

A Message of Hope, Endurance, and God's Divine Process of Promotion

Shalom! May the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be glorified now and forever.

One of the ways God works in the lives of His children is by allowing them to go through seasons of hardship before lifting them to a new level. It is a divine pattern: before elevation, there is often humiliation; before promotion, there is testing. This may seem backward by human logic, but it is entirely consistent with God's kingdom principles.

Jesus Himself said:

For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

(Luke 14:11, NKJV)

Even in nature, this principle is visible. For instance, in order for

an arrow to be launched far, it must first be pulled back with great force. The greater the pullback, the greater the distance it travels when released. The same principle applies to a slingshot or even a seed planted in the ground—it must be buried before it grows upward.

□ Biblical Examples of Divine Elevation After Humbling

1. Job: Double Blessing After Devastation

Job was blameless and upright, a man who feared God and shunned evil (Job 1:1). Yet, God allowed him to lose everything—his wealth, children, and health—not because of sin, but as part of a divine plan. It was a time of “pulling back.” But in the end:

And the Lord restored Job’s losses when he prayed for his friends. Indeed the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before.

(Job 42:10, NKJV)

Job's life teaches us that suffering is not always punishment—it can be preparation for greater glory.

2. Daniel: From the Lions' Den to High Promotion

Daniel's unwavering faith and integrity led to jealousy among his peers, resulting in him being thrown into the lions' den. This was his moment of deep testing. But God miraculously delivered him. Afterward:

So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

(Daniel 6:28, NKJV)

Daniel's faith in the midst of persecution positioned him for even greater influence.

3. Mordecai: From the Gate to Second in Command

Mordecai was a faithful servant at the king's gate. He uncovered a plot to kill the king and reported it. Yet, his enemy Haman plotted to kill him and even built gallows for his execution. However, in a stunning reversal, God elevated Mordecai:

So Mordecai went out from the presence of the king in royal apparel... and the city of Shushan rejoiced and was glad.

(Esther 8:15, NKJV)

For Mordecai was second to King Ahasuerus...

(Esther 10:3, NKJV)

This shows how God can turn the plans of the wicked against themselves (Proverbs 26:27).

□ The Pattern: Down Before Up

Throughout Scripture, the path to greatness is paved with trials:

Joseph was betrayed by his brothers, sold into slavery, and imprisoned on false charges. But in God's perfect time, he was raised to be second in command in Egypt (Genesis 41:41).

David was anointed as king but spent years fleeing from Saul before he ascended the throne (1 Samuel 16–2 Samuel 2).

Jesus, the Son of God, humbled Himself unto death before being glorified (Philippians 2:5–11).

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God,
that He may exalt you in due time.

(1 Peter 5:6, NKJV)

□ Why the Pullback Happens

When God “pulls us back,” it’s not to destroy us but to prepare us—to purify our faith, test our character, and align us with His purpose.

But He knows the way that I take; when He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold.

(Job 23:10, NKJV)

God uses adversity as a refining fire (Malachi 3:3). The trials we face often expose what needs to be removed and prepare us to carry greater responsibility.

□ What If the Fall Is Due to Sin?

If your hardship is a result of unrepented sin—such as immorality, corruption, greed, or dishonesty—then what you’re experiencing is not a divine pullback for promotion, but a call to repentance.

As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous

and repent.

(Revelation 3:19, NKJV)

In such cases, the only path forward is to humbly confess your sins, turn from them, and surrender to Christ. Then, and only then, will God begin to restore what was lost.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(1 John 1:9, NKJV)

□ Encouragement for the Righteous

If you are living for Christ, separated from the world, and seeking to do what is right—do not be discouraged by trials. The fact that you're experiencing resistance may be a sign that promotion is near.

Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you... but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings.

(1 Peter 4:12-13, NKJV)

Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

(Psalm 30:5, NKJV)

□ Final Word: Endure the Process

God's path to promotion involves seasons of testing. But through every difficulty, His hand is still upon you. What feels like a setback may be a setup for something greater. Don't abandon

your faith. Don't compromise. Stand firm.

And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

(Galatians 6:9, NKJV)

□ Prayer

Lord, help me to trust You even when I'm being brought low. Teach me to see beyond the pain and understand the purpose behind the process. Keep me faithful, pure, and obedient, until the day You lift me to where You want me to be. In Jesus' name, Amen.

DO NOT BE AFRAID WHEN YOU ARE BROUGHT LOW

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