

Introductory Text, John 3:1-18

THE BORN AGAIN MAN



Opening verse: *The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit [John 3:8 NIV].*



The glory and the fall of the natural man both took place at the Garden of Eden. There, man's greatest form evolved by the work of Creation, and after the transaction with the devil, man also fell at Eden (Genesis 3:1-24). Thus, man was eventually chased out of the garden, from the Presence of God to go and fend for himself. **"Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken"** (Genesis 3:24 KJV). Ever since, the devil has taken dominion over the natural man; for all the strength of the natural man is in his senses, and the devil has mastery over senses. Thus things like physical strength, beauty, intelligence, education, riches, etc. are of no match to the power of darkness.

Surprisingly, it was also at the Garden of Eden God promised to restore man to his fullness, by sending **"the seed of the woman"**, to bruise the head of the serpent (Genesis 3:15). That seed is Jesus Christ. Galatian 3:16 (NIV) notes, **"The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. The Scripture does not say, "and to seeds," meaning many people, but "and to your seed," meaning one person, who is Christ."** Thus, when Nicodemus

came to meet Jesus by night, he actually came to meet the Seed of God; and to receive that seed, Jesus said to him, “...ye must be born again” (John 3:7). In other word, the born again man is the one that has the Seed of God in him. He's the one that carries the Spirit of God, the power of God, the Presence of God, the glory of God, and the Word of God, etc. all of which are domiciled in Christ. Colossians 1:19 put it thus, **“For it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell”**

Thus only the born again man have all the instruments that can defeat the devil. He is the one that can pray, fast, read and understand the Bible, speak in tongues, walk by faith, walk in the Spirit, full of the Holy Ghost, filled with grace, anointed and perfected to dismantle the works of the devil. The case of the disciples is reported in Luke 10:17, **“And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name”**. Get born again, and overcome the devil and his works.



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

I have received Christ, and in Him, I defeat the devil and triumph in life. Hallelujah!

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

1 John 3:8, Colossians 2:8-10, Ephesians 6:11-18.

Introductory Text, Matthew 14:22-32

FINISHER OF OUR FAITH

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Opening verse: *Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God [Hebrews 12:2]*

Just as life is a journey or a process, so is faith: and whatever is a journey or a process must have a starting point and a finish line. This is the reason the Bible talks of faith in terms of “no faith”, “little faith”, and “great faith”. These represents the processes or stages of faith we undergo. We all start from the lowest level, and as we continue our walk with Jesus, He keeps pushing us into new and higher levels until we get to the place of great faith. The primary work of Jesus is to perfect our faith, i.e. bring us to a place of absolute trust in God and obtain divine result (1 Timothy 4:15).

At the level of 'no faith', we are basically at the mercy of the forces of nature and darkness. Here, the individual's life is battered by different storms, and since he or she has 'no faith', the result of that life is poverty, failure, fear, doubt, sickness, shame, delay and disgrace, etc. Little faith on the other hand, is the point at which the individual have grown with Jesus, though not yet at a perfect state. At this level, the individual is able to make some moves, just like a child who is learning how to walk. Thus, at one point, he is walking, and at another, he is falling. This is what we see in our introductory text where Peter walked on water, but began to sink when he shifted

his focus from Jesus to the boisterous wind.

Great faith however is the place of growth and maturity. This is where God wants us to operate from. Thus, with maturity in the handling and application of the Word, the individual is able to get quick and better result for life. The case of the centurion with Jesus exemplified great faith. And impressed by his act, Jesus said, “...**verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no not in Israel**” (Matthew 8:10). The level of great faith is where the elements and forces of this world have finally submitted to you. It is the point where you have taken your place as joint heirs with Christ, and as partakers of the heavenly inheritance.

Step up in your faith walk to the level of great faith, for that's where the glory and victory of Christianity is domiciled. Praise God.



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

Lord Jesus, I will keep walking by faith, until my life and works produces excellent result.

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

Hebrews 5:11-14, Hebrews 6:1-3, Matthew 17:14-20.

