

The Fear of God Part 1 In Building Families

“15 And the king of Egypt spake to the Hebrew midwives, of which the name of the one was Shiphrah, and the name of the other Puah: 16 And he said, When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see them upon the stools; if it be a son, then ye shall kill him: but if it be a daughter, then she shall live. 17 But the midwives feared God, and did not as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the men children alive. 18 And the king of Egypt called for the midwives, and said unto them, Why have ye done this thing, and have saved the men children alive? 19 And the midwives said unto Pharaoh, Because the Hebrew women are not as the Egyptian women; for they are lively, and are delivered ere the midwives come in unto them. 20 Therefore God dealt well with the midwives: and the people multiplied, and waxed very mighty. 21 And it came to pass, because the midwives feared God, that he made them houses.” (Exodus 1:15-21 KJV)

The desire to marry is a Godly desire and that is especially if the purpose is noble, to raise up Godly children. The above situation from the book of Exodus, of the two Hebrews midwives who were given families and houses by the Lord; that happened when they approved their genuine motive and desire to obey God and to live in the fear of him.

**** To fear God is an essential element in building Godly families. * One of the essential criteria for Godly marriage, that the man and the woman both of them they fear God and they do willingly what he is dictating on them to do.***

The midwives were commissioned by Pharaoh to execute every male son delivered on the delivery stool by the Hebrews women. These midwives were called Hebrew midwives, but these midwives were Egyptians, because if they were Hebrews in origin Pharaoh would not expect from them to be loyal toward him and barbarous toward their Hebrews fellow. Indeed they were Egyptians and they were pious in their refusal to Pharaoh's command. They disobeyed him because they feared God, for the command of Pharaoh was contrary to the command of God. They were so genuine in their fear of God; the same when Peter and John confronted the Jews, ***“But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye.” (Acts 4:19 KJV)***

In the same way we need to be genuine in our fear toward God and we need to obey fully His Word and His commands so the purpose of God shall be accomplished in our lives and that the Lord shall reward us fully for our good doings.

Those midwives, the fear of the Lord was ruling in their hearts. Therefore the Lord gave them the wisdom to answer Pharaoh when he asked them, ***“And the midwives said unto Pharaoh, Because the Hebrew women are not as the Egyptian women; for they are lively, and are delivered ere the midwives come in unto them.” (Exodus 1:19 KJV)*** This answer of the midwives to Pharaoh had concluded the matter to the finger of God who was helping the Hebrew women and enabling them to deliver their babies quicker than the Egyptian women. They were shrewdly showing Pharaoh that the Hebrew women were favored by Heaven in their quick birth process.

In the same way when we fear God, the Lord shall give us wisdom of how to answer those who are against us who are working to persecute us and persecute those who are doing the will of God, “19 But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. 20 For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.” (Matthew 10:19-20 KJV)

The stand of these midwives was persistent; they were steadfast and did not give way for any new male born baby to be executed. To the point that when this project did not take effect, Pharaoh needed to change his mind and so he gave public orders to all people to drown all the new male born, ***“And Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river, and every daughter ye shall save alive.” (Exodus 1:22 KJV)***

In the same way we need to be persistent in our stand in the fear of the Lord and to continue to serve Him until His purpose will be accomplish through our service and ministry.

Those services of the Hebrew midwives that were done for the God of Israel are repaid in kind by God. When the midwives kept up the Israelites' houses, and, in recompense for it, God made for them houses. Because they feared God, He made them families. For their piety, they were put in marriages, and Godly families were built up by God for them. ***“20 Therefore God dealt well with the midwives: and the people multiplied, and waxed very mighty. 21 And it came to pass, because the midwives feared God, that he made them houses.” (Exodus 1:20-21 KJV)***

In the same way as we persevere in serving God, and achieve His purpose God will reward us with good things and with Heavenly inheritance, “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.” (1 Corinthians 15:58 KJV)

The name meanings of these Hebrew midwives are the following: for, 'Shiphrah', the Hebrew Word meaning of it is 'fair', and the meaning of 'Puah', is 'splendid'. The other meaning of fair is 'just', 'reasonable', 'fair-minded', 'impartial', 'non-discriminatory', and 'evenhanded'. The other meaning of splendid is 'superb', 'impressive', 'marvelous', 'wonderful', 'fabulous', 'super', and 'magnificent'. If you put together the meaning of 'Shiphrah', and 'Puah', then you may get the following combinations: 'Just-superb', 'reasonable-impressive', 'fair-minded-marvelous', 'impartial-wonderful', 'non-discriminatory-fabulous', and 'evenhanded-magnificent'. ***Speaking about the fear of God; the people who fear God ultimately will be going to do marvelous things, Just-superb, reasonable-impressive, fair-minded-marvelous, impartial-wonderful, non-discriminatory-fabulous, and evenhanded-magnificent things, in their lives toward the Lord, and for sure the Lord will award them for all what they had done for Him in building them families of their own.***

