

THE FORTY - SECOND GENERATION

God's New Sharp Threshing Instrument

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“Behold I will make thee a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth: thou shalt thresh the mountains, and beat them small, and shalt make the hills as chaff. Thou shalt fan them, and the wind shall carry them away, and the whirlwind shall scatter them: and thou shalt rejoice in the Lord, and shalt glory in the Holy One of Israel,”
Isaiah 41:15-16.

God is speaking to His people. He says here in Isaiah that He will make thee. When we make something, it starts out as nothing. As we continue to work on it, it takes shape and is formed into something that is useable, something great. God is making us useable. The word **SHARP** in this

Scripture means *gold, diligent, and decision.*

God is making us into **gold**. This gold has been tried in the fire of trials, testings, and tribulations. He is making us **diligent** to do His work. If our minds are **sharp** we will make good decisions.

The word **INSTRUMENT** means *man, owner, and husband*. We are that instrument God is making.

The next word I want to look at is **TEETH**. Teeth means *two-edged*. The word of God is a two-edged sword.

“For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints

and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart,” Hebrews 4:12.

Our instrument (us) must be full of the Word of God.

To beat them small means *to crush, pulverize, and make dust.* What are the mountains in your life that need threshed and beaten small? Is it pride, hate, fear, anger, unwillingness to change, unrighteousness, judgments - - - and the list goes on? There are many mountains in our lives. If we do the threshing in our lives, than God will bring the wind to take the chaff away.

“As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made

straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth;” Luke 3:4-5.

In our walk with the Lord we have our highs and lows. We veer to the right and to the left. Through our trials and testings, God is teaching us to walk the level, straight, and narrow walk. To prepare the way of the Lord we must break down the mountains and fill in the valleys in our life. We must make our paths straight.

“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong-holds; Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;” 2 Corinthians 10:3-5.

The battles we are fighting are spiritual battles, they are not

carnal. We must cast down our imaginations and anything that exalts itself. These are more mountains in our life to overcome. If we can bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ then the mountains in our life will be removed.

*“And many of the children of Israel shall He turn to the Lord their God. And He shall go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord,”
Luke 1:16-17.*

The only way we can make ready a people prepared for the Lord is to change. We must change our way of life. We must not want to live for self, and the life we desire, but for God and His will in our life. We must overcome pride, lust, fear, greed, impatience, unhappiness, unbelief, anger, and disobedience.

Paul tells us in Colossians 3:7 that we should also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication, and in Ephesians 4:22 Paul tells us to put off the former conversation, the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts.

All of these bad things in our lives need to be replaced with the fruits of the Spirit found in Galatians 5:22-23:

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.”

To these Paul adds lowliness found in Ephesians 4:2, righteousness found in Ephesians 5:9, and patience found in Colossians 1:11. If we fill ourselves with these 12 fruit of the Spirit, then we will be a people prepared for the Lord.

“Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he

walk naked, and they see his shame," Revelation 16:15.

We must ask ourselves what garments are we keeping? This would be our robes of righteousness. We must keep them spotless with no unrighteousness, no turning to the right or left, no highs and lows, just a straight level walk with God.

"And shall say, Cast ye up, cast ye up, prepare the way, take up the stumbling block out of the way of My people.

For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with Him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones," Isaiah 57:14-15.

In order for us to take away the stumbling blocks we must first be an example of His righteousness.

By being that example we can show others the straight and narrow by our way of life. We will have that contrite and humble spirit in us.

God is desiring for His people to change into His image and likeness. He wants us to trust in Him, believe in Him, and walk in His ways.

I hope that these words have been an encouragement and that they strengthen your walk in Him. I pray you stand strong in the Lord and overcome these mountains in your life. *By Robert Bixler*
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