Introductory Text, John 4:1-14

GOD SPEED



Opening verse: *If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed [2 John 1:10]*



Roads all over the world are classified into grades and speed limits. Thus, there are trunk A, B, C and D roads depending on the size and population of that town or city. Trunk 'A' roads are the highways where you are allowed to run at a high speed of between 80-120 km/h, while trunk 'B' roads are of lesser speed, and then C and D in that order. In the same manner, God has a speed rate depending on His purpose per time. If you move at a lesser speed than God's purpose for you, you may not meet up or complete your assignment. It is therefore left for every individual to discover God's speed (pace) for their lives.

When John in our opening verse talked about, “... **neither bid him God speed**”, he meant, not receiving or welcoming a brother who joins himself with persons opposed to Christ's way. Notwithstanding, God has a speed at which He works, and if you're slow, you will miss His purpose. For this reason, Jesus was very conscious of time, knowing that any delay or dragging of feet could spell doom. So, everything He did, was with haste and accuracy, so as to finish the work assigned to Him by the Father.

Going by our introductory text, when the disciples saw Jesus' urgency to get back to work, after His encounter with the woman by the well of Jacob, they asked if someone had brought Him food, but Jesus answered, "**...my meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish his work. Say not ye, there are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest**" (John 4:34). Jesus understood God's speed, and knew His work was time bound. David himself said, "**...the king's business required haste**" (1 Samuel 21:8). Similarly, Paul after several years of work with God noted, "**Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run that ye may obtain**" (1 Corinthians 9:24). So it is for everyone called of God; for they knew God's speed and therefore made haste to accomplish their work.

Whatever God have asked you to do, it is time bound. If you miss God's speed, you'll also miss your glory. Get back to work, and let the Holy Ghost begin to pace you with God's time and purpose.



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

I receive grace to work in God's speed. Every of God's purpose for me shall be accomplished.

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

Genesis 18:1-10, Ephesians 5:14-17, Proverbs 18:9.

Introductory Text, Revelation 9:1-18

DIVINE INOCULATION



Opening verse: *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 end time will be marked by the release of the demonic into the human space. Evil, wickedness and all forms of unrighteousness will be on the increase, even as we are already witnessing. Significant among the tools the devil will use are sicknesses and diseases that will defy solution. Presently, covid-19, has no medical remedy; even after the first, second and third jab. Those who will survive the end time onslaught of the devil will be men and women that have something beyond the natural human immunity; for these demons will strike all those, “...**which have not the seal of God in their foreheads**” (Revelation 9:4)

The Holy Spirit is our seal (vaccination) against all the works of the devil. He is our divine inoculation against all forms of sicknesses and diseases. When Jesus spoke about we becoming a witness to Him after receiving the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8), it was not limited to preaching, but also we being witnesses of His peace, provision, protection, health, supply, etc. Thus, as we get filled with the Spirit, we will survive every attack, and showcase God in every area of life.

At Melita, after surviving one of the deadliest storm

(Euroclydon), Paul stepped out of the broken ship, and while gathering sticks to make fire because of the cold, a viper came out of one of the sticks and struck him. The people, knowing how deadly the snake was, “...looked when he should have swollen, or fallen down dead suddenly: but after they have looked a great while, and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds and said, he was a god” (Acts 28:6). Thus, even the deadliest of the snake poison could not harm Paul, because of the immunity of the Spirit

In other word, we may get attacked from all sorts, but as long as we remain in Christ and continue in our confession of the Word, no sickness or disease will prevail against us. This was Paul's confidence when he said, “**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. Always bearing about the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body**” (2 Corinthians 4:8-10). Get inoculated by the Holy Ghost, and live triumphantly.



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

Thank you Holy Spirit for being a life giver. As you raised Jesus, so am I full of new life.

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

Ephesians 1:13-14, 19-21, Romans 8:11, Exodus 15:26.

