

OVERTAKEN

Numbers 21:17 AMPC

[17] Then Israel sang this song, Spring up, O well! Let all sing to it,

Kufrah, Libya-is the driest spot in Africa. It's in the middle of the Sahara desert. It has a handful of Oasis nearby where natural underground springs feed populations of people and animals. Only two percent of this land gets any rainfall. Al Kufrah is a dry and very thirsty place to live despite the fact there Oasis underground that can replenish the land.

Tonight you and I face new changes and shifting for new seasons all around us. Sis. Rogers and I now face a new horizon after this past weekends tremendous renewing of vows celebration. And we thank you all very very much for this.

Anytime you receive a mantle, a prophecy. Anytime you close a chapter of your past or try to step into a new job, new church, or new ministry you face challenges that were not there before. And if you are not careful the devil will talk you right out of the next new chapter of your life. He does this by saying you don't have what it takes to really fulfill what God and others expect from you. You are a fraud if people ever know what you are really all about. He seeks to intimidate us from stepping up to new impossibilities. So it's our human nature to return back to the familiar places we have lived all of our lives. This is why some of you cannot shake certain habits and dysfunctional mind sets. All of this can make your spirit dry and desolate like Kufra Libya with little to no Holy Ghost rainfall in your soul.

But I'm here to tell you tonight the Holy Ghost wants to flood our hearts by an outpouring of the spirit prayer! To water and replenish the Kufra Libya of my heart and my mind There is a certain kind of tongues and voice prayer brings that floods the soul of a man when he shifting his life.

Psalms 107:33-35 AMPC

[33] He turns rivers into a wilderness, water springs into a thirsty ground,[34] a fruitful land into a barren, salt waste, because of the wickedness of those who dwell in it. [35] He turns a wilderness into a pool of water and a dry ground into water springs;

Our opening verse says ***spring up oh well!*** That's the spirit of prayer springing up inside of you and me while facing the closing of old chapters in our lives. We cannot move into new seasons without our wells of prayer springing up in us because like Noah facing a whole new world getting off the ark, you face new challenges and new devils for where you now are living! Without this fresh flooding of the spirit of prayer you will face new seasons and new challenges with your old attitudes. You will try to problem solve relational issues like you did last year. You will spend your money the way you did last year. You will react to pressure, depression and anger the way you did last year. But I'm here to deliver God's heart tonight. He wants this service to experience a fresh new wave of His watery presence through praying in the spirit. This shows God we want Him to go before us and with us in all new assignments.

Why is this so important to hear? And does it have anything to do with where I am living right now? Because by the spirit of prayer these waters overtake you in the goodness of God's love. These waters produce a transformative praying that provokes us to obedience through love.

Read Ezekiel 47:5

Ezekiel 47:5 AMPC

[5] Afterward he measured a thousand, and it was a river that I could not pass through, for the waters had risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over or through..

- The spirit of God wants you to experience what it's like to be overtaken by His love through this kind of praying.
- These waters that over take us will produce radical commitments to the KCC.
- The only answer to dry, exhausted, and fearful flesh is the waters from the wells that must spring up in us tonight by prayer.
- In other words this kind of praying keeps the devil and our flesh from aborting our destinies.
- **Ezekiel 47:9** says whatever this kind of transformative praying touches it will heal. It overtakes you to repent and fear the Lord like you never felt before

[9] And wherever the double river shall go, every living creature which swarms shall live. And there shall be a very great number of fish, because these waters go there that the waters of the sea may be healed and made fresh; and everything shall live wherever the river goes.

Ezekiel 47:12 AMPC

[12] And on the banks of the river on both its sides, there shall grow all kinds of trees for food; their leaf shall not fade nor shall their fruit fail to meet the demand. Each tree shall bring forth new fruit every month, these supernatural qualities being because their waters came from out of the sanctuary. And their fruit shall be for food and their leaves for healing.

