



Prayer Focus

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Proper Vision

“²And you shall remember that the LORD your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. ³So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD.” Deuteronomy 8:2-3 (NKJV)

I often contemplate that the Israelites, after being led out of slavery in Egypt in dramatic fashion, spent another forty years in the desert being led by God. We know that this added period was due to their lack of faith as the spies who were sent into Canaan gave a bad report to the people (except for Joshua and Caleb).

The spies said, *“We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we.”* And, *“The land through which we have gone as spies is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great stature. There **we saw the giants** (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); **and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight.**”* See Numbers 13:31, 32-33. These forty years, then, was a time to be humbled and tested. The spies, and the children of Israel, needed to gain proper vision.

Yet, even in the humbling, God fed them. Even in the testing, God taught them.

It seems the most important lesson that the Father had for His people to have proper vision was that *“man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord.”*

As the siren call to “prepare” continues to sound, I am reminded that sometimes the Lord allows humbling and testing to purify our hearts, and to enable us to have proper vision. I believe He is giving us this opportunity now.

We must not see ourselves as grasshoppers in our own sight. The battle has been won. See Colossians 2:15, Revelation 1:18. We are filled with the same resurrection power that raised Jesus from the dead. See Romans 8:9-11, Philippians 3:8-10.

As lawlessness, chaos, and lying increases, the body of Messiah must keep our eyes on the Lord, be rooted in His word, and put our confidence solely in Him and His promises. This is proper vision.

Pray

- For the body of Messiah to have proper vision in these last days. *“For we walk by faith, not by sight.”* 2 Corinthians 5:7
- For the humbling of the body of Messiah to produce the purified Bride ready for Jesus Christ’s return, and give thanks that even in the humbling, the Lord will provide for us. He will not leave us, nor will He forsake us.
- That we would pass the test, and that we would be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. *“²My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, ³knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. ⁴But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.”* James 1:2-4
- That the body of Messiah would be bold and courageous, filled with faith, hope, and love, and that we would perform great exploits for we know our God. See Joshua 1, 1 Corinthians 13, and Daniel 11:32.

Events

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