

THE BIGGER PICTURE, THE GREATER PURPOSE

Hello dear friends

This is a real happy day for me and for only those who like my messages. So I am back to bother. At last I have my net connection and now I hope to be really in touch.

So now for this month's letter

I was going through the book of Job and this book has never ceased to fascinate me.

Job was so baffled about the things that happened in his life the way it happened. He did not have an idea that God Himself has set the whole thing running. That God was so pleased with Job's faith and steadfastness that He boasted about him to satan. When satan said that was only because God has immensely blessed Job, he is faithful God allowed satan to test Job. We know all the unspeakable horrors Job went through. The death of all his beloved children, loss of health, estrangement from his wife, scorn from his friends and all the things which one would term as important in happy living in this world.

When you read the book of Job, Job did not suffer mutely, but at one point of time, he really wanted to know why he is suffering. He swung wildly between self righteousness, self pity and somehow wanted to stop living.

*In the midst of his suffering and pain, Job could only see his condition and become hopeless. God seems so distant. He cries out **HOW I LONG FOR THE MONTHS GONE BY FOR THE DAYS WHEN GOD WATCHED OVER ME WHEN HIS LAMP SHONE UPON MY HEAD AND BY HIS LIGHT I WALKED THROUGH DARKNESS ! OH FOR THE DAYS WHEN GOD'S INTIMATE FRIENDSHIP BLESSED MY HOUSE.** Job 29,1-4.*

The Lord is still watching over Job, but he could only be conscious of the pain he is going through at present. It is the same with us too. Many times when we are suffering we become so engrossed in our pain and tend to lose sight of our vision. It is so natural to be lost in our pain. But just what the Lord taught Job, He also wants us to have faith and look beyond the

present pain, to the bigger picture , to the greater purpose He has in mind for us. He takes Job on National Geographic tour. God simply reveals a glimpse of His sovereignty. He feeds even the young one of a raven and at the same time calls the constellations by name. How detailed and grandiose! The tiny and the marvelous find equal consideration from the Sovereign Lord. And the underlying meaning is that, " Job if I could do all that right, could I be wrong with you." The answer is obvious, " Lord I know thou canst do all things and no plan of yours can be thwarted."(42,2)

My dear friend if you are undergoing pain gird yourself with the strength from above rise up and look unto the Promise and the vision which God has given you. Look far into the future. The present is passing and you are part of the bigger picture and a greater purpose. Do not succumb to depression. Rise above your pain and thank and praise God. That is the key. No one walks perfectly. We all stumble and go astray. But our God expects us to rise up and look up once again to the hope and vision He has for us. He will never leave us until He has done what He has promised.

Dear Jesus

In the midst of our pain, give us the courage to rise above and look again at your Promise and the vision you have put before us. Lift our feet from the mud of depression and help us to look at the bigger picture and the greater purpose you have for us. Amen.