

## Seeing Jesus in the Midst of Storms

Song of Solomon 3:11

11 Come out, you daughters of Zion,

and look at King Solomon wearing the crown, the crown with which his mother crowned him on the day of his wedding, the day his heart rejoiced.

Ephesians 6:2-3

2 "Honor your father and mother"-which is the first commandment with a promise-3 "that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."

Experiencing Sure and Full Covenantal Blessings

song

7 miracles – 7

proclamation – Protestant – protestatio

Why are we called

Protestant church?

Proclaim Christ alone saves. Not our works

John 6 – Bread of life – stir up argu – debates – mind to und –

Didn't know – Jesus refer to HC

1 Corinthians 10:16

16 Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ?

Key word – life

– Zoe – LXX – God breath – phy life, fullness, life in it's

ORIGINAL form, what it should be – LXX Why so powerful?

1. You partaking – body – blood - faith

Take and eat; this is my body

It is not the priest's power-- receive zoe

that turn the bread into the body of Christ but your faith as you eat and receive the body with faith

How can eating? Why not

1 Cor 11:29 ... not discerning the BODY

29 For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

Unworthy? Some think – sin - Many ch – once a month or even 6 months

My mother born me no full

Cannot be becos of sin – HC instituted ans to sin – for sinners – not discern body

2. You call God to remembrance of His covenant

1 Cor 11:24-26

... Do this to call Me to remembrance. AMP

bringing the cov to the FOCUS

25 Similarly when supper was ended, He took the cup also, saying, This cup is the new covenant [established] in My blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, to call Me to remembrance. AMP

Romans 4:8 Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will never count against him."

If there is any doubt – whether you are worthy

– healed – forgiven – blessed – restored

Hear – my body broken ...paid – his Rness

If depend on own righteousness never have assurance – prayer answered

Jeremiah 32:40-41 And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from doing them good; ... 41 Yes, I will rejoice over them to do them good ...

You are receiving not what you deserve but what Christ deserves Don't set a limit what you receive

One way we set a limit – upset others are getting blessed or receive more

When that happen – it is not God limit yourself first – you are limiting yourself first

God looks at you – since you are not happy with how people are harvesting (you don't know what they has sown) – you don't need more harvest

Why is it dangerous to limit the grace of God?

Dangerous to limit the grace of God

You never know when you need MORE grace

Judas limited grace – he grumbled Jesus receiving too much When the moment he need grace (be forgiven of a heinous crime), he can't receive grace

Believe God will forgive, but he can't receive grace as he has limited grace

3. You receive Grace to overcome sins

Redeem by blood – life – that how PRECIOUS you are

Girls – self respect – appt – greatest temptation – if you are – minus beloved John 6:14-20

... (Jesus) withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

16 When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, 17 where they got into a boat and set off across the lake for Capernaum. By now it was dark, and Jesus had not yet joined them. 18 A strong wind was blowing and the waters grew rough.

Cf. Mark 6:45

Amazing – Jesus told them to cross – – storm – why?

45 Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd.

Times we think – walking in God's calling – everything fine, and Face rough times – why?

God DIDN'T send - storms

Why I am so sure – not God? Jesus – rebuked storms

If storms are from the father – he would have been rebuking the father Problem? Realise: not God not happy

– God not mad – angry – something wrong life - not your sins

REALITY: This not heaven: d – evil peo Lamentations 3:33

33 For he does not willingly bring affliction or grief to the children of men.

He takes no pleasure in causing us grief or pain. TEV

He takes no pleasure in making life hard, in throwing roadblocks in the way. Message Bible

God don't send - God can use - turn things around – saw – 6:19

Opport - Saw Jesus in midst of Storm – 6:19

## 1. See Jesus' care and glory

Mark 6:49-50

49 but when they saw him walking on the lake, they thought he was a ghost. They cried out, ...

Your cry – always catch his attn, not worthy

Your need is the only qualification Amazing story recorded in ALL Gospels

God told the writers – make sure my boys and girls knows - what I did for them I will do for you - Same

yesterday, today and forever

50 for they all saw Him and were troubled. But immediately He talked with them and said to them, "Be of good cheer (take courage)! It is I; do not be afraid." NKJV

NIV – courage

Why we can be courageous & cheerful in midst of storms?

Root of 'Good Cheer' θαρσέο: courage, boldness, confidence.

Good cheer – will have ...

**Real** prob is not your prob

*How you respond*

**Blame** peo – God – bitter

*Have - sense of humor –*

**cheer**

**Rom 5:3-6**

3 We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they are good for us—they help us learn to be patient. 4 And patience develops strength of character in us and helps us trust God more each time we use it until finally our hope and faith are strong and steady. 5 Then, when that happens, we are able to hold our heads high no matter what happens and know that **all is well**, for we **know how dearly** God loves us, and we feel this warm love everywhere within us because God has given us the **Holy Spirit** to fill our hearts with his love. TLB

**Praying in HS**

**1 Peter 4:12-13**

Friends, when life gets really difficult, don't jump to the conclusion that God isn't on the job. Instead, be glad that you are in the very thick of what Christ experienced. This is a spiritual refining process, with glory just around the corner. Message Bible

**Good things happens when you know Jesus loves you**

*Greater the problem – greater capacity for miracles*

*Oh I have 10 – 10 major opport*

**2. See Jesus is the Answer to all our needs**

Mark 6:50

50 ... they all saw him and were terrified. Immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take courage! **It is I**. Don't be afraid."

