

TIMES OF FULFILL MENT

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23 Diles, por tanto: Así ha dicho Je-
hová el Señor: Haré cesar este refrán,
y no repetirán más este refrán en Is-
rael. Diles, pues: Se han acercado
aquellos días, y el cumplimiento de
toda visión.

24 Porque no habrá más visión vana,
ni habrá adivinación de lisonjeros en
de la casa de Israel.

25 Porque yo Jehová hablaré, y se
cumplirá la palabra que yo hable; no
habrá más, sino que en vuestros
casas rebelde, hablaré palabra
cumpliré, dice Jehová el Señor.

26 vino a mí palabra de Jehová,
diciendo:
Hijo de hombre, he aquí que los de
la casa de Israel dicen: La visión que
este profeta nos trae para de aquí a muchos
días, es lejanos tiempos profetiza

28 Diles, por tanto: Así ha
dicho el Señor: No

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FOREWORD

God is working in the midst of the present society and the world today. The God of the Bible hasn't remained hidden between the pages of His "IT IS WRITTEN," and has made himself present in the chapters of the present life and of today's events; this is, to make His name, His power and His deeds known among humans, and to also show His faithfulness in the midst of His people.

Precisely for this reason, it is that the Spirit of God imparts a prophetic word and a promise, to shape the circumstances of the children of God; word that changes life atmospheres and the course of tendencies and prognoses, in such a way that the believer's scenes and history change powerfully for the glory of God, for the fulfillment of His living word, and for the blessing and well-being of their children.

During this season, we have seen the word of *Ezekiel 12:22-23* come alive; Word that says:

"Son of man, what is this proverb you have in the land of Israel: 'The days go by and every vision comes to nothing'? Say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I am going to put an end to this proverb, and they will no longer quote it in Israel.' Say to them, 'The days

are near when every vision will be fulfilled."

This revealed word of God has impacted the mentality of those who have been put under the power of his influence, and has given north and meaning to what we are living. We firmly believe that we have entered a new season, a "time of fulfillment" in which everything that has been in process and long transitions will finish completing and perfecting itself; a time when the crooked will be straightened, the sick will be healed, and the lost will be found.

Dear reader, I encourage you to make this word be yours, to read it, to declare it, to pray it and to grasp it strongly. As the days go by you will experience a visitation from God and a season of miracles will be activated at this time.

May the reading of this book also strengthen you, and make you penetrate a greater understanding and a deeper understanding of the scope of this prophetic word.

Be welcome then, not only to the reading of this book, but be welcome to a 'time of fulfillment'!

INTRODUCTION

*"Son of man, what is this proverb you have in the land of Israel: 'The days go by and every vision comes to nothing'? Say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I am going to put an end to this proverb, and they will no longer quote it in Israel.' Say to them, '**The days are near when every vision will be fulfilled.**'"*

Ezekiel 12:22-23 NIV

IN THE PROPHETIC SCOPE OF THIS WORD, MAKE THE FOLLOWING DECLARATION OF FAITH, ABOUT THE TIME AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH YOU ARE LIVING:

I declare that this season is a 'time of fulfillment' of visions, calls, plans and projects in process.

Long transitions and lengthy processes are over, and I am entering a new season of fulfillment.

Obstacles and hindrances will be removed; and the promises of God, which have been waiting for me, come in due time and to its fulfillment.

I will see creative strategies and designs being activated, those that God will reveal to plant, build, multiply and expand His Kingdom in my life, family, church and nation.

I renounce the sayings of my mouth that bound me and that hindered my course; and I call a time in God, for the fulfillment of delayed dreams and processes.

They will be days of refreshing of the Spirit of God. And they will be times for the emergence of what God designed and promised for my life, family, church and nation.

**THEREFORE, I DECLARE THIS SEASON, A
TIME OF FULFILLMENT!**

CHAPTER 1

TIME OF FULFILLMENT, TIME OF OPPORTUNITIES

The Word of God declares through the word of prophet Ezekiel:

"The days are near, and the fulfillment of every vision."

Ezequiel 12:23b ESV

We read it in the biblical text in the introduction to this book: *"Tell them, therefore: Thus says the Lord GOD ..."* Hence, it is not just a good wish or any kind of saying, nor is it about of a kind and courteous word; it is about God speaking, it is about God saying: ***"Those days are drawing near..."***

This means that the days for your blessing are at hand. That's why I tell you: Get ready, because a season is coming with the best years of your life! Get ready, because the "fulfillment time" in your life has approached! Get ready because that time of fulfillment is a time of opportunities for you!

This is the time when God is spreading His cloak, so that we believers enter a "time of fulfillment." And this is by the grace of God; it is not something that we buy nor is it something

that is sold...It is simply something that comes by the grace of God.

In Biblical days, they had Moses, Elijah, and the other prophets and apostles who imparted word and promise to them for fulfillment; but even today, God continues accompanying His People, guiding His People, giving His People a word, and speaking to His People ... And this word of Ezekiel, kept in the Bible, is a word to appropriate and declare about our lifetime; it is a word of fulfillment for a 'time of fulfillment'.

At the same time, this "time of fulfillment" is a "time of opportunity." Opportunities for now; not for whenever, who knows when. So, don't think about leaving its fulfillment for later; take advantage, then, of this season of fulfillment and opportunities.

Now the big question is this:

How can we activate opportunities in the 'time of fulfillment'?

First of all,

Start asking, seeking and knocking

Maybe you are shy; perhaps you are one of those who get embarrassed when asking for something, looking for something, or knocking on someone else's door. Maybe you say to yourself: "I just don't know what they are going to tell me ..." "But what if they say no ...?" "But

what if it's not for me, and if that's for someone else ..." Yes, maybe you're one of those who give one excuse after another, a pretext after another. But, you know, you need to make a decision!

You need to start to ask, to seek and to knock... You need to let go of your shyness, you need to let go of passivity and a conformist attitude. Yes, because passivity is not compatible with a 'time of fulfillment'; conformism is not compatible with a 'time of fulfillment'; fears are not compatible with a 'time of fulfillment'. You have to rebel - in the good sense of the word - to the state of shyness or passivity in which you are in; you have to come to an agreement with God and begin to ask, to seek, and to knock. You must decide an up to here, to your situation of passivity, conformity, or fear: and begin to activate your will. This is equivalent to moving in faith and for faith, since faith anticipates and acts. If you do so, by the way, you will see great miracles work in your favor.

It was Jesus Christ who told us these words, which were collected by the neo-testamentary author in the Gospel of Matthew. They read:

*"**Ask** and it will be given to you; **seek** and you will find; **knock** and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who **asks** receives; the one who **seeks** finds; and to the one who **knocks**, the*

*door will be opened. "Which of you, if your son **asks** for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he **asks** for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who **ask** him!*

Matthew 7:7-11 NIV

"Ask and it will be given to you..." Note that there is nothing between these two extremes; there is no doubt, there is also no negotiation.

"Seek and you will find..." Also note that there is nothing confusing, there is nothing nebulous in between these two possibilities.

"Knock and the door will be opened to you.

Note very well that there is no other action to take, between knocking and having the door open for you.

There are three clear and precise indications: **"Ask, Seek and Knock"**. Then there are no more actions to take; and the answers are also immediate and precise: **"It will be given to them, they will find it and it will be opened to them."**

I will never forget that crucial week for our church. I said to the senior official at a bank in

my country: —Get me an appointment with the bank president.

He said: —Pastor, well, I'm going to make the appointment, but I warn you that this is going to take several months; He is going to see you in about three or four months.

I said, —Well, make the appointment; Besides, I am here, I'll wait.

That same week she called me in amazement and said: —The president of the bank is waiting for you in his office at two in the afternoon on Thursday of this week.

My legs trembled, my courage was becoming water in my heart!

On the agreed day, I was on my way to the bank. And I clarify, I am a punctual person. For me to be on time is to arrive ten minutes early, anywhere. And although my office was really close to the bank, I found a huge row of cars when I got out there. I was about fifteen or twenty minutes late for the appointment. I thought, that man is going to "eat me alive"; because if I was the one waiting, I would no longer attend to him. This, due to the fact that I am a strict person when it comes to punctuality.

So I was late for the appointment with the president of the bank; and upon entering, I found myself in a large office, which accommodated six times or more, my modest pastoral office. The man, an economy guru of

the Central American countries, spoke to me and said: —What can I do for you, Pastor?"

I said: —Doctor, I want to buy that building that I have seen for our church...

He stared at me very serious. Then he took the phone and started dialing.

I thought to myself, he is going to call security and tell them: Take this loon out of here!

He called someone. A very well dressed guy appeared; towering, very elegant. The president looked at him, very serious as he was, and said to him: —I want you to assist the Pastor, in everything the Pastor needs from the bank.

Then addressing me, he said: —Pastor, it will be a privilege to do business with you and your church.

That is why we are in the magnificent facilities that our church occupies today! Large and modern facilities located in a strategic place in the city.

And the teaching is this: I did not have the resources to acquire that beautiful and enormous building, but I did what this biblical text says: *"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. Because everyone who asks receives; the one who searches, finds; and to the caller, it is opened."* "You realize this? Can you see it?"

And let me remind you of something very important: You are a child of God; God is your Father, and he wants to give you good things; you just have to ask, search and call.

You know, sometimes you can feel like you don't have a sponsor in this life; like someone who has no one to watch over you and resolve our situations of need. In your own case, perhaps, on the path of life, someone made you feel that you are not worth much, that you do not have many possibilities; if so, I can guarantee you something: God sees you as His son! God loves you, and He is your promoter, your protector and your provider. And there is nothing you have to do to deserve his blessings; you are simply His child. And the Bible says that the Good Father gives good things to his children.

Pay attention to the argument of Jesus Christ: "*Which of you, if your son asks for bread, gives him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, does he give him a snake?*" If none of us would do such a thing, how much more our God and Father!

Look what happened to me a few days ago. My children came to dinner at home; it was Christmas time, and there was a power cut in the area, the power went out and we were in the dark. We looked for some candles to light ourselves, and we decided to eat 'pure infantry', without heating the food; and so, we continued

with our party. To liven up the atmosphere, I put on a small Bluetooth speaker, with nice Christmas music, while we were at the table.

My son put his eyes on the speaker with a look that seemed suspicious. He let a few days pass, surely seeing how he could take that speaker out of my hands, without me noticing it. Until one day he said to me:

—Hey, about that speaker you had the other day at dinner! It really sounded good, and the color is nice too...

—Yes—, I said in a sneaky tone. And I turned around.

The days passed; I'm in my reading and prayer room, and I light the speaker, the one with a nice color, nice design and nice sound, and I play nice music while I'm reading. But suddenly, I start to feel uncomfortable; I see the speaker, and I remember my son's words.

He is my son... I like the little speaker, and the music sounds beautiful; but he is my son. So I put the speaker in a gift bag, and took it to my son.

That is exactly what God would do for you! You are His son! Yes, that is what you are to God: His son!!

And look at how Jesus concludes his argument: *"If you, even though you are bad, know how to give good things to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!"*

You know, God is a better Father than me and you. So, you can trust “how much more will his Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!” And to those who look to him, and to those who knock at his door.

So, in this ‘time of fulfillment’ begin to ask, to search and to call.

In second place,

Knock on doors, without any complexes

Consider the following account of Jesus in one of his parables, recorded in the Gospel of Luke. This is how it reads:

*“Then Jesus said to them, “Suppose you have a friend, **and you go to him at midnight** and say, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.’ And suppose the one inside answers, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything.’ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.”*

Luke 11:5-8 NIV

Let's review this biblical text carefully. He begins by saying: **""Suppose one of you goes to a friend's house at midnight..."** You know? The needs in our lives never appear in a timely manner, the problems never come in a good hour, the struggles are not activated in easy hours for us; on the contrary, everything that is complicated, everything that is difficult, everything that interrupts our peace and tranquility, everything that overwhelms us, everything that makes us tremble, all this comes at the worst time of our lives: at midnight. Yes, in general, problems in our lives come at the worst time.

Following the reading: "... at midnight... to ask him to lend him three loaves ..." Sometimes we have to ask for help during a midnight of life.

For example, I had to start a new church at a midnight of my life and ministry; I had to knock on doors at midnight, and I had to do it without complexes, without being embarrassed. The result was formidable: God was precisely there to open the doors that I needed to open.

And let me tell you, no matter what time of your life you start your best project. God does not care about the time, because he is a God who always watches, a God who does not sleep, a God who will be with us every day until the end of the world! God is not impressed or bothered by the time of your life when you undertake your project or seek to meet your

need. So you, do not be impressed or intimidated if the darkness of the night is surrounding you, if it is the worst moment of your life, or if it is the worst situation you have ever lived; do not be impressed or limited by the time of day when you have to go to ask, find and knock on doors. Even if it's midnight, go and do it!

Next we read in the biblical text: "A friend of mine has just come to visit and I have nothing ..." We have all been there, we have all gone through this phrase that appears in the text: "I have nothing." We have all been there. It is when our need finds no way to be supplied, when the problem has no way of being solved, when you feel that you do not have what you need. That phrase is violent, that phrase is relentless, that phrase hits. Look at how the man in the story says it: "*I have nothing to feed him.*"

Keep reading: "Suppose that friend is screaming from the bedroom ..." You know, when you knock on someone's door, there will be people who will not answer you kindly; but don't back down. There will be people who will literally scream at you that they don't care about you, that you are not in their interest, that you are not a priority; and they will make you feel that "*the door is already locked*".

Perhaps many times, in relation to your projects and ventures, they told you that the

door was already closed: financial doors closed, doors of relationships closed, doors of work closed. But I tell you: In this 'time of fulfillment', if you want a promotion and you want a better work situation, even if the door is closed, the Lord can open it for you. How many have been told that the door was already closed, but they decided to keep knocking and knocking, without complexes or embarrassment, and in the end managed to pass? Definitely, only to the many who believed and trusted this word of Jesus Christ.

Following with the reading of the biblical text: "I cannot help you." This phrase is lapidary. And it's not necessarily that people don't want to help us; sometimes it is that people cannot help us. And that hits us hard; it hurts us.

