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CHAPTER 1

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OUR LEGAL DOCUMENT

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Introductory Text, Luke 4:16-21

OUR LEGAL DOCUMENT



Opening verse: *This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success [Joshua 1:8].*

When you buy a property, be it a house, land, car, shares or stock etc. you are immediately given a paper document to back up that acquisition. Thus, whenever there's a contestation over the item, your document serves to bail you out as the rightful owner. The document is not just a proof of ownership, but it also gives you confidence and boldness over the item. That is exactly what the Bible is to the believer. It is a document showing everything that God has done, acquired, purchased, accomplished, and possessed on our behalf, and given to us to use any time there's a contestation. The Bible is our legal document against every worldly or demonic harassment.

Thus, whenever the enemy challenges your health, finance, work, marriage, joy and peace, etc. you were meant to pull out a Word, promise or prophecy from the Bible to secure your inheritance in Christ. **“And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and give you an inheritance among them that are sanctified”** (Acts 20:32 KJV). If Jesus could defeat the devil by the written Word, you can be sure there's no better way. Thus, the devil will contest everything in

the life of a believer, until something higher than him appears; and that thing is the Word. We see the case of Joseph in Egypt in Psalm 105:17-19, **“He sent a man before them, even Joseph, who was sold for a servant: whose feet they hurt with fetters: he was laid in iron: until the time that his word came...”**

Everything to make us defeat the enemy has been written, your only job is to locate the exact Word for that situation, and deplore it appropriately. When Jesus entered the temple, as we have in our study verse; He drew his right and authority to minister to the people from the written word in Isaiah 61, saying, **“...This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears”** (Luke 4:21). Also, when the chief priests and elders challenged His authority, He again drew from Scripture to counter them (Matthew 21:23-25). Unless you draw Words from our legal document - the Bible, the devil will stop you. So get grounded in the Word, and beat down all your foes.



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

I have the Word, I know how to deplore it against the enemy. I'm a winner every time.

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

Matthew 21:23-27, 2 Timothy 2:15-16, Psalm 149:6-9.

Introductory Text, Psalm 126:1-6

GOD TURNS THINGS AROUND



Opening verse: *And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose [Romans 8:28].*



Sometimes life can be complicated and completely out of your control. What you think will come out in a particular way, may just turn around the other way. Thus, hard work can fail; so can projections, prophecies, vision, dreams and goals, etc. But God cannot fail. What may look like delay most times, is God's way of working out the best for us. Hannah took her delay in child bearing very seriously because the second wife Peninnah, made her life grievous. But when God remembered her, He gave her Samuel; who became the first person to combine the office of a prophet and a priest together (1 Samuel 3:19-20). Rachel also suffered delay, but when Joseph finally came, he became the head and preserver of the nation of Israel in Egypt (Genesis 50:20).

Have you experienced failure, disappointment, sorrow, etc.? Don't get ruffled, they're all part of life's bus stop we must all pass through. Every successful man you see around you went through the same path before their breakthrough. When God created the first world, Adam and Eve disrupted His work by their sin; then came the murder of Abel by Cain, and then the sin of the generation of Noah, etc. All of

these were disappointments to God; but He turned around the situation to get to the next. God has been in the business of turning things around right from the beginning, your case will not be difficult. **“I will overturn, overturn and overturn it; and it shall be no more, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it (to) him”** (Ezekiel 21:27).

Before the woman with the issue of blood came to Jesus, every other possible avenue to get well failed. All hope seems to be lost, until when she came and torched the hem of Jesus' garment (Mark 5:25-33). When Jairus daughter got sick, they sent for Jesus; but before He could get there, the girl was pronounced dead. But Jesus, **“... took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, talitha cumi; which is being interpreted, Damsel I say unto thee arise”** (Mark 5:41). In the case of Lazarus, he was already buried four days before Jesus' arrival, yet He brought him back to life (John 11:40-44).

If life can be given back to the dead, then the chances of your turnaround for good is much greater. All that is required is that you keep faith alive; God never comes late.



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

Lord, I trust in your power and faithfulness; my case will be turned around for good. Amen.

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

Job 14:1-14, Isaiah 40:27-31, Psalm 34:5, 18-19.

Introductory Text, Isaiah 60:1-22

THE DISPENSATION OF LIGHT



Opening verse: *Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee [Isaiah 60:1].*



Before the coming of Christ, the world was in darkness under the rule and control of the devil. That was why scripture noted at the beginning of Jesus' ministry, **"The people who sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up"** (Matthew 4:16). Thus, Christ coming changed the equation and tilted the balance against the devil. We are in the dispensation of light; but that light will soon go out, when the seven year reign of the anti-Christ will come into full swing. This is what the Bible refers to as the Tribulation and the Great Tribulation, each having three and the half years of the 7 year reign of the anti-Christ respectively (Revelation chapters 6-16).

For this reason we must make full use of the light while it's still shinning. This is the time to pray, fast, preach, evangelize, hold vigils, organize revival programmes, and go on city or village crusades (Mark 16:14-20) etc. Every command of the Lord to the Church; this is the time to put them to work and get result, because after now it would be practically impossible to do so. Jesus warned, **"...yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while you have**

the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. While ye have the light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light..." (John 12:35-36).

The dispensation of light simply means, it's the time of our breakthrough, healing, salvation, restoration, deliverance, joy, prosperity, etc. Miracles, signs and wonders are the hallmark of this dispensation. Everything to make us receive answers to prayers are already in Christ. We are in the Christ dispensation as noted in John 9:5, "**As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.**" Very soon, the world will enter the dispensation of the anti-Christ; where prayers will no longer be answered, neither will there be any church gatherings, bible study, fasting, etc. The Holy Spirit would have long taken away the true Church by rapture.

So, don't be lazy. This is the time to walk by faith, live holy, love righteousness, speak in tongues, cast out devils and enforce the will of God through a prosperous and excellent life. Make sure you become everything God has designed you to be, there will never be another time. Arise and shine for your light is here.



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

Father, thank you for what you have made available to me through Christ. I will arise and shine.

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

Romans 13:11-14, Isaiah 52:1-3, 1 Corinthians 9:24-27.

Introductory Text, Isaiah 53:1-12

THE SWITCH



Opening verse: *For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him [2 Corinthians 5:21].*

What Jesus did on the cross will not be fully appreciated until when we meet Him in eternity. But there are few attempts in scriptures to give us a glimpse of the work of redemption. One of such scripture is what our opening verse reveals, **“For he hath made him to be sin for us who knew no sin....”** Thus what Jesus did was to take our place of sin and give us His righteousness. It was a switch; the good for the bad and the bad for the good. Sin did not only make us the bad guys, but also qualified us for God's judgement; **“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord”** (Romans 6:23).

One of the ways you can understand and appreciate what Jesus did for you is to take a look at some of the Old Testament judgement. In Numbers 15: 32-36; a young man was found breaking the Sabbath when he went out to gather sticks. They brought the man to Moses, and when Moses sought the Lord; **“And the Lord said unto Moses, the man shall surely be put to death; all the congregation shall stone him with stones without the camp”**. The young man died by stoning just for breaking Sabbath (a day for God); not

that he committed murder, adultery, or stole. When Achan was found with the items the Lord had commanded Israel not to take in Jericho, his judgement was also by stoning (Joshua 7:25). Ananias and Sapphira sold their own land, and not someone else's property, and brought the money short of the total amount to the church. For lying, the Lord slew them both before the church (Acts 5:1-7). Can you count how many times you have lied? In one of the judgement relayed to Moses, the Lord said if a man is found to have hurt another man's wife with mischief (intentional act); **"...then thou shall give life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe"** (Exodus 21:22-25). In summary, before Christ came, there was no place for mercy.

