



Prayer Focus

August 8-14, 2022

Kingdom Privilege

It is often recognized that God's economy is not man's economy. One example of this is Jesus' estimation of the widow's giving in Mark 12:41-44, *"⁴¹ Now Jesus sat opposite the treasury and saw how the people put money into the treasury. And many who were rich put in much. ⁴² Then one poor widow came and threw in two mites, which make a quadrans. ⁴³ So He called His disciples to Himself and said to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury; ⁴⁴ for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood.'"* This story is also recounted in Luke 21:1-4.

Another example is found in the letter to the persecuted church in the book of Revelation. *"⁸ And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write, 'These things says the First*

and the Last, who was dead, and came to life: ⁹"I know your works, tribulation, and poverty (but you are rich) ..."" Revelation 2:8-9a

Lately, the Lord has been speaking to me about His privilege – Kingdom privilege – and that it is not man's privilege, or what society would necessarily define as privilege. One example the Lord brought to mind is Mary, the woman who bore Jesus. The angel Gabriel greeted her, saying, *"Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!"* Luke 1:28 At this announcement, her life was about to markedly change and all that she knew was challenged. Her reputation, honor, and status would be in question for the rest of her earthly life. But as far as the Kingdom is concerned, she is the one who "found favor with God" and was most blessed among women to be chosen to bring forth the Son of God in the flesh on earth.

Another example I have reflected on this week is Simon of Cyrene. The man compelled to carry Jesus' cross, recounted in Matthew 27:32, Mark 15:21, and Luke 23:26. We do not know much about this man, but from Scripture understand that he was from modern day Libya and that he was the father of Alexander and Rufus (individuals known and identified in the Gospel of Mark). The God of the Universe came in the flesh to die for the sins of all mankind, and the one called to walk with Him to the hill of Calvary and serve Him by bearing the cross was Simon of Cyrene.

In Mary's case, for God's purposes to be fulfilled, she had to be engaged to be married which provided a covering for her, but still a virgin, for the Holy Spirit to conceive the Son of God in her womb. Likewise, a Roman soldier, or Pharisee, would not have been compelled to carry Jesus' cross as Simon was. For each and every one of us, the Lord has chosen specific circumstances, locales, and homes in which to place us, and then He uses us for His purposes in roles that only those set of circumstances would permit. That is Kingdom privilege.

- Melody Divine

Pray

- Give thanks to the Lord for His blessing and undeserved favor, the privilege of being sons and daughters of God. *"Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him."* 1 John 3:1
- Consider what privilege the Lord has bestowed upon us, *"²⁶ Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."²⁷ So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸ Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."* Genesis 1:26-28
- Pray for God to reveal His purpose and privilege to you. How have the circumstances of your life given you Kingdom privilege?
- Pray that the body of Messiah would have a higher understanding of her holy calling and her unmerited favor and would shine brightly for Him no matter what

the earthly circumstances seem, but would see the privilege in the moment she has been called to.

Events

Prayer Force Website: <http://www.prayerforce.live/>

Prayer Force Room Sign-Up

Prayer Force Equipping Hour – Every other Tuesday at 1:00pm, Pacific

IMPORTANT REMINDER

To maintain security of the prayer room, the passcode periodically changes. The passcode for the prayer room has changed from 1221 to **6913**. The new passcode (6913) comes from the book of Matthew 6:9-13, which is The Lord's Prayer. We'll see you in the Prayer Room!