

## **A TIME LIKE THIS**

***"When Mordecai received Esther's message, he sent her this warning: "Don't imagine that you are safer than any other Jew just because you are in the royal palace. If you keep quiet at a time like this, help will come from heaven to the Jews, and they will be saved, but you will die and your father's family will come to an end. Yet who knows — maybe it was for a time like this that you were made queen!"***  
*Esther 4:12-14 [GNT]*

Verse fourteen of that chapter says "If you keep quiet at a time like this, help will come from heaven to the Jews, and they will be saved, but you will die and your father's family will come to an end. Yet who knows — maybe it was for a time like this that you were made queen!"

This word of the lord is unto every man and woman who desires to serve him. He said his to me on a day that I must not keep back the truth that will bring his people deliverance and relief [help], and out of struggles for freedom. He preserved me for this many years that I might be made for a certain time. He preserved and protected me for all this while and he is now saying that 'for a time like this, did I make you'

The truth about love, service, and the use of talents/gift is that which you and I must not keep quiet about it.

Do not keep quiet at a time like this, explains to me that, silence at a time to speak out brings about defeat. Whoever must not experience shame and defeat must now arise to speak out the truth about Jesus' ways that sets man free from religion and routine. We need the. Truth that brings down the revival of God and its accompanying fire.

God has asked me to speak out now.

He has put within me the zeal to sing with a people about the efficacy of the blood and the cross of Jesus Christ.

I must not be silent about this new life through the blood and cross of Jesus Christ.

If I don't, all others will receive help from somewhere else but I and my father's house [immediate church/family] will perish in ignorance. God forbid it.

There is the truth that all of God's people need to hear, know and have within them, and to be also living with, which I have been kept in training all these years purposely for.

Heaven is counting on me for the lives attached to me. If I shut my mouth, I conceal the truth from them, they'll be lost and I will be help responsible.

## **THE POWER OF SPOKEN TRUTHS.**

When you speak out the truths of the word of God in faith affirmatively, you agree that it is true and should come to pass in your life. It is an act of confirming what the Lord has said over your own life.

When you declare the truths about Christ Jesus, people get saved; when you keep shut, people perish. Words spoken by the power of God create deliverance and bring relief to all who need it.

When you refuse speaking at the time which you ought to speak, lives will be lost. There is surely a time to speak. When you do not recognize it and when you do not speak at that moment, the outcome is usually disastrous both to you and to those that it should work for. On the way round, the truth given or opened up at a wrong time is usually irrelevant to the saving of anyone, and it can also cause a serious catastrophe especially to the heart that opens up to accept and believe it. It is just like a man who eats a spoiled food. There are the words that are only right and most needful for a season; they can create the result required only when at the right season they are spoken.

**'If you keep quiet'** → this continual statement gives an understanding that the words of the lord, when spoken, is a fulfillment of someone else's purpose (the speaker), and when the speaker doesn't speak it at that moment, it will surely result to a delayed destiny or even a closed destiny [*unfulfilled purpose*], you can't blame God for that. So many people are still fasting and praying with all seriousness just to enter into the fulfillment of their destiny when at the time God set them to enter into it, there didn't do their own part. Do not end up in that way. Your time will not pass you by in Jesus name.

This also relates to the time to enter ones purpose. Every purpose has a season of fulfillment and that's why King Solomon in Ecclesiastes 3:1 spoke saying,

***"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:" [KJV]***

That your own purpose has the season given it of God to be fulfilled.

***"And he shall belike a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper".***  
*Psalm 1:3 [KJV]*

That's why every child of God must wait patiently to be made in order to enter into the fulfillment of his/her purpose at the correct time.

I tell you, many have launched out too quickly and it has not been very easy for them at all, because, their time didn't arrive when they had entered. Queen Esther received this from Mordecai "*yet who knows May-be it was for a time like this that you were made queen*" and not "*you are made queen*". The making of a man is too crucial for God to let go if he must lead that man unto the fulfillment of his purpose for the man. Before your life and your purpose in life can fulfill heaven's desire for attaching and giving such a purpose to only you, you must be made into another man by complete renewal of your inner man.

