Let There Be Light!

Genesis 1:14 - NKJV

¹⁴ Then God said, "<u>Let there be lights</u> in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and <u>seasons</u>, and for days and years;

Last week we talked about the seasons of our lives and that 'Change Is Coming.'

Whether we want it to or not.

- Whether we are <u>ready</u> for it or not.....
- Something *is about to break* in some people's lives....
- God is about to *take you out of the season* you've been in -
- He's about to *take you to <u>a new season</u>!!!!!*

Now for many of us here and maybe all of us, we are ready for the change.

• We talked about <u>that last week</u>.

One thing that we need to understand about God is that *He is God all by Himself*.

In Genesis, we find Him creating. And at each creative day, we see Him praising Himself; "<u>It was good</u>."

At the end of <u>the sixth creative day</u> in which He created mankind we find Him saying, "<u>It was very good</u>."

<u>Genesis 1:27</u> - NKJV

²⁷ So <u>**God created**</u> man <u>in His own image</u>; in the image of God <u>**He created**</u> him; male and female <u>**He created**</u> them.

See, <u>before</u> there was <u>the first day</u> – **there** <u>was God</u>. <u>Before</u> the first star, moon, planet, or sun, **there** <u>was God</u>. **God has** <u>been</u> and will always be. **He is God all by Himself** and "<u>there is none like Him</u>." He is <u>all sufficient</u>...... He <u>doesn't</u> need anyone's help......

One thing we know about GOD is that <u>He is a creator</u>.

In fact, THE creator!!!

<u> Psalm 90:2</u> - NKJV

² Before the mountains were brought forth,
Or ever You had formed the earth and the world,
Even from everlasting to everlasting, <u>You are God</u>.

<u>Before</u> there was the first moment or the first second, as far back as you can go, there was God.

• As far forward as you can see and beyond that, into eternity, *<u>He is still God</u>*.

The Bible starts out with these words...

"In the beginning, God...CREATED"

- Not in the beginning of God's existence, because He is eternal
- **<u>But</u>** in the beginning <u>of Time as we know it</u>.

In the beginning of <u>the creation</u> of what we can know and <u>what we can measure</u> to some degree.

But *not the beginning of God*, for *God has <u>no</u> beginning*.

Everything that happened in creation *came out of Him*.

- The <u>stars</u>.
- The <u>atmosphere</u>.
- <u>The stuff</u> that would **allow Life to exist** on this planet.
- <u>The Sun</u> to shine in the day and <u>the Moon</u> to shine at night.
- <u>Fish of the see and the fowls of the air</u>.
- <u>The creeping things</u> and the crawling things.
- The <u>fruit trees</u>, the <u>herbs</u>, the <u>forests</u>, and the <u>grassy fields</u>.

<u>All</u> of this came out of Him!!!!!

Creation came out of him. It oozed out of Him!!!!!!!!!

He couldn't help himself with some of what He was creating.

Things <u>so incredible</u> and <u>so amazing</u> that to this day we are still amazed at His creation.

- <u>Scientist</u> spend their whole careers just studying one little part of God's creation and never do get to see it all or understand it all.
- *Things so small* to us that we can't even see them with our naked eye.
- *Things so big* we can only imagine how big they are.

The first thing that God tells us about Himself in His Word is that He is a Creator.

We need to understand that - - -

- He **doesn't** need anything <u>to work with</u>.....
- He doesn't need <u>anyone's help</u>.....
- He can make it happen *all by Himself......*

We can say a lot of things <u>about Him to describe Him</u>, but <u>the first thing</u> we need to understand about Him is that <u>He is a Creator</u>!

If God is a Creator and you are created in His likeness and in His image...

Guess what! That means that you are creative!

But understand something with me here.

Somewhere along the line, *the creative part that He put into our DNA* at creation *must go to work*.

God doesn't just give us things; <u>we need to create something</u> from what he's gave us dominion over!

Are you understanding what I am saying?????

If our God Is the Creator and we are made in His Likeness, then at certain times of our lives and at certain seasons, there needs to come something out of us!!!!!

So, when you pray...

- Be specific...
- Tell Him *exactly* what you have need of
- But when it shows up - -
- Don't expect it to look like what you asked for.

It may show up in a raw form -

• So you can pull it out of your circumstance and your situation.

God give me <u>patience</u> - - - -

• God will not just give you a peace of mind to be able to put up with people when things are going wrong in your life.

<u>Patience</u> comes only one way - - -

• **by living through** and <u>surviving</u> some **really hard times**.

If you are praying for *patience* - - -

• You should be watching for God to bring some adversity into your life.

If you are praying for a <u>financial</u> blessing - - -

- It *will not* show up in the form of the winning lottery ticket
- Or a hot streak at the black jack table.

It's going to show up in the form of faithfulness to Him.

- It's going to show up in the form of something small ---
- That *He expects you to be faithful with*.

