

KNOWING GOD'S TIMES

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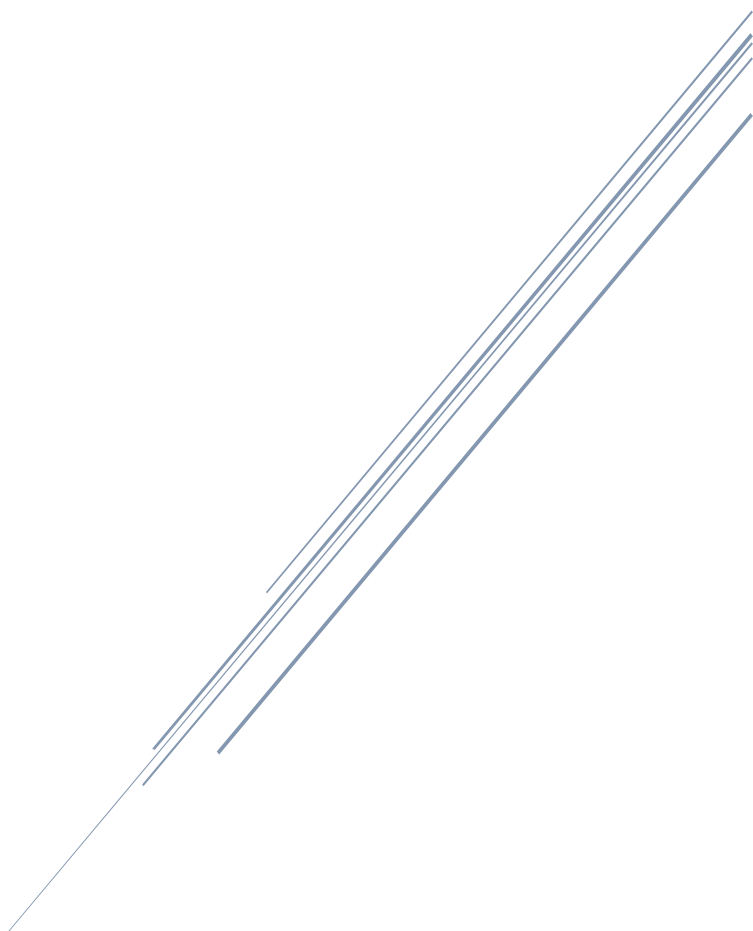


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Introduction

God's prophets and saints understood God's times and seasons very accurately. They were well prepared for every season. God gives signs which predict the work to be done in the season. By interpreting the signs that God gave, God's prophets foresaw the season. There are numerous signs during the end times. God is raising up saints and prophets who can recognize the signs and interpret them to determine what work has to be done during the end times.

This small booklet is a collection of articles to help you understand God's times and seasons. Our prayer is that as you read these articles, let God give you spiritual insight to identify and interpret the signs to determine the work to be done in end time season.

Freshness in God's Presence

In revivals, people used to spend a lot of time in God's presence. Holy spirit used to revive, restore, rebuild, and refresh souls. There isn't any fatigue, sluggishness, etc.

Whenever God's presence used to come, there was a fresh awakening to see Jesus, know Jesus, love Jesus, adore Jesus, admire, elevate, and worship Jesus.

A visitation, encounter, or word from or about Jesus brings freshness in God's presence. Freshness comes from the knowledge of or about Jesus, not from the works or gifts.

Every time God's presence comes, it brings a new freshness about Jesus i.e. open an existing understanding about Jesus, reveal a new understanding about Jesus, continuing an experience with Jesus etc.

The ushering of God's presence is not the same every time. Jesus performed a lot of miracles, but each one was done in a unique way. No two miracles are done the same way. God's presence is the same. There is no repeated way to bring God's presence. We can't prepare/manufacture God's presence. Only Holy Spirit brings God's presence. It's an act of pure mercy of God.

Every time God's presence comes, it does so in a unique way. Sometimes people are led to cry, to pray, or to confess their sins. It is not always the same. The self is revealed, fleshly activities are broken, and there is a Holy Fear in God's presence.

These days, people manufacture God's presence by a repeated way of worship. Anytime there is a consecutive repetition, it is not from God. God's presence is always fresh, bringing with it a fresh

knowledge about Jesus, a new drawing to Jesus, a change in their spiritual walk, and a new outward transformation.