Introductory Text, 2 Samuel 15:1-12

GOING UP OR GROWING UP



Opening verse: *A faithful man will abound with blessings: but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent [Proverbs 28:20].*



The desire to get rich or make it quickly, is common among young people because they don't understand life. God designed that life be taken step by step; any other way will lead to regret, as we see in our opening verse. Take for instance, a child that was meant to go through a six year secondary education, but is made to skip two or three classes above his peers. The parents may have succeeded in fast tracking the child's education, but they would have also put the child in a difficult place emotionally; because he will suddenly find himself in the midst of older folks, where he may socially struggle to catch up.

To “grow up” is to undergo all the basic and essential stages that will help you understand and cope with life, but to “go up” is to skip those stages. When you skip those essential stages, every lesson and wisdom you need to cope with life will also elude you. The consequence is that you will arrive at the place of success unprepared and incomplete. For example, Absalom wanted the throne at all cost; and this he did by plotting a coup against David his father. When he eventually arrived there, he could not manage that office. **“And Absalom and all the men of Israel said, the counsel of Hushai the Archite is**

better than the counsel of Ahithophel. For the Lord had appointed to defeat the good counsel of Ahithophel, to the intent that the Lord might bring evil upon Absalom” (2 Samuel 17:14).

Joseph on the other hand, underwent all the stages of training, administration and management. From his father's house, he started showing leadership trait by reporting the evil deeds of his brothers. At Potiphar's house, his administrative and management skill was further developed and exhibited (Genesis 39:4); and again in the prison. **“And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that were in the prison; and what so ever they did there, he was the doer of it” (Genesis 39:22).** When Joseph finally got to Pharaoh's presence, he was fully ready to lead. **“And Pharaoh said unto his servants, can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the spirit of God is” (Genesis 41:38).**

Joseph grew into his office, but Absalom jumped and crashed almost immediately. God wants you to “grow up” and not “go up”, for that's the way to understand and handle life.



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

Father, your dealings are for my good, this I submit to, as I grow in Christ and in life.

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

Isaiah 28:16, Proverbs 11:3-8, Proverbs 14:12.

Introductory Text, 2 Peter 1:3-11

ADD TO YOUR FAITH



Opening verse: *And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge [2 Peter 1:5].*

There are many who have misunderstood or misapply the concept of born again. The Christian life does not end at being born again, rather it's where it begin. That was exactly the message Jesus was passing to Nicodemus when he came to see Him, saying, “...**verily, verily I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God**” (John 3:3). Thus, Nicodemus wanted to know what will make him part of what Jesus was doing, hence Jesus told him, “he cannot see the kingdom”, except he be born again. Thus, if you make being born again your last bus stop in your pursuit of God and godliness, you will regret greatly, because there are other things you must add to make your salvation complete. This was the thrust of Peter's message in our lead story.

God wants you to be very spiritual, yet He also wants you to be educated, prosperous, healthy, joyful, married, and live right, etc. You must pursue a goal, career, vocation or profession, and make yourself successful and relevant. Jesus, seeing that the disciples might pitch their life tent at the tabernacle called “born again”, warned them ahead, saying, “...**when I sent you without purse, and scrip and shoes, lacked ye anything? And they said nothing.**”

Then said he unto them, but now he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment and buy one” (Luke 22:35-36). Purse, scrip and shoe represents finance, education and soul winning in that order. Thus Jesus did not want His followers to look like mediocre and failures in life, so He urged them to go further and be their best.

The reason why many believers have fallen behind in social status and good living, is because they just want to be born again and go to heaven. But God did not plan it that way, His purpose was that we rule and dominate the earth. Today, many Christians are behind economically and politically in virtually every nation of the world. Thus, people of other religions have taken over every space and position of governance of their nation. Turkey which was once a vibrant Christian nation in the days of Paul, and had all the five major Churches spoken of in Revelation 2 & 3, it's today a 99% Muslim nation.

Don't settle at being born again, God wants you to go further. Go and make a great success of your salvation experience.



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

Father, thank you for the work of salvation. I will
not stop here, but go higher in life.

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

Psalms 115:16, Matthew 27:57, Genesis 26:12-14.

