

## Future Glory is Contingent on Daily Obedience

My future glory is contingent on present, or current, or daily obedience. There can be no future glory with God if there is no daily obedience. So I asked the Lord to show me and tell me what's He talking about, what do you mean? Future glory for You? Future glory for us? Future glory for what is to come? What does obedience mean? Are you talking about the way we walk, the way we talk, the way people perceive us? What are you talking about? Then He took me to **Jeremiah 29:1-14**. This is Jeremiah's letter that he writes to the captives in Babylon. They have been taken away captive by King Nebuchadnezzar and Jeremiah was writing them a letter. This is what God told him.

*v.1 Now these are the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem to the remainder of the elders who were carried away captive-to the priests, the prophets, and all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon.*

*v.2 (This happened after Jeconiah the king, the queen mother, the eunuchs, the princes of Judah and Jerusalem, the craftsmen, and the smiths had departed from Jerusalem.)*

*v.3 The letter was sent by the hand of Elasah the son of Shaphan, and Gemariah the son of Hilkiah, whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent to Babylon, to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, saying,*

*v.4 Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all who were carried away captive, whom I have caused to be carried away from Jerusalem to Babylon:*

*v.5 Build houses and dwell in them; plant gardens and eat their fruit.*

*v.6 Take wives and beget sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons and give your daughters to husbands, so that they may bear sons and daughters-that you may be increased there, and not diminished.*

*v.7 And seek the peace of the city where I have caused you to be carried away captive, and pray to the LORD for it; for in its peace you will have peace.*

*v.8 For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let your prophets and your diviners who are in your midst deceive you, nor listen to your dreams which you cause to be dreamed.*

*v.9 For they prophesy falsely to you in My name; I have not sent them, says the LORD.*

*v.10 For thus says the LORD: After seventy years are completed at Babylon, I will visit you and perform My good word toward you, and cause you to return to this place.*

*v.11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.*

*v.12 Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.*

*v.13 And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.*

*v.14 I will be found by you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back from your captivity; I will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD and I will bring you to the place from which I cause you to be carried away captive.*

If I had been carried away captive and stayed in captivity for seventy years, I see no hope and no future. I don't know if I would even live seventy more years if I was carried away at the age of forty. But Jeremiah spoke by God's hand and said I am talking about your future here. I am talking about not what you're in, where you're going. I am about to bring you back so I want you to push forth where you are at. I want you to plant your garden, I want you to eat their fruit, I want you to take wives and have sons. I want you to beget husbands; I want you to become a wife. He tells them these things not because it's a false hope. It's a hope of a future to come. So they were in captivity. Seventy years they were going to be in Babylon. How long have you been in captivity? God has not shown you there is a future and a hope for you? Present day circumstances are supposed to build you up for the future that God has for you and the hope that God has for you. But if you cannot handle current day bondage how can you look to the future and your hope? You cannot handle what's in front of you today, how will you handle tomorrow? For God has a future for you in one hour and a hope in two hours. And He has so much more for you tomorrow, today is only the beginning, this moment is the start. What happened a few moments ago when yesterday is gone? You cannot take that back or get it back, forget about it. But look to this moment and what's before you for God said your future glory is contingent on your current obedience and this day I say serve Me! Worship Me and Hear My voice! This is what I said, "Plant your garden, beget husbands and wives, eat the fruit, build houses, push forth."

It's hard to push forth when the fire that you're in is great. When the bondage that you feel around you is strong. And we blame the devil for everything. Not in this house. This house is a house of a future. This house is one of God's hope. This house teaches God's people. Who cares what you're going through now, it's what's coming tomorrow that we're shooting for. Today is supposed to teach you how to prevail and how to be in it, but if you can't even face today, you are undeserving of tomorrow. It is contingent on what you do today for the future God has for you tomorrow. It is hard sometimes to face what comes before you when the adversary seems to be burdening you and forcing you to go down and he uses co-workers, and he uses friends, and he uses family. He even sometimes uses, but not in this house, church members to take you down, not in this house.