People are spending more time in God's presence, but they are still the same. They still have the same ways, talk and worship. There is no growth in spiritual walk with Jesus and no outward transformation.

In the presence of God, everything changes. There is an alignment from our current location in the direction of God's plans which leads to God's will. It can be 180-degree alignment or 90-degree alignment. Both a physical and a spiritual transformation takes place. There are two sides to God's presence.

- 1) **Inspiration** – A Visitation of Jesus / A Word from Jesus / Encounter with Jesus
- 2) **Action** – Led to Pray / Drawn to seek God/ repent/ Change in our ways

First, when we are inspired by God, we act on that inspiration, which moves us closer to God's will. While blessings may come our way, they may not represent God's complete will. Fullness of God is God's will. God's presence comes frequently to make us like Jesus.

These days, there is an inspiration from God but there is no necessary action from our side.

Based on the inspiration from God, the necessary action needs to be taken.

Holy Spirit works actively in God's presence and prepares our souls to see Jesus.

God is working on our lives to make us whole like Jesus by sending His presence to us week after week.

I see an Almond Tree

I see a rod of an almond tree. Then said the Lord unto me, thou hast well seen, For I will hasten my word to perform it. (Jeremiah 1:12)

Almond tree is the first to blossom in Israel. The very first tree to announce the arrival of spring.

The word of the Lord came to Jeremiah – What do you see?

We witness a prophet in this instance who has both spiritual eyes and ears opened.

God shows to the prophet a tree that first foretells the upcoming season and promises to speed up His word in order to complete His work at this time.

God is raising young people today who, like Jeremiah, can recognize the early warning signs of the end time and He is hastening His word to fulfill the prophecies of the end times now.

God is opening these young people's spiritual eyes and ears.

The word of the Lord first came to test his spiritual eyesight. Whether he was seeing the correct vision or dream. Then he received confirmation from God as to whether or not what he had seen was accurate.

Seeing God's plans through visions/dreams through the eyes and getting a confirmation about the plans through the ear.

A double confirmation with both eyes and ears i.e. seeing and hearing the same revelation.

God is hastening His word to fulfill the return of Jesus.

First the Lord is showing his sign to his chosen people and then he is hastening His Word to fulfill them.

He is willing to show the signs of end times. The only requirement is a childlike acceptance mentioning our inability to accept the signs.

Are we prepared to be part of this end time prophets?

Ask God to open both your spiritual eyes and spiritual ears to hear and see God's signs clearly in these end times. Get a double confirmation of this sign directly from God. A single confirmation is not enough.

God's signs must be seen correctly, and God must then confirm the authenticity of the sign.

The end time signs also need to be cross verified by Holy spirit and then confirmed with Jesus.

I see a Boiling Pot

Then the word of the LORD came to me, asking, "What do you see, Jeremiah?". I replied, "I see a branch of an almond tree." The LORD said to me, "You have seen correctly, for I watch over My word to accomplish it." Again, the word of the LORD came to me inquiring, "What do you see?" And I replied, "I see a boiling pot, its lip tilted from the north to the south." Then the LORD said to me, "Disaster will be poured out from the north on all who live in the land". – Jeremiah 1:11-14

The Lord asks "Jeremiah, what do you see?" twice. These two visions are concerning the same season.

When the Lord asks “Jeremiah, what do you see?” – He sees an almond tree. Almond tree is the first tree to blossom in Israel. The very first tree to announce the arrival of spring. The almond tree is the first sign of the beginning of a new season and signifies the arrival of new season. We are also entering the end-time season and God is showing His end time signs to his chosen prophets.

When the Lord asks “Jeremiah, what do you see?” – He sees a boiling pot, its lip tilted from the north to the south. Boiling pot is the land of Israel / church itself which is boiling. The pot / church is under the fire of God. Boiling is the rapid vaporization of a liquid, which occurs when a liquid is heated to its boiling point. The boiling point of water is 100 °C or 212 °F. Boiling water is used as a method of making it potable by killing microbes and viruses that may be present. The pot is heated by the fire of God, it starts boiling until it reaches the boiling point where impurities and microbes are destroyed.

