

Introductory Text, Matthew 27:11-24

## THE PRINCE OF THE WORLD COMETH



**Opening verse:** *Israel hath cast off the thing that is good: the enemy shall pursue him*  
[Hosea 8:3]



**G**od is sovereign and self-existing: He does not need anything from man, rather we are the ones that need Him for everything. So, whatever demand God places on you were meant for your good and not for evil; for His commandments are not grievous (1 John 5:3). Take for example, “**...Be ye holy for I am holy**”, is a demand (1 Peter 1:16); “**Put on the whole armour of God...**”, is a demand (Ephesians 6:11); “**Be ye perfect as your heavenly father is perfect...**”, is also a demand (Matthew 5:48), etc. Every of these demands were designed to make life easy and sweet, and ultimately defeat the devil; but when you overlook any of them, you may pay with your life.

The Book of Ephesians talks about “the evil day” (Ephesians 6:13). In other word, every man has an appointed day with evil: but your relationship with God is what will determine whether or not you will escape. Ask Job. Thus the devil regularly checks up on us, looking for gaps (sin, mistakes, error) in our lives; and the moment he finds one, that becomes an entry point of attack or affliction, etc. Ecclesiastes 10:8 says, “**...whoso breaketh a hedge, the serpent shall bite him**”. Thus, Jesus did not defeat the devil

because He was very powerful, but because He had no sin to be accused of by the devil. **“Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, AND HATH NOTHING IN ME”** (John 14:30).

What opens your life to the devil is sin. Thus, the secret of surviving “the evil day” is that you have nothing of which he can accuse you of. For forty years, the devil followed Moses, until he found anger in him in Kadesh (Numbers 20). And when the people asked for water, the Lord said to Moses to speak to the Rock, but in anger towards the people, Moses struck the Rock twice, not knowing it was Christ (1 Corinthians 10:4). His anger gave room for the devil to have a case against him, hence God had no option but to terminate his assignment. **“But the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, because you did not trust in me enough to honour me as holy in the sight of the Israelites, you will not bring this community into the land I give them”** (Numbers 20:12 NIV)

Watch it; the devil is at your trail, looking for what to accuse you of. See to it that he finds nothing. You shall escape.



### MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

I'm separated from every hidden and secret sin.  
I am unstoppable. Praise God.

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### ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

1 Samuel 12:3-5, Ephesians 6:10-18, 1 Peter 5:8-9.

Introductory Text, Genesis 39:1-6

## FAITHFULNESS



**Opening verse:** *And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own? [Luke 16:12].*



**O**ne of the major condition necessary for promotion and great reward in life, but in short supply world over is faithfulness. Many think they are smart when they work against their boss or organization by cheating, stealing, lying or sabotaging the system. Unfortunately, the reverse is the case. When you work against the system that is sustaining you, you are destroying your future. Achan sabotaged the ministry of Joshua, he died by stoning (Joshua 7:25-26). Gehazi sabotaged Elisha, he left with leprosy (2 kings 5:26-27); Judas Iscariot sabotaged the ministry of Jesus, he ended up committing suicide (Matthew 27:5). **“A false witness will not go unpunished, and he who speaks lies will not escape”** (Proverbs 19:5 NKJV)

What is faithfulness? It is to be at your duty post. To do what you've been asked to do. To be available, dependable, trustworthy to your boss or organization. It is being in a place where your boss, church, company can have confidence in your work, word, judgement, decisions, time, etc. Thus whatever assignment is given to you, your boss would not have to double check on you. But many are backstabbing and backbiting their pastor, boss, head of department, etc. all with the hope of getting

even or overthrowing the person, but this strategy always fail: because lies, evil and wickedness are never good materials for building a life, business or ministry; they collapse at the slightest wind (Matthew 7:24-27).

Why must you be faithful? It is what opens the door to your establishment. It allows your boss to trust and release all the information and the “tricks” of the business into your hand. When Joseph was in the prison, his faithfulness allowed the officers to hand over the prison and the inmates into his hands (Genesis 39:22-23). While Jacob was in Laban's house his faithfulness caused Laban to hand over the entire flock to him (Genesis 30:27-28). Moses was faithful, hence God gave him the Old Testament Law, trusting he will deliver it as it was given to him (Hebrews 3:1-4). Jesus was faithful, hence the Father handed the heavens and the earth into His hands; **“That at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow, of things in heaven and things in earth, and things under the earth. And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord...”** (Philippians 2:10).

Don't be deterred when your partner, boss or organisation refuses to acknowledge your good works; God has a way of rewarding faithful people. Be encouraged.



#### MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

Lord I will work in truth and not in falsehood. I will uphold the virtue of faithfulness.

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#### ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

Exodus 1:15-21, Psalm 75:6-8, Proverbs 28:20,  
Luke 22:28-30.

Introductory Text, Judges 16:16-31

## PICK WHAT YOU WANT



**Opening verse:** *Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours. Whether Paul or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours [1 Corinthians 3:21-22].*



**W**hen we get born again, we automatically get elevated to the same level where Christ is; sharing in His power, glory, privileges, etc. This means principalities, rulers and powers of darkness also come under us, being joint heirs with Christ (Romans 8:17). But not many of us know this; and of the few that know, not everyone exercises the authority and power they have in Christ. Thus the greatest problem of the Church is not the devil, for he has long been defeated; but lack of knowledge. **“Therefore my people are gone into captivity because they have no knowledge: and their honourable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst”** (Isaiah 5:13)

Thus, one of the privilege we have is the right of choice. The whole of life is given to us on a platter of gold, and what we choose becomes ours. This was why Paul in our opening verse said, **“All things are yours”**; whether life, death, sorrow, fear, sickness, prosperity, divine health, joy, peace, etc. It is left for you to take what you want. The writer of Hebrews while making reference to the early patriarch, among other things said, **“Women received their dead again: and others were tortured NOT**

**ACCEPTING DELIVERANCE that they might obtain a better resurrection**" (Hebrews 11:35). Thus, while some wanted deliverance, some did not. God will only give you what you want.

If you believe in divine health, it will be given to you. If you believe in prosperity, you will have it; and if you also love holiness with poverty, you will not be denied. The story of Samson when he was arrested by the Philistines revealed that, while he was shaved, chained and used as sport, he made only one request. **"And Samson called unto the Lord and said, O Lord God, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes....Let me die with the Philistines** (Judges 16:28-29). Everything he prayed for was in line with God's will and purpose for his life, until he said, "LET ME DIE WITH THE PHILISTINES". God had no choice than to allow him to be knocked down by one of the falling stones.

Now that you're still alive, you have the opportunity to make the right choice. Choose wisely and live.



#### **MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER**

Father, I choose life over death, divine health over sickness, and wealth over poverty. Amen!

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#### **ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES**

Psalm 115:16, Mark 10:51, Ephesians 3:20.

Introductory Text, Exodus 31:1-11  
**KNOW YOUR WORK**



**Opening verse:** *Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called [1 Corinthians 7:20].*

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**T**here's an assignment for you, just as there is a work for every man. When God made man, He made him unique, so that no two persons are the same; whether living, dead or still to come. For this reason, our strength, likes and dislikes differs from person to person. This accounts for why there are many vocations to suit the design of God in every man; “...**And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground**” (Genesis 4:2). That your brother is into animal husbandry and doing well, does not mean you're called to the same vocation. Success, profit or gain can sometimes be deceptive.