Future glory of God, truth for other people. It's contingent on what you're walking today. What you believe at this moment. What you're looking for in God right now. What you're believing in that God is about to do through you. How great is your faith that God can take your hand and say for what holds tomorrow? Do you believe that you will see tomorrow? You don't even know because maybe God's future for you is death tonight. You'll be in a better place then we're at and we have to fight and you get to sit in the glory of God. Death should not be a fear, but you should not taunt death. It is something we face that we have to go through and overcome. It is the daily things that we do that we continuously go through to make us stronger and make us better and make us more intimate with God. All is contingent on right now. What you did yesterday was yesterday. Deliverance for yesterday and sufficiency for yesterday was yesterday. What about today, what about in an hour, what about tonight, tomorrow, next month, next week? You don't even know if there will be a tomorrow, or a next week, or a next year. We don't know so why are we shooting for it? Aren't we looking at our current now? Aren't we looking at the events that we're going through now? Aren't we trying to get to the sufficiency now? That's right and that's all He asks of you. Stay in My obedience today.

Every moment that is before you, be in My obedience. Tomorrow is sufficiency for itself. Your faith today is not for tomorrow; your faith today is for right now. Your belief today is not for tomorrow; your belief today in God and what He can do is for right now. No other time but now. We are so worried and so futuristic that we look ahead and we look so far ahead that we look farther than God. We can see beyond what God sees and yet God only has sufficiency for the day. He prepares you for the future today. He doesn't prepare you for the future tomorrow. If He tells you today He says prepare today. Today repair your house for tomorrow is going to rain. Take a husband today and beget sons. Why? You are going to die in a month and you're not going to have a lifeline. Today, not when you have the money, not when you have the husband or the wife, not when you have sufficiency to push forth in your plan. God is talking about what He has sufficiency for you today because everything you have and everything you own and everything that's about to come is by the hand of God. If you can't be obedient this moment you are not going to be obedient tomorrow. What you have today will be gone from you and that will be that. Then what are you going to do? You are going to go back to the beginning and fall on your knees and cry out to God, "Oh Jesus help me. Oh My God, I can't do this again." I can hear you already some of us.

Today is hard enough and yet we're looking to the future and becoming burdened. Your future is taken care of already but it's contingent on you today. This moment and this hour that's why you're here in God's sanctuary and in His house to learn this law and to learn this truth so it becomes a part of you. It's not something that you write down and read later on just as a reminder. Pastor said something few weeks ago, I better look this up because today it feels like it's kicking in. The words that come forth are supposed to come in and be written on your heart and become a part of you and change you at the moment. If it doesn't change you and it doesn't move you, what's wrong with you? You know I'm talking of God. So isn't it supposed to be for today to help you after church? To help you for what's to come tomorrow? How to deal with your brother tomorrow, how to deal with sister so and so next week? How to face the tax collector, how to face all these things you learn that today. How far can you go? How faithful can you be? How much can you trust God?

Let's look how much Jesus trusted God. Go to *Philippians 2:5-11* in the New Testament. How far can you go? How far are you willing to go for this gospel, for this truth, for this God that you say that you serve? How far are you willing to go? How deep are you willing to go? How much are you willing to give up, how much are you willing to push forth, how much are you willing to sacrifice? How much? Let's look at what Paul says.

*v.5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,*

*v.6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,*

*v.7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.*

*v.8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.*

*v.9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,*

*v.10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,*

*v.11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

To the point of being found in appearance as a man like you and I, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death. Even the death of the cross, for whom for Himself, for His glory? No, for us. At that moment He had to choose when He was upon the cross. He hated the thought of leaving and being separated from the Father so much that He said, "Father, you can take this cup from Me, take it from Me because I don't want it. The thought of being separated from You kills Me." When He hung on the cross by Himself, God had to make Him choose because He was human just like you and I. He had to make a choice and He had to choose to die or to live and He chose to die for you and I to the point of death. He didn't do it for Himself; He did it at that moment for you and I. What happened was His future glory because after that it says, *v.9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name, which is above every name.*

