

Listen Up O Son of Man

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Respect is a beautiful thing when you see it being manifested in your presence. Respect comes out of you being true and consistent with people and to what you believe.

Proverbs 3:35 says that the wise inherit honour, but fools he holds up to shame. You show yourselves as wise people when you do things for people, which reflects that your heart is a heart of honour. I believe it is this honour that will propel us towards seeing and achieving our calling, which Christ has pre-purposed us to achieve.

Ezekiel 12:25-28 *But I the LORD will speak what I will, and it shall be fulfilled without delay. For in your days, you rebellious house, I will fulfil whatever I say, declares the Sovereign LORD. The word of the LORD came to me: "Son of man, the house of Israel is saying, 'The vision he sees is for many years from now, and he prophesies about the distant future. 'Therefore say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: None of my words will be delayed any longer; whatever I say will be fulfilled, declares the Sovereign LORD.'*

Introduction: The vision that I see right now is of a harbour, I can see that the boats are lying on their sides, lifeless with no spirit-activated buoyancy. The boats that I see are waiting for a tide to lift and elevate them to a new position. I see that people are expecting, in one move, for their whole lives to be radically changed. The Lord said to Ezekiel: The house of Israel is lying there on its side waiting, saying that the vision that they have is for many years from now and its but a distant prophesy that will probably affect those who live in the future, meaning that there is no expectancy of something powerfully great happening **Now Today**. We might as well sit on our backsides until the tide comes in.

When these thoughts enter our mind, God has to speak to us in order to address the situation.

Psalm 80:17-19 *Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand, the son of man you have raised up for yourself. Then we will not turn away from you; revive us, and we will call on your name. Restore us, O LORD God Almighty; make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.*

Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand. Approval, validation and affirmation of what He has made. We must be found at His right hand and with His hand on our heads.

The son of man that you have raised up for yourself: Purpose and reason for us being here.

Then He will not turn away from you: Without us feeling God’s hand upon us and us feeling that God is validating us, we will turn away because children need validating.

Revive us and we will call on your name: Revive us by allowing the tide of God to flood our lives, lifting us to a new position.

Restore us and make your face shine upon us that we may be saved: They needed the tide to come into their lives, so they could be restored and saved, for this is what our tide will do for us.

Ezekiel 2:1 *He said to me, “Son of man, stand up on your feet and I will speak to you.” As he spoke, the Spirit **came into me** and raised me to my feet, and I heard him speaking to me.*

Stand up on your feet: He couldn’t lie down waiting for something to happen, he had to stand up on his feet for God to get his attention.

God wants you to stand up on your own two feet where God can get your undivided attention, as God wants to sovereignly speak to you.

As he spoke the spirit came into me and raised me to my feet: This sounds like Ezekiel encountered his harbour being flooded and his spiritual life-boat was caught up. The spirit entered into him like a mighty rushing water.

And I heard him speaking to me: It’s a word that only God can speak that totally arrests you on the inside.

Ezekiel 2:8-10 & Ezekiel 3:1-4 *“But you, son of man, listen to what I say to you. Do not rebel like that rebellious house; **open your mouth and eat what I give you.**” Then I looked, and I saw a hand stretched out **to me**. In it was a scroll, which he unrolled before me. On both sides of it were written words of lament and mourning and woe. And he said **to me**, “Son of man, eat what is before you, eat this scroll; then go and speak to the house of Israel.” So I opened my mouth, and **he gave me** the scroll to eat. Then **he said to me**, “Son of man, eat this scroll I am giving you and fill your stomach with it.” So I ate it, and it tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth. He **then said to me**: “Son of man, go now to the house of Israel and speak my words to them.”*

Ezekiel 3:10-12 *And he said to me, “Son of man, **listen carefully and take to heart to all the words I speak to you.** Go now to your **countrymen** in exile and speak to them. Say to them, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says, **whether they listen or fail to listen.**’” Then the Spirit lifted me up, and I heard behind me a loud rumbling sound—May the glory of the LORD be praised in his dwelling place.*

Ezekiel 12:22-25 *“Son of man, what is this proverb you have in the land of Israel: ‘The days go by and every vision comes to nothing’? Say to them, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD*

says: I am going to put an end to this proverb, and they will no longer quote it in Israel.' Say to them, 'The days are near when every vision will be fulfilled. For there will be no more false visions or flattering divinations among the people of Israel. But I the LORD will speak what I will, and it shall be fulfilled without delay. For in your days, you rebellious house, I will fulfil whatever I say, declares the Sovereign LORD.