But did it all end there? Did the man in the parable turn around, crestfallen, aching, saddened, defeated? Look at what Jesus says: "*I tell you that, even if you don't do it out of friendship, **if you keep knocking** on the door long enough ...*"

What will happen if you persist? What will happen if you keep knocking on the door "*long enough*"? The account in the parable says that "*he will rise up and give you **what you need** because of your bold insistence.*" Is it your attitude of "**bold insistence**"? Or is it timidity and easy defeat?

Knocking on doors without any complexes is key to activating opportunities. So, knock; and if they don't open, knock again; and keep knocking on the door as long as necessary. For sure, at some point the door will open for you.

In third place,

Don't get stuck, keep going until you finish your race!

This is important, don't get stuck! Do you know what it is to get stuck? It is stopping at some kind of stumbling block, obstacle, or difficulty. Sometimes you get stuck in a bad experience, in a bad chapter lived, in things that people say; but the important thing, to activate opportunities in this 'time of fulfillment', is that you do not get stuck, that you do not stop, that you continue with a firm step advancing towards your goal.

You have to go ahead; don't look back, not even sideways; fix your gaze forward, keep going until you finish your race!

A powerful biblical text that accompanies this proposal is found in the book Acts of the Apostles. It reads:

*"But **none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might **finish my course** with joy, and the ministry which I have***

received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the Gospel of the grace of God.

Acts 20:24 KJ21

"But none of these things move me..."

This is important: Ignoring the things that hinder, become stumbling blocks and hinder, and obstacles to us.

Some time ago, some people close to me said to me: "The Lord found you lying, drugged in the streets, and that is where we are going to find you again." Like saying to me, "You are going to fail, and you are going to end up again in your old life of destruction." I had to move ahead despite those contrary opinions; I had to do what this biblical text says and let: *"...none of these things move me"*.

You must know that there are people who are going to express an opinion about you, who are going to say things about you with reason or without reason, with knowledge or in total ignorance of your person; And there will also be situations that you will live, things that will happen, and that will even mark you with the label of failure. But you must learn to remove that label of failure, and make the determination to "ignore" any of those things, and move forward with the firm conviction and intention to finish your race. And notice how the biblical text says it: ***"of none"***; that is, not even one. If it is something that mortifies you, if it is a thought

that stops you, if it is something that takes away your strength, if it is something that weakens you, if it is something that discourages you, you should not listen to it!!

Let me clarify that this, "**none of these things move**" phrase, is not about adopting an attitude of pride or haughtiness, or of ignoring anything and anybody, or of not receiving any advice or direction from others, but rather to try and stay humble, keeping your eyes on the goal, on what God said he would do with your life; Believing that this is the only thing that is going to happen, and it is the only thing you should expect.

The reading of the biblical text continues: "*as long as I finish my course with joy*" Note that he has a clear goal: to finish his career; but not to end it in any way, but to end it "**with joy**".

In the case of the Apostle Paul, his career is: "*the ministry I received from the Lord Jesus*". In your case, your career has to do with God's design for your life, which surely covers different spheres, such as your call, your family, and your dreams.

And note the final part of the biblical text: "*to bear witness...*" Because that is what God wants; that each miracle, each thing that He does in this 'time of fulfillment', be "**to bear witness to the gospel of the grace of God**".

Well, you should not stay with what God does in your life, and enjoy it alone, for having finished well, but also, bear witness to the world, and in the process glorify the Lord.

So, there are three answers to the question "How to activate opportunities in the" fulfillment time "? Start asking, searching and calling; knock on doors, without complexes. Don't get stuck, keep going until you finish your race!

CHAPTER 2

DIVINE FULFILLMENT VERSUS HUMAN MENTALITY

The Word of God says through the mouth of the prophet Ezekiel:

***"The days are at hand,
and the effect of every vision."***

Ezekiel 12:23b KJ21

This is a prophetic word that has the power to change atmospheres, to transform scenarios, to change circumstances. Believe it, receive it, appropriate it, and take it as God's rule for your life in the current season in which you are living.

But understand this, the 'fulfillment time' is not going to happen aside from you; it is of utmost importance what you are thinking, the attitude you adopt, the will you commit. You need to work alongside God, and in the same direction as Him; and you need to compromise your will to achieve the fulfillments of God in your life. This implies that you must align yourself with God; which means that your will won't go in one direction, and that of God in another. It means that you must work with certain aspects of yourself and your life, if you

don't want fulfillments to be just a movie that you see happen in other people's lives.

Let me warn you: "The best and worst ally of God to bring His fulfillments to your life, is you."

Yes, you can be God's best ally, for Him to be able to bless you, for Him to be able to bring you to fulfillment; but you can also be His worst ally, His worst partner.

There are people who don't even need the evil one to appear, because they themselves work against God's program, God's design for their lives. It is not that they are bad people, no; it's that there is something that does not work well in their heads, it's that there is something that does not work well in their mentalities, in their wills. That's why I say this: the best ally or the worst ally of God for the 'fulfillment time' in your life, can be you.

And listen to this, because it is important: It may be that in order for you to enter the 'time of fulfillment' in your life you will have to - listen to it! -'crush some stone'. Yes! You may need to 'crush some stone' in order to see fulfillments in your life. Why am I saying this? Because 'fulfillment time' is not something that happens to someone', it is not something that 'occurs'; but instead, it is a project where you associate with God. We at home, with my wife Haydeé, we pray every morning about our association or society with God; because we know that the 'fulfillment time' is not something that is going

to happen, but rather, it is something that we are going to work with God, as his collaborators.

And, listen well, because it may be that I am prophesying to you: It may be that you have to 'crush some stones' in your mentality, in your person, in your life! Are you willing to 'stone-crush' your mind, your person and your life? If necessary, you will have to do it, so that this "fulfillment time" that God wants to bring to you, comes to pass.

Concerning the mentality, why do I say that it will be necessary for you to 'crush some stone' in your mind set? Well, let's take a closer look at the text of *Ezekiel 12:22-23* that has been generated by this 'fulfillment time' statement.

We read it again:

*"Son of man, what is that **proverb** that ye have in the land of Israel, saying, 'The days are prolonged, and every vision faileth'? Tell them therefore, 'Thus saith the Lord God: I will make this proverb to cease, and they shall no more use it as a proverb in Israel.' But say unto them, The days are at hand, and the effect of every vision."* (KJ21)

It reads: *"Son of man, what is that **proverb** that ye have..."* Note the allusion to the word **"proverb"**, mentioned by the prophet.

And it continues saying: *"that ye have in the land of Israel, saying, 'The days are prolonged,*

and every vision faileth..." It's almost as if it were saying, "Time passes by and things don't come to pass..."

The text continues: *"Tell them therefore, thus saith the Lord God: I will make this proverb to cease, and they shall no more use it as a proverb..."* Note the reiteration of the word "proverb"; and also note that it is "something that is hindering" the fulfillment that God wants to bring about to His people.

In the prophet's argument we find that there is "something that is getting in the way." The 'time of fulfillment' is certainly near; potentially, it can reach your life, it can reach your scenarios, it can reach your history; but there is 'something that is hindering'; and the prophet says that this "something" is a "proverb". Yes! What is hindering is a proverb. However, God, always speaking through the prophet, says that "He will stop this proverb", so that what is expected can come, that is, so that the "time of fulfillment" of any project, of every plan, and every vision in your life.

You may be asking yourself, a proverb? What do you mean by a proverb? A proverb can be defined as a commonly used saying.

And what does this proverb represent? It represents the way a people think. You can get to know people by the way they speak. It only takes me five minutes of conversation with

someone, to know what their condition is in depth.

Basically, because people show their mentality in their way of speaking. And when the prophet says that this saying/proverb is hindering, what he is saying is that "there is a way of thinking of people that hinders the "time of fulfillment "of the vision of God."

Perhaps you, for the first time, have to seriously think that the greatest hindrance of God is yourself! It is not the devil, therefore, do not rebuke him. Don't fast, it's not about that; it's best to deal with your life; the root of your problems may be in you!

With this, I am not telling you that you do not have to make a spiritual warfare against the evil one, I am not telling you that fasting is bad, of course not! What I am saying is that you can do many spiritual exercises, but without neglecting the 'stone crushing' in you, in your way of thinking. So, many times the hindrance for the "fulfillment time" to come is the way people think. In other words, your thoughts.

In these sayings to which the prophet refers, an impoverished mentality with weak arguments is contained. Do you know what a person said to me, not many days ago? "Pastor René, the decisions I make are not lasting. I was reading a little book of yours from Realidades/Realities, where you talk about the people whose decisions don't last... and I thought that's the way I am..."

It made me want to give him this forceful answer: "If you know that, what are you going to do about it? If you know you are the problem, when are you going to do something to change that?"

So there are things that come into our lives by God's mere anointing, of course they do! But, there are things that only come by force of firm decision and hard work; each with his own life, in the internal struggles that are specific to each individual. These struggles and battles must be fought by the hand of God and in God's way.

So, what are these sayings, to which the prophet refers to, which reflect an impoverished mentality: what do they do about divine fulfillments? They oppose them. Yes, they oppose 'fulfillment time'.

Surely you have read what Paul wrote in one of his letters to the Corinthians. In it, he speaks on "fortresses that must be destroyed", and explains that they are "wrong arguments that enslave people, and put them under arrest." Hence the importance of checking yourself 'if what you are thinking, is a good thought'; to verify 'if your way of arguing at the face of the adversities of life, or in the face of your dreams and your projects is correct, or you are only evidencing an impoverished mentality and some weak arguments that, in the end, will end up opposing the fulfillment of the will divine in your life. '

Going a little deeper into this, there are three mentalities that resist that "fulfillment time." They are mentalities that must be eradicated, they must be attacked and sabotaged in your person. Yes, you will have to dynamite the wrong mentalities in your life. Finish them off! Stop nourishing that mentality, what that needs is to be destroyed. These three types of mentality are:

The defeat mentality

It involves the attitude of those who have no faith in victory. There are those who have not started the project, and already say: "Nothing good is going to happen here, I am sure ...". They do not believe in victory; they just don't believe in it. And you know, defeat is something you learn. If you grew up with defeatist people, you are defeatist too, or at least you are prone to be one. If you walk with a defeatist person, or if you are married to a defeatist, you will end up sickening your own mentality; because defeatism spreads, it is like a bacteria or a contagious germ. Defeatism is like bitterness; bitterness, according to the Bible, contaminates the people around them; those around a bitter person end up bitter; and those who live together, and sleep and eat with a defeatist, end up living in defeat too.

The pessimistic mentality

Pessimism is the propensity to see and judge things in their worst aspect. I don't even want to go to the corner with a pessimist. If it were up to the pessimists we would not be here, in these magnificent ecclesiastical facilities, and in this formidable location. I remember that I had an administrative commission for several years, and they were afraid of this project to buy a church building; I think they said to themselves: "No, it's impossible; This can't be like this..."; and they did a lot of numbers and operations on a blackboard, to try to show that we could not make the payments and get ahead. I remember that we even went to see another place, which was half the size of what it was intended for, and half the price; but I said: —No, of course we can!

And it is that - I repeat - pessimism is a propensity to only see the negative aspect, the unfavorable aspect of things. Do you want to succeed? Do you really want to see the fulfillment of God in your life? Break down all pessimism! Don't be pessimistic, or associate with pessimists!

The fatalistic mentality

Fatalism is a resigned attitude of the person, who does not see the possibility of changing the course of adverse events. I opened Facebook, after Mr. Trump ordered to drop bombs, where

the famous Iranian general Qasem died, and I found many Christians alarmed saying that "there is nothing to do, that total destruction has come, it's the apocalypse..." Well, the apocalypse is coming! I said, "But may the apocalypse find us working, living, find us moving forward." I am apocalyptic in the aspect of waiting for Christ to come, and fix this world; but I do not have a frightened, fatalistic attitude. The Lord said that He wanted to find His servants working when He returned. And that's what I do, I keep working.

So there are three types of mindsets that resist the divine fulfillment in our lives. Let's see a good example of these mentalities in the Gospel of John. It reads:

"When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?" — "Sir," the invalid replied, "I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me."

John 5:6-7NIV

You know, this makes me mad when I read this. Jesus asked him such a beautiful question: "Would you like to...?" Because, there are many things that I would like; for the church, for my

life, for my wife, for my children, my grandchildren, for my pastors...

What a question! —*"Would you like to be healed?"*

It is as if Jesus asked me: —René, would you like good things to happen in your life?

Of course, I would like to!

What a positive question, so optimistic and so hopeful that Jesus asks this man! But notice what the man answers. Note these phrases in the biblical text: *"I just can't ... I don't have anyone ... Someone always comes before me."* This response in a man denotes those mentalities that I previously described (defeat, pessimistic, fatalistic)".

I have heard many times expressions like these: *"Another comes before me"*, *"Another takes my place"*, *"They gave the promotion to a guy who did not deserve it"*, *"I serve the time they require in the company, but the promotion was given to someone else."* You will have to learn to overcome this line of thought and response, if you want a "fulfillment time" to come into your life. Because, even though it is true that many adverse situations occur, you will have to learn to be above them, and not below them. You are not under a boss, you are not under those who do not want you in your workplace, you are not under your neighbor who hates you and criticizes you. You are on top of

all that, because you walk hand in hand with God!

And it's that single phrase, "*I cannot*", is like pronouncing a curse! This form of response, by the way, draws the mentality of the people in our country, Honduras: "*I can't*", "*I just don't have anyone*"; and so we live, from international alms, to always occupy the last places. And, why not move from that lousy mentality and attitude, and begin to rise as other people have? We have to change! We have to break with that curse of "*I can't*", with that curse of "*I have nobody*". Forgive me, if it offends you that I talk to you like that! But I didn't have anyone either. And here I am, because I had the one I needed to be by my side, his name is Jesus; it is the same that is with you, and it is the same yesterday, today and forever.

Now, on the other hand, there is a mentality that favors 'fulfillment time'. I prayed, and I asked God for it. I said, "Give me a mindset that favors that 'fulfillment time' in my life. Lord, I do not want to come to whine to pray for what hurts me, nor be drenched with frustration; Lord, I want to come to drink from your anointing, I want to come to fill myself with Your presence, I want to come to strengthen my spirit. Nor do I want to come and stir a broth of 'the same, all the time' in my prayers. I want to have a mindset that favors that 'fulfillment time' in my life!"

Do you also want to have that mentality?
Say you do!