Introductory Text, 1 Corinthians 10:1-14

CONSEQUENCE OF SIN



Opening verse: *But with whom was he grieved forty years? Was it not with them that sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness? [Hebrews 3:17]*



Scripture shows that sin was not only punished immediately but also severely, as we see in the case of Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1-11). However, as the work and result of grace began to unfold, many began to live carelessly. Ecclesiastes 8:11 says, **“Because the sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men are fully set in them to do evil”**. Thus, the message of grace have been misunderstood to the detriment of many.

Grace came to make it easy for us to obey God, not the other way. It was to make our journey on earth easier: to defeat sin, the flesh, the world and Satan. In other words, because we are in the time of grace, every act of sin will receive a greater punishment. **“For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins. But a certain fearful looking for the judgement and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. He that despised Moses law died without mercy under two or three witnesses. Of how much sorer punishment suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden underfoot the Son of God, and hath**

counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sacrificed, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?" Hebrews 10:26-29

All those who sinned willfully in the wilderness fell. For forty years, they were all dropping dead one after the other, until they were completely wiped out. Thus, the consequence of sin, is that those who give themselves to it never gets to the end of their journey. Every sinner never gets to the finish line; he or she is eventually swallowed by the same act. That was what happened to Cain (Genesis 4:1-16). Even when the Lord tried to reduce the effect of the curse on him, verse 16 says, "**And Cain went out from the presence of the Lord...**" The meaning was that Cain was deleted from God's creation, for he was no longer reckoned as one of God's work. No wonder in Genesis 5:1-3, God started a new numbering of men using Seth as the official seed of Adam. The assumption was that Cain no longer or never existed. That is, alive but dead.

Step away from sin, so that you can get to the end of your journey and get the reward of your works.



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

Father, sin will no longer have a hold on me, but through grace I will live to fulfil purpose.

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

2 Timothy 2:22, Titus 2:11, 1 Corinthians 6:12-20.

Introductory Text, Acts 2:1-18

OUR INSTRUMENT OF ADVERTISEMENT



Opening verse: *Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language [Acts 2:6].*



One of the worldly entanglement the modern Church has gotten herself into, is that of sign posts and billboards. Today you can't differentiate between the sign post of a Church and that of a political party or a business enterprise. We mount up big signposts, and place advertisement on every nooks and crannies of the city. There are some Church signboards that are bigger than the Church herself. But this was not so in the days of the apostles. In fact, when they went to the upper room, they locked up themselves, not wanting to be seen or heard, until they got power. And when power came, the whole city knew that something different had happened. **“And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance”** (Acts 2:4).

Thus, it was the noise that was generated by the working of the Spirit (tongues) that attracted the whole city. The Holy Ghost gave them utterances, and they went wild in the Spirit. We rush to gain space in the physical, when we've not gain space in the spirit, it is same as putting the cart before the horse. Before Jesus could step out for ministry work, he went on 40 days fasting and prayer in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11). Same was recorded of

John the Baptist, “...and was in the desert until the day of his shewing unto Israel” (Luke 1:80). And when John was set, Matthew 3:5, noted, “Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judea, and all region round about Jordan.” Thus, John the Baptist was so effective and powerful, that all the cities around Jerusalem from Syria, Jordan and Lebanon gathered at his meetings.

When you make sign post the first thing before involving the Holy Ghost, you may struggle for a long time. But the Holy Ghost is our first instrument of advertisement, and His job is to go and dismantle all the forces in the atmosphere and in the land. No wonder before Jesus could launch out, scripture records, “And immediately, the Spirit driveth him into the wilderness” (Mark 1:12). The Holy Spirit knows all the bumps and barriers on your way, the powers that hold the land, and understands the tricks and gimmicks of the devil, etc. When you allow Him to lead, He makes the work stress free.

Return to the Holy Spirit, and leave the war of billboards and signpost to politicians and businessmen.



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

Thank you Holy Spirit. I willfully surrender and allow you to lead. Take me to my rest.