In determining your true call, work or vocation, you must look out for these factors; peace, joy, comfortability, and a flow (chemistry), etc. If you struggle, grumble, feel unstable and not comfortable with your present work, it could be that you're in a wrong place. Your work should make you happy (comfortable) even in the midst of stress or pressure; “**The sleep of a laboring man is sweet, whether he eat little or much: but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep**” (Ecclesiastes 5:12). When money becomes your determining factor in choosing a job; you will miss the will of God, miss life, and

become a slave to that work. God designed us to enjoy our work.

The success of Jesus' ministry can be traced to His own vocation as a carpenter, and that of his disciples, who were fishermen. Carpenters work with raw wood, which they have to process to make an item; say a table. Thus the connection between carpentry and ministry is that both have to do with getting raw materials (persons), and transform them into product (saints). Similarly, what fishermen do is to catch fishes, and with this mindset it becomes easy for the disciples to catch men. This was why scripture noted, **"...And Jesus said unto Simon, fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men"** (Luke 5:10). In other word, both Jesus and the disciples were in their natural environment with no struggles at all.

Your work should be a natural environment to you; where you just flow, the challenges notwithstanding. Your strength, nature, likes or dislikes should be at home with your work. It is like a fish in the water or a bird in the air; any other thing will be a yoke. Stop following the crowd, follow (obey) the call God planted in you.



### MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

Lord, I submit to you. I will not be moved by things, but by your will for my life. Amen.

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### ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

Matthew 4:17-21, 1 Samuel 17:38-40, Matthew 11:28-30.



Introductory Text, Acts 12:20-25

## TRUE WORSHIP



**Opening verse:** *Jesus said unto him, thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind*  
[Matthew 22:37].



**T**he present Church has greatly limited the true meaning of worship. Basically, we take worship as an act rather than a way of life. That is why when it's time to sing songs and praise unto the Lord, we call it worship session: but this is just a little aspect of worship. True worship is much greater than just a time of singing; but a lifestyle. At the wilderness, when Jesus was faced with temptation, the devil shows us the true definition of worship. **“And said unto him, all these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me”** (Matthew 4:9). In other word, worship is about “falling down”; that is, surrendering ones will, life, and total being to another. Worship is total submission to a greater or higher being; spiritual or physical.

When Jesus was asked which is the great commandment, He said, **“...thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind”** (Matt. 22:37). True worship involves the heart, soul, and mind being submitted to God. That was why God warned Israel through the Ten Commandments saying, **“Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any**

likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children..." (Exodus 20:4-5). Thus, your body, soul and spirit is given to the one you worship in total submission; and that is why the devil is ever desirous of it (Isaiah 14:13-14).

The wider implication is that anything you give yourself totally to, has become an object of worship. It could be your spouse, children, job, university degree, material possessions, etc. And whenever this is done, God's place has been taken, and what immediately follows is His judgement (axe); as it happened to Herod, "**And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms and gave up the ghost**" (Acts 12:23). Be careful what you're giving your body, soul and spirit to, because you may just be putting them on God's way.

The Syrophenician woman exhibited true worship when she came and bowed to Jesus, no wonder she got her miracle. Don't surrender your heart to any other; be wise.



#### MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

Lord, I surrender my body, soul and spirit. Let my praise be acceptable unto you. Amen.

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#### ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

Matthew 15:21-28, John 3:27-30, Psalm 95:1-11.

Introductory Text, 1 Samuel 4:1-11

## WE SHOW FAITH BY WORKS



**Opening Verse:** *But someone will say, you have faith and I have works. Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works [James 2:18 NKJV].*

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**T**he Christian life is a practical life. If you're making progress with good Christian living, everyone will see it; and if not, it's only a matter of time before everybody will know what's going on with you. Thus, what makes our lives visible to all is our works (result) and not just our confession. There are people who are good at making confessions, but with nothing to show. While at the same time, there are those with great result but never talking. **"One person pretends to be rich, yet had nothing; another pretend to be poor yet has great wealth"** (Proverbs 13:7).

When the Ark of the Lord was brought into the camp of Israel before the war with the Philistine in the days of Eli the Priest. Scripture has it that Israel shouted until the earth rang. But the Philistine without shouting said, **"Be strong, and quit yourselves like men, O ye Philistines, that ye be not servants unto the Hebrews, as they have been to you: quit yourselves like men and fight"** (1 Samuel 4:9). In the battle that followed, Israel lost with thirty thousand soldiers' slain by the Philistines. Faith never stands alone, it has to be engaged with credible works to produce the desired result. The world is not interested in your noise, confession or display, but in

your result. Wake up!

No one will clap for you for being a prayer warrior, or one that is given to fasting often; but when your prayer or fast produces result, then will you be commended. The Christianity that does not produce result will be a laughing stock. This was what happened to Jabez. He was an honourable man with nothing to show; but when he turned to the Lord in prayer, his story changed and true honour was restored to him (1 Chronicles 4:9-10). This is what we are called to do. You must go beyond talking, to producing what everybody will see. There may be people getting result in ways and manner not consistent with good Christian living; don't let that bother you. Your focus must be on using faith to get result that is pleasing to God and to men.

Thus, every time you put yourself to tangible work, result will follow. That's what faith is all about. Don't complain, grumble or give reason for failure, just step out and let your work speak for you.



#### **MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER**

My life was designed for glory and not for story.  
Through faith and works, I will make great  
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#### **ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES**

James 2:14-17, 1 Samuel 18:6-7, 1 Kings 17:17-24.

Introductory Text, 2 Kings 4:1-7

## WE SHOW FAITH BY WORKS (PART 2)



**Opening verse:** *Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless [James 1:26 NIV].*



**B**eing spiritual is one thing, and being religious is another. Many today have confused both to mean the same thing. To be spiritual is simply to be a doer of the Word, hence divine result follows such person. Jesus was very spiritual, thus He was not only given to the Word, prayer, and fasting, but His ministry produced result for everyone to see in terms of miracles, signs and wonders. He was also a giver, provided for his disciples and funded all His crusades; **“And when it was evening, his disciples came to him, saying, this is a desert place, and the time is now past; send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves victuals. But Jesus said unto them, they need not depart, give ye them to eat”** (Matthew 14:15-16).

The religious person however is only desiring to be heard and seen. He craves the attention of the crowd and has nothing to do with the Word; for this, he has no result to show for life. His life is all about wanting to impress himself, the people and God with his prayer, fasting, and observant of the law; **“The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this**

**publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess”** (Luke 18:11-12). The only thing the religious man has to show is his religious piety and nothing more.

When the widow of one of the prophets in our lead story came to meet Elisha, her story was, “**...thy servant my husband is dead; and thou knowest that thy servant did fear the Lord: and the creditor is come to take unto him my two sons to be bondmen**” (2 Kings 4:1). The man was very religious, yet the only result he left behind was debt and trouble for his family. God never called us to be religious, because religion is simply showmanship; but He called us to a spiritual walk with Him. It was religious people that fought Jesus and got him killed.

Every genuine service and dedication to God always produce result. Being able to fast, pray, speak in tongue and quote scriptures is not enough, but the physical proofs (works) of righteousness, godliness, divine health, joy, faith, peace, abundance and victorious life are of greater value to you and the Kingdom.



