

Revelations in Your Darkest Hour



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Throughout scripture, God dispenses his grace through revelations during our trials that we could never understand in our good times. God's goodness comes to his people in times of trouble, calamity, isolation and hardship. For instance, the disciple John was "in Jesus' bosom" for three years. It was a time of utter rest, peace and joy. Yet, in all that time, John received very little revelation. He knew Jesus only as the Son of Man. So, when did John receive his revelation of Christ in all his glory? It happened only after he was dragged from Ephesus in chains.

John was exiled to the Isle of Patmos where he was sentenced to hard labor. Isolated, with no fellowship, family or friends to comfort him, John endured a time of utter despair during the lowest point of his life. Yet that is when he received the revelation of his Lord that would become the final element of scripture: the book of Revelation. In the midst of that dark hour, the light of the Holy Spirit came to him, and he saw Jesus as he had never before seen him.

John had never received this revelation while he was with the other apostles or even during Jesus' days on earth. Yet now, John saw Christ in all his glory, declaring, "I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death" (Revelation 1:18). This incredible revelation put John on his face, but Jesus lifted him up and showed him the set of keys that he held in his hand as he assured him, "Do not be afraid" (1:17).

This revelation comes to every praying, hurting servant in his or her time of need. The Holy Spirit says, "Jesus holds all the keys to life and death. Satan can never take you or any member of your family. Christ alone determines our eternal destiny. So, if he turns a key, there is a reason for it and that reason is known only to him, the Father and the Holy Spirit."

Beloved, ask the Lord to enable you to envision Jesus standing before you, assuring you, "Be at peace. I hold all the keys and I will bring peace to your heart."

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