YAKIN AND BOAZ: A SPIRITUAL INSIGHT

Shalom! May the name of our Lord be blessed forever.

The Word of God reminds us:

" (Lamentations 3:22-23, NIV)

"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

Even if you do not read this message, may the Lord's mercies never cease over your life.

Today, I want to share an important truth about entering the presence of God—whether to worship, pray, or study His Word. Understanding

this truth can transform how we relate to Him in our daily walk.

1. Lessons from the Temple

In the Old Testament, Solomon built the Temple, a central place of worship for Israel. It was the heart of Israel's spiritual life, where the people offered sacrifices, received atonement, and experienced God's presence. The Temple took **seven years to build**, with every detail carefully prescribed by God (1 Kings 6). Every element had spiritual significance:

The Ark of the Covenant: Represented God's presence and the covenant with His people (Exodus 25:10-22).

The Golden and Bronze Altars: Represented atonement and the refining power of God (Exodus 27:1-8).

The Seven Lampstands: Represented the light of God guiding His people (Exodus 25:31-40).

Near the end of the construction, Solomon was instructed to erect two **massive pillars** at the entrance of the Temple:

YAKIN (right) - meaning "He will establish" or "He will confirm".

BOAZ (left) - meaning "In Him is strength" or "He is strong".

2 Chronicles 3:17 (NIV) - "He set up the pillars at the entrance of the temple, one on the right and one on the left; he named the one on the right Yakin, and the one on the left Boaz."

These pillars symbolized **two essential spiritual realities** for anyone approaching God's presence:

- 1. Yakin God confirms His promises.
- 2. Boaz God's power is present.

No priest could enter the Most Holy Place without passing between these pillars. This reminds us that approaching God requires reverence, faith, and awareness of His holiness (Hebrews 9:6-7).

2. Theological Implications for the Church Today

The New Testament teaches that the Church is now the Temple of God

(1 Corinthians 3:16-17, NIV):

"Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst?"

Just as the pillars in Solomon's Temple represented God's confirmation and strength, we as believers are called to enter His presence with the same awareness:

God confirms His covenant with His people through Jesus Christ (Yakin). Our salvation and prayers are secure because of Christ (John 14:13-14; Romans 8:28-30).

God's power is actively present in His house (Boaz). God's presence brings life, protection, and authority (Acts 1:8; Ephesians 3:16-17).

Practical application:

Entering God's house, whether physically or spiritually, requires reverence. Careless behavior, sinful attitudes, or disrespect can have consequences (1 Corinthians 11:27-34).

God's power in His temple is not symbolic—it is real. Approaching Him in faith brings strength, guidance, and spiritual fruit.

Mark 11:17 (NIV)

- "And as he taught them, he said, 'Is it not written: My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it 'a den of robbers.'"

Even in the New Covenant, God expects us to approach His presence with holiness, humility, and faith.

3. Personal Application

Remember Yakin: God will confirm His promises in your life. His Word

is trustworthy (2 Corinthians 1:20).

Remember Boaz: God's power is present to help, strengthen, and guide you. Depend on it (Philippians 4:13).

Entering God's house, physically or spiritually, is not casual. We come as priests, intercessors, and worshippers, knowing that God is faithful and powerful.

Invitation: If you have not yet accepted Christ, today could be the day. God's covenant through Jesus is secure and His Spirit empowers us to live holy lives. Give your life to Christ and become His child (John 1:12).

The pillars Yakin and Boaz in Solomon's Temple were more than architectural features—they were **spiritual symbols**. Today, God wants every believer to enter His presence with confidence and **reverence**, knowing He confirms His promises and that His power is with us. Approach God's house with respect, prayerful expectation, and faith in His covenant.

May the Lord bless you richly as you walk in His presence.

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