

Building Bridges
PILLARS

with VICTOR SOLOMON



PILLAR 1

The Mercy Cry

In the next 21 prayers, we will be building what we call pillars that will help hold the year together.

I'm sure you have had your personal supplications, but the essence of these pillars is to ensure that you are kept in the sphere of what God is going to do this year and ensure that you have something to talk to God about that's beyond writing on papers but on your heart.

Genesis 9:18: "And Noah began to be a husband man and planted vineyard. And one day, out of the vineyard that he planted and the harvest, he became drunk". And because of his drunkenness, he became naked.

You are probably used to that verse of scripture. Verse 23 talks about his sons, Shem and Japheth, who came and took cloth to cover him. In verse 24, "And Noah awoke from his wine and knew what his younger son had done unto him".

We are going to build two pillars from this verse of scripture, but let's start with the first. When Noah awoke from his sleep, he said, "Cursed be Canaan. A servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren". That was the curse of Noah in the book of Genesis. Now, between when Noah placed the curse, and when the curse took effect in the life of Canaan, there was a timeline of about 600 years.

Please don't get it wrong. The Canaan referred to here is not the Israelites because remember, the Israelites were in slavery. The land they possessed was that of the Canaanites. So that land was inhabited by the Canaanites before Israel came.

The Israelites that Jacob took to Egypt were different from the Canaanites. God took Israel to Canaan, the land flowing with milk and honey. According to Judges 1:27, Israel became strong and drove out the Canaanites.

When Israel appeared in the land of milk and honey which Canaan owned, Canaan had to leave because the curse on Canaan was to make Canaan a servant. It did not matter what he owned or what he had become. Noah already proclaimed him as a servant.

This was the same situation with Esau. There was no way Esau would not have sold his birthright because when the mother was pregnant, a prophecy already went ahead that the elder would serve the younger.

Like Noah to Canaan and Jacob to Esau, when words have gone ahead, it only takes a call of mercy response to end them. Friend, if anyone in the tribe of Canaan had called on God for mercy, there was no way Israel would have possessed their land.

God told Moses that the best place to meet with God and talk was between the mercy seat and the cherubim. Exodus 25, 22. The mercy seat is the place where connection and covenant are re-made.

The only cry in scripture, that will never refuse to have an answer, when you truly cry with your soul and your heart connected, no matter who you are, is the cry for mercy. One thing about the cry of mercy is that God must respond. In Luke 17:12-13, the lepers cried for mercy; Jesus responded. Blind Bartimaeus cried for mercy; Jesus responded. These folks were not born again but they knew that God could not but respond.



In Job 8:5, Job's friend said unto him, "if you would earnestly seek God, And make your supplication to the Almighty". James 2:13 tells us that there are moments in the life of a believer that two things will collide: Judgment and mercy. But whenever judgment and mercy collide, mercy will always win.

But why do men cry for mercy rather than bring their specific request?

Each time you bring a request to God, the accuser of the brethren may confront your request but when you cry for mercy, you have chosen not to open old wounds. Every time man comes to God and cries for mercy, the cry of mercy in the scripture is a cry against consequence.

What happened to Canaan and Esau was a consequence of a curse that mercy never interrupted. The devil is very terrible. He kept the consequence of the curse of Noah for over 600 years and opened it up at the time when milk and honey was already flowing. Let me tell you, the cry for mercy is a cry to wipe off the past so that it doesn't catch up with you.

Our first pillar is the pillar against evil consequences.

Before you pray for protection, before you pray for financial prosperity, make sure you have cried for mercy. If not, when the consequences of those actions come, they will wipe off whatever you have saved.

Let's pray:

- Lord, let mercy say no to every evil consequence.
- Let the curse of Canaan end today in the name of Jesus Christ.
- Oh God, wipe off every action of the past that still carries consequences in my life.
- Tear apart the old records.
- Let me find grace in your sight.

JAM. 2:13

For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment.



PILLAR 2

I am blessed

One of the interesting things about fasting is that it was one thing that Jesus did as an example for us to follow. There were many things that Jesus did not do, and people tell you they are not going to do them because Jesus did not do them. But because the subject of fasting was something that Jesus did not want to leave for anybody to doubt, he had to fast and pray.

There are certain situations that only respond to fasting and prayers. In the Bible, a child was possessed, and the disciples tried to cast out the demon. But the demon refused to go. Then they came to Jesus, and Jesus said, when it comes to interruption of destiny, only fasting can make it happen.

Now, let's build the second pillar.

The fact that something happened, then you cried to God, you suffered a while, you did all of that, God answered and rescued you does not mean that was the intent of God. What if bad things do not happen and you do not need to cry to God. Oftentimes, there are things we know nothing about but we jointly face their consequences.

