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UNDERSTANDING THE TIME FOR FREEDOM (TIMES AND SEASONS)

Text: Luke 4:18-19

[18] "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed;

[19] To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."

Romans 12:2

[2] And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Just because you put on a wrist watch or repeatedly check the clock doesn't determine your understanding of time.

A time conscious person is someone who has internalized time (just like the people in the old who do not need to have a clock to know the exact time).

We have the Karios and Chronos time.

Karios time refers to the present moment.

Chronos (personification of time), time in the ancient time.

How does a man get to be free?

One of the things God gave to man in the beginning was Freedom.

Freedom cannot be attained by change in environment.

For instance, after prisoners serve the supposed amount of time in prison, some still come out and become worse than before.

When God gives a man freedom, there is a place for responsibility and responsibility comes with conditioning (conditioning your mind).

Freedom is responsibility and it is done by conditioning.

Genesis 2:15-17

[15] Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it (responsibility).

[16] And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; (freedom)



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[17]but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”(conditioning)

You have to realize that there is a place of responsibility in our life for us to have freedom.

The goal of bondage is to conform you while the goal of freedom is to transform you. Freedom is brought by knowledge, understanding and light.

Working is an expression of what is needed of us from God (an idle man is a canal man, ‘I must do the work of him who sent me while it is day for night cometh when no man shall work again’...).

Freedom is the creativity which shows something that is somewhat impossible. For with God all things are possible.

(With great power comes great responsibility).

Freedom is responsibility, Irresponsibility brings slavery.

Understanding the freedom from the forces of darkness

Ephesians 6 vs. 12 KJV “For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places”.

Many of us are familiar with this Bible passage which reminds us that our battles in life are not just physical but also spiritual.

In other words, there is a spiritual root to what we become in life.

Most of those we see as everything going easy for them have challenges too.

Many of them are too shy to admit it openly.

As a result, for those who have no fellowship with Christ, they die with it.

But because your season of freedom has started, you will not die with your challenges.

As Christians we are taught that the forces of darkness represent Satan and his demonic forces but Jesus is the Light.

Forces of darkness in most cases creep into our lives or families without our knowledge.

Some times, by our actions we unknowingly, invite the forces of darkness into our lives.

The Holy Bible confirms this in Acts

Acts 26:17-18

[17]I will deliver you from the Jewish people, as well as from the Gentiles, to whom I now send you,

[18]to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me."



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We are made to understand that there are two forces of power, darkness and the Light.

Brethren, darkness brings discomfort, pains, sorrow and tears but the Light of the God, Jesus brings comfort, laughter, celebration and joy everlasting.

John 9 vs. 5 is our authority. Jesus says, "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world".

If you believe that Jesus lives and that He is Light, is with you.

Somebody said: "anything against the word of God in your life is the power of darkness."

Without your knowledge of how to free your self from the forces of darkness, your journey to victory has not started.

Once you are delivered from darkness, ownership changes.

The force that controls you changes. Once born again and you have done away with sins, Jesus takes control of your heart but you must avoid everything that can take you back to the forces of darkness.

With the salvation of your soul, you are already empowered to fight back the forces of darkness that is waiting to try you again.

Do you think that the devil didn't know that Jesus is the Son of God; do you think the devil does not know that the Father is in him and He in the Father? Of course he knew but that didn't stop the devil from tempting him.

Matthew 4:3-4

[3]Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."

[4]But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"

In the same way, friends who give ungodly advice, those who want to take advantage of your situation etc, daily tempt us.

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