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"No More Night"

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Unfortunately, we still have night seasons. I am not talking about a physical night. I am talking about a night in the mind. The Lord wants to bring a balance. We are going to go to the Word. God is teaching us that we are a people of the Day, and we are a people of Life. Our light is shining brighter and brighter, and it is going to get very bright, brighter than ever. Prov 4:18, "*But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.*"

As you grow as a Christian, you have night times in your mind. The reason you have these night times in your mind is because you haven't been established in the Word enough, nor are you walking out the Word that you know, enough. In the natural, God created the sun, moon and stars. He had a purpose in everything He created. God wants you to understand that He created you. God is light. God is day. This is the day of the Lord. We have been taught about coming into the dawning of a new day. That dawning of a new day has to happen in your own mind. I will explain what this means. We will go through it and share with you the meaning of this. One of the

first scriptures I will start with is in Job. Job is a good example because when we come to the Lord, we are accustomed to living in the appearance realm. We are accustomed to living by what we hear on the news, what people say to us, the appearance of things, and the appearance of our circumstances, our situations, or whatever is happening around us. We tend to go by what we hear or see. The biggest problem you and I have is with our eyes and our ears. The Lord is bringing us into a place of the single eye. That single eye is learning to walk in the mind of Christ all the time. That single eye is allowing the Word of God to overshadow your mind at all times so that you will never get caught up in the appearance of things or caught up in the things you hear in the world. You are learning to walk in a realm of faith. You are learning to not allow these things to get hold of you to where you get emotionally upset. You are learning to trust God.

I am going to give some examples that will bring you to the place where you will never go out of the presence of God again because in the presence of the Lord is fullness of joy. When you learn what it is to walk in the

presence of God 24 hours a day, you will never walk out of the Spirit again. You will never walk out of the mind of Christ. You will never have a night in your mind. You will never have a thought of worry, fear or doubt. Even though you will go through circumstances or situations, you are not going to have a night in your mind because you have come to the place where God has transformed your mind through His Word. That is what God has to do. He has to transform and change your way of thinking. It is a process that we all have to experience. When we start out with God, we have quite a few nights, but the moon was created for you and me for seasons. When you know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and you start out with Him, you are going to experience several seasons. He will allow you to have a night for only one reason. There is only one reason God allows you to have any night in your mind, or any worries, that God allows you to get so consumed or caught up in your problems. The only purpose for you to have that night is because God is trying to show you what is still in your heart or your way of thinking. A season is to bring change, but out of that night is where you gain

knowledge. You cannot get knowledge without the night. You gain knowledge, wisdom and understanding by going through the wilderness. You may call it the wilderness of the mind because that is all it is. It takes place to reveal to you what is still in your way of thinking and what in your mind still needs to be transformed. You are still walking in duality. God is bringing the mountains down and bringing the valleys up so that you can walk in a smooth, level, peaceful walk.

Job 7:4, "*When I lie down, I say, when shall I arise?*" When he was talking about "when shall I arise," he was asking when he would arise in the mind of Christ into that dawning of the new day in the mind. Job's complete question was ; "*When shall I arise, and the night be gone?*" He wondered when, in his own life, he would never have a night again. The only reason Job went through the night and experienced losses in his life and body was because God was teaching him and showing him the way he thought. Job expressed in Job 3:25, "*For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me.*" That lets you know that Job feared losing everything that he had at that time. The fear was in his heart that he was not aware of, but God brought him into the night. This was the only way he could see the different thoughts that were occurring in his mind. "*I am full of tossing to and fro unto the dawning of the day.*" (Job 7:4) He was tired of it, but he did not understand it until the last chapter. In the last chapter of

Job you can see where he begins to realize that there is no thought in man's mind that God does not see. You may think that just because you are not saying anything negative to other people, nothing negative is going on in your mind. That is not true. You can put on a front, but God knows what is going on in your mind. He knows what you are going through. He understands every thought and everything going on in your life.