What do you think God can do for you? He's not going to give you a name higher than Jesus that's for sure, but He shall sure give you a name that is good. One that is right and one that people will hear the God that's inside of you. They will respect and they will honor God because of you just like we do with Jesus. That is the future. That was His future and it is ours also. There is a future hope, but most of us are not willing to go to the point of death. When I say death, I don't mean literal death, I don't mean actually dying unless God of course asked you to do that for somebody like take a bullet in the leg or something. I don't think God is going to do that. Circumstances will cause you to do that. How far are you willing to go and how obedient are you willing to be right now? Not tomorrow, not next week, right now?

To be hung on the cross at that moment and to make a choice was not easy because He was divided. Going back to the Father for the sins of the people, for the love of His friends and the disciples and the people that He loved. I tell you one thing I realized right at this moment is that just by saying that I realize that He lost nothing. We make decisions for the love of God, for the love of the people. If He was hanging on the cross and He decided to give My life to go back with the Father so I can be one with Him again, or to lose all my friends and the disciples and the people who I have fallen in love with. To lose all of that and yet He chose to give His life and He lost nothing because we still love Him. We think that the choices that we make this current day we are going to lose something. But the future glory is what you gain. Because of what you sacrifice, God brings abundantly. He magnifies you and He honors you before man. He gives people the impression of His glory upon you, not you.

What you do today this moment, the way that you stand, the way that you move, the way that you talk, what you believe in what you see, what you understand, what God works and what God is doing in your life, these things is for right now. That's between you and God. Make a choice for the glory, for the love of your friends and family? Afraid you're going to lose something? God has a hope and God has a future! That future and that hope is contingent on you today. Some of us are looking at what's coming up at the months to come. Some of us are looking at the healer's gathering coming, we got the prophet's gathering coming, we got the faith gatherers. We got all these things about to start, but guess what? We are so concerned about the gift that we're not even looking at today. We can hardly live by faith today and you're worried about what's going to happen on Monday. You have hardly any faith today to believe in healing and you are concerned about Monday's healing class. Why? Monday is Monday and we will deal with Monday when Monday comes. I deal with my faith and my hope today. What I'm shooting for is a future because that's what God wants me to do. If it's that it's that, if it's not it's not. I'll find out when I get there. It won't come any sooner. When I get there I'll see the outcome, but it's contingent on today.

What I do and believe today will let me know when I step into the faith healer's ministry if I'm right for it. If that is a hope that God has for me. I'll find out on Friday if God wants me to be a prophet from today. I'll find out then if I'm a prophet, I'll find out then if I'm a healer, I'll find out then if I have the faith to raise the dead, I'll find out then if I have the faith to lay hands on somebody. I'll find out then

but it's contingent on today. What I believe today, where I move today, how I walk today, what I say today, how I work with God today, how I am obedient today, how much I learned about my life today, how much I'm willing to sacrifice today is for tomorrow. Yet we cannot live today. Today is hard enough to worry about tomorrow. God's got it covered. God's got tomorrow covered. Go to **Matthew 7:21-23**.

*21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. ("Not everyone who says, 'Lord, Lord, Father God,' or bows on their knees or face to the floor in tears will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father. It's contingent on the will of My Father. If you do that you'll get into the kingdom of heaven. Not because you lift your hands and praise and because you cry and because you come to prayer everyday. Are you obedient? "The will of the Father." Are you obedient is the key. Are you willing is the key. Not how much you cry, how much you pray, how much you sing, and how much you say, 'Praise God!' That says nothing to Me. It's the obedience of the Father in your life. You can see how obedient somebody is when you look around them, not at them. Look around your friends and your family who says, 'Lord, Lord' and look at their life then you know how obedient they are to God.")*

*v.22 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?'*

*v.23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'"*

The very words you don't want to hear from God, "I know you not." He can chastise me, beat me up until I'm bleeding to the point of death, the one thing I don't want to hear from God is going through all of this to end up by He saying, "I don't know you." But I prophesied, I healed your sick, I laid hands, I had a ministry, I had people following and listening. But God, "I don't know you." You were obedient to yourself; you did what you wanted to do and used My name to do it. Yes I healed the people in spite of you because they needed it. But if you were obedient and willing to do what I really wanted you to do it would've been more powerful, it would've been more anointed, it would've been more than you could ever dream of, but you have no idea because you did it for yourself this day. You didn't do it for Me.