**Cheerful & confidence – what basis?**

The Greek is actually I AM → **cheer - courage**

Same word – **Moses** heard – I cannot speak – power - bitter

*I can't speak – not impt – I am your mouth piece*

*I don't have power – not impt – I am your power – he released such – never seen bef*

*The water is bitter – Ok – I am your hearer*

**Jesus is the I AM - ans (blank cheque) of all your needs.**

*God is the blank cheque of all our needs.*

**Lost hope? I AM the Bright and Morning Star**

**Lost purpose? Hidden Treasure**

**Lost direction? Light of the world**

**Lost with strategies? In Him is all the treasures of Wisdom**

Colossians 2:3

*3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.*

**Some of the best uni today – Oxford, Harvard, Berlin, Paris – root from c schools & Christian fathers**

Prov 20:24 Since the Lord is directing our steps, why try to understand everything that happens along the way? LB

HC

**Financial problem? I AM your Provider**

**What are the creative ways that God provides for us?**

**Exp fishermen – when confronted – helpless – same w econ storm**

*These were experienced fishermen. Yet when confronted with the ugly forces of nature, they were in total helplessness.*

**Prob: we mind set – boss – usual profession**

**God provides – His way - Eligah**

*you can be sure he is a very creative God - Look at the way, he*

*provided for Eligah – most stingy bird – that finishes off the bone*

**Lady** from US – health prob – in ch very early days – 222

*Used to personally give her some money, One day just before our first mission trip to England*

*She gave us a small amount of money*

*I initially refused to accept Don't want to upset her - I took it Easter morning - Beaming with joy*

*Show letter to welfare dept of US Sorry that they have stop the welfare for past two years*

*Made a mistake*

*1. Return what they owe past 2 years in one lump sum*

*2. Guarantee to supply monthly rest of her life - Unending supply*

*God supplied her and us – most unusual way – US? - God*

**Disciples – guilt condemnation disappointments – not catch - 153 large fish**

*Hey – wrong place – drop net on right side*

Pr. 20:30 Sometimes it takes a painful experience to make us change our ways. TEV

**Sick? I AM your Great physician**

**We do possible – he does impossible**

*Ps 91:1 We do possible – he ... He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.*

**Pain of aging? Rock of ages**

Ps 92:12-15  
12 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. 13 Those who are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.

14 They shall still bear fruit in old age; They shall be fresh and flourishing. NKJV

**Doubts? I AM Author and Perfector of faith**

**How is Jesus the Author and Perfector of our faith?**

*But I don't have the faith – it's not even your faith – it is His faith that carries you thru – as you rest in his love*

Matt 14: 28

*"Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." 29 "Come," he said.*

*Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus.*

**30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"**

31 Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

*Even man of God have doubts*

*Peter is an chief apostle*

*Christ 's faith – goodness – covers our failures*

**Failed? Guilt? I am the Lamb of God.**

1 Peter 1:18 Redeemed with His precious blood

Hebrews 7:22 Because of this oath(vow, will, testament), Jesus has become the guarantee of a better covenant. 25 Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because - *he always lives to intercede for them.*

**How does Jesus intercede for us now?**

**Thot – praying – groaning – like in Gdn**

*Presence is the intercession*

**D – go heaven? Cross – bound**

*Accuser – claim have evidence of our faults*

*Jesus – our lawyer – intercessor – right but father – look at my hand – my broken*

He will always be there to remind God that He has paid for their sins with His Blood. LB

*Law of double jeopardy*

**Lost youth? Rose of Sharon**

Jeremiah 31:4 I will build you up again and you will be rebuilt, O Virgin Israel. Again you will take up your tambourines and go out to dance with the joyful.

Heb 8:12

12 And I will forgive their wrongdoings, and I will never again remember their sins."

NLT

**Impt – not be overwhelmed with guilt**

Genesis 39:9 No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?

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**Strifes and conflicts? I AM the Prince of peace**  
**How to experience as the Prince of Peace?**

**Willing to rest – immed peace**

– **circum** may still be same – joy and peace

*Member came – very troubled – someone giving a negative news – deep down – deep deep peace*

*Greek legend – weigh prophesies*

*WORD – peace – fruit, not how spectacular*

**Fearful and feeling lost? I AM the Good Shepherd**  
**Feeling no father or motherly care? I am your Father in Heaven and El Shaddai**

Psalms 68:5

5 A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling.

**Dark and depressing time? Lily of the valley**  
**Lonely? Unloved? I AM your Bridegroom**

Pray for a suitable mate – meanwhile – not incomplete  
**Frustr** – comes when we expect human being provide what only God can provide

**Those called – Paul - NOT mean – no yearning for rel – don't feel lonely – replace**

Mark 6:48-50

48 He saw the disciples straining at the oars, because the wind was against them. About the fourth watch of the night he went out to them, walking on the lake. He was **about** to pass by them,

**Gentleness – about to pass by**  
– *not possessed but filled*

*Not driven but lead*

John 6:19-21

20 But he said to them, "It is I; don't be afraid." 21 Then they were willing to take him into the boat, and **immediately** the boat reached the shore where they were heading.

Psalms 40:1-2

Waiting I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry. 2 He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

**Key: Hungry – not complacent**  
– new heights - ... sanctuary  
Caleb – give me this mountain  
– why – as when young – BIG GOD