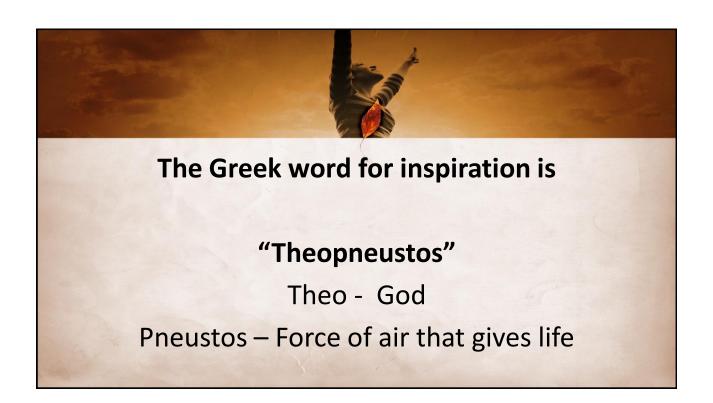# Recognizing a Visitation of God

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2 Timothy 3:16 (NKJV)
"All Scripture *is* given by *inspiration* of God…"

(NIV)
"All Scripture is *God-breathed*"

The Greek word for inspiration is

"Theopneustos"

Theo - God

Pneustos – Force of air that gives life

Psalm 42:1, 2 (AMP)

1 As the deer pants and longs for the water brooks, so I pant and long for You, O God.

2 My inner self thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God?
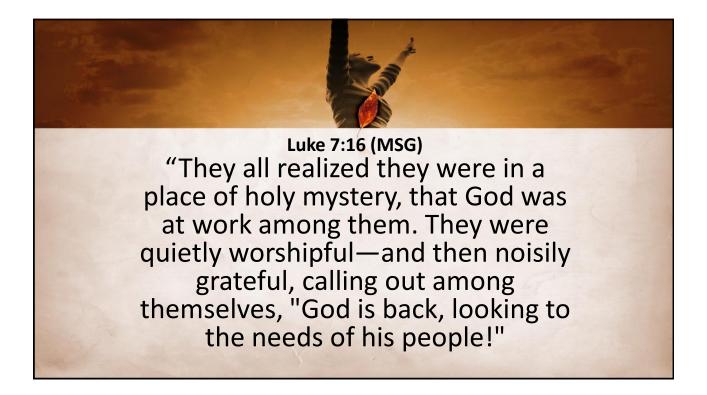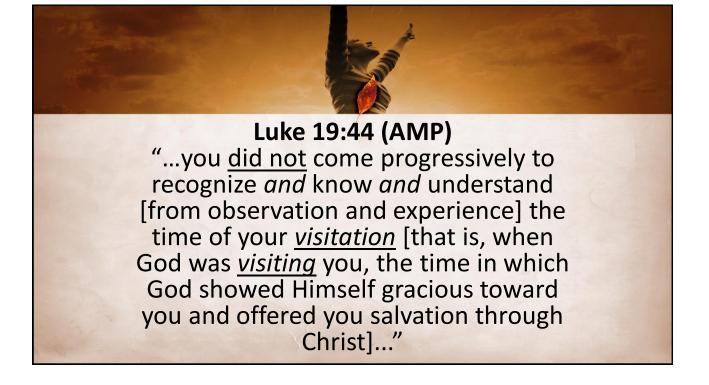
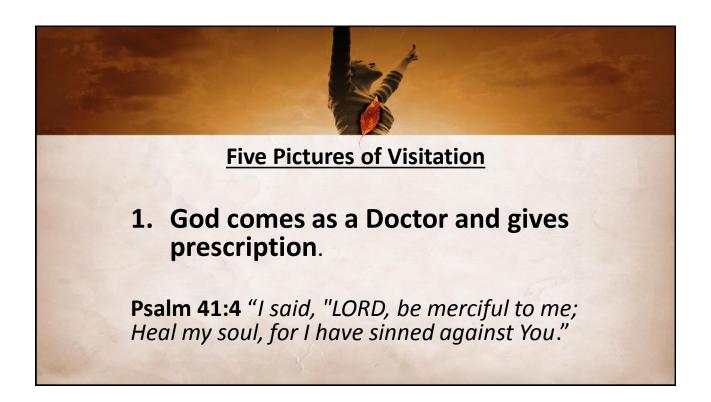**Luke 7:16 (NKJV)**
Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has *__visited__* His people."
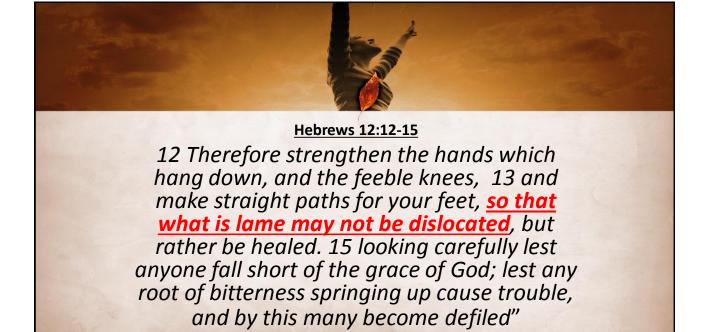
Luke 7:16 (MSG)
"They all realized they were in a place of holy mystery, that God was at work among them. They were quietly worshipful—and then noisily grateful, calling out among themselves, "God is back, looking to the needs of his people!"