There are two aspects

- 1) The boiling pot is tilted towards North. God has tilted the church towards the north and is allowing disaster to come forth from the North. God sends a heathen king to expose the wickedness, wrongdoing, and deliver God’s judgement on the land. God is sending a heathen king to expose the church’s transgressions if there are any.
- 2) Church becomes the pot which is boiling under the fire of God – All doctrines, preaching, activities will be in boiled in the fire of God until all impurities and microbes have been eradicated and will be in a potable / consumable state. The church will be lit by the fire of God until it reaches a boiling point. There is no mixture at the boiling point. At Boiling point, the self-nature is destroyed and only the Divine nature remains. All these years of struggle with coexistence of both natures is gone. It will

now only be God's nature. As boiling process of reaching boiling point happens rapidly, the process of destruction of self happens rapidly. The church prepared under the fire of God is a pure work of God.

The boiling pot is tilted towards North

Disaster will be poured out from the north on all who live in the land. God's burning anger came on the Land. Disaster is come in the form of heathen King- Nebuchadnezzar. This heathen king attacked, surrounded and destroyed Jerusalem.

As we are entering the season of beginning of end times, the days of repentance for churches who practise false doctrines, miracles are over. God's wrath is approaching these churches. They have been manipulating their evil for years by performing fraudulent miracles and teaching deceptive beliefs. God is sending heathen reporters to expose the wrongdoings in the churches. They will expose all immoral rituals, offerings, and teachings and occasionally cause disaster.

This is the time of shaking as lot of churches with wrong practices will be exposed. To purge them of impurities and to chastise them, God is giving these churches into the hands of heathens. We will see major church scandals uncovered.

Church becomes the boiling pot

All these previous years the church could have been a pot with stale doctrines and without the fire of God. We have entered a season where the church is being cooked by God's fire until everything of self is destroyed. As boiling is the rapid vaporization of a liquid, God is rapidly doing this work i.e. destruction of self. With Fire of God, this is a season of continuous refinement. Under this Fire of God, God's end-time church is being readied. Every

doctrine, sermon, and activity from this point forward shall be boiled in the fire of God until all impurities and microorganisms are eliminated and it is in a potable/consumable state. Up until the boiling point, the pot will continue to boil. Until the self and selfish deeds are destroyed, the pot will continue to boil. Once the self is destroyed, the church is prepared completely. The church will be made the bride of Christ and end time army of God. This fire is first a correcting/realigning fire and then a revelation fire.

The characteristics of the **Realigning fire**

- 1) Turn all fleshly worship to divine worship
- 2) Change message without Jesus's nature to message with only Jesus
- 3) Man pleasing attitude to God pleasing attitude

The characteristics of the **Revelation fire**

- 1) New Revelation about Jesus which was burning for thousands of years will be revealed.
- 2) In this fire, existing insight about Jesus is made pure.
- 3) Fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit

Heathen's will expose the impurities and parallelly God's continuous correction/refinement will come upon the church making the church to become the bride of Christ. God is up to something that is very big.

Let God help you to perceive the end time work of God.

God's plans are catching up with us

The time has come for God's plans to be fulfilled. God is looking for people to carry out His plans. As a result, God's plans are catching up with His chosen people. Human plans are being superseded by God's designs. While Saul was searching for his sheep, God had already searched for him and declared him to be the next king of Israel.

Saul was about to consult a prophet to find a solution to his issue, but God's grander plan caught up with him.

His problem was a route to meeting up of God's plan. Maybe you are going through some problem, somewhere God's plan can meet up with you.

Jehu was commander in the army of the king of Israel. He was diligently performing his duties. God searched and then decided that Jehu would be the next king to depose Ahab. When the time came God sent his prophet to anoint him to be the next king. God's plan got hold of Jehu's life overruling his present situation. Overnight he assumed the throne of Israel. When God's plans get hold of you, they will equip you with the authority and power needed to carry them out.

Many of God's plans still need to be fulfilled. God is therefore looking for and choosing His people to carry out His plan. All of a sudden, His chosen people are being caught up in these plans.

Now is the time, lot of God's plans must be fulfilled. Therefore, God's plans are catching up suddenly with His chosen people.

Remain humble so that God can use you when He needs to carry out His plan.