Look at this example in the Word of God, in the book of the Acts of the Apostles. It reads:

*"Now the **Berean Jews were of more noble character** than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message **with great eagerness** and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true."*

Acts 17:11 NIV

*"Those from Berea" —it's referring to believers in a certain location— "**were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica**", — so they — "**received the message with great eagerness ...**"*

Perhaps you are one of those who pass the message of the Word through a kitchen funnel of pain, through a processor of failures, through the sieve of losses; but, it should not be like this! It seems pious, but it is not; it seems pious to receive the Word of God, and pass it through one's pain, failure, or loss, but it is not. On the contrary, it is absurd, it is silly.

Do you know why it was so difficult for me to affirm myself in the Gospel, when the Lord reached me in 1972? Because I was passing the Word of God through my pain processes. I suffered from very malignant diseases in my childhood: schizophrenia, epilepsy, bipolarity. I was a strange boy 'at school, I was 'a creepy'

(lonely, dark, strange); nobody wanted to join me; I grew up friendless, lonely. After that stage, the Gospel reached me in 1972; but it was until then in 1975 when I began to put my feet on the Rock; and I spent those three years fighting and skating in the Christian life. Why? Because the Word of God passed through the funnel of my pains, my anguishes, my fears, my insufficiency, my weakness, my illnesses.

That is why it is important to note what it means to have a mentality which is favorable to divine fulfillments, such as those of Berea, according to the verse we read: "*They **enthusiastically** listened to the message.*" What translates as "*enthusiasm*" in this phrase, comes from the Greek "*protumia*", whose different meanings of the word are: predisposition, readiness, or a ready or willing mind.

Let us consider only the first meaning, "predisposition." What is being predisposed? It is when you, psychically, arrive conditioned to a place. For example, when you come to church and say: "I am sad ..." "I am depressed ..." "In my case, praise will not touch me ..." "Nor will prayers touch me ..." "It is just God and I know how I feel these days..." "I am in a spiritual 'slump', so this is not going to be for me..." This can be called a negative predisposition.

In contrast, in the context of this verse, "*protumia*" is an entirely positive, entirely

optimistic, and faith predisposition. It is when you go to church, positively predisposed towards the favorable, towards faith; and not towards your pains, your losses, or your failures.

Perhaps you need the effect "*protumia*" in your person, in your spirit; perhaps you need that predisposition towards the good of

God. Because, when you are predisposed in that way, there is speed in your spirit, in your mind, your heart is ready! So, you may need to ask for "*protumia*" from heaven. Yes, ask God! Ask God for the "*protumia*" that you are lacking.

In the King James translation of this verse, we read that the Bereans "*received the word with every request*". I like this translation "*with all solicitude*", because it implies receiving with full predisposition and with enthusiasm the Word of the Lord.

A decision to make:

What is the decision we must make? You must propose to believe that this is a "time of fulfillment" for you. You must take hold of this prophetic word, and understand that it is not a slogan that you are hearing out there and that you must repeat. You must appropriate this word for yourself; not for those around you, but for you. Yes, you who are in the middle of the people! You, who believe that nobody recognizes you and nobody cares! You, who believe that nobody is thinking of you! Receive this prophetic

word as something that comes from the heart of God to your heart that comes from the Spirit of God to your spirit. Make this prophetic word something that you must always carry with you, something that no one can take from you because it is for you.

What is the decision we must make? You must decide to walk in the same direction of the Lord. You must activate the spark of your will and make *"cease this saying, and not repeat this saying again"*. You must stop the sayings of all defeatist, pessimistic or fatalistic mentality, and leave them on the altar of God, so that the "time of fulfillment" comes to your life.

If you are short-tempered, if you underestimate yourself, if the bad that has happened to you has convinced you that only bad things happen to you; you have to decide to end that. Admit that you need *"protumia"*, that you need to fill yourself with that spiritual vigor that comes from God, and then you will be able to cut with all negative mentality that is not according to the "times of fulfillment".

In the verse in Ezekiel 12:23, we find the words *"tell them"*. This is an invitation from God for you to speak to yourself, to say to yourself: *"Those days have come, and the fulfillment of all vision."* So, tell it to your emotions, tell it to your feelings, tell it to your arguments, and tell it to your justifications! Tell yourself! Taking authority over yourself, over your mentality, over your

actions, over your bad habits. That *"tell them"* is for you; As long as you do not speak to yourself with the correct words, as long as you do not take authority over yourself, God will be detained, and there will be no "fulfillment time" in your life.

These will come until you tell the person within you what you should tell him, what Ezekiel prophesies: "Those days are at hand, and the fulfillment of all vision." Then, you can also tell those who walk with you, your spouse, your children, your companions, your friends ... Yes, you can do it. What's more, make this a mission in your life!

CHAPTER 3

KEYS FOR DIVINE FULFILLMENT

The Word of God says through the mouth of the prophet Ezekiel:

***"The days are near
when every vision will be fulfilled.***
Ezekiel 12:23 NIV

But pay attention! Let me remind you that 'fulfillment time' is not something that happens regardless of what happens in your mind, heart and attitudes; therefore, you have to learn to associate with God, to collaborate with Him in the fulfillment of the vision and of the plans and projects that He has for your life.

In this chapter I want to teach you how to take advantage of the prophetic statement that you have read in the Introduction of this book, and that you have confessed and believed. Because, you can declare it a thousand times, but if you do not associate with God properly, if you do not give due support to this prophetic declaration, it will not happen from there, and it will only be words that are said.

So, I want to tell you about some keys that make the fulfillments of God in your life possible.

I want to address this topic with a Bible reading that tells us about this. We find it in the book of Proverbs. It reads like this:

"Hold on to instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life."

Proverbs 4:13 NIV

Give heed to the words and phrase that I emphasize in bold print: **"Hold on", "do not let it go", "it is your life"**.

What if you read it out loud? Say it: "Hold on", "do not let it go", "it is your life".

They mean that this biblical text gives you authorization, gives you permission, to delve and search for God's promises, to seek the fulfillment of your projects, your dreams, your vision. Because, you must know, if it doesn't hurt you and it doesn't hurt your neighbor, you can ask God, and God can give it to you; just make sure you are not asking for something that hurts you, something that is for your wrong or someone else's wrong.

So, with the power that this biblical text gives you; that speaks to you of clinging to the instructions, of not letting go of those instructions, of taking good care of God's instructions, because **"they are the key to your life"**. Consider, then, the keys that make divine fulfillments possible, and which I propose below.

First key,

Have a simple and obedient faith

It is not easy to be simple, I am not. My biggest difficulty in life was having put too much head into things. I do not have a simple attitude; I have had to learn simplicity, because with God complicated people complicate everything. If you are a complicated man, or if you are a complicated woman, I can tell you, without fear of being wrong, that you lead a life that is too rough, with many ups and downs. Because, the lack of simplicity complicates people and complicates their lives.

Well, simplicity and obedience are required for divine fulfillment to become possible in your life. And this, although it is easily said, is not an easy thing to do.

To be simple and obedient you need to fight against yourself, you need to overcome pride and haughtiness. —Why? —you will ask yourself.

What is the opposite of faith? Or rather, what is the opposite of simplicity? Complexity, complication, entanglement.

What is the opposite of obedience? Independence, rebellion, an autonomy that with God is not valid. You can pretend to be autonomous with respect to people and human situations, but with God autonomy does not work; you have to be dependent on Him, you have to be obedient to Him.

So, simple and obedient faith is required for divine fulfillment to become possible in your life.

Consider how faith is presented in this text of the letter to the Hebrews. It reads:

*"Now faith is **confidence** in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."*

Hebrews 11:1 NIV

Faith is not about being given evidence first, not that you can see it first; because if you verify it and verify it first, then it is no longer faith. It is faith because you do not see it yet, it is faith because you do not have it yet, it is faith because you have not yet reached it; in such a way that you cannot have faith in what you already have in your hands, in what you already received.

Rather, faith is the security of receiving what is expected. And pay attention to that: "it is to be convinced of what is not seen". What is your vision, what is your dream for this season in your life? What things do you want to solve? What things do you want to achieve? What things do you want to accomplish? What things do you want to complete that you have in halves in your life? Well, you need that simple faith that tells you that you have "the security of receiving what is expected", that conviction that is spiritual, not the Thomas conviction of "until I see, I won't believe" (Thomas said: I will

believe in Jesus if I put my hands on my side and delve into the emptiness, where the cut on his skin is and where the open sore remains). It cannot be so; if so, it is not faith. You have to be convinced; and this, humanly speaking, is absurd. You have to be convinced, convinced, of what you still don't see ... That is a simple faith!

Another biblical text that speaks to us of a simple and obedient faith is found later, in the same letter to the Hebrews, it reads:

*"...Because **anyone** who comes to him **must** believe that he exists and that he **rewards** those who earnestly seek him.*

Hebrews 11:6 NIV

Note that I highlight "must" (in bold) in the biblical text; and if it says "must/it is necessary", you cannot abolish it, you cannot ignore it. And what is so important, that this author of the Bible says that there is something that is a "must/ necessary"? What does he mean? Well, he says that "it is necessary that he who comes to God believe that there is one..." That is, if you approach God it is because you believe that there is God, that God exists. Something totally sensible, because you cannot say "God, help me!", If you do not believe that God exists.

This is the first thing the text says; but look at what he says next, and that it is also necessary, or rather that it is of paramount importance, because you and I believe in God;

but perhaps the obstacle to our faith may be that it is also necessary to believe that God "rewards those who seek Him." Because, there are those who believe in God, but do not believe that God is going to bless them; They are those who do not have problems with the first, but with the second; and they admit: "I believe that God exists, what I find hard to believe is that God is going to bless me, and that I am going to solve that problem, and that I am going to come out of that very long transition, and that I am finally going to the goal, and that I will be able to have what I am seeking from the hand of God... "

You must believe, then, not only that God exists, but also, believe that there is a God who is good, who rewards, who grants gifts, who blesses those who seek Him. That he is God the Father, who gives to his children.

Consider these two examples of that "simple and obedient faith that is moved by what he hears from God". The first is Noah, the second is Abraham. Two biblical characters, who offer us two examples of simple and obedient faith. See that this is important, because we are talking about a prophetic declaration for a "time of fulfillment" in your life. And you have to go and dive in for what is yours; it is your portion, it is the fulfillment of your vision, your dreams, your projects. It is a time for you, and if you don't

take your portion, it will stay there, without anyone taking it.

Let's look at the example of Noah. The letter to the Hebrews tells us regarding Noah, that:

*"By **faith** Noah, when **warned** about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to **save his family.**"*

Hebrews 11:7 NIV

We note here that God warns Noah, God speaks to him. Similarly, a prophetic statement is a voice from God, who warns us, who speaks to us; It is God speaking to us, putting in our spirit and in our hearts what He wants to do in our lives.

We see Noah, "**warned by God**" about things not yet seen; and he, with fear, "prepared the ark". Do you know what that is? It is 'move by a word', it is 'act by a word'. And to move for a word, Noah had to have acted simply and obediently. God commanded him to build an ark in the middle of nowhere; not in the middle of the sea, nor close to a port, which makes sense, but God commanded him to build it in the middle of the mainland: "Make yourself an ark because I want to do a wonderful thing of salvation!" And Noah, with simple and obedient faith, and with fear, "prepared the ark in which his house would be saved."

Let me tell you something: there are things you have to prepare. If this is a 'time of

fulfillment' for you, do not think it is just to reach out and be waiting 365 days a year. No, you have to associate with God to make God's fulfillments happen. There are things that I must prepare, and nobody can replace me; there are things that you must prepare, and nobody can replace you. My wife, the woman who is by my side every day, we have been married for 46 years, she cannot replace me, nor can I replace her. Each one must discover what kind of preparation they have to do to make that 'fulfillment time' happen; and to do it like Noah, "prepared the ark" with simple and obedient faith.

The other example is Abraham. The following is said of him, always in the letter to the Hebrews:

*"**By faith** Abraham, **when called** to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, **obeyed and went**, even though he did not know where he was going..."*

Hebrews 11:8 NVI

How does God call you? He gives you a word. This is how God calls you.

And we see in these two examples of Noah and Abraham, that they do not get entangled with the Word that God gives them, but they move, they act immediately. Noah moved to get boards, to get the moorings and everything he

got; and to see how he managed to understand the design that God gave him to make the ark. Abraham, likewise, did not stay trying to interpret or find out more about what God had told him, about the call that God had made to him; but "he obeyed to go out to the place that he was to receive as an inheritance."

It is nice to receive an inheritance from God. Do you want to receive an inheritance from God? Surely you do. But I warn you: do not wait for the 'time of fulfillment' to come and visit you, but rather, you must go out to meet those divine fulfillments of your vision, your dreams and your life projects.

How to encounter it? Well, I already prepared a new place of prayer in my house for this time. And I don't know where I'm going, in human terms; but in spiritual terms, God has told me that it will be a season of fulfillment. And I know I don't have as much time as many others; So, I'm in a hurry. I am not going to wait for the 'fulfillment time' to come visit me, but rather, I am going to meet it. And I will do the same as Abraham; being called, I will obey when leaving the place that I will receive as an inheritance, even if I leave without knowing where I am going; and I don't care, because the issue is not 'where am I going', but rather, God is next to me, He's Jesus Christ.

And I highlight this to close this first key: Both Noah and Abraham, in both cases, acted

with simple faith and obedience to a prophetic word!

So, obey God this 'fulfillment time' word, and you will rejoice in the abundant blessing that you will have.

Second Key,

Understand and abide by the relationship between prophecy, vision, and God's direction

By this I mean that not only should it 'go in one ear and come out the other', as the popular saying says, but it is about understanding and abiding. Understand and abide by what? The relationship between three factors that are faces of the same issue: "prophecy", "vision" and "direction" of God. There is a very intimate connection or a direct connection between a prophetic word, with the vision of our life, and with the direction of God. And you have to discern this link, you have to understand this connection; that is to say, we must learn about how the prophetic word is related, with the vision of our life and with the direction of God.

I will explain it to you in light of a biblical text from the book of Proverbs. It reads:

"Without prophetic vision people run wild..."

Proverbs 29:18 GW

Do you know what this text is saying to you? That if you do not have a prophetic word/vision you are going to run wild; that is, without brakes, maddened, scattered everywhere.

