Elevation Changes Perspective

Elevation – the action or fact of elevating or being elevated; height above a given level, especially sea level.

- > Changes what we see
- > Changes how we see
- > Affects how others see

2 Samuel 22:33-40 KJV - ³³ God [is] my strength [and] power: and he maketh my way perfect. ³⁴ He maketh my feet like hinds' [feet]: and **setteth me upon my high places**. ³⁵ He teacheth my hands to war; so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms. ³⁶ Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy gentleness hath made me great. ³⁷ Thou hast **enlarged my steps under me**; so that my feet did not slip.

We are set upon **high** places, which changes what we see because we are positioned for such.

The Lord's gentleness has made us great and has enlarged our steps under us.

Lead to revelation and how we see -

John 15:15 "Henceforth, I call you not servants; for the servant knows not what his lord does, but I have called you friends for **all things** that I have heard of my Father I have **made known unto you**."

When you take a flight – most commercial planes fly at approximately 33,000 feet above ground. Consider what you see – clouds, houses and neighborhoods, buildings, lakes and canyons.

We gain a different **perspective** of things because we begin to see thing from God's point of view.

Case Study: Numbers 13:27-31 - Caleb and Joshua opposed to the 10 spies.

What once seemed <u>large</u> and insurmountable, now looks <u>small</u> and passable. In elevation, we must remain <u>grounded</u>.

We are grounded through the principles in the Bible and our relationship with God; out of that relationship comes faith, obedience, humility, wisdom and understanding.

James 1:2-5 "my brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials; knowing this, that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. If

any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that gives to all men liberally, and without reproach; and it shall be given him"

James 4:10 "humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up."

In elevation, we must remain assured of who we are and unwavering in whom we serve.

Jesus was assured in His position and unwavering in His stance.

See Luke 4:1-14

Tempted with food
Tempted with false power/authority
Tempted to prove his sovereignty

Luke 4:14 "And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about."

When a leader elevates, they evolve and their perspective is changed which has an **impact** on those who follow them.

Jesus warns in Matthew 16:6 "**take heed** and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees"

 $\underline{\mbox{Pharisees}}$ relied on their works and religious acts to justify their position in the temple.

<u>Sadducees</u> solely viewed the written law exclusively as the divine authority and did not believe in revelation through the grace and belief of Jesus Christ.

Caleb and Joshua opposed the 10 spies, whose report did Moses and Hebrews heed?

As leaders, what we see, and how we view what we see, affects how others see!

Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. Philippians 3:13-15 NIV

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