

# Empowered Almighty God

## I. Compassion & Perseverance

Luke 8:41-48 (NIV)

<sup>41</sup> Then a man named Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue, came and fell at Jesus' feet, pleading with him to come to his house <sup>42</sup> because his only daughter, a girl of about twelve, was dying. **As Jesus was on his way, the crowds almost crushed him.**

<sup>43</sup> And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years, but no one could heal her. <sup>44</sup> She came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped. <sup>45</sup> **"Who touched me?"** Jesus asked. When they all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the people are crowding and pressing against you."

<sup>46</sup> But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; **I know that power has gone out from me.**"

<sup>47</sup> Then the woman, seeing that she could not go unnoticed, came trembling and fell at his feet. In the presence of all the people, she told why she had touched him and how she had been instantly healed. <sup>48</sup> Then he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace."

## II. Motivation

### A. Harvest of Salvation

Revelation 14:14-16 (NASB)

<sup>14</sup> Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and sitting on the cloud *was* one like a son of man, having a golden crown on His head and a sharp sickle in His hand. <sup>15</sup> And another angel came out of the temple, crying out with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, "Put in your sickle and reap, for the hour to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth is ripe." <sup>16</sup> Then He who sat on the cloud swung His sickle over the earth, and the earth was reaped.

Proverbs 10:5 (NIV)

<sup>5</sup> He who gathers crops in summer is a wise son, but **he who sleeps during harvest is a disgraceful son.**

### B. Harvest of Judgment

Revelation 14:17-20 (NASB)

<sup>17</sup> And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, and he also had a sharp sickle.

<sup>18</sup> Then another angel, the one who has power over fire, came out from the altar; and he called with a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, "Put in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters from the vine of the earth, because her grapes are ripe."

<sup>19</sup> So the angel swung his sickle to the earth and gathered *the clusters from* the vine of the earth, and threw them into the great wine press of the wrath of God.

<sup>20</sup> And the wine press was trodden outside the city, and blood came out from the wine press, up to the horses' bridles, for a distance of two hundred miles.

#### 1. Uncomfortable Truth

Psalms 73:12-24 (NIV)

<sup>12</sup> This is what the wicked are like-- always carefree, they increase in wealth.

<sup>13</sup> Surely in vain have I kept my heart pure; in vain have I washed my hands in innocence.

<sup>14</sup> All day long I have been plagued; I have been punished every morning.

<sup>15</sup> If I had said, "I will speak thus," I would have betrayed your children.

<sup>16</sup> When I tried to understand all this, it was oppressive to me

<sup>17</sup> **till I entered the sanctuary of God; then I understood their final destiny.**

<sup>18</sup> Surely you place them on slippery ground; you cast them down to ruin.

<sup>19</sup> How suddenly are they destroyed, completely swept away by terrors!

<sup>20</sup> As a dream when one awakes, so when you arise, O Lord, you will despise them as fantasies. <sup>21</sup> When my heart was grieved and my spirit embittered,

<sup>22</sup> I was senseless and ignorant; I was a brute beast before you.

<sup>23</sup> Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand.

<sup>24</sup> You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory.

Romans 12:18-19 (NASB)

<sup>18</sup> If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men. <sup>19</sup> Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath *of God*, for it is written, "**VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY**," says the Lord.

## 2. Compassion

2 Peter 3:9 (NIV)

<sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

## III. The Promise

Zechariah 12:10 (NASB)

<sup>10</sup> "I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, **the Spirit of grace and of supplication**, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn.

- ❖ Grace = the supernatural intervention of God beyond your natural ability
- ❖ Supplication = mercy
- ❖ RESULT --- a revelation of "the one they have pierced", Jesus

Joel 2:12-14 (NIV)

<sup>12</sup> 'Even now,' declares the LORD, 'return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.' <sup>13</sup> Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity. <sup>14</sup> Who knows? He may turn and have pity and leave behind a blessing--.

Joel 2:28-29 (NIV)

<sup>28</sup> 'And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. <sup>29</sup> Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

Heavenly Father,

We turn our hearts to you asking for grace and mercy. In our own strength we are frail and vulnerable. In your power we can do all things. By your Spirit open our eyes to see, may our hearts be receptive to the eternal Kingdom of our God. Awaken our generation. May the fear of God and a spirit of repentance emerge. Deliver us from destruction. We rejoice in God our salvation. All this we ask in the name of our Lord Jesus, amen.