As a church, God gives us a word every season; to have a north, to have a feeling that strengthens us, so we can all go in the same direction. For without prophecy, we lose our way, we faint.

Without a prophetic word, you will begin to make up what to do with your affairs, what to do with your life, what to do with your children, what to do with your money; you will spend asking if you come or go, if you buy or sell. You will begin to make up things to do or walk from here to there aimlessly, because "without prophecy the people run wild."

Another version translates this same text as:
*"Where there is no **revelation**, people cast off restraint..."*

Proverbs 29:18 NIV

This is the same text that in the GW the word was translated as "prophecy", here in the NIV, it is translated as "vision". And it makes sense. Do you know why? Because when you receive a prophetic word, a vision begins to form in your heart. And it is that the vision of life has to be given to you by a word from God; not your heart, not your ambitions. For example: you can start comparing yourself to an office mate, and

formulate a plan to see if you achieve the same thing that that colleague did. But, you know, you're going to be insane if you do that. What you need is a word from God to define the vision for your life.

And you know what? You can go to church every week to receive a word from God that begins to shape a vision for your life.

Look at what we are reading: "*Without **prophecy** the people run wild ...*" "*Where there is no **vision**, the people go astray ...*" It is the relationship "prophecy" - "vision" that should be scrutinized. When you receive a prophetic word, you have another vision of life, your home, your family, your profession, your life activity, everything yours.

And the third side of this matter, we see in another version of this same text from Proverbs. It reads:

"Where there is ignorance of God, crime runs wild..."

Proverbs 29:18 TLB

Hence, a prophetic word is divine direction; a vision in our hearts must be at the helm or direction of God in our lives.

I have already lived long enough to have invented projects along the path of my life. Do you know what happened to some of those projects? They got lost. And I still remember them with that frustration of when something is

lost or ruined. Yes, when a project is ruined or spoiled it is because of God's lack of direction, and it ends in debauchery. Believe me, I have already been there, I have already experienced that. And I give you some advice as a warning: Not seeking out God's direction, is really bad business.

So, there is a relationship that you must understand and abide by regarding a prophetic word. A vision begins to be carved in your heart, all your desires begin to be purified, and all your ambitions begin to make an alloy with the desires of God. And then your vision of things that are not of God for you will be refined, they will be left out; your vision is being purified, your vision is being crystalized, with what comes from God through a prophetic word. And that is having God's direction; that's having a guide map; that is truly having a life project.

Third Key,

Understand and accept the validity of the prophetic word

This requires obedience and discernment. I always try to teach this in my messages in the pulpit: We have to know how to differentiate between a good wish and a prophetic word. Some give you a word, but they are only giving you the good wish of their hearts. It is not a word that really comes from God; maybe it won't hurt you, but it's not from God either; it's

just that people sometimes confuse that line that separates the divine will from good desire, and with good intentions they tell you: "Brother, God has told me that He is going to bless you."

You must learn not to confuse people's good wishes with a word from God. A prophetic word does not come from the heart of someone who wants to bless you; a prophetic word comes from the mouth of God placed in someone else's mouth. And for this you need to understand and accept the validity of that prophetic word.

For that matter, a prophetic word is not a motto. A motto is a short phrase to remember, a topic or a theme; well, a motto remains as a reminder. But a prophetic word is a word received from the Spirit of God, with the power to do at least three things in our life: change environments or atmospheres, transform scenarios and change the course of events.

When with my wife we sit down to have a coffee in the morning and pray to our God, I feel an atmosphere of blessing, I feel that I pray with more freedom, I feel that I do not pray between my teeth, I feel that we are united, and we receive the word of God. It is a word that is moving us, that changes the atmosphere of our life.

Also, the prophetic word transforms scenarios; there are things in life that are going to change, there are things that God is going to

move from one place to another on the stage of our life, because He wants to bless us.

Furthermore, a prophetic word changes the course of events. There are events, already in process in our lives, that have a marked trend; but God can change it. God changes the inclinations or proclivities of certain events with a tendency to fail in one thing or another, or with a tendency to impoverishment, or a tendency to conflict.

Understand and accept, then, that God can change the atmosphere, the setting and the course of the events of your life, of your family, of your projects; and for this he will give you a prophetic word, such as this of a 'time of fulfillment' of the vision, plans and projects for your life.

Look how the Apostle Peter explains it in one of his letters. It reads:

*"We have also a **more sure word** of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye **take heed**, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first that no prophecy of the scripture is of any **private interpretation**. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."*

2 Pedro 1:19-21 KJV

Notice how the Apostle Peter describes a prophetic word; as "safer". Can you hold on to a prophetic word? Of course! Just make sure it's a word that comes from Heaven.

The Apostle Peter continues saying, that the prophetic word is something "to which you do well to be attentive." So in this time you have to be attentive to the fulfillments of God. Do you want to change jobs? Watch for the signs that will appear. Do you want some guidance to make a decision? Pay attention to the voice of God.

Here, the Apostle Peter says that it is good to be attentive, and he does know what he is talking about. He received a word of revelation about Christ, and before long he was lost denying this same Christ. He was not attentive, and he had to cry and repent because he was not attentive; he did not know how to be attentive when they began to ask him about Jesus, and he with oaths and curses denied it. So, you have to learn to read the circumstances that are happening in your life well. You have to read the moments you are living well. You have to be vigilant!

Also, the Apostle Peter tells us that a prophetic word is "like a torch that lights in a dark place." And of course a prophetic word can light up your life! Of course!! How many times, being distressed, feeling defeated or with the Enemy taking me by the neck, I received a

prophetic word that lit up my life! Do you know how the church I preside was born? With a word that God gave me. Yes, I received a word from God in my darkest days. If you ask me what has been my greatest tribulation in my adult life, I will tell you that it was when I received a word from God to start this church. They were days of darkness for me, of failure, of defeat; and with the devil in my ear, telling me that I was rubbish.

But check again what the Apostle Peter says in this biblical text; that the prophetic word is like "a torch that lights up in a dark place, until the day becomes clear and the morning star rises in your hearts." And I highlight the phrase "**until**", because it warns us that we must see that it is a "safer" word, that we must "be vigilant", and that we have to allow it to "shine" in our darkness, "until" we see clearly our life and circumstances and the light of Christ lights our hearts.

Let's notice that a prophetic word is going to illuminate you inside, it is going to ignite your heart. But, while you are still in darkness, while you still walk in sin, while you are still in rebellion, your life and your heart will be in darkness, in shadows.

Hence, you need the morning star to light your heart, that daylight may be clear for you. Maybe you have big problems to solve, and this prophetic declaration of a "time of fulfillment"

tells you that something wonderful can happen in your life, that things can change; and you begin to dream of the "until" of God.

And perhaps you are still in darkness, because your problems are so great that you feel that you are not living by day but by night; but you have your hope placed on the prophetic word... And when you understand and apply that it is a sure prophetic word, and you are attentive to it 24 hours a day, and you understand that it is a torch that lights you in the dark, then you will see that day when the darkness is gone, the day illuminates, the morning star shines in your heart ... and the "time of fulfillment" comes into your life!

And look at what the Apostle Peter adds in the text we read earlier:

*"Knowing this first that no prophecy of the scripture is of **any private interpretation.**" (v.20 KJV).*

Or as it reads in another version:

*"Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's **own interpretation of things.**" (v.20 NIV.)*

Hence, a "time of fulfillment" does not come from someone's "personal understanding", but comes from God.

Therefore, you must be careful not only to make a prophetic statement, but also, you must declare the biblical text that supports it, the text that originates and nurtures it. If you don't, you will only be declaring good wishes for your life.

And in addition to reading the word, you must appropriate it, that is, appreciate it as an "IT IS WRITTEN" of God. For if there is no "IT IS WRITTEN" of God to support the prophetic word; if it does not come directly from the Holy Scriptures; then it will only be a good wish for your life. And you should not settle for just good wishes for your life, but, you must long for a prophetic word that directs your life.

Following the reading of the biblical text, the Apostle Peter tells us:

*"For prophecy never came by the **will of man**, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit."* (v.21 NKJV).

Or how it is read in another version:

*"For prophecy never had its origin in the **human will**, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit."* (v.21 NIV).

So it is not by human will or initiative that a prophetic word comes, but it is the Holy Spirit

who inspires or prompts the prophets to speak for God.

I encourage you to receive from God a 'time of fulfillment' on your life; and to declare it about your life, but not as a motto or a good wish, but as a prophetic declaration that comes from the heart of God, and that the Holy Spirit prompts you to prophesy it about your life ... And that soon you will see it happen in your life. For this, I offer you these three keys: Have a simple and obedient faith; Understand and abide by the relationship between prophecy, vision, and God's direction; Understand and accept the validity of the prophetic word.

CHAPTER 4

INCENTIVES FOR TIMES OF FULFILLMENT

The Word of God says through the mouth of the prophet Ezekiel:

"The days are at hand, and the effect of every vision."

Ezekiel 12:23 KJV

Sometimes we hear a word or a promise from God, but we do not feel that our spirit is accompanying that word, that promise. And, because we are human, sometimes we become discouraged, we lose our spiritual rhythm; sometimes we feel like we're way back in line. And we see other blessed people enjoying their goals and accomplishments. But in our case, our will does not work well, and from our perspective life does not look as hopeful.

So, that's where the theme of this chapter comes from. But it arises to encourage you, it arises so that you have a spiritual incentive'; and you can tone your spirit, and put yourself at the rhythm of God in this 'time of fulfillment'.

What is an 'incentive', exactly? An incentive "is a stimulus that motivates people to want or do something, or to improve performance." Hence, a stimulus can move you to want

something or to do something. Perhaps you are not very sure that you can do it, that you can do it, or that you have the necessary strength or resources; but with an incentive, that is, with a stimulus, you can be moved to desire it, to do it, or to improve your performance to achieve it.

Maybe you need to improve your life management; perhaps that management is deficient because of those imperfections that we all have, that we all carry. But, believe me, a spiritual incentive can help you improve your life management. Let me remind you, that a 'time of fulfillment' is not something that happens to you, but rather, it is something that you achieve with God, going hand in hand with Him. Yes! You are a partner of God in the project 'time of fulfillment' for your life, and that requires that you improve your life management, that is, that you live in the way of God and according to the Word of God.

Well, with this in-depth explanation, let's tackle the topic "Incentives for a 'time of fulfillment":

First incentive,

If you are not starting well at all...

You are not failing, you are growing

If you're not starting your 'fulfillment time' quite well - because that's the way it is, sometimes you have a difficult start - that doesn't mean it won't end wonderfully well.

However, sometimes it happens that we start a season with a good word or a good promise from God; but when we look at what is happening in our lives, when we look at the setting of our circumstances, we end up saying to ourselves: "I don't know, but I'm not doing as well as it is supposed to be according to this word, according to this promise."

"Well, if this is your case, this incentive is for you: "If you are not starting well at all ... it does not mean that you are failing, it means that you are growing." That is to say, it does not mean that something bad is happening in your 'fulfillment time', but it simply means that you are growing. Sometimes, growth has this reality as an implication: "growth, hurts"; and sometimes things happen that disturb, that annoy, that mortify us. But this does not mean that something bad is happening, but simply that you are growing!

So don't be mortified or feel guilty! It's best to learn, and grow! You should not blame yourself, if you are not starting your "fulfillment time" well. Better yet, decide to learn, to grow. Keep going! Grow in the Lord!!

Consider this scripture passage in the letter that the Apostle Paul wrote to believers in Rome:

*"Not only so, but we also glory in our **sufferings**, because we know that suffering **produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and***

character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame..."

Romans 5:3-5a NIV

"We also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces..." this is how the text begins. "Knowing", this is an important word in this scripture passage. You see, if you do not 'know' something personally, it does not matter if others know it. This "we know" has to be personal. This "we know" corresponds to the revelation of God to your spirit ... And here it appears in the context of rejoicing in the face of trials and difficulties ... something that can only "be known" in an experiential and personal way.

And why face trials and difficulties with a happy spirit? For what you 'know', for that revealed knowledge. If you don't know it, you get depressed, you get anxious; but if you know it, if that has been revealed to you, then you face trials and difficulties differently, with joy.

"They help us develop endurance ..." continues the text. This phrase is also important. God wants, not only to bless you, not just to give you what you long for; He also wants you to grow, to develop special abilities. In this case, you develop "endurance". God wants this for you, because He loves you; but He does not want you to remain a spiritual child. God wants you to be a spiritual adult. And for this, it allows, sometimes, certain delays in your fulfillment,

certain difficulties in your life, to help you develop resistance. And that is crucial to victory!

Maybe you are made of 'glass', one of those 'that breaks easily'; and you need resistance. We live in the XXI century; one of the worst times for humanity, in all areas and in all senses. And this requires of us, the children of God, a lot of endurance. There is oppression in the jobs, there is oppression in the areas where we live, there is economic oppression, there is political oppression, there is oppression in terms of public health; there is oppression everywhere. These are difficult days for humanity, God is dealing with the world; therefore, it is required of us to have resistance/endurance, to be firm, to be victorious. And to develop that endurance, we need to know how to face certain tests and difficulties.

So, don't complain; nor go around saying that God has abandoned you, or that the 'time of fulfillment' will be for others, but not for you... No, it is not! Simply, God is making you grow, He is developing endurance in you.

"And endurance develops firmness of character ..." Some are too fluctuating, emotionally unstable, and need firmness of character. There are others who have firmness of character in one area of their life, but not in another; they also need firmness of character. I think we all need it, in one way or another. Maybe you have firmness of character raising

your children, but if you have an economic problem you will fall apart. Or perhaps you have a firm character in the face of the pressures of work, but as soon as you get sick your spirits begin and your faith fluctuates.

In what area of your life, do you need firmness of character? Will it be in the area of your interpersonal relationships? Or will it be in some other aspect such as health, money, work? For in this passage we are told that these problems and difficulties help us develop "endurance," and that endurance develops in us "firmness of character."

And the passage concludes by saying: "*And character strengthens our sure hope of salvation.* And that hope will not end in disappointment... "

I prophesy it to you, I declare it to you: This 'time of fulfillment' will not end in disappointment! You will not end in frustration! You'll end up happy, thanking the Lord!

