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SHOUTING GRACE, GRACE

“Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it.” Zechariah 4:7

Too many times we read the scriptures without it speaking to us. The word is in two forms: the logos – the written word; and the rhema – the speaking word that is full of revelation. It is important to note that the logos once was the rhema.

I was reading Zechariah 4 this morning. I read the scripture about shouting “Grace, grace” to the mountains and them falling flat. This was the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel. This lines up with the words of Jesus in **Mark 11:23**: ***“For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.”***

So as I am reading this scripture, I am meditating upon mountains in my life that I am speaking to. You know what mountain comes to my mind? The mountain of debt. Oh yes, I’ve tried to get out of debt just to have something else happen. You know the downward spiral this can be. I am speaking to this mountain and I believe Mark 11:23. Yet, something rose up in me this morning.

Too many times when it comes to our walk with the Lord and the freedom He has bought and provided for us, the old legalism steps in. “You don’t deserve this.” “That words not for you. Look at what you’ve done.” “How can you expect God to pay that hospital bill, you should have had insurance.” With regard to debt, the law says, “You created the debt. You owe the debt.” “You made your bed. Now lie in it!” The law is unbending. It is rigid. It is hopeless because I can never fulfill it! Thank God, Jesus did!

This is where God’s grace comes in. **Hebrews 4:16** says, ***“Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”*** What a great scripture – it talks about grace, mercy and need and coming boldly – not in shame!!! I heard someone describe mercy and grace like this: Mercy is not getting what we deserve. Grace is getting what we don’t deserve. This verse in Hebrews uses both these words. How great is our God?!

One of the names of God is El Shaddai. It means “I am the God of utter ruin. I came to do for you what you cannot do for yourself.” He comes to redeem me. In the present day vernacular it says, “He’s got my back!”

So what am I SHOUTING today? Grace to my mountain of debt! Yes, it’s my mountain, I created it. Oh, of course, the added interest has made it a bigger mountain, but I have come boldly to El Shaddai and I say “Grace, grace, grace” to the mountain! Join me in saying “Grace, grace, grace” to your mountains!

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