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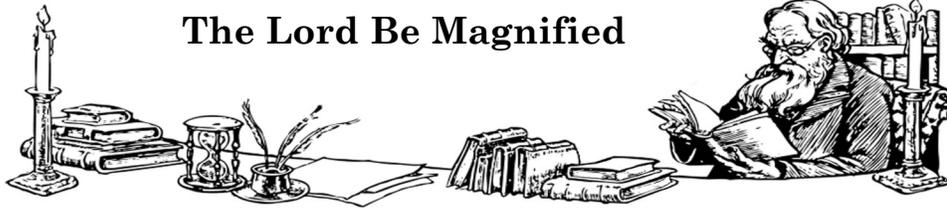
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"Have not I written to thee excellent things..." Proverbs 22:20

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*"GO YE THEREFORE,
AND TEACH ALL NATIONS"
MATTHEW 28:19*



The Lord Be Magnified

Dear Friends and Family,

The Scriptures are very clear that we are to worship the Lord. We are to magnify the Lord. But here in Psalms 70:4, it says, *"Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: and let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified."*

Do you love the salvation of the Lord? Do you love the Lord Jesus? I know you do! Then our response should be to praise Him! Psalms 145:3 says, *"Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable."*

The Bible declares in Psalms 95:1, *"O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation."* The Hebrew word for noise here means "to mar or split the ears with sound." What a precious, glorious, merciful, gracious, and loving God we serve! We need to always remember to continually say, *"Let God be magnified."*

The Hebrew word for "continually" here in Psalms 70:4 means "to stretch, constant, like the daily sacrifice." The Scriptures tell us in Exodus 30 and I Chronicles 16 that priests were required to keep the lamps burning every morning and

evening. As a matter of fact, in Leviticus 6:13 it says, *"The fire shall ever be burning upon the altar; it shall never go out."* This says to me that you and I need to be praisers of the highest order. I believe that all of us are part of the tribe of Judah and that we should praise the Lord.

Another translation of Psalms 70:4 reads, *"May all who are thankful for your salvation always say, How great is God."* Are you thankful for your salvation? It is so easy to get caught up in the day to day activities of life. It is too easy to get lost in the hustle and bustle of work, the needs of our family, and the cares of finances, etc. Nevertheless, the Lord says the fire shall ever be burning in all of us! The Lord doesn't want the fire going out in any of our lives.

A good way to keep the lamp burning in all of our lives is through speaking in other tongues. It says in Acts 10:46, *"For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God."* The Greek word for "magnify" here means *"to make or declare great; extol."* When we speak in tongues, this is what we are doing. In Jude 20 it adds, *"But ye, beloved, building up yourselves*

on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost." With speaking in tongues, you are magnifying God and encouraging the faith of God in your life.

Mary said in Luke 1:46, *"My soul doth magnify the Lord."* You see worship is three-fold. It begins in the spirit, flows through our soul (will, mind, emotions, intellect, etc.), and then finally expresses itself through our body. When we reach this point, our entire triune being is worshipping. But our soul is the place of our warfare. It is the place where the enemy attacks us. It is the place where darkness and depression try to come. Therefore in our soul, we need to magnify the Lord!

Psalms 69:30 says, *"I will praise the name of God with a song; and will magnify him with thanksgiving."* In I Thessalonians 5:18 it says, *"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."* We don't give thanks for the negative things in our lives, but we give thanks in our difficult situations knowing that Jesus will bring us through. The fastest way to get through

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situations is to magnify and praise the Lord.

During David's struggles, he says in Psalms 42:5, "*Why art thou cast down, O my soul? And why art thou disquieted in me? Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.*" Another translation of "*the help of his countenance*" reads "*for His presence is salvation.*"

The Hebrew word for "say" in Psalms 70:4 means "to answer, to appoint, to declare, to challenge, to command." We have an answer when the enemy comes against us. We can declare. We can challenge. We can command and appoint and say "*Let God be magnified.*" Our God is great and will help us!

