

**THE GRACE THAT PERMITS US
AT ZION**

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DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to the Almighty God the wisdom of the wise. It is also dedicated to all the believes of the Gospel of Jesus.

Then to family and friends of the Author.

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PREFACE

The book "THE GRACE THAT PERMITS US AT ZION", comes with the reasons why God wants to have a personal relationship with you. The grace of God made available to us now in Zion is different from that of Sinai. The book is an exposure to why God's people can't visit him, enjoy his ever abiding presence or have a fellowship with him because of verdict passed out of violation at God's appearance at Sinai.

God always like to stay close to his people, so as they could hear from him as he speaks to them. At once God's people (the Israelites) was given the privilege to hear from God at Mount Sinai. God did allowed himself to be heard of by his children, though it was under some conditions. Conditions to limit/restrict a high level of visitation by many into his presence.

While a "Sacrifice by sacrament" must be done just to be privileged to hear him and not a "Justification by sacrifice" to always hear him, boundaries were even set up around the mountain of God (Sinai), which portrays the level of resistance to God by Qualified standards.

Even sanctification do not give you a lasting protocol to work-on then, as you'll be allowed to walk boldly to touch the mountain of the Holy God. Any hesitation to that, you'll be stoned or be out through by an arrow/spear to death. Remember, not even the regular priests who offers sacrifices to God were exempted from these instructions.

Get ready; but not with a stincky and irritating smell produced by

sexual relations, unclean food eaten or even sweat, as a result of running or walking to meet up with Him(God) will stand you the chance to live, sorry you'll be killed instantly.

Today most of us indulges ourselves in unholy behaviours before coming to church programs and go back free without even having an ache in the head as a result of our misbehaviours.

Mount Sinai was a place of no return unholy lives so-to-say. While God stays at the top of the mountain speaking, the base where men was, was not conducive because it was shaking terribly. Knowing what will happen to them, God still insisted that Moses should descend down the mountain quickly to instruct his people not to force their way through, to come up to God, so that He may not strike them.

The Sinaic Procedures to God compared with the Zioniac Freedom we have with God now cannot be underestimated, it gives us the glimpse of a total liberty to worship, pray and praise God even in our own filthy state of unholy and wicked conscience (Rom 3:23). Why, because the sprinkled blood is speaking forgiveness instead vengeance, which now "The Grace That Permits Us At Zion" instead of warnings that allow us unto Sinai [read Exodus 19].

Though, Sinai was full of torrents disqualification, deterrent and torment, the Zioniac presence of God is where justification by sacrifice has taken place [so we now receive grace to abide in his presence].

The bridge has been created for us to come and dwell, to receive God's kingdom that cannot be over throne. This series will set a pace for you to know God is to you as follow in diligence. It can be

used for private study, research, religious studies and others places where God's name is honoured.

I am ready to correct any typographical error(s) detected in this first edition during subsequent production.

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CHAPTER ONE

THE SINAIC APPEARANCE OF GOD

(Heb 12:18-21)

A. Visitation Restricted (Heb 12:18,19):

In as much as grace has permitted us now at Zion to worship God without fear, during the appearance of God at Sinai, there was a total display of terrors and disasters. The physical mountain could not be touched by humans nor animals. To them it was even safer for God not to speak at all than for him to speak at their staggering positions and state where they could not stand the waves coming from His voice. At the presence of God, there was no liberty and freedom at all, as God sets in place deterring elements of separation.

i. Deterrents At His Presence (Vs 18):

Instead of God's presence to bring comfort to his people, it was totally terrible. Sinai was suppose to be a place you could get refuge as God's presence carries joy and freedom, but this time it was th contrary, no peace at all was found in his presence. It has now become a place where our detective God sets in place detering elements of separation. A call to listen to God has now been determined on how your conducts could allow you to scale through disasters (flamming fire, blackness, darkness and tempest).

ii. Torrents Of Sounds At His Presence (Vs 19):

"Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us"(Exd 20:19KJV).