But when a woman was caught in adultery, and they brought her to Jesus for judgement, He said, **"...he that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her"** (John 8:7), and the woman was let go. This is what the switch means; He took our place that we might be set free.



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

Thank you Jesus for the work of redemption. I am eternally grateful. Hallelujah!

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

Hebrews 9:11-15, Matthew 5:38-48, Romans 12:9-21.

Introductory Text, John 11:45-52

HE LOVED US FIRST



Opening verse: *But God commendeth his love towards us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us [Romans 5:8].*



You are going to come across situations in life that will make you feel rejected, despised, dishonoured, disillusioned and discouraged, etc. When such situations come and you've not yet known or experienced the love of God, you will be devastated. Suicide or its tendency comes primarily because people feel unloved, unappreciated, unaccepted, or that there is no solution to their seemingly bad situation. The power that will make you survive the worst times of your life is the love of God. Thus, God's love is His greatest power and gift to man; and that love is expressed in Christ. **“For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life”** (John 3:16 KJV).

Having the fore knowledge that we will be trapped by sin and bad experiences, God left His throne and wore the human flesh, and appeared to us in the person of Jesus (John 1:14). He came and fulfilled all conditions for our redemption and gave us His righteousness in place of our sin (2 Corinthians 5:19-21). We are now free to live, laugh, sing, dance, enjoy life and prosper. Your life is no longer tied to other

men, or to situations and circumstances, good or bad; your life now depends on Christ, the One who paid the price for your living. Thus, you must not depend on any other because life is unstable; and as it fluctuates, so will your life be. Paul, warning the Ephesian brethren said, **“That we should no longer be children tossed to and fro, and carried about by every wind of doctrine...”** (Ephesians 4:14 NKJV).

In other words, friends will fail, relations will fail, business will fail, prophecies will fail, even the church and the government of the day may fail you; but the love of God will never fail. He has loved us with an everlasting love (Jeremiah 31:3); so that in the day we fall into sin, error, mistake, failure, guilt, etc. we still have Him to fall back on. Paul knowing this said, **“For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord”** (Romans 8:38-39). Get hooked onto His love now, because that's the only thing that can carry and sustain you in the journey called life.



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

Father, your love is enough to secure me at all times. This is what I hold on to. Amen.

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

Isaiah 43:1-3, Isaiah 46:3-5, Romans 8:31-39.

Introductory Text, 2 Kings 21:1-18

WHAT WOULD YOU BE REMEMBERED FOR?



Opening Verse: *And I will cause them to be removed into all kingdoms of the earth, because of Manasseh the son of Hezekiah king of Judah, for that which he did in Jerusalem [Jeremiah 15:4].*

Manasseh was a king in Judah who ruled for fifty five years, and long after his reign, God called to remembrance his evil deeds through prophet Jeremiah. Thus for the sake of Manasseh, God vowed to punish the nation of Israel who had continued in his path. In one comment, it was noted, “...**Manasseh shed innocent blood very much, till he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another; beside his sin wherewith he made Judah to sin, in doing that which was evil in the sight of the Lord**” (2 Kings 21:16). The question is, what would you be remembered for? Good or evil.

When Isaac wanted to leave Gerar to go to Egypt, the Lord stopped him saying, “**Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I swear unto Abraham thy father**” (Genesis 26:2. For Abraham's sake, God sustained Isaac. Same was done for Jacob while in Bethel, “...**I am the Lord God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it and to thy seed**” (Genesis 28:13). God promised provision, protection and supply to several generations, all

because of Abraham.

What seed are you sowing? Manasseh sowed the seed of evil, and several years after, God was still talking about his sin. And not only that, but the nation would also suffer because they have followed the way of Manasseh. Whether you like it or not, your deeds speaks for you long after you've gone. Some of the troubles we're experiencing today, are the direct consequence of the things done by those who came before us. This is the reason why you must be born again, so that you can have your life connect to Christ. True salvation is your only way of escape from the sin of the past, either of yourselves or of those before you. Through Christ, righteousness is credited to you, and sin and its consequence are severed from your root (2 Corinthians 5:21).

Today is the opportunity to put things right and join yourself to the Lord. If not for your sake, then do it for the sake of those that will come after you. Let your posterity bless and celebrate you.



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

Thank you Father for giving me the opportunity to put things right. I start immediately.

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

1 Samuel 15:1-3, Isaiah 51:1-2, Philippians 2:19-30

Introductory Text, 2 Kings 5:19-27

DON'T HELP GOD



Opening verse: *And he said, all is well. My master hath sent me, saying, behold, even now there be come to me from mount Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets; give them, I pray thee, a talent of silver and two changes of garment [2 Kings 5:22].*

Every call of God comes with a blessing. Whether your call is to ministry or secular work, God calls men to bless them; **“I have not spoken in secret in dark place of the earth; I said not unto the seed of Jacob, seek ye me in vain....”** (Isaiah 45:19). So, when the Lord called Gehazi to follow Elisha, it was not just a call to the prophetic office, it was also a call to bless. But Gehazi couldn't wait, he wanted to partake of everything his master had. Hence, when he followed Naaman the leper that was healed of his infirmity and lied, it was an attempt to hasten the process of his blessing. Gehazi thought God was too slow in getting him to the place of reward, so he sought to help God.

Proverbs 28:20 notes, **“...he that maketh haste to be rich, shall not be innocent”**. In verse 22, it went further, **“He that hasteth to be rich hath an evil eye, and considereth not that poverty shall come upon him”**. Thus Gehazi's attempt did not only end in futility, but also got leprosy. The same thing happened to Judas Iscariot. He was called to the apostolic office, but he was not content with what he had, so he started stealing. When he could not be satisfied with what he was taking from the purse of

the disciples (John 12:5), he pushed himself further until the devil trapped him (Matt 26:14-16).

God never abandons his children; thus every calling, assignment, posting, etc. has a supply line attached to it. What may look like time wasting, is actually time buying, to help build your faith and character. These are the two elements that will sustain you in every situation. **“Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learnt in whatever state I am to be content. I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learnt to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me”** (Philippians 4:11-13 NKJV).

Every time you try to hasten a process initiated by God, you will not only truncate it, but will retrogress also. Wait for God, He hasn't forgotten you.



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

Lord, you have my supply and provision. So I am not moved by what I see. Hallelujah!

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

Jeremiah 17:11, 1 Timothy 6:6-12, 2 Timothy 2:20-22,
2 Samuel 6:1-7.

Introductory Text, Isaiah 65:17-25

INSTANT RESULT



Opening verse: *Who had heard such a thing? Who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? Or shall a nation be born at once? For as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children [Isaiah 66:8].*



What we lost in Adam, was given back to us in Christ. Christ is our redemption from the world, sickness, poverty, shame, delay, etc. But the most important of them all is that we can now get result or answer to our prayers immediately. This was foreseen by Isaiah the prophet when he spoke about the privileges the end time believer will enjoy, saying, **"...For as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children"** (Isaiah 66:8). We are the generation that was spoken about; no wonder Jesus said to his disciples, **"...Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye ask nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full"** (John 16:23-24).

What is Zion? Zion represents where God dwells (Psalm 9:11). You are the temple of the living God, where God dwells (1 Corinthians 3:16); you are Zion. As you go to the place of prayer and table your request, heaven hearkens to you. You carry God on your inside; you are God's mobile house. Come to think of it, should the one who carries God on the inside suffer delay, sickness, poverty, etc.? No! It is unacceptable. But we suffer because we do not know

our place and the power we carry. **“I have said, ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High”** (Psalm 82:6).

Jesus and His team were on the way to Jerusalem, but as they passed through one of the villages of Samaria, the people did not receive them with ovation as in other places. Angry by this treatment, the disciples asked Jesus, **“...Lord wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, even as Elias (Elijah) did?”** (Luke 9:54). The disciples knew their place and power, and they were ready to exercise it. That's exactly what you should be doing; exerting yourself against every situation that is contrary to God's purpose and will for your life. Demons and life's situation should not hold you to ransom.