Embrace joy, work hard, and be cheerful. God is suddenly seizing control of our lives to accomplish His plan.

Rejoice, rejoice always with expectant hearts.

God's plan now is to show/reveal/present Jesus. God will get hold of us to show Jesus. All of God's purposes are fulfilled after Jesus is revealed/shown.

Whatever the circumstance you are in, God is getting hold of you to show Jesus.

Everything related to Jesus is Eternal

Jesus and everything related to Him are eternal. Jesus' parables, words, miracles, and Cross are eternal.

Being eternal means it has no time associated with it. Even though Jesus's era was 2000 years ago, everything related to Jesus still remains fresh as if it happened today. John saw Jesus as a lamb that had been slain in Revelation 5:6. Jesus was crucified at the ending of the Gospels. But in Revelation, still the lamb appears to be slain.

The slain state – Jesus on the cross state is preserved from the end of Gospels to opening of the scrolls i.e., around 2000 years. Jesus on the Cross, the state will be preserved for next infinity years i.e. till Eternity future. To John, the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross seemed to have taken place that day in heaven. The freshness of Jesus sacrifice as it happened that original day was preserved for last 2000 years.

For the past 2000 years, the state of Jesus' sacrifice—His going to the cross, His suffering on the cross, and His death—has been kept and applied to every day/second. Even though we were born more than 2000 years after Jesus was born, everything related to him has been maintained, and this state is applied to every day and permeates every aspect of our daily lives.

As this state is applied to every day, we can now see the same Jesus that the disciples saw, as well as walk, talk, and experience His healing touch and like Martha sit at His feet. God did not only provide Jesus to one generation 2000 years ago; he gave the same Jesus to our generation now also by applying the preserved state in every day/second of our Life.

Ask God to help you understand that Jesus, who manifested and walked among His people 2,000 years ago, is still present/real now. The well was there, just as it was for Hagar, but her eyes were not opened to see the well. Jesus is actually here and moving among us, yet we are not able to see Him. Plead with God to open your eyes to see Jesus.

A medicine, for instance, may be used for two years if its validity for use is two years. All things connected to Jesus, however, have a validity of infinite years, meaning they can be used till eternity (forever).

Man lives in a time zone/frame of growth. Over time, his stature or character develops. His development is linear, i.e., he gains wisdom and knowledge on an annual basis.

God lives in Eternity. He was from Eternity Past and exists after Eternity Future. He existed in both the Eternity past and the Eternity future.

Eternity is a state where there is no time. God lives in Eternity means God lives in a state of perfection in everything.

God is perfect in all His attributes (they are around 1000 attributes) like

God is perfect in Holiness – From the Eternity past to Eternity future He is perfect.

God is perfect in Love.

God is perfect in Mercy

There is no increase or decrease of God's attributes or characters over time. For example – The state of God's holiness is the same in Eternity past and Eternity future. God's characters is constant throughout all of time, both now and in the future. There is no change in God's nature at all.

Man lives in a time bound zone where he develops God's nature and character over the period of 80 years -100 years in his earthly journey. During his time on earth, man might have acquired 1% – 2% of some of God's characters.

God is perfect in all his attributes and characters. There are roughly a thousand characters of God. One percent to two percent of some of God's characters are attained in our lifetimes. For example, on earth, we only reach 2 percent of what is required to be perfect in holiness; the other 98 percent must be developed. For the 1-2 percent, it took 80 years. For the remaining 98 percent, it would take easily another 1000 years. To develop all 1000 characters, it would easily take another 10000 years.

When we reach perfection in one attribute, we cross from time zone to eternity in that attribute. For example, when we reach

perfection in Love, we cross from time zone to eternity in Love. For being perfect in love, we need to be perfect in mercy. Some attributes are dependent on each other. Once we reach perfection in all attributes and then we become the true sons of God.

Anything connected with God is eternal, which means God places this state in every day and even every second in our time zone.

This state is freshly happening today as it happened 2000 years back.

The Cross of Jesus, miracles of Jesus, etc is freshly happening now itself.

Jesus carrying the cross is happening now.

Jesus raising the dead person is happening now.

We still can draw life from these Jesus 'miracles now also.

Like the Cross, which occurred 2000 years ago but when we meditate on it, we still feel refreshed and can deliver us from our sins.