### **MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER**

Lord, my life and works shall be a testimony that you're a living and a capable God. Amen.

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### **ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES**

Romans 8:1-13, Matthew 14:13-21,  
Philippians 4:10-19.

Introductory Text, 1 Kings 12:25-33

## THE DEVIL'S ALTERNATIVE



**Opening verse:** *Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow is the road that leads to life, only a few find it [Matthew 7:13-14 NIV].*



**W**henever the devil wants to trap a man, he will present him alternatives outside God's way. Usually such alternatives look easier, quicker and better, but the people who follow such path never return to tell their story of woes; at best, they come back seriously wounded. When Adam and Eve followed the counsel of the devil in the Garden of Eden, they came back with nakedness, fear and lost the garden (Genesis 3:10). The same can be said of the prodigal, who left home as a son but came back to take the place of a servant. **"I will arise and go to my father, and I will say unto him, father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee. And am no more worthy to be called thy son; make me as one of thy hired servant"** (Luke 15:19)

The story of Jeroboam, a king in Israel after the death of Solomon, gives us a perfect picture of the devil's alternative. Having been anointed king by the Lord, and with the overwhelming support of the ten tribes of Israel; Jeroboam in his effort to secure himself for life, went and built an altar in Bethel for the people to worship and said, **"...It is too much for you to up to Jerusalem, behold thy gods, O Israel..."** (1 Kings 12:28). That altar that looked closer to them,

eventually became their waterloo. When the ways of God begins to look too far or difficult for you, be careful, you may be taking the devil's alternative.

A man of God said, "Short cut will cut you short". When a building engineer tells you not to worry about getting all the materials to raise that building, saying, "We have a way to go around it", it is the spirit of short cut, the spirit of Jeroboam. When men come to sell ideas to you, so as to avoid what they call "stress", you may have fallen to the spirit of Jeroboam. Today, there are different interpretations of the doctrine of the Bible, like tithe, water baptism, fasting, separation and divorce, etc. all in the quest to find a short cut out of God's standard.

Don't be a victim of the devil's alternative by seeking short cut. Go all the way and get things done the right way, you will be better off for it.



### **MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER**

The way of the Lord is the way of truth and righteousness. I will not fall to the devil's trap.

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### **ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES**

Proverb 14:12, Jeremiah 6:13-16, 1 Peter 5:8-10.



Introductory Text, John 9:1-11

## DOES IT MAKE SENSE?



**Opening verse:** *For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heaven are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts [Isaiah 55:8-9].*

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**G**od gave man five senses: the sense of sight, smell, taste, touch and hearing. Each one of them play different roles in our decision making process, judgement, and choices, etc. Yet they are limited because they are out of reach to spiritual things, but can only be used for our physical environment. Unfortunately, the forces that determine or affect life are spiritual. Thus, if you are a person who always want to see things make sense physically before you act, you will lose out.

Understand this now; the things of God do not make sense to the human mind, because God is a Spirit (John 4:23). Everything God is going to send your way will come in spirit form, it is left for you to decipher them and get the blessings hid in it. This is the reason why salvation is key to your walk with God. For through salvation, you receive the Holy Spirit, whose work is to unravel the things of God; **“Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is of God: that we might know the things that are freely given to us”** (1 Corinthians 2:12). Without the Holy Spirit you will never know or have access to what is yours in Christ.

A man born blind was brought to Jesus: but to heal

him, Jesus spat on the ground and made clay with it, and robbed it on his face. Jesus then asked him to go and wash his face at the river. Does that make sense? But the man obeyed, and he came back with brand new eyes. Ten lepers saw Jesus and cried to be healed. He simply asked them to go and show themselves to the Priest; “....**And it came to pass that as they went, they were cleansed**” (Luke 17:14). Jesus was in a wedding party, and when they ran out of wine, the mother sought His help. He just said to the waiters, “...**fill the water pot with water ....draw out now and bear to the governor of the feast**” (Luke 2:7-8). By the time the waiter got to the high table, water had turned to wine; does it make sense?

Stop waiting for things to make sense before you believe God, otherwise you will wait forever. For once be “foolish”, so that you can get your miracle.



### MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

Lord, I fully submit to your wisdom and ways.  
Let my miracle come right away.

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### ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

1 Corinthians 1:23-29, 1 Corinthians 2:7-16, 2 Kings 4:1-7.

Introductory Text, Genesis 39:1-12

## FEAR GOD



**Opening verse.** *And Abraham said, because I thought surely the fear of God is not in this place, and they will slay me for my wife's sake [Genesis 20:11]*



**H**ave you ever travelled on an aircraft before? As you rise up into the sky, you will notice how everything begins to get smaller. The tall and large skyscrapers, buildings, trucks, cars, etc. all suddenly turns tiny before your eyes. A group of astronauts took a picture of the earth from outer space, and after printing it out on paper, the earth only appeared like a dot. Can you imagine the earth as large as it is, with all the countries of the world appearing like a dot? How then would men appear? Thus, if from the outer space the earth is seen as a dot, how will it look like from heaven, which is trillions of miles away? This is reason why you must fear God. Everything you are or have are not up to a speck of dust before God. Be humble.

How do you know you fear God? Proverbs 8:13 defines, **"The fear of the Lord, is to hate evil..."** Proverbs 16:6 puts it thus, **"...by the fear of the Lord, men departs from evil"**, Thus the primary sign that you fear God is to reject and hate evil (sin). It is to make up your mind not to get involved in anything that will displease God. When Joseph was presented with the opportunity to have his masters' wife, he said to the woman, **"...how then can I do this great**

**wickedness, and sin against God”** (Genesis 39:9). The message is simple: every act of evil or sin committed is not against men but God, for sin always alter the purpose of God.

When Abraham moved to Gerar, and for fear of the people he asked Sarah to lie that she was his sister. Seizing that opportunity, Abimelech the king of Gerar quickly took Sarah to be one of his wives, but the Lord afflicted his entire household until Sarah was returned. When the king asked Abraham why he lied, he said, “...**because I thought, surely the fear of God is not in this place....**” (Genesis 20:11). In other word, Abraham understood that those who don't fear God will do evil of any sort. To them, there's no restrain, or a no-go-area.

But if you fear God it will reflect in everything you do. Your words, thoughts, motives actions, inactions, choices, decisions, and judgement, etc. will all be affected. No wonder, the fear of the Lord will be one of the major qualities of end time saints (Isaiah 33:6).



#### **MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER**

Father, you are my fear and strength. I will walk in your fear and will, until I'm established.

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#### **ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES**

1 Samuel 24:1-7, Philippians 4:8-9, Psalm 19:7-11.

Introductory Text, Ephesians 5:1-21

## CHRIST: OUR NEW ENVIRONMENT



**Opening verse:** *When Christ who is our life shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory [Colossians 3:4].*



**B**efore salvation, the world and its ways dominated and determined everything concerning you. With the spirit of the world running in you; your speech, thoughts, decisions, choices, actions and inactions were all in conformity with the world. Ephesians 2:2 (NLT), paints a perfect picture of what we were before salvation; **“You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil – the commander of the power of the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. All of us used to live in that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God’s anger, just like everyone else”**

But all that changed when we became born again. We literally moved from the camp of the devil to join Christ in His kingdom. We automatically entered a new environment where peace, joy, hope, faith, divine health, righteousness and holiness reigns, etc. We crossed from the place of fear, failure, sickness, oppression, sexual immorality and lawlessness to the place where God rules. **“Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us**

**into the kingdom of his dear Son”** (Col. 1:13). For this reason, everything about us must change. The way we talk and dress; where we go, what we think, who we associates with, what we watch or listen to, etc. will all have to change to reflect our new environment.

