

GRACE UPON GRACE

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Introduction

If you are good at something, would you want to be better at it? Is there advantage to be being better? If so, what would that be? Let us take sport for example...do you think Ronaldo or Messi improved over time? Was it an advantage to them that they improved? Yes, they are on greater demand. This means that they have better options available to them and at a better price. Economics is about scarcity – bigger demand means a higher the price tag and profit. Is there any benefit to us that they have improved? It is an absolute spectacle to behold – we are mesmerized and entertained at the same time. It is safe, therefore, to conclude that it is beneficial to you and others around you that you become better...

Now for the question at hand, is it possible to affect the measure of Grace we have – after all Grace it is a gift that is dispensed at the discretion of the Father! As Sons, do we have the clout to influence the Father? Who touched the rock and the water flowed? Moses! But who performed the miracle? The Father! Who asked Namaan, the Syrian General with leprosy to dip 7 times in the muddy Jordan River? Elisha! What happened to Namaan? He was cleansed but who did the miracle? The Father. Let's ask the question differently, do you think the Father would want us to have more Grace? Absolutely! Why? Because we would represent Him and the heavens more efficiently. Therefore, the Father has made provision for His sons to come into Greater Grace!

James 4:4-6, 'Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. ⁵ Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, "The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously"? ⁶ But God gives more grace. Therefore, He says: "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble." [NKJV]. Tough to remain faithful to God in a world that is anti-Christ! But by Grace we can! John cements this idea with, 'of His fulness we have received 'Grace upon Grace!'

If it is true that God gives more grace to his sons for their good and His glory, what are the conditions to come into this greater grace?

1. Divine Obedience

No moral parent will want to finance the wrong-doing and evil of their children. In fact, when a responsible parent leaves behind an inheritance for their children, they put guardrails in place to ensure the inheritance is well spent. When a son of God is compliant to kingdom righteousness, God ADDs.

Matthew 6:33, '...seek FIRST the Kingdom and His Righteousness, and God will ADD...' Prostithemi means to place alongside. From this word we get our English, 'Prosthesis' which means, an artificial device that supports/augments some impediment. Grace comes alongside the righteous to neutralize/negate any human

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limitation. Moses was a stammerer, but Grace became his mouthpiece, Gideon was plagued with inferiorities but through Grace was a man of valour! That said, we must know note that the will of God, laws of God, ways of God, and thoughts of God are contained in His word – the Word of Grace! **Acts 20:32**, ‘Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all the saints.’ [NIV]. **Obedience to the Word unlocks deposits of Grace!** In the process, we think biblically!

2. Kingdom Connections

In accordance with the **Father's nature and His quest for oneness in His family**, he has built a certain interdependence on each other. **It is in our connections with one another that Grace is transferred.** **Ephesians 4:14-16**, ‘that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, ¹⁵ but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.’ [NKJV]

It is so unfortunate that the immature church is still so petty and **we connect to one another for sentimental reasons.** I like you, you look like me, we are relatives, we have a common enemy, you are not a threat...for these reasons we connect. **A mature church is one who discerns the body and connects according to grace!** Our niece teachers in a school that has a class for autistic learners. But the principal thinks it is a pain (you know where) and dismisses it as trivial and unimportant. Yet those kids who are mentally slow are gifted in other sometimes more important areas of life. They wrote Jesus off because he was the son of a carpenter from Nazareth! **Authentic Kingdom Connections ensure Grace Transfers!**

3. Holy Honour

Honour is the **value system of the Kingdom where sons are received in the name of their grace** and not according to any other factors like material wealth, social status, or educational prowess. Honour is never Worship! Worship is the bending of the knee and is reserved for the Divine. **Honour is the extending of the Heart and the Hands to receive and reward with celebration and thanksgiving.** It says, I am the better off today because of you.

For example, the Bible says ‘honour your parents in the Lord’ in other words receive them and reward them with celebration and thanksgiving. **When we honour those God places in our lives, we honour the one who sent them to us – that is the Father.** When we receive those sent to us in the grace in which we they have been sent we have the reward attached to that Grace!

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Matthew 10:40-41, “He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me. ⁴¹ He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet’s reward. And he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man’s reward.’ [NKJV]

There are some special relationships that God will send your way. **These are graces that God would use to stir your waters.** Something happens to your spirit – there is shift, a stirring, an expansion, schooling, an upgrade, a learning and growing. This is what happens when Elisha meets his Elijah; John the Baptist meets His Jesus; Timothy meets a Paul. **Holy Alliances escalate your Grace and catapult you to your destiny.**

4. Spiritual Appetite

A demand makes necessary a supply. If there is no demand for something, you will fail in trying to supply it. You cannot force a supply on someone who does not need or want it. So often, Jesus will meet those who are in need, but He will stop to ask the obvious question, ‘**What can I do for you?**’

Isaiah 55:1-3, “Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. ² Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare. ³ Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live.’ [NIV]

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, they will be filled! **Grace is available to everyone but not everyone will come into Grace.** Spiritual appetite cannot be bought with money or secured with influence it emerges from deep within the heart when you learn the difference between the bread of this world and the bread from heaven. Until then, you will have no desire for it! **Appetite = Wrestling with God!**

Conclusion

One of the enemies to great is good. We never transition from good to great because we become satisfied and comfortable with the good. A testimony: In 2002, I was in the most comfortable place of my life. We gained the trust and admiration of so many around the world; bought a 5000m2 in Malvern and revamped it, I had a team of 12 staff with state-of-art equipment; hosted OSA at the Durban City Hall, which Billy Graham Ministries took note and made advances to us...I could have coasted into luxury from that point onwards. But that is not what the Kingdom of God is about! There was a divine discontent that echoed a voice to me...**there must be more to God than this which I already have!!!** Courageous Leadership – a book that fed my hunger and curiosity. There are times I long for the garlic and leeks of Egypt. But when I consider our multiply gains in Christ – no regrets! We must never settle for less when there is so much more Grace in God!