

Episode 010

Responding To Unprecedented Seasons.

How do prophetic people respond to interesting seasons; a pandemic since March 2020, inflation in the economy, uncertainties, wars and rumours of wars, and declining morality?

Three angles:

1. As a child of God

In God, we can find our true security. Knowing your identity and belonging as a member of God's household. Let your head knowledge of God be translated to more of heartfelt experiences with God in these new seasons. That will also help to release hope and security into your life. That Papa God will not leave us nor forsake us.

Deuteronomy 31:8 (NIV) The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."

That we belong to Him. That God is the strong and mighty tower that the righteous can run to and be safe.

Psalms 59:16 (TLB) But as for me, I will sing each morning about your power and mercy. For you have been my high tower of refuge, a place of safety in the day of my distress.

How do daily encounters with God impact you? No matter how big or trivial the experiences with God are. Confidence in approaching God in every moment and with every need.

Jeremiah 17:7 (TLB) But blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord and has made the Lord his hope and confidence.

Psalms 69:33 (TLB) For Jehovah hears the cries of his needy ones and does not look the other way.





The faith-filled effect on your faith and the encouragement to pray unceasingly.

Psalm 145:19 (TLB) He fulfills the desires of those who reverence and trust him; he hears their cries for help and rescues them.

Psalm 112:7 (NIV) He will have no fear of bad news; his heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

Ask the Lord to help reawaken us to a closer relationship with Him. Revive, realign, reset. Abide in Him. Encourage others to draw closer to God, not to shy away. We need to recheck our spiritual foundations in God. Let's get our lives sorted out before the Lord in areas where spiritual cracks may be found. Get back to God and not be shaken because He is our Solid Rock! The connection with God is not just for the good times, it is also for difficult seasons.

Let's be like the man in Psalm 1:1-3.

Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, 2 but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. 3 That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers.

Invite others with you in this journey of discovering more of your identity in God; your purpose, your role. Be an instrument that encourages others to engage with God, to press further in God.



2. As a fellow priesthood in God

We are a royal priesthood in God. The function of a priest is to mediate between God and man. Jesus is our Great High Priest.

Hebrews 4:14-16 (NIV) Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are--yet was without sin.

Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

As fellow priests in God's church, let's represent the people's concerns before the Lord. In other words, we seek to identify with people's challenges. We lift these ones in prayer before God. Let faith arise towards God, believing Him to transform lives, heal and deliver accordingly.

- Stand in the gap. Pray for people, for God's church.

Ezekiel 22:30 (NIV) I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found none.

Isaiah 62:6-7 (NIV) I have posted watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; they will never be silent day or night. You who call on the LORD, give yourselves no rest, and give him no rest till he establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth.

- Identify with the plight of the people:

Infected by COVID19. Pray for God's miraculous healings and no complications of long term covid. People who have lost loved ones. Process grief and loss and be comforted by God. Protection over the vulnerable (over 70's) and people with underlying medical conditions. People who are financially challenged due to loss of business or jobs stress on financial front. Fears and anxieties, sense of being overwhelmed. God's peace and stability. Families who are doing it tough; marriage or parenting relationships. Protection over marriages, wisdom in parenting.



Frontline people eg medical staff, essential workers, educators
Federal, state and local government leaders navigating through such
interesting times eg appropriate, wise, timely decisions, and policies
that will be more aligned towards God.

Reaching out to pre-believers to open up their hearts to Jesus >>
concern for their eternal state; rise up with godly wisdom and courage
to share God's hope and love and the Gospel.

Reaching out to displaced people. People to find belonging and fit into
God's church and faith-filled community. People have preferred to
isolate themselves with prolonged pandemic. Believers to be salt and
light in our community Impacting a larger community with practical
help.

3. As a prophetic community

Aligning our hearts, minds, words and actions with the Lord's
according to His Word, we are to speak into being what has been
promised in God's Word. Seasons may change, yet God's Word is
Eternal.

Psalms 119:89-97 Your word, LORD, is eternal; it stands firm in the
heavens. Your faithfulness continues through all generations; you
established the earth, and it endures.⁹¹ Your laws endure to this day,
for all things serve you. If your law had not been my delight, I would
have perished in my affliction. I will never forget your precepts, for by
them you have preserved my life. Save me, for I am yours; I have
sought out your precepts. The wicked are waiting to destroy me, but I
will ponder your statutes. To all perfection I see a limit, but your
commands are boundless. Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all
day long.

Declare God's sovereignty according to His Word. Pray back to the
Lord with His Word. Agree with and speak forth God's Word into being
in our society. Let God's Light dispel all darkness and bring life to all.
Align our perspectives with God's Word and heaven's values.



- Call unto the Lord

Jehovah Elohim - The Eternal Creator

Jehovah Rapha - The Lord our Healer

Jehovah El Shaddai - The Lord our All Sufficiency

Jehovah Jireh - The Lord our Provider

Jehovah Shalom - The Lord our Peace

Jehovah Tsidkenu - The Lord our Righteousness

Implore upon our God to withhold the hand of the enemy from creating havoc in people's lives. That people will place their trust in God, be strong in the midst of opposition.

Rebuke fear, chaos, and confusion from encroaching upon people's lives in Jesus' Name. Remove the "blanket" of depression, disillusionment, hopelessness and torment from affecting the public.

Pray against the fear of lack resulting in much strife, self-centredness and self-preservation. Pray for people to look out for one another, be a supportive community especially so in church and from the church to our local neighbourhoods and communities.

Psalm 89:14 (NIV) Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you.

Psalm 91:5-7 (NIV) You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday. A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.





Discussion

- How has your life been impacted by the current unprecedented season?
- What are some small steps that you would take to develop more in your walk with God, in praying for others and in praying through scriptures to see communities transformed by God?





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