Since God plants this state like carrying the Cross in our time zone every day and every second, so it becomes very fresh.

Any visitation/ encounter from God like Burning Bush, three angels visiting Abraham, etc. We can still draw life from this visitation of God.

Moses had a burning bush experience. We can still draw life from the same experience because anything associated with Jesus and God is Eternal.

Now, when we sin, the fact that state of Jesus was crucified is applied in our time zone shields us from God's wrath and the consequences of sin.

Ask God to grant you the ability to draw life from the parables, words, miracles, and cross of Jesus and to expand your knowledge that Jesus is real now also.

Jeremiah's ministry

Jeremiah was born in around 650 BC. Jeremiah's ministry began in 627 BC and ended sometime around 582 BC with his prophecy to the Jews who fled to Egypt. In 722 BC, the Assyrian Empire conquered and destroyed the 10 northern tribes of Israel. There were only some tribes of Judah left to be destroyed. In 587 BC, the Babylonian empire conquered and destroyed the Southern kingdom of Judah and Solomon's temple.

When Jeremiah's prophecy was written, only a few of Israel's and Judah's tribes remained to be subdued and destroyed. Only the kingdom of Judah remained to be destroyed after the majority of the kingdom of Israel was destroyed. God's wrath was on the land of Israel. Judah refused to turn back to God and continued in the ways of Israel, which resulted in Israel's ruin. Judah did not learn from Israel's mistakes and turn back to God.

Jeremiah lived in a time when people followed the stubbornness of their hearts and followed after the Baals as their fathers taught them. In the land, there were many false prophets. Due to years of practicing idol worship or Baal worship, the hearts of the people have grown stubborn/ hard. Over time, the idols people worshipped on the outside evolved into idols in their hearts.

People's hearts have become stubborn/hard due to the numerous idols they have in their hearts. People themselves became like idols, therefore they looked for prophets who would support/encourage their wickedness without revealing their idols/gods. The people themselves are to fault, not the prophets. The prophets only serve and worship the idol.

People had so many idols within them. Some of them are Idol of lust, Idol of adultery, Idol of lies, etc.

To cater to these many idols, so there were many false prophets. There was a separate chapter in Jeremiah regarding false prophets to emphasize that the country was afflicted with many of them.

They are all like Sodom to Me; Jerusalem's residents are like Gomorrah (Jeremiah 23:14)

According to God, there are as many false prophets as there were people in Sodom combined. The combined population of Sodom and Gomorrah was close to 50,000. Perhaps 10,000 people live in Sodom. Jeremiah was in a setting where a lot of prophets (at least Sodom population equivalent prophets ie around 10000 false prophets).

In Elijah's time, Baal's Idols were present on the outside with around 500 Baal prophets to serve the idols.

In Jeremiah's time, many people had idols inside of them and to cater to these many idols, there were lot of prophets.

Through their dreams that they tell one another, they plan to cause My people to forget My name as their fathers forgot My name through Baal worship. (Jeremiah 23:27)

The primary goal of false prophets is to make plan to make us forget the name of the Lord.

Forget the name of the Lord means

- 1) Forget the ways of God
- 2) Forget the person of God
- 3) Forget the likes/dislikes of God

False prophets cause people to forget the name of their God, that is, forget about the nature and character of God.

They make us forget that God is a jealous God and hates sins and lies.

By speaking only about God's workings, such as blessings and healings, rather than both God's working nature and God's nature, false prophets cause us to forget the name of God. When there is sin, God's working nature will gradually deteriorate. Only God's nature can support God's working nature. Because of God's mercy, in spite of sin in our lives, God bestows His blessings.

This aspect of God's mercy is overused by false prophets. When people only remember God's working nature over time, rather than God himself, they gradually forget the name of God. When God's working nature decreases because of indwelling sins, then false prophets bring in fake miracles to draw people. Because of indwelling sins, people are misled into thinking that fake miracles are actually real works of God.

Do you now have any indwelling stubborn sins residing in your life? Indwelling sin attracts a false prophet.

And like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces (Jeremiah 23:29).

In this verse, God is breaking the rock with a hammer. The indwelling, stubborn sins have hardened into a rock that requires a hammer to break. God therefore sends His word to break the indwelling sin that has caused your heart to be as hard as a rock.

