



From the Pastor's Desk:

We thank and praise God for bringing us into this new month - August 2015.

Our promise for this month is:

“Bring all the tithes into the storehouse,
That there may be food in My house,
And try Me now in this,”
Says the Lord of hosts,
“If I will not *open for you the windows of heaven*
And pour out for you such blessing
That there will not be room enough to receive it.”
Malachi 3:10 (NKJV)

We want to thank and praise God for blessing the ‘Standing in the Gap’ meeting with Bro. Mohan C. Lazarus in July. We want to thank all who volunteered and attended the meetings, please continue to pray for this great nation.

God also blessed all of our worship services in July. Please continue to pray for all our services in Irvine, Rancho Cucamonga, Woodland Hills and Las Vegas (**this month worship service will be on August 22nd**). Also pray for our children’s ministry and youth ministry.

Upcoming Events/Special Worship Services:

- **Vacation Bible School (VBS): Monday, August 3rd - Friday, August 7th** in Irvine from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Our theme for this year is – The Whole Armor of God. We request you sign-up/register your children by calling Sis. Melba Ranjith (323 594 5063) or Sis. Indira Rajan (949 923 5172).



- **Guest speaker – Bro. Sam Jebadurai** and he will be ministering to us **August 14th – 16th** in Woodland Hills and Irvine.

Please check our website (www.throneofgrace.us) for timely updates on all our worship services and meetings.

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Throne of Grace Ministries

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The Lord your God, in this month of August wants to give this promise verse and bless you. He wants to open the windows of heaven and bless you without limits. If we bring our tithes in to His house according to His word and ensure there is provision in His house, He will reward us for obeying by opening up the windows of heaven for us.

In the scripture the Lord has blessed many by opening the windows of heaven. We are going to meditate on a few such people.

1. Filled boat

*“And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish,
and their net was breaking. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and
help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink.”
Luke 5:6&7 (NKJV)*

In these verse we see how Peter was blessed. The scripture tell us that the previous night peter went to catch fish and caught nothing and so in the morning Peter’s boat and net was empty and he was washing his net (Luke 5:2). At that time Jesus got into one of the boats and it happened to be Peter’s and Jesus asked Peter to take the boat into the water and Jesus preached to the people who had gathered to hear Him. After preaching He told Peter to go into the deep and cast the nets for a catch. At that time Simon looked at Jesus and said we tried all night and caught nothing (Luke 5:5) however because You asked me to go I will go deep and cast my nets. Peter may have been frustrated because he did not catch any fish, but even in this situation he gave his boat for Jesus and he obeyed His word. There is a blessing in giving to Jesus and doing according to His word. The scripture tells us that not only the nets but the boat was full of fish, so much that they were unable to handle it and they called for help (Luke 5:7) and the people who came to help, their boats were filled too. The very thing that was empty was now overflowing.

Peter seeing what Jesus had done, fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" (Luke 5:8)

Why did Jesus bless Peter? Peter says he was a sinner so it was not because he was a righteous man but because he obeyed, but more importantly before that he gave his boat for the Lord's use. The Lord is able to do the same for you and abundantly bless you. When you give your empty boat (it was all that Peter had) and obey and do what Jesus is telling you, Jesus is able to fill your empty boat. The God who blessed Peter abundantly will bless you abundantly too. Your boat will be filled to overflow too.

2. Filled basket

"So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, "Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost." Therefore they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten"

John 6:12&13 (NKJV)

Here we see the miracle that Jesus has done, with 5 loaves and 2 fish, He feeds the multitude. Jesus seeing the multitude that is following Him wants to feed them. Jesus looks at Philip and asks him, "Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?" and Philip answers saying that two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for the people (John 6:5-7). At that time Andrew tells Jesus that there is a boy with 5 loaves and 2 fish and concludes that it will not be sufficient. Philip and Andrew kept their eye on the situation – the situation being that there are too many people but too little food. The need was plenty but the provision seemed insufficient and they kept their eye on the lack. But the disciples failed to see that Jesus had the power to turn their lack to plenty. Jesus looks at them and asks them to give to Him what they have (Matthew 14:18). When they gave it into the hands of Jesus, He took it gave thanks and distributed to the people (John 6:11) and they all ate and were filled. The scriptures tell us that not only were the people satisfied but there were 12 baskets still left over (John 6:13). First the need was more and they lacked but Jesus was able to turn the lack to a surplus.

You too like Philip and Andrew might be looking at your situations and wondering how is it possible but all you need to do is to give what you have by faith into the hands of Jesus. Then He will take the little and turn it into surplus and you will have plenty leftover to fill your baskets. Therefore do not be discouraged, your basket will be filled.

3. Filled vessel

“And when you have come in, you shall shut the door behind you and your sons; then pour it into all those vessels, and set aside the full ones.”...Now it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said to her son, “Bring me another vessel.”

2 Kings 4: 4&6 (NKJV)

When we read 2 Kings 4: 1-7 we read about a certain woman who is a wife of a prophet. She cried out to Elisha, saying, “Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that your servant feared the LORD. And the creditor is coming to take my two sons to be his slaves.” She was in a financial crisis. Then Elisha asked her, “What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?” and she replied Elisha, all she had was a jar of oil (2 Kings 4:2) . Elisha then instructs her to gather as many empty vessels as she can (2 Kings 4:3) and start pouring oil into the empty vessels from the one jar of oil she had (2 Kings 4:4). She obeyed Elisha and she and her sons gathered empty vessels and poured till all the jars were filled with oil and there were no more jars left (2 Kings 4:6). Elisha then tells her to sell the oil, pay her debt and she and her sons can live on the rest (2 Kings 4:7).

This family was a prophet’s family and it was not God’s will for them to be in debt and God wanted to bring them out of debt and so He did a miracle through Elisha. This women by faith listened to the council of the man of God and did what she was told. Her children also were involved with the same level of faith and joined their mother in borrowing empty vessels. Therefore she saw a miracle and cleared her debt and was left with an overflow so she and her sons can live (2 Kings 4:7). God wants to do the same for you. Listen to the council that is coming from God and do according to His word, when you do that your situation will change and you will be relieved from your financial crisis and will be able to move forward with great peace. Your empty vessels will be filled. God will open the windows of heaven and bless you with blessings you cannot hold.

***May His word be a blessing to you and your family in this month.
God Bless You.***