

Surprising God?

God saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor..

Isaiah 59,16

When Jesus heard it, He marveled and said ...

"I have not found such great faith not even in Israel." Mathew 8,10

God is usually not at all surprised because He knows it all, the past, the present and the future. But still in the Bible we find some verses that records that God Himself was surprised or appalled. As far as I have gleaned from the Word, in Isaiah 59,16, God wonders or is appalled that there was no intercessor. Jesus was so wonderstruck by the unbelief of His own disciples and the He was very pleasantly surprised by the faith of the gentiles, the Centurion and the Syro Phoenician woman.

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This Sunday I was thinking about our famous "Bless the Lord O my soul.." prayer. We all say it by rote, but the sweet singer reminds our soul not to forget the goodness of God and all His blessings on our life. But in more ways than one, we so easily forget the goodness of God in our lives and become utterly thankless. At times I become so angry by the total ingratitude of people against God. I know a friend whose brother was in a major accident last year, multiple fractures and he was almost dead. Actually he was first taken to the mortuary thinking he could not possibly have survived such a major accident, but when his toe moved they brought him to the ward and there was not much hope. Then believers from my church went and prayed and he was healed and started walking. And everyone knew that it was only the Hand of God. When he was totally crushed he wept and sobbed and said if this God heals me he will come and testify in the Church. Surely this God healed him completely and as this brother was walking

out of the hospital he totally and completely forget about that God who healed him. I am still not able to digest this brother's forgetfulness of God's goodness. Even this day I ask his sister about him, he seems to have taken for granted that he ought to be healed and he has gone back to his old ways of sin!

May be some of us are not so blatantly ungrateful as this brother, but we surely are in many little things. When we are depressed or we have some trials or temptations the first thing we do is to bang the door on the face of God or just turn and walk away from Him. I have often said, "Lord enough is enough. I don't want to speak or write again." But then as I was thinking I realized none of us would never resign or turn back on our corporate offices or universities or colleges for whatever atrocities and injustice we face out there. But why do we so easily take it out on God? Why, because He is so loving, because He understands, because we can shake our fist on His face? Why, why, why

do we do it to God what we would not even dare dream of doing it against our secular bosses? Why do we take him so much for granted?

As I look on the lives of many of you who are reading this my question is, "Are you doing what God has called you for or have you turned your back on the hearkening voice of God since you went through trials and temptations?" Your honest answer will show where you are.

You may think "Is God's kingdom going to suffer because I am not ministering?" SURELY NOT! For our God can make the stones to speak and minister! But you and I surely will be the pitiable losers. We would surely miss the glorious riches in Christ. Of course I do agree at certain points going on can be so tough. I know of the days and nights when I have only cried and cried and somehow I used to drag myself to do what God has apportioned for me. Especially those days I have seen God's healing touch upon the souls in a very powerful manner. When I

see that smile, you know it is worth all the pain, all the tears in the world. I do not want to miss out on that glorious riches which God has for me despite all the struggles.

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We are entering into days where the clock of God's grace is fast ticking to a close.

Would you stand in the gap and pray(Ezekiel 22,30), or run like Aaron carrying the fire of God between the dead and the living(Numbers 16,47-48)? Or are you going to sit and nurse your hurts or keep licking your wounds and walking away from the glory of serving and building God's unshakeable Kingdom here on earth? No one else can decide for you. You have to get up and walk towards that glorious light that shines in the face of our Lord Jesus Christ so that we get that treasure in our jars of clay.

Rise up my friend and walk the Way, and build your portion of the wall. Many so

desired to build but they neither do have the part and portion to build God's Kingdom (Nehemiah 2,20)

But, you who are called do not be complacent. God's Spirit may not strive with you for long. He is already so saddened by your complacency. What if, He decides to pluck you and throw you since you are barren for years? Come on, get back, get back to the Mountain. Go shut yourself alone with God. Let Him trim the wick that is burning low and fill you with new oil so that you can rise and shine. That is my prayer for you and me that our Lord pours out new oil so that we burn again bright and intoxicates with the new wine of His presence and that His joy flows in us, fills us and overflows from our lives making others burn brighter for God and to be filled with that joy of Heaven.

OH Lord wont you fill us again! Fill us Lord, fill us with Your fire, Your oil, Your new wine and Your grain. Open our eyes to the glorious inheritance you have for us in Your

unshakeable Kingdom. Light the fire again
Lord. Help us to rejoice in You Lord. Dance
that undignified dance for you like King
David . Oh Lord fill us, fill us, fill us.... to
fullness and to overflowing. Let it flood the
nations... Oh Lord fill us once more and more
and more. In Jesus Name. Amen. Amen.
Amen.