

## WHAT'S TO COME IS BETTER THAN WHAT'S BEEN"

*John 2:9 – “The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former,” says the LORD of hosts. ‘And in this place I will give peace,’ says the LORD of hosts.”*



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*Here we are once again crossing the portal into a brand New Year! Seems like the older I get, the faster the years seem to roll around. I don't know about you, but I am so glad that 2013 is behind me. I must be totally honest with you, 2013 was a year for me with great challenges and hurdles to overcome in many areas of my life! But you know what I did? I prayed, stood firm on the promises of God [which are yea and Amen] and trusted Him to work things out for my good because I love Him and am the called according to His purpose! Did you catch that? His purpose!*

*If you will agree with me, it seemed to be the consensus among many Saints that challenges prevailed, weapons were formed, and tongues rose up in judgment but God promised us a brighter day! So with that promise deeply rooted in my heart, every time I got a chance to praise the Lord, I did! Every time I entered into His gates, I did it with Thanksgiving! Every time I entered His courts, I did it with praise! I blessed the Lord at all times and let His praise continually be in my mouth! That was an act of obedience and a sign to God that my faith was unwavering in spite of what was going on around me! My praise is my weapon and because I have guaranteed victory in Jesus, I was still able to raise my hands in praise; I was still able to shout with the voice of triumph; and I was still able to do my dance because I knew without one doubt that what's to come is better than what's been!*

*I found that when I put all the negativity behind me and concentrated solely on the positive that was forthcoming, my mind and my spirit was filled with God's perfect peace! Who doesn't want to live in a place of peace when there is so much confusion, disappointment, heartache and pain all around you? Let's see – bad report from the doctor, car repossessed, house in foreclosure, credit card accounts closed down, estranged relationships, job downsizing, teenage daughter pregnant; teenage son incarcerated, church folk talking about you like a dog! Can I get a witness? If you've not experienced any of those things, keep living! You are either in a storm, just getting out of a storm, or about to enter into a storm. What season are you in right now?*

*It has been and still is a struggle, but I'm striving to let go of the past and allow the past to be just that; the past! I'm crying out to the Father to help me forgive those who have wronged me so that I am free and clear for takeoff in this New Year! That's why a lot of us never get off the ground ... we have too much junk weighing us down and we can't soar and be all that God has created us to be! Well it's a new day, a new month, a new year and a new season! Whatever God is getting ready to do in this season, I don't want Him to do it without me! God has great things in store for His people. I Corinthians 2:9 says, “But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.” Is there anybody other than me who loves my Jesus! Do you love Him enough to trust Him with your future? Do you love Him enough to give Him your burdens? Do you love Him enough to believe that He has a plan and a purpose for your life and that He will finish every good thing He has begun in you until the day of Jesus Christ?*

*So ... for those of you, like me, who had to deal with unnecessary, unwanted and unwarranted stress and unrest in 2013, understand that Satan's job is to circumvent your destiny! He wants to kill, steal, and destroy you! He's out to abort your hope and your dream! Step on the devil's neck and let him know he can't stop you or block you any longer. Opportunities are endless and God's favor is immeasurable. Walk in that thing! Don't hinder your future by holding on to your past! Pray to the Father, think positive, surround yourself with people of God who are Kingdom Builders and then believe with all of your heart that what's to come is better than what's been!*

*Happy New Year!*

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