

BIRTH PANGS

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCE

Isaiah 37:1-3

ADDITIONAL STUDY

Exodus 23:25-26
Judges 16:23-30
Isaiah 66:7-9

PRAYER POINT

+ Ask God for divine strength to birth everything that is in you, in full term

+ Pray against any form of miscarriage or abortion of your dreams, children, hopes, ideas, etc, by the authority in Jesus' name

And they said to him, "Thus says Hezekiah: 'This day is a day of trouble and rebuke and blasphemy; for the children have come to birth, but there is no strength to bring them forth. - Isaiah 37:3

The picture here painted is that of a woman at the point of delivery, yet lacking the strength to give the 'final push;' it is indeed a disheartening one. Sometimes in our everyday lives, we all get to this point, the point where something or an idea we have been pregnant with for "9 months" (indicative of its full term) is about to be delivered (birthed) and it seems all doors are closing up in our face at the last minute.

This happens sometimes when a man is just some steps or days away from his breakthrough, but he loses hope and courage, and gives up trusting and pushing. It pictures a person who has consistently been in a cycle of lack, who knows God wants him out, but lacks the initiative or drive to get out.

When you find yourself in such situations, the temptation to stop praying, stop confessing your beliefs, stop studying the word of God or avoid attending church services becomes very strong. In most cases, it is possible that you may even take the bait. Having sought God's face for the year and gotten direction, Satan's greatest weapon against you will be discouragement, tiredness and mental fatigue.

However, this is not the time to backpedal, rather, it is a time that you should get locked up with God in prevailing travails (prayers), until you sense a release and a breakthrough. Like Samson, you should ask God for that 'last minute strength' for only then will you have the divine enablement to break through every barrier of the enemy and enter into your next elevated level.

As you go into the year, you must trust God for strength for every phase of the journey, so that when your day of opportunity comes, you will not lack the strength and wisdom to give the push that births the miracle.

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