Job 42:2 says, "*I know that thou canst do everything, and that no thought can be withholden from thee*" His perfection was his mind, his way of thinking. "*Who is he that hideth counsel without knowledge? Therefore have I uttered that I understood, things too wonderful for me, which I knew not.*" (Job 42:3) God had to open up Job's eyes of understanding. He began to understand, and that is when Job came into the double portion. He desires to bring you into the completeness of the dawning of the new day that He has been creating in your mind. He desires to bring us into the realm that is greater than the one you are in now. I know that the next realm is where the mind will be completely transformed. "It is an ongoing process. In that transformation, God is taking you through a process in your life. God knows what is going on in your life right now. The Lord wants to bring our night to an end. David had a lot of nights in his mind. He understood what caused him to have the nights. See Psalm 119:147-148, "*I prevented the dawning of the morning, and cried: I hoped in thy*

word." ¹⁴⁸ *Mine eyes prevent the night watches, that I might meditate in thy word.* What is he saying there? He is saying because I keep looking at the appearance of things in my situation, it is keeping me from coming into the dawning of the new day in my mind. Because I am allowing myself to become so caught up in these thoughts, they are consuming me with worry and fear. It is keeping me from meditating on the word of God. I have totally lost sight of who God is and what God has told me. All I can see is my situation and my problem. That is what he is saying in that scripture. It was his eyes that kept him from coming into the dawning of the morning. We have come into this new day, and this new day has dawned in our minds.

God has a people who have come into and will keep walking in the dawning of the new day. What is happening is that gross darkness and gloom is spreading all over the world. What is that darkness? It is fear. What is the opposite of fear? It is the love of God, that relationship that you have with your Father. It is the love affair that you have with Him. The thing that will keep you from the night is His love.

Job's mind kept him from meditating on the Word day and night. In Joshua 1:8, "*This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night*" The Lord knew Joshua was going to go in there, and the Lord wanted Joshua to go and possess the land. He told Joshua he would see some giants. When God starts changing you and possessing your land (your soul,

body and spirit), you see a few giants. Those giants are nothing but thoughts that exalt themselves against the knowledge of God and refuse to bow down to the Christ. Many times we get caught up in thoughts and give more attention to thoughts and worshipping those thoughts rather than worshipping Christ and the Word of God. That's why you have to meditate on the Word day and night. You may think everything is going fine, so it is not necessary to meditate on the Word. Then things go downhill.

Do you remember the beatitudes that Jesus taught? Some people get upset with God because they encounter difficult circumstances. Then unbelief and doubt enter their minds, and they start reasoning everything out. All the Lord says is to meditate on the Word. Daniel is a good example. The king set up several princes to rule with him in his kingdom. God has his kingdom which is within you. The whole world is the Lord's. *"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof."* God created everything and everyone. In the Bible it says that He rules the nations. Daniel had a very unusual spirit. It was a precious spirit. It was the Christ. The Christ was in Daniel. The king decided to put Daniel higher than the other princes, and they all got jealous. The time is coming soon when the overcomers will have endured to the end. When the Lord comes and finds that faithful servant, He is going to give Him all His goods and all His possessions and everything in the world to rule over. Mat 24:46, 47, *"Blessed is that servant, whom his lord*

when he cometh shall find so doing."

When you start ascending from one place to another in God, people will become jealous. When Joseph got ready to go to the throne to rule in Egypt, what happened? Jealousy! When Jesus was going to the cross and into greater ministry and glory, what happened? People were jealous. This is how it works. They all got jealous. They all plotted against Daniel. They said, *"We cannot find anything here."* They made a decree that no person could pray to any god or ask any petition except from the king for a whole month. If they did, they would be thrown into the lions' den. The decree was made, and it was a true decree. He knew that they would keep that promise. He knew without a doubt that if anyone were found praying to any other god that the person would be thrown into the lions' den. The Bible says that his windows were open, and he looked toward Jerusalem, and three times a day he got on his knees and prayed. He didn't have a night. Fear did not take hold of him. I looked in those scriptures, and I read them very carefully. You cannot see the word "fear" one time. Why did he not have fear? I don't know how you would feel if you knew that there were some lions waiting. They were hungry, starving as they waited, knowing food was coming. You did not hear one sound from this man. What was keeping him through the whole situation? The Bible says, if you read the scriptures carefully, the only reason he was delivered out of the lions' den

was because he trusted in his God. What I want to convey to you today is that you would never have a night if you truly trusted God. You may say, "Well, I trust God after I come out of the situation." No! God is trying to get you to see your deliverance before you are delivered. God is trying to get you to see your healing before you are healed. God wants you to see your family saved before you see it with your natural eyes. God wants you to quit worrying about things in the natural. He wants you to put your trust in Him and know that your whole household is saved because of the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. The point I'm trying to convey is that Daniel did not have a night even though he was shut up with the lions. What was he doing? An angel came and gave a message. The lions were tamed. The lions are in you and me. The lions are thoughts that roar in the mind. Sometimes those thoughts roar so loudly that you lose sight of God and His voice. You cannot hear His voice. You want to ask, "God, where did you go? God, why can't I hear you?" The Lord doesn't want you to go by feelings. He wants you to go by what He has spoken to you in the Word of God. That's why we have to meditate on the Word of the Lord. We have to learn to meditate on His Word.

