

# MAY MESSAGE: MONTH OF GREATNESS THROUGH MERCY

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***Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy. Mt. 5.7***

***Your help (gentleness, mercy) has made me great Ps. 18.35.***

**T**he Great God desires that all His children become great, like Himself. True greatness is one of the many things that belongs to God. Other things that belong to the Lord include power, glory, victory and majesty--all of which also pave the way to greatness: 1 Chron. 29. 11-12.

The One who is called ***The Most High*** rules in the affairs of men and sets up whomsoever He wills in these top positions. Usually, He gives such positions to the *basest* among men, that is the least expected, so that s/he would be extremely humble. Dan.4.17.

He does this by helping us to discover our gifting through pain or through some other form of challenge that none else can meet--as in the case of David in the face of Goliath's national threat, or Daniel with the dream that no one can interpret or the misconduct of a Queen Vashti in the palace of the greatest emperor of her time--and her replacement by Queen Esther. Our gifts--the special supernatural ability: to throw stones, interpret dreams or beauty and the opportunity are all arranged by the Lord...to make us great. Examples in the New Testament also exist --like Peter releasing his boat that failed to catch fish to the Master to preach. Or the tax collector who climbs a tree to catch a view of the Lord Jesus, of blind Bartimaeus of Jericho or the leper that begged their ways to healing and wholeness. All of them asked the Lord for mercy, and He never turned them away. It is now our turn in this month of MERCY and GREATNESS. Number five always stood for grace or unmerited favor.

As we make the best use of these opportunities the Lord brings our way we make steady progress in this new month. It is ever the more so if we remain humble and appreciate the fact that it is the Lord that sends these opportunities our way and also the helpers of purpose who ensure that we don't miss out. A conviction that He is the One that made us great not we ourselves helps us to navigate rise to greater heights.

Other ATTITUDES that help in the path towards greatness include hard work or diligence or better still a spirit of excellence when we seek to excel our past and every other person's past

performances.

Another significant ATTITUDE that takes us to greatness is showing mercy to the less privileged. The Lord Jesus Christ introduced us to an old but important principle: those who show mercy will themselves obtain mercy. This happens due to the law of harvest--what we sow is what we reap. Our God gave a covenant of laws to Israel, but He insists on speaking to them through the Mercy seat. He also mandated that freedom must be declared to all slaves, land and domestic animals in the seventh year and a declaration of Jubilee in the 50<sup>th</sup> year.

One of the greatest paradoxes in our lives today is that those who have utilized political or economic powers for many years refuse to allow their colonies to go free even after political independence. Worse still many indigenous rulers in these colonies who came to power after independence continue to hold their people in utter poverty while stashing ill-gotten wealth in the lands of their former colonial masters. Thank God for the rise of new, atimes younger leaders who are charting a new course for their nation's political and economic freedoms.... These are currently being celebrated. As God's people we need to support and remember such persons in our prayers that they would continue to succeed and that they would continue to remain humble and merciful on their own people.

This is also the month when workers and children all over the world are celebrated. These two are endangered species--the first through heartless business owners and the other through abortionists who regard the termination of God's purposes for the unborn in their mother's wombs as every woman's right. Finally, we should also daily remember those who will go to hell if no one speaks to them of the Lord and Savior who gave His life so we can all live and prosper. The Lord mandates and empowers us to be His witness to a dying world. Ps. 2.8, Jn. 15.16

Welcome to the month of Greatness through Mercy.

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