After two days of separation was given, the third day was for them(the Israelites) to get ready [while you sanctify yourselves], but this was still not enough to stand close to the Holy God of justification as He speaks to them loudly and boldly.

It is very factual that when you are full of self and open guilt you cannot stand to hear from God clearly. The voice of God is always a terror to those who are not justified (Gen 3:8-10). A desire of hearing from man's

perspective view of inaccuracies will take place instead of hearing from God. The word of God is ever comforting, perfect, trustworthy, righteous and clean (Ps 19:7,8) but when you are full of sin, His words confronts you after His laws has been reviewed (Exd 20:1-17,19). Know that sin is a set back even as you hear the of permission (Exd 19:13b,20:18).

B. Violation Verdicted (Heb 12:20-21):

The commandments of God is not to be overlooked especially when you will face the consequences of it.

The Sinaic appearance of God carried an instruction that cannot be overlooked else you will die (either by stoning or be thrust through with a dart), even beast will be killed instantly. Any violation of Do Not Touch will be Verdicted. This gives us the sense that when we are been instructed not to touch anything dedicated as sacred/holy to God [whether beings, objects or material things] we are to follow it without failure.

Do Not Touch in this case means:

Do Not **T**-Terminat

O-Orders

U-Under

C-Confidential

H-Holiness. (Gen 2:16,17): because the one who is unjust Christ hates.

Though, **T-Through**

O-Obedience (Rom 5:19)

U-Understanding (Prv 4:7)

C-Conduct (1Pet 2:12,3:16) and

H-Holiness (1Pet 1:15;Lev 19:2)

The words/acts of God was so terrifying at Sinai that Moses had to confess it: "I exceedingly fear and quake," in other words, 'I am terrified and trembling' (Deut 9:19). If Moses himself quaked then who can go to the holy mountain of God? (Ps 15).

We really have the unmerited grace that permits us at Zion where we worship God in holy fear and awe, not in fear caused by terror, because unto Sinai you dare not come before the Holy God with mere sanctification by sacrament.

CHAPTER TWO

THE ZIONIC PRESENCE OF GOD

(Heb 12:22-24)

The Sinaic appearance of God in those days has now been reviewed. As the Sinaic experience explained more of disapproval, resistance and rejection then; but we now have right [not privilege any longer] to enjoy the fullness of God's gracious presence.

We are now at Zion; where we have the heaven's circles stationed on earth, where the saints who are made perfect enjoys, where God's presence is no longer terrifying but comforting, and Jesus' blood speaks better things (forgiveness) for us than that of Abel [that speaks vengeance] (Gen 4:8-10). We are now in Heaven on earth where God's spirit reside in His church (Ps 11:4).

No more deterrents, torrents, disasters, havocs and hazards to stray us from His presence. Justification by sacrifice has now taken place, [we now have grace] so that we can always hear from him as he resides/speaks in our heart (1Cor 3:16).

No more restrictions, because the veil has been torned apart (Exd 26:31-33;Matt 27:50-51; Heb 6:19,10:19-20) and we now have free access to God (2Cor 3:15-17).

"We have not come to the mount Sinai that might be touched... But we have come to mount Zion (Heb 12:18a,22a).

❖ Where are we?

By grace, we are now at:

i. The City of the Living God (Dan 6:26):

Dying things are not found_not man nor beast in the city of God (Lk 20:38). Our living God is not the God of those conscience are dead/weak, He is not the God of the nation (pagan) that cannot respond, He is the complete Living God.

