

Launching Text: Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou has rejected knowledge I will also reject thee, that thou shall be no priest to Me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

Preaching Text: Isa 45:1-12

Primary Text: Isa 45:11-12 Thus saith the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, and His maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons (my children), and concerning the work of my hands command ye me. I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, even my hands, have stretched out the Heavens, and all their host have I commanded.

God wants us to know many things, but there are two specific things to note in this text.

1. Revelation Ask me of things to come
2. Manifestation Concerning the work of my hands command ye me.

God wants revelation (so we will know) and manifestation (so to show Himself) in the life of the believer!

In our text at least 5 specific areas of revelation and manifestation are presented for the believer.

1. GOD WANTS US TO KNOW & HAVE REVELATION & MANIFESTATION OF GOD'S POWER

Isa 45:11 Thus saith the Lord to his anointed

God wants us to know about and manifest His power.

1. The Revelation of God's Power

Mat 19:26with God all things are possible.

Ps 106:7-8 Our fathers understood not thy wonders (the wonders of God) in Egypt; they remembered not the multitude of thy mercies; but provoked Him (the Lord) at the Red Sea. Nevertheless He saved them for His name's sake, that He might make His mighty power to be known.

Ps 62:11 God hath spoken once; twice have I hear this: that power belongeth unto God.

Ps 29:11 The Lord will give strength (or power) to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace

2. The Manifestation of God's Power

Acts 1:8 Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you and ye shall be witnesses unto me.

Eph 5:18 And be not drunk with wine wherein is excess, but be filled with the Spirit.

Luke 10:19 Behold I (the Lord) give you power to tread upon serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy and nothing shall be any means hurt you.

Mark 16:17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues, They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover.

Eph 3:20 Now unto Him that is able to do exceedingly, abundantly, above all that we ask or think according to the power that worketh in us, Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages world without end. Amen.

John 14:12 Verily, verily I say unto you, he that believeth on me the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

Power over SATAN, SIN, & SITUATIONS

2. GOD WANTS US TO KNOW & HAVE REVELATION & MANIFESTATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Isa 45:1... whose right hand I have holden

1. The Revelation of God's Presence

Rev 3:20 Behold I stand at the door (of your heart) and knock; If any will hear my voice and open the door, I will come in and will sup (have fellowship) with him and he with me.

2. The Invitation to God's Presence

Mat 11:28 Come unto me all ye that are heavy laden and I will give you rest.

Isa 1:18 Come now and let us reason together saith the Lord: tho you sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow; thou they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

3. The Specification of God's Presence

John 14:23 Jesus...said...If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him and we will come and make our abode with him.

4. The Manifestation of God's Presence

Heb 13:5for He (the Lord) said I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.

Jer 29:13 And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

3. GOD WANTS US TO KNOW & HAVE REVELATION & MANIFESTATION CONCERNING OUR PROBLEMS

(To have Peace)

Isa 45:1-2... to subdue nations, loose loins of kings, to open gates, make crooked paths straight, break in pieces & cut asunder

1. The Revelation Concerning Our Problems

John 16:33In this world ye shall have tribulation

1-Tim 3:12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

1-Peter 4:12-13 Beloved think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings that when His glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

2. The Manifestation Concerning Our Problems (Manifestation that every problem is solvable with PEACE)

Gen 18:14 ...is anything too hard for God?

Phil 4:13 I can do all things thru Christ which strengthens me.

Rom 8:31 If God be for me, who can be against me.

Rom 8:37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors (champions) thru Him that loved us,

Is 54:17 No weapon formed against us shall prosper

Is 59:19....when the enemy come in like a flood the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him.

1-John 4:4 ...greater is He (the Spirit of God) that is in us than he (the devil) that is in the world.

4. GOD WANTS US TO KNOW & HAVE REVELATION & MANIFESTATION OF GODLY PERCEPTION**(Super-natural Discernment)**

Isa 45:3 I..... will give thee the treasures of darkness

1. The Revelation of Godly Perception

Is 43:10-12 Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may **know** and **believe** me and **understand** that I am He: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I, even I, am the Lord: and beside me there is no saviour. I have declared, and have saved, and I have showed, when there was no strange god among you: therefore ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, that I am God

Hosea 4:6 teaches us that God's people are destroyed for lack of knowledge (God want us to know)

Eph 1:17-18 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation knowledge of Him; The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power.

2. The Manifestation of Godly Perception

Ps 112:4 Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: He is gracious and full of compassion and righteousness.

Is 58:10 If thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; they shall thy light rise in obscurity and thy darkness be as the noon day.

5. GOD WANTS US TO KNOW & HAVE REVELATION & MANIFESTION OF GODLY PROSPERITY

Isa 45:3.... I will give....hidden treasures of secret places

1. The Revelation of Godly Prosperity

Ps 35:27 Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, Let them say continually, let the Lord be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.

3 John v2 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

Prov 10:22 The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and addeth no sorrow with it.

2. The Manifestation of Godly Prosperity

Josh 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shall have good success.

Isa 1:18 If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land, but is ye refuse and rebel ye shall be devoured with the sword for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.

Ps 1:1-3 Blessed is the man that walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the way of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord and in His law doth he Meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth his Fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he does shall prosper.

CLOSING: God wants us to have HIS POWER, PRESENCE, PEACE, PERCEPTION, & PROSPERITY.

If we get it, we need to know the answer to these 4 questions:

1. Who am I Loving? Do I really love God and all others?
2. What am I Learning? Am I studying God's Word like I should?
3. How am I Living? Am I staying out of sin & glorifying God?
4. What am I Leaving? Am I leaving a good example for others to follow?

IF NOT, IT'S TIME TO CHANGE, BY REPENTING, AND CALLING ON GOD!