To live in the fear of the Lord is mandatory and important preparatory requirement for Godly marriage. Out of the fear of God these midwives saved the male children of the Israelites from being executed. They were willing to stand with God to save that generation of the Israelites from the hand of the enemy. The midwives perceived that God is with the Israelites in multiplying them inspite of all the persecution and the bad treatment that they were receiving as we read here: ***“7 And the children of Israel were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed exceeding mighty; and the land was filled with them. 8 Now there***

arose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph. 9 And he said unto his people, Behold, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we: 10 Come on, let us deal wisely with them; lest they multiply, and it come to pass, that, when there falleth out any war, they join also unto our enemies, and fight against us, and so get them up out of the land. 11 Therefore they did set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh treasure cities, Pithom and Raamses. 12 But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were grieved because of the children of Israel. 13 And the Egyptians made the children of Israel to serve with rigour: 14 And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage, in mortar, and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field: all their service, wherein they made them serve, was with rigour.” (Exodus 1:7-14 KJV) Therefore the midwives after they discerned what God was doing in the life of His people, themselves sided with God and with His mission to bless and multiply His people. And as the Lord saw their faithfulness in this matter, He blessed them with houses and families of their own.

My dear and beloved: To fear God we should fulfill the following:-

- A. To fear God is to stand firm for the cause and the purpose of God.
- B. To fear God is to be willing to take the risk and do what God wants you to do.
- C. To fear God is to feel the suffering of His people, to take part in it, and to be integrated with the plan that God has for them, and in this way, you will be blessed and rewarded bountifully by the Lord as you are working to serve God wholeheartedly and in building up Godly families.

Humble down before God, and He will lift you up in due time. Follow all the instructions that you received in this message and do your best to apply them in your life and in the life of your family and children and in the life of the church and the ministry that you are placed in. Stand firm in faith and do not compromise. Stand firm, trust Him and obey Him and He will provide for you. Let us pray ...

My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus, who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for showing me clearly the truth of your Word. Lord thank you for my family and my children. Lord thank you for all the corrections and the admonishments that I received in this message. Lord thank you for all your good promises to me as I put my full trust on you.

Come now to God and confess and renounce all your sins. Let us confess our sins and our trespasses. Confess and renounce your worldliness, and your love for money and material things. Confess and renounce your pride, disobedience, non teachable spirit, stubbornness and non willingness to abide with instructions. Confess and renounce doing your own will and plan and not the will nor the plan of God, especially in pertain to marriage. Confess your lack of reading God’s Word and your lack of prayers. Confess and renounce your yoke with non believers, having many friends and in bondage with the Media. Confess your lack of fear in God. Confess your compromises, and confess your non willingness to serve God and suffer for Him. Lord forgive me, I repent of the following sins _____.

Lord I humble myself before you and accept to live my life according to your will and your plan for me and to set good example to others to follow. Lord build in me the fear of yours in

my life so that I can stand firm for your cause and purpose. Lord give me discernment to be able to grasp and understand your will and your good plan in my life and in the life of your people. Lord I commit myself to serve you and to do the task entrusted to me to do according to the teaching that I received in this message in pertain to Godly marriages. Lord fill me with your Holy Spirit and give me the wisdom how to answer those who are attacking me because I am serving you. Lord uphold me with your grace and provide for me so I will continue to serve you.

Lord thank you for my Brothers and Sisters who repented of their sins, who committed their lives to live in the fear of you, and who humbled themselves willing to follow your will and plan for them. Lord use them to be instruments of righteousness to raise their children and disciples in a Godly way and to preserve to implement the teaching of Godly marriages. Lord protect them from persecution, and uphold them with your grace. Lord provide for them all their needs and hide them from their enemies. Lord I pray for others to have faith on you and on your Word and that you will change them so they will commit their lives to the teaching and the ministry that we received in this message.

Lord I pray that you will bless us as a church. Lord help us to continue to teach and implement the preparation for Godly marriage and to prepare your people to do your will and your plan in their lives, so when you come we are ready to take us. Lord add to us workers who fear your name and who are willing to do your will and your plan in their lives. Lord form new families and add to us Godly families who are willing to raise Godly children. Lord refill us once again with the Holy Spirit and give us the spiritual gifts that we need to go and serve you. Lord enable us to evangelize and to reach new people with the gospel of Jesus. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, ‘Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God.’ Lord help us to plant new Bible studies and new congregation for the church. Lord we pray for more people to get water baptized and receive the Holy Spirit baptism. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us, and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all in Jesus name, Amen.

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