

Title: God Is Great Part 2

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This is actually part two of a message I delivered on December 14. God is continuing on to encourage us in who He is. We know that God is great. The scripture says that. We're going to read some scripture about that. But what He really wants to impart to us now, is there is endurance that has to come in the Body of Christ. If we don't know our God, we will not make it. Those who know their God, shall do mighty, mighty works and have great exploits. You understand? But, if we do not know God, we're toast. Without God, we can do nothing. We're born again. We belong to Him. We are His family. We are His children. Yet, we are these mighty warriors. He takes us out of sin and depravity and makes us whole. He calls us sons and daughters of the Most High. What transformation! We say all the time, "We are not just going to church." We are part of the Body of Christ from the beginning until the end. We are a remnant here. We are a part of a whole magnificent family of God. Hallelujah. I don't know every Christian in our city, region, state, and nation. Neither do you, but God does. That's how good He is. He is Father God.

We are given weapons of warfare. We are given arsenals of fire. We are given the Word of God to empower us to overcome. "We overcome Satan by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony, loving not our own lives, even unto death." There is no selfishness in the Kingdom of Heaven. Instead, Jesus says, "You have to take up your cross daily. You get to die daily and follow Me." That's for every believer. Amen. Everybody say, "Amen, for the cross." He says, "You get to die daily." That's how we overcome. Because, of what Jesus has done, we are empowered to succeed, and to live the life of the Kingdom of Heaven. To flourish in the courts of our God, and in all that He has called us to do in this life. He is a great God. It's not just a slogan or a Christian saying. "Well, praise the Lord. You know, great is our God."

It is real, tangible power, and when we read all through the Scripture, this will launch you into a new realm in glory, in that we can overcome through Christ's salvation work that was finished and done on the cross in that blood, and we have gone beyond the veil already. We have gone beyond the veil already through Christ. We have the privilege and the honor to be His children. We have already gone beyond the veil, through the veil, into the heart of God, in His family, in His house, and in His Kingdom. That's why Jesus prayed that we would pray, "Father, your Kingdom come, your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven."

God is great, and He is greatly to be praised. Every day we have the opportunity, even through trials, high praises, healings, or loss. Whatever it may be, we are always proclaiming how great He is. Now, you can take that sword and proclaim how God is so great, even when you're sick, even when you're going through a difficult time, right? Even when you're having to work through stuff, you can proclaim that God is great and really mean it. That doesn't mean you have to get a horn out and blast it. It comes out of this heart and out of your mouth. God hears the whispers even when you don't have much breath left in you to say anything. "God is great."

I understand this. He works with the whisper. God works with the whisper. God works with a breath. He put breath in us, and He can take it from us. He has given us a breath even in our weakness. There's more power there than the greatest nuclear bomb on the planet that man can come up with. You cannot compare God's greatness to anything on the Earth. Yes, this is how we overcome. It is a charge to overcome no matter what. That's the worship the Godhead deserves. This is the the attitude of our heart to know how great He is. As we read the word, we entrust ourselves to what the scripture says.

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We believe in our heart, we confess with our mouth, and we live with our lives knowing that God is great. We are so blessed, and you know it. Nothing is greater than God, amen. He is great. It is our resolve. Say, "resolve." Now, that's a big word, okay. We understand. We have all tasted resolve at one point in our life. There is a resolve that the Spirit of God can put inside of you. It's amazing. I mean, how does humanity survive without God's mercy, without His grace and goodness? "He causes the sun to shine upon the just and the unjust." He does good to all. He has created the planet, knowing full well that those that He placed here would betray Him, sin against Him, ignore the glory and His greatness, and choose to do things in their own strength. Thank the Lord for the gospel of Jesus, that brings us into this anointing, this power and this family.

We have to have a resolve to behold and know the glory of the Lord. When I read, "In the beginning, God created the Heavens and the Earth," wow. Right there is a resolve in the believer's heart to put faith in this God who has created and made all things. In your greatest weakness, you are able to say, "You are great. You are great. You are great." You hear it? It builds. That is the resolve in you to overcome by the blood of the Lamb. "Without Christ, I can do nothing. I can do nothing." All of His works are great. I'm going to review just a few scriptures. This is like I've put an arsenal in your hands. This is something God has put in our hearts. This is how we overcome, yes? Even in the weakest moment or your greatest mountain top experience, you can only proclaim that God is great and good.

