

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH OPEN SESSION
Divine Strategies - Living to fulfil Gods Divine Purpose for Your Life

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Session: "Divine Strategies - The Yoke will be Destroyed"
Scriptures: Isaiah 10:24-27

(Isaiah 10:24-27)

24 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD of hosts: "O My people, who dwell in Zion, do not be afraid of the Assyrian. He shall strike you with a rod and lift up his staff against you, in the manner of Egypt. 25 For yet a very little while and the indignation will cease, as will My anger in their destruction." 26 And the LORD of hosts will stir up a scourge for him like the slaughter of Midian at the rock of Oreb; as His rod was on the sea, so will He lift it up in the manner of Egypt. 27 It shall come to pass in that day that his burden will be taken away from your shoulder, and his yoke from your neck, and the yoke will be destroyed because of the anointing oil.

INTRODUCTION

- Isaiah says that the bondage put upon them by the Assyrians was only because God allowed it.
- The Assyrians' strike with the rod was God's discipline to bring Israel back (**Heb 12:5-11**)
- After God's purpose is fulfilled, He will deal with the wickedness of the ungodly.

Isaiah told Israel about the Assyrians

- The Assyrians' rod and staff was allowed so that Israel will not continue to go her own way
- The Egyptians were permitted to make slaves of Israel. It was to move them out of Egypt for God to keep His promise to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob concerning His promised land.
- The Book of Judges – God raised 12 judges to deliver Israel
 - The Midianites – that Israel will trust God
 - The Philistines – Goliath
 - The Amalekites – Moabites
- The Book of Nehemiah
 - Sanballat, Tobiah, Ammonites (4:3)
 - Geshem, the Arab (6:1)

When God's purpose was fulfilled

- God's anger was stirred to wipe them out

(Isaiah 10:25)

"For yet a very little while and the indignation will cease, as will My anger in their destruction."

- The Egyptians drowned in the Red Sea
- The Midianites were destroyed.

NOTHING HAPPENS TO A CHILD OF GOD WITHOUT GOD PERMITTING IT

God will permit the forces and powers to afflict those who are called and wants to use for His glory and purpose.

Two reasons

- Those He calls and uses are not perfect and when we stray, these forces and powers will cause us to seek God.
 - He sanctifies us – our sanctification is progressive.
 - This is why Satan and his demons still operate today.
 - They prove that we have a new nature and are being changed.

- Those He calls and uses are to live by faith
 - These forces and power test our faith.

E.g. Job

(Job 1:8-12)

8 Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?" 9 So Satan answered the LORD and said, "Does Job fear God for nothing? 10 Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. 11 But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face!" 12 And the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your power; only do not lay a hand on his person." So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD.

PERFECT LOVE IS NOT ONLY KINDNESS AND GOODNESS BUT IT INCLUDES DISCIPLINE AND JUDGMENT

(Hebrews 12:6-8)

6 For whom the LORD loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives." 7 If you endure, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? 8 But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons.

- Discipline and judgment from God is not destructive but redemptive
- Discipline is proof that you are sons and not "illegitimate" children
- God's correction is proof - not because you are in church or you know scriptures
- Corrections happen when you are convicted.
- You must accept the times of conviction.

(Matthew 5:4)

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."

- Many followed Jesus but when the way got tough, they left.

(John 6:67-69)

67 Jesus said to the Disciples: "Do you also want to go away?" 68 But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. 69 Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

- Adversities and storms are permitted to get your attention and steer you back to God's way
 - Adversities and storms cause you to pray
- The enemies of that adversity stay in our lives even though we have prayed ourselves out of the adversity.
 - The enemy puts a yoke of bondage putting a limit to your freedom
 - God will destroy the yoke with His anointing oil.
- The anointing – what it is:
 - The anointing is not only a physical manifestation
 - It is the ability to perform a task or to hold an office - preach, pray or prophesy or be kings, priests, or witnesses
 - God anoints you to perform
 - The anointing is of no use if you are not willing to do or obey God
 - There may not be a physical manifestation but you have the ability to do because of the anointing.
 - Anointed people are effective
 - The anointing flows.

- The law of first mention

- When something is first mentioned or done, it has set a precedent and is acceptable

- E.g. The first mention of the work of the Holy Spirit

(Genesis 1:1-2)

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters

- The Spirit of God is a hovering spirit

- Hovering over you to produce results
- The Spirit of God does not only destroy but creates.
 - It destroys the yoke, curse and prisons.
 - It revives and creates
- Remember:
 - You were born in sin by way of a sinner
 - Placed in a sinful world
 - Listen to negative and degrading words
 - Words can speak life or death to you
 - Words that condemn, mock, ridicule can be bondages
 - What is wrong is not the ox but the yoke.
 - God's answer is Jesus!

- Jesus said

(Luke 4:18)

“The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed;

- The preaching of the Gospel is the power of God – good news to bless
- To heal the broken heart – the anointing heals.
- To set the captives free – the anointing brings you out of prison.
- To heal blindness - we do not walk in darkness because of the anointing
- To deliver the oppressed – you can do all things through Christ.
- To declare, proclaim the day of God's Favor – God's favor is upon you

- David was anointed 3 times

- Pre-matured anointing – a shepherd boy

(1 Samuel 16:11-13)

11 And Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all the young men here?” Then he said, “There remains yet the youngest, and there he is, keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him. For we will not sit down till he comes here.” 12 So he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, with bright eyes, and good-looking. And the LORD said, “Arise, anoint him; for this is the one!” 13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

- Shepherd boy but with a kingly anointing
- Never too early to be anointed, but you must stay in line for the future
- You have a kingly anointing

- David was anointed King over Judah

(2 Samuel 2:3 & 4)

3 And David brought up the men who were with him, every man with his household. So they dwelt in the cities of Hebron. 4 Then the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah. And they told David, saying, "The men of Jabesh Gilead were the ones who buried Saul."

- David was anointed King over all Israel

(2 Samuel 5: 3 & 4)

3 Therefore all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD. And they anointed David king over Israel. 4 David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years.

- With every responsibility and calling, there is an anointing
- You must obey and do the will of God under the anointing
- God is glorified in your victory, success and prosperity