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He shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified and meet for the master's use and prepared unto every good work." 2 Tim 2:21

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Dearest Partners and Friends,

Isaiah 33:6 *"And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times and strength of salvation; the fear of the LORD is his treasure."*

There are so many different takes on this verse. I read it this morning during my quiet time and thought how applicable it is to us today.

Many commentaries state that this is a word for Hezekiah at a time when the Jews were in total despair because of the approach of Sennacherib and his army.

Isaiah is a wonderful book, full of rich history but also full of prophecy. He was a prophet during the reign of four kings beginning towards the end of the reign of Uzziah. Uzziah came to the throne at 16 and was an amazing king in his early years and his fame spread abroad to many of the surrounding nations. His father was said to have done good in the sight of God – **yet not wholeheartedly**. He obviously had a great deal of influence over his son but the son recognized that his father's worship of God was not total. How many of us have failed with our children because we have not been whole hearted about the way we worship or view God? Children can distinguish the real and the lip service and they expect their parents to be honest. I have often said if you want confirmation about the way you feel regarding someone then watch your children around that person. They often have a lot more discernment than we do.

Uzziah had a desire to seek God and had a spiritual father figure in Zachariah and while he allowed spiritual people to speak into his life and followed the dictates of God, he did right in the sight of God. Zachariah died and soon afterwards Uzziah became proud and haughty and took God's glory for himself. On a number of occasions I have seen men and women of God go to pieces when their spiritual fathers/mothers have died. Why? Because there is no longer accountability and any sin that may have been kept under wraps because of that strong spiritual influence can now be expressed. So exactly

what is their real relationship with Father God if He does not have more of an influence than their earthly fathers? Ouch!!!

Uzziah finally became so proud that he did the unthinkable and went into the temple and offered incense. He knew it was wrong but did it anyway. Only the priests were permitted to do such a thing but by this time he must have believed that he was as powerful as God and could do what he liked without paying a price.

PRIDE is a major problem in the church. It was pride that caused Lucifer's fall from heaven and now Lucifer uses it as a weapon amongst God's people and against God. It was pride that built the Tower of Babel and look where that took the nations. We still have not learned because we have rebuilt it in Europe. Most of the world's problems today are because we have become cold to the things of God. Many people are not even God haters, they simply refuse to acknowledge that there even is a God.

So Uzziah lifted himself above his Creator, took God's glory and ended up a leper for offering strange fire – the profane – in the temple. Thank God for His wonderful, love and mercy in this new dispensation or many would be lepers. Every time we worship Him on the run because we are too busy doing our own thing we offer Him "strange fire."

When we put God first we can experience success and when we continually acknowledge that He is the source then we do not have to put our faith in the economy of a nation. We will have a lasting success when we do not compromise the Word of God and we stand on the Rock. National economy is sinking sand even though many consider it to be the almighty

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dollar or the almighty pound or euro. What started off on solid ground ended up in chaos. Uzziah was not even buried with the rest of the kings because he was unclean.

"In the year Uzziah died..." Isaiah is in front of the altar and sees the Lord high and lifted up and he stands in the gap on behalf of Israel. Whatever a leader is there will be a trickle-down effect and many of the followers will be the same. If Uzziah was proud you can be sure that many in Judea were proud. Isaiah cries out before the Lord but it takes another sixteen years before Hezekiah comes to the throne. Under King Ahaz Judea was depraved and totally indifferent towards the Lord. Finally, Hezekiah becomes King and restores pure worship of God. That was his first act followed by improving the political field and improving his army.

It is time that we put our house in order. First Hezekiah removed the idols and tore down the places of false worship and then he reinstated the pilgrimages that all Israel would come up to the temple three times a year. He cleansed and renovated the temple.

First and foremost we need to pull down those places of idol worship in our own lives and then we have to cleanse and purify ourselves until there is no more of us but it is all Him. We need to make that pilgrimage every day to meet with Him. Then when that is done we are ready for battle against the enemy but the wonderful thing today is that we do not have to battle – it is He that does it on our behalf. That way we know the enemy will always be vanquished and He, the King of Kings, Lord of Lords and the great Commander-in-Chief will get the glory.

When we continue to read about Hezekiah we see that the massive Assyrian army comes against him and are at the walls and Hezekiah rents his garments and begins to intercede for the nation. Isaiah comes to tell him that God has heard his prayers and will rout the Assyrians just as He routs our enemy today. HE does it – not ME. That very night an angel comes and kills 185000 in the Assyrian camp and they return home the next day in defeat.