There are two things I want you to understand—meditating. If you come into a night season, meditate on the Word. Go within and commune with the Lord. Ask God to take you where He wants you to go in the Word. Maybe He will tell you a tape to listen to that will give you

encouragement. We always forget. God will teach us a truth, and we will hold onto it for a while, but we tend to forget. We have to be reminded.

One of the things that will cause you to have a night is rebellion, disobeying the Lord, disobeying His instructions or His voice. When the Lord told Jonah to go to Nineveh and tell them to repent, Jonah was not having a night season until he started rebelling. We understand that he went in the belly of the big fish. I know for a fact he was in the belly of a real whale. I do not doubt that. A long time ago someone ministered on this. The spiritual understanding is that he went in the depths of hell. We have been in the depths of hell in the darkness of our own minds. In the depths of hell, there is no rest to the soul. You cannot sleep, and you worry. It is a restless, tormented soul. I heard someone minister on this, and it was somewhat funny. They said, "I know that there was a real whale that swallowed him." What is in the whale? It is blubber. It is fat. But what do we use the blubber and fat for? Oil. We make bars of soap out of it. Hell is fire, so the night is the fire of the Lord. When you have a night in your mind, it is the fire of the Lord that burns the thoughts in your mind. When you get tired of having enough hell, you are going to let the Lord consume those areas or ways of thinking in your mind. It is going to bring you out of the belly of the whale. Can you imagine a whale belching out in the middle of the ocean and vomiting up the man who had been in his belly? If you were standing on the shore

fishing at the time the man was thrown on the shore and he comes out with weeds on his head, and he looks at you and says, "Repent," I think you would repent. He must have been a sight coming out of the belly of the whale. He went to Nineveh, and they all repented. They did not have to go through what they would have had to go through. Repent means *change your mind*. The more you let God change your mind, the less hell and the fewer night seasons you will have. Change your way of thinking.

Another good example is Jehoshaphat. He knew that he was to go to God. Many people who face a difficult circumstance in life do not turn to God. They go to people who are in the world for counseling. Jehoshaphat knew he was to turn to God. He was warned that a multitude of people were coming.

When you walk with Jesus, you are going to have a lot of enemies. If you walk in the footsteps of Jesus, you will have a lot of enemies because the Bible says that those who are in the world will hate you. You will have people in your own family turn on you.

Jehoshaphat had enemies around him. He went to God. There are some very profound things he said in II Chron. 20. What I want to emphasize is the solution to this great multitude of people in all these tribes who were coming to destroy them. Jehoshaphat recognized that God ruled the nations. You can read it. Verse 6 is very important where he recognized God was ruler of all the kingdoms and nations. He said in II Chron. 20:9,

"If, when evil cometh upon us, as the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we stand before this house, and in thy presence, (for thy name is in this house,) and cry unto thee in our affliction, then thou wilt hear and help." No matter what comes on us, we stand before this house. You are the house of the Lord. The very nature and power of God is in this house.

We know that there was a prophet who stood up and gave them a prophecy and instructions. In verse 17 (of II Chronicles 20) he said, *"Ye shall not need to fight in this battle."* No matter who your enemies are, it is not your battle. No matter what spiritual forces there are, it is not your battle. It is your battle with Him because He is in you, and He battles through you. God says it is *His* battle.