If you don't change, you will suffer what they (world) suffer. Sickness, fear, doubt, failure, defeat and disappointment will rule your life. The story of Dinah, the only daughter of Jacob describes what happens when we step outside God. On entering the city of Shalem, Dinah stepped out of the camp of her brethren (the covenant people), “**...to see the daughters of the land”**, and that was the day she was raped (Genesis 34:1-2). She did not only lose her joy, but her future also; for no mention was ever made of her again in the Bible. Gehazi the servant of Elisha, stepped out just once from the environment designed for him, he never recovered from the leprosy he inherited from Naaman (1 kings 5:21-27).

Having received salvation, Christ has become your new environment. Your strength, dream vision, marriage, career, are all tied to Christ. With Him you can become all that you want to be, without missing anything the world has to offer.



#### **MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER**

I'm complete in Christ, and have no need of all that is in the world. Christ is my victory over the world.

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#### **ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES**

Colossians 2:8-10, 1 Corinthians 6:9-20, Ephesians 4:17-32.

Introductory Text, Esther 3:1-11

## LIFE HAPPENS DAILY



**Opening verse:** *So teach us to number our days,  
that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom  
[Psalm 90:12].*



**G**od is a God of pattern; and so is every of His works. For instance in the beginning, the work of creation evolved daily. Thus, no two day are the same, every day is unique. God made it so, so that each day can be measureable and accountable. This is the reason why the Bible is clearly and specifically dated; each event speaking for each day, just like the flood of Noah. **“In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month...”** (Genesis 7:11). Thus, the year, month, and day were specifically noted. Similarly, your daily life events and activities are all recorded (Revelation 20:12).

In the wilderness, when Israel cried for meat, God sent them manna, and asked them to collect what they needed per day (Exodus 16:4). When the disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray, He included in the prayer, **“Give us day by day, our daily bread”** (Luke 11:3). God releases blessings daily as the Psalmist noted, **“Blessed be the Lord, who daily loaded us with benefits...”** (Psalm 68:19). The wisdom, knowledge, grace, help and favour, etc. you need to succeed, are delivered to you daily. How you use them is your prerogative. Thus, the

cumulative effect of what you do daily, is what is delivered to you in your future. Every day you misuse or underuse, will reflect in your tomorrow. The job you left undone, the relationship you walked away from, the college degree you abandoned, etc. will all tell how your tomorrow will be.

So, your life happens daily not yearly. What you do with each opportunity, privileges, chances, or tasks given to you determines the future. Thus, your daily choices, decisions, judgement, actions and inactions will all determine your success or failure. Job was noted for making daily sacrifices (prayers) for the sins of his children (Job 1:5), but the only day he left undone, the devil struck. No wonder when his ordeal began, scripture specifically stated, **“And there was a day...”** (Job 1:13). When Haman was to strike the Jews, he gathered sorcerers and diviners to search for a free day in the atmosphere, until they found one in the month Adar (Esther 3:7).

Jesus knew He had a very short time, so He exerted himself every day, saying, **“I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work”** (John 9:4). Grab your day, and you won't cry in the future.



### MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

I choose to work, love and pray every day. My days will not be captured by the devil. Amen.

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### ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

Ecclesiastes 11:1-10, John 11:9-10, 1 Timothy 4:13-15



Introductory Text, Mark 10:46-52

## FAITH AND SPEED



**Opening verse:** *Then touched he their eyes, saying, according to your faith be it unto you [Matthew 9:29].*



**Y**our faith will determine how quick you receive from the Lord and how fast you go in the journey of life. The same faith is what separate winners from losers, the joyful from the sorrowful, and the sick from those who enjoy divine health, etc. Until you are in the place of faith, you are not sure of arriving at your destination, as it did happen to Israel in the wilderness. **“But your little ones which ye said should be a prey, them will I bring in, and they shall know the land which ye have despised. But as for you, your carcasses, they shall fall in this wilderness. And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your whoredom, until your carcasses be wasted in the wilderness”** (Numb. 14:31-33).

Those who believe God will move at the pace of God, because they are tied to Him by faith. But those who do not will be left behind. When blind bartimeus heard the sound of the multitude walking along the road, he inquired, and he was told Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. Then he jumped at the opportunity and cried, **“...Jesus thou son of David, have mercy on me”** (Mark 10:47). Right in front of the multitude, he received his sight. While the multitude continued as mere followers and onlookers, blind bartimeus

came with faith, got healed and never returned to the road side.

The implication is that by your faith, you will determine your speed: how fast or how slow. The disciples knew Jesus in person; they ate, drank and slept with him, and heard all the mysteries of the Kingdom directly. The promise to go to the uttermost part of the earth was spoken to them in person, yet they were content to remain in Jerusalem. Paul on the other hand, only came to know Jesus much later by revelation, yet he outperformed and outran all the disciples of Jesus because of faith. Faith propelled him until he covered the whole of Europe, Asia, Middle-East and Arabia. Thus he said, **“For I am the least of the apostles...but by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I but the grace of God which was with me”** (1 Corinthians 15:9-10).

So don't let it bother you by those who seem to have gone ahead of you, with faith you can catch up and overtake. Hallelujah!



#### MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

I rise up with faith and mount on wings to pursue my course and destiny. I am rising.

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#### ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

Psalm 119:97-100, Hebrews 4:1-3, John 1:10-12.

Introductory Text, John 3:1-16

## ETERNAL LIFE



**Opening verse:** *Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses [1 Timothy 6:12].*



**M**any today don't know why they are in Church. In other word, they don't know the place or role of the Church in their life and destiny. Some see the Church as a burden, while some don't even see the need to be born again. For this latter group, as long as they are not involve in any form of evil, wickedness or sin, being born again is not needful. But they forget that moral righteousness cannot count before God (Isaiah 64:6). What qualifies you for the things of God is not what you did right, but what Christ has done. Unless you identify with Christ through salvation (being born again) and be filled with the Holy Spirit, you may end up in the same place with sinners.

When Paul said we should fight the good fight of faith, he quickly added why we need to fight; it was to **“lay hold on eternal life”**. What is eternal life? It is the life we get from Christ. It is the life of God running in the veins of men. A life that has no end, and cannot be terminated by sorrow, fear, trouble, sickness, or death, etc. Scriptures also refer to it as everlasting life, or righteousness. It is a gift for accepting Jesus, and so cannot be acquired by good works or moral uprightness. **“For by grace are ye saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves, it**

is the gift of God. Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9). Thus outside eternal life, what you have is the human life: the life that is susceptible to nature.

When all that you have is the human life, you will also be subject to failure, delay, poverty, barrenness, and all forms of damage. It is a life prone to sin and therefore open to satanic and demonic attack. Whatever is spiritually thrown at the person that is only a carrier of the human life, will always hit its target and bring the individual down; because he or she lacks protection. **"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places"** (Ephesians 6:12).

On the other hand, eternal life is a covenanted life to God, which places a demand or responsibility on God to protect, supply and nourish the fellow; as well as insulate the individual against every form of evil. It's an unstoppable life.



#### MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

I am joined to Christ through salvation. I have eternal life, therefore I'm unstoppable.

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#### ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

1 John 5:11-13, John 11:23-26, Isaiah 43:2.

Introductory Text, Mark 10:17-27

## ETERNAL LIFE(PART 2)



**Opening verse:** *And behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good things shall I do that I may have eternal life? [Matthew 19:16].*



**E**ternal life is a compound word that cannot be captured by just one meaning. Thus, it is also referred to as everlasting life, righteousness, the God-life, etc. It is everlasting because it is a life that has no end. It is righteousness because it is what helps you to live right according to God's standard. It is the God-life because it comes from God but runs through the vein of men. It is a gift, and the life lived in heaven; that's why people in heaven don't get sick, neither do they sorrow, fear, fail, worry, etc. Thus, those who have eternal life here are simply experiencing heaven on earth. By this life all the things that affect natural men have no chance with them. It's a life that opens the door to ever flowing joy, faith, hope and divine health even in the midst of the uncertainties.

Jesus is also eternal life personified, "**And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life**" (1 John 5:11-12). No wonder, none of the disciples got sick or suffered any lack. When Peter's mother in law was sick, Eternal Life went forward and, "**... touched her hand, and the fever left her: and she arose and ministered unto them**" (Matthew 8:15). So, when the

rich young ruler came to Jesus to ask how to have eternal life, he wasn't in error, yet he did not want to pay the price.

What then is the price for eternal life? It is to surrender to Jesus. However, the rich young man feared losing his wealth, and this is where he got it all wrong. Following Jesus does not reduce us but adds to us, **“For the scripture saith, whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed** (Romans 10:11). The fear of losing your wealth, business, family, friends and opportunities, etc. should never cross your mind; for Jesus came to give us all that is ours in the Kingdom. The patriarch Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses and several others all followed God, and not one of them ended up in shame; rather they survived every trouble because they had eternal life (the God life) running in their veins.

We are also on a journey, and this journey is full of several twist and turns; you need eternal life to survive here.



#### MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

I receive eternal life by faith; I declare my journey here shall be smooth and easy. Amen

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#### ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

Romans 10:6-13, Isaiah 46:3-4, 1 John 1:1-4

Introductory Text, John 11:38-44

## GOD CREATES NEW THINGS



**Opening verse :** *Behold, I will do a new thing: now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the deserts [Isaiah 43:19].*



**A**postle Peter wrote in 2 Peter 3:13, **“Nevertheless we according to his promise, look for the new heaven and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness.”** Agreed that the earth is old, but how about heaven? We have not even seen or entered this heaven, yet God wants to replace it with a new one. This is consistent with God's nature, who delights in creating new things when the first have been altered by sin or wickedness. Thus, when Lucifer rebelled against God in heaven, he disrupted the system; it took the effort of Michael the arch angel with other loyal angels to overthrow the devil and his rebelling angels (Revelation 12:7-10).

When the attention of Jesus was drawn to the man born blind, it was deliberate. The disciples were not only concerned about who sinned, but they were trying to communicate to Jesus that healing this man will be a difficult one; because the man had no eye balls from birth, but only empty eye sockets. Unfortunately, they got it wrong. All that Jesus did was to make a paste with a spittle, robbed it on the man's face and asked him to go and wash in the river. When the blind man returned, he came back with

two brand new eyes (John 9:1-11). The same thing happened with the man with a withered hand. Jesus created a new one when he said, **"...stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored whole as the other"** (Mark 3:5).

At Lazarus death, the fullness of the creative power of Jesus came into manifestation again. With the blind man, the disciples reasoned it would be difficult, but with Lazarus they were sure it was impossible. Even after Jesus assured them that the dead will rise, Martha said, **"I know that he shall rise again in resurrection at the last day"** (John 11:24). But standing before them was the Resurrection and the Life; so Jesus took a new life from the throne of God and inserted it into Lazarus, **"And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus come forth"** (John 11:43); and he came back to life. Today, you have the same opportunity to ask and receive the new.

There's nothing that you want that cannot be created, it all depends on your faith. Let go of your fears and doubt, and let God have His way.



#### **MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER**

Father I trust in your creative power. By faith, I ask for the new thing, and step into it today.

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#### **ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES**

Luke 1:37, John 16:23-24, Jeremiah 32:27.



Introductory Text, Acts 8:5-8

## THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL



**Opening verse :** *But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who had abolished death, and had brought life and immortality to light through the gospel [2 Timothy 1:10].*

**B**efore the coming of Christ, many persons spoke about God. Moses told Israel to return to God, after Aaron had raised an image of a golden calf for the people (Exodus 32:26). Joshua told Israel to choose God and live, when he said, “....**but as for me and my house we will serve the Lord**” (Joshua 24:15). Elijah preached the same message when he confronted the 350 prophets of Baal in the days of Ahab and Jezebel (1 Kings 18:21). Jonah went round the city of Nineveh calling the people to repentance (Jonah 3:1-5). It was the same thing for all the Old Testament prophets, as well as with John the Baptist, who preached repentance and remission of sin (Luke 3:3).

Yet their preaching did not bring God's perfect will to the people. Why? Because they did not preach the gospel, but the law. What is the gospel? It is a message that speaks of Christ as Saviour. Paul said, “**For I am not ashamed of the GOSPEL OF CHRIST: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth...**” (Romans 1:16). Until a message is about Jesus Christ, it has no power to save, heal or deliver. Every other message brings condemnation, without desirable change in the

individual or the society. The power of God is manifested ONLY through the preaching of Christ and not the preaching of the Law. This is what produces the life and immortality as reflected in our opening verse.

Thus, before Christ's coming, men were subject to various forces; and principal among them was death and the fear of it. But all that changed when Jesus stepped into the scene. **“For as much then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil. And deliver them who through the fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage”** (Hebrews 2:14-15). What the prophets of old could not deliver, the preaching of the gospel of Christ made them available to us. We now have access to life, joy, peace, hope, divine health and righteousness, etc.

Unless you receive the gospel (Christ), you are alienated from the life of God. This is the life that triumphs over the devil, the world and every works of darkness. Hallelujah!



### MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

Today, I receive the gospel; for it is the power of God unto every aspect of the Kingdom.

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### ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

Romans 1:16-17, 1 Corinthians 1:17-24, 30,  
2 Corinthians 4:5.

Introductory Text, John 1:29-36

## JESUS CHRIST - THE MYSTERY



**Opening verse:** *And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory [1 Timothy 3:16].*



**T**he Bible as a whole is a book of mysteries. Every story, character, chapter or book all have a mystery wrapped around them. We can never come to the full knowledge of what is in the Bible until when we get to heaven; **“For we know in part, and prophesy in part”** (1 Cor 13:9) Thus, we are only opened to a part of the whole mysteries of God. Some have even said, Bible study will continue in heaven. However, of all the mysteries recorded in the Bible, the revelation of Jesus Christ is the greatest mystery. While we all agree that there is only one God, yet we differ in our understanding of the place of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. But it is just One God, manifesting in three different personalities.

Let's look at this from our opening text. It started by saying, **“...God was manifested in the flesh...”** This phrase is simply a reference to how Jesus Christ came into the world as stated in John 1:14, **“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us”**. This was why Isaiah called him Immanuel - God with us (Isaiah 7:14). Thus, Jesus Christ is God in the flesh. To further prove this, scriptures notes, **“To wit that GOD WAS IN CHRIST reconciling the world unto himself...”** (2 Corinthians 5:19).

