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ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

I will extol You, my God, O King; and I will bless Your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless You, and I will praise Your name forever and ever. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness is unsearchable.

PSALM 145:1-3

Just the thought that God made each of us individually unique is amazing. No two sets of fingerprints are identical—same with our teeth ... our ears ... our brain imaging. The thought that even something as common as snowflakes will never be exactly alike is staggering.

How marvelous to make one of a kind and never duplicate it. Imagine the complexity in something as whimsical as flowers—who could think of that many innovative designs? Even our hearts and minds remain as unique as our individual fingerprints—yet God's overall pattern of creation remains intact for thousands of years!

We had no way of knowing the intricacies of our own creation. Each of us is magnificently unique. God knows our name ... the contour of our face ... and the sound of our voice. We are His beloved—and our birth was His choice.

= THE BLESSED AND ONLY POTENTATE

God, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, Who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to Whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen.

1 TIMOTHY 6:15-16

God dwells in unapproachable light yet His thoughts are on us. He determined our destiny long before our birth. We are the essence of Godly projection. We were never an accident or the result of anything other than the plan and purpose of God—ordained from the very foundation of the world to thrive today.

The Sovereign King loves us and wants the very best for us—not because we deserve it but because *“He is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and great in mercy. The Lord*

is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works.” We bless His Holy Name when we appreciate Him as our Father.

= WHO KNOWS THE MIND OF GOD?

Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has become His counselor? Or who has first given to Him and it shall be repaid to him? For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to Whom be glory forever. Amen **ROMANS 11:33-36**

Why should we doubt our purpose for being here? Yet that’s what we do when we question our individual uniqueness—as though we know better than God what works or doesn’t work for us.

Sometimes we MISJUDGE our lives and sadly think our destiny will end in failure. But FAILURE is not a grade for our 'experiences.' Failure is our personal judgment or opinion—not God’s purpose for us.

Job answered the Lord, saying, *“I know that you can do EVERYTHING, and that no PURPOSE of Yours can be withheld from you.”* EVERYTHING God created has purpose. That includes us.

= WHAT IS MAN THAT YOU ARE MINDFUL OF HIM?

O Lord, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth, Who have set Your glory above the heavens!... When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained, What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him? For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor. You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet ... O Lord, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth! PS 8

David regarded God’s plan for his life as a sacred responsibility. *“Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.”* Yet he humbly walked in his purpose and watched God unfold and develop every aspect of his life.

When he erred in judgment—David trusted that God would renew him. One time David numbered the people. His heart eventually condemned him and he went before God praying, *“I have sinned greatly in what I have done; but now, I pray, O Lord, take away the iniquity of Your servant, for I have done very foolishly.”*

God gave David three options: Seven years of famine; three months of fleeing from their enemies; or three days of plague. David said, *“I am in great distress. Please let me fall into the hand of the Lord, for his mercies are very great; but do not let me fall into the hand of man.”* God sent a plague and seventy thousand men of Israel died for David’s error.

David saw the angel of the Lord at the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite, with a sword stretched toward Jerusalem. He interceded for the people. The angel of the Lord

spoke that David should build an altar to offer sacrifices to the Lord—God spoke to David there and stopped the plague. From that moment David began making preparations for his son Solomon to build God’s Temple on the site. David erred but he wasn’t a failure. God would later call him a man after His heart—he did all His will.

= **A MEANINGFUL LIFE**

While in a concentration camp in Germany during WWII, Austrian neurologist and psychiatrist Viktor Frankl observed, “If a prisoner felt that he could no longer endure the realities of camp life, he found a way out in his MENTAL life—an invaluable opportunity to dwell in the SPIRITUAL domain, the one that the SS were unable to destroy.” Frankl perceived the positive effects a spiritual life had on the prisoners—it strengthened them to adapt and greatly improved their chances of survival.

“A man who becomes conscious of the responsibility he bears toward a human being who affectionately waits for him, or to an unfinished work,” said Frankl, “will never be able to throw away his life. He knows the ‘why’ for his existence, and will be able to bear almost any ‘how.’”

Likewise, if we become aware of the importance of our responsibilities, we’ll learn the ‘meaning’ and ‘purpose’ of our life.

= **SINGLED OUT FOR MINISTRY**

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

1 PETER 2:9-10

“*We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.*” This holds tremendous opportunity for us. In the Old Testament the priesthood was chosen from the tribe of Levi and the family of Aaron. We also have been singled out for ministry but the order of this House is through a different form of relationship.

“*Of His own will He brought us forth by the Word of truth,*” no longer of the tribe of Levi but birthed by His will through His Word! We are a “*chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, and a special people*” ...we are sons and therefore heirs in the Kingdom “*that we may proclaim the praises of Him!*”

God is teaching us not only to behave as sons in His House, but also how to RULE. Those who rule “*enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise*”—it’s the customary manner of ministry in the spiritual tabernacle of God.

= **OFFER THE SACRIFICE OF PRAISE**

Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His Name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

HEBREWS 13:15

Acceptable sacrifices in the sight of God contain love and charity towards our neighbor. Jesus was the last bloody sacrifice that God will ever accept—the old covenant is finished. Now and forevermore God receives the sacrifice of our praise.

Submission is pure praise and worship. It allows us to enter beyond the veil of our flesh into the heavenly dimension of God's glory. If we gladly surrender to the Lord Jesus, we acquire His identity or sameness of spirit and partake of His divine nature—we become one with the sacrifice of purest praise.

We're destined to go through the water and through the fire before we enter into Kingdom purpose. We're seasoned with Christ. The Holy Spirit influences and preserves us as we perform His will ... and His sweet aroma diffuses from every pore of our existence. We're one with Him if our life consists of the total and unequivocal yielding of our will to His. *"It is an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to the Lord."*

= **ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING**

*Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands!
Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before His presence with singing.
Know that the Lord, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;
We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.
Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise.
Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.
For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations*

PSALM 100

We are of His Holy Seed. *"To Him Who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own Blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."*

God does not change—the Power of His Word is UNSTOPPABLE. We speak our history to our children as a testimony of praise for God's Providence—remembering His mighty acts: such as CREATING all things out of nothing and UPHOLDING all things by His Word of Power. Praise God for His Word.

We enter His courts with thanksgiving—totally grateful to our Father! *How GREAT is our God!*

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