*Your old self life must be completely extinguished and the new life through Christ Jesus must be completely put within you manifestly, and then you are already living*

in it before your purpose is fully announced to you that the time to enter into it is fully come, you will know deep within you by the witness of the Holy Spirit in you; and as soon as you hear it, do not delay. Take steps by the leading of the Spirit and do not keep quiet at that time. Your not keeping quiet means you are unveiling all that God has been filling you with, unto those to whom they are meant for. It may be songs he's been giving you from above, it may be instructions you have been putting down on papers, and it may be teachings on many different subject matters that relates to man in the different sectors of life. It may be wealth creation ideas to save people from the captivity of poverty and the agony of unemployment.

For some people, it may be that you've been learning one strange language, skill or the other acts which you found to be quite odd to the generation you were educated with it. All these and many others are the activities involved in the training school of the Holy Ghost while he's making you. It's normally an obscure (secret) act with him. Only you and he are aware, others may be thinking you are suffering or you've been delayed, No! This God's training scheme for whoever he uses for revival that you are going through.

It's a pity that a lot of Christians do not recognize this and have no understanding of this knowledge and for that, take a by-pass away off the track of God's plans and desires for them. So many I know, even as friends while we grew up together took the easy pathway for themselves, which they do not know the road to. The road to every successful destiny is most times disclosed from its travelers. We may only have a good knowledge of the bright promising future ahead of us by virtue of the signs of greatness we see ourselves perform at one time or the other and many people often gets carried away for this reason. Only those who understands the signs to be an instruction, for them to be careful how they live their lives, will actually be patient enough to follow the due process (discipleship), unto entering the divine purpose for their lives.

Listen, you must not be wise in your own eyes and then take a seemingly smart *shortcut* off the way of truth into your destiny. Fine, you may eventually find yourself there but you'd be denied every bit of *experiences* that would have joined to mould you to the proper image and sustain you up there. You would be denied all the virtues of the new life that can sustain you along the journey and in times of trials and temptations, keep you and make you envious to your generation.

When you take a *shortcut route*, you will be also be denied the training for a correct man, who will enter into a glorious destiny/purpose fulfillment maturely. At this point, brother and sister, would you like to pause and ponder on your life? What are you living for now? Where are you running to? What is that thing that you are pursuing or that is pursuing you, which you love more than Christ and wouldn't let go? What is that treasure that you so much constrain yourself in a time with target to catch up with, even when you bypass this important [and never-to-miss] training of your life?

All other secular trainings for a comfortable life here on earth, put together cannot offer you an eternal and *ever-lasting* reward for your service in the hands of God.

If you avoid this life making process, I assure you that you will never have the smooth life with Christ which you long for. Your life will be full of thorns and briars, and you will only keep struggling to follow the lord properly in righteousness, no matter how 'fasting-full and prayerful' you are. Any prayerful man without the **life of Christ** will eventually becomes a **prayer-fool**. The devil will mock you until you are discouraged and perish away, that will not be your portion in Jesus' name. But, you are warned of the lord today that you should not *abandon [neglect, run-away from, bypass]* discipleship **process**. This training is God's only scheme for making correct servants who will bear many lasting fruits, because their quality of life is same as that of Christ Jesus.

If you have already fallen off that road because of fear of what you'd be required to drop along the line. Please everything that Christ will require of you to drop is only for your own good in your service for him. He says, we "should drop any sin that easily besets us"; whatsoever and however needful I may be unto you must be dropped once Jesus requires that you drop it. You will get what is better than that ten times, even here on earth and in the surely in the world to come. Moses had to pull off his shoes when he was required to pull it off. Do not be stupid like a mule, so he says in psalm 32:9; he wants to actually teach you and guide you along the best pathway for your life.