Second incentive,

If your mind is overwhelmed by negative ideas, think...

Nothing can destroy iron, except its own oxide

Who doesn't get negative ideas? Ideas like: "I am going to die", "I am going to get sick", "I am going to be fired from my job", "my children are going to get lost in the path of life"; in short,

hundreds of negative ideas, full of pessimism and disappointment that like an avalanche can saturate our minds. The truth is that when it comes to negative ideas, the possibilities are truly endless.

If your mind is overwhelmed by negative ideas, think about this: "Nothing can destroy iron except its own oxide."

It means that it is you, only you, who can complicate your life. Yes, you, not other people, but only yourself. I will say it differently: "You can be your worst enemy." Yes, you, not your boss, not your spouse, not your enemies, not your adversaries, not those who criticize you, not those who don't love you, but only yourself.

Pay attention to a scripture passage that has to do with this. The Apostle Paul says it in his Letter to the Philippians:

*"Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—**meditate** on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you."*

Philippians 4:8-9. NKJV

"*Meditate*", I like that word! Basically it means "intensely focus your attention on something." Concentrating is very important to everything; to drive a car, to fulfill duties, to pursue our goals. I always say to my collaborators: "Concentrate, you have to be very vigilant, do not get lost in what we are doing. He who loses concentration, loses in every way."

Now there are two basic ways to focus: Concentrate positively, constructively, healthily, and that's good! And, concentrating negatively, in a sickly way, obsessively (obsession is a psychic disturbance produced by a fixed and invading idea), and that is very bad!

But what is the Apostle Paul saying here? It is saying, implicitly, that we have to decide what to focus on. And that should not be what concerns us, what frightens us, what destabilizes us, what robs us of sleep at night, or what alters our nervous state. We have to focus! And he clarifies: "*Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure; whatever things are lovely.*"

My wife and I have been married for forty-six years; she always concentrates on positive things. I, on the contrary, tend to focus on the negative; This is how I am, it is my natural tendency: I am a worried person, with a nervous temperament, I am impatient, irritable, responsive... Patience is not one of my strengths!

But living with a person who concentrates on what is true, on what is honorable, on what is fair, on what is pure, on what is beautiful and on what is admirable, like her, has served and helped me enormously.

You know, this is a decision that one has to make. In my case, I already know what I am like, and I know what to focus on. That is what life is about, knowing how to make decisions of what things you are going to concentrate on. If you focus on everything you cannot fix, you will lose sleep, and you will lose health. And at home, nobody is going to support you because of your negative mood and all the harshness with which you are going to treat others. But if you decide to focus "*on everything that is true, everything honorable, everything fair, everything pure, everything beautiful and everything admirable*", then your emotional, spiritual, relational situation, as well as in the results of life, they will be entirely favorable.

"Think of excellent things worthy of praise ..." Here, the idea of the Apostle Paul brings an important unfolding. First he says that you have to know what to focus on, because if you concentrate poorly you end up obsessed, but if you concentrate on things that build life, that tones the spirit; but then add an interesting idea: "*The things which you **learned** and **received** and **heard** and **saw** in me, these **do**, and the God of peace will be with you.*"

"Learned", "received", "heard" and "saw." Do you know what this means? That depending on who you are learning, this will be your mental and spiritual state. Hence, everyone has to refer to the correct source. If you only refer to neurotic sources, you will not have peace. So, you have to think about where you have a positive source. You should ask yourself: Where can I learn something entirely positive? Where can I receive something that builds and builds me inside? Where can I hear things that really help me? Where can I see examples that help me mature as a person? And you need to choose only the good fonts for you! This means that not every source is valid, that not every source is worth going to in time of need.

In addition, there are voices that you will have to ignore, and there are examples that you should not continue observing because they communicate something negative to your spirit. You will have to learn to differentiate between every person, between every place, between every environment. There, where your life is developing, there are bad environments, there are harmful environments, there are sick environments, and there are toxic people. Many of them are also sick people. If you get close to them, you're going to get sick of the same illness.

So you have to decide from whom to learn, from whom you can receive; you have to decide

which voice you can follow, what examples you can observe and imitate.

What happens, then, when you focus on what you should focus on? That is, when you approach the correct sources and know how to discriminate between source and source. Notice how the Apostle Paul closes the passage: "*Then the God of peace will be with you.*" You see? Peace is the end of the process. We all want peace, in our minds, in our life scenarios, in our projects, in our relationships; but peace does not come from the beginning, but at the end of a process.

Could it be that you yourself are the main threatening factor of your peace? Could it be that it is not the others, but it is you who have bad mental habits? Could it be that you only think angrily in your mind and in your heart? Could it be that you allow yourself to be invaded by unhealthy and contaminating bad feelings and emotions, such as: bitterness, resentment, strife, dissent? Could it be that you are undermining your own peace?

And perhaps you are praying badly, telling God to give you peace; but how is God going to give you peace, if you threaten yourself and spoil that peace?

Always keep in mind that peace is the product of a process; that you must first focus positively and constructively, and then only receive from the right sources. Then, as a result

and as a consequence, the God of Peace will be with you.

So, if you are very mentally overwhelmed, change your tune! Think that "nothing can destroy iron except its own oxide." Only you can ruin your own peace, only you can threaten your own peace!

Third incentive,
If you think you have waited too long,
remember that...

Faith in God, includes faith in your time

Are you worried that you needed "fulfilment" by a certain date, and several months have passed, and nothing? I know what waiting with impatience is ... Believe me, I know that very well.

Are you distressed thinking that you've waited too long? Do you feel like you're fighting against time? Well, if you think that you have waited too long and that you are starting to get tired of fighting against time, remember this: "Faith in God, includes faith in His time."

And there is something better than your time calculations, than your calendars and projections of when things should happen. There is something better than 'your time', God's time! This is very important to consider.

In Psalms 31 we read:

"My times are in your hands..."
Psalms 31:15 NIV

How nice it is to be able to go to bed at night thinking that, although there is so much to solve in this month (bills to pay, matters to conclude), we can say to the Lord: My times are in your hands!

Note that what was translated as "**times**" in the biblical text comes from the Hebrew root, in the original texts: "Êth"; which effectively can be translated as "time" and "hour"; but it can also be translated as the "when" of things, it can even be translated as the "after" or the "later", and it can also be translated as "season".

What is the biblical author saying when he dares to bequeath us this short but powerful prayer: "*In your hand are my times ...*"? He is saying that the "hour" to receive what we hope for and long for depends on the Lord; that the "when" for us depends on the Lord; that what happens "after" is in the hands of the Lord; that the "season" we are in also depends on the Lord.

Pay close attention also to this other verse. It is the Apostle Peter who tells us:

*"Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up **in due time.**"*

1 Peter 5:6 NIV

I am precisely expecting this: May God lift me up with honor. But I understand that it will not be in "my time", it will be in "His time". I understand very well that in His hand are my

times, in His hand are all my seasons, in His hand are each of my "when" and of my "after".

And it is something that you too must seek to understand: That it is in His hand that your times are secured, and that now what you must do is humble yourself before the Lord, so that He, "*in due time*" will lift you up with honor.

Well, I have offered you three incentives that will help you to tone your spirit, and to put yourself at the rhythm of God in this '*time of fulfillment*': If you are not starting quite well... You are not failing, you are growing; If your mind is overwhelmed by negative ideas, think... Nothing can destroy iron except its own oxide. If you think you have waited too long, remember that... Faith in God, includes faith in his time.

CHAPTER 5

PLACE THE WORD AS A TITLE!

The Word of God says through the mouth of the prophet Ezekiel:

"The days are at hand, and the fulfillment of every vision."

Ezekiel 12:23 NKJV

Consider this: If you own a car, you also own title to that vehicle. That property title indicates that you are not usurping the ownership rights of that car to other people. Similarly, if you have a house, you have a title to that house. If you studied at the university, you have an academic degree that accredits you capable and empowered to carry out certain tasks and activities in that professional field. Well, if God has given you a word, and if you know that that word is for you, and that that word is going to make turns and changes in your life, then you can raise that word as a property title that belongs to you; a title that empowers you to receive what God says for you.

So, if God has told you that this season is a "time of fulfillment," place that Word as a title! That Word that gives you rights for its fulfillment.

Let's see how this is presented in the Bible. We read in the book of Genesis:

"Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you."

Genesis 28:15 NKJV

Let me put you in the context of what's going on: The character's name is Jacob, and he's in a life transition stage. The situation for him is not easy, he is heading towards the unknown; he is seeking his destiny in the midst of a confusing situation. He has had to leave his familiar and well-known scene, - I would say that - due to his inability to deal with his circumstances: he quarrels with his brother, his brother has said that he will kill him as soon as the days of mourning his recently deceased father. So as Jacob is in this stage of life transition; he's found in 'no man's land' as far as his history is concerned.

I don't know what your life has been like; but as far as I'm concerned, I've already been 'in no man's land'. I know what a transition is, where you feel that you are not at one point or another in your life. Well, that's exactly where Jacob was.

In an unknown place, he's caught up by night, he takes a stone to use as a pillow and lies down, to try to get some sleep. While

sleeping, he has a vision: He sees a ladder that leans on the earth and goes up to Heaven; and by that staircase angels of God begin to descend and ascend; and God gives him this word: "*Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you.*"

I don't know about you, but I receive that word for myself. Who does not want to receive the promise of being kept by the Lord wherever he goes? We generally think that we are the ones who don't have to leave God, and it's okay to think like that. But look at what God tells us here: "*I will not leave you until I have done what I have told you*", what I have promised you.

In response to that promise from God, Jacob did the following, as recorded below in the book of Genesis:

*"Then Jacob rose early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put at his head, **set it up as a pillar**, and poured oil on top of it."*

Genesis 28:18 NKJV

The stone that serves as a pillow, I believe, represents all that discomfort of life, everything that should not be; because the stones are not to sleep on them. A stone that serves as a pillow is everything that hinders you, that robs your

sleep, that keeps you worried, that brings you anguish, that activates struggle within you.

And look at what Jacob did to it — the same stone that he had put upside down to sleep —: **"set it up as a pillar, and poured oil on top of it."** (NKJV).

Reading this same expression in an old version of the Bible, we find:

*"Therefore Jacob rose early, and took the stone which he had put under his head, **and raised (it) up into a title, or (a) sign, and poured out oil (from) above."***

Genesis 28:18 WYC

This old version tells us that he took up the stone and **"raised it up into a title, and poured out oil from above"**.

Hence, this passage empowers you to take a word and **"raise it up into a title"** in a way that accredits you to receive blessings in your "time of fulfillment."

Yes! Take this 'fulfillment time' as a prophetic word about you; not as a motto to remember, but as a prophetic statement with the power to change atmospheres, with the power to change scenarios, with the power to turn your story, with the power to break every bad trend or bad forecast in your life. If you take that word as a word from God, then raise it up as a title! Place

it as a title... and pour the oil of your worship on it.

Do you want to lift up the Word of God and place it up as a title? I do!! I will get up every morning, and I will go to bed every night, and I will say to the Lord: "I put this word that you have given me as a title about my life; as a prophetic word that will rule my life, which will rule my destiny and that will govern all circumstances of my life."

And what is a title? It is an accreditation that recognizes and confers a right or a capacity or a faculty. A title, then, gives you the right of possession, of use, of belonging; or it gives you the power to move and act according to this accreditation.

So, the word that God is giving you is not for you to hear, but for you to appropriate, because it is a word for you. Now, the big question is:

How do we raise the Word by title?

Perhaps you are not used to this concept; perhaps you are used to thinking that the Word must be confessed, that the Word must be prayed, that it must be declared, that it must be appropriated. But perhaps you are not thinking that the Word is a title that you are going to raise as a right conferred by God, a title that the devil is going to have to respect for everything

that title says, because that is what you are entitled to. I support this with what we have already read in the book of Genesis.

Now, how do you lift up the word that God is giving you 'by title'?

First,

Take it as a word for you!

Do not take it as a word for the church, or for the pastor alone; you have to take it as a word that God is giving you, in a specific and particular way. It means that if only you walked on the face of the earth, that word would be for you; or that, if you were in the midst of crowds, that word would still be for you; It means that even if you were in the worst conditions and with the worst prognoses, that word would still be for you.

This reminds me of when I received Christ when I was very young. I practically lived only to get high; and that night I came drugged to the meeting of that church; but it was there and in the condition in which I found myself, that God gave me a word that marked my destiny. I couldn't even stand up; but God gave me a word, and I took it for myself. The rest, is a well-known testimony.

You know, you could have done everything wrong, and been lost just like me. But when there is a word that God gives you, and you receive it as a word from God to you, that

changes your destiny and changes your tendencies and prognoses. This is what we will find in the biblical text below; it's in the First book of Samuel. It reads:

*"That the Lord called Samuel. And he answered, "Here I am!" So he ran to Eli and said, "**Here I am**, for you called me." And he said, "I did not call; lie down again." And he went and lay down. Then the Lord called **yet again**, "Samuel!"*

So Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." He answered, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." (Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, nor was the word of the Lord yet revealed to him.)

*And the Lord called Samuel again the **third time**. So he arose and went to Eli, and said, "**Here I am**, for you did call me."*

*Then Eli perceived that the Lord had called the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and it shall be, if He calls you, that you must say, '**Speak, Lord, for Your servant hears.**' " So Samuel went and lay down in his place.*

*Now the Lord came and stood and called as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel answered, "**Speak, for Your servant hears.**"*

1 Samuel 3:4-10 NKJV

Let's review this biblical text carefully: "**Jehovah called Samuel**", Samuel answered immediately, but in the wrong way, believing that it was Eli who was calling him, and ran to where he was. Eli was the old priest who took care of Samuel, who was taken newborn by his mother, because she offered it to God when, being unable to have children, God performed the miracle and she was able to conceive. Grateful, she told him that she would give it to him for her service, in such a way that she took him to the temple when he was a recently weaned child.

The text says: "**And he answered ...**" Here is the question: Who do you answer to? Because, if you can notice, it's not just about responding, but who to respond to and how to respond? Perhaps you have had frustrations and failures responding to the call of God, because you responded badly; not because you didn't answer, but because you answered the wrong way.