Ask God to expose and break the indwelling sins that have hardened your heart.

Now we are also in times like which Jeremiah lived. There are many false prophets and many people who have stubborn, indwelling sins that have become into idols. Do pray for God to send His prophet with His word, such as Jeremiah, who will break people's stubborn indwelling idols and sins.

How does Jesus mainly Talk?

Jesus mainly talks by asking questions and explaining the answers. Jesus asks around 300 questions in the Gospels –

- Who do you say I am? – Matthew 16:13
- Do you know what I have done for you? – John 13:12
- Where have you put him (Lazarus)? – John 11:34
- Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God? John 11:40
- How many loaves do you have? – Matthew 15:34

Jesus doesn't just walk into a situation and start giving an answer. He first probes us with certain questions to ascertain the state of our hearts, and then he Himself provides some answers. These questions can be questions unrelated to the current circumstance. Jesus will answer some of these questions, or we may be able to figure it out on our own through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Sometimes these questions don't have an answer, but they do highlight certain areas where we need to repent or make corrections.

Sometimes Jesus only gives the answer when he asks the question. Jesus' question indicates that he is interested in the situation and that he wants to change it.

The answer when provided is always a nature which we need to apply in the situation and grow in the knowledge of God.

Where have you put him (Lazarus)? – Jesus asked this query because he was concerned about Lazarus's situation. The answer was Jesus was able to raise a dead person even though he was dead for many days. With Jesus everything was alive. These two natures of Jesus seen. When Jesus is there, everything comes to life, and Jesus has the power to raise the dead. Two separate aspects of Jesus' nature were the answer to this question.

For Pharisees, Jesus would ask questions to probe their heart and expose their pride. For sinners, Jesus would ask questions to bring them to repentance of sins. Jesus would pose questions to those in need whose answers would provide them comfort. Jesus would pose questions to wise people whose answers would reveal His wisdom.

Every disciple was asked so many questions. Jesus primary teaching strategy was asking questions. With these questions, the answers would teach them the Knowledge of God.

In Old Testament, the Spirit of the Lord also asked so many questions to His people. "Son of man, can these bones live?" (Ezekiel 37). God can even make these dried bones come to life, was the reply. By sending His breath, even those in a dry and lifeless state can live.

Before performing a miracle also, Jesus used to ask a question.

These days is Jesus asking you any questions? If he is asking – He is interested in you and wants to be involved in your life. But be very careful to listen to the answer from Jesus or the Holy Spirit.

Hearing a question and hearing the answer is the simplest way to know Jesus.

Sometimes when Jesus asks a question, the Holy Spirit may prompt us with a answer, which we then relay to Jesus. It will be very refreshing when we receive an answer from Jesus.

Sometimes Jesus asks the question, Father prompts the answer to us, and we reply to Jesus. There is always a blessing in this sweet communication. Trinity is involved so much in our communication.

There are moments when Jesus asks a question, the Father prompts the answer to us, and we respond to Jesus. This kind of sweet communication is always a blessing. Trinity gets involved in our daily communication.

When Jesus asks a question, it means He really loves you.

Why do you call me a good teacher? – The Rich Ruler.

If Jesus asking, Are you praying? Are you living a life of truth? Are you reading your Bible?

These questions don't have an answer, but they do point to areas where we need to repent and correct ourselves.

If Jesus is asking, how many loaves do you have? Can your solution be solved? Do you have enough money?

For these questions, wait for Jesus or Holy spirit to answer this question.

Allow God to do this wonderful work in your lives.

God Is

A young man had a dream in which he visited heaven. In heaven, this young man was taken to an auditorium. In that auditorium, he witnessed God seated on a throne with a scribe standing next to him. Nearly 2000 people were in this auditorium and each of them had a prayer request. Each person approaches the throne of God in a well-defined order and tells the scribe about their prayer request; the scribe then shares the request with the God who is seated on the throne.

God responds to each prayer request with a single line answer, which the scribe then relays to the individual. It took 1 millisecond for God to answer. The answer to the request was a nature of God. i.e. God is _____. For example – God is Healer, God is protector, God is your helper, God is your revelation, God is your treasure.