If you have fallen off from the process/training way because of pressures on your life, from your father, or any one of your family members in which relationship, you can come back again today if you will; Christ is always arm-opened to receive you. If you are only willing and ready to enjoy a new life in Christ, **come!**

***"Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me — watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep Company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly".***

*Matthew 11:28-30 [MESSAGE]*

You do not have to fear for the troubles you'll face in the future if you come unto him even right now and while you're reading this. Do not fear the struggles and persecutions you'd have to face because it's your *flag* as the citizen of Zion. You have to gladly arm yourself with that thinking. The world will not understand you and your ways. The world does not know Jesus and will not know you because, you are not of the world and not a compromiser of the faith to the standards of the world. To follow Jesus, you must love him and his own ways more than your father, mother, wife, children, your friends and even your own self along you ever own. You'd have to deny yourself and let go of every thing completely in order to follow the lord Jesus.

***"Then he told them what they could expect for themselves: "Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me lead. You're not in the driver's seat — I am. Don't run from suffering; embrace it. Follow me and I'll show you how".***

*Luke 9:23-25 [THE MESSAGE]*

When you're done with that, and continue in it, you can follow and remain in him.

**TIME**

### **... A time like this...**

This statement was made twice in verse 14 of that scripture in Esther 4. This first one introduces what her silence result at that point in time will result into. The last one declares that, she was made a queen for that purpose.

The former which introduces what the refusal for her, entering her purpose will result into at that time tells, of how many of the children of God have resolved that heaven will stick to them continuously, even when they refuse to respond to her call. Let nobody deceive you to thinking that God will always hold you so tightly until you respond.

Elijah the prophet *in 1 kings 19:14 and 18* told God thus:

***"I am the only one left-and they are trying to kill me"***

Check these out with me briefly,

Verse 15 ... ***"The lord said"***

Verse 18... ***"Yet I will leave seven thousand people alive in Israel – all those who are loyal to me and have not bowed to Baal or kissed his idol"***

The lord himself made Elijah anoint seven other men with the purpose of replacing him when he's gone in the various manifestations of the power full inside of him. Elijah had concluded that he couldn't continue to stand for God for fear of his life, but God debunked and made him to understand that, even if he drops the mantle, there are several other who have been kept in training, but in obscurity and in his care that would take over as soon as possible. God does not lack men for his work in any generation at all and if you at a time feel, God is so dependent on you to be used to fulfill his purpose on earth among men, then take a good look at what Mordecai said unto Esther.

***"If you keep quiet at a time like this, help [deliverance, relief] will come from heaven to the Jews, and they will be saved" (Several versions combined)***

Surely, there are always those seven thousand Israelites [other believers] who are kept alive and preserved [as arrow in God's divine quiver], from defiling themselves by bowing to Baal or his idol (sin).

When you fail to enter your purpose just at the appropriate time, even when you've been made, God wants to let you know today that heaven have more than enough prepared backups in the store house of discipleship. You must not fail to enter your purpose. A lot of Christians have delayed themselves from entering into their purpose because of compromise to sinful habits and some have also delayed theirs by refusing to go through a test for spiritual promotion.

Some other ones give up in the midst of trials of faith and return back to the devil's hands.

Listen, you cannot be promoted to a new level which is higher than your current level in everything in life except you are qualified to be promoted. The right criterion for any spiritual promotion is the passing of a test.

When you pass, you'll be promoted. But when you fail in the test of your faith your promotion will be postponed or aborted. Therefore, whatsoever is the trial and test anyone must pass should not be avoided in order to take a shortcut to your destination. A lot of Christians who did this ended up as undone cakes, like spoilt, rotten, half-hatched egg.

Help will come up unto the children of God, if you to whom the assignment to deliver the help was given fail. God still has a lot more who will be raised up as a replacement for you.

Will you come with me to understand what Mordecai said to Esther further?

He stresses that help [deliverance, relief] will come from heaven for the Jews but that Esther will die and her father's family will come to an end.

