



“The Wind Of God Will Blow”

Genesis 3:15; 4:25; 8:1; Psalm 40:1-3 Sermon Text: Genesis 8:1

We continue to celebrate the illustrious legacy of Africans who have been American citizens. We honor and respect the men and women who were brought as slaves to America and in spite of extremely difficult circumstances, they survived. We remember their ability to overcome obstacles, which were systematically placed in their paths. Today we acknowledge a crowning moment in our history—the inauguration of President Barack Obama as the 44th President of the United States. We cannot adequately celebrate President Obama’s victory without paying homage and recognizing the human foundation upon which his presidency is founded. For centuries thousands have given their lives demanding freedom and equality in this nation. Unfortunately all of the protests, prayers and marches, for many years, were not recognized as valid. This attitude created an atmosphere similar to a holding pattern for airplanes when they are instructed to fly in a circle until it is feasible or practical for them to land. This stagnant pattern of life assumes that patience will prevail and that the necessary resources will eventually be provided, thus permitting the airplanes to land.

To be in a continuous pattern of circling creates fear, anxiety, struggle, and severe testing. To continue to fly in circles with no apparent time to land can devastate a people. God wants us all to land and realize our potential. God will always intervene in our lives and we must accept the truth that God’s delays are not God’s denial. Eve, who would be called the mother of all living, was placed in a holding pattern when one of her sons was killed and the other was the murderer. God had promised her a son (Genesis 3:15). She had two and then they were both gone. However, God blessed her to leave the holding pattern with a new son named Seth (Genesis 4:25). The real test is in facing the silence of being on hold. How often have you faced those times when life seemed stagnant—suspended in indecision? All of us have faced days that seemed as though God had forgotten us. Patience gets a workout when God’s answer is NO ANSWER! His answer is not always yes or no, sometimes His answer is ‘NOT NOW!’

It is God’s timing that we must learn. He synchronizes His answers to accomplish His purpose. Do you have enough faith to assume a holding pattern and wait for the fulfillment of His promise? If you doubt you have adequate patience, please read the first four words of Genesis 8:1 (NIV), “But God remembered Noah....” Quote them repeatedly to find the peace and joy that God will send a wind to provide your every need. Before Noah ran out of resources and provisions, God remembered him! The Lord knows where you are and He knows how much you have left in your reserve to continue in your holding pattern. President Barack Obama is a fresh new wind sent by God for this nation’s healing. God will provide a wind for your life too.

I. God Provided a Wind

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| A. Israel – Deuteronomy 7 | D. Multitude – Matthew 14:20 |
| B. Elijah – 1 Kings 17:6; 19:6 | E. Saints – Philippians 4:19 |
| C. Wisdom – 2 Kings 4:6 | |

II. God Provides Abundance

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| A. Psalm 23:5; 31:19 | D. Matthew 14:20; 22:4; 25:34 |
| B. Joel 2:24 | E. Luke 6:38 |
| C. Malachi 3:10 | F. John 14:2 |

PRAY EVERYDAY FOR PRESIDENT OBAMA, HIS FAMILY AND ALL OF THOSE IN AUTHORITY AROUND HIM. (1 TIMOTHY 1:1, 2)

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