A few other translations of Psalms 70:4 read:

"Let all who love your saving ways say over and over, God is mighty!"
"Repeatedly shout God is great!"
"Always say, let God be exalted!"
"Praise the greatness of God!"

Oh how we need to remind ourselves of this when we come against the challenges of life and we face what seems to be overwhelming obstacles. We need to say over and over that our God is mighty. Do you believe in the greatness of God? I know I do. I have seen Him at work so many times in my life. So many times miracles have taken place. But yet, in spite of it all, when new cares and problems arise, I find myself having to tell myself, "*The Lord be magnified.*"

In our morning and evening sacrifice, let us constantly say, "*Let God be*

magnified!"

This Hebrew word for "*magnified*" means "to twist, to make large in body, mind, state, or honor." We need to make large our God. Not that He needs any reminding of that. But we do so many times. Praise helps us more than it helps Him because it brings Him into our situation. In my naïve and young Christian days, I remember asking the Lord, "Why do we need to praise You all of the time? Are you an insecure being that you need to be reminded how great you are?" He said, "No son, when you begin to praise Me, My presence falls and in my presence is fullness of joy." The manifest presence of God falls every time we begin to worship Him and glorify His name.

In Psalms 34:1-3 it reads,

"I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth. ²My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. ³O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together."

This tells us that we need to honestly praise God at all times. We need to be worshipping the Lord. Once again, the word for "*magnify*" here means the same thing, "to make large in body, mind, state, or honor." We honor the Lord in a great way when we bless His name and magnify Him.

In Psalms 35:27, we find this:

"Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the Lord be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of

his servant."

In the midst of this horrible and dark world, we forget the joy of our salvation. We forget the simple things. We forget what it was like when we first got saved and how clean and pure it was. Religion has a way of sullyng all of that. But let you and I continually say, "*The Lord be magnified.*" Psalms 40:16 echoes that again, "*Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, The Lord be magnified.*"

Job 36:24 says, "*Remember that thou magnify his work, which men behold.*" God is reminding us that as we magnify Him, extol, honor him, and declare His greatness, He will come and His presence will fall. Not only do we get to honor and glorify Him in the midst of our trouble, but we get to receive the blessing of the glory of God all around us. I know I am like Paul in Philippians 1:20, "*According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death.*"

Let this be our testimony. Let us say together today, whatever the situation we all may be going through, "*The Lord be magnified!*" Amen!

*Jesus Is Precious!
Brother Sam*

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A Way In The Wilderness

Isaiah 43:18-19 says, *“Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.”*

Today, I want to share with you a word about God making a way in the wilderness. The Hebrew word for “wilderness” here means “driving, a pasture (where cattle are driven), a desert.” It comes from a root word that means “to arrange.” The Hebrew word for “way” means “a road as trodden, journey, course of life.”

The longer I walk with Jesus the more I am learning that God not only makes a way in the wilderness, but it is the way for Him to perfect and fulfill His will in our lives. For it is in the wilderness that He will spring forth with His glory and do a new thing. And He wants you and I to know that and not be ignorant of what He is doing in all of our lives!

There is much to say on the wilderness for the Bible says a lot on the topic. It is where the children of Israel spent the majority of their time on their way to their inheritance. It is where John the Baptist remained until the day of his showing to Israel (Luke 1:80). Even Jesus wasn't exempt from the wilderness. He *“was led by the Spirit into the wilderness being forty days tempted of the devil”* (Luke 4:1). Pretty much every major character in the Bible on their way to fulfilling their calling in God journeyed

through the wilderness. Exodus 13:8 says, *“But God led the people about, through the way of the wilderness...”*

The wilderness speaks of a dry and solitary place where God leads us to pasture. It is a place separated from everything else where He creates the opportunity to deal with us personally in order to give us our inheritance.

The wilderness journey the Lord took the children of Israel through should have only taken two weeks, but instead took forty years. Why? Because they hardened their hearts in the wilderness, complained about Moses, the manna, and at every turn came up with a reason to rebel without ever seeing what was before them or what God was really trying to do.