We shall not trivialize this matter here. Elijah didn't die although but he was cut off from men before the time God allotted him to fulfill his purpose. He didn't finish his, rather requested that he should go over to the wilderness near Damascus, then enter the city and anoint hazael as king of Syria, also to anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king of Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed him as prophet. It was for him to personally confer upon these people the distribution of the fullness of what was for the people of God.

All these people had to bear an angle (or a wing) of Elijah's purpose for the smooth running of the kingdom. Elisha was eventually succeeded Elijah requested a hard thing that he should receive from Elijah a *double fold* of Elijah's anointing. This was necessary in order for him to be able to finish Elijah's work which he didn't fulfill and also run with the rest as to continue from the place Elijah would have stopped. Double of Elijah's Spirit was needful for Elisha to help Elijah fulfill his remaining purpose and for him to take off with the rest.

What God is saying here is that, if you refuse to enter into for the fulfillment of your purpose at the time that it proves right for you to enter and fulfill God's desires, you will die but without a good record from heaven and the particular group of people who would have risen up into their own purpose will lose out. Those to whom your destiny is attached to yours will end up a failure. Your immediate household who should be ignited by your own fire will struggle to make it and yet fail and even perish in the process. God warned Ezekiel, that if he refuses to announce to sinner about sin and the person dies in sin, his blood will be required from his head, you think that is a trivial case?

*Now*

The later... **a time like this...** declares that she was made a queen for that purpose. **"Yet who knows-maybe it was for a time like this that you were made queen!"**

*Did you take notice that this particular declaration of Mordecai had behind it an exclamation mark (!) in good news bible and question mark (?) in other versions like the King James Version?*

That statement was made in these forms but in an interrogative and exclamatory manner, that's why those marks are there. It connotes the importance of such a sentence. Mordecai declared it to Esther in a loud and sudden way. Perhaps, he was warning and using a vocabulary that expresses the pains in his heart and the sorrows that will overwhelm them all, if she refuses to stand firm. He was bringing it to her as a matter of urgency and thanks to God that Esther humbly heeded the warnings.

I love to announce to you also that it was for this 'time' that your purpose was made to be fulfilled. God must have been keeping you in deep-hearted training or discipleship in secret, and this time, he wants to let you know that you can now arise and begin to speak out [make known, make manifest, reveal, uncover, open up] and shine out whatsoever he's been teaching and telling you in the secret place. Arise today! Shake yourself free from fear, shame, shyness, low self esteem, self pity and depression, and move out upwardly with that which he's lectured you upon, for this while in obscurity.

And if you know you've not been through this *secret self life* dealing with the lord, today is a good day to start as you tell him in prayers right now, if not, God will not promote you to any higher level in your following of him.

## **HELP [DELIVERANCE, RELIEF]**

If you keep quiet at a time like this, 'help' will come from heaven to the Jews, and they will be saved. [GNB]

Deliverance and relief for the Jews will arise from some other place". [NLT]

I just like us to use these two synonyms of help together with it that is deliverance and relief.

Even if Queen Esther had refused to do anything, God would have still sent them help from heaven through another means; he's too committed to carrying out his will. He will not become helpless for that reason; although he will sorrow for you who's going to perish along other innocent souls he gave you, whom you deceived.

Who needs help?

Who needs deliverance?

Who needs relief?

If we all call God a name by *help, deliverance, relief*, we will understand this more. God will help us. Let's take them as a noun.

We will be saying:

Who needs God the helper?

Who needs God the deliverer?

Who needs God the comforter?

Each of these words have very deep meaning as used in the scriptures, although I shall use them as one and yet interchangeably.

The person that needs help is one without help [the helpless].

The opposite of help is *hindrance* [*Encarta dictionary*]

The person that needs deliverance is the man who is captured (in captivity).

The person that needs relief is also referred to as someone with anxiety or tension.

One who lacks cheerfulness, someone who wants to be released from a painful stress and released from undue pressure upon him/her.

Every sinner all over the world is likened to be in need of these mentioned above.