He confirmed the fact of study that "living things are those things that have life and can complete the circles of life not death. Only living things are found in the city of the Living God, and we are the citizens of that great city (Phi 3:20,21).

ii. The Heavenly Jerusalem (Rev 21:1,2,3:12):

Remember, this is not just a physical earthly Jerusalem but the Heavenly Jerusalem. As you come to Zion, you are automatically in Heaven on earth. God's house has just been renamed again, Heavenly Jerusalem. The Jerusalem with innumerable (myraids) company of Angels and heavenly hosts in session and in sections always prepared to worship, adorn, honour, praise and exalt God with us on earth. Be prepared to join them now.

iii. The General Assembly/Church of the Firstborn:

Jesus Christ is the Firstborn of all creation (Col 1:5). He is here stationed with those believers whose names are been written down consciously in Heaven's book, the saints that are overcomers by His blood, the ones who were not afraid of those who were killers of the flesh _body not soul (The Martyrs).

iv. The Presence of God and the spirit lives of Just Men:

The God of justice is now present, the one who by no means put the righteous ones to death with the wicked ones together (Gen 18:25). The one who is careful of our spiritual lives (Heb 12:9). The one who makes case with the haughty, saves the just and passes his verdicts on them (Ps 94:2). He God our Judge, Lawgiver and King, all he is to our perfection (Isa 33:22).

v. Jesus' feet; The Mediator (Jhn 8:3-10):

Jesus the mediator of the New Covenant (1Tim 2:5,6).

The New Covenant by the virtue of his blood on the cross which he paid as a ransomed poured out in our behalf (Lk 22:19-20;Heb 9:15), for us to be part of his everlasting kingdom (Dan 7:27).

Do you know that the accuser(s) are never tired of pointing fingers at our faults and failings? Knowing this, Jesus keeps telling The Father

about The Blood and not the faults because He has paid for them. His blood speaks forgiveness of sins (Matt 26:28;1Jhn 1:17) and not crying out for vengeance/vengeance. Zion is where our sins are no longer counted but forgiven; blessed is he whose sin is covered (Ps 32:1).

CHAPTER THREE

BRIDGING THE CHRONIC

DISAPPEARANCE FROM GOD

(Heb 12:25-27).

God is now in Zion not Sinai, which means; He is now situated in a place of comfort not havoc. God is now where we can see, hear, feel and touch him. The veil has been torned apart (Matt 27:50,51), so we (you inclusive) can now meet with him face-to-face (2Cor 3:15-18).

N/B: Do not run away or stand at a distance from God, do not try to observe because it is part of your refusal to listen to him at this time of freedom and comfort. The time is still coming when powers from the voice of whom the earth was shaken will not only shake the earth but the heavens also. So, be prepared or better still, cross to the safer side now. Remember, the Sinaic experience and resistance lasted but for a while, there will still be a time when things will change but may not favour you.

i. Hear God To Sustain (Heb 12:25):

"Today if you will hear his voice, Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of trials in the wilderness....See that ye refuse not him that speaketh" (Ps 95:7b-8;Heb 12:25a). Do not tell God not to speak further just as they (the Israelites) did at Sinai, or probably prefer a common man to speak to you. Do not make excuses; about his voice and nature, time and medium as he speaks, or walk away from him.

Running/walking away will not do you any good neither will it save you. Standing aside and look as if it doesn't concern you will not also save you from the coming doom.

The children of Israel ignored the one who under presumption was a mediator of the old covenant, (Moses); which was just an earthly experience with an earthly man as at then, and they could not escape when they refused to listen to him. Meanwhile, we cannot escape if we reject The One (Heb 1:2,2:2-4), The Mediator of the New Covenant (1Tim 2:5) who is from heaven. Remember, the heavenly things are far greater than the things of this earth (Matt 11:11); whether good or bad.

ii. Hear God To Survive (Heb 12:26-27):

"To sustain is to keep alive but to survive is to keep alive and live". This means to exist and live continually. During the time of Moses on earth, the voice of God shook only the earth (Exd 19:18); but henceforth, the heavens, the earth and sea will all be shaken (Hag 2:6). "And this word, 'Yet once

more ' indicates that the removal of things that are to be shaken, things that have been made in order that the things not shaken may remain. Emphatically, things that have been made, [man] which also have been made by God in his image will be shaken. Your sustainability has not blinded God on whether you will survive at the expense of refusing the word of The Mediator, Jesus Christ.