Our opening verse went further by saying, “...justified in the Spirit...” This is also about Jesus. For after His physical death, the only way He could reach or minister to the Church, was to come in a Spirit form. Hence He told the disciples, **“Howbeit when the Spirit of truth is come, he will not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you”** (John 16:13-14). Thus, Jesus was only referring to Himself because He could no longer come in a physical form. Recall, He told his disciples that He will speak to them in parables (Luke 8:10).

Thirdly, the text talked about Jesus being “...received in glory...” This is about His ascension (lifting) to heaven. The conclusion is that Jesus Christ is God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. He manifested in three forms (Trinity), so that men could have the full benefit of the God Head. Awesome!



#### MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

I shall be a partaker of the benefit of Jesus, as God the Father, the Son, and the Spirit.

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#### ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

John 6:45-46, John 14:8-11, 2 Corinthians 5:19,

Introductory Text, Philippians 2:5-11

## INDEPENDENT HEART



**Opening verse:** *He delighted not in the strength of the horse; he taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man. The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy [Psalm 147:10-11].*



**A**n inventor or creator puts his name or signature to his works, so that it can be traceable to him. In the same manner, every creation of God has His signature (nature) on them. As lifeless as the mountains, hills, and valleys may look, they still respond to God when He calls, because they've all got the life of God in them. Isaiah 40:46 NIV declares, **"Look up into the heavens, who created all the stars? He brings them out like an army, one after another calling each by its name. Because of his great power and incomparable strength, not a single one is missing."** If creation can quickly respond to God's command, then you that carries His nature must do better. The sign that you are of God, is how quick you respond or submit to Him.

Satan's rebellion started in heaven; and his thoughts were aptly that captured in Isaiah 14:11-14, **"For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God...I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High."** This is the root of an independent heart. Thus, an independent heart is simply a heart that is not submissive to God. Such a

heart thinks and does things its own way, without reference or reverence to God. **“The wicked through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God; God is not in all his thoughts”** (Psalm 10:4). A person with an independent heart will not submit to leadership, authority, structure, or instruction.

Joshua gave an instruction concerning Jericho after the Lord had ordered him to tell Israel not to take anything from that land, but Achan looked the other way and took the accursed things, because he had an independent heart (Joshua 7:1). Gehazi followed Naaman who was healed of leprosy, to collect the gift his boss had rejected. Why? Because he was independent of his boss (2 kings 5:20). Judas Iscariot left the Communion table at night, while Jesus was serving, because he was independent (John 13:21-30). Every time you do contrary to the instruction of the authority over you, you're not any way different from Satan

Proverbs 4:23 admonishes us thus, **“Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life.”** Everything you will become, good or bad, starts from your heart. Watch it.



### MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

Father, give the heart of Christ that submits to you. I will not work with an evil heart.

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### ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

Numbers 16:8-15, 2 Samuel 15:1-6, Psalm 139:23-24.

Introductory Text, Matthew 8:5-13

## SPEAK TO YOUR BODY



**Opening verse:** *For verily I say unto you, that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass, he shall have whatsoever he saith [Mark 11:23]*

One of the major consequences of the fall of Adam is sickness. God designed man to live in perfect health all his days on earth. That was why even after the sin of Adam, Methuselah still clocked over 900 years of age with no single record of health breakdown. But as sin increased, sickness had a free course among men. But for this purpose Christ came to give us the key to divine health. As a believer, you need not live with sickness, because the key to your healing is right on your lips, as Jesus concluded in our theme verse of Mark 11:23, “.....**he shall have whatsoever he saith**” (Mark 11:23). In other word, your life (body) responds to the words of your mouth.

Several examples abound in the Bible where men spoke to animate and inanimate things, and they responded. In Egypt, Moses spoke to the air, land and sea, and they obeyed him. Joshua spoke to the sun, and it stood still for a whole day (Joshua 10:12-13). Balaam spoke to his donkey, and the donkey answered back with the voice of a man (Number 22:28-29). Elijah declared, “...**As the Lord God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word**” (1 Kings 17:1). And for three and half years

there was no rain in Israel. Jesus himself spoke to the fig tree, and in twenty four hours it dried up (Mark 11:12-14,20-23).

Thus, the same power that makes animals and inanimate things submit to you, will also make your body yield. Whatever is the ailment? it has ears, speak to it. Speak to your lungs, kidney, heart, etc. and command them to be healed and work perfectly. Your bones, eyes, nose and every part of your body responds to words, speak to them. When the centurion came to Jesus about his sick servant to be healed of him, Jesus obliged. But the Centurion understood the power of Words, so he said, **"...speak the word only and my servant shall be healed"** (Matthew 8:8). Heaven responds to words, so is the earth and all its creations; your body will also respond to your word. Rebuke that infirmity and cast it out of your body.

You are healed in Jesus Name, Amen.



### MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

By the authority of Jesus Christ, I cast out every sickness; and declare that I am whole.

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### ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

John 15:3, John 6:63, Matthew 8:14-17



Introductory Text, Luke 10:38-42

## EXCHANGE YOUR WEAKNESSES



**Opening verse:** *Ho, everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money, come ye, buy and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price [Isaiah 55:1].*



**T**he world is anti-Christ; that's no news. The system of the world runs on corruption, lies, falsehood, evil and wickedness of proportion you cannot imagine. Thus, as Christians called to live by the truth, righteousness and godliness, etc. we are directly opposite the world system. To survive and succeed in such an environment without compromising will take a whole lot from you. These world systems are the very things that drain us of life, strength, joy, peace, faith, etc. But to keep us afloat, alive and winning always, God made provisions for our renewal through constant fellowship. Hence, He said, "**...everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money, come ye, buy and eat...**" (Isaiah 55:1).

As the odds against us are many, so is the supply of God's grace and provision much. "**God's law was given so that all people could see how sinful they were. But as people sinned more and more, God's wonderful grace became more abundant**" (Romans 5:20). The grace to survive every situation is already made available in Christ. There is no situation or circumstance that can overwhelm you as long as you are in Christ. Our secured place is "In Christ". It is the place where we come to exchange our weakness for

His strength. Thus, as believers, daily fellowship, prayer, the Word, listening to messages, worship and praise are not negotiable (Colossians 3:16). These are our sources of life.

When Jesus visited Mary and Martha; Martha immediately ran to the kitchen to make the meal, while Mary sat at the Masters feet to hear the Word. Not too long after Martha came out and complained, but Jesus responded, **“Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken from her”** (Luke 10:41-42). Thus, Jesus referred to what Mary chose as the 'good part'. Why? Because it is the place of renewal, replenishment, etc. Just as a sick person in the hospital is given oxygen, so is fellowship with the Father our place of oxygen.

If you don't take your fellowship with the Lord seriously, you will soon run out of steam and break down. Come daily before the Father to exchange your weakness, fear, worry, pain, anxiety, etc. He will in turn give you strength and life to face the world.



### MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

Father, I fully understand that without you I cannot face the world. I come today for renewal

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### ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

2 Corinthians 2:14, Psalm 32:7-11, Matthew 11:28-30, Mark 6:30-31.

Introductory Text, Exodus 18:13-27

## FIND YOUR 'EVE'



**Opening verse:** *And the rib which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man [Genesis 2:22].*



**W**hen Adam was formed, he was created out of the dust of the ground (Genesis 2:7), but for Eve, she was a product of the rib of Adam. Everything that was created to give Adam comfort and pleasure could not suffice until Eve was brought to him: **“And Adam said, this is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh...”** (Genesis 2:23). The summary is, Adam was not complete until Eve came. She is the continuation, completion, perfection and glory of what was started in Adam. Some may disagree with this, but the message is that we were never designed to live or work alone. “No man is an island” as it is commonly said, you need somebody to work, think, share and plan with.

Moses in the wilderness, was the prophet, leader, commander and every other thing you could imagine to the nation of Israel. So, the whole nation depended on him for everything; and this he accepted not knowing the consequences until Jethro his father in law came visiting. Thus, when Jethro saw him attending to every child, young man and the elders, he said, **“Thou shall surely wear away, both thou, and this people that is with thee: for this thing is too heavy for thee; THOU HATH NOT ABLE TO PERFORM IT THYSELF ALONE”** (Exodus 18:18).

The place of working alone, is also the place of being worn out. Even on the day of your joy, victory, breakthrough; you need somebody to celebrate with you, otherwise it will turn sour.

Jesus was God in the flesh, yet He needed the twelve disciples to be able to execute His programme on earth. Maybe He would have still achieve his objectives without them, but He used that process to teach us how to live. For scripture noted, **“And he ordained twelve that they should be with him...”** (Mark 3:14). Christ wanted people around him; for He understood we were not designed to be alone. Locate your partner in business, marriage, ministry, in that profession, career, etc. and see your life grow and glow. You may have been a victim of a betrayal, hence your hesitation; yet a time will come when you need someone to work and talk with. Samson worked and walked alone. That was why it was easy for Delilah to bring him down.

There's somebody God has designed to help you in your life's work and destiny, find him (her).



### MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

By the grace of God, I call forth my helpers in destiny. My success and victory is sure. Amen

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### ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

2 Corinthians 1:24, 1 Samuel 22:1-2, 1 Chronicles 12:1, 2 Timothy 4:11.

Introductory Text, 2 Kings 6:8-23

## YOU HAVE THE ADVANTAGE



**Opening verse:** *And he answered, fear not; for they that be with us are more than they that be with them [2 kings 6:16].*



**W**hen faced with difficult situation or challenges, the tendency to fear is always there, because we are still flesh and cannot see beyond our nose. Thus, while the flesh is greatly limited to what it can contribute to life, the spirit man is not. The spirit man knows and understands all things; **“Therefore brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live”** (Romans 8:12-13). Your ability to have and enjoy all that God planned for you is tied to how much receptive is your spirit man.

Going by our lead story, the servant of Elisha was gripped with fear, and so he panic when he saw the armies of Syria surround the town. But Elisha was at peace because his spirit man and eyes had already picked up what was happening in the spirit realm. When your spirit man is alive and alert, you are opened to divine information and happenings; thus you will not be distracted by the activities of the physical. Elisha knew he was in an advantage position, because with the spirit man/eye, he saw the armies of the Lord round about the mountains. In

the same way, you have the armies of heaven (angels) round about you, ready to do battle at your command. Thus, you are already in an advantage position over the forces of hell.

God did not call us to serve Him in vain (Isaiah 45:19), He designed that we enjoy certain privileges even while we are still here on earth. Angelic host and protection is part of our privilege; the only thing left is for you to engage them and get the victory. When Joshua was to lead the war against Jericho, he engaged the angel sent to help him (Joshua 5:13-14), so did Peter when he was imprisoned by Herod (Acts 12:7). When Paul and other inmates were trapped in the middle of a deadly storm, he also engaged his angels, saying, **“For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve”** (Acts 27:23). That angel eventually saved them all.

As a believer, you are already in the place of advantage, there isn't any need to fear or faint. Engage your angels; they are more than those that are against you. Praise God!



### MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

I refuse to be a victim of life and circumstances.  
I engage my angels for help and lifting.

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### ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

Isaiah 45:19, Acts 27:21-26, Romans 8:31-37, 1  
John 4:4

Introductory Text, Mark 5:1-16

## SPIRITS DON'T DIE



**Opening verse:** *And all the devils besought him, saying, send us into the swine, that we may enter into them [Mark 5:12]*



**T**he spirit realm is one area the Bible didn't give us much information about. So, we only make do with what is available. And one of such information is that spirits don't die, because they are already in a bodiless state, the state we are translated into when we die physically. Thus, death brings us into a spirit form, while the body is left to decay. When you pray for a spirit to die, you are only exposing ignorance. Thus 3 major things we do to evil spirits (or demons), is to bind, cast out, or make the environment (vessel) unsuitable for them. To bind is to restrain the movement or activity of the demon. To cast out is to chase or throw the demon out of the environment; and to make an environment unsuitable is simply to keep the fire of prayer burning.

In the story of the strong man told by Jesus in Matthew 12:28-29; He revealed two of the ways spirits (demons) are handled, and this is highlighted in capital letters. **"But if I CAST OUT devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first BIND the strong man, and then he will spoil his house"**. While in the story of Jesus in the temple, we

see the third way; **“And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and OVERTHREW the tables of the money changers, and the seat of them that sold doves”** (Matthew 21:12). Demons like to settle in a place permanently, but when you pray you dismantle their structures, thereby making the place unsuitable for them.

Don't try to kill a spirit (demon), you will be wasting time and energy. Whichever spirit is ravaging your life or home, whether the spirit of anger, shame, failure, disfavour, poverty, and sickness, etc. bind and cast them out, that is sufficient. That was what Jesus did to the spirits residing in the mad man of Gadarene. Demons know that you are higher than them, that was why they said to Jesus, **“....send us into the swine, that we may enter into them”**. That's exactly what you should be doing.

Don't give room for fear or worry over a demon spirit, you have better things to invest your time on. Keep your house, office and body burning with prayer, they will relocate.



### MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

By the authority of Jesus, I cast out every spirit working against my joy and well-being.

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### ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

Luke 10:17-19, Ephesians 6:10-13, 2 Corinthians 10:2-6, Acts 16:16-18



Introductory Text, Psalm 2:1-12

## RESPOND WITH WORDS



**Opening verse:** *I will declare the decree the Lord hath said unto me, thou art my Son: this day have I begotten thee [Psalm 2:7].*



**T**he Kingdom of God is voice activated. What this means is that until you say it, you can't have anything. Presumption or assumption is not permitted in the Kingdom. Moses in the attempt to save his people in his days as a Prince in Egypt, followed the path of assumption and suffered for that error; **"For he supposed his brethren would have understood how that God by his hand would deliver them; but they understood not"** (Acts 7:25). Thus, the devil will throw many things at you, but how you respond will determine the outcome. If you respond with silence, the devil will interpret it as 'Yes', because you have not specifically said 'No' to him. If you respond with negative words, he will trap you, using your own words as a licence to afflict you.

The only way you defeat the devil and the world system is to respond with God's Word: either the Written Word or the one said to you personally by God. This is what our opening verse relays; **"I will declare the decree the Lord hath said unto me, thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee"** (Psalm 2:7). What has the Lord said to you? When the man by the pool of Bethesda was healed after 38 years, the

Jews asked him to go back and sit by the pool; but he simply replied, “...**He that made me whole, the same said unto me, take up thy bed and walk**” (John 5:11). Unless you declare the Word of God, you cannot defeat the devil; for the Word is the only thing settled in heaven (Psalm 119:89).

