

God Doesn't Forget 11/3/08

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Praise the Lord and Good Evening,

Recognition. I was thinking about how it's not always delivered during the same season the deed was performed. As saints, we're not supposed to look for recognition when we do things. However, we should be aware that we reap what we sow (be it good or bad).

I've been reading about Esther and her cousin Mordecai. At one point Mordecai became aware of two men who were planning to do bodily harm to King Ahasuerus. Mordecai spoke to Queen Esther and an investigation followed, which determined the attempt had been planned. The two men were executed and nothing was done to thank Mordecai.

I thought about how much the Lord is involved in every aspect of our lives. God doesn't forget, but He also isn't about instant gratification or applause. I'm learning when the Lord puts us in a position to obtain applause it's much more to it than people merely saying, "Thanks." God using it all....even a season of appreciation is part of God's bigger picture. Did you ever think that there was something behind the timing of being appreciated, acknowledged or applauded? Again, there's multi-layered purpose to all we experience even when it comes to being recognized for what we do and/or have done.

If you were skipped over on the job, if someone stole your thunder, if you weren't called to the front of the church and given a round of applause, if somehow someone else was thanked and you were left on the sidelines, don't get upset. Consider Mordecai's situation. His recognition came at a crucial hour. His enemy, Haman was enroute to have Mordecai killed because he didn't like him. Oh, but God stepped in on that and caused the King to read about Mordecai's life-saving deed. Mordecai reaped what he'd sown (he saved a life and his life was spared)....could it be that the good you've done will be handed down at a time that the enemy thought he had you right where he wanted you.....no, the Bible doesn't state that Mordecai was upset, nor am I trying to imply such a thing. I believe he did what he needed to do and didn't look back and wasn't worried about payment. But God doesn't forget. He caused the King not to do it until it was of true benefit to Mordecai. Could it be that the Lord has your recognition on hold so that it would destroy the enemy's plan against you? You will be recognized in the manner God desires because it will do more than simply cause you to stand out...yes, Mordecai did stand out that day, but the timing saved his life and started the ball rolling in the demise of the enemy. God doesn't forget.

1. On that night could not the king sleep, and he commanded to bring the books of records of the chronicles; and they were read before the king. 4. And the king said, Who is in the court? Now Haman was come into the outward court of the king's house, to speak unto the king to hang Mordecai on the gallows that he had prepared for him. 10. Then the king said to Haman, Make haste, and take the apparel and the horse, as thou hast said, and do even so to Mordecai the Jew, that sitteth at the king's gate: let nothing fail of all that thou hast spoken. (Esther 6:1, 4 and 10 KJV)

In the Master's Service,

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Matt 11:28-29 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.