2 Sam. 24:1: "And again the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he moved David against them to say, "Go, number Israel and Judah"." God was angry with Israel but we later read in verse 10 that it was actually David that committed the disobedient that brought the anger of God.

Secondly, when God spoke to Moses that he was ready to bring Israel out of Egypt and that God was willing to do the extreme to bring them out, there was only one man who denied Israel their freedom. That man was Pharaoh. The consequences of Pharaoh's refusal extended to the killing of all firstborns in the land including those of families who knew nothing or contributed to Israel's continued slavery. They had their farmlands destroyed, their drinking water turned to blood, loss of cattle etc.

Here is our pillar:

Let's go back to Genesis 9 verse 22 where we read about Pillar 1:

22 And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside.

23 But Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it on both their shoulders, and went backward and covered the nakedness of their father. Their faces were turned away, and they did not see their father's nakedness.

24 So Noah awoke from his wine and knew what his younger son had done to him. 25 Then he said:

"Cursed be Canaan; A servant of servants He shall be to his brethren."

Who was it that saw Noah's nakedness? Ham
Who was cursed? Canaan



PILLAR 2

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Oftentimes, in the lives of believers, we walk into things we know nothing about. One member of staff commits an offence and an entire department faces the consequences. One supplier causes the cancellation of an entire contract line. When a Christian fits a wrong description, it is called unidentified or mistaken identity.

David was the one who counted, it was Israel that paid the price. Pharaoh was the one who refused to let Israel go but it was all of Egypt that paid the price. It was Ham who saw Noah's nakedness, it was Canaan that took the curses.

But why did Noah not curse Ham but Canaan?

Gen. 9:1: The Lord blessed Noah and his children.

Before the event happened, the Lord had blessed Noah and his children. So, it was difficult for Noah to curse whom God had blessed. Nothing works for a believer like advanced blessings.

Let's pray:

- This year, Lord, I will not fall with others, evil will not be put on me.
- I have received mercy already. I will not carry the consequences of others.
- Oh, I declare, my family, marriage, work is blessed!

GEN.9:1

"Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth'."



PILLAR 3

I am favoured

The first step Jesus took after crucifixion was to stop everything that intended to stop him. The Bible says in the book of Ephesians: He led captivity captive. He knew captivity was coming for him. He knew the ultimate purpose of the devil was to hold him down, so he went and loosed prisoners. I stop everything that intends to stop you now in Jesus name.

We are not omnipresent as Christians. It means, therefore, that you can't be here and be there at the same time. But you know something about life, no matter who you are, every step of your life is decided by someone. Every step, where you are today, was decided by someone. Where you will be, someone will decide it. Oftentimes in our lives and our journeys, our decisions are made when we are not present.

Naaman and the young maid

There was a day a maid brought deliverance to her master through a gentle piece of advice in 2 Kings 5:3. A general in the army didn't know what next to do to cure his leprosy but a young maid said, "If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.". The young maid happened to be where Naaman's matter was being discussed.

This year, my prayer for you is that, wherever your matter is being discussed, only the right people will be present. That's our current pillar.

Abraham and God

Genesis 18:20-23:

20 And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous; 21 I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know.

22 And the men turned their faces from thence and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the LORD. 23 And Abraham drew near, and said, wilt thou also destroy.

At this point, the city never knew destruction was coming. Angels were already dispatched to conduct war operation assessments on the city and its people. During the preoperational planning, there was a man who stood in for the city and its people. The man, Abraham, negotiated with God for their preservation. I pray for you, this year, wherever your matter is to be discussed, the man that doesn't like you will be absent.

We have heard over time the influence executive secretaries have on their bosses despite the fact that they are not board members, but by reason of access to information, they often throw in important information that influences the decisions of their bosses. That was what Abraham did for the city.

Vashti, the wife of King Ahasuerus, embarrassed the king by refusing to display her beauty as a show of the king's power of choice. In those days, the power of a king is measured by the beauty of his wife and palace.

Esther 1:12: "But the queen Vashti refused to come at the king's commandment by his chamberlains: therefore was the king very wroth, and his anger burned in him."

The king was hurt terribly but had not done anything to the queen, but the servant of the king stood up and spoke to the king about the matter.



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Esther 1:16:

16 And Memucan answered before the king and the princes, Vashti the queen hath not done wrong to the king only, but also to all the princes, and to all the people that are in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus.

19 If it please the king, let there go a royal commandment from him, and let it be written among the laws of the Persians and the Medes, that it be not altered, That Vashti come no more before king Ahasuerus; and let the king give her royal estate unto another that is better than she.

20 And when the king's decree which he shall make shall be published throughout all his empire, (for it is great,) all the wives shall give to their husbands honour, both to great and small.

21 And the saying pleased the king and the princes; and the king did according to the word of Memucan:

The king's thoughts were not originally in the direction of Memucan, but the words of Memucan pleased the king and the king made a decree that finally eroded the privileges of Vashti the queen.