Whatever you are going through, speak the Word; even if there are no signs of relief or things getting better. You will not lose anything declaring the Word of God, but you will when you keep saying the negatives or complaining. The devil pressured the Shunammite woman to make a negative confession after the death of her son, but she kept saying, “It shall be well”, until the boy came back to life (1 Kings 4:23, 36-37). All the Jews that said, “...**we be not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we**” (Numbers 13:31), were all overthrown in the wilderness according to their confession.

Are you experiencing loss, pain, trouble, attack, etc.? Declare what the Lord has said, and stay there. Jesus said, “It is written”; and by it He defeated the devil. You shall defeat yours too.



### MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

The Lord has said He will help me. I stand on that word and declare my victory.

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### ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

Matthew 4:1-11, 2 Corinthians 4:13, Mark 11:1-6.

Introductory Text, 2 Kings 22:1-13

## GOOGLE IT OR SEARCH THE SCRIPTURE



**Opening verse:** *These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scripture daily, whether those things were so [Acts 17:11].*



**G**oogle is about the most important search machine or App in our present world. It can answer to every question you type into it. No wonder it has become a household name. The inventors knowingly or unknowingly modeled the work of the Holy Spirit, whose job is also to guide us through life. Hence, Jesus said to the disciples, **“But the Comforter which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you”** (John 14:26). Thus, long before the world thought of an application that will answer to every question of man, God gave us the Holy Spirit as our divine assistance to every issue of life.

But surprisingly, believers have now turn to google to verify even the things of Scripture and of God. Thus, messages, teachings and statements of men of God are now subject to google search and other applications for confirmation. Questions that has to do with life, marriage, relationship, prayer, fasting, etc. are all put to test on google. But we see the Berean Christians searching the scripture to confirm the teachings of Paul. In other word, we were meant to use Scripture to verify the writings, teachings,

statements, visions, revelations, prophecies, views and perceptions of men, because of its infallible nature. Thus, 2 Timothy 3:16 (KJV) notes **“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.”**

Thus, Scripture was written to reveal the word, mind, will, counsel, wisdom and knowledge of God on all issues. It was meant to give instruction and direction on the way to go, and settle all confusions, disputes, arguments, and contradictions, etc. When Israel abandoned the Word, they fell into Baalism and the nation plunged into darkness. This was evidenced by wide spread poverty, hopelessness, helplessness, wars, destruction and death. Whenever scripture is abandoned, the people will fall into heresy and confusion. Take for instance, the Bible gave us the name of Adam's wife as Eve, but Google points to “a first wife” called Lelieth. This is nothing other than a demonic perversion of scripture.

Even Jesus had to use Scripture to confirm His ministry (Luke 4:21). Your spiritual safety and destiny is in the Scripture, the Word of God; not in the inventions of men.



### MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

Father, I stand by Scripture, the infallible Word that never fails or falter. In it I find destiny.

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### ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

Luke 4:16-21, Psalm 119:89, Hebrews 4:12,  
Acts 20:32.

Introductory Text, Mark 5:24-34

## SPEAK WHAT YOU ARE GOING INTO



**Opening verse:** *When she heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garments. For she said, if I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole [Mark 5:27-28].*

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**V**ery often many of us speak of our troubles, challenges and ordeal. Some do it as a way of expressing their frustrations and anger with life, some out of naivety, and some others to draw sympathy. Whichever group you belong, your expression of what you're going through does not solve the problem, rather they remain and sometimes they get bigger. What gives solution is when we confess (speak) what we are going into and not what we are going through. This was the secret of the healing of the woman with the issue of blood. For when she heard that Jesus was in town, she said, **"...if I may touch but his clothes, I SHALL BE WHOLE"** (Mark 5:28). She spoke of what she will enter.

The power of spoken word or confession is such that we literally get what we say (Mark 11:23). This was why God told Israel in the days of Moses, **"...as truly as I live, saith the Lord, as you have spoken into mine ears, so will I do to you"** (Numbers 14:28). In the same vein, when the Lord was charging Joshua of what to do to succeed after the demise of Moses, He said, **"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth..."** (Joshua 1:8). In other word, it was necessary for Joshua to keep saying and doing what

was written in order to enter into them. What are you saying to yourself and the people around you? Are you speaking what you're going through or what you're going into?

The promises of God will not come to pass unless you keep saying them by faith. Even God had to speak what He wanted at creation; and as He spoke they came to pass (Psalm 33:6-9). Never give vent to your troubles, problems or challenges, because the more you say them, the stronger and bigger they become. You must know that everything in life is tied to words, because they were created by the Word. So; events, plants, animals and inanimate things all naturally responds to words. But speak to draw the best things in life to yourself.

Today, do like the woman with the issue of blood. Say what you want to go into, and not what you are going through; you have done enough of that. Say, "I'm healed", "I'm full of joy", "I'm getting better by the day", etc. Hallelujah!



#### **MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER**

Thank you Father for this Kingdom secret. I declare, I am going higher and getting better.

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#### **ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES**

Proverbs 6:2, 2 Corinthians 4:13, Mark 11:20-24

Introductory Text, Mark 10:17-27

## THE WORD OR THE WORLD



**Opening verse:** *For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica, Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia [2 Timothy 4:10].*



**O**ur opening verse reveals three disciples; Demas, Crescens and Titus. While the Holy Spirit did not tell us any major thing about Crescens, He told us that Demas, **“loved this present world”**, and left to Thessalonian, while **“Titus unto Dalmatia”**. The summary is that Titus followed his calling according to the Word, and became a success. The Book of Titus is the proof of his ministry success. But for Demas, he followed the world and lost his place in destiny. Thus, these three disciples, shows us that as believers, whatever you will make of your destiny, will depend on whether you give yourself to the Word of God or to the world around you.

Looking back, you will discover that Demas was one of the disciples Paul acknowledged in his letter to the Colossian Church (Colossians 4:14), but thereafter Demas lost his passion, drive, motivation or zeal for the things of God. He was eventually swept away by the wind of worldly pursuit. Although the Holy Spirit did not reveal us how Demas fell, but scripture make us to know, **“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path”** (Psalm 119:105). The Word of God is what give us light and direction in life; the moment you start giving less attention to the

Word, you start sliding into darkness. If this continue without any check, the individual will eventually fall.

Judas Iscariot was one of the disciples of Jesus, but at some point he started giving more attention to money (John 12:1-6); and as he continued, he eventually got trapped by the spirit of mammon, one of the ministers of Satan. **“No man can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold on to one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon”** (Matthew 6:24). It was the same spirit which took Gehazi out of the path of the prophetic office and anointing of Elisha, the man of God. Thus, in his quest for the things of “this present world”, he got leprosy (2 Kings 5:21-27).

The Word was designed to guide you into God's purpose and will for your life. Every promise and blessing of God is imbedded in the Word, when you abandon the Word, you will also lose the blessings. Go back to the Word; it holds the very key that will unlock your destiny.



### MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

My Word O Lord is sufficient for me, both for life and godliness. I will stay in thy Word.

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### ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

Psalm 119:9-11, 1 Timothy 6:6-12, Acts 6:1-4,  
Acts 20:32