The words you don't want to hear from God after this time saying how many years you have believed God. How many years you have known the Lord? I was saved when I was a child and I had told the woman, "So, what happened?" "Oh Pastor Shirley I have been praising God and I have been praying," and she's going off about how much she loves God. That's all I said, "So what happened?" You can tell me all the stuff that you know, you can tell me those things, but when I look around you and look at you I see no God inside of you. So what happened? What are you talking about? You said you saw the face of God. What happened? And I ask you folks the same, "What happened?" What happened yesterday that pulled you away from God today? What happened this morning that hardened your heart right now? If anything has happened to you before you walked in this door set it out. Put it before the cross of Christ and leave it there. It has no place in this house or in the temple that He has created in you. God is working on you right now and if He is telling you to release and to let go then release and let go and receive what you need to receive. You need your healing, be healed. If you need to know what God is doing? Be obedient today and He'll give you insight. You'll be dreaming and having visions out of your ears. You won't know what to do with them. Daily He will talk to you and say, "This is what I want for you today." You think God cannot talk to you daily? You think He cannot give you dreams and visions daily? You think He cannot give you the word and give you revelation daily? He does it for me, I know He does. If He does it to me, I know He can do it for you. But it's contingent on what I do today because after I preach today and I sin this afternoon, He isn't going to talk to me tonight. I know that because it's happened. I don't want to live separated from God again.

Today is contingent for your future hope in God. **Matthew 6:25-34**. I love this.

*v.25 "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?"*

*v.26 Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?"*

*v.27 Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?"*

*v.28 So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin;*

*v.29 and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.*

*v.30 Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?"*

*v.31 "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'*

*v.32 For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.*

*v.33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.*

*v.34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."*

It's hard enough today to have to worry about tomorrow. But as long as you're seeking for guidance from God and a path for God to lead you and to walk you on, everything else comes. We worry too much and we hang on to the fact that we have issues and we have problems. When are you going to let go and just live in the moment of praising God and loving Him in spite of that then He can take care. That's letting go. Let God handle tomorrow. Be in obedience today. I will be your God and you will be My people. I have a future and I have a hope for you. I have so much for you you have no idea. You can't see it and you don't understand it and you'll never see it if you don't seek Me now. Today! God is good to us He will never leave you, He will never forsake you, He will never let you fall unless you want to be dropped.

I think today coming together in worship, coming together and praising Him with our voices as humble as it is. We don't have the big yahoo going on and I praise God for that. Too many problems. I thank God for the people that are here and for the amount of people that we have, do you know why? Unburdensome. I thank God for the revelation that He gives us, the insight, and the direction, why? Because He can, because we are obedient, and He does. Like I told somebody one day just awhile ago, "You want to see how God works? Just spend a day with me." He did. In that day five people called for prayer, God gave me a vision, gave me scripture of revelation all in a day.

Is it so hard to let God be God in your life? It's not. We sing praises and songs and hymns telling Him how much we love Him yet we don't really live it. Can we not live what we practice and we preach, what we sing? We sing that we love Him, love Him. We sing that we adore Him, adore Him. You say you will serve Him, serve Him. You say you will honor Him, honor Him with your life. Be truthful to your word and let God be God because He has a future and a hope for everyone in His house. One thing about God, He is a good Father; He always takes care of His kids. Always takes care of his kids and I love Him for that. Amen! God is good to us. Very good to us. You know when I set this message up I wasn't sure where God was going to go. I never know where God is going to go and I was surprised where we went. So who's going through that? Who's having a problem with sufficiency for today? Who's having issues today that's causing you not to face tomorrow? Raise your hand!