

Flourishing in the Rain 9

Flourish Seeking a Rewarding God

See how seeking God earnestly, you experience a Rewarding and Flourishing Life. Speak to the mountain and not about the mountain – can't - 2 mill
Can't speak defeat and expect to have vict – 2 mill missed – poor mouth – murmur grumble

Flourish by Knowing how to make friends

1. Focus on the positive what is right and you will experience greater fruitfulness

2 Sam 6 Michal

As David brought ark to Jeru – dancing leaping – Michal – saw – filled with contempt – despise

2. Overlook offences and you will be alert to great opport

2 mill blind to opport – stuck to bitterness – anguish in spiirt

Easily offended or keep weeks – just 3 days – never know

You never know when opport will come
No perf place, friend, ch, fam -
if focus on hurts – can't enjoy the commanded blessing

Hebrews 11:6

6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a Rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. NKJV

He is ...? Deliberate – whatever you need?
Why gamble – money? – buy? Enjoy respect – in Christ – feel like the richest man

Rewarder - Pay master – remunerator

Beautiful truth – Reward already there – like read paper - Govt

- Govt – announce - reward for – infor – capture – wanted man – you can be sure
- reward – there – guaranteed by govt – waiting for someone to take

Why is the fact that He is your Rewarder is being emphasized?

Know: He is – many – one of most impt - Rewarder – not just your boss, husb, father – thank God for good - dont limit – go beyond

He is – redeemer, healer, miracle worker, comforter, protector

Cho – lady - Lady living in run down apartment – died
Relative – took some of belonging – junk store – a lady bought it – found – masterpiece – hundreds of thousand dollars.

God rewards those that earnestly seek Him!

How is grace manifested here?

See grace – he rewards not just those found him but just making the effort seeking him - dog

If lost dog – offer a reward - someone – came – where my reward – where dog – oh – been searching 5 hrs – no – bring dog – you can have reward

Amazing – God – says – reward just for making the effort

Seeking him – coming to ch – seeking his presence – reading his word

but I don't und – OK – God still bless – 30 yrs, still don't und

May be desire to bring friends – called – phone – entice – food

– yet they didn't respond – well – get – ready – reward there – just for effort

Prov 11:30

... he who wins souls is wise. NKJV

Told staff – you just call visit – if peo don't respond – God will still bless

Pay you for making effort – trying

Same – desire to give more

Gen 28:20

20 Then Jacob made this vow: "If God will be with me and protect me on this journey and give me food and clothing, 21 and if he will bring me back safely to my father, then I will make the LORD my God. 22 This memorial pillar will become a place for worshiping God, and I will give God a tenth of everything he gives me." NLT

Not – making promises – thinking God is obligated to bless

Shows his desire – heart is for God

– don't have to feel guilty - condemned – not able to fulfil it

Earnest in desire – reward you – help fulfil – supernat – idea – opport – favor

help fulfil that desire – one supernatural

idea (face book - pattern) – opport

(happened rt place and time) – favor

(don't know why – sell you)

Unexpected inheritance – hunger - couple

Seek Him - the Blesser

Matt 6:33

33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. NIV

Don't seek blessing – blesser – Don't fall in love

with blessing – but with the blesser

How can we fall in love with the blessing instead of the blesser?

Don't be so consume – chasing after things
Got to have this promotion – work day and nite 24/7 – cant – health - nite

Without God – with all the money can get – can buy you health and a good nite

sleep

Do your best – don't chase money – chase God – added – chase after you

Out of blue – ...

Eze 20 11

I gave My Decrees and cause them to know My ways so they could really LIVE and live right. I gave them my Sabbath rest as a sign between them and Me. It reminds them that I the Lord has set them apart to be distinct and uncommon. JY

Make **highest priority** – **first day of week** (Sun) – **first part of day** – thru out day – seek him – **instead of**

Got to read the paper – look at email

Give thanks – Thank you Lord for my life – **ano beautiful day - fam - work**; every good things

– bed – thank you fruitful day - good nite rest

Seek His Way

Feed on his **WORD** – meditate on His **promises** – **many** – **3 meals**

Many feed 3 hot meals – snacks – but spirit man – under nourished

Jer 6:16

The Lord says: Stand at the crossroads and **look**. Ask for the **eternal proven reliable** ways, Ask which way leads to **blessings**, the **best** and **beneficial** way, then walk in it, and you will find **rest** and **peace** for your soul.

Make sure – apply **rightly** – **Teen - Hebrews**

Teen – driver permit – borrow car – deal – grades up – bible everyday – cut hair – month later – son ... still- thinking about it – Moses – Sam – Jesus – yes son and they walk – everywhere they went

Argue for months – who coffee – wife – think man's job – disagree – prove from Bible – your job – He-brews

Isaiah 50:11

Some of you want to light your own fires and make your own light. So, go, walk and trust your own light to guide you. But this is what you'll receive... a place of **pain**. NCV

What happen when we choose our own light and way?