Every man who is without the knowledge of Christ or who does not believe in Jesus is the man who needs help, deliverance and relief.

Jesus promises to offer this help to all those who will ever come unto him. He's a specialist in the creation of help for where there seems to be none, for everyone who comes unto him. This assistance which he renders for free is through his children whom he has prepared in secret.

Whatsoever be your purpose in life in Christ, it must tend towards offering of help by the love for free. Several millions of the church individuals and the unchurched persons needs divine help, needs deliverance and needs relief in their lives.

It is help to them because it is not an offer that they can pay for. No man can ever pay you for the fulfillment of your purpose which you used to bless him; they can only appreciate you for helping them but cannot pay you. For this reason, do not continue to ask any member of the church or any man at all whether sinner or a saint to settle you financially or pay you by any means when they get blessed by the use of your divine gift/talent; God the giver of all is your rewarder. Don't try to any man responsible for your pay. Even ministers of the gospel, you must understand that man can't really satisfy all your needs by the little stipends they

give you, however big or small it may be. You must totally rely God who is your rewarder to reward you and satisfy all your needs no matter how big and pressing they are.

You ought to seek the helpless and satisfy their needs.

If you claim to be fulfilling God's divine purpose upon your life and you remain stiff-necked towards the sick, poor, beggars, and those in need, the orphans and widows, you must repent from it.

Whosoever is poor in anything needs help and satisfaction. Whosoever is captured in sin needs help and until you show him Christ through your ministry, you've not handed him the eternal help which he needs, to get out of the captivity he is into.

Sometimes I marvel at some of the things which some so called ministers of the gospel say, when they preach the word to a large group of people. Why must you collect offering to pray for people whenever there is a mighty release of the power of the Holy Ghost upon the word of God you spoke? Did he actually ask you to do that? Why must you put divine solution on *pay* for whoever consults you for prayer and counseling session?

Many preachers have led themselves into such evil and makes merchandise with the gracious living word and gifts of the lord. God will judge such people to condemnation if the they do not come out of it. We as children of God are to preach and deliver divine counsels, then wait for God who employs us for a reward that sustains us here on earth and also in heaven. You must know for sure that God's target for committing such a purpose unto you is accomplish is to give help for those in need.

*Every* smoker, drunk, prostitute, thief, gossip and every one you ever see in idolatry and all other forms of ungodly acts secretly or openly, describes to you the deep extent to which they need the help of God. That help is given unto you for them.

When you see people involve in all manner of ungodly behaviours, it is because they are still held as captives by a strange power due to their ignorance of what Jesus has done for them. By your ministry, they must come to the *knowledge* of the *work* of the *blood* and *cross* of Jesus Christ, his *power* and then *believe*, in other that they might be *saved by it*.

Deliverance is that which every man that's captured seeks. The Jews were already sold unto destruction by the hand of Haman, but for God's love over his people, Haman's secret deal was disclosed and he was put to death in place of Mordecai and the plot against the Jews was debunked by a second letter to all the provinces by another letter from Queen Esther.

Every sinner you see has no knowledge of what Christ has done and by the and God has designed their salvation by the way that, by the ministry of your purpose in fulfillment, they are to come up to that understanding that Jesus Christ have paid the price for their deliverance from sin and from all ungodly habits and power of the human nature (Mr. flesh). Relief is more like *consolation*, comfort or also a release from anxiety or tension.

For a man's condition to warrant relief, you know that he must have been so pressed down by the pressure of certain issues of life that surpasses his power to come out of.

That is the case of a lot of people in the world which you meet day by day on many different occasions. Some shows their depression or need for relief on their faces or through their actions and some do not show theirs –they just try to cover it up, but deep within them is the deep wordless pinches of pains and sorrows like thorns biting them deeply within. For some who are not patient enough, they take on suicide as a good alternative out of their deep problem which nothing else showed care for.