So Isaiah 33:6 is very applicable to Hezekiah but it also should be very applicable in our lives today. Be encouraged – do not fear when it seems that everything around us in our personal lives is going wrong and certainly everything in the world seems to be going wrong. God is the stability that we need to look to. It is His knowledge and wisdom that needs to be followed.

He gives us amazing knowledge and wisdom if we would but ask Him. Not only is He our stability but we can become stability for those around us. When we are at peace people gravitate towards us. When we carry His wisdom and knowledge people are drawn to us. I have three grandchildren and they love my home because it is peaceful. It is not necessarily quiet especially when they are visiting but God's peace abides here and the children recognize it. If your home is not peaceful then ask God to show you why. You may have objects that are not conducive to peace. Beware what you watch on your TV or what music you have playing because that will surely shatter the peace if it is not the right type. Phil 4:8 *"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."*



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"the fear of the Lord is His treasure." I recently read this very brief statement on the fear of God and believe that it truly sums it all up:

"Unfortunately, many of us presume that the world is the ultimate threat and that God's function is to offset it. How different this is from the biblical position that God is far scarier than the world When we assume that the world is the ultimate threat, we give it unwarranted power, for in truth, the world's threats are temporary. When we expect God to balance the stress of the world, we reduce him to the world's equal As I walk with the Lord, I discover that God poses an ominous threat to my ego, but not to me. He rescues me from my delusions, so he may reveal the truth that sets me free. He casts me down, only to lift me up again. He sits in judgment of my sin, but forgives me nevertheless. Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, but love from the Lord is its completion." William Eisenhower.

We all do it and we need to stop, both believers and especially non-believers. We bring God down to our level so that we can try to understand Him. We will never be able to fathom the awesome Creator of the universe. He is the one who holds all things in His hand. Stop trying to second guess Him and just do, do, do what He tells us to in His precious, anointed Word. If we allow Him, He becomes the controller of our destiny and who can fail with Him at the helm?

MALAWI

Final preparations for the trip! I have two fifty pound boxes and one fifty pound case. Because I packed boxes instead of cases I saved about 12 pounds which meant 12 extra pounds of shirts! I am amazed at how heavy our suitcases are and I have to take advantage of every spare pound I can come up with. I have hand luggage that weighs about forty pounds. Good thing my arms are strong enough to lift it into the overhead bin. Now to pray the bin does not fall on someone's head!!! Because I am a silver card holder on Ethiopian I am permitted three 50 pound bags/boxes without having to pay any additions charges.

We plan to bring two villages together at a time. We will distribute their Christmas gifts and teach the Word and after teaching we will celebrate Communion. Around 4.00 we are going to feed them all dinner and as soon as it gets dark we are going to show the Jesus Film and it will be open to whoever wants to attend. If there are too many then we will have a second showing.

Please believe with us that many of the villagers who attend become followers of Christ. We are trusting that there will be no disruptions during the presentation although each of the nights will be week nights so it should be quiet.

I received the costs for the distribution and for the feeding of 400 prior to the filming and it totals out at almost \$7,000. Two of our supporters have stepped up to the plate and paid for the cooking pots all of which have already been made and are in storage, ready for delivery to the villages. They are going to be so excited. Many have been asking for pots for over a year now. Thank you to those who made this possible. Our corn flour is what is very expensive. To purchase 400 x 10 kg (22lbs) bags now costs about \$2,800. This is their staple food and it is really despicable that the government has not put a price seal on this commodity.



Corn flour from previous distribution

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Have a wonderful Thanksgiving. May you each remember something spectacular that God has done for you this year. As you sit around the table each of you tell briefly what He has done for you or through you. This is a wonderful celebration because we all have so much to be thankful for.

Please remember me in prayer. I shall be landing in Malawi as you are getting up in time to put your turkey in the oven.

Please pray that we meet the needs of the elderly. They have so much to be thankful for because of you.

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I may not get another newsletter out before Christmas and even if I do it may not reach you in time. I will be in Zimbabwe for Christmas. I have an open door to preach while I am there so am looking forward to that.

Thank you everyone who has supported this ministry during 2014. You have been an enormous blessing not only to the staff but especially to the elderly and the young girls. The Gospel is not free – it comes at a great price. Jesus paid the ultimate price for us and we have to pay a price to get it out to the lost and dying. It does cost money and it also costs in time and energy and effort. It costs when you are preaching in 120 degree weather and when you are trying to sleep at night with no air conditioning. Thank God that He gives His grace in situations like these. Please remember us again in 2015. This is a front line ministry and you will be building your treasure in heaven.

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