

UPPER ROOM 3 – GOD’S TIMING FOR PROMOTION

Psalm 75:6-7; James 4:10. When God exalts you, nothing, no one or no devil has the power to stop you from being promoted. Thus, there is no reason to complain about not being used or not being promoted; and there is no basis for blaming a pastor or anyone else for holding you back: man cannot hold you back when God is the one lifting you up. Those who complain about not being used or not being promoted are guilty of one or more of the following:

- 1) They see man as the key to their success.
- 2) They are seeking recognition from man instead of recognition from God.
- 3) They are not seeking first the Kingdom of God, no matter what they say.
- 4) Their heart is filled with pride; thinking more highly of themselves than they ought.
- 5) They do not yet have the true plan of God for their lives.
- 6) They are operating by their own anointing and not God’s.
- 7) They are operating by a spirit of rebellion.
- 8) They think they know more than their God-appointed shepherd (that is, if they have allowed me to place them under a shepherd that seeks my heart).

Exodus 2:11-15, 3:1-2, Acts 7:22-30; 1 Samuel 16:1-3...10-13; 1 Kings 18:1-4 (Ahab reigned for about 19 years and Jezebel outlived him by about 14 years).

There will always be a “wilderness time” a “pasture time” or a “cave time” before you are brought forth by God. These are times of spiritual preparation for God’s promotion. What makes you think that God won’t promote you if you’re ready and it is time? It will be His method, His plan, His way and His type of promotion, not yours. These are the things that will be purged during your cave time:

1 John 2:15-16, 1 Timothy 6:10

- 1) The lust of the flesh
- 2) The lust of the eyes
- 3) The pride of life
- 4) The love of money

These encompass the very things with which Satan tempted Jesus.

If you leave your cave before you are ready, you expose yourself to the wolves which lie in wait. You will also be giving place to the devil. Further more, you will not have my anointing and will have to rely on self-effort and emotional motivation. Your joy will not be full and your heart will lack peace.

Leaving your cave before it is time means you are spiritually incompetent and ineffectual to be fully used or promoted by me in anything that is of great intrinsic value to my Kingdom. I do not promote incompetency, although I witness my church doing this on a regular basis. When you mature my way you will have my promotion; otherwise, you will have the promotion of a system that is based on looks, personality and talent. Talent is not a ministry calling; it is the ability to do something with a degree of excellence and proficiency.

Acts 6:1-10. Look at the promotion God did in Stephen’s life. In the natural, he was seen as simply a table server. But in the spirit, I saw him as a mighty warrior in my Kingdom. The tendency for those in my Church is to focus on what they are doing in the natural in

stead of what I am doing in them in the spirit. In my Kingdom, there is greater honor and respect for a table server who knows my truth and walks in my anointing than there is for the pastor of a mega-church who preaches error and has very little anointing.

Psalm 91 is a revelation of what I will do for you if you stay in your cave until I speak my unstoppable word that your time has come. *(It was as though I could see God speak and the power of His word went before me and cleared the path of all obstacles. It was very similar to the scene in the movie "The Ten Commandments" when the Red Sea parted. Before He spoke, there was no path; but when He spoke, the path was made clear. Absolutely nothing was able to remain when He had spoken.)*