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ON THE WINGS OF GRACE

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCE

I Corinthians 15:9-10

ADDITIONAL STUDY

Esther 2:1-18, John 5:1-9, & I
Corinthians 12:9 (NIV)

CONFESSION

I declare that the grace of God is sufficient for me; therefore, by faith, I receive strength for my inadequacies. I ride on the wings of God's grace, so, whatever I do with my natural abilities gives me supernatural results that will be beyond my abilities in Jesus' name.

I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. Genesis 12:2

Grace is a divine enablement from God to achieve what we ordinarily cannot in our own strength. It is the supernatural factor that causes our life's results to surpass our human efforts. It doesn't negate labor/effort like Apostle Paul pointed out in our text, instead, it reduces 'wearisome' labor and multiplies the outcome of our efforts. God's grace will often separate a believer from an unbeliever; both of them can do the same things the same way, but the believer who has learnt to key into God's grace will get a better result because of God's divine enablement on his/her life. If all you ever experience as a believer is sickness, lack, depression, failures, discouragement, getting only what your income can afford, or getting only what you qualify for, just like someone who doesn't know Christ, then your Christian testimony will largely be unattractive. If nothing distinguishes you from the heathen, then serving God is meaningless.

God speaking in Malachi 3:17-18 says that the godly are His treasured possessions, and He will spare them and make a clear distinction between them and the ungodly. This shows that the believer has advantages that the unbeliever can't boast of because of God's support. Thus, as a believer, you should expect to ride on the wings of God's grace; where you get things that you don't deserve, get things money can't buy or have things you can't afford be supernaturally given you. Grace will open doors you have no keys to, bring you into companies you feel unqualified for and take you to places none in your lineage has been.

Again, the grace of God doesn't mean we should be lazy and not do anything but expect results. Rather, it means that God's power and blessings are released upon whatever we do. Ephesians 2:8 says, "For by grace you have been saved, THROUGH FAITH..." It is an expectant faith in God and His word that activates this grace. So, when we give, we should expect to reap bountiful harvests because of this grace. We should expect to receive promotion on our jobs as we put in diligent service. We should expect to receive customers when we open our shop for business. And we should expect to do well in our relationships and other aspects of our lives because of this grace.

Refuse to define the height you can attain by your natural abilities, but by God's enabling power in you.

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