



DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

Restoring God's Breakthrough in Your Life ... by Antish

READ PSALM 63:1-2

- **T**he real context of this Psalm was not a situation of joy and celebration despite these heart elevating words of David. He was in fact going through the bleakest moment of his life, facing a death threat and running in the desert for cover. These are words that came from the heart of a suffering man, in a devastated situation, rendered vulnerable by the fear of his situation..
- Situations at variable degrees wrought fear into hearts and come against our faith and walk in Christ. In David's case his situation was extreme and there is a high level of fear coming from this situation. Let us examine the fear situation in people's lives.
- Situations and the enemy attacks ALWAYS come with a definite purpose against your faith. Satan is in constant fight against your faith and his purpose is to cripple it by fear. Satan will use situations to cast fear over your life and fear is one of the main weapon he uses to destroy your faith. God addressed this issue of Fear many times in scriptures, like in *Deuteronomy 20:3-3*, where He called on the people not to give way to panic as He is with them in their battles.
- The fear of situations is very disruptive to faith and a threat for victorious living. Many times Jesus stood against it in people's lives. Fear is an important enemy in your life because it causes a lot of damages in your inner spiritual settings. For example:
- **IT DISTORTS YOUR SPIRITUAL VISION...** Fear attacks the inner eyes of your heart and prevents you see the active power of God, His glory and love. This sets your life on confusions.
- **FEAR IN THE CONTRARY OF FAITH...** Where Faith is manifest, fear is not... where fear is manifest, faith is not... Jesus said: Mark 4:40 But He said to them, "Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?"
- **FEAR IS THE CONTRARY OF LOVE...** 'There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.' (1 John 4:18)
- So when this fear manifests, it disturbs your spiritual setup and foundations on which your faith rests and blurs your hope in Christ. It also disturbs your spiritual priorities which drain you of every passion and power.
- That was what David was going through. But he learned the secret of rising ABOVE his fear during a life of faith and trust in God. He knew the secret of restoring God's breakthrough in his life He did three things for this to happen:
- **David needed to RESTORE THE FOCUS OF HIS ATTENTION.** He had to turn his attention away from his situation, however real and cruel it was to redirect in back to God. He searched for God out of a temporary invisibility... *Oh God, you are my God...(v1)*. The distinction of God has to be made clear before all things.
- **David needed to RESTORE THE FOCUS OF HIS PRIORITIES...** *Early do I seek you*. God is the one by whom all things happen. He is not a participant in your life. He commands it and engineers every movement of it and this is why God has to be run into first, before all things.
- **David needed to RESTORE THE FOCUS OF HIS TRUST** ...*(to be continued in next message)*



WEEKLY EVENTS/NOTICES

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Events /Notices

- ▶ **Late Night prayer Saturday 15th of July @ 8 pm**
- ▶ **Friday Night Bible Study** will recommence on *Friday the 7th of July @ 8 pm*
(The bible study will take place every second week during the months of July & August)

Extra Services

If you have children with you, these are the facilities provided:

▶ Crèche and Pre-school Praise

Our crèche is based on the floor above the Meeting Room with baby changing facilities and toys to keep your young child occupied if they do not settle during the meeting. Parents are to attend to their children at all times. There is a short and simple pre-school Bible lesson during the sermon for 3-7 years old in the Crèche (as arranged).

▶ Sunday School

Our Sunday School is open to children of school going age and operates during the sermon in the Sunday School room on the top floor. Our teachers have a Bible story and songs prepared for your child(ren), teaching them the need for Salvation and Christian living.

Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD (Psalm 34:11)

▶ Tea and Coffee

After the Sunday morning service, tea, coffee and light refreshments are available on the top floor in the Hospitality Room. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. (*Hebrews 13:2*).