Luke 19:44 (AMP)
"...you did not come progressively to recognize *and* know *and* understand [from observation and experience] the time of your *visitation* [that is, when God was *visiting* you, the time in which God showed Himself gracious toward you and offered you salvation through Christ]..."

Greek & Hebrews Words for Visitation

A. **Paqad** – [Pronounced paw-kawd] it means to visit with a purpose in response to "invites"

B. **Pĕquddah** - care, custody, mustering,

C. **Episcope** - investigation, inspection, oversight

Five Pictures of Visitation

1. **God comes as a Doctor and gives prescription**.

   Psalm 41:4 "*I said, "LORD, be merciful to me; Heal my soul, for I have sinned against You*."

Five Pictures of Visitation

2. **God comes as a Chiropractor and brings alignment**

Hebrews 12:12-15

*12 Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, 13 and make straight paths for your feet, <u>**so that what is lame may not be dislocated**</u>, but rather be healed. 15 looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled"*

Five Pictures of Visitation

3.   God comes as a building Inspector

Five Pictures of Visitation

4. **God comes for Divine Intervention.**

Five Pictures of Visitation

5. **God comes as a Investor**

Matthew 25:1-10 "...*gave them talents*..."

CONNECTION BETWEEN DEATH & VISITATION

Genesis 50:24-25 (NKJV)
[24] *And Joseph said to his brethren, "I am dying; but <u>God will surely visit you</u>, and bring you out of this land to the land of which He swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."*
[25] *Then Joseph took an oath from the children of Israel, saying, "<u>God will surely visit you</u>, and you shall carry up my bones from here."*

CONNECTION BETWEEN DEATH & VISITATION

Isaiah 6:1 (NKJV)
In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple.
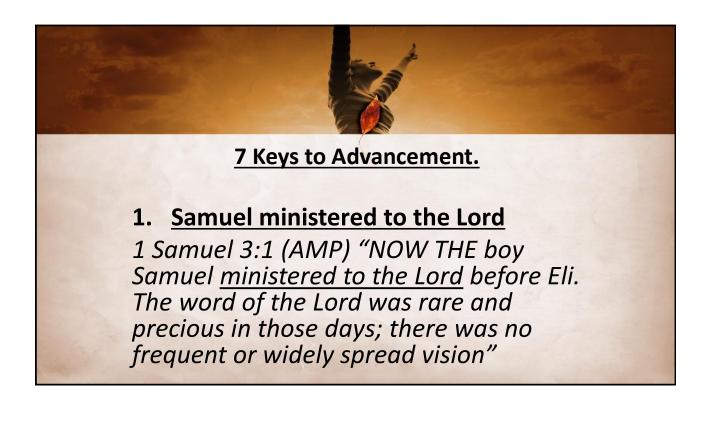
Isaiah 54:1 (NKJV)
[1] "Sing, O barren, You *who* have not borne! Break forth into singing, and cry aloud, You *who* have not labored with child! For more *are* the children of the desolate Than the children of the married woman," says the LORD.
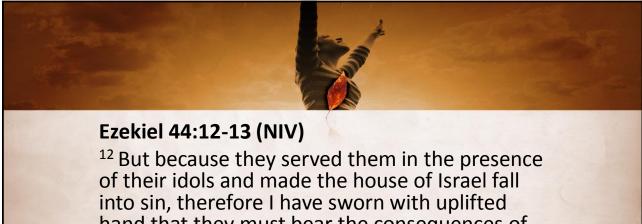
7 Keys to Advancement.

1. Samuel ministered to the Lord

1 Samuel 3:1 (AMP) "NOW THE boy Samuel ministered to the Lord before Eli. The word of the Lord was rare and precious in those days; there was no frequent or widely spread vision"

Ezekiel 44:10-11 (NIV)

[10] "'The Levites who went far from me when Israel went astray and who wandered from me after their idols must bear the consequences of their sin.
[11] They may serve in my sanctuary, having charge of the gates of the temple and serving in it; they may slaughter the burnt offerings and sacrifices for the people and stand before the people and serve them.