Seen many young people – **chose** their way – not walk in God's will – parent's advice – of course – **cant force** – even God cant – **let go** let God

– path of **pain** – **like** when God says:

2 Cor 6:14

14 Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? NKJV

Many go ahead – **hoping** – **guy** converted - **huge risk** – life too **precious** to gamble - \$

Might – even go baptism – get you

Seen many cases – few months – never see him

Your life and fut children – life too precious to gamble

If gamble with money – bad – still get it back – but life too precious – only one life

You don't want to gamble with your life and your future children's life:

Without **common vision and focus**, there is no **commanded** blessing.

Cart – **round and round** – dream not fulfilled

Unequally **yoked** – cart will go round and round

Problems will eventually arise as there is a **different value and belief** system.

Strives

There is **no power** to keep the marriage together. You need God's **kind** of love to bind a marriage together.

1 in 2; 1 in 1286 - need God's power

Seek His Strength

Proverbs 3:6

6 Seek his will in all you do, and he will direct your paths. NLT

... *crown your efforts with success. TLB*

Ack – **dependence** on him. Ask: **favor** – **protection** – **wisdom**

David – not smartest – strongest – oldest – blessed – heart after God

What happen when we seek Him even in the area of your strength?

Seek Him even in area of your **strength** and expertise

Blond from Sweden – arguing - Space – moon - no big deal – we will land on sun – laugh – what talking – too hot – burn out – we not that dumb – go at night

As depend – take you **beyond** – what you can do in the natural - **more**

Wonder how much **more** God's fav we can receive

Eph 3:20

20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us. NKJV

Last gen – Benjamin gen – 5 times more – unprecedented

Guy in the **oil** business – **few** yrs – gone down – about to go bankrupt – most staff - laid off

– home – affect ma – heard message of hope – faith rises – heart seek after him – every Sunday – travel hundreds of miles – go ch – week after week – month after month

Wont come ch – little rain – took your parking lot

Felt strongly about drilling oil in a particular place – drill and drill – no success – 10 – 40 holes – wife stop doing it – something deep kept telling – drill – staff - lost mind – 46 – 48 – struck – now private jet to ch – amazed - **Seremban**

Always amazed - Peo come from Seremban – Melacca – Kajang – Rawang – Kuala Selangor – Ipoh – get ready umbrella – downpour

Seek His Presence and His Favor

James 5:16-18

... The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and wonderful results. 17 Elijah was as human as we are, and yet when he prayed earnestly that no rain would fall, none fell for the next three and a half years! 18 Then he prayed for rain, and down it poured. NLT

The grass turned green, and the crops began to grow again. NLT

See **Elijah** prayed

– control weather – economy – off atmosphere
– whatever situ

Why did Elijah prayed so powerfully that even the weather and economy?

Just ordinary – like us

Short tempered – call fire – depressive – ran away after a major victory

Context: How earnestly prayed

Speak to the **king**

Not recorded how **long** he prayed – how he **fasted** but how he **spoke** to king

1 Kings 17:1-2

And Elijah the Tishbite, of the inhabitants of Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD God of Israel lives, **before whom I stand**, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, except at my word." NKJV

Jesus: speak to the **mt**

Pict of something big – permanent -

Too many peo **talk** about their mt – grumble murmur – missed the land

They talk to God how big their mt is instead of talking to the mt – how big God is

You may be a king but I stand bef the **King** of kings

You may be powerful but I stand bef the greatest power of the universe

In His **presence** – not who you are but who God is

Conscious of his presence – time in his presence

Riding on elephant – no fear of tigers or lions
Luke 7:1-10

Focus not your worth – His worth

It is not your background – who you are – who God is

Speak to **servant** – see

1 Kings 18:41-45

Then Elijah said to Ahab, "**Go up, eat and drink**; for there is the sound of abundance of rain." ...

43 and said to his servant, "**Go up now, look** toward the sea." So he went up and looked, and said, "There is nothing."