When the multitudes came, the prophet told them not to have any weapons. What did He tell them to do? He said, *"I want you to say one thing, 'Praise the Lord. His mercy endureth forever.'" Can you see this group of people when the multitudes with all their weapons were coming, and the people were saying, "Praise the Lord. His mercy endureth forever." That is all the people were to do. The enemy got so confused that they killed each other.*

I am trying to tell you the Lord is in everything. Give thanks because this is the will of God. I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise shall continually be in my mouth. It gets rid of all your fears, doubts, and everything negative. Before the battle was won, they were

saying, *"Praise the Lord. His mercy endureth forever."*

The Lord is releasing people, ministering to people His mercy compassion and love. They didn't know it then, but they were telling the enemies that God would have mercy on them, even though they killed each other. God knew where they were going to end up. When it looks dark in the appearance of everything, that is when you are to praise God, and you will not have a night season. Like Daniel, you will not have a night season. The simplicity is, number one, meditating on the Word of the Lord. Number two, trusting God at all times no matter how bad it looks or how bad it gets. I know God and how He works. He will create storms for us and allow circumstances to come in our lives. He allows people to betray us. Why does He allow these things? He is allowing them because He is trying to get you to come out of the night. He is trying to teach you how to trust Him in everything. He wants you to come to the place where you begin to see the day and the night as the same. God sees the day and the night as the same. Psa 139:12, *"Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee."*

You only get there by letting Him show you what is still in your mind that is causing the night.

II Chiron. 20:20-21 says, *"Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper."* ²¹ *And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed*

singers unto the Lord, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, and as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the Lord; for his mercy endureth forever."

Sometimes you can have pain or afflictions in your body and you are sick in your body. There is something about praise and worshipping. There is something about keeping your eyes focused on the Lord Jesus Christ. It quickens the body, because the more you focus on the afflictions and the pain, the more it strengthens the pain. Sometimes you are so weak; you don't feel like focusing on the Lord. I have learned not to go by feelings. We don't live by feelings but by faith. It makes a difference.

The scripture I want to emphasize is II Chiron. 20:26, *"And on the fourth day they assembled themselves in the valley of Berachah; for there they blessed the Lord: therefore the name of the same place was called, The valley of Berachah, unto this day"* This valley means "a blessing, a gift." What I want to convey to you is that your enemies are your blessing and your gift from God to try to teach you to come out of the night. That is a hard lesson to learn.

Look at II Chiron. 20:27, *"Then they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, and Jehoshaphat in the forefront of them, to go again to Jerusalem with joy; for the Lord had made them to rejoice over their enemies."* No complaining, no murmuring, no bitterness, no anger. Jehoshaphat had a right to get angry, but he did not. He knew that God allowed this. It was a blessing and a gift from

God. What was God trying to teach Israel? He was trying to teach Israel to praise God in everything. Praise is what you carry through in order not to have a night. I am not saying you will not have difficult circumstances. I am telling you how to get through them and how to stay in the dawning of the new day in your mind. The Lord told me that He is about to bring us to a place where there is no more night. I like that! Rev 22:5, *"And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever"*

Psalm 17:3 says, *"Thou hast proved mine heart; thou hast visited me in the night; thou hast tried me, and shall find nothing; I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress."*

The night is the testing ground and the proving ground to show you your thinking. David came to the place that he did not want to say words when he was in the night and did not understand what was going on. Because of this, he was careful with his words.

Psalm 104:19-20 reads like this, *"He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth his going down. ²⁰Thou makest darkness, and it is night: wherein all the beasts of the forest do creep forth."* The Lord is allowing the night to happen because when you have a night, you find out who you really are. All those creepy thoughts come out at night. The beastly behaviors and attitudes do not come out when everything is going well. Your fears do not come out when everything is going great. That is

why the Lord will sometimes allow a night season.

We want to get to the dawning of the new day. The day of the Lord is the day of the voice of the Lord. There is a scripture that stood out in Joel because two things are going on here. Joel 2:2 reads, "*A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations.*" You can see that the gloominess and darkness are spreading all over the world now. The breaking of the new day has to happen in Zion first. The sun comes up on the mountain first. The dawning of the new day is happening in God's sons, spreading upon their minds. The sun is spreading upon the mountains. A mountain is a thought or a way of thinking. In the dawning of the day, God is moving upon your mind, and He is consuming and bringing the mountains down. With the dawning of the new day, He is dispelling the darkness in your mind. When people come here, the Lord zeroes in on different mountains and He begins to birth a new day in their minds. That is what God has been doing to us. We know that we are in more of a rest than we once were. I do not get as many phone calls as I once did. When each new person comes in, you have to be patient. You have to listen to them because it takes time to get out of the night. You do not get out of there quickly. The Bible in Romans 13:12 says, "*The night is*

far spent, and the day is at hand." God is bringing an end to your night because He is transforming the mind with His truth and His word. I believe that we could bring our night to an end now. I believe that your night could be over now if you want it over. I realize we deal with a lot of darkness, but you do not have to become one with it. You can bring an end to your night if you will apply the Word, trust and praise—those three things.

