

1. David's secure identity in God magnificently expressed

Psalm 139

My Lord and King, all my | am-ness is before You You see into the hidden chambers of my being, Where all my thinking was already revealed before | was. You are so aware of our beloved union, my God! My story is entwined and mirrored in Your story and Even before | tell it out You know the lines and script. You stepped into my footsteps before my journey existed.

And like a true Father, You mapped out my pilgrimage And in Your reckless love you pursued my future To protect me from the sorrows of my past. I am held in the all powerful right hand of love Which guards my life, and blessings overflow. How can I fathom the depth and majesty of who You are! I stand in awe of Your intimacy, my strength!

Where can | go that Your Spirit does not exist? If | venture beyond the very edges of our universe And traverse the Heavens, Or go into the depths of nothingness, There You are! You are there when | soar on the wings of bliss Into the splendour of the new day dawning, And the brilliance of the setting sun.

I put my hand in Yours as you lead me along life's path, And I am encouraged and made confident in my sonship. So that even when I walk through the dark night of the soul, The radiance of Your Being bursts forth in all its glory! Both night and day contain the fullness of Your rainbow light. You crafted my innermost being to reflect Your own, Shaping me from the inside out, into Your likeness.

Like a priceless tapestry You intricately wove my life together In my mother's womb. How I bless You for how You birthed me In the mysteries of Your heart! stand breathless and star-struck, Marvelling with all Creation at Your all-knowing handiwork. You knew me in that secret place Even before | discovered my existence. Then You reached down into the miry clay And mysteriously commanded every bone to take its place. From everlasting You knew the length of my days And how we would share this dance of destiny. How deep is Your love that You cannot get me out of Your head! And | am held captive to an endless love that knows no bounds. O God, come and destroy every wicked spirit That elevates itself above You and tries to destroy Your image! am so enraged by the vanity of those who trade In the currency of this world. | hate them with a righteous anger! Don't You realise that Your enemies are mine too! My God, in Your tender embrace, cradle my face In Your scarred hands until | see only You before me And Your loving gaze piercing into the very depth of why existence. Together let us search out everything that separates me

From the truth of my everlasting union with You. In all my pain, rejection and shame | find a hiding place in You Where there is no condemnation and | find myself restored to glory. You reveal to me on this good journey that You are always beside me And for me, throughout the ages.

(He examined me with His loving Fatherly gaze. Imparted a Father's blessing.)

(Like Jesus at the Temple/money changers righteous anger for the

honour God's name. False currency of self righteousness, pride, works, etc)

I invite you to talk business with me! Come, let us resolve this together! I want to make you really rich! I advise you to buy gold from me! Gold that is thoroughly refined in the fire ~ not the flawed currency of your own trade! We're not talking a mixture here! No dross! And from now on buy your clothing from me; white garments ~ not the blended brand of your own making! Clothe yourself completely with these and there will not even be a hint of shame! For your eyes, buy **eye-salve** from me to anoint your eyes so that you may clearly see yourself in Christ! Rev 3:18

Clothe yourself completely (with these white garments") When we cover ourselves with the Talith we are wrapping ourselves in Holiness: (Ps 27:5-6) "In His shelter in the day of trouble, that's where you'll find me, For He hides me there in His holiness He has smuggled me into His secret place Where I'm safe and secure, out of reach from all my enemies."

Talith blessing He arises with healing in His wings - Wings on the Talith and Tzizits

(How precious is Your kindness, OG-d! The children of men take refuge in the shadow of Your wings. They shall be satiated with the delight of Your House, and You will give them to drink from the river of Your bliss. For with You is the source of life; in Your light we see light. Bestow Your kindness upon those who know You, and Your righteousness on the upright in heart.)

23. God, | invite Your searching gaze into my heart. Examine me through and through, Find out everything That may be hidden within me. Put me to the test, and sift through All my anxious cares. 24. See if there is any path of pain I'm walking on, And lead me back to Your glorious, everlasting ways, The PATH that brings me back to You.

* David, a true friend of God - an open book - submitting & accountable. Greg, Russ & myself.

1. Our desting individual & corporate - called for such a time as this! We have walked over a new threshold! Let all of us who sense the call be part of it. The greatest days of the Church are right around the corner. There is a fresh release of messengers who have been hidden, consecrated, and forged in the fire with a special assignment for the days we are living in. God is calling the Church back to the place of intimacy and intercession, character transformation, and accountability. Will we be loyal to the truth no matter the cost and will not compromise with the little foxes that spoil the vineyard?

This an article Loren Sandford wrote for the Elijah House newsletter. A wonderful confirmation of the glorious destiny of New Life. This is the invitation the Father gives to every one of us individually, then corporately. We are called as the Bride, the representation of Christ Himself. All of Creation, the world, is crying out for you to arise into your fulness!

"There is a fresh heart in the generation now emerging. Fathered by those who went before, these will speak more from humble intimacy with Jesus and from a pastoral heart than from a concern with gifting. Their words will flow more from the heart of the Father than from any felt need to prophesy, build a great ministry, or stand on anyone's stage. More than developing their gifts, they will seek oneness with Jesus and His nature, pursuing rest in relationship with Him, more than being supernatural. The need to wow the body of Christ and tickle the ears of men will give way to the need to bow before the King of Kings, broken by His love and faithful to His words, regardless of the fallout. As a result, they will release into the people of God a deeper level of life than we have known, as well as a sense of liberty in a quality of holiness both life-giving and free of condemnation.