“...As soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children”; that's how your case should be, not suffering delay. You are to command situation to answer to you, not to beg. You have cried enough, take your place and exercise your sonship.



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

No more will I be operating as a beggar, when I have the power to call things to order.

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

1 Corinthians 2:1-5, 1 Corinthians 4:20, Acts 13:8-12.

Introductory Text, Psalm 33:1-22

LIFE AND HEALTH



Opening verse: *My son attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh [Proverbs 4:20-22].*



Without any doubt, the Word of God is multipurpose, because from it came everything in heaven and earth. So, it gives life to everything on its path. Hence, the more you study the Word, the more of life you get. Why? Because it has its source in God. The life producing effect of the Word (Law) is aptly captured in Psalm 1:3 (NIV), saying, **“That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruits in season and whose leaf does not wither - whatever they do prospers”**

When you read scripture, you are literally drawing God into your very being. It's creative power and force is what injects life into you, just as it did with Adam at creation. (Genesis 2:7). Thus, in the same way it produces life, so does it give health to its bearer. For the Word can penetrate the spirit, flesh, bones, marrows, tissues, muscles of man, and bring healing and health (Hebrews 4:12).

The story of the centurion gives credence to the efficacy of the Word. When his servant was sick, the people sent for Jesus, but the centurion came and said, **“...speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed”** (Matthew 8:8). Similarly, the

Syrophenician woman besought Jesus for her daughter. But this time around, rather than make attempt to go with her, Jesus said, “...**go thy way; the devil is gone out of your daughter. And when she was come to her house, she found the devil gone out...**” (Mark 7:29-30). In both cases, the Word restored life and health to the sick.

When you make studying the Word a regular thing, it would affect your total being and keep you strong; because every time you read, you draw the Spirit behind the Word into your being. Ever wondered while Israel in the wilderness never suffered any sickness? Because God was constantly speaking to them, thereby releasing life into them. Psalm 105:37 puts it this way, “**He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and there was not one feeble person among their tribes**”. Similarly, not one disciple of Jesus got sick or broke down as they daily transverse Jerusalem and the adjoining cities, because they were constantly under the atmosphere of the Word.

Make the Word your personal physician; engage it day and night, and you will have no worries about your health.



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

I have chosen your Word as my tablet. Through the Word, I receive health and vitality.

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

Jeremiah 15:16, Proverbs 3:5-8, Psalm 107:20, Psalm 119:103.

Introductory Text, John 5:1-11

OPEN THE HEAVENS



Opening verse. *Oh, that you would rend the heavens! That you would come down! That the mountains might shake at your presence [Isaiah 64:1 NKJV].*



Man is first a spirit being with a soul in a body (1 Thessalonians 5:23). Because of this, the events in a man's life are greatly influenced or controlled from the spirit realm. That's why the issue of open heaven is very important to a believer. When the heavens are opened, every desire will be accomplished and every goal or target will be reached. Heaven is where our prayers ascend to, and from there help is delivered. In other word, nothing can be worse for a believer than a closed heaven.

One of the reasons for a closed heaven is what Isaiah revealed in our open verse, when he said, **“Oh, that you would rend the heaven...”** In other word, he wished that God will open the heavens and come down and fulfill all his heart desires. Here is the problem, God did not call us to walk by wish but by faith. To wish is to depend or wait on an external factor, but faith puts you in the driving seat of your own life. Too many believers are operating at the level of wish, thereby stagnating their life. When Jesus asked the man by the pool of Bethesda to rise up and take his mat and walk, the first thing he said was, **“sir, I have no man...”** (John 5:7). So, for 38 years he had been waiting (wishing) for someone to

help him, but unfortunately no one came.

Life will not happen for you, except you make it happen. Life only answers to faith and not wish. **“For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith”** (1 John 5:4). Unless you take a step of faith, the powers holding your heavens will not let it go. Jesus has already paid the price for your well-being, go out and take it. You want to be healed?, step out of your bed; you want a job?, go out and search for it; you want a car?, go and work for it, and stop wishing, etc. That's how you open the heavens.

When the four lepers at the gate of Samaria wanted to break the siege over their life, they did not wish; they just stepped out and headed straight to the gate of the city, only to get there and find the abundance of food (2 Kings 7:3-5). Faith is about “doing”, and this is what is missing in many lives. Start doing.



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

Father, I come out of the cycle of wish. I start doing until I reach my goal. Hallelujah!

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

James 2:14-24, Hebrews 11:1-7, Luke 15:17-20.

Introductory Text, Numbers 21:10-25

OPEN THE HEAVENS (PART 2)



Opening verse. *Oh, that you would rend the heavens! That you would come down! That the mountains might shake at your presence [Isaiah 64:1 NKJV].*



When Jesus sent the seventy disciples out to preach; they later returned and testified of the wonders of His Name. Then answered Jesus, **“Behold I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall by any means hurt you”** (Luke 10:19). Power is one of the rights and privilege we enjoy in our relationship with Christ. But power that is not known or used is of no value to anyone; and this is the case with many believers. Thus, when Isaiah said, **“Oh that you would rend the heavens...”** he was putting himself in the place of many believers who are waiting for God to open the heavens, when the power to do so has been given to them.

God will not do for you what He has given you power to do. Nothing will move until you move it. When the seventy disciples went out, they were the ones that bound the devil and not Christ. Jesus was only relaying to them what happened in the spirit realm. The key to open the heaven is already in your possession, but you must have to use it; otherwise you will remain in bondage. **“And I give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and**

whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven” (Matt. 16:19)

If you are born again, the power to effect your change is already in you; use it. The story in our introductory text, is that of Israel avoiding to fight while coming out of Egypt. This continued for a while until the Lord stirred up Sihon king of the Amorites to pursue Israel. In the battle that ensued, Israel defeated the enemy; and it dawned on them that they were stronger than their enemies. This same power is planted in you, but because you have refused to use it, your situation has remained unchanged. Divine health, joy, peace and prosperity are all within your reach, but you must have to use your power to break the heavens.

What you fail to do, evil men will do through sorcery and divinations, etc. and open the heavens. Why will God not stop them? Because the right to explore the earth has been given to men and not angels (Psalm 115:16). Rise up and take your place, the blessings of heaven are yours.



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

Lord, I will no longer delay to explore the heavens. This is my right and inheritance in Christ.

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

Psalm 115:16, 2 Peter 1:3-4, 2 Timothy 1:6-7

Introductory Text, Mark 4:1-20

DON'T LET THEM SLIP



Opening verse: *Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip [Hebrews 2:1].*



To slip is simply to let go of something very important due to carelessness. It is to suffer a fall, loss, damage or shortage. Thus, every time something slip from you, you reduce or suffer disadvantage. When the writer talked about, “...**the things which we have heard...**” in our study verse, he was referring to the Word of God preached to them. Why must the word of God not slip from you? Because it's the most important part of the Kingdom. It is the biggest and best gift you can ever receive from the Father.

For example, the Word of God is what brings salvation (Romans 1:16), healing (John 15:3), deliverance (Psalm 107:20), direction (Psalm 119:9), light (Psalm 119:105), inheritance (Acts 20:32), wisdom (2 Timothy 3:15), and makes you overcome (Revelation 12:11), etc. Thus, the very instrument you need to fight for life is the Word; when it slips from you, life becomes a difficult puzzle, and failure and shame inevitable. No wonder Peter said, “**As new born babes, desire the sincere milk of the word that you may grow thereby**” (1 Peter 2:2). Our growth and prosperity is tied to the Word.