A person came with broken relationships. God responds to the person as- God is your comfort.

This nature of God comes with the authority to solve to the problem.

This one-line nature of God itself is an entire remedy to this problem. When the person hears this answer from God, His heart was joyful and happy.

When God tells the answer i.e. a nature of God, immediately God begins this process of fulfilling the answer to the prayer request. In this process of fulfillment of the answer, God works on our life by unveiling and rubbing this nature in our life. This process can be slow / fast depending on the unveiling/opening of this nature. We receive two benefits from this process, including the fulfillment of our prayer request and the development of God's nature in our lives. When this God's nature is developed, we might be safeguarded from future problems.

When you have a prayer request – If God is mentioning to you about His nature. Do meditate and dwell on this revealed nature of God. Ask God to reveal about this nature. Only in this revelation of this nature, we come closer to fulfillment of our request.

One line from God can change our life and situation.

One line or one word from God about his nature / character of God will be more than enough to solve our problems.

2000 people's prayer requests were all answered in 5 minutes. A new batch of 2000 people would enter the auditorium every five minutes. The prayer requests were answered by God himself. Don't encourage others to bring someone else's prayer request, God warned the scribe. Everyone bring your prayer request to God directly. The auditorium is always open, God is constantly seated on this throne. Come to your Father and share your prayer request.

God doesn't make you wait to listen to your problem. He is always attentive and listening. All are welcome. When a person shares his request, the spirit inside him will directly bring out the request and God looks at that person and conveys the answer to the scribe. God himself can communicate the answer, but his holiness

has the potential to kill a person. God is exceedingly glad to hear your request. God keeps track of your name and request.

For many years, God was seated in this auditorium. Many people have come with prayer requests numerous times.

Though His voice was heard by the scribe, every time a word came from God, there is a freshness in the atmosphere. Every time when God speaks, there are sudden outbursts of joy.

2000 requests were parallelly addressed in 5 minutes. Everyone received an answer and left with great joy and did not look back. God provided a comprehensive answer.

Today, do come to the same God who is seated on the throne to answer to your requests, and he is always ready to answer you.

Ezekiel's muteness

Ezekiel's prophetic ministry was to the Jewish exiles in Babylon. An interesting fact about Ezekiel's ministry was that God muted him for twelve years. Ezekiel was only allowed to speak when he was uttering an authentic word from God.

Ezekiel was taken to Babylon in the first Jewish deportation in 597 B.C., but the city of Jerusalem did not actually fall to King Nebuchadnezzar's armies until twelve years later, and for the entire twelve years in between the initial deportation and Jerusalem's ultimate collapse Ezekiel was silenced.

When word of Jerusalem's fall arrived in Babylon, Ezekiel's muteness finally came to an end. "In the twelfth year of our exile, in the tenth month on the fifth day of the month, a fugitive from

Jerusalem came to me and said, ‘The city has been struck down.’ Now the hand of the Lord had been upon me the evening before the fugitive came; and He had opened my mouth...so my mouth was opened, and I was no longer mute” (Ezekiel 33:21-22).

Ezekiel’s muteness began in Ezekiel 3:26

“I will make your tongue cling to the roof of your mouth, so that you shall be mute and not be one to rebuke them, for they are a rebellious house. 27 But when I speak with you, I will open your mouth, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD.’ He who hears, let him hear; and he who refuses, let him refuse; for they are a rebellious house.”

Prophecy of removal of muteness came in Ezekiel 24:25-27

25 ‘And you, son of man—will it not be in the day when I take from them their stronghold, their joy and their glory, the desire of their eyes, and [a]that on which they set their minds, their sons and their daughters: 26 that on that day one who escapes will come to you to let you hear it with your ears? 27 On that day your mouth will be opened to him who has escaped; you shall speak and no longer be mute.

Fulfilment of removal of muteness came in Ezekiel 33:21-22.

In Ezekiel 3:27, the Lord made Ezekiel speechless with one condition. When Lord speaks to Ezekiel and has a message to convey to people, his muteness was gone for some time. He shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD’ and the appropriate message. After that he will again be muted. Ezekiel was speechless for 12 years. He was unable to communicate with anyone, including family members unless the Lord speaks. His daily regimen included speaking to God, listening to God, and

passing along any messages from God to the populace. Ezekiel was God's watchmen with God's voice.

