

# 5785 2025 The Year of Greater Grace for The Next Level (Grace to Operate in the Supernatural Pt. 2)

### **Sunday Sermon – 11/24/2024**

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#### **Working the Pey-Hey Principle**

James 4:6-10 But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble." 7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

This is the year of greater grace for the next Level. James 4:6 But He gives more grace...7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

As we advance to the next level, we will undoubtedly face stronger demonic activity. However, we have the assurance that we serve a God who generously provides us with the grace needed to resist these temptations. Therefore, let us fully submit to God and stand firm against the devil, for he will flee from us. The more we align ourselves with God, the greater His grace empowers us to triumph over the enemy.

#### Let's go deeper into the meaning of 5785

As we enter the Hebrew year 5785, let's continue to focus on the number 85.

In Hebrew, the numerical values assigned to letters in the alphabet can often correspond to words with specific meanings, allowing for a practice called "Gematria" where the numerical value of a word is interpreted for deeper meaning; essentially, the numerical representation of a Hebrew word can have a symbolic meaning beyond just its numerical value.

The number 8 signifies the decade we are in, which biblically represents new beginnings.

In Hebrew, the number 8 corresponds to the word "Pey," which means "mouth." Positively speaking, it's associated with speaking life and truth.

Last week we went over how important our words are.

The current year, number 5, denotes the year we are in. This is significant as this number biblically represents grace.

In Hebrew, the number 5 is associated with the letter "Hey" (7), which symbolizes **Divine Breath**, **Revelation**, and **God's Grace**.

In this decade, we will have more grace to pronounce new beginnings and increase in many areas of our lives.

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#### God's Breath

God aims to breathe new life into our stagnant areas in this Year of Greater Grace.

His breath will revive the dead, fruitless, and barren aspects of our lives, bringing renewal and increase.

New beginnings and renewal are essential due to the challenges we will face this year.

If we want to prosper, grow, and effectively serve the kingdom, embracing new beginnings, renewal, and change is necessary.

The Hebrew pictorial for the number 5 means the year of the open window.

The "windows of heaven" in Hebrew imagery symbolize an abundant outpouring of God's blessings through His promises.

Use the new sign for illustration.

While God controls these windows, the blessings that flow depend on His children's obedience.

Malachi 3:10 And try Me now in this," Says the Lord of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it.

God is offering humanity a chance to obey this command, along with the assurance of the blessings that will come.

So, if we are willing to give it up, we can have it all.

#### Practical Implications of "Pey Hey" in Daily Life

As we begin 5785, let's think about our chances in 5784, known as "the open door." This year, we can build on those experiences.

New beginnings, renewal, and change will occur to prosper, grow, and effectively serve the kingdom as we learn to communicate appropriately (Pey) by receiving divine inspiration from the Holy Spirit (Hey).

Luke 19:11-14 Now as they heard these things, He spoke another parable, because He was near Jerusalem and because they thought the kingdom of God would appear immediately. 12 Therefore He said: "A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return. 13 <u>So</u> he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas, and said to them, 'Do business till I come.

Note: in this scripture text, we have ten servants, and the master delivers "ten Minas" to the group, one for each of them.

The word "Minas" here represents the gift of salvation, which the Holy Spirit distributes equally amongst everyone who received Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

We are called to prosper, grow, and effectively serve the kingdom, regardless of the environment we find ourselves in.

The critical factor is not our surroundings but our willingness to embrace new beginnings.

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Renewal and change will happen as we commit to allowing the Holy Spirit to renew our minds.

The Holy Spirit is ready to bring new beginnings, renew the things that have gotten old in your life, and bring change where change is needed, but the keyword is we must commit to allowing him to do His work.

Just because the atmosphere will change on national and global levels, does not mean that we have to stagnate or decrease at all.

If our goal is to "do business (occupy) until He comes", the changes that happen mean more opportunities for us to prosper, grow, and effectively serve the kingdom differently and or on Another Level.

We must ask God to give us an innovative way to do His business!

#### The Pey-Hey Principle

"The Pey Hey Principle" refers to speaking God's word with faith, by the influence of the Holy Spirit, so that God's promises can manifest in our lives.

2 Corinthians 1:20-22 For all of God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding "Yes!" And through Christ, our "Amen" (which means "Yes, let it be unto me according to your word") ascends to God for his glory.

God is just waiting for someone to lay hold of His promises and claim them as theirs.

21 It is God who enables us, along with you, to stand firm for Christ. He has commissioned us, 22 and he has identified us as his own by placing the Holy Spirit in our hearts as the first installment that guarantees everything he has promised us.