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LORD! Have mercy on me.

By His grace, we shall go through a story in the bible that which I believe will actually help us to see dearly how to connect to the mercy of God in all areas of life.

Luke 7:11-16.

Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and His disciples and a great throng accompanied Him. As He drew near the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out-the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large gathering from the town was accompanying her. And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, do not weep. And He went forward and touched the funeral bier, and the pallbearers stood still. And He said, young man, I say to you, arise (from death)! And the man (who was dead) sat up and began to speak. And Jesus gave him back to his mother. Profound and reverent fear seized them all, and they began to recognize God and praise and give thanks saying, a great prophet has appeared among us!

And God has visited His people(in order to help and care for and provide for them).

This passage is loaded with the testimonies of His mercy; I am trusting God that you will also have your sure testimony of the display of manifestation of God's mercy in Jesus name.

Now, we learnt that both Jesus and His disciples and a lot of people that followed Him met the widow, the corpse carriers and a lot of mourners by the gate of Nain; Jesus and His people were going into town while the widow and the mourners were coming out of the town to go and bury the only son of the widow.

The gate leading to a town is of course a public place. Many a times that we have prayed and fasted over the gate or gates leading to our towns, cities and countries, we prayed against the forces, rulers and so on. We demand deliverance on the gates. While I am not against all of these. I have discovered by this biblical passage that understanding breaks the world of struggle. Did you say what do I mean? The presence of Jesus at the gate put all rulers of darkness on the run- THEY FLEE AT THE PRESENCE OF THE LIGHT.

John 1:4&5.

In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in darkness, for darkness has never over-powered it.

If of a truth, you have the life of God in you, it means that you are a carrier of His light. The same light that shined at the gate of Nain, and all satanic forces were silenced, is able to shine in any darkness around your life and put the satanic forces to flight.

Do you know that the widow's name was not mentioned even her dead son's name was unknown. What does that tell you? Both the widow and her dead son were never consistent followers of Jesus Christ. The mercy of God comes at His own command. No man is worthy of His mercy. The major reason why we cannot claim His mercy when we pray, we cannot command His mercy to flow even after 365 days of prayer and fasting. We can only plead for His mercy. He only has mercy on whom he decided to have mercy on. We cannot challenge the mercy SEAT but we can plead for mercy through His blood.

Well, I know that some of the disciples would have seen the whole issue as a drama. Think of Thomas the Didymus - he must have seen the master wasting His time on a corpse that all the burial arrangements were already done. Peter? He must have been in a hurry to go with Jesus to Nain - many people that were still alive were awaiting their miracles.

Dr. Luke? he must have called Mark and Matthew aside because they had things in common. He must have told them as a doctor that the whole body chemistry was dead. Nothing can bring him back to life again. The master should please go into the city to help those who were still alive.

The Master saw her, He had compassion on her. She was definitely not the only one crying, not the only woman mourning, but the LORD SAW and had compassion. There is something about the word SEE. I imagine the LORD might have seen grief written all over her, unanswered questions all over her face, the widow must have accepted emptiness, nakedness and helplessness; the Lord saw everything. Family members, friends, neighbors and even enemies consoling her, the Lord saw all and HAD COMPASSION on her.

While the Master went and touched the funeral bier, they all stood still. What for? They stood to watch what will happen next?

Pray before you continue:

- *Lord, I pray that you single me out for the manifestation of Your mercy.*
- *Lord, let there be a touch from Your throne of mercy upon every area of my life, in Jesus name.*
- *Lord, as many as are standing to watch me fall, disgraced and helpless, LET them see the manifestation of Your MERCY in my life in Jesus name.*

They stood still with their different thoughts and imaginations. Some expecting a good report, some expecting an evil report and some expecting an empty file of report! Amazingly, in their presence - the miracle of life happened; the impossibility became possible. Death bowed and life manifested the presence of well-wishers and evil-wisher, some enemies must live to congratulate you BUT by style!

Now pray:

- *Lord, let there be a turn-around in my life that will announce You to the whole world.*
- *Lord, let that which seems impossible in my life become possible, and to Your name give glory.*
- *Let every area of my life experience Your compassion, in Jesus name.*
- *By reason of Your mercy, Lord make my life a tool of Your PRAISE in Jesus name.*

Pray extensively in the spirit and give Him praise.

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