These groups of people have seen nothing but decayed-ness in life and are badly frustrated with the need of a solution that God prescribes to be Jesus Christ. Jesus is the answer for the world today and above him there is no other way unto true happiness.

Whatever be the destiny you're fulfilling that has no regard for the imprisoned sinners must be checked again through the light of God's word.

If your purpose has its root inside of Christ, you will be directed to serve him in order to save the frustrated and troubled heart. The psalmist declares thus in *Isaiah 60:1: **the Spirit of the sovereign lord is upon me because the LORD has anointed me to preach the good news to the poor***— not the rich, as I see some of God do because of their stomach. They can only see visions for rich and financially well to do men in the church and the society. Some of these preachers preach only to satisfy their belly, but know not that both the *stomach* and the *food* will be *destroyed*. If you're hearing God well, his major warning for a financially balanced man is not far from this, that, 'he must not forget Jesus' and that Jesus is the true riches he can have. All those other stories of 'your mother hates, your village wants to kill you and eat you because of your wealth, or your people are trying to sacrifice you so come to church and drop money so and so amount of money to be prayed for, or as them to become serious with payment of tithe...' this and many other figurative jargons which they develop by their psychological study of man have deceived them into thinking that by so doing, they are fulfilling God's divine purpose for making and saving them. Blind people they are, they will continue to deceive themselves until the day they repent. Pray for them.

If they want to do their real ministry which God has called them, God will offer them rest and comfort if you give the appropriate warning God gives for them and they heed.

Jesus has sent you to the poor in everyway, not the rich who will not see his need of God. If a man is poor in Christ, and rich in finance, you are sent to make him rich in Christ and surrender all to Christ. Live him and his money alone with God.

Listen,

***"The sovereign LORD has filled me with his Spirit. He has chosen me and sent me to bring good news to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to***

***announce release to captives and  
freedom to those in prison."***

*Isaiah 61:1 [GNB]*

These and the other verses under verse, one clearly states what is the goal of the lord in getting you filled with his Spirit, please take a good time out after reading this booklet to study that passage of the scripture. Your purpose in Christ is to relief, help and deliverance along the way of the people who are *frustrated, captured and chained* by the enemy. This is the good news we proclaim; a Saviour who is riches and wealth wholly in himself.

We proclaim a Saviour whose riches is declared and made manifest in us to the world by our contentment with whatsoever he gives us. Our good news about Christ is that, he offers rest to his people when they come unto him

## **HE IS TO RULE US**

***"Bethlehem in the land of Judah,  
You are by no means the least of the  
leading cities of Judah;  
For from you will come a leader  
Who will guide my people Israel."***

*Matt 2:6 [GNT]*

In *Matthew 2:6*, the prophecy declares that Jesus Christ will guide (or rule) his people.

Until a life is ruled by Christ, that life has not received the good news.

Your ministry, your purpose and my ministry and purpose must bring the souls of men to be under the leadership of Christ Jesus the lord.

You and I must ensure that Christ Jesus is allowed rulership over every area of our life.

What God is bringing to pass which he actually had established before creation is a kingdom of **saints** who are filled with Christ's very life (the word of God) himself, those who are completely under the leadership of Christ's authority.

Regardless of title, or name, every man and woman must submit to the rulership of Christ. He is to guide us in all our ways and we are to allow him guide our lives in every way.

Check your life right now, if Christ is not the overall leader of your life, you must break down in repentance and total surrender to Jesus right now. I am not asking you to speak in strange tongues or pray very loudly now; but deep from the deepest part of your heart, make up your mind, resolve within you that Christ should take the place of control of your entire life. He desires to lead you so that you might do all that he designed you, choosed and called you to be. Deny yourself today and let Christ take the steering wheel of your life that he might guide you along his best *pathway* for your life. If you'd let him rule your life, you'll surely live in place and you will find rest, relief, help and deliverance for your soul. But if you will not let him, if you will **unset** the **settings** of your mind and let him lead you his own way, you will as well never have peace of mind in your entire life and you will have no everlasting life guaranteed.