

Responding to Heavenly Invitations for Blessing

- I. **The full revelation of Scripture is that God wants you to experience “life to the full.” He proved it by sending Jesus so we could be fully restored to God (John 10:10).**
 - A. “Life to the full” means blessings in this life and the life to come.
 - B. Deuteronomy 28:1-14 is a great list of the blessings God offers in this life.
 - C. These blessings are received by taking a journey of faith with God, and they are missed through unbelief, E.g., Israel and the Promised Land (Numbers 13:31-33; 14:1-9).
 - D. Hebrews 3:7-19 explains what happened to Israel as a lesson for New Testament believers.
 1. “Today if you hear his voice” describes God’s supernatural invitation to us for new breakthroughs (Vss. 7 & 8).
 2. Israel couldn’t remember all the miracles God had already done. Their hearts had gone astray (Vss. 9 & 10). Their previous trials and miracles were preparation for an even greater victory—a permanent land to dwell in.
 3. The conclusion: When you get a sense of promise for change, don’t harden your heart with progressive unbelief.
- II. **God makes us aware of key moments in our lives when He wants to give us a breakthrough. These are “*kairos*” moments—opportune moments for action.**
 - A. “Kairos is an ancient Greek word meaning the right, critical, or appropriate moment. The Ancient Greeks had two words for time: *chronos* and *kairos*. The former refers to chronological time, while the latter signifies a proper or appropriate time for action” (Wikipedia).
 - B. We find *kairos* moments throughout the Bible where blessing follows actions that reflect a right attitude of heart (faith) in response to God’s invitation.
 1. Old Testament examples: Jericho (Joshua 6:1-5), David and the sound of marching in the trees (II Samuel 5:22-25), Jehoash and striking the ground with arrows (II Kings 13:15-19), Naaman the Leper (II Kings 5:9-14).
 2. New Testament examples: Canaanite Woman (Matthew 15:21-28), “You give them something to eat.” (Matthew 14:16-21), Blind Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46-52), Palm Sunday (Luke 19:37-44), Paul at Ephesus (I Corinthians 16:8 & 9).
 - C. Personal and church examples
- III. **The worldwide Church is in a “*kairos moment*” right now. There are many opportunities for blessing and change for our nation, for our families, and for us individually.**
 - A. Knowing the Father as Abba helps secure the heart for responding to “*kairos moments*” (Romans 8:14-17).
 - B. Don’t forget your past victories. You are more than conquerors (Romans 8:31-32, 37-39).

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