Elijah spoke out of the **revelatory** truth – received from the Lord

But the ser only see the **natural** – like us:

Oh – what - all this talk – **unprecedented** blessings

– look at econ – what paper says – all the negative news

Prophecy from Ps Vernon Falls:

You are great great great pearl, so special to Me. For your heart is for Me, saith the Lord, and I shall do great things for thee. Don't ever think that you are **forgotten** and this nation is forgotten, for I hold this nation firmly and securely in My hand and My people in My hand. Truly, great **blessings shall flow** all upon you **no matter what** the situation might be, I shall take care of each and every one of thee and your family too. For truly My blessings are upon this nation, so do not look at all the things that going around you, **don't even speak about those things, just think about, speak about the great things that I have prepared** for you, saith the Lord. As you keep your **eyes upon Me**, you **shall see** the manifestation shall flow free. Keep your focus upon Me and your mouth upon Me, for **you declare what I said**, saith the Lord, it shall come **speedily**, speedily and you know, My children, for I love you, My children here in Malaysia, I love you, I love you, saith the Spirit of the Lord. My love shall take care of all those things concerning you, so look to Me, **look to Me** and let your **mouth speak** the things of Me. Don't speak the things of the enemy, but speak the things of Me because the things of Me, is what I have **prepared for thee**, saith the Spirit of the Lord.

Greaat breakthroughs I have already released for even in this **Church**, I have released greaat breakthrough for My **people**, for **My leaders**. For I am moving you out of here to a **greater place**, saith the Spirit of the Lord, to a greater place, to a **huge place**, yes, people shall be **astounded**, they shall be astounded, saith the Lord. For truly, you know that is My hand. It is My hand that has **caused it**, saith the Lord. So I would say unto thee this day, **don't go the other way**, don't go the other way, **flow with Me**, flow with Me, and the things that I have prepared for thee and for this Church, saith the Spirit of the Lord.

Yes, I shall cause great growth, great growth, great growth in this Church, saith the Lord. Have not I said, I shall make it a **Mega Church**, a Mega Church, for truly I have **mega blessings**, mega blessings for this **Church** and for **My people**, saith the Spirit of the Lord. So **speak mega, speak mega, don't speak small**, speak mega; **don't think small, think mega**. For truly, I shall do far more **exceedingly abundantly above all** that you can ask or think. I shall say unto thee, it shall **be paid for**, it shall be paid for. Don't balk at the price, I said, in the Spirit of the Lord, that's nothing for Me, that's nothing for Me for I shall pay for it, I shall pay for it, I shall pay for it, it shall be paid, saith the Lord.

God is saying unto you, truly you are going to **see great abundance** and

experience great abundance. You have been hearing about it, but God said, you are going to really **experience** it. Gold coins, gold coins, gold coins. Hallelujah!

And seven times he said, "**Go again.**" 44 Then it came to pass the seventh time, that he said, "There is a cloud, as small as a man's hand, rising out of the sea!" So he said, "**Go up, say** to Ahab, 'Prepare your chariot, and go down before the rain stops you.'" NKJV

Heavy downpour

Eligah – **bold** – see

1 Kings 18:36-40

36 And it came to pass, at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, ... fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice ... NKJV

, and the wood and the stones and the dust, and it licked up the water that was in the trench.39 Now when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, "The LORD, He is God! The LORD, He is God!"

Evening **sacri** – 3 pm – It's finished
Fire didn't **consumed** – Ahab – most

wicked man – consumed the sacri

Some are **praying** for things you should be **speaking to**

– begging crying God to do something –

already God's will

Moses – police constable

Imagine a **constable** – saw accident – call

Inspector – what do – control traffic – call the ambulance

Agree with what God says - **speak**

Rebellion – **sickness** – **depression** (not please – **command**) - **debt** – **stingy** boss (not front)-

– rebellion you cannot control my child

Sickness you got to go – debt you cannot stay– depression – you will not steal my destiny

Big thing – **sm** thing - **Vacation** – **fishing** trip – pouring rain – forecast – remember – spoke word – no rain – reached

Not **control** peo – girl will respond to me -

God – up to the chemistry

Speak to mt – not **scream** – shout

Speak firmly – your words carries kingly authority

Flourish as we seek Him

Seek Him – the Blessor

Worship and thank Him for your life, family, work and everything.

Seek His Way

Feed on His **Word** and **Promises** – lead you to reliable proven way of the best blessings. Jer 6:16

Hundredfold blessings (Mark 4:8), **miracles** (Gal 3:5), **creative latent** power: fruit, prosperity (Psa 1:3), life, **health** (Prov 4:22) and **good success** (Joshua 1:8).

See **Jesus** and His **grace** in the Word (Luke 24:27)

Seek His Strength

CAST every cares to the Lord.

Acknowledge your **dependence** on Him even in your strength.

ASK for **Favor** (grace, enabling, overflow),

Protection, Wisdom (discernment) John 16:23

Pray in the **Spirit** and with the **mind**.

Seek His Presence and Favor

SPEAK to the mountains (Mark 11:22) from the Throne of **Grace** (Heb 4:16).

Go out with **shouts** of **praise**. Psalms 67:5-6