First Chronicles 16:23-27 NKJV

What a proclamation. "Sing to the Lord all the Earth." There is a summoning to even the creation, the Earth, and all that God has created. The heavens, and the heavens, and the heavens, and the heavens declare the glory of God. We have no idea. I wish we could see the movie sometimes, of what's happening with our praise. How we confess the word and how it is hitting the universe. What it is doing to the angels in Heaven. What it does to the demons that are on the Earth is they shriek, they shrink and they cower in fear when one weak vessel gives praise to God. Lucifer was kicked out of Heaven, because he wanted some dominion that God had not given him. He is a fallen angel. Defeated in Jesus's mighty name. When we give God praise in our weakest breath, or in our greatest stance, he is defeated. "I overcome Satan by the blood of the Lamb and the word of my testimony, loving not my own life, even unto death." There is the resolve.

Here is the praise. "Sing to the Lord all the Earth, proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day." That is our charge. That is our beautiful calling as the Body of Christ. We get to do this. We get to join God. This wasn't just a written testament to hear about what they did at the first temple. This is our lifestyle. This is our lifestyle. This is the way of life. Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life." No one can come to the Father except through Him. You see this? He says to, "Declare His glory among nations." We are focusing on His greatness. If we want to know the glory of the Lord, we have to focus. Focus is a big word that you will continue to hear until we go see Him. Focus on His glory. Focus on His greatness. All of His works are great, and we are to declare that among the nations. I mean, amongst all the peoples, whether we go on another trip, or to another nation, or another city, or another state, or another place, or to the moon and back. There is a goodness, that we get to declare amongst all.

Even in difficult times, *declare* His wonders among all peoples. His wonders are among all peoples. That tells me that God is good, and He is always working to reveal Himself to His creation. All you have to do is get up in the morning and see the sun. Oh, there's a testimony. "The Son of Righteousness shall rise with healing in His wings." Truth. "The Lord is great and greatly to be praised, and He's feared above all gods." "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." When the fear of the Lord comes to us, we repent. When the fear of the Lord comes to us, we get saved. That's how we're here, because the fear of the Lord came.

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In the fear of the Lord, His greatness was revealed to us. That greatness was manifested through His Son, Jesus Christ. Wow, isn't this beautiful, that God would send His own Son to save us heathen sinners without hope? Here we are, praising the Lord and acknowledging Him. "Honor and majesty are before Him." He's beyond royalty. I mean, He's God. "Honor and majesty are before Him. Strength and gladness are in His place." As you meditate on these words, your spirit man comes up front and center. Then your soul says, "Oh my soul, bless the Lord." "Oh my soul, praise the Lord." You join in with all of Heaven to, "Declare the goodness of God in the land of the living," even with your weakest breath.

Yes, the most high God has chosen you. He has chosen me. He has chosen us. "He overcomes evil with good." He overcomes evil with good, because God is good. This is the praise that is carrying on from one generation to the next. You will never stop it, even in the future, when we're abiding with Him in glory, in the New Jerusalem, in Heaven on Earth, and forever and ever and ever and ever and ever and ever and ever and ever and ever, amen. That's what my scripture tells me. "We have been born again from above by the greatness and the goodness of God." "Eye has not seen, ear has not heard, the heart can't even comprehend all that God has planned for us." As you meditate on these things, as you think upon these things, as you read your word and you confess it. You even memorize it. You declare it, not just when you're in a bind, but with high praise. You proclaim how great He is. We have all been in some battles, but God is still great. You won your battle because He is great, truth!

Job 5:8-9 NKJV

This was written by the Spirit of God, by inspiration of his heart, before Jesus Christ came. Yet, there was a witness by the Holy Ghost to every man and woman that God was calling to Himself in his great journey on the Earth. This soul has to say, "As for me, I would seek God." Doesn't matter the circumstance, this is what he says. "You know, I'm pretty sure I will seek God." "God, I'm going to commit my cause, no matter what that is." In regards to Job, what's happened to him? The most, righteous man on the planet at that time. The most blessed among men was going through hell. The devil had full permission, but he couldn't take his life. It's pretty rough. For what cause is this, for what purpose was that for? There is this mystery that comes out of everything. That, "I'm going to seek God. I'm going to commit all this to God, Who is so great." Hear it? You can hear the support of Heaven backing you. Those that have already gone before us and are in Heaven, and they understand this. There is revelation I know that we will receive for all eternity. That's why it goes on and on and on. Amen.

