

Favor In His Sight

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Fear not, says the Lord, for you have not lost as much as you suppose. That which took you years to first attain is now being reestablished in a matter of days. For your backsliding was not a matter of rebellion, but was of misplaced zeal.

The enemy is deceptive and he leads by sight away from My path of transformation. He lures away from the path where I would lead you by the use of enticements that draw on the zeal of those who would be My servants. Fear not. Be at peace. You've not drifted as far from My path as you think. I am redeeming the time even now, and great upward levels are being attained, more than you realize at this moment, with every hour that you give My Spirit.

Know your enemy. With cleverness and with craftiness he cloaks evil in good, to the point that even the very elect are deceived into thinking the path where he leads is the path I have chosen. There is no substitute for hearing the voice of My Spirit and following the path where I alone lead. I counsel you again to hearken, first and foremost, to the inner witness. And be not led with misplaced zeal on paths that are not of My making.

You have found favor in My sight, says the Lord, for you have escaped the snare of the enemy. If you could see, as I can see, the onslaught, the hordes that were launched against you, then you would understand as I understand what a great victory it is that you have returned to the path of gold. For the satisfaction that comes from a walk of brass and the security of a moderate income and the feelings of accomplishment that satisfy the soul on the walk of brass are usually enough to bring complacency and lack of progression to most who would be My ministers.

Know and understand that this onslaught of the enemy was not designed to remove you from the path of progression for a season. This onslaught was designed to neutralize your walk for the rest of your life. This plan of the enemy was designed to keep you forever from returning to the path of transformation. But you have escaped the snare. You heard Me speaking through your pastor regarding the mind of Christ, and the necessity of receiving that mind by the Spirit. You heard Me speaking to you through his words and by those words I jolted you. I called to you and you rose from your slumber. And you have said, "I will return. I forsake the way of brass. I will return to the path of gold for my King."

So know that you have found My favor. Reject condemnation from this day forward, for there is none from Me, says your Lord. On the contrary, I am pleased. You do not comprehend the victory that has been won. But I do, says the Lord, and I say "Well done!"

I do counsel you to mark well the deception that the enemy was able to bring to your life to lead you down a path not of My making. Step not away again from the path of transformation. It is the only path of quest that leads to the gold of doing the works that I do. You have returned to the school of the Spirit. Now remain in the school of the Spirit that your training may be completed. Let nothing deter you again. Let nothing require your time to the point that you would even begin compromising against that which leads to the gold.