If Memucan had appealed for Vashti like Abraham did for Sodom and Gomorrah, Vashti probably would have had a second chance.

This is why the Bible says that Jesus is seated at the right hand of God making intercessions for us. Roman 8:34. This is the very reason why we get to have a second chance.

This year, at work, in your family, wherever your name is mentioned, no wrong man be present.

Let's pray:

- No evil will touch me.
- I sanctify and sanitize my environment all through this year.
- Every process of election or selection will favour me.
- I am a sign not spoken against.
- I will enjoy favour.
- No enemy will be present on the day of my deliberation.

ROMANS 8:34

Jesus "is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us."



PILLAR 4

The rain

Let's talk about a man called Elijah. He was a man like us. One man like us, locked the heavens, and decided to open it when he was ready to do so, not minding who was affected. It means we have the powers to decide on matters that serve our best interests. This year, heaven will respond to your calls.

Nothing excites the ground like rainfall. Every time the ground experiences a rainfall, the ground reacts. It is the very reason that God himself rained upon the earth in Genesis 2. Rainfall was part of God's elements and components of a complete creation story.

This year, your ground will not lack rainfall in Jesus name.

When I saw what I am about to share, I wished I had known before now because we have been used to calling for divine outpouring in our lives.

There are 3 types of rain I saw in the scripture and each of them represents something different. In this pillar, we are going to look at the types of rain before we pray.

The rain that wets

Job 37:6: "For he saith to the snow, Be thou on the earth; Likewise, to the small rain, And to the great rain of his strength". This rain came with strength but was not directed to a specific course. Every rain without a course only wets the ground.

You can compare this type of rain to receiving an acknowledgement letter for an application for a job but latter told you were not selected because it was a rain that wets.

Job 5:10: "Who giveth rain upon the earth, and sendeth waters upon the fields:"
The rain come on the field and sprinkled the ground but led nowhere. The rain that waters is not necessarily the rain that brings harvest.

I Kings 18:41: It is always the first rain in a long time, full of sound.

The rain that springs

2 Samuel 23:4: "And he shall be like the light of the morning when the sun rises, A morning without clouds, Like the tender grass springing out of the earth, By clear shining after rain."

There is something about the rain that springs, it brings joy because that is when your seed begins to grow out of the ground. This time, the farmer has confidence that something is coming. It can be likened to receiving an offer letter after application for a role. It is the rain that wets that also leads to the rain that springs. It is the phase of processing something that is coming soon. You can call it, the about-to rain phase. No one prays to end with this rain.



PILLAR 4

The rain

The rain of harvest

Lev. 26:4-5: "I will send you rain in its season, and the ground will yield its crops and the trees their fruit. Your threshing will continue until grape harvest and the grape harvest will continue until planting, and you will eat all the food you want and live in safety in your land."

Jer. 5:24: "They do not say in their hearts, 'Let us fear the LORD our God, who gives the rain in its season, the autumn rain and the spring rain, and keeps for us the weeks appointed for the harvest.'"

When the rain that wets comes, the rain that springs follows, then the rain that brings harvest ends it. They congratulate you from the beginning until you become a part of it.

It is the rain that brings harvest that enables you to witness the initiation of a progress, and you also witness the end of it. This year, you will experience the rain that wets, the rain that springs, and that which brings harvest.

A farmer will tell you that the rain that softens the ground is not that which brings harvest. And unfortunately for many believers, when they experience the rain that softens, they forget that there is the need for another dimension of rain: The one that will ensure that you start with fortune and end with it.

Let's pray:

- Lord, send me the rain that wets, the one that's soft on the ground, the rain that springs, the one that makes what is planted to come out, and the rain that brings harvest, the one that ensures that for everything I put my hand upon this year, I will harvest from it.
- Every letter of acknowledgement will lead to congratulations.
- I will start progress and finish with completion.
- Wherever I have noticed progress, I will also witness completion.

LEV. 26:4

"I will send you rain in its season, and the ground will yield its crops and the trees their fruit."



PILLAR 5

Grace

Mountains are not living things but Zac. 4:7 says: "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."

This means behind every mountain is a person. Every mountain in your life shall be leveled out in Jesus name.

There are three kinds of people that exist. And they also exist in the kingdom. I'm going to explain each of them to you. And from there, we'll pray our first prayer.

Self-Made

The first set of people are those that are called self-made. They also exist in church. These are people made from self-struggle. They worked hard to be made. They went through all the processes required to get what they want.

The problem with self-made people is that they have to break the hard shells with strength and labour. Nothing good is handed over to them. They have to start it by themselves. That's the problem with being self-made; they are always the first to get that thing in their respective families.

An example is Abraham. Nobody handed anything over to Abraham. Abraham worked hard to be what he became. That could be why Isaac lived longer than Abraham. When you are self-made, oftentimes, you don't live long.