We older ones allowed to remain — some of us perhaps late "maturers" in matters prophetic, kept in hiddenness by the hand of God until now — inherit a calling to father the emerging movement. Those into whom we sow life and wisdom may carry greater gifting and walk in a higher level of revelation than we who are called to be fathers (have known). But so did Elisha exercise a greater level of raw anointing than did his mentor, Elijah.

What if the names of this emerging generation become better known than our own? What if their books sell more than ours? What if they stand before thousands as we merely watch and pray? Can we walk in the kind of humility that rejoices to see others gaining notice and recognition for their full-grown wisdom and revelation for which we sowed the seeds in hidden places? Will our hearts swell with pleasure and pride in their advancement? Or will old wineskins and unredeemed elements of character, ambition, and insecurity disqualify us and hinder us from delivering the fullness of the treasure God has entrusted to us?

Paradoxically, the higher calling carries us to lower places. In the economy of God, we rise above by coming under — becoming the first by becoming the last. For this we receive an eternal reward in heaven that never fades or dies away.

A prophetic reformation has begun! Let all of us who sense the call be part of it.

2. Moving forward: Journey of healing and holiness

As John came in the spirit and power of Elijah to prepare the way, prophetic voices now rise to proclaim that the greatest outpouring of the Holy Spirit in history is coming. The great last days move of God approaches, and the call for preparation now is the same as John preached so long ago. God now cries for holiness and cleansing to uproot everything in ourselves and in our churches not solidly rooted in the nature of Jesus and the Father.

?Are you resting every moment in a crucified state? Is the blood of the Lamb coursing through your veins? Gal 2:20.

Christ is being formed within you (Gal. 4:19). This is your destiny. This is your time of development. Your task is to cooperate with Him in the preparation of your heart. The first stages of your walk with Christ is usually not a time of fulfilment but of development. As your time of fulfilment actually draws near, the enemy seeks to abort the work of God within you. You face battles inside and out. In the dark hours of the night you question your motives and doubt your readiness.

God is not ashamed of us or angry at us. He is planning brilliant things for the deficient parts of our lives. There is no condemnation, only the happy contemplation of a new freedom taking up residence in our hearts. He wants us to be as excited and enthusiastic about becoming like Jesus as He is in being formed in us.

When God puts His finger on a part of our life that is not working. He is joyfully pointing to the site of our next miracle and upgrade in our relationship with Him!

As new creations God doesn't see our bad behaviour, He only sees our righteousness. We are dead to sin but alive to Christ in God. We are learning to walk out our righteousness. We are highly valued by God and He has given us Christ who is our Fulness, our All in All. We are learning to receive all the promises attached to our new identity. You don't have an anger problem, He is teaching you patience. You don't have a fear problem, He is teaching you perfect love. We are learning the ways of His Kingdom.

3. Hidden in the wounded side of Christ

We have all dealt or are dealing with issues of betrayal, disappointment and wounded-ness. In the future we will have situations that are unfair and hurt-ful.

How does kindness grow? It grows in the soil of a situation where someone has said or done something that is really unkind. We have a choice. Do we perform an act of kindness, say something generous? Or do we give like for like? If we hold onto the bad stuff. and use it to justify our position eventually it will take a heavier toll upon us that the original issue. As long as we have a hold on the pain and anger, we cannot progress. The trauma locks us into a present-past scenario and we are unable to move on. The wound will need more and more treatment the longer we allow it to continue.

The first step to recovery is the willingness to admit our pain but the hard step is to relinquish it and the justifications that bind us. Let it go! Speak it out every time the emotion rises up.

The next step is to renew your thinking so that those old thoughts can never return. We don't work on old mindsets, we just replace them. Flip the flipping switch!

Part of this process is the need to forgive. Relinquish the blame that we put on ourselves or other people. When we really forgive people, we release any feeling that they owe us for the wrong done.

Holding onto a grudge means that we have made a decision to continue our own suffering. We have provided a safe harbour for our misery, grief, pain and anger. Resentment and bitterness will keep the grudge safe so that it can work its power on our hearts. The poison in our system can affect everyone around us. It creates an atmosphere that touches everyone.

Father empowers us to be as brilliant in Him in all of our low places. We get to abide in Him. He fills a space that we cannot fill. Everything that is meant to rob or disempower us instead becomes our place of praise, rejoicing, and laughter. In persecution we get to overcome and take ground. In difficulties we learn faithfulness, patience, and stamina which are all the qualities we need to become more than conquerors.

4. The Power of Forgiveness

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Some of us have gone through rejection and betrayal, but the Lord says you did not fail. You continued to love. Although you went through pain, you have forgiven those who hurt you. You passed the test. Some of us still have certain individuals in our lives who we have not forgiven and who we do not love.

As long as you refuse to forgive, a part of you is trapped in the past where you are continually being reminded of your pain. Until you forgive, you will not be fully released to go on with your life.

If you do not forgive those who have hurt you, you will lose a measure of your capacity to love. Whether they deserve forgiveness or not, you deserve a better life! You cannot enjoy abundant life while carrying unforgiveness, for you are shackled to something that hurt you, and your own unforgiveness tortures you. How do you get out of that prison? God calls you to forgive. Love IS the Shelter of the Most High!

No matter what hardship, evil, or accusation is hurled our way, everything Satan would use to destroy is redeemed by God's love; then it is used to perfect us.

5. The journey of the Shulamite and Mary and the Alabaster Box aroma

Our dependency upon Him must be total. When we are weak, we are also at a higher point of strength in Him. Christ in us gives us an expectation of something brilliant occurring. God calls me in my weakness, then calls Himself to meet my needs in those places. My weakness is His calling on my life. Weakness and strength form an amazing paradox that we are to enjoy, not endure. We have to die to live, give to receive, be last in order to be first.