I must learn this kind of overtaken love praying. You know why? Because without my wells springing up I will not embrace God's loving power under spiritual attack. My pride and independence will sabotage my new season of shifting I am experiencing. We are wells that spring up and not broken cisterns that cannot hold water. We have to practice sustaining love and joy on a daily basis. It helps against the pull of my flesh and its desires will be stronger than spring up wells of prayer. I must be overtaken tonight by His love. I must apprehend that which has apprehended me. God tells us in

Deuteronomy 28:1-2 AMPC

[1] IF YOU will listen diligently to the voice of the Lord your God, being watchful to do all His commandments which I command you this day, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. [2] And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you if you heed the voice of the Lord your God.

You see, the highest motivation of obedience is the motivation of obedience through God overtaking you with love.

- Where Ezekiel's waters overtake you in praying in the spirit.
- Reminding you of God's personal goodness in your life.
- Where God has time and time again preserved your mind, your health, your family.
- That otherwise should have experienced devastation.
- Where Gods overtaken love by His flood waters provokes you to repentance.
- It provokes you to relational suffering.

- Giving you a burden for souls and discipleship all over again.
- Ezekiel's waters of prayer will provoke you to making new radical commitments with your personal walk.
- It produces the boldness to step out in faith.
- All because you are experiencing the overtaking of His love.
- It causes you to become transparent and humble with impossible relational matters.
- Instead of always trying to figure your way out of those same situations.

Paul tells us in ***Romans 8:22-23 AMPC***

[22] We know that the whole creation of irrational creatures has been moaning together in the pains of labor until now. [23] And not only the creation, but we ourselves too, who have and enjoy the firstfruits of the Holy Spirit a foretaste of the blissful things to come groan inwardly as we wait for the redemption of our bodies from sensuality and the grave, which will reveal our adoption (our manifestation as God's sons).

Romans 8:26-27 AMPC

[26] So too the Holy Spirit comes to our aid and bears us up in our weakness; for we do not know what prayer to offer nor how to offer it worthily as we ought, but the Spirit Himself goes to meet our supplication and pleads in our behalf with unspeakable yearnings and groanings too deep for utterance. [27] And He Who searches the hearts of men knows what is in the mind of the Holy Spirit what His intent is, because the Spirit intercedes and pleads before God in behalf of the saints according to and in harmony with God's will.

Paul is really saying spring up oh wells in the Kufrah Libya of my soul tonight, because I am going through a shift in my marriage, in my home, on my job, with my life and ministry, and with my finances.

So how do I get the wells of prayer to spring up in me tonight. By three ways:

1.

Change your attitude tonight towards Gods corrective love in your life. So when God is dealing with you for changing a stubborn habit of self centered thinking respond right away when He becomes Gooder and Gooder. Next God sends conviction to us to change by impressions or His word or by prayer. Then God sends correction without consequences through human relationships or by preaching, etc. Then God sends discipline with temporary consequences. He will use the five fold ministry, your spouse, or employer, etc. Then God sends punishment that comes with permanent consequences. Lastly, Gods sends wrath of judgement with no way for change at this point.

So when I respond to God's overtaking love through correction it will be much easier to experience the springing up of wells of prayer. I have to change my attitude about God's love towards me when being corrected because it determines how I allow Ezekiel's waters to overtake me in dry spiritual places.

Zephaniah 3:17 tells us on this wise,

[17] The Lord your God is in the midst of you, a Mighty One, a Savior Who saves! He will rejoice over you with joy; He will rest in silent satisfaction and in His love He will be silent and make no mention of past sins, or even recall them; He will exult over you with singing.

So I must change my attitude towards God's loving correction if I want the springing up of Ezekiel's waters to overtake me in prayer.

2.

The second way I get the wells of prayer to spring up is I guard the highest level of wealth when I am experiencing losses and spiritual warfare.

How do you try to enjoy prayer when you throw away the private revelations God gave you so you can give into depression and discouragement. I must show God that what he has given me personally I will hold onto it and not abandon it when I am facing confusion and failed expectations. Because when I do he rewards me with his presence. And then the lower levels of wealth.

