

# Setting the Stage for a Visitation from God

Psalm 17  
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*You have tried my heart; You have visited me by night; You have tested me and You find nothing; I have purposed that my mouth will not transgress. Psalm 17:3 (NASB-U)*

**Visitation – *paqqad*: to see \_\_\_\_\_ or in an examining manner.**

**It is the image of God coming upon the scene and giving \_\_\_\_\_.**

## WHY WE NEED A VISITATION:

God visited SARAH:

*The Lord visited Sarah as He had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as He had spoken. For Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him. Genesis 21:1-2 (NKJV)*

*The Lord was gracious to Sarah... Genesis 21:1-2 (NIV)*

*Then the Lord took note of Sarah... Genesis 21:1 (NASB)*

*The Lord was good to Sarah... Genesis 21:1 (CEV)*

*The Lord cared for Sarah... Genesis 21:1 (NCV)*

*The Lord came to help Sarah... Genesis 21:1 (GW)*

*The Lord blessed Sarah... Genesis 21:1 (TEV)*

- A visitation from God graciously brings \_\_\_\_\_ to reverse a painful struggle.

God visited the CHILDREN of ISRAEL:

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

*God will surely come to your aid. Genesis 50:24 (NIV)*

- A visitation from God brings \_\_\_\_\_ from a spirit of captivity.

God visited HIS PEOPLE:

*Then she arose with her daughters-in-law that she might return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had visited His people by giving them bread. Ruth 1:6 (NKJV)*

...the Lord had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them... Ruth 1:6 (NIV)

- A visitation from God brings \_\_\_\_\_ for our \_\_\_\_\_.

The greatest tragedy is a \_\_\_\_\_ visitation:

*Days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation. Luke 19:43-44 (NKJV)*

...because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you. Luke 19:44 (NIV)

### HOW WE RECEIVE A VISITATION:

Shift the focus from our \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ in God  
Psalm 37:3-4 (NIV)

- through \_\_\_\_\_

*Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Work six days and do everything you need to do. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to God, your God. Don't do any work—not you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your servant, nor your maid, nor your animals, not even the foreign guest visiting in your town. For in six days God made Heaven, Earth, and sea, and everything in them; he rested on the seventh day. Therefore God blessed the Sabbath day; he set it apart as a holy day. Exodus 20:8-11 (MsgB)*

- through a \_\_\_\_\_

*With what shall I come before the Lord and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:6-8 (NIV)*

- through \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

*Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is sacred to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." Nehemiah 8:10 (NIV)*