When other's would waste it on *their own selfish pleasures* - - - <u>God would say</u> to you, *"<u>be faithful</u> to the Kingdom."*

It's Going to show up in a form that requires something from us.....

Someone said, *God I want some food.* God said <u>if a man doesn't work</u>, he shouldn't eat. So, if you want food, get a job.

That's not me – <u>that's the Bible</u>.

I'm not trying to be mean - - -

I'm saying that sometimes we pray for things

- And *expect things* to be one way
- When *God is giving us <u>the things we need</u>* for our lives.

He doesn't give us <u>the job</u> of our dreams.

- He gives us some little job doing some little insignificant thing -
- And waits for us to learn how to be faithful in it -
- Until he can cause us to be promoted.

See, You are Creative!

- Who you are ---
- What you are
- What you are capable of
- <u>Should not</u> be defined <u>by the people you are around</u>
- The neighborhood you grew up in
- Or the environment of your home.

<u>Who</u> you are, <u>what</u> you are, and <u>what</u> you will become *is entirely and completely up to you...*

We've been duped into <u>allowing people to tell us</u> that we are the victims of our circumstances.

Someone here needs to know that you are not a victim, you are a victor.

<u>Romans 8:35-37</u> - NKJV

³⁵ <u>Who shall separate us</u> from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written:

"For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."

³⁷ Yet in all these things <u>we are more than conquerors</u> through Him who loved us.

It's time for A Season of Change.....

- It's time for something to break loose inside of you that says,
- "<u>I'm not</u> staying where I was."
- It's time for something to wake up.
- It's time for <u>something to **germinate**</u>.
- It's time for some creative part of you to say,
- "This is not how it's going to remain."

Something's got to change!!!!!!!!!!

It looks like a season of hopelessness, despair, and want,

• But *there is a season of Change* that <u>God wants me to walk into</u>.

It doesn't have to stay the way it was.

- I'm going to begin to walk not only *in the promises of God*
- But also *in the will of God*
- So I can begin to <u>see the miracles</u> that **I've been praying for.**

When the seasons of our lives change, so should some of the stuff <u>that we are</u> <u>doing</u>.

I mentioned it last week. You can't be out with your <u>lawn mower</u> when there's a <u>foot of snow</u> in your yard.

We do things differently <u>during different seasons</u> of our lives.

Understand this with me...

If you are wanting to move out of the season that you are currently in - - -

- And into the season that God is wanting to take you - -
- <u>There are some things</u> that are going to have to be put away first.

We talked about it last week. *Doing the wrong thing in the wrong season*.

• That creates *a lot of confusion* in our lives and ministries.

What am I not doing in <u>my present season</u> that I need to <u>start doing</u>???? <u>TO prepare myself</u> for the <u>Season of Change</u> that <u>God wants to take me into</u>!

What is it that <u>needs to happen</u> so that <u>I can sustain the good thing</u> that God wants to <u>bring into my life</u>?

What <u>changes</u> need to happen in my life? What should <u>I stop focusing on</u> and <u>start focusing on</u>? What should <u>I stop praying</u> for and <u>start praying</u> for? How should <u>I stop acting</u> and <u>start acting</u>?

The reason we are stuck in our situations - And limited by our circumstances

- Is often because we have allowed other people to convince us - -
- That we are <u>bound to our conditions</u>......

That we are somehow victims of all that has gone on in our lives

- <u>What we forget</u> is that we have the same creative DNA in us - -

That means we have within us <u>the ability to recognize</u> when it is time <u>for a</u> <u>season of change</u>!!!!!

<u>Genesis 1:2-3</u> - NKJV

² The earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* on the face of the deep. And <u>the Spirit of God</u> was hovering over the face of the waters.
 ³ Then God said, <u>"Let there be light"</u>; and there was light.

***<u>CLOSE:</u>

The reason you must begin to reposition the way that you think and

- The way that you function is because - -
- Many times we are stuck between the lines of our limited thinking.

You need to get out of there and say, "Let There Be Light!"

- It's time for someone *to get out of the void*.
- It's time for someone to *tell the darkness to turn into light*.

The season <u>I was in is not</u> the season <u>I am in</u> right now.

- Things are about to change - -
- God is doing *a new thing in my life*---

God is bringing me out of a season that had its purpose and place in my life - - -

God gave you a part of Himself, <u>creativity</u>, and <u>you can come today and turn it</u> <u>loose</u>.

Turn it loose in your faith, prayer life, the workings of your mind, and in your understanding of who you are and where your life is headed.

<u>Speak into your situation</u> and say, "Let there be light!"

I don't know what the situations of your life looked like before this series - - -

But if you will get this message into your heart - - -

- And *understand your authority* over them
- *Every spirit* of the enemy *is going to be running from you*.

You'll begin to declare some things - - -

And change is going to come into your life - - -

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