It is for this reason, Jesus admonished his disciples on the four types of hearers of the Word. First is the way side, then the stony ground, thorny ground and the good ground. How quick the Word prospers or dies in you will tell what kind of ground you are. What you do with the Word you hear from the pulpit, and from online platforms of ministers of God, will also determine how fast you will grow. Even faith, one of the major instrument of our walk and work is tied to the Word. For scripture says, **"...faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God"** (Romans 10:17). Thus, the more attention you give to the Word, the stronger your faith gets.

When you fail to hear, read and be a doer of the Word, you will be like the man who built his house on sand, and when the storms of life came, great was the fall of that house (Matthew 7:24-27). A believer has not failed, until he or she fails in the place of the Word, and then will be exposed to all the wiles of the devil. The Psalmist put it thus, **"Forever O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven"** (Psalm 119:89). Go and engage the Word, and win your battles.



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

Lord, your Word is able to build me and give me an inheritance, hence I hold-on to it and prosper.

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

Matthew 7:24-27, Psalm 119:103, Psalm 105:17-22

Introductory Text, John 1:29-46

GOD IN HUMAN FLESH



Opening verse: *Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us [Matthew 1:23].*



The mystery behind God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit will not be fully known until we appear in eternity with God. Moreover, past teachings in the body of Christ has made it more complicated by making it look as if God the Father was different from God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Yet, the Trinity, as they are commonly known is One Person, but manifesting in three forms and with three different works. Thus, the purpose of this triple manifestation is so that we can have full access to the Godhead.

Jesus Christ is God; if He was not so, scripture would not have noted, **“Wherefore God hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 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, to the glory of God the Father”** (Philippians 2:9-11). God would never have exalted the name of Jesus above Himself, if He was not Christ. He exalted the name Jesus because that was the final Name He wanted men to use to connect with Him (Colossians 1:19)

Thus, seeing that men were not able to carry out His perfect will of redemption, God decided to do it personally by inserting himself in human flesh. That flesh form of God is what Isaiah called, Emmanuel – God with us. And the Spirit form of God is what we know as the Holy Spirit. Thus, it is one person manifesting (operating) in three different ways. So, when God came in human form, He wanted to know if His disciples understood this; so He asked, “...**but whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God**” (Matthew 16:15-16). And because Peter got it right, Jesus said in verse 17, “...**for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven**. Again, He used the word “Father”, just as He always use the word “Son”, to hide His identity from the people.

Thus, by faith we are to take advantage of the God in the flesh and not be bothered by the who, what or how. Just know that through Christ, you are now above the world, the devil and the works of darkness. Hallelujah!



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

By Christ Jesus, I now have access to everything of God. I am above, and not beneath.

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

2 Corinthians 5:19, John 14:1-11, Acts 9:17-22

Introductory Text, Numbers 14:23-34

WHAT DO YOU CALL IT?



Opening verse: *And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof [Genesis 2:19].*

From the beginning, the power to create was planted in man; but that power was to create the good, until Adam became corrupted. From this point, men began to create and think evil. **“Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions”** (Ecclesiastes 7:29). It is that tendency to create evil that has also made us unconsciously negative to ourselves and to others. Thus the average man on the street never thinks or expects positive things, he is always afraid of things going wrong, getting damaged, lost, or die, etc. This is what the spirit of the world has turned many into

But as a believer, you must fight this unconscious way of thinking or expecting evil, because what you call a thing is what they become to you. When the Lord God brought all His creation to Adam, **“...and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof”** (Genesis 2:19). Thus, if you notice a small swelling on your skin, and you call it cancer, so will it be. If you suffer dislocation on one of your legs, and you say, “I think I may be amputated”, so will it be. If after a failed relationship, you say, “I may never get someone to marry again”; so will it be. Be careful of what you call that unpleasant situation,

because they may turn out so.

When Israel said they were not able to take the Promised Land, but that death was waiting on the way, God answered, **“As truly as I live, saith the Lord, as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do unto you”** (Numbers 14:28). As believers our words carries the Spirit and life of God in them, thereby making it a creative force (John 6:63). What you say therefore, automatically goes into effect, positive or negative. What are you calling the happenings and events around you? Is it not written, **“For our light affliction which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory?”** (2 Corinthians 4:17).

Don't think, act or talk the way the people of the world do, because you carry the Spirit of Christ. Think, talk, act and expect good things always; that's the way we conquer the world.



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

Father, I will no longer give myself to unrighteous thoughts, words or deeds. Hallelujah.

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

Philippians 4:8-9, 1 John 5:4, Luke 6:45

Introductory Text, Psalm 91:1-16

PLAYING WITH SHADOWS



Opening verse: *He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty [Psalm 91:1].*



One thing common to kids is to play with their shadow. Some try to run ahead of their shadow, some try to look bigger or smaller than their shadow, etc. Thus for the physical man, a shadow is nothing other than a man's image cast on the wall or the ground, but in the spirit, it's a very serious thing. Thus, depending on what you do, you can either fall under the shadow of the Almighty or the shadow of death (Psalm 23:4). While David wrote Psalm 23 of the shadow of death because of his experiences as a shepherd who frequently encountered lions and bears, etc; Moses wrote Psalm 91 of the shadow of the Almighty, because he saw the protective hand and power of the Lord in the wilderness on the way to the Promised Land. What's your own experience?

One good example of someone who experienced both shadows is Judas Iscariot. While he was with Jesus, he enjoyed the covering of the shadow of the Almighty. His very supply, provision and protection all came from the Lord. However, when he could not be satisfied with what he was stealing from the common purse of the disciples, he changed camp. **“Then one of the twelve called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, and said unto them, what**

will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver. And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him" (Matthew 26:14-16). By this action, Judas Iscariot effectively withdrew from the cover of the shadow of the Almighty to the shadow of death. He eventually died, to reflect the status of his new camp (Matthew 27:5).

What takes a man from the shadow of the Almighty to the shadow of death? Choices! The choice you make in life will ultimately determine which shadow you will fall under. Judas was the one that went to meet the chief priests; they did not come to him. In one record, scripture noted, **"This he said not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein"** (John 12:6). When you engage in lying, stealing, cheating, fornicating, pornography, gambling, etc. you are already making your choices for life. These vices will eventually determine your camp.

However under the shadow of the Almighty, your safety and supply are guaranteed. So, get under His cover, and secure your future.



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

I choose to be under the shadow of the Almighty for life. Here is my supply secured.

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

Psalm 1:1-6, Romans 14:17, Matthew 11:28-30.

Introductory Text, Luke 18:9-14

PLAYING WITH SHADOWS (PART 2)



Opening verse : *But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you [Matthew 6:33].*



In our earlier study, we saw how Judas Iscariot lost the cover of the shadow of the Almighty for the shadow of death because of the choice he made. He willingly went to the chief priests to place his demand and they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver. But it didn't end there; **“And from that time he SOUGHT opportunity to betray him”** (Matthew 26:14-16). Thus, what a man seeks for also plays a role in his life. If you are constantly seeking what will feed your flesh, but with little or no regard for your spirit man, you will soon end up under the shadow of death. When your thoughts are all about fashion, automobile, travels, clubbing, partying and feasting, you will not survive the devil when he comes. **“But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth”** (1 Timothy 5:7).

What you seek for indirectly reveals the state of your heart. It tells of the core things you value and have interest in. That was why when Amaziah, a king in Judah did what was right, yet he was not accepted, because his heart was not perfect before the Lord (2 Chronicles 25:1-2). What are the motives behind your works? Are they not attempt to secure or negotiate a position in the future? Check your

motives, they can make you lose the covering of the shadow of the Almighty for the shadow of death.

Our introductory text is the story of two people who went to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a publican. While the Pharisee praised himself for his religious piety, the publican could not even look up, because of guilt and the weight of his sin. But at the end, the publican went home justified having found mercy with God, while the Pharisee was rejected. God looks at the heart of men, because there lies the issues of life (Proverbs 4:23). No wonder when Samuel went to the house of Jesse to select the next king, and on sighting Eliab the first son, he reasoned the Lord had chosen him; but, "**...the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh at the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart**" (1 Samuel 16:6-7).