"God, Who does great things, unsearchable." See, that's beyond our own understanding. We can search it out as far as we can go, but by the Holy Ghost, we will receive a revelation. We will receive divine insight. The blinders will come off. Our ears will open, our eyes will see the greatness of God. Yes, isn't that glorious? That's the heart cry of the Savior. "Marvelous things without number, that's why I gave you the understanding of the stars in the sky." We can't count them. That's how great He is. "He does marvelous things without number, marvelous things." You get in this position, and you stand in this, as your highest call to worship Him in spirit and in truth. You proclaim and open your mouth and sing. You don't have to be on a praise team to do this. You are a praiser if you've been born again from above. Every day we have this opportunity. It is a call, it is a duty, and it is a blessing. There is power and there is authority. Even through difficult times, "I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise will continually be in my mouth." You hear it? It's all through the Scripture.

Deuteronomy 7:21 NKJV

God's kind of helping them understand a little bit about what's coming against them. He says, "You shall not be terrified of them," the bad guys and those who are opposing them. "For the Lord your God, the great and awesome God, is among you." That's what David thought when he stood before the giant Goliath. Goliath didn't stand very long, because David believed this.

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“Who is this uncircumcised Philistine to think that he could defy the army of the living God?” That's the faith of Jesus. That's the greatness that God put in a vessel of honor, chosen to worship God. David was a king and one of the greatest, according to scripture. Yet, he was a human man. Yes, but he laid hold of a key, an arsenal, a weapon, and a victory. He laid hold of something that was eternal while on the Earth. God is great. Over every giant, every block, every hindrance, every evil, “God is great.” ‘The Lord is great. He is an awesome God.’ Now we know He's among us. Now He's not just among us, He is in me. He is in us. He's in you, now. If you've been born again, He is in you. We have to meditate and think on these things. We are never alone. Thank you, Jesus! We are focusing on His greatness.

First Chronicles 17:20 NASB

“Lord, there is none like You, nor is there any God besides You, according to everything that we have heard with our ears.’ “Lord, there is none like You, nor is there any God besides You, according to everything that we have heard with our ears.”

That is the cry of humanity. Looking up to something greater. Something greater is here, you understand?

Jeremiah 10:6 NASB

“There is none like You, Lord. You are great. Your name is great in might. In the Spirit of Might.”

You will hear it over and over again. You say, “Well, this is a little repetitive.” You can do a word search, I suppose. Start from Genesis to the end and see how much you're going to find out about this topic. God wins, and He is sovereign, and He is great. This is a great Word, amen. This Bible is a great testimony of our God. “There is none like You, Lord. You are great. Your name is great in might.” In the Spirit of Might, we have the Holy Spirit in fullness. We have the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation. We have the Spirit of Counsel and Might. This is raw power, God's might. What only God Almighty can do. The Spirit of Might, that causes Samson to do what he did. It caused Mary to believe that she would conceive a Son. “Be it done to me according to word.” No matter the challenge or the call, the Spirit of Might empowers with great Godly authority to do what He's called you to do. God gives supernatural guidance and empowerment. He gives supernatural guidance and empowerment. Did you know that you were supernaturally changed? Yes, you were supernaturally saved, yes. You were supernaturally healed, yes. You are supernaturally forgiven, yes. You're supernaturally empowered to do what's right, yes. God gives supernatural guidance and empowerment.

Psalms 3:3 ESV

“But you, O Lord, are a shield about me, my glory and the lifter of my head.”

“Oh Lord, You are shield about me, my glory and the lifter of my head. Oh, Lord, You are a shield round about me.”

This is a prayer I pray every day, okay? “Oh, Lord, You are a shield about me.” You're a covering, you're a canopy, you're a realm, and you're magnificent. There is a glory that encompasses the righteous soul. Not just an army shield, but from a military standpoint, it matters, yes. “Oh Lord, You are shield about me.” There are all these amazing things now, if you can see in the supernatural, they are crystal clear. You could see through them. You know it's the glory of God just surrounding you. You may not see a shield, but there is the omnipresence of God surrounding you. That's the encompassing, that's the enveloping, that's the glory of God around us. “You lift my head.” Truth. “You lift me and give me hope.” He gives us hope. He gives us a future, truth.