Ezekiel lost his own voice but discovered God's voice. There are 122 instances of "Thus says the Lord GOD" throughout Ezekiel, but only two of them occur before 3:27, in 2:4 and 3:11. Ezekiel 3:27 experience was turning point in Ezekiel's ministry. Everything he said after 3:27 was "Thus says the Lord God". God used Ezekiel's mouth as His own mouth. What a privilege for Ezekiel, that Lord GOD spoke through Ezekiel 122 times. All these times its "Thus says the Lord God". The Hebrew word for "Lord God" is Jehovah Elohim. The Bible's first mention of Lord God is found in Genesis 2:4: " Lord God made the earth and the heavens." Ezekiel was appointed as the spokesman for the Creator God, who created the vast cosmos.

When we consider the context of Book of Ezekiel, we see that the Creator God, desired to destroy Jerusalem. A Creator God wants to destroy means, He is acting against His nature. He therefore desired the destruction of Jerusalem in order to rebuild a better and new Jerusalem. The new Jerusalem was the new heavens and the new earth in the millennium. Ezekiel since he was messenger of the Creator God, he got a glimpse of Lord God's new Jerusalem and millennium.

Although Ezekiel's voice was silenced in front of the world, his spiritual voice and vision were fully functioning. Jeremiah, Daniel, and Ezekiel were the three prophets who simultaneously prophesied the destruction of Jerusalem. Daniel and Jeremiah briefly stated that Israel will experience restoration after the captivity, but Ezekiel elaborated on the how and the nature of God's restoration and hope by announcing it even into the end times.

God first deals with Ezekiel's speech. After his speech is controlled by God, he then serves as the mouthpiece of God. A prophet's speech is controlled by God. Is God in charge of your voice? Your speech is guided/directed by God?

Ezekiel's speech was controlled by God and the way he spoke was directed by God.

Thus says the Lord God – is given to those whose voice is first controlled by God. Is there any wrong talk when you speak? Do check

If you notice that your voice has changed recently and that God is now controlling what you speak, this indicates that God desires to use you as His Voice in the last days.

There is a need of prophets who speak to God always. If you speak 1,000 words per day, try using more than 700 of them to speak to God (express your love and adoration for God). Worship God by the words you speak.

Spirit of Jeroboam

In these last days, the spirit of Jeroboam is still actively at work in God's church. In various ways, this spirit has an impact on God's church. This spirit finds ungodly ways to increase the church and prevent people from leaving the church.

To defend his Kingdom, King Jeroboam erected temples, employed uncalled people as priests, offered up vain sacrifices, and build pagan altars. Israelites began offering sacrifices and started worshipping in these temples.

This spirit creates churches which does things in an ungodly way. This spirit makes uncalled people into pastors or priests, just like Jeroboam did when he made priests from every class of people who weren't sons of Levi. They build unwanted altars and burn unnecessary sacrifices. Their goal is to rapidly increase church growth by implementing numerous growth tools. They act contrary to God's will and without God's presence. They entice people by creating a setup that resembles God's house.

They replicate everything in God's house

- 1) Replicate Prophecy / Gifts
- 2) Replicate healings
- 3) Replicate God's presence
- 4) Replicate God's teaching without God
- 5) Manufacture fake tears

Their primary concern is that people should not return to God. People cannot return to God if there is no preaching on the below topics

- 1) Identifying/Exposing the sin
- 2) Repentance – Turn from wicked ways to God
- 3) Cross – Emphasizing on Jesus's sacrifice rather than works
- 4) Character and Nature of Jesus

This spirit can replicate everything in God's House but not the character and nature of Jesus. This spirit cannot produce the fruits of the Spirit. We can determine which spirit is working based on the fruits of the Spirit.

King Jeroboam was successful in fooling the Israelites. The Israelites were not aware that idolatry, worship at false godly temples and altars, and non-godly worship in God's temple would bring judgement from God onto the land.

This spirit still deceives many churches today by adopting worldly ways, carrying out things contrary to God's will, and avoiding preaching on the Cross and repentance. God's wrath is being poured out on the land, and it starts with God's church before moving on to the local populace.

All Glory to Jesus alone

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