What you seek will reveal your heart, and the state of your heart will determine where God will place you. Seek Christ, He will secure and settle you.



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

Father, I submit my heart to you, purge me and make me a vessel for your use. Amen.

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

Psalm 26:1-12, Psalm 15:1-5, Psalm 24:3-6, 1 Peter 5:10.

Introductory Text, John 16:5-16

HOLY SPIRIT: OUR SEAL



Opening verse : *And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye were sealed unto the day of redemption [Ephesians 4:30]*



When you seek to buy an item in the market, and you eventually find the item with a seal on it; what immediately comes to your mind is; it is safe, authentic, approved and original. These words communicates the exact thing the Holy Spirit is to man. The Holy Spirit is the sign of our approval and originality. He authenticates our ministry and calling. Thus, He makes Christianity easy and sweet through constant guidance, direction and instruction as we submit to Him.

Life is difficult and complicated; what you expect is not always how it turns out to be. The work of the Holy Spirit is to help navigate you through the earth without suffering damage or losing out. He designed the earth (Genesis 1:2); and He knows where all the junctions, potholes, and bumps are located. He knows when you are to take a right turn or a left turn. Without the Holy Spirit you are not safe; for the devil will wipe you out with his wicked works. **“Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities (weakness): for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered”** (Romans 8:26). Thus, because we

don't understand the dynamics at play in the spirit realm, we pray wrongly and miss God. The job of the Holy Spirit is to interpret the things of the spirit and the mind of God to us and ours to God.

When Hannah went to Shiloh to pray, she had no clue of how to present her case. Before now, God was already looking for a replacement for Eli the priest, who had missed God's way. To bring about that divine replacement, the Holy Spirit took over the prayers of Hannah; **“And she vowed a vow.....but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the Lord all the days of his life....”** (1 Samuel 1:11). However, the proof of the Holy Spirit interruption is seen in verse 13, **“Now Hannah spake in her heart, ONLY HER LIPS MOVED, BUT HER VOICE WAS NOT HEARD; therefore Eli thought she had been drunken”** Truly, Hannah was drunk in the Spirit, otherwise she would never have known the burden of the Lord. That prayer eventually brought Samuel; Eli's replacement.

Similarly, outside the Holy Spirit you can't locate God's will. The work of the Spirit is to guide and give you result in the shortest possible time.



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

Holy Spirit I submit and partner with you for my destiny. Lead and guide me accordingly.

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

Matthew 10:19-20, Acts 10:17-20, 1 Corinthians 2:12-14.

Introductory Text, Luke 15:1-10

LOST OR TAKEN



Opening verse: *And when she had found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbours together, saying, rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost [Luke 15:10].*



Physically, things can get missing because of our carelessness; but in the spirit, it doesn't work that way. Things just don't disappear in the spirit realm, they are taken. If suddenly you begin to struggle to pray for thirty minutes, when before now you could go two hours on a stretch; then know that something has happened in the spirit realm. When your hunger for the Word and to be in God's presence begins to wane, know surely something attacked that aspect of your life. If the gift, grace or joy you had suddenly disappears; it is either a spirit or force has raised its head against you. Things just don't happen in the spirit, wake up!

The spirit realm operates like the animal world; kill or you'll be killed, eat or you'll be eaten. There's no neutral ground, it is either you're fighting something, or something is fighting you. This was why the Lord spoke through prophet Jeremiah, **"Cursed are those....who hold back their sword from shedding blood"** (Jeremiah 48:10 NLT). You are either removing somebody's head in the spirit realm or they're removing yours; you're either chasing something, or something is pursuing you, etc. **"Now, O sword of the Lord, when will you be at**

rest? Go back into your sheath, rest and be still. But how can it be still when the Lord has sent it on a mission....?" (Jeremiah 47:6-7 NLT). You are sent on a mission, you either fight or be slain by the enemy.

The experience of Job was such that, physically he lost his children and his entire estate to marauders, but spiritually it was a different thing. There was a battle raging between the kingdom of God and that of the devil over his life. He did not just suffer loss, but his entire household, including his wife were taken by the devil (Job 2:9). While he continued to lament to God and justify himself, the devil continued the onslaught, until the Lord revealed the secret to him; **"Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days; and caused the dayspring to know its place. That it might take hold of the ends of the earth, that the wicked might be shaken out of it"** (Job 38:12-13).

Unless you contend with the powers holding your blessings, they won't let go of what is yours. What you lost is not missing, it was taken. Fight and get it back; that's the way it works.



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

Never again will I leave my life to chance or demonic operation. I fight back today.

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

John 10:10, Ephesians 6:12-13, 2 Timothy 2:3-4, Job 1:1-22.

Introductory Text, Matthew 27:57-61

MINISTRY OR CHURCH



Opening verse: *For I commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea...for she hath been a succourer of many, and of myself also [Romans 16:1-2].*



The concept of Ministry from biblical point of view is very wide. It refers to a personal call, assignment, grace, anointing, office, etc. For instance, an individual can be called to a children ministry, music, orphan, widow, etc. It can also be in terms of grace given to an individual like prophetic, apostolic, evangelistic, missionary, etc. Phebe in our opening text was commended by Paul, because she had a ministry of taking care of men of God. Also, Joseph of Arimathea, is an example of a ministry calling. He was the one who went to Pilate and demanded for the body of Christ for burial. His ministry was simply that of taking care of the “body of Christ”, which is the Church. None of these persons had a church or preached.

The call to start a Church on the other hand is very specific. It is a call to gather men and build them up in Christ through preaching, teaching, healing, and deliverance, etc. **“And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people”** (Matthew 4:23). Thus, Jesus had a mandate to start a church, and this He also affirmed when He

commented on Peter's revelation of Him, saying “...upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it” (Matthew 16:18).

Thus, it is important you know your place in Christ; whether it's call to ministry or a call to run a church. Many persons are quick to start a Church thinking it is the main thing, because of fame and financial gain it brings; but they forget that the Church places a great demand on their life, family and time. Ask any genuine man of God, he will tell you that the burden of Church always makes you feel like running away. No wonder, many have turned to sorcery and divination. Moreover, doing Ministry is not lesser than doing a Church, because Paul never had a church, but an apostolic ministry; overseeing several churches which he helped to set up. Yet, we all are still drawing from the wealth of the knowledge and revelation of Paul.

Know your calling, stay in it and get fulfilled; that's where we get rewarded. Don't be a square peg in a round hole, it will only bring you pain.



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

Father, I choose to stay in my calling and thrive in it; and not on other men's lane.

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

1 Corinthians 7:17-24, 1 Corinthians 12:28-30,
1 Corinthians 14:26-33.

Introductory Text, Mark 5:35-42

SAY IT



Opening verse: *Declare ye among the nations, and publish, and set up a standard; publish, and conceal not: say Babylon is taken...." (Jeremiah 50:2).*

The prophecy to bring Israel out of Babylon and destroy that wicked nation was spoken over seventy years before the time, yet God said to Jeremiah, **".....say Babylon is taken, Bel is confounded, Merodach is broken in pieces, her idols are confounded, her images are broken in pieces"** (Jeremiah 50:2). The question is, why will God ask Jeremiah to say what will happen in another 70 years' time? Two major factors are responsible; time and the power of the spoken word. Thus, as humans we live within time, but God lives outside time. Men are subject to time, but God is not. So, what will take a thousand years to manifest is just in God's presence, already happening. **"For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night"** (Psalm 90:4). Thus what was 70 years away to Jeremiah, was a present reality in God's Presence.

