

## STEPPING INTO HIGHER GROUNDS

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- We are standing on Isaiah 2:2 in 2021

#### **Isaiah 2:2 (AMPC)**

*It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be [firmly] established as the highest of the mountains and shall be exalted above the hills, and all nations shall flow to it.*

- We declaring that this year will be of higher grounds and new heights. In every area of your life that you will sow into new heights, psychologically, emotionally, spiritually, physically, mentally, financially, health, family life and business
- This is Gods heart and will
- At the center what God wants to do, He is declaring and saying to us that must come up to higher grounds
- Higher grounds are not starting with our needs, wants and what is important to us
- Higher grounds start with God, to go to the mountain of the Lord

#### **Isaiah 2:3 (AMPC)**

*And many people shall come and say, Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that He may teach us His ways and that we may walk in His paths. For out of Zion shall go forth the law and instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.*

- Priority and center point of higher ground are coming up to God
- Drawing closer into a relationship with God
- Coming into an intimacy and into a place where we have never worship Him before
- Where we pray and seek His face
- Understand higher ground starts with Him, God is going to declare and release over our lives new heights and new aspects

#### **Psalms 24:3-6 (AMPC)**

*Who shall go up into the mountain of the Lord? Or who shall stand in His Holy Place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted himself up to falsehood or to what is false, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation. This is the generation [description] of those who seek Him [who inquire of and for Him and of necessity require Him], who seek Your face, [O God of] Jacob. Selah [pause, and think of that]!*

- God wants us to come up to the mountain of the Lord
- To go to the mountain we need to allow God to clean our hands, hearts and to do a work in the inside of us. For us to draw nearer to Him
- God wants to do something sovereign
- We need to step into higher ground and we will seek Him

### **Senior Pastor Fiona du Plessis**

- Compare 2020 with a book. Book with many chapters – some sad, happy, great excitement and very dramatic. In 2021 we need to turn the next page to see what the new chapter holds. We need to deal with our insecurities and fears. We need to trust in God and deal with many things to go to higher grounds and new heights
- God is directing us to step into His world – why referring to higher grounds
- Don't worry where you fall short, God is specialising in perfecting us. The DNA in our veins is unshakable and unstoppable
- In 2020 God grace us to overcome many battles
- He gave us a spirit of resilience and gave us the capacity to overcome great difficulties
- Steeping into His world gave us the advantage
- Bring your entire life into Gods world. He wants to make us new, strong and secure in Him
- Security can't be found in status, money or friends
- Remain meek. It means to be gentle, strong and powerful under Gods control and willing to submit
- God is putting a new standard in our lives – of resilience, security, trusting in Him and walking in victory

### **1 Corinthians 10:13 (TPT)**

*We all experience times of testing, which is normal for every human being. But God will be faithful to you. He will screen and filter the severity, nature, and timing of every test or trial you face so that you can bear it. And each test is an opportunity to trust him more, for along with every trial God has provided for you a way of escape that will bring you out of it victoriously*

- In Exodus 3:12 God is saying He will surely be with us
- Declare that we will come up to where Gods world is – higher ground. By raising the standard in our lives, let go of the past and welcome the new. God then can use it as a platform for blessings to flow through you to others
- Be thankful to the Lord that He is always good
- Pray the following over your life

### **Numbers 6:24-26 (AMPC)**

*The Lord bless you and watch, guard, and keep you; The Lord make His face to shine upon and enlighten you and be gracious (kind, merciful, and giving favor) to you; The Lord lift up His [approving] countenance upon you and give you peace (tranquility of heart and life continually).*

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- May you receive the blessing when stepping into higher ground
- Defeat, decay and decline will not be your portion
- Blessing of the Lord will overtake you, pursue you and will be on your left and right
- Blessing of the Lord will supersede any decay, attack of the enemy, decline and destruction that wants to come your way
- Declare His life, blessing and blood of Jesus over you. This is your portion