

Knowing God in Solitude

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Psalm 46:10

“BE STILL, and KNOW THAT I AM GOD. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”

still (raphah) sink, relax, fall limp, cease, idle, still, lacking power or force, abandon, leave alone

know (yada) to know, "...Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived..." Gen 4:1

*God cannot be known in the noise and busyness of this world system;
that is Satan's strategy!*

Daniel 12:4

"But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."

Acts 7:22–31

22 And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds.

23 And when he was full forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren the children of Israel.

24 And seeing one of them suffer wrong, he defended him, and avenged him that was oppressed, and smote the Egyptian:

25 **FOR HE SUPPOSED HIS BRETHREN WOULD HAVE UNDERSTOOD HOW THAT GOD BY HIS HAND WOULD DELIVER THEM: BUT THEY UNDERSTOOD NOT.**

What you know by God in solitude is often misunderstood and even mocked by others.

That which God wants to manifest in your life is birthed first in the heart. After the birth of the vision, it will take time waiting on God in solitude, for the vision to mature and come to fruition in His sovereign timing.

26 And the next day he shewed himself unto them as they strove, and would have set them at one again, saying, Sirs, ye are brethren; why do ye wrong one to another?

27 But he that did his neighbour wrong thrust him away, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge over us?

28 Wilt thou kill me, as thou diddest the Egyptian yesterday?

29 Then fled Moses at this saying, and **WAS A STRANGER** in the land of Madian, where he begat two sons.

How many of the trials, tragedies, heartbreaks that we encounter is God trying to get us alone?

30 **AND WHEN FORTY YEARS WERE EXPIRED, THERE APPEARED TO HIM IN THE WILDERNESS OF MOUNT SINAI AN ANGEL OF THE LORD IN A FLAME OF FIRE IN A BUSH.**

31 When Moses saw it, he wondered at the sight: and as he drew near to behold it, the voice of the Lord came unto him,

*Solitude before God always precedes the move of God.
God uses solitude to prepare and train you for what is to come.*

The preparation of solitude before God:

- *discipline of waiting upon God for His timing, His wisdom, His initiation*
- *learning to distinguish God's voice from internal and external voices*
- *practicing the silence and discipline of hearing God's voice*
- *falling in love with God and the beauty of His holiness*

Galatians 1:11–24

11 But I certify you, brethren, that **THE GOSPEL WHICH WAS PREACHED OF ME IS NOT AFTER MAN.**

12 **FOR I NEITHER RECEIVED IT OF MAN, NEITHER WAS I TAUGHT IT, BUT BY THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST.**

You will never know, never be assured, never be convinced with a conviction to live and die for, if all you hear are the voices of man without ever the voice of God directly, personally, for yourself, in solitude.

13 For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it:

14 And profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers.

15 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace,

16 To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; **IMMEDIATELY I CONFERRED NOT WITH FLESH AND BLOOD:**

17 **NEITHER WENT I UP TO JERUSALEM TO THEM WHICH WERE APOSTLES BEFORE ME;** but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus.

18 **THEN AFTER THREE YEARS I WENT UP TO JERUSALEM TO SEE PETER,** and abode with him fifteen days.

19 **BUT OTHER OF THE APOSTLES SAW I NONE,** save James the Lord's brother.

20 Now the things which I write unto you, behold, before God, I lie not.

21 Afterwards I came into the regions of Syria and Cilicia;

22 And **WAS UNKNOWN BY FACE UNTO THE CHURCHES OF JUDAEA** which were in Christ:

23 But they had heard only, That he which persecuted us in times past now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed.

24 And they glorified God in me.

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1 Kings 19:1–18

1 And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword.

2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by to morrow about this time.

3 **AND WHEN HE SAW THAT, HE AROSE, AND WENT FOR HIS LIFE**, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongeth to Judah, and left his servant there.

When afraid, confused and under attack, flee to God in solitude.

4 **BUT HE HIMSELF WENT A DAY'S JOURNEY INTO THE WILDERNESS**, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and **HE REQUESTED FOR HIMSELF THAT HE MIGHT DIE**; and said, It is enough; now, O LORD, **TAKE AWAY MY LIFE**; for I am not better than my fathers.

The pressure and stress in Elijah's life at this time has exposed some deep-rooted and critical faults in his nature. Yet now is not the time for God to cleanse and heal Elijah's heart; it would require more solitude.

5 And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat.

6 And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again.

7 And the angel of the LORD came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because **THE JOURNEY IS TOO GREAT FOR THEE**.

This journey through life is too great for us without times of solitude and rest.

In ceasing and solitude, Elijah found supernatural strength and power in God's provision.

8 **AND HE AROSE, AND DID EAT AND DRINK, AND WENT IN THE STRENGTH OF THAT MEAT FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS UNTO HOREB THE MOUNT OF GOD**.

9 And **HE CAME THITHER UNTO A CAVE, AND LODGED THERE; AND, BEHOLD, THE WORD OF THE LORD CAME TO HIM**, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah?

To deal with the deeper issues of the heart, more solitude with God will be required.

When you separate yourself in solitude with God, the Word of the Lord will come!

10 ***And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.***

11 And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but **THE LORD WAS NOT IN THE WIND**; and after the wind an earthquake; but **THE LORD WAS NOT IN THE EARTHQUAKE**:

12 And after the earthquake a fire; but **THE LORD WAS NOT IN THE FIRE**: and **AFTER THE FIRE A STILL SMALL VOICE**.

The Lord is not in anything that distracts away from Him and hearing His voice.

13 And it was so, **WHEN ELIJAH HEARD IT, THAT HE WRAPPED HIS FACE IN HIS MANTLE**, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, **THERE CAME A VOICE UNTO HIM, AND SAID, WHAT DOEST THOU HERE, ELIJAH?**

Now, in the silence of deeper solitude, in the patience and discipline of prolonged waiting upon God, it was the right time for God to deal with the deeper issues of Elijah's heart.

14 And he said, ***I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.***

15 And the LORD said unto him, **GO, RETURN ON THY WAY TO THE WILDERNESS OF DAMASCUS: AND WHEN THOU COMEST, ANOINT HAZAEL TO BE KING OVER SYRIA:**

16 **AND JEHU THE SON OF NIMSHI SHALT THOU ANOINT TO BE KING OVER ISRAEL: AND ELISHA THE SON OF SHAPHAT OF ABEL-MEHOLOAH SHALT THOU ANOINT TO BE PROPHET IN THY ROOM.**

17 **AND IT SHALL COME TO PASS, THAT HIM THAT ESCAPETH THE SWORD OF HAZAEL SHALL JEHU SLAY: AND HIM THAT ESCAPETH FROM THE SWORD OF JEHU SHALL ELISHA SLAY.**

*New purpose, direction and vision is always birthed in solitude before God.
Divine insight into the times, seasons and circumstances is given in solitude before God.*

18 Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.

Psalm 62:5-8

5 My soul, wait thou only upon God; For my expectation is from him.

6 He only is my rock and my salvation: He is my defence; I shall not be moved.

7 In God is my salvation and my glory: The rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.

8 Trust in him at all times; ye people, Pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us.

Selah.