Hebrews 13:8 says, **"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today and forever"**; it simply means the past, the present and the future happen simultaneously before God. Though God knows what is past as past, just as He knows the present and the future to be so, but they all happen at the same time in His Presence. That was why Romans 4:17

said, “...**God who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not AS THOUGH THEY WERE**” Thus all the while those things were not in existence physically, they were in His Presence. So when God tells you to say, “I am healed”, He wants you to say what you are in His Presence, not what you are going through. In His presence you exist in perfect health, though in the physical, you're still in pain. All He wants you to do is to say what He is seeing, not what you are seeing.

Thus, when the Lord said to Jeremiah, “**say Babylon is taken...**” it was already done. Until you say it, you can't enter it. This is the principle by which you must operate with life, otherwise you will remain in sickness, sorrow, poverty and defeat all your life; “For we walk by faith and not by sight” (2 Corinthian 5:7). No wonder when Jesus got to Jairus house and saw the people crying, saying the girl is dead; Jesus said, “...**the damsel is not dead but sleepeth**” (Mark 5:39). Learn to say what you want, and not what you're seeing; that's the secret of our victory.



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

In the name of Jesus Christ, I declare glory, honour and victory ahead of me. Amen.

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

Joel 3:10, 1 John 5:4, Mark 11:23

Introductory Text, Genesis 32:1-26

ENFORCE THE LIGHT



Opening verse: *For God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shine in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ [2 Corinthians 4:6].*



To say we are surrounded by darkness is no news at all; for darkness comes in different shades and forms. When you can't pay your bill, you are in darkness; when your health is challenged, it is part of darkness, when you're tormented by spirits, darkness has caged you in; when your joy tank is depleted, darkness has taken over your soul, etc. Yet there is a solution to darkness, and this is what our opening verse says **"For God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness...."** (2 Corinthians 4:16). Unless you command light to appear, darkness will not go.

Darkness is the natural state for everything before changes take place. It represents the state of confusion, emptiness, barrenness, instability, lack, failure, poverty, etc. Thus at creation, **"...the earth was without form or void; darkness was upon the deep..."** (Genesis 1:2). For God to chase away darkness, He had to command light to shine. **"And God said, let there be light, and there was light"** (Genesis 1:3). The sickness in your life will not go unless you force it out, so is that trouble, disappointment, failure, etc. You are the one that will force things to happen according to the command of the Lord.

For instance, God already said, **“There shall nothing cast their young nor barren in thy land...”** (Exodus 23:26); it is left for you to believe and pray it into your life or allow barrenness to have rule over you. Scripture also said, **“Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him...”** (Isaiah 3:10). Enforcing light is simply to take that word and pray it until you see it work in your life. When Jacob got to Mahanaim and report came that Esau was coming to meet him with 400 men, he feared, knowing what he did to his brother 21 years ago. But to enforce what the Lord promised him in Bethel (Genesis 28:15), he went to the place of prayer, **“And Jacob was left alone and there wrestled with him until the breaking of the day”** (Genesis 32:24). He prayed until an angel came down to change things.

Nothing will come to you naturally, because we are in a territory that belongs to the devil (John 14:30). He oversees the earth as it is presently, and everything naturally tilts towards evil. Only those who use force will have their desire fulfilled.



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

Father, thou has given me everything I need to enjoy life. I enforce my right in Christ.

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

Matthew 11:12, Luke 16:16, Genesis 32:24-28.

Introductory Text, Genesis 32:1-25

MONEY, MEN OR FAITH



Opening verse: *And I have oxen, and asses, flocks, and menservants, and women servants: and I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find grace in thy sight [Genesis 32:5].*



When we follow and serve the Lord faithfully, He blesses us with many things, including wealth, riches, children, health, joy, peace, etc. This was the exact case of Jacob in our lead story. But of everything God gives you, your greatest wealth is your faith, because when every other thing is gone, faith will remain with you. In other word, there are days money fails, men fails, but faith don't fail, because it is attached to God; and it's able to carry you through the thick and thin of life, as it did with Job. **"...and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith"** (1 John 5:4).

While in Mahanaim, information came that Esau was coming with 400 men, so Jacob sent men, money, and several flocks to pacify (bribe) Esau his brother whom he tricked some 21 years back; but that did not stop the army of Esau from matching towards him. Seeing he couldn't stop Esau's army, Jacob turned to God saying, **"Deliver me I pray thee, from the hand of Esau my brother, for I fear him, lest he will come and smite me, and the mother with the children"** (Genesis 32:11). He had thrown-in everything but none yielded result until he turned to faith through prayer.

If you don't grow your faith, in the day of trouble you will be exposed; because spiritual problems don't answer to money or men, just as Jacob did but failed. Saul the first king of Israel had men, power, riches and position in his hands, but when war broke out with the Philistines, none of these things could save him; and because he had not grown his faith with God, he ended up in the house of a witch (1 Samuel 28:3-7). The Shunammite woman had wealth and connection up to the throne, yet none could break the hold of barrenness until Elisha came with faith and changed the equation (2 Kings 4:8-17). The woman with the issue of blood threw in all she's got to get healed, but to no avail, until she took the step of faith and received her healing (Mark 5:25-34).

Faith will not just connect you to God, but every other resources you need to fight your battle. Until faith is in place, you have nothing to fight with. Faith conquers, heals, delivers and triumphs over every of life's issues. Faith is the life changer.



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

Father, thank you for the instrument of faith. I will use it and triumph every obstacle. Amen.

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

Matthew 9:27-30, Mark 5:25-34, Mark 10:46-52.

Introductory Text, Acts 2:1-13

EXERCISE THE SPIRIT



Opening verse: *For bodily exercise profiteth little, but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of life that now is, and of that which is to come [1 Timothy 4:8].*

Every physical exercise is primarily targeted to giving strength and vitality to the body. Thus, due to aging and other ailments, our body generally begins to lag and sag with time. But through physical exercise, the bones, muscles, tissues and joints all come alive again, receiving strength to continue. It is the same with our spirit, even as we tend to slow down in our spiritual activity as we journey through life. To give life back to your spirit, you must exercise it; and this comes by speaking in tongues.

After Christ resurrection, the disciples came to ask when Israel will be restored, but Jesus was more concerned about the need for the immediate, saying, **“But ye shall receive power after the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth”** (Acts 1:8). The intention was to make them understand that what they needed now was the Holy Spirit, whose job was to carry them through the coming persecution. The devil knows he can't stop you, but he is an expert in wearing men out. Without the Holy Spirit, you will get tired of the Christian life. Delay,

disappointments, adversaries and adversities will make Christianity look unpleasant, but with the Holy Spirit, you are sure of going through. **“We are troubled on every side yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair. Persecuted but not forsaken; cast down but not destroyed”** (2 Corinthians 4:8-9).

When you speak in tongues, you're drawing life from the Holy Spirit, and this is translated into your spirit man. And because the Holy Spirit is the author of life (Genesis 2:7); every time you speak in tongues, you trigger the divine exchange where His strength is given for your weakness. **“Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities (weakness); for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself make intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered”** (Romans 8:26). Thus, the more you speak, the more of life, energy and vitality you draw to the Spirit.

This was the secret behind Paul's ministry success, when he said, **“...I speak in tongue more than you all”** (1 Corinthians 14:18). If you desire to go further and farther in your pursuit, engage the Holy Spirit; He will take you there.



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

Holy Spirit, I acknowledge you as the life giver.
I submit to your leading and help today

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

Acts 19:1-7, Mark 1:9-13, Acts 10:17-20

Introductory Text, Genesis 12:1-8

TURNING FAITH TO WORKS



Opening verse: *And when he saw them, he said unto them, go shew yourselves to the priests. And it came to pass that as they went they were cleansed [Luke 17:14]*



Faith never stands alone. Put in another way, faith never produces result when it's standing alone. What does it mean for faith to stand alone? It is when all you're doing is talk and plan with no action to follow. Unless you move, your faith is lifeless. So, the faith that is standing alone is nothing other than noise. How can you be confessing and claiming divine health, joy, prosperity, etc. and several years after, you are still in the same place. The solution is what we see in the life of the ten lepers in our study verse. They went ahead and **DO** what they were told without asking questions. That singular move brought their healing.

