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ISOLATION BRINGS REVELATION

Throughout the scriptures we see God dealing one on one with those that He has chosen to do His will.

We look at Moses. He was born into a Hebrew family but raised by Pharaoh's daughter. He killed a man and ran from Egypt. Forty years later we see him on the back side of the desert. That is where God spoke to him, and later spent 40 days on Mt. Sinai where he met God face to face. For 40 days he communed with God, isolated from any other people. During that isolation God gave Him the Ten Commandments and the Levitical laws. That isolation brought revelation to him that changed him and Israel.

We look at David. Before he was king, he was isolated from his family, tending his father's sheep. He heard the voice of God during this isolation, and God revealed himself to him. He sought after God with his whole heart, and because of this was anointed to be king. His isolation brought him the revelation of who God was, and many of the psalms were written because of this time alone with God. David knew that God was the source for everything in his life. Psalm 52 shows a repentant heart that loved God above everything else.

We look at the apostle Paul. He went from being a Pharisee to a murderer, but when he met the Lord on that Damascus Road, his life was changed forever. 1 Corinthians 11:23 says, ***"For I received of the Lord [by revelation] that which also I delivered unto you..."*** His isolation from all religious activity and tradition for three years gave him an intimate knowledge of Jesus Christ. These revelations given to him brought us most of the New Testament.

What can isolation do for you and me? Getting quiet with God will change your life. As you read the scriptures in a quiet place with no distractions you will receive not only the logos [written] word of God, but the Rhema [personal revelation] word for yourself. There is no substitute for a firsthand revelation from God. Once you have received it in that secret place you will hunger for more and more of it.

Do you feel isolated from others? Do you feel alone and forgotten? Do not look at these times as being wasted. These isolation periods are not for our harm. They are to bring us into a closer relationship with the Lord than we have ever had. Be glad you have been given the gift of isolation to bring you a closer relationship with God.

It worked for Moses, David, Paul, and others, and it will work for you too if you look at it as a gift from God. God wants a one-on-one relationship with you!