Jeremiah 32:17-19 NKJV

Wow. Hallelujah, listen to this. “Ah, Lord God,” you see that's revelation. When you go, “oh, ah, wow, oh, oh, now I'm getting it. Now, I see it. Now I have just touched something that's supernatural.” ‘Ah, Lord God.’ It wasn't, “Ohhh, Lord God, no.” There's the glory, there's the worship, and there's the awesomeness. This is the greatness, “You have made the Heavens and the Earth by your great power and your outstretched arm.” You hear the thread? Everything goes back to who He is. “There is nothing too hard for you.” Every day you say that to God, “There is nothing too hard for you.” I don't care what that wall is, sickness, demon, or trouble. There is nothing that is too bad, or high, or too difficult for God. “You show loving kindness to thousands.” That's the Lord's compassion. “His compassion and His mercies, fail not.” There is where the healing is. It's in His compassion that healing flows, truth. That's the compassion that came towards us to save us. “You show lovingkindness to thousands and repay the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them— the Great, the Mighty God, whose name is the Lord of hosts.”

Now, that's powerful. Yes, without number. God knows the number of His hosts. He does. “The Great, Mighty God whose name is the Lord of hosts. You are great in counsel and mighty in work.” Who's praising who here? You see, this is from Jeremiah, by the Spirit of God. He is exalting the Lord. He's focusing on His greatness. I mean, he had to release some strong stuff to rebuke Israel and the nations. You understand, he had to prophesy what God Almighty would say. In the midst of these things, he proclaims, “You are great. You are the Mighty God whose name is the Lord of hosts. You are great in counsel and mighty in work. Your eyes are open to all the ways of the sons of men.” That is a powerful revelation to know that God Almighty is open to every living soul that He ever created, from the beginning until the end. “Where can I go from His presence? Where can I hide from His Spirit?” You see, it's that omnipotence, that omniscient, that all consuming glory of God, that from the very beginning He knew me, even before I was conceived in my mother's womb.” This gives you purpose. This gives us hope. “You are great. You are greatly to be praised, my God.”

Jeremiah 29:11-13 NKJV

This is God's heart when you're going through. He says, “I know the thoughts I think towards you.” God thinks. God thinks. God is meditating. He thinks of us. Out of gazillions without number, He's thinking of me. “Well, God's thinking of you today, sister.” Yes, every day, every moment, every second, because He's God. He's God, and Jesus is God, and Holy Spirit is God. As one, we are in that family of the, “God who sees, the God who hears, and the God who is thinking,” and says, “I know the thoughts I have for you.’ ‘These are the thoughts I'm thinking towards you, thoughts of peace, not evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you are going to call upon Me, and you are going to go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.”

A powerful statement, that is a powerful statement, “That God Almighty is listening even before you say it here.” He heard. He knows. He heard that thought. He heard your heart. He heard good, bad, and ugly. He knows. Yet, this is our God. How great He is. In verse thirteen, He says, “You will seek Me and you will find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.” He wants my heart. He wants my heart. That's it, the whole thing, not a part, not a portion, not in and out, but all of our heart. I believe that Jesus said that, “The greatest commandment is fulfilled in to love the Lord your God with all of your heart, soul, mind, will, and strength.” Yes, and the next greatest commandment is to now love your neighbor as yourself.” That's really the summation of this journey. What a journey, right? Here is the great God that is doing this work. He gives us supernatural guidance and power.

Isaiah 28:29 NET

“This also comes from the Lord who commands armies, who gives supernatural guidance and imparts great wisdom.”

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Isaiah 28:29 NIV

“All this also comes from the Lord Almighty, whose plan is wonderful, whose wisdom is magnificent.”

This is our focus on the glory of the Lord. This is our focus. This is our cause, to know that I was called forth from my mother's womb before the foundation of the world, to know this God, no matter what this Earth or the devil himself is doing. “He gives supernatural guidance.” There was supernatural guidance that led you to Christ when you were saved. There was supernatural guidance in every decision you've made. There's supernatural wisdom and counsel, and it's wonderful and it's magnificent. You thought, “Oh, well, I just thought I accepted the job.” You understand something greater is here? Then you go from job to job to job, correct? Then you go from era to era, journey to journey, generation to generation, it's still the same yesterday, today and forever. “The Lord commands armies. He gives supernatural guidance and imparts great wisdom.” Can you ask for that? Absolutely! This is the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation and Knowledge and Counsel and Fear of the Lord. This is the fullness of the Holy Ghost and His truth. He gives us great and mighty things.