Our wanting to know the how and when, etc. is what has kept many people back in life. Your quest to have all the details before you move is what is stalling your growth and prosperity. Take the case of Abraham for an example, **"Now the Lord had said unto Abram, get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee...So Abram departed as the Lord had spoken unto him..."** (Genesis 12:1-4). On receiving the Lord's command, Abraham departed **IMMEDIATELY**. If he had waited for some few days to think about it; fear, doubt and human

wisdom would have robbed him of his blessings. Same thing happened when the Lord asked for Isaac for a sacrifice. Without thinking or consulting, he took the young lad and headed for Mount Moriah (Genesis 22:1-17).

You turn faith to work (result) simply by doing, acting, taking a step, etc. Hear what the four leprous men at the gate of Samaria said, **“If we say, we will enter into the city, then the famine is in the city and we shall die there: and if we sit still here we die also. Now therefore come, and let us fall (GO) into the host of the Syrians...”** (2 Kings 7:4). The “going” is what turns your faith into works. As long as you keep sitting, doing nothing about what you were told or impressed upon your spirit by the Lord, your faith will remain in coma.

Nobody will be impressed by your confession of faith, until they see result in your life. Step out of your sick bed, of doubt, fear, poverty, etc. great things are waiting for you on the other side.



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

This day I refuse to remain the same. I step into God's word and prevail with it.

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

James 2:14-26, Matthew 14:26-29, Mark 7:24-30.

Introductory Text, 1 Samuel 16:1-13

THE ENEMY CAN'T STOP YOU



Opening verse: *Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over [Psalm 23:6].*



David is one personality that the Lord used greatly to communicate the things of the Spirit and how the Kingdom works. In our opening verse, David reveals one of the things the Lord do to those who serve Him faithfully; He prepares a table for them in the presence of the enemy. What does this mean? Simple, it is to make you prosper in spite of what the enemy's attack and evil work. **"Behold, they shall surely gather together, but not by me: whosoever shall gather together against thee shall fall for thy sake"** (Isaiah 54:15).

One of the problem with our generation is that, we have place too much emphasis on "the enemy", so much so that people now fear their shadow. We have preached more fear than faith, creating enemy where there's none. Part of the story behind our study verse above, was that the family of David didn't see anything good in him, hence he was relegated to the field to feed the family flocks. Yet on the day God will anoint him, the Lord gathered the entire family, kept everyone standing including Samuel the prophet, until David came from the bush and anointed him right in their presence: not one of them could stop it.

If God decides to bless you, no devil in hell can stop Him. Quit the fear.

The work of redemption is one of the greatest mystery of the Kingdom, yet when God set the ball rolling, He made the devil to be part of it. After Jesus was arrested, they judged, beat and hung him on the Cross. While all these were going-on; heaven was silent, God was watching and Satan was celebrating. At death Jesus went to hell, took the key of life, rose on the third day from the grave and set humanity free. It was then it dawned on the devil that he had lost the battle. This defeat is phrased in 1 Corinthians 2:8 thus, **“Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory”**. Rather than having only the person of Jesus to contend with, the devil now has to contend with as many as carry the Spirit of Christ through salvation.

The devil was beaten in his own game, with his help, at his backyard. This is why you have no need to fear the enemy, for you have the upper hand at all times. Hallelujah!



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

Glory be to God, I have the victory through Christ. I'm unstoppable.

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

1 John 4:4, Psalm 24:7-10, Matthew 27:50-56,
1 Corinthians 15:55-58

Introductory Text, Acts 6:1-7

MINISTRY OR CHURCH (PART 2)



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

Everybody is called into a ministry, but not everybody is called to start a Church. For instance, **“Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature”** (Mark 16:15), is call to everyone. But the Church is a bigger, wider and more complicated arrangement, because it opens you to everything of God and of the devil. Thus, just as God ministers to you, so will the devil also trouble you, because you will directly be depleting his kingdom. We see the case of Jesus after the wilderness temptation, **“Then the devil leaveth him, and behold, angels came and ministered unto him”**. So, don't be in a hurry to start or own a church; because you will have to contend with a lot of devils, in human and spiritual forms.

God can call you to a youth and singles ministry, women ministry, teaching, prayer, Church support ministry, etc. but don't be tempted to convert it into Church as the ministry grows; because the grace for a ministry is different from that of a Church. When Stephen, Philip and the five others were called by the Apostles, their mandate was specific, **“Wherefore brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business”** (Acts

6:3). The call was purely to serve. While Stephen excelled in his service, so did Philip as an evangelist (Acts 21:8); but Nicolas converted his assignment into a church; and in his effort to succeed, he got himself trapped with strange things. And Jesus testifying of him said, **“So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate”** (Revelation 2:15)

Every time you step outside your calling (area of grace), you will get trapped into what you cannot handle; and every effort to succeed will make you fall deeper into sin. Thus, neither failure nor success are the true measures of a calling, but peace, joy, contentment, and ease of operation (Romans 14:17). When you struggle over time to deliver on your assignment, it could be a sign of God not being involved. Every genuine call comes with grace that makes it easy for the individual. It is like when you put a fish inside water, it just glides through; but put the same fish on land, it starts struggling, because it's landed on an unfamiliar terrain.

Stay in the place of your grace, and see yourself glide like a fish inside water. Praise God.



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

My days of struggle are over. I have grace and
pace to work and excel in my calling.

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

Romans 12:3, 2 Corinthians 10:13-16, Romans 14:17.

Introductory Text, Acts 4:23-33

PRAY ALWAYS



Opening verse: *I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting [1 Timothy 2:8].*



Some people have said, we pray too much on this side of the world. Yet the founding fathers of the United States of America and Europe were men and women of prayers. Thus, their present generation are only enjoying the fruits of the prayers of these men. If you look at the New Testament Church that started after the Pentecost, you will discover that we have not yet scratch the surface of what those guys did. The reason behind the explosion and power witnessed in the church of the Acts of the Apostles was because there was much prayer. If we are going to get anywhere near, then we must pray. The difference between us and them was that they lived holy and their prayers where well directed, hence the tremendous results.

As Paul told Timothy, **“I will therefore that men pray everywhere...”** he also told the Thessalonian Church to **“Pray without ceasing”** (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Why this strong charge? Because problems don't give notice or announcement of their coming. We live in a world controlled by the devil, and he can hit you at any time. For instance, Jesus and his disciples were just coming out of a storm, and as they entered the country of the Gadarenes, **“And when he was come out of the ship, IMMEDIATELY there**

met him out of the tombs, a man with an unclean spirit" (Mark 5:2). The devil gave them a surprise attack, such that, if Jesus was not there, the disciples would never have been able to handle that man.

In Matthew's account, scriptures said, "**....there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no man might pass by that way**" (Matthew 8:28). He was not just possessed, but he carried the demons that were in charge of that whole region. Yet as fierce as he was, it took just one word, "**GO**" from the Lord to dislocate and dislodge them (Matthew 8:32). It was a word loaded with power that came from the place of prayer. Thus, Jesus maintained a consistent prayer life, making him ready at all times.

Similarly, the devil will not give a prior notice when he is coming for you. Your only form of defence is to live ready through consistent prayer. No wonder Jesus warned the disciples, saying, "**Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation....**" (Matthew 26:41); when He found them sleeping on the night the devil was coming with a major assault. May you escape. Amen.



