



PREPARED FOR HIS SOON RETURN SERIES

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WHAT ARE YOU EATING?

And the angel of the Lord came back the second time, and touched him, and said, "Arise and eat, because the journey is too great for you. So he arose, and ate and drank; and he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights as far as Horeb, the mountain of God" (1 King 19: 7-8-NKJV).

Elijah the prophet of God declared the Word of the Lord to King Ahab; he got a great victory over the prophets of Baal. After these events, Jezebel decided to take his life. The servant of God was filled with discouragement and fear. In the book of 1 Kings 19, we see the prophet Elijah fleeing from queen Jezebel for his life; he went to find a refuge in the wilderness; there, he received the visitation of the angel of the Lord who brought him baked cake and water; the angel came the second time and encouraged him to eat again, because he needed some food to sustain him for a forty days journey to the mount of God.

The time of trouble such as never before is ahead of us. As the children of God will declare the clear warnings of God to the sinful world, and gain mighty victories for the glory of God, Jezebel the apostate church, will return on the scene to persecute God's children. These children of God would have to flee in secluded places for their lives. In order to survive such a terrible time as the Bible calls it, and stand before the Son of Man to see His face in the beauty of holiness, children of God are first to be sealed; this sealing consists of a settling in the Truth, a settling in the Word of God both intellectually and spiritually, so that God's people might not be moved (Bible Commentary Vol 4 p1161); those who receive the seal of God that will protect them in the time of trouble must reflect the image of Jesus perfectly" (Ellen White, Early Writings, p 69).

However, if the mind is filled with things of this world, God's warning needful for this time will simply be ignored, *"and there will be no place in the forehead to receive the seal God"* - Early Writings 59). *"A form of godliness will not save any. All must have a deep and living experience. This alone will save them in the time of trouble. Then their work will be tried of what sort it is; and if it is gold, silver, and precious stones, they will be hid as in the secret of the Lord's pavilion. But if their work is wood, hay, and stubble, nothing can shield them from the fierceness of Jehovah's wrath"* - Ellen White, Prepare to Meet the Lord, 326).

Dear friends, in view of these trying times ahead of us, how are you preparing for the return of the Lord? Is your food solid enough for you to receive the seal of God? Or are you rather ignoring the call for the preparation needful in these end times? Are you washing your robe in the blood of the Lamb? Or are you disturbed by the message of the warning? Are you praying as you have never prayed before to maintain that close connection with God you would need in trying times? Are you praying as you have never prayed before so you might clearly discern the voice of God in times when you would have to stand alone for your faith? Are you

feeding and standing on the promises of God in order to have sufficient solid spiritual food for the journey to the mount of God? What kind of spiritual food are you eating today? Is your food heavy enough to maintain you until you see the face of Jesus in the beauty of holiness? What are you eating? Can your food get you to the other side?

Unless we are mindful of the time ahead of us, unless we are making the serious preparation, we will not be ready for the journey. *“Get ready, get ready, get ready. Ye will have to die a greater death to the world than ye have ever yet died”*. . .A Sketch of The Christian Experience and Views of Ellen G. White p.52 -55). This is time for us to get closer to God as we have never got, making the necessary preparation that will qualify us to stand on the day of the Lord’s battle.

“Arise and eat, because the journey is too great for you.”

May God bless you as you choose to feed yourself properly; the time is at hand. Amen!

Just after these things, we shall behold the King in His glory, we shall see His face, not in shame but in righteousness. God bless you. Amen!

Yours in the blessed hope.

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