Timothy. The prophetic word that was directed to you prepared us for this. All those prayers are coming together now so you will do this well, fearless in your struggle, keeping a firm grip on your faith and on yourself. After all, this is a fight we're in.* ¹⁹⁻²⁰*There are some, you know, who by relaxing their grip and thinking anything goes have made a thorough mess of their faith. Hymenaeus and Alexander are two of them.*

NOTE: *Everyone desires the flow of heaven in their life, but you must be prepared to FIGHT for it! You must EMBRACE it! HONOR it! ESTEEM it! The flow of heaven comes to those who PUT GOD FIRST in their life – not allowing themselves to become distracted by other things.*

Mark 4:18-19 (NLT) – ¹⁸*The seed that fell among the thorns represents others who hear God's word,* ¹⁹*but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life, the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things, so no fruit is produced.*

They desire the FLOW OF HEAVEN – but their desires for other things – OVERRIDE – and take PRECEDENCE over it.

5. The Flow of heaven is prepared for us, but it is in the presence of our enemies.

a. **Psalm 23:5 (NKJV)** – *Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.*

Psalm 23:5 (ABPE) – *You have prepared tables in front of me opposite my enemies;*

Psalm 23:5 (CEV) – *You treat me to a feast, while my enemies watch. You honor me as your guest, and you fill my cup until it overflows.*

b. Notice the phrases: *In the presence – IN front of me opposite my enemies – while my enemies watch*



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- c. It is evident that these enemies/distractions are NEARBY. *They are not distant.*

Jesus and Peter

Matthew 16:23 (ESV) – *But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”*

Jesus wasn't calling Peter Satan but was recognizing the source of the hindrance that was attempting to work through Peter.

- d. Everyone has enemies that oppose the flow of heaven for your life. *Sometimes with good intentions. **Be sure to recognize Satan as the real hindrance.***
- e. Since these enemies are close to you – *sitting across from you at the same table – the temptation will be for you to become hindered by their presence.*
- f. **This is where I must choose WHERE to put my attention/focus.**
- *Will I focus on the enemy/hindrane sitting at the table?*
 - *Will I focus on the Table and the one who invited me?*
- g. **Psalm 23:5 (GNT)** – *You prepare a banquet for me, where all my enemies can see me; you welcome me as an honored guest and fill my cup to the brim.*

I am a guest of honor – As HIS guest, sitting at His table, I refuse to be hindered by enemies that are sitting nearby.

I refuse to focus on my past that is sitting nearby.

I refuse to be offended by betrayal that is sitting nearby.

I refuse to be distracted by past failures that is nearby.

I refuse to be hindered, slowed down, stalled out – from everything sitting on the table by giving my ATTENTION to other things.

MY attention is on HIM/HIS TABLE/ HIS INVITATION/ to me. I refuse to allow anything to HINDER the flow of heaven that has been freely made available to me.



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6. *Serpents and Scorpions*

Luke 10:19 (NKJV) – *Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.*

- a. **Trample** – Tread – is forward movement
As you are moving forward – there will be symbolic serpents and scorpions set in your path to HINDER your journey.
- b. You are authorized to TRAMPLE upon them!
- c. **Trample** GR. – crush with your feet – to advance by setting foot upon
- d. **Wuest** – authority to advance

Be Like JOSEPH who is a type and shadow of JESUS.

Unhindered by abuse from his brothers.

Unmoved by the false accusations of Potiphar's wife.

Undistracted by being put in jail for a crime he didn't commit.

Unaffected by unforgiveness or bitterness.

His heart remained toward God.

He remained focused on the dreams God gave him as a youth.

His ability to remain UNHINDERED:

- *carried him out of the prison.*
- *promoted him to second in command of Egypt.*
- *restored him to his brothers and father.*
- *provided for him in the time of famine.*
- **BLESSED HIS LIFE IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE**

BE LIKE JOSEPH!

B. What is hindering you along your journey of faith?

Be assured that every person will encounter HINDRANCES.

These hindrances are set in your path to keep you from God's plan.

What are the hindrances in your life?

How are they working? What are they accomplishing?

What are they keeping you from?



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Note: anything that is hindering us – is limiting us – robbing from us – subtracting from us – keeping us from something great God has for us!

Whatever is hindering us – IT ISNT WORTH IT!

IV. Closing Thoughts.

A. Identify anything that is hindering the Flow of heaven in your life.

B. Ask the Lord for guidance in how to deal with these hindrances.

- Ask for strength to TURN from your hindrances – Hezekiah did.
- Ask for strength to SPEAK to hindrances – Jesus did.
- Ask for strength to DISTANCE yourself from hindrances – Joseph did this.

C. Be willing to cooperate through action.

Do what He tells you to do.

Obedience is permission for the Lord to do greater things in your life.

Obedience is an open door for the flow of heaven.