For example 2014 was my worst year for losing personal assets to the tune of \$350,000 dollars. I remember many of days and nights traveling before the Lord. Trying to hold onto what God said to me by divine revelation or by His Word or the five fold ministry.

1. My wife and I still gave while we were losing.
2. We still went to church.
3. We still taught bible studies.
4. We still gave to missions
5. We still mentored people by our house
6. We still came to Friday night prayer.

We learn to allow the waters of Ezekiel to overtake us through prayer. Showing God we valued the highest level of wealth in knowing Jesus more than anything else, because this is what Satan is after the most in your life. He wants the highest level of wealth from you. The devil never valued this in heaven and was kicked out. This is how you get the wells of prayer going all over again.

3.

The third and final way to stir up the wells of prayer is to treat all complacent and lukewarmness as your fierce enemy when you get overwhelmingly blessed.

It is in this place more people lose out with God. They fall into spiritual slumber and sleep when they get very blessed. This is a very dangerous place to live for God because you are not aware or spiritually ready for the trouble that suddenly pounces on you. Abraham's greatest battle was when he got blessed, because he had to maintain the highest level of wealth towards God with a lot of distractions going on with his wealth.

I will never forget in my own life these spring up wells of Ezekiel's waters. They were turning points for me:

1. When my mother died
2. When I was separated from my wife
3. When the spirit of death came on my wife
4. When Lee Stoneking prophesied over me while separated from my family
5. When I was balling on the side of a road listening to Dr. Dobson.
6. When our daughter left the church.

This is where I was forced to practice this kind of transformative praying. It had to produce obedience in me through his overtaking love. Now you can sustain and maintain the next new season and shift going on in your life.

Romans 2:4 AMPC

[4] Or are you so blind as to trifle with and presume upon and despise and underestimate the wealth of His kindness and forbearance and long-suffering patience? Are you unmindful or actually ignorant of the fact that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repent (to change your mind and inner man to accept God's will)?

Romans 11:22 AMPC

[22] Then note and appreciate the gracious kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's gracious kindness to you--provided you continue in His grace and abide in His kindness; otherwise you too will be cut off (pruned away).

Spring up oh wells of Ezekiel's waters to overtake us oh God. This is what I call transformative praying and travail.

1. So God can show me how to build the ark of my new assignment and new shifting. I'm going to come to him travailing for it.
2. So He can do the impossible through me or I'm a dead duck.
3. To break dysfunctional yokes in my home.
4. To operate vineyards I did not plant.
5. To handle wealth I never had.
6. To speak a divine word into my delima
7. To put flesh under subjection to the passion of His divine love.
8. To give me a new heart and commitment to prayer and fasting.
9. For Your grace to empower me in an impossible relational situation.

This kind of Ezekiel's water praying changes how you deal with relational conflict in your life:

- Paul was caught up into third heavens and then says I will glory in my infirmities.
- John is caught up while banned to the island of Patmos.
- Joseph turned down sex from Potiphar's wife.
- Job refused to become bitter or talk crazy.
- Noah refused to walk off the job while seeing increased wickedness.

Genesis 6:9 AMPC

[9] This is the history of the generations of Noah. Noah was a just and righteous man, blameless in his evil generation; Noah walked in habitual fellowship with God.

- It produced a fearlessness in Esther when facing her Haman.
- It caused radical obedience from abraham with Isaac
- They kept going back to the wells of Ezekiel in hard places.
- Experiencing God's overtaking love as their exceeding great reward.

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So we need to take some time tonight to allow these waters to over take us through prayer.

Let's place a higher priority on crying out to God for Ezekiel's waters to over take us in His love right now.

Isaiah 41:17-18 AMPC

[17] The poor and needy are seeking water when there is none; their tongues are parched with thirst. I the Lord will answer them; I, the God of Israel, will not forsake them. [18] I will open rivers on the bare heights, and fountains in the midst of the valleys; I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water.

Isaiah 43:19 AMPC

[19] Behold, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs forth; do you not perceive and know it and will you not give heed to it? I will even make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

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