In the biblical text we read that Samuel replied, "**Here I am...**" but he responded to the wrong person. Perhaps you have done the same; you have gone to the wrong people, in wrong situations too, and you found a bucket of cold water on your face; and you asked yourself: "What happened? I understood that this was from God, I understood that it was a blessing, I believed that this was a great opportunity for me

..." What did Eli say to Samuel? "I have not called ..." Doesn't this sound like a bucket of cold water to your face? The same happens to you when you respond to whom you should not respond.

The reading goes on:

"...So he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." And he said, "I did not call; lie down again." And he went and lay down. Then the Lord called yet again, "Samuel!" So Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." He answered, "I did not call, my son; lie down again...." (verses 5-6).

How many times have you run to where God is not calling you?! You have run carrying a wrong compass, a wrong map, a wrong agenda. It was not God who called you! And do you know why it went wrong for you, because you went where God was not calling you, where the voice of God was not! Do you know why that important project of yours was aborted? Because it was not God who supported it!

Let's continue reading: "And Samuel..." — Here is the key!"...**Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, nor was the word of the Lord yet revealed to him.**"(v.7) Can you see it? The 'time of fulfillment' is not a motto, it is not a declaration, and it is a word of God revealed to your heart.

You know, maybe you need to go to bed half an hour later or get up half an hour earlier, to receive revelation of the word of God. Because you need to know what 'fulfillment time' means for you in a specific and personal way. Because it is not the same that will be for me, as it will be for you, and for each one in particular. We need the word to be revealed to us personally.

What does 'fulfillment time' have to do with you? Perhaps you think it has to do with one issue or another. But you need revelation about what God is thinking about and what God wants to bless you with. Not what you think, but what God thinks; not in what you want, but in what He wants. You need God to speak to you and reveal the meaning of your 'fulfillment time'! It may not be in what you want, but in how God wants to bless you, in the season you are in, in the age you are in, and in the circumstances you are in.

The text continues to read: "*And the Lord called Samuel again the **third time**. So he arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you did call me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord had called the boy" (v.8). So God is that good to us. God calls us once, we did not understand him, and he calls us again.*

There are people who were called in their twenties, and did not hear well; then God called them in their forties, perhaps with a divorce already on their backs, and they did not hear the

Lord; but God is so good, that he calls them again. Do you know why I am in the ministry? Because God in His goodness called me a third time!

Going back to to the biblical text, on how important it is to 'understand' that it is God who is calling! Just as Eli did. He understood that it was God who was speaking, that it was God who was calling Samuel. How wonderful! And at the same time this is a great warning in the sense that, if you do not understand what God is speaking to you, if you do not understand what is happening in your life, you will not be able to see the fulfillments of God in your life.

See how this passage ends. It reads like this, *"Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and it shall be, if He calls you, that you must say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant hears.' " So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood and called as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" (verses 9-10).*

It is as if God gave you a word, and you did not understand it. Easy, God is in control. You didn't understand? Calm down. You didn't hear correctly? It doesn't matter, God has not left you. Did they kick you out of your work? Did a project go wrong? Did you break an important relationship? It doesn't matter, God has not left you. That is the good news: God has not left you! And He will call you again; and He will call you by name, because He knows you by name.

Then you can say to him, "*Speak, because your servant hears.*"

How about prophetically letting your voice be heard and saying it, just like Samuel? Yes, say it: "*Speak, because your servant hears.*" By saying it you are manifesting the need to want to hear God, to want to decipher God's design for your life, to want to know the book of your story; to no longer be wasting time coming and going where you believed that the voice of God was, where you believed that your life project, your destiny was ... Stop already coming and going in your life! Finally say to God: "*Speak, because I want to hear you!*" You no longer have time to be in that coming and going; you need to truly hear what God is saying to you, what God is revealing to you with His word.

Secondly,

Declare the word whenever you can!

Declare the word wherever you are! Declare the word whenever you can! Do you know what I have done? I changed my greeting, what do I tell people when I find them? Have a great 'fulfillment time'!

This is something that the Word commands us to do. Look at this text in Deuteronomy. It reads:

"Therefore you shall lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and bind them as a sign on your

hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates,

Deuteronomy 11:18-20 NKJV

It is part of the oldest instructions in the Holy Scripture. It is an instruction from God; it is a warning for the People of God to do well; it is something that must be done.

You should know that God does not give you instructions to forget them, but to follow them; so when God tells you to do something, do it as God tells you to do.

It reads: "**Therefore you shall lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul...**"

The heart is the first place where the revealed word of God is proclaimed. You cannot proclaim with your mouth what is not proclaimed in your heart. If it is not in your heart, even if your mouth says it, it will not have any power to repeat it, it will not pass from your mouth. For what you proclaim with your mouth to work, it must first be declared in your heart; the heart always comes first, the heart is the seat of the entire state of consciousness of the human

being. And also add "*in your soul*"; bringing emphasis to the importance of putting the words of God in the deepest part of your inner being.

Also, to a greater extent, it instructs: "*...and **bind them as a sign on your hand ...***" (v.18b).

Now, in our time, we have the possibility of literally walking with the Word of God in our hands. We are blessed to have many versions of the Bible on our mobile phones. We literally have them 'at hand', and we can access them at any time of the day or night or wherever we are.

The text continues to read: "*...and **they shall be as frontlets between your eyes***" (v.18c).

It does not say to the side to see it askance; not below, where you have to go find them. He says that we should have them as frontals, that is, carry them on our foreheads to remember them. I ask you: Do you look at life through the front of the Word of God, or do you look at it through what the news tells you?

And the instruction continues to say: "***You shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.***" (v.19).

Maybe, you placed your children in a good school, you buy them the best you can in clothes, school supplies, toys; but if you don't speak the Word of God to your children, that will

weigh on you as a failed responsibility. Speak the Word of God to your children always!

You know, when my children were school children with my wife we made a decision that our pastors and missionaries friends did not share. We said to ourselves, "We are pastors, and as pastors we are, we spend time in church all the time; and aside from spending time in church, here in the house there is a daily devotional, and on Saturday there is a special devotional. Our children are everywhere hearing from God, and on top of that the school is Christian." So we said: "It will become saturated; and when they are 15 years old they will not want to know or hear more about this." So we decided to take them out of the Christian school, put them in a secular school, and teach them the Bible and Christian values at home.

What do I want to tell you with this? That it is not a school that should teach our children the Word of God. Do not fool yourself! It could be the best Christian school, with the best Christian teachers, with the best biblical and spiritual curriculum, but if you don't open your mouth and teach the Bible to your children, let me tell you that you are not fulfilling God's assignment for you, as a father or mother. And perhaps, when you are in the church you are abounding with the "hallelujahs", the "glory to God", but, what about at home, and when you go for a walk with your children? The biblical text says:

"when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way", this means that when you go to drop them off at school, when they go to a restaurant, when they are with friends, when they go on vacation, you speak the Word of God to them.

The text also instructs to speak the Word **"when you lie down, and when you rise up."** In your case, are you one of those who open the Bible to read it to your children, or those who dream of television? When you go to bed, is it the last thing that remains in your spirit, in your mind, in your mouth, and in that of your children, the word that God has given you for the next day, for when they open their eyes and get up to start the day? And note, not only when you go to bed, but also when you get up, do you speak to your children the word that God has revealed to you? Because, perfectly you can be having breakfast and declaring the Word of God, affirming it over their lives: *"Lord, today you will give us a wonderful day, we will be very blessed!"*

The text concludes by instructing: **"And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates"**. Surely you have beautiful paintings in the living room and dining room of your house, and beautiful photographs in the corridors and rooms. But, when are you going to put a text of the Word of God in your house? Declare a blessing for your life, for your

house, for your spouse, for your children, for your grandchildren; Write the blessings in your house! ... Declare the word whenever you can!

In third place, **Stick to that word**

What do I mean by this? What is ruling? According to the Spanish Royal Academy, it is "*direct, govern or command*"; it can also be "*guide, carry or drive something*". Hence, to be governed by that word means that you must go by it, govern by it, command by it, guide your life by it, carry out or lead whatever is according to that word.

Let us review what a text in the Gospel of Luke tells us in this regard. It reads:

*"But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; **nevertheless at your word** I will let down the net." And **when they had done this**, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking."*

Luke 5:5-6 NKJV

The disciples were tired. They had tried all night, and nothing had been caught. Maybe, just like you, you've been trying for a whole year or two or three years, and you have accomplished nothing. It sounds absurd: to achieve in a few minutes, what they could not fish all night. And

perhaps it also sounds impossible to you: to achieve in a 'time of fulfillment', what you have been trying for three, five or ten years, without having achieved anything. Do you want to know how to achieve this?

We read in the text: "*Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless **at your word** I will let down the net.*"

This made a difference for Peter! He was 'governed' by the word of the Lord. Do you want to see your net breaking due to the many blessings? So let the word guide you, let the word rule your circumstances, let the word command you what to do, let the word guide you, let the word guide you down the path you must follow. Decide to abide by the word that God has spoken to you!

"*And when they had done this...*" You must take that word into action. This is what will cause your nets to be broken by the abundance of blessings; that you abide by the word that God reveals to you, and you move in it and by it. I remind you that the word is not just to be repeated, it is not just to say it; nor is it a speech you learn and say it by heart. The word is to be obeyed, to put into action. The Bible talks about "doing the word." He says that there are two types of believers: the one who looks at his face in a mirror, turns around and forgets what he saw, that is the one who hears the word, but is not a doer of it; and whoever looks

closely at the word and becomes a doer of it (James 1: 22-25).

And how can you become a "doer of the word" in this "time of fulfillment"? Meet God, meet your spouse, meet your children, and meet those you have promised. If you want God to fulfill what he has promised you, fulfill what you have said to the Lord. You have to put the word into action; and it will be until then that you will be able to catch a large quantity of fish, and your net will be broken by the abundance of fishing.

I pointed out to you three ways you can title the word that God has revealed to you: Take it as a word for you! Declare the word whenever you can! Abide by that word!

Also remember that a title is an instrument that may even have legal validity; such as a property title or an academic title. Hence, the word that God reveals to you can be a title in your life; a title that guarantees what belongs to you, which empowers you to receive what God says is for you. How can you do it? Raise the word as a title in your life!

CHAPTER 6

BE CAREFUL TO DO THIS, DURING TIME OF FULFILLMENT

The Word of God says through the mouth of the prophet Ezekiel:

"The days are at hand, and the fulfillment of every vision."

Ezekiel 12:23b NKJV

When God wants to do something in our life, we have to know how to associate with Him. That is, we cannot be on one route, and God on another. And this is something that we must practice; because I know that we understand it that way, and we believe it that way, but we have to put it into practice. Yes, we have to practice the fact that we are collaborators with God. I see many people who believe in the Lord and wait on the Lord; but in practice, God goes on one side and they go on the other.

Hence, this issue, of being attentive during 'fulfillment time', has to do with things that we have to guarantee on our part. Because we cannot do the miracle, God does it; but there are things in which we have to associate with Him in order to be in tune with Him. Perhaps you need

precisely this; you need to make sure you are better attuned to the Lord; And not only in the church where it is supposed to be easier to achieve, but also there, where that fine harmony with the Lord is easily lost.

This chapter has to do precisely with this; with that "be sure" you must do during 'time of fulfillment'.

I want to start from a text in the book of Exodus, which is very pertinent to this. It reads:

"Be sure that you make everything according to the pattern I have shown you here on the mountain."

Exodus 25:40 NLT

These are instructions that God gives to his people. And not only on one occasion, but on several occasions: while guiding them to the Promised Land, while assigning them the project of building a tabernacle; so, at different times, God says to them: "Be careful to do everything following the pattern..." This is important! It indicates that there is a model to follow.

Hence, in 'fulfillment time', it is not that you invent your own model while on the road. Because, you can believe everything you want to believe, you can have all the faith in the world, you can wait on the Lord as long as you want; but if you dedicate yourself to inventing how it is going to be done, not only will you spoil yours, your part, but you will spoil God's desire to help

you, to be with you, to transform the chaos of your stage into what He wants bring into your life.

Look carefully at what this biblical text is saying: **"Be careful to do everything following the pattern."** The being "careful" has to do with only one thing; with 'follow the model'. Do you know what this prophetic declaration of 'fulfillment time' has to do with? It means you don't go out doing things your way, but instead, doing things God's way.

Do you have things in your life that are half-hearted, things whose process must be brought to a positive end point? Well, not only do you need God to help you, you need to walk with Him, and you also need to follow God's model, that is, do things His way.

Why do I emphasize this, it is not only about waiting on God, waiting for the miracle, but also that you work to create the conditions for the miracle to happen; and one way to do it is to follow the model of God, it's to do things in according to the model of God. I summarize it in this sentence: "The model to follow is that of God, not ours." The role model is not yours, nor is it mine. In whatever area of your life that you want a miracle in this 'time of fulfillment', don't make up a model to follow, seek to receive direction from God, because it has to be God's way, not your way.

If you ask me how I did it. I will tell you that it was 'my own way'; especially in the past. I did it so many times 'my way'; and I always ended up picking up the pieces of my life, and sometimes complaining about God. But in reality God had nothing to do with it, it was simply that I was wanting God's blessing, but doing things my way, my way, my style... And that does not work!

In 'times of fulfillment', what should you make sure to do?

For this reason, my proposal in this chapter: In the 'times of fulfillment', what should I make sure to do? What things should you put on the list, to make sure of doing, and to do them well, so as not spoil God's desire to bless you at this time?

You know, God has his hands full of blessings for you. He wants to come into your life, and bring everything that you, by your own strength and capabilities, could not achieve; but, there are certain things that you must be attentive to in order to receive these blessings.

What must you be attentive to in order to avoid spoiling that prophetic word that God gave you to start this time, which would be a 'time of fulfillment'?

Pay close attention to this short list:

First of all, be careful...

Don't be a repeat offender, don't go back to past mistakes

You can't try to enter a new season of life riddled with the mistakes of the previous season. You should not do that! You should not backslide on past mistakes; you cannot adopt the same attitudes, you cannot continue with the same arguments, you cannot continue with the same justifications, you cannot continue with the same whimsical interpretations that you have been giving yourself all of the previous season.

You need a renovation! You truly need a 'time of fulfillment', in which, at last, God's promises are fulfilled in your life. It is time to stop hearing that it is fulfilled in other people's lives, to just stop seeing it happen in other people's lives. It is time for God's fulfillments to finally come into your life. And to achieve this, you cannot be a repeat offender, you need to cut with everything that characterized you badly the previous season.