And isn't this indicative of us in many ways. As the years go by in my own life, I look back and see the faithfulness of God leading me through a way I would never have chosen for myself. But I am so grateful now. I may have complained during the process, but God's faithfulness prevailed. I am a better person today because of the wilderness. And now I am more than determined to receive all that God wants to give me in this season and overcome in it to see the glory and goodness of the Lord spring forth! I know this is your heart as well.

So if you find yourself in a wilderness today, take heart! The wilderness is God's way for all of us! It is the way Moses prayed so many years for the Lord to show Him. He prayed to the Lord in Exodus 33:13,

“If I have found grace in thy sight, show me now thy way, that I may know thee...” And little did Moses know that he would be spending the next forty years leading a rebellious people through the wilderness.

But God has led all of us down this path not to kill us in the wilderness, but to do a new thing! He wants us to know this and consider it today. The Hebrew word for “new” here means “fresh and new.” It is something that we haven't received yet. It is something full of life and glory. And when it finally springs forth in all of us, we will understand the wisdom and faithfulness of God more than ever. I believe a fresh move of thanksgiving, worship, and joy will be released in all of us!

Isaiah 51:3 says, *“For the Lord shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.”* In other words, God brought us through the wilderness to get us alone where He can reach and touch those waste places in our lives, bring comfort, and cause us to overcome. Eden means paradise! It is God restoring everything that was lost! And when we taste the reward of our journey through the wilderness there will be nothing but joy, gladness, thanksgiving, and worship!

There are so many other Scriptures about the purposes of God in the wilderness. It is where our character is changed into His (Song 3:6).

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It is where we learn to have an intimate relationship with Jesus and find all our fulfillment in Him alone (Song 8:5).

But I finish in Isaiah 35, *“The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice even with joy and singing...”* (Isaiah 35:1-2).

This passage is speaking of the sons of God abundantly blossoming in the wilderness bringing the last great move of God. The Hebrew word for “blossom” here means “to break forth as a bud, to spread as extending wings to fly.” This is what God wants in our wilderness. As He breaks forth in our lives, we will realize more than ever that all we will have gone through was full of purpose. We then are going to be able to help, strengthen, con-

firm and bring light and life to everybody else around us. That is why the wilderness will be glad. Those in their own struggles will be glad for the sons of God breaking forth.

As we keep reading in Isaiah 35 it says:

“Then shall the lame man leap as the hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert...And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.” (Isaiah 35:10).

All of the sorrow, sighing, and struggles today in the wilderness are going to flee and vanish away as the Lord springs forth and makes a way in the wilderness for us! He

has a way through the wilderness for you and for me. We are going to come out of it! Take heart dear brothers and sisters. Don't let anything hinder or stop you. Don't harden your heart. More than ever, keep pressing on in Jesus. Learn to sing in the wilderness (Hosea 2:14-15). Learn to lean on Jesus in the wilderness. Find that manna with dew (Exodus 16 - type of God's word) today waiting for you to eat so Jesus can bring light and strength into your life. Our provision is sure. Our future is bright. Our end is glorious. Let us consider this today and know that He is preparing us for a new and fresh move that will spring forth in every place the soles of our feet tread, in Jesus' name!

All my love,
Brother Andrew

Trip to Bolivia!

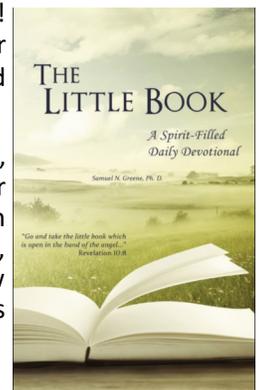


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They covet your prayers during this trip and know they can't do this without you. Thank you for your continued support. They wish you could be there to see and meet all of the precious Bolivians whose lives have been and continue to be touched through this ministry. And you have a great part in this! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts! Your support makes the Lord being able to send them possible!

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