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

Father, I draw grace and strength from you to continue in prayer, until victory is mine.

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

Acts 1:12-14, Acts 2:42, Acts 3:1, Luke 18:1,

Introductory Text, Acts 9:1-12

PRAY ALWAYS (PART 2)



Opening verse: *And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray and not to faint [Luke 18:1].*



Prayer is key to our living and survival not just because of the devil, but because there are too many unknown. We are surrounded by situations that we have no control over; whether they be physical or spiritual. Life is a delicate puzzle that is beyond your education. **“Man's goings are of the Lord; how can a man then understand his own way?”** (Proverbs 20:24). Just as there are many things you don't understand, so are there many things you can't handle.

Beside the negatives, there are also positive things we lose if we don't pray. Going by our lead story, Paul met the Lord on the road to Damascus, and that encounter gave him temporary blindness. When he asked what to do, **“...the Lord said unto him, arise and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do”** (Acts 9:6). Thus, with no clear instructions Paul went into prayer; and not until the third day before the Lord sent Ananias. Imagine if Paul had not gone to pray or stopped praying before Ananias came, he would have missed the Lord's deliverance. The reason why you must pray always is because you don't know when the Lord will come for you.

Prayer keeps you ready, whether for good or evil. Thus, when the Lord sent Ananias, He said. **"...Arise and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus: FOR BEHOLD HE PRAYETH"** (Acts 9:11). Thus prayer was a major sign to locate Paul. So, when his deliverance came, he was ready for it. The angel sent to minister to you, how and where will he find you? One of the reasons believers suffer delay is because many a time, they are in the wrong place, doing wrong things.

Similarly, when the disciples were asked to go and wait for the Holy Ghost, they went to the Upper room to pray. **"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were with one accord in one place"** (Acts 2:1). Thus, the Holy Ghost met them as they were commanded, and had no option but to release power to them as cloven tongues of fire. Prayer is what puts you on the drivers' seat of the vehicle of your life. When you delay, slow down or stop praying, you give the enemy a leeway to hijack your destiny. Get back to your altar now, and don't let the fire go out.



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

Lord I draw fresh fire from your altar today. I shall accomplish every of my good purpose

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

Leviticus 6:12, Acts 1:4-5, Acts 10:9-10,
Acts 20:32-36.

Introductory Text, Luke 17:11-17

GRATITUDE



Opening verse: *And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God. And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan [Luke 17:15-16].*



Every character we display or not display has a way of telling what kind of stuff we are made of. Jesus said, **“A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of his heart his mouth speaketh”** (Luke 6:45). So, no matter how much you hide, your actions or inactions will tell what kind of person you are. That was the case of the 10 lepers that were healed by Jesus, and only one came back to give thanks.

Gratitude tells a lot of who you are. Are you grateful for who and where you are? Or are you complaining and comparing yourself with others. Every time you complain of not having or given enough, you are actually shutting the door against the next. Because if you cannot be grateful for the little, what is the assurance that you will be when you get much.

In the story of the talent (Matthew 25:14-30), three people were called and were given five, two and one talent respectively, and according to their abilities. While the men with the five and two talents went and traded with theirs, the man with one talent did

nothing but buried it. On the day of reckoning, the master promoted the first two that traded with theirs, saying, “...well done, thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things...” (Matthew 25:21). But to the man that did nothing with his talent, “...cast the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth” (Matt. 25:30). The man that refused to trade with his talent was not just a wicked and slothful servant, but he felt angry that he was given only one talent, hence he turned it back the same way.

Being grateful takes nothing away from you, but actually makes you complete. This was what Jesus meant when he said to the only man that came back to thank him, “...arise and go thy way, thy faith had made the WHOLE” (Luke 17:19). When you're grateful for what you have, more will be added. No wonder Paul charged the Philippian church to be thankful for everything, for by such way, peace and victory is assured (Philippian 4:6-7).



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

Lord, I am grateful of your love and faithfulness. I stand to thank you always.

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

Philippians 4:4-7, Psalm 89:1, Psalm 50:1-15, 23.

Introductory Text, Acts 6:1-10

YOU SHALL RECEIVE POWER



Opening verse: *But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth [Acts 1:8].*



One of the reasons why there is a disconnect between the people and the church is because most times messages from the altar are delivered or designed to make meaning only to those that are familiar with the church or scripture. Thus, for the ordinary person on the street, they are completely lost to many of the vocabularies we use. Take for instance the issue of power. Many talk of power in terms of the ability to heal the sick, open the eyes of the blind, make the lame walk, cast out demons, etc. But what has that got to do with the man looking for a job, wanting to pay bills and put food on the table, etc.

To bring 'power' to the level where all men can understand you, we must give it a simpler definition. Thus, ordinary level Physics defines power as the ability to do work. It is what gives you energy, strength, capacity to do your work. So, when scripture talks about power, it is not just miracles, signs and wonders, but also the ability to work. In other words, when Jesus told the disciples they shall receive power, He was actually meaning they will receive the 'capacity' to do all that He wants them to do. So, to the vulcanizer, trader, fruit seller, barber,

doctor, engineer, etc. power is simply capacity to do work and get better results and rewards.

Jesus never planned to make everyone a minister of God or church worker, that was why He told the disciples, **"....Go ye into the WORLD, and preach the gospel to EVERY CREATURE. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe: in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak in new tongues. They shall take serpents: and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them: they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover"** (Mark 16:15-18). Power is for everyone: your trade, vocation, profession, or career notwithstanding. That was why the likes of Steven and Philip who were called to serve food, and the disciples who were fishermen did wonders.

Are you a trader, lawyer, doctor, banker, auto mechanic, etc. you need power to excel in your vocation. Get power and see your life make gain.



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

By the power of God, I break down every barrier hindering me from entering my fullness

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

Acts 8:5-8, Luke 10:17-19, 1 Corinthians 2:1-5.

Introductory Text, 2 Kings 9:1-22

OVERCOME



Opening verse: *These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world [John 16:33].*



The world is full of adversities and adversaries. To just sit back and expect things to fall in place because you're a believer, is to make the greatest mistake. Good things don't just happen, someone has to trigger them. And if it has to do with you, you will have to do that yourself; no one will. Jesus in our opening verse affirmed that the world is full of tribulation, but He has overcome the world. In other word, your strongest enemy, obstacle or bad situation has already been defeated; all that is left is for you to take the step of faith and grab your portion of the blessing.

Life will involve some striving, fighting, pushing, elbowing, squeezing, etc. Yet many don't want to be ruffled, but they want the blessing. No! It doesn't work that way; there's a part for you to play to make the equation balance. **"And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force"** (Matthew 11:12). The devil is a spoiler of joy; he will not just sit down and allow you have fun, but you have to fight back to take what has been given to you. Unless you fight, you will not become.

Jehu was anointed king over Israel, yet he had to pick up his sword, mount the horse and head straight to the palace to take the throne. While describing his movement to the palace, scripture noted; “...for he driveth furiously” (2 Kings 9:20). If he had sat back after he had being anointed, Jezebel would have remained on the throne. But it took force to uproot Jezebel. However, our warfare is not carnal, we fight with Words, with prayers and the Holy Ghost by speaking in tongues, etc. These are the instrument the devil has no answer to. No wonder for Jehu to finally conquer Jezebel, it took the word of command; “...throw her down” (2 Kings 9:33). Those words were not ordinary, they were anointed words; that's why the same people that guarded Jezebel, were the ones that threw her down.

What is that thing that looks intimidating? You are an overcomer. Let the spirit of grace rise in you and confront it; it would bow, because Christ has already overcome the world, you have nothing to fear. Hallelujah!



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

I come with the overcoming force of Christ, and I defeat every foe and situation holding my life.

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

1 John 4:4, 2 Kings 6:16, Romans 8:31-39,
2 Corinthians 10:3-6.