John 10:29 NKJV

This is Jesus talking, “My Father, who has given them to Me is greater than all.” Jesus Christ acknowledged that in just one verse. Jesus Christ acknowledged this to those that He was ministering to and discipling. We are still reading His work to this day, because we are disciples of Jesus Christ, correct? That's why we read the Bible. We are His disciples. We are His students. We are His friends. We are His Church, in which the gates of hell shall not prevail against. Wow, just saying, there's some authority. He acknowledged that God is great. He acknowledges that the Father is keeping you. No one is going to snatch you out of His hand. The only way you can leave is if you said, “Nope, I forsake God,” blah, blah, blah, and out you go, yes? Whoa, whoa, whoa, but you must know this is the truth, “I and my Father are One.” “My Father is greater than all.” Then I want that mantle. I want that in my mouth. “My Father is greater than all.’ ‘My Father, yes, My Father, who lives in Heaven. Holy is Your Name, yes. Your Kingdom come. Your will be done.” There you go. You just lined up with the will of God.

John 14:7 NKJV

If you have seen Jesus, you have seen the Father. If you know Jesus, you know the Father, because He came. The Word of God, came in flesh and blood, so that we could touch Him. He would redeem us as humans. Someone to hold, touch and see. One that went all the way to the cross and was slaughtered as a lamb to save us and give us this glory. There is no reason, but that God is good, amen. This is high praise to God. This gives us victory. This is our charge.

John 14:27-28 NKJV

Luke 19:36-38 AMPC

As Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey before His crucifixion, His praise was great. I just love how it's written. What is going down here? He is coming in on a donkey as He is fulfilling scripture to do that as the Messiah, correct?

“And as He rode along, the people kept spreading their garments on the road. As He was approaching the city, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of the disciples began to rejoice and to praise God, extolling Him exultantly and loudly for all the mighty miracles and works of power that they had witnessed. Crying, “Blessed, celebrated with praise, is the King, Who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in Heaven, freedom there from all the distresses that are experienced as a result of sin and glory, majesty and splendor in the highest Heaven.” You thought they were just saying, “Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed is He who comes in the name.” No, all of Heaven was joining them.

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There was a carpet laid out with great praise as the Servant rides a donkey, to come into a city that's going to crucify Him, and that later, God Almighty will raise Him from the dead. Truth, there was so much Heaven right here. They weren't just waving a palm branch, but I know they were. They weren't just chanting what the prophets have said. "You will say." They were hosting Heaven. Heaven is great. The glory of God was greater as He rode in humility and in the fear of the Lord, amen. His resurrection is greater still. Glory to God. We know that in Heaven, the song of highest praise shall never cease. Right now, they're already doing it, and they will keep doing it, and one day we will be in that number, but not yet.

Revelation 15:3 NKJV

Wow. Right now, that is being proclaimed in Heaven. Right now, as we speak. It never ceases, and it will go on and on and on and on. It's not just for that one little part in the book of Revelation where it's supposed to say that. You understand, this is ongoing lifestyle? What's that old hymn saying? "Oh, I want to be in that number, when the saints go marching in." True, wow, that's glorious. But, we're supposed to start now. You think you can out sing Heaven now? I think we can, but, you know, we just join them.

First John 5:3-5 NKJV

"For, this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments."

This is the love of God, that we keep His commandments, that we keep His word, yes. His commandments are not a pain, right? His commandments are not burdens. It's not a heavy weight that you can't do, because you have the Holy Ghost to help us obey God. Without Holy Ghost, we don't do so well. *"For whatever is born of God overcomes the world, and this is the victory that has overcome the world, our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?"* The key, right there, eternal glory. *"This is the greatest commandment, to love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, soul, mind, will and strength, and out of that you will love others as yourself,"* correct? *"For whatever is born of God overcomes the world."* Do you think there should be high praise there? Absolutely! *"Whatever is born of God overcomes the world."* That's already my victory.

I have already overcome the world, because of God's love. I received it. I received His love. Now I'm empowered. He says, *"You, Born Again One, have overcome the world, and all of its systems has nothing on you. You are not of this world. You are of mine."* This is the victory that has overcome the world, faith, because I believe. Because I believe, I believe, and because I believe, I declare. Because I believe, I praise, I hope, and I stand fast, yes. Even in the face of adversity, I stand fast. Even in your weakest moment, truth. *"Whatever is born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that's overcome the world, our faith."* We have that because we believe Jesus is the Son of God. *"Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised."* This is our reality. This is our lifestyle. I'm going to close with this wonderful testimony.

Acts 7:54-60 NKJV

Great is the Lord. We're in a battle here. This whole chapter seven is a testimony of Stephen, who was the first martyr, after Christ went back to Heaven, and sent Holy Ghost.