Another problem with people who are self-made is that they are never free of mistakes and errors. In Abraham's effort to get it right, he made a lot of mistakes including falling into the hands of a bound woman. They still get to their destinations, but they don't get there without mistakes.

People-Made

The second set of people, apart from self-made, are the class of people you call people-made. They are made by others. When the people carrying them go down, they will go down. They will always need people to succeed. They will always need someone.

Mark 2:4: "And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay."

John 5:7: "The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me."

The man by the pool needed someone to help for over 30 years. The man with palsy needed help to get to where Jesus was. The problem is, until helpers come around, no breakthrough is possible.



PILLAR 5

Grace

Grace-Made

There is a third set of people. This set is strange. God Himself works for them. They are treated differently because God works for them.

1 Corinthians 15:10: "But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me."

Grace took Paul from being self-made to being grace-made. According to 2 Cor. 12:9, this grace brings sufficiency.

Both Herod and Saul (named Paul) did the same thing. They persecuted Christians but they were treated differently because Paul found grace. When you find grace, every review will always favour you.

When you are grace-made, you have the combination of self-sufficiency and helpers around you always.

Let's pray:

- Lord this year, your grace is sufficient for me.
- I will enjoy heaven's assistance everywhere I go.
- The grace that comes with the love of God is my heritage and my portion.
- Your grace will see me through the year with ease.

JOHN 1:16

Out of his fullness we have all received grace in a place of grace already given



PILLAR

The Helpers

Every enemy likes to hide their identity. The day you see your enemy face to face, you know that's the end of the person. Most times, the enemy uses proxies to fight believers. And that's what we are going to be dealing with in this pillar.

1 Kings 2:15: "And he said, Thou knowest that the kingdom was mine, and that all Israel set their faces on me, that I should reign: howbeit the kingdom is turned about, and is become my brother's: for it was his from the LORD."

It was here that Adonijah, the son of David, became king over Israel in place of Solomon because all Israel set their face on him despite the fact that the throne was Solomon's from the Lord. See, the only reason he took the throne was because he had the required support to do so through the vote of confidence he received from the people.

You must understand this spiritual law: Most times, people have no intention of harm until they receive support and contributions of others.

Judges 16:5: "And the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and said unto her, Entice him, and see wherein his great strength lieth, and by what means we may prevail against him, that we may bind him to afflict him; and we will give thee every one of us eleven hundred pieces of silver."

From the scripture above, Delilah only contributed to bringing Samson down, she never initiated it nor had such intention until she was offered money in exchange. Delilah only finished the work others started in the life of Samson. The enemy always look for people to hide behind to carry out his dirty work. When the enemy succeeds in finding such people, the victims will never know who actually is behind their ordeal. Such method allows the enemy to repeat attacks and check off accomplishments of his dirty mission.

Samson never knew what Delilah was up to because she was just a decoy for the real perpetrators. This year, your enemies will not find helpers. For some enemies, their helpers are their positions; for some, their money; and for some others, their connections. But as long as the enemy doesn't have what it takes to complete his mission, he will give up.

The efforts to get Christ arrested were impossible because of fear of uproar from the people but the pharisees knew that if only they could get someone internal to help, the mission could quickly get accomplished. There, they found Judas. If your enemies cannot find allies, they will not fight you nor find you. Helpers are enemies' internal radars that monitor victims that are out of reach.

In business, they come as advisers with policies that disqualify legitimate applicants with reasons. They come as friends to disrupt a functioning marriage and homes etc.



PILLAR

The helpers

Num. 22:5-6:

5 He sent messengers therefore unto Balaam the son of Beor at Pethor, which is by the river of the land of the children of his people, to call him, saying, "Behold, there is a people come out from Egypt. Behold, they cover the face of the earth, and they abide over against me.

6 Come now therefore, I pray thee, curse for me this people; for they are too mighty for me. Perhaps I shall prevail, that we may smite them, and that I may drive them out of the land; for I know that he whom thou blessest is blessed, and he whom thou cursest is cursed."

Balak saw Israel himself but needed a Balaam to help deliver his intentions. He hired Balaam to curse the nation of Israel and Balaam was going to do so until the angel of the Lord met him on the way and spoke through his donkey not to curse whom God had blessed. Balaam was to be Balak's hidden helper in his mission to cause havoc for the Israelites but blessed be God who causes us to triumph always and in every place. No one will succeed in helping your haters this year.

Let's pray:

- My enemy will not see supports this year.
- Every useable tool around me for the devil, I disconnect from you today.
- No position, wealth or connection will be used against me this year.
- My enemies will not find the idea that will hurt me or my endeavours.

PROV. 25:5

"Take away the wicked from before the king, and his throne shall be established in righteousness."