Are you ignoring Jesus in any way? "See that ye refuse not Him (The Mediator) that speaketh" (Heb 12:25a) on your behalf even for your survival. The fact that you are sustained does not guarantee your survival at the removal of things that have been made, Yet Once More. When the earthly and heavenly things shall be tested, will you survive? Hear God to sustain and survive.

CHAPTER FOUR

RECEIVING THE STATIC KINGDOM OF GOD

(Heb 12:28,29)

God said, the heavens, the earth and the sea will be shaken. These places are not to be shaken to check their weights, neither to check those things they possessed, but to determine their qualities, to test whether they are ready to receive the kingdom that is to take place. God will set up an everlasting kingdom of our Lord (Dan 2:44;Gen 49:10;Rev 11:15).

Since we are receiving an unshakable kingdom; instead of worldly possessions and riches, "let us have grace" whereby we will pray and keep seeking it and its righteousness (Matt 6:10,21,33). Let us not lose the opportunity as we thank and praise God by worshipping him in holy/godly fear, reverence and awe.

God is a consuming fire, He will consume any man and kingdoms that is not devoted to him (Deut 4:24). They will melt away at his presence by means of fire ferment heat.

Nevertheless, He will according to his promises provide a new heaven and a new system of thing (earth) for the righteous ones who have been washed and cleansed and sanctified in our Lord Jesus Christ (1Cor 6:11). Remember, Fire (God) is a refiner and at the same time a killer. You can only be refined when you are that godly type of Christian, and if you are like wood or clay, sorry you will not survive The Consuming Fire.

Prayer:

1. Father, if it is your will that I should be close to you, do not resist me from your presence.
2. Father, by the sacrifice of Jesus, justify me so that I will always hear from you.
3. Father, by sacrifice of Jesus, justify me so that I will have a lasting protocol to work-on with you.
4. Father, help me to reach the qualified standard to see and hear you.
5. Father, the words of men are not accurate, "speak thou with me".
6. Genesis 2:16,17 (there were two trees at the middle of the garden of Eden). Father, I shall not **TOUCH** (Terminate Orders Under Confidential Holiness) in your presence, but as I **TOUCH** (Through Obedience Understanding Conduct and Holiness) and continue in your presence.

7. [Phi 3:20,21]:

Father, number me with the dignitaries of Zion.

8. Father, I want to know my place in Zion.

9. O God, justify me to perfection, do not treat me the same way you treat the wicked.

10. Lord Jesus, speak on my behalf as I live with you.

11. If you have not taken the blood of covenant with Jesus, He cannot mediate for; so pray the prayers of allegiance [giving him your life] (Ps 32:1).

12. [Col 2:6]:

Lord Jesus, as I live to you, help me to continue with you.

13. The only way to bridge your chronic disappearance from God is to hear from him.

[Heb 12:25a]:

There are those who walk out when the word of God is preached in the church. Some slap those who want to evangelize to them, some embarrass those who want to minister to them, while some kill those who want to preach to them.

In what way have you stopped God from speaking to you, if in any way

you have ignored Jesus (the word of God) and you are guilty, pray and ask for forgiveness now.

14. God, I am now willing to hear from you so that I can sustain and survive, terminate any form of distraction.

15. God, when the earthly and heavenly things will be tested, including me, I should survive and receive your kingdom.

16. Father, let your kingdom come (if you are ready for it).

17. O Father, when your kingdom comes;

a) your presence to me should be Zionitic and not Sinaic.

b) rapture me with the saints.

18. God is a consuming fire. We can be consumed when our services are not acceptable in God's sight.

God, give me the grace to serve you at Zion acceptably with reverence and godly fear.