I will summarize it this way: When an error is not accepted, it is not explained and it is not overcome, it will be repeated constantly.

Note the process I'm suggesting here: First, you have to accept that you made the mistake. There are those who want to change, but do not accept their mistakes; there in their heart, in their consciousness, they know they were

wrong, but they don't admit it, they don't accept it; they still continue with the attitude of believing they are right. Therefore, the first thing you have to do is accept it.

But beware! There are those who accept their error, but still do not give an explanation. It seems that just accepting the mistake was enough, but it is not; they have to explain it to them, if they want to get over it. Therefore, you need to explain why you make those mistakes. It is not about justifying your mistakes, but giving yourself real explanations on why you made those mistakes. Then you can overcome your mistakes.

I ask you: Regarding the life mistakes you have made; do you accept them? Do you give yourself real explanations? Are you in the process of overcoming them? If you don't, rest assured that you will be repeating them constantly.

Pay attention to this text in the book of Galatians, which speaks to us precisely on this. It reads:

*"For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a **transgressor.**"*

Galatians 2:18 NKJV

Hence the importance of not being, as it says in the biblical text *"As a dog returns to his own vomit, so a fool repeats his folly."* (Proverbs

26:11 NKJV). Forgive the expression, if you don't like it and you consider it very rude, but it is in the Scriptures. Hence, you have to seriously think about no longer 'sliding' or 'slipping' on the same mistakes; because, as the biblical text points out, "if you do the things you did wrong, over and over again, you become a "transgressor".

Pay attention to that word, which in Spanish bibles is translated as "transgressor", and comes from the Greek "parabatēs". It is a kind of compound word "for" and "bats" that is effectively translated as 'transgressor', as 'offender', as a 'switch'. And this last one is important! Some have been "interrupting" God's processes, with bad decisions, with bad life processes, with terrible repentance, with very bad fruits. Or even worse, these people not only interrupt the processes of God in their own lives, but they also interrupt the processes in the people around them.

If you create a "parabatēs" effect in your life, that is, an effect of infringement, an effect of transgression, you will be interrupting the process of God in your life; And also, in some sense, you will be interrupting that of your spouse, that of your children, that of your grandchildren, that of your colleagues, that of those around you. And you can interrupt the processes of God in all aspects of your life; you can interrupt God's processes in your spiritual

life, in your family life, in your finances, and in the church. Furthermore, when you create a “parabatēs” effect of infringement, transgression, interruption, you will be interrupting natural processes of life, a process that should occur, not accidentally or dramatically, but naturally. Do you understand how serious this can be?

So avoid interrupting God's processes in your life. If you don't do it for yourself, do it at least for the people around you; they shouldn't have to pay the bill for your interruptions on God's processes. You have to make a decision; you have to activate your will and tell yourself: —I am not going to interrupt the processes of God in my life; I'm not going to be a repeat offender; I won't be one anymore!

Second, make sure...

You don't allow certain distractions to divert your attention and interest

I ask you, how many times did you decide that you were going to do something one way, and it didn't last more than a month and a half? It didn't last! You need, then, to stop allowing certain distractions to divert you from the decisions you have made, from the will you have pledged, from the attitudes you have adopted. You should always know what you want in this "time of fulfillment"; and to be focused so that your will and your attitudes do not sway your

decisions, so as not to fall into distractions, and you end up diverting your attention and your interest.

When I speak of 'distraction', what do I mean? What is a 'distraction'? It is something "that draws your attention away from what it should be applied to." They are things that attract you and keep you out of the way; they are things that take you away from what the Lord is beginning to focus you on.

Look at this tremendous scripture I offer below, and what it tells us about this. It's a passage from the book of Genesis, this is Eve who is speaking. As a principle, let us note that she is having a conversation with whom she shouldn't be. This is how it happens for all of us, we speak of our personal things to people who have a worse life than us, people who have nothing to advise us.

Let's pay close attention to the conversation:

"But God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"

Genesis 3:3 NVI

You already know who Eve is talking to, with the snake, with Satan. Look at where her attention was at the beginning of the conversation, in what God had said. Eve said:

"But God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"

If you notice, both Adam, her husband and her, are initially focused on what God has said; but what happens next? Note in the next verse, always in Genesis, a few verses later:

*"When the woman **saw that the fruit** of the tree was **good for food and pleasing to the eye**, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.*

Genesis 3:6 NIV

Here we see her distraction: *"The woman **saw...**"* which is where the problem started. But she is not the only one, who is distracted by "seeing", and falls. Peter "saw" the curling waves, lashing violently, and began to sink after walking on the water. The fact is that, there are ways of looking at something and different perspectives. How do you see?

In the bible text we read that Eve *"saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable..."* Let me warn you of the following: You must be suspicious when you "see" with your own senses that "something is good", when you "believe" that "something is worth having" or that

"something is desirable" to consume it. I encourage you to be suspicious of everything that you think looks good. It can be a project, an offer, a partnership, or whatever 'something' they are offering you out there. Beware! If something seems good to you, if something seems to have a good aspect for you, if something seems desirable to you; for the gate of hell looks good and is wide, but leads to failure and destruction; and although the door of the Kingdom of God is narrow and the path is difficult, it will surely take you to the 'time of fulfillment' in God.

Hence, that something looks good or that the project they offer you seems very good, should not be enough. You have to ask God. And God will have to tell you: Yes, do it! You must, then, correct your prayers. Do not come to the Lord in prayer, saying: "Lord, but this seems so good to me..." Seek the Lord in prayer, trust that He is your counselor, and do what He tells you to do.

What does all this have to do with? Well, you can't afford distractions, no matter how good they seem, no matter how good they look, or no matter how desirable they look.

I always bring up this example: When I was young —and as I have always been a fighter, don't think I haven't—, I fought with my pastor. I had only one pastor, and he was my father; I am serving God because of my pastor, his prayers, his example, his exhortations, his

teachings. Well, on one occasion I had a fight with him, and just at that time I received an offer for a pastor's position at the headquarters of our organization in San Pedro Sula. I was just part of the pastor's leaders, nothing more; I was not a pastor at the time. So I said to myself, "This is my way out! It seems good to me, it seems pleasant to me, it's desirable; I will take this offer. " But blessed be God who hindered me; I don't remember all the details, but what is obvious is that I never got to go. And yes I was angry with my pastor; speaking ill of him, criticizing him, and all that anger can provoke. But I listened to God, and I did not accept something that, although it seemed good, could have led to failure.

I give you that advice: As good, appetizing and desirable as something seems to you, remember that it can only be a distraction. Open the eyes of your discernment, and see everything that lies ahead, discern it. And don't let those distractions divert your attention or interest in your "time of fulfillment."

Third, beware of...

Facing the decisions made, without hesitation or fluctuation

If indecision and fluctuation characterize you —if you feel insecure, if you doubt, if you live in uncertainty, if you are very fickle and

inconstant—, you must learn to cope with the decisions you have made.

In this 'time of fulfillment' you have to be firm, you have to stay stable, you have to face the decisions made. You cannot, in every season of your life, be making new purposes and projects for yourself, and then remain in nothing. Because, pay attention to this: many fail, due to lack of constancy than due to lack of possibilities!

And how can you face the decisions you have made, without hesitation or fluctuation? How do you remain firm in your decisions? Look at what the book of James says, about this: yes, to those that later remain in nothing. Because, pay attention to this, I say it again: many fail, more due to lack of constancy than due to lack of possibilities!

*"But when you ask, you must believe and **not doubt**, because **the one who doubts** is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Such a person is **double-minded and unstable** in all they do."*

James 1:6-8 NIV

When I read this text I notice that there are words in the Bible that I do not want to be fulfilled in my life; I do not want to be like that man that the waves of the sea carry from one

side to the other, I do not want to be a fragile man who breaks or is torn. I want to be a man of God, I want to be a constant man, and I want to demonstrate a stable and solid character, based on the Word of God. That is what I want that for my life.

So, you don't want to be like that "who doubts", the one who "is like the waves of the sea, agitated and carried from one side to another by the wind". This expression, "**who doubts**" is translated from the original Greek "dipsujos/ dipsique", which literally means 'two souls / two minds', and describes the person hesitating in opinion or purpose. Another version of the Bible translates it as "**double minded**" (NKJV).

We read further in the text: "**That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord...**" This can be a judgment: "**That person ...should not expect...**" It's like saying, don't even think...don't even expect you'll get anything from God. It is true that God loves you and wants to bless you, but when you are indecisive, when you are inconsistent in your requests, it is as if you closed the door for God.

Do you think that years ago, God could not have already given you what you asked for? Of course! But ask yourself, how many times did you close the door on God? It was not He who abandoned you, it was you who abandoned Him; doubts entered you, fears entered you or any

other distraction arose. It is not that God was late, it was you who was late.

And why should he receive nothing from the Lord? Because, "*such a person is **double-minded and unstable** in all they do.*" (v.8.) So what you need is to affirm all your decisions, that is, to face the decisions you've made. Say it with me: "I want to face every decision I have made in the Lord; I want to be brave and remain firm in every decision!"

CHAPTER 7

DURING TIMES OF FULFILLMENT, WATCH YOUR GATES!

The Word of God says through the mouth of prophet Ezekiel:

"The days are at hand, and the fulfillment of every vision."

Ezekiel 12:23b NKJV

The basic thing in every house, in every home, at night, at bedtime or when leaving the house during the day, is to secure the doors. No one wants an unexpected visit to your home or property. At night too, if you are lying down, you don't want to start hearing strange noises; nor do you want, when you get up in the morning, to find that for some reason you forgot it and left some door open.

Well, this is the same way, in the spiritual. We are in a "time of fulfillment"; God's hands are overflowing in blessing, but that does not mean, on our part, to lose focus. We must be in tune and in perfect partnership with God in this "time of fulfillment." One way to achieve this is by securing the doors of our life.

I want to read a biblical text; it is found in the book of Deuteronomy. We read that Moses is blessing the tribes of Israel; and I specifically want to focus on the verses that record the blessing for the tribe of Asher. Although, I clarify, the entire Word of God can be appropriated by his children, at any time, at any moment, in any place. The Word of God is a written word for a thousand generations; it is the promise of God for believers of all times. So, with the attitude of "this is for me", I invite you to read this text in the book of Deuteronomy:

"May the bolts of your gates be of iron and bronze; may you be secure all your days."

Deuteronomy 33:25 NLT

This is the desire of the God who wants only good for you, of the God who wants the best for you. God does not want weak or fragile locks on your doors. No! God wants you to have doors with iron and bronze locks. And why does God want that for you? Because He wants you to live protected every day of your life, and that your blessings are not lost or plundered by the enemy.

You know, every night in my bedroom and every morning in my prayer room, I realize that it is my responsibility to secure the locks on my doors. I am responsible; in this he is no longer

God's responsibility. It is I who must secure the locks.

And how can I guarantee that the locks on my doors are made of iron and bronze? With my prayer. It is with prayer that I put locks on the lives of my children, my grandchildren, my colleagues in ministry, my friends, my wife, my house.

You cannot go to bed without first locking your doors. You cannot get up in the morning and leave the house without first locking your doors spiritually either. Do you have a job that God gave you? Lock it in prayer. But do not go to prayer saying: "I am afraid of losing my job this year ..." "I fear that my company will do badly this year ..." Such an expression is not worth bearing in prayer before the Father. When I talk about putting locks on your doors in prayer, I mean that you pray saying: "In the Name of Jesus, every threat is interrupted; to all adversity, to any problem, to everything that is threatening my life, my house, my affairs, my work, my family, I put locks on it!"

As a child of God, you can prohibit evil from invading your doors and your life. And of course you can pray with authority: "In the name of Jesus, evil stops and will not enter any area of my life. Only what the Lord allows to happen will happen! Nothing else other than what God allows in my life will happen!"

Returning to the biblical text we read – what a beautiful Word this is! -; and it is in the Bible as a blessing for the People of God, for the Church, for the children of God. The blessing that the locks on your doors are always made of iron and bronze, so that every day there is protection for the lives of believers.

And what does this concept “your doors” symbolize? Exactly what does it have to do with in the life of the believer? Look at what the text points out below. He presents us broadly and completely this concept of “*your gates*”, spiritually speaking. It reads in Psalms 147:

*“Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion! For He has **strengthened** the bars of your gates; He has **blessed** your children within you. He makes **peace** in your borders, and fills you with the **finest wheat.**”*

Psalms 147:12-14 NKJV

Note everything that the spiritual concept “your gates” means and implies:

First: “**Strengthened** the bars of your gates”. This has to do with protection for yourself and those with you; those who are a part of your life and your history.

Second: “**He has blessed** your children within you.”

My children no longer live with me, but my children are within “my gates”. They have their

own lives, they have their spouses, they have their jobs, they have their own children; but they are within "my gates". I have the spiritual authority to declare their blessing, because they are "within my gates"; and, within my gates, they will be protected. So I will speak well for them, I will rebuke the evil one and tell him to get away from them; I will rebuke disease, I will rebuke the spirit of poverty, and I will rebuke any ill will that comes to them to harm them.

Third: "*He makes **peace** in your borders*".

When you place your locks, you declare peace over your life and over your house. Listen to this: Do not allow anyone to enter your house to threaten your peace. No one should do that. No matter what it's called, no matter what place it has in your circle, no one should threaten spiritual peace in your atmosphere of life!

The biblical text continues, fourthly: "*and satisfies you with the finest of wheat.*" Because this is how our God works. He doesn't give you damaged, beaten, bruised things. He doesn't give you what's left over. The God of the Bible will always give you "*the finest of wheat*"; and He will give you until you are satisfied.

Now, let's put all of this together, and see what the concept of "your gates" means. Well, what the biblical text means is:

What it refers to...

- Your protection: *"He strengthens the bars of your gates."*
- Your safety: *"Blesses your people within you."*
- Your peace: *"He grants peace to your borders."*
- Your provision: *"Satisfies you with the finest of wheat."*

So what are we talking about when we talk about putting "locks on your gates"? We talk about ensuring that nothing and nobody threatens your protection, your security, your peace and your provision.