Abraham did not stagger at the promises of God. He did not say, "I believe" one day and then the next day say, "I'm not sure. Things are appearing pretty bad here. I'm not sure it's going to come out the way God said it would." That is staggering back and forth. He did not stagger because he believed no matter what anyone said, no matter what the circumstances were, no matter what came his way, that God would fulfill His promise. He believed it. He didn't stagger.

Trust and praise. You can bring your nights to an end. I didn't say that you might not get afflictions in your body. I didn't say you would not have a circumstance or situation. I didn't say any of that. I am just saying that the night in your mind can come to an end. It's all about attitude, all about how you are looking at it. You would never come out of your rest. This is what the Lord is doing. You have to be patient with others. You cannot go around bragging. Whatever they are going through, you cannot brag because you are resting in God and have peace. You have to have compassion because you know how many

hells you went through to get there. You have to show mercy, kindness, understanding and compassion.

Revelation 22:5, Rev. 21:25, Isaiah 60:20, are good scriptures for you to look up. I will tell you why there is no more night there. It is simple. They do not have the sun or moon as their light anymore. The only thing they have as their light is God. There are people who have come to the place they are trusting God no matter what. The candlestick is not their light. These people have gotten beyond prophecy, the fivefold ministry and the gifts. I am not saying these are not important because they are. The mature ones do not need a prophecy because they go within, and God is their light. The more you mature, the less prophecy you get. Well, I need something. Why won't God give me something? God wants you to learn to allow Him to be your light in everything.

The reason the Lord has you go through these things is because He is bringing you into rulership with Him. You came into maturity by experiencing the night seasons. Isn't God good? That is why the whole world is going through the night now. God is raising deliverers to bring them out of their nights. Look at Rev. 21. It's talking about the new Jerusalem. It's talking about the church. She is going to come into this, too. There will no longer be any temple. God will be the only light. Verse 25 of Rev. 21 reads like this: "*And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.*" There will be no night in the city of New Jerusalem. A

person can not enter the New Jerusalem unless he has come to the end of his night seasons. Isn't God good? In the ages to come God is going to bring all creation to the end of their night. That's the good news.

Isaiah 60 is another one. Isaiah 60:18 *"Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise."* This means that every thought in your mind that created a wall becomes the salvation of Christ because God is bringing all the walls and thoughts down so you won't have any more nights. We continue with Isaiah 60:19-20, *"The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory."*

²⁰ *"Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself: for the Lord shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended."* No more mourning. That is good news. You could start having less mourning and less weeping. *"Weeping endureth for the night but joy cometh in the morning"*. You can have less weeping in the night when you use those three principles. Praise—God, He is in control. He is in this. He has allowed it. What is the purpose in it? Always meditating on the Word. The last principle is this. You know that the sun has set. It never moves. God never moves. Nothing moves Him. God is in you, and God is the sun. His sun never goes out. His light never

goes out. He is never moved. He is never emotionally upset. He is the beginning and the end. He is the Alpha and the Omega. He is in control. He is the sun, He is the light. Even in the natural, the sun is set. The only reason in the natural that we have a night is because the earth revolves and moves away from the sun. The sun does not move. It is the earth that moves. The earth is your mind. When your mind moves away from the Word of God or from what God has taught you, when your mind moves away from praise worship and trust, when your mind moves away from these basic principles, a night starts seeping in. Then the negative thoughts start creeping in. Then you have all these thoughts that start coming in the mind. The Bible tells us *"They that keep their mind on Me will have perfect peace."* You may think, "Sister Joyce, I cannot go around thinking about that all the time. I cannot think about God all the time." That is not what God is saying there. God does not want you to go out today and walk around and say, "Praise the Lord. He endureth forever." It is the attitude of the mind, not losing sight of Him, not living in the appearance of situations but trusting in Him. Think about the confidence you would have all the time if you really trusted God all the time. You would have an abundance of confidence.

You have the three basic principles. You probably think you already knew that. The Lord says you needed to hear it again, because we must apply these basic principles through our whole walk with Him.

May a dawning of a new day arise in your mind for we are not the children of the night but of the day. Amen