"When they heard these things," that means they heard his testimony, which is amazing if you haven't read it. Read it. It says,

"When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed at him with their teeth." The same ones that crucified Christ. *"But he, being full of the Holy Spirit,"* Stephen, this disciple. Say, "That's me," *"being full of the Holy Ghost, gazed into Heaven and saw the glory of*

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God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.” Jesus, the same one that was crucified on a cross, dead and buried, was raised in three days, and had been with them for forty days. Then they watched Him go back up into Heaven. Now at Stephen’s death, at his testimony, of standing in the light and the blood of the Lamb, overcoming Satan by the blood of the Lamb. He sees how great God is. God reveals, a glimpse of glory here, as Stephen gazed into Heaven. In an open eyed vision, Stephen saw the glory of God. He saw the glory of God, and Jesus at His right hand, fulfilling perfectly everything that He said in the Scripture. Stephen says, “Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” Then they cried out with a loud voice stopped their ears and ran at him with one accord. They cast him out of the city, and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their clothes at the feet of a young man named, Saul. 59) And they stoned Stephen as He was calling on God, and saying, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then he knelt down and he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not charge them with this sin. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.”

The Spirit of Jesus, the greatness of God, and the same Jesus on the cross, He says, *“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”* Right there, it just got real. This is just another follower, another man, a real person. Could have been one of our brothers, you understand? There it is. There's the glory. How great is He? There's the glory. He got an “open eyed movie,” and it's been a living encouragement to all the saints. It will continue to be encouragement to the very end.

Acts 8:1-8 NKJV

“Now Saul,” who was a pharisee of pharisees, *“was consenting to his death. At that time a great persecution arose against the church which was at Jerusalem. And they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.”* They were commanded to stay in Jerusalem. *“And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him. As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering every house, and dragging off men and women, committing them to prison. 4) Therefore,”* Here's your glory. *“Those who were scattered went everywhere, preaching the word. Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ,”* The Anointed One, and His anointing. *“To them. And the multitudes, with one accord, heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed. And there was great joy in that city.”* Great is our God! Great and marvelous is the Lord. That is the song sung over this testimony!

Acts 8:9-13 NKJV

Say, *“A sorcerer got saved!”* Who does that? Right? This is our God. How great is He? Better be ready to go through a journey, amen. *“He continued with Philip, and was amazed, seeing the miracles and signs which were done.”*

But here's the iniquity in him that's going to come to light.

Acts 8:14-17 NKJV

18) *“When Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles’ hands, the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money.”* This is all he knew, you understand? *“Saying, Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive Holy Spirit.”* But Peter said to him, *“Your money perish with you, because you thought that the gift of God could be purchased with money!”* Who is Peter addressing here? He is addressing the strong man of the region and the spirits were in him. Yes, he is addressing this one who was in that and that's all he knew. That's all he knew, truth. He wasn't intimidated. Peter was not intimidated.

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21) *"You have neither part nor portion in this matter, your heart is not right in the sight of God."* Who can tell that, but the Holy Ghost? 22) *Repent therefore of this your wickedness and pray to God, if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you. For I see that you are poisoned by bitterness and bound by iniquity."* 24) *"Then Simon, the sorcerer, answered and said, "Pray to the Lord for me, that none of these things that you have spoken may come upon me."* That you have spoken. "Oh, Great is the Lord." There is power and there is authority. As the Kingdom of Heaven is coming forth. He says, *"Oh man of God, pray for me."* See the fear of the Lord?

Acts 8:25-40 NKJV-"An Ethiopian Receives Christ"

These are people just like us, worshiping and honoring the king, laying their life down to the end, because of who He is. Going into all the world and proclaiming the light of the good news. The Spirit was working with them, and the angels were working with them. They were translated and transported. Come on, guys, "How great is our God! How great is our God!" These are testimonies for us to encourage us. To give us the testimony of Jesus. This is the testimony of Jesus Christ. We are reading the testimony of Jesus Christ, Who lives in us. Let's give Him our highest praise and our focus this year, as we overcome through that glory, amen!

Let's stand up and pray. If you need prayer, we will pray for you. Everybody say, "Lord, You are great!"

"Father, I thank You, that You are going to reveal by Your Spirit. You are going to take us to a whole new place in your heart. Ready and steady Your people. Our focus is on Your glory. Lord, You are great. You are greatly to be praised. May You anoint these words, Lord. May You manifest Your presence with all of them. As we Your people, attend to Your word and encourage through Your words. Strengthen us. Heal us. Save us. Deliver us. Lord, restore our soul. We promise to give You all the glory. In Jesus' name, amen. All right, God bless you.