And ask yourself, is there something missing there? No, the picture is complete. If you have these four forms of blessing, you have it all: Protection, security, peace and provision for you and for those who, like a new Noah, get on your ark; those who are with you, who are "inside your gates". You can declare for them, and appropriate for them, that they will have protection, security, peace and provision; that they will have everything that God offers, because you have bolted your doors, and they are inside.

Now, in this 'time of fulfillment', how do you watch over your gates?

Because you must assume not only your faith in this regard, but also your responsibility for it. Not only to have it as a good thought, not only as a good wish, not even just as an expectation of faith, but, really, "watch over your gates". How do we watch over our gates? Take heed to these three instructions:

First,

Control yourself, do not enter disputes

Because disputes bring helplessness and ruin

One of Satan's old trap and old trick is to get us into our living environment to fight; get into an argument and dissent in a bad spirit. And do you know what happens when you do not govern or control yourself, and you easily enter into dispute within "your gates" —which may be your home, your place of work or ministry, and any other area? Unprotection and ruin come.

Like all mortals, sometimes my wife and I get up 'with the left foot'. And suddenly we want to start arguing, but quickly we say, no! We are not going to spoil our blessing and our peace by discussing things without reason, without meaning or purpose. No, we are not going to do it!

If you are one of those people, who easily gets hot, who is quickly passionate over something, be careful! Because that lack of government, which you shouldn't think is only a matter of temperament, is also something spiritual. And when you enter into a dispute, something spiritual begins to move, something begins to damage the protection, and a threat begins to approach. And I'm not saying this on my own. Look how the Word of God says it in the book of Proverbs. It reads like this:

*"A person without **self-control** is like a city with **broken-down walls.**"*

Proverbs 25:28 NLT

"A person without self-control..." Mm, I have had to work with this in my life; because I am a person with a temper that is easily irritated. I was once looking at a photograph of my children and my nephews. All of them wearing shirts of the same color, with our family's last name on it. What's funny to see was that in one row I saw them wearing shirts that wrote our last name: "Peñalva with 'v' on the top row and, Peñalva with 'b' in the bottom row. The thing is that, in the family, some write their last name with a 'v' and others with a 'b'. By wearing those T-shirts with both ways of writing it together, they wanted to say that it doesn't matter if they write it with a 'v' or with a 'b', they are brothers, cousins and members of

the same family. Nice to that! I wrote them on Facebook, as a form of congratulation: "They beat their parents ... well done!" The funny thing was that, one of my brother's wife, when she found out what happened, said to my brother: "You too, dads, should make T-shirts for yourselves as well. Only, in your case, put a rooster with a big red crest, because you are brave and angry!" This is why I say that I have had to work with this of being "a person without control", as it is read in the biblical text.

And look at what this text reveals: "*A person without self-control is like a city with broken-down walls.*" So, don't call your "lack of control" "strong character"; that, on the contrary, is emotional overflow, short fuse, lack of self-government. Not having control, as the biblical text reveals, is equivalent to having the walls destroyed; not only your gates, but a fallen wall.

Another biblical text that specifically teaches us about this, we find in the book of Proverbs. It reads:

*"He who loves transgression loves strife,
and he who exalts his gate seeks
destruction."*

Proverbs 17:19 NKJV

I understand this very well; I have been an avid argument 'feeder' —a disputer, friend of passionate discussions. But I have had to work with this because, as the biblical text points out,

to be 'pleading' is to love dispute, it is to open your gates wide. And what happens those who open their gates wide? "*Seeks destruction,*" as stated in the biblical text.

What does this imply? That it is not arguing loudly how life is resolved. Sometimes those who speak less manage life better than those who speak more.

So what do these two biblical texts teach us together? That not being able to govern yourself and entering into disputes is what brings lack of protection and ruin.

Secondly,

Discern the voices you hear

Because they can take you away from your fulfillment stage

There are voices that should not be heard. It doesn't matter where they come from, it doesn't matter who the issuer is; there are voices that you simply should not hear. Because if you do not discern well and hear voices that you should not, dissociative voices, these can take you away from your fulfillment stage.

Many years ago, I was comfortably pastoring the church, in a residential area where we were located at the time, before moving to the area where the church is currently located. Suddenly, God spoke to us about "*expanding our store site and extending the curtains in our tents,*" and moving to another building with greater

capacity. I remember there were voices that told me: "No pastor, we are fine here." Because that's the way people are, as long as they are comfortably installed, it doesn't matter if others are left out. If they know they have already been saved, it doesn't matter how many are lost. Well, it was then, when I had to discern the voices I heard, to decide appropriately.

There are people who can stop you in something that is of God for you; just as there are people who can make you doubt something that is of God for you. And you have to know how to discern the voices you hear. With this I do not intend to tell you that you are only going to listen to what you want to hear, of course not; I'm just saying that you have to know how to discern the voices you hear, because in some cases they can take you away from your stage of fulfillment.

See below a biblical text on this subject. David is entering his stage and 'fulfillment time'. Until then, David ran errands for his father. David tended the sheep and faced lions and bears tending his daddy's sheep. His brothers did not pay much attention to David, and he did not seem destined to be the protagonist of great feats and great achievements. But suddenly, "fulfillment time" comes for him. His season and his scenario of divine fulfillment arrives: his dad sends him to the battlefield, basically, to ask if his brothers are okay. And when he arrives at

the right place and during 'time of fulfillment', we see what happens to him. We read it in the book 1 Samuel:

*"When Eliab, David's **oldest brother**, heard him speaking with the men, he burned with anger at him and asked, "Why have you come down here? And with whom did you leave those few sheep in the wilderness? I know how conceited you are and **how wicked your heart is...** He then turned away to someone else and brought up the same matter..."*

1 Samuel 17:28a, 30a NIV.

"Eliab, David's oldest brother, heard him speaking..."

Sadly, sometimes those who should support you the most are those who 'throw dirt' at you the most. Sometimes what Jesus Christ once said is true for us: "a man's enemies are in his own household."

As for me, I was a fragile child; and elementary school marked me with experiences of abuse I suffered. But particularly, I remember the first day I set foot in school. Being a fragile, lonely and insecure child, my mother gave my older brother the task: —Go and leave the child in his classroom, I don't want him to be confused and not find his classroom.

I remember my brother holding my hand, and leaving me inside the classroom, which was

in a huge courtyard with many doors and many classrooms around. I also remember that I went out to look for a little while, and in a few minutes I was lost. There were so many doors in front of me, I didn't know which was mine. I entered one, and it was not my classroom or the grade that corresponded to me; between another, and that was not either; but suddenly my brother appeared, put his hand on my shoulder, and led me back to the safety of my own classroom.

It's nice to have someone who's with you, who's by your side. We are supposed to support each other, especially those of us who are intertwined in life and in our stories. But observe what we have read here: "*When Eliab, David's oldest brother, heard him speaking with the men, he burned with anger at him and asked, "Why have you come down here? And with whom did you leave those few sheep in the wilderness?"*" Notice the way he points out: "***I know how conceited you are...***"

This is the same people do; they point you out and with an authority that they don't really possess, they tell you: "I know you ...", "I know how you are ..." Personally, I do not accept that anyone comes to tell me that they know me, that they know who I am or as I am. To me, that my wife knows me, who has been sleeping with me for forty-six years, but that no one else comes to tell me: —*I know you*. As the motto

says: "There are those who criticize the glory without knowing the story"; and they dare to criticize whom they really don't know.

Do not believe that blessings come to us by helicopter, do not believe that those whom you look at blessed and prosperous, were brought on 'piggy back' to their 'time of fulfillment'; most had to rise to their success tenaciously, had to fight with the devil, and even with themselves, to get where they are.

Well, following the reading of the biblical text, it adds: "*I know how conceited you are and how wicked your heart is...*"; then it continues in verse 30: "*He then turned away to someone else and brought up the same matter...*" With this, I do not tell you that you literally move away from someone close to you, that you remove someone from your life scenario. No, that's not my advice. But if I tell you that, if a voice is going to distance you from your 'time of fulfillment', that voice should not be heard or attended to; just like David did. And I clarify, it is not that people are bad, nor that from their wickedness they express negative opinions; but, simply, people speak from where they are, from ignorance, from lack of knowledge; It is not that they do not love you, or that those around you are evil, but that people speak from where they are presently.

But, only you and God know the things that you have lived; only you and God know the

things you've been through. People don't have to know them, they don't have to be aware, and they don't have to understand them. That is why it is necessary for you to learn to discern the voices you hear, because, be careful, they can take you away from your stage of fulfillment.

This is why, I say to you: "Be careful, with those whom you put into your affairs and to whom you open your heart to". Be careful with whom you talk about your most private things! Watch out, for those whom you let into your life.

In third place,

Discern the deceptions of the evil one

It offers you a path that leads, not to the goal, but to wandering

The evil one always offers options; but these options of the do not lead you to the goal, but to wandering, to the dispersion of God's plan and purpose for your life. The Word warns us that the evil one appears to be dressed even as an angel of light. Consider the following exhortation from the Apostle Paul to the Corinthians. It reads:

*"But I **fear**, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your **minds** may be **corrupted** from the simplicity that is in Christ."*

2 Corinthians 11:3 NKJV

Paul says, "*But I fear...*" and there are fears that are precautionary, as well as there are fears that are unhealthy. If my children tell me that they are going to walk at three in the morning on the street, although I no longer have power over them, I would say to them: —Hey, you are looking for trouble there, only bars are open at three in the morning. And those who walk around, in general are people who are drunk or drugged ... What are you going to be doing that is important at three in the morning? - This would be a precautionary fear, focused on the well-being of my children. Well, just that is Paul's fear, of caution; he fears "*as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness*", he will do so with believers.

Now, the devil has no real power, this is something that must be clear in your understanding; the only power that Satan has is to deceive people, it is a power of persuasion, a power of conviction. It is not a real power, but if he convinces you of something, that deception becomes an enormous power.

Following with the reading, the Apostol Paul adds: "*so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.*"

That's where it all begins! One begins to stray when one ceases to be faithful to God. If you began to be unfaithful to the Lord, that's where the beginning of your evil and your failure began.

There are two words that should be studied in this text: "senses/mind" and "lost". The text says that, with his cunning, Satan can confuse your senses and mind. What was translated as "senses" in this version of the Bible, comes from the original Greek "noēma", which has to do with your perception, your purpose and your intellect. In other words, Satan can distort your ability to perceive, can make you lose your purpose, and can affect your way of thinking; and with it, you can get lost in your way.

And what was translated as "lost" comes from the Greek "phtheirō", whose meanings are: to waste, wither, spoil by any process, ruin by moral influences, depravity. Its first meaning is to 'waste something'. In my case, I have already lived long enough to have seen waste in my life; some things were wasted in my life, because the evil one put his hoof in my affairs. Furthermore, the word "phtheirō" connotes 'ruin'; in this case, by moral influences. Which means to 'deprave' some areas of an individual.

In this regard, I have seen sincere people, with real serious problems. People who love God, people who want to do God's will, but with their "noēma", their senses (their perception, their purposes, their intellect), attacked by the Enemy, invaded by evil. And then, when this "noēma" is invaded, in their perception, in their purpose and in their intellect, the "phtheirō" effect begins, which is the waste effect: for

things withering, for things spoiling, for things ruining due to bad moral influences, which can even make a person walk in sin, even though they love the Lord.

Because, let me clarify this: People don't fall just because they're evil. No, good people also fall every day; people who love the Lord, who go to church, who read their Bible, but commit a moral and spiritual offense, and then find no way to open the Bible again. Their feet are heavy for them to go to church on Sunday, they find it difficult to pray because they are under the weight of wrongful things. That is what the devil wants and what he seeks for us: to mislead and deprave our senses, and then, isolated and confused, give us the final blow.

So, you have to discern what is going on; because, one does not play with Satan. He walks *"like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour"* He plays with your senses, with your "noēma"; so to snatch from the hands of the Lord, get you out of the fold of the Lord ... or at least, get you away from your "time of fulfillment".

With my wife, we were converted to the Gospel in 1972. It was hard for me to establish myself in the Lord, not so much for her. I had marihuana and drugs in my blood; as well as bad habits and bad friends. I slept during the day and lived at night ... And how difficult it was

for me to take root in the Lord! It took a lot of effort and made me very frustrated. She watched me fight and prayed for me. It happened that my "noēma" was invaded by the enemy, and the "phtheirō" effect was present in me, withering my spiritual life, even though I loved the Lord. For everything I lived and went through, my advice to you is: stay away from everything in which the evil one has his hooves stuck on.

So, in summary, during your 'fulfillment time', you must take care of your gates!

How to do it? I offered you several keys: Control yourself, do not enter into disputes; discern the voices you hear and discern the deceits of the evil one.

A FINAL NOTE

A "time of fulfillment" is not something that happens to you; rather, it is something in which you associate with God. And it begins with a Word you receive from God, whether it be through preaching, reading from the Bible, or a prophetic word you receive.

And how do you know that it is expressly for you? First of all, that word is incarnated in your heart, that is, it goes from being a '*logos*'—word heard or read—, to being a '*rhema*' or an embodied word. Secondly, that word begins to transform your atmosphere of life and to incline your heart towards it. Then, in the anointing that is activated, you associate with God and with that particular word. From then on your decisions, actions and other associations become binding with that word. Then you know that it is a word with a prophetic effect on your life.

And why a "time of fulfillment"? Because the Bible is not just a book with historical and religious information; nor is it just a devotional book. In fact, we can affirm that the Bible is a legislative book which expresses the desire and the direct will of God towards His People. People that are made up of all those who, by faith in Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord, embrace the Bible as the norm of life and prophetic voice of God, for this life and for eternity.

For that People, wonderful promises have been made that are fulfilled through the appropriation of faith, a valid action for every child of God. Hence, it is perfectly legitimate to "appropriate" a word, that is, to receive it in its prophetic scope for fulfillment beyond the page read, for our life, settings and stories.

That is precisely what makes the Bible a 'living word', with the power to transform not only people's hearts, but also their circumstances and the course of their history.

Therefore, the invitation is open to you, dear reader, take the word of the prophet Ezekiel from which this book originates, and in full faith assurance appropriate it for you.

Proclaim, then, from the rooftops of your life:

"The days are at hand, and the fulfillment of every vision."

Ezekiel 12:23b NKJV



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