Son of Man Increase your inner spiritual capacity so you can receive more of him.

We must increase our spiritual capacity to form a deeper hunger and thirsting for God, for it is only this kind of spiritual hungering and thirsting that will result in us being filled. Matthew 5:6. If there is no hunger from our inner spirit man, then there will be no supply from the spirit.

Son of Man develop a strong inner man so that your spirit remains free and buoyant at all times.

We must remember that both our spirit and our mind must be in receiving mode if we are to remain fruitful. **1 Corinthians 14:14-15.** We cannot allow our hearts to be sidetracked, offended, disheartened, overwhelmed or even threatened, for to allow this will pollute and affect our receptivity of the spirit. When our hearts become overwhelmed it affects our ability to receive and retain, causing the enemy of our souls to kill, steal and destroy what God is sowing into us. **John 10:10.**

Son of Man remain on the same frequency and band-wave of heaven by eating the scroll that is being opened to you at this time. Matthew 4:4

If we are to develop progressively as a house and as a people, then staying tuned to the frequency of heaven is critical, irrespective of our circumstances, for to switch frequency could prove not only confusing but disastrous. If God is transmitting on FM and we allow our thoughts and emotions to cross waves because of circumstances, abandoning what has previously been spoken to us, we will pollute the message within us. We must stay focused to what we are hearing and receiving, knowing that this is what our heavenly Father is giving us in this season called Now. This is a major reason why so many believers remain under developed, even though they have been saved many years. They listen to a variety of preachers, whether via Christian TV, or conferences, only then to quickly abandon their current course of assignment, all because someone played a more appealing tune.

Son of Man desire more of the spirit of truth.

The spirit of truth within us will help define and identify the spirit of error within us. When we partake of the spirit of truth, we actually are partaking of God's divine nature which empowers us to escape the present corruption found in the world.

Son of Man develop a spiritual maturity with what you are receiving and retaining.

Ask the Lord to clarify, explain and elaborate further that which you have received and are receiving, so that you can know God more fully, insightfully and more accurately, the mystery of His will. Ask God for insight and foresight, so that by this you may possess a more certain and better hope. Ask God to reveal to you the breadth, depth, width and height of his love.

Son of Man remain honourable towards your spiritual inheritance.

It is very easy to become ashamed of the one you love and follow, especially when persecution or embarrassment threatens you. It is these feelings that can easily cause you to abandon the very hands that has fed, matured and protected you. The pastor's grace provides a covering of spiritual protection for those being built in the house, under his care, for from this house a spiritual inheritance is given and received. You must remain humble and faithful at all times to what God has built into the house, for it is this house which is enriching your life, health and wealth. Spiritual sons and daughters show their honour by pursuing after the same concerns which are found in the heart of the pastor and spiritual father. **2 Timothy 1:12-14.** There are those who easily turn away from this life and protection, thinking themselves free from such obligations. **2 Timothy 1:15.** We must understand that for anything good to be received there is always a price to pay, for it is this price that sees many squander their inheritance, taking it out of the house into the world. **Luke 15:11-32.**

Son of Man keep using what you have received, retained and maintained so it can further be multiplied.

You must learn to act immediately in order for that which has been received and retained becoming multiplied in your hands, as this is a spiritual principle that must not be ignored. 2 Corinthians 9:6. Words have to be shared along with actions completed for servant-hood must become part of every believer's sacrificial lifestyle, as there is no other way to serve God other than through living the sacrificial life. Remember, everything valuable must come at a price! The more we practice this code of conduct, the better we become as believers and become better true sons and daughters of righteousness. What God personally sows in to us must not only be seen by ourselves, but must go beyond ourselves, for to think differently will dishonour the God who is able to do immeasurably more than we can think, ask or even imagine. The more we see God's agenda, the more we are able to retain and multiply what we have received.