Ezekiel 44:12-13 (NIV)

[12] But because they served them in the presence of their idols and made the house of Israel fall into sin, therefore I have sworn with uplifted hand that they must bear the consequences of their sin, declares the Sovereign LORD. [13] They are not to come near to serve me as priests or come near any of my holy things or my most holy offerings; they must bear the shame of their detestable practices.
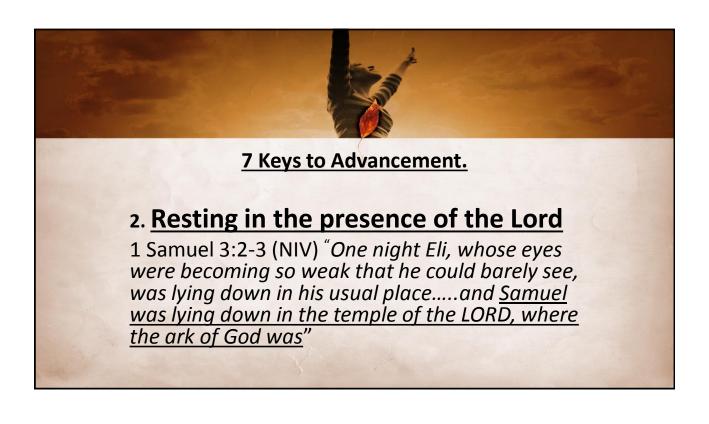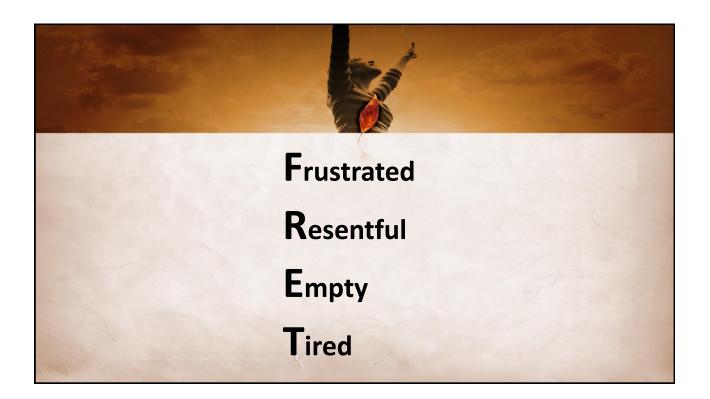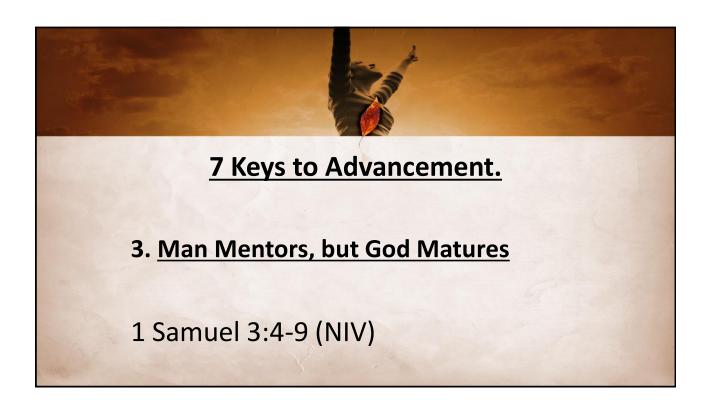
Ezekiel 44:14-16 (NIV)

[14] Yet I will put them in charge of the duties of the temple and all the work that is to be done in it.

[15] "'But the priests, who are Levites and descendants of Zadok and who faithfully carried out the duties of my sanctuary when the Israelites went astray from me, are to come near to minister before me; they are to stand before me to offer sacrifices of fat and blood, declares the Sovereign LORD.

[16] They alone are to enter my sanctuary; they alone are to come near my table to minister before me and perform my service.

7 Keys to Advancement.

2. Resting in the presence of the Lord

1 Samuel 3:2-3 (NIV) "*One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place…..and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was*"

Frustrated

Resentful

Empty

Tired

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7 Keys to Advancement.

3. Man Mentors, but God Matures

1 Samuel 3:4-9 (NIV)

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4. Obedient Hearing

1 Samuel 3:10 (AMP) "And the Lord came and stood and called as at other times, Samuel! Samuel! Then Samuel answered, Speak, Lord, for Your servant is listening."

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5. Proper Timing

1 Samuel 3:15 (NIV)
[15] Samuel lay down until morning and then opened the doors of the house of the LORD. He was afraid to tell Eli the vision
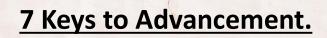
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6. Maturing is a process

1 Samuel 3:19 (NIV) "*The LORD was with Samuel as he grew up, and he let none of his words fall to the ground.*"

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7. Allow the Lord to establish & Confirm you.

1 Samuel 3:20-21 (AMP) [20] And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established to be a prophet of the Lord. [21] And the Lord continued to appear in Shiloh, for the Lord revealed Himself to Samuel in Shiloh through the word of the Lord.