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

Acts 13:2-5, Acts 8:26-30, Acts 16:6-10.

Introductory Text, Acts 8:9-19

ACCESSIBLE BY FAITH



Opening verse: *Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time [1 Peter 1:5]*



One of the challenges facing our present world is that of fakes and counterfeits. Virtually in every profession, vocation or products, there are fakes. This ranges from intellectual property, medical drugs, music, art, household, office and industrial items, etc. In some third world countries, the administration of medical drugs for instance have been greatly hampered by adulteration and imitation. In the same way, the Church is bedeviled by fake and false brethren and pastors who present themselves as genuine; **“And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light”** (2 Corinthians 11:14).

The instrument of faith is very key to our relationship with God not only because it reveals our spiritual state, but more importantly, it safeguards us from the operations of fakes and counterfeits. God is a Spirit and everything of God comes first in spirit forms (John 4:24), but if they come in any other form first, we will not escape the devil, for he is a master of tricks (Ephesians 6:11). Thus, the moment anything is produced, the devil can fake it. Why? Because you can only fake what is in existence, and not what does not exist. For example, the American dollar has no two hundred dollar bill (note), so there cannot be a

fake of it.

But faith is a spiritual instrument that only delivers spiritual products for the individual concerned. Thus, when God responds to your faith and delivers your blessing, the devil cannot fake it, because he has no access to it. Faith gives us direct access to God, thereby cutting off the devil. Outside faith, you are in danger of been deceived; for as long as the original can be seen, the devil can reproduce it. This is why he also uses familiar spirits, all in the effort to track your past and path in the spirit realm. He wanted to use it against Saul the king, but God double crossed the process and sent the real Samuel to deliver His judgement (1 Samuel 28:7-14)

Everything God wants to give you, He wants you to come by faith before you see the manifestation. If you want the physical material (manifestation) before you believe God, the devil will hijack the process and the product. This was the reason why Simon the sorcerer operated for a long time, because the people wanted to see physical manifestation before believing. But if you follow the path of faith, you have cut off the devil from your outcome.



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

Father, faith is my access to you and the blessing.
Henceforth, I will walk by faith and not by flesh.

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

2 Corinthians 4:15-18, Hebrews 3:14-19, 1 John 5:4.

Introductory Text ,Genesis 11:1-9

HOLY GHOST INTELLIGENCE (HGI)



Opening verse: *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].*

The world is presently at the verge of another major revolution. This time, it's going to affect every area of human life. It is the artificial intelligence (Ai) revolution, with massive and mind blowing innovations, such that it is able to do anything that you can imagine. From medical science, to agriculture, engineering, architecture, computer, space and nuclear technology, creative designs, film production, music, etc. For instance, without your Bible, you can use the Ai to write a message on faith, healing, deliverance, etc. Thus, artificial intelligence will give you ready-made message with Bible references for your Church service. And beyond this, artificial intelligence, can create a medical drug, design a car, draw a house, make a cloth, etc. All at the touch of a button.

While all of these may come as a surprise to the unbeliever, it shouldn't be for the believer, because Scripture had put us ahead. Daniel 12:4 noted, "... **and knowledge shall be increased**". Thus, right from Genesis, man's creative ability had always found expression. In Genesis 2:19-20, Adam gave names to all creatures, as if it was God naming them. In Genesis 11, men raised the stake further, as they

gathered themselves together to build the first skyscraper with the hope of reaching heaven, but for God who came and stopped the project. Also, Scripture reveals that the first war machine was built by king Uzziah, a man marvelously helped by the Lord (2 Chronicles 26:15).

Notwithstanding these innovations and inventions, God had always been ahead of man. Thus, at the close of Jesus' earthly ministry, the ground was prepared for the coming of the Holy Spirit. His job were clearly spelt out in **John 14, 15 & 16**. But beyond all these, 1 Corinthians 2:12, captures the deep intelligence of Holy Spirit, saying, **“Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is of God; that we might know the things are freely given to us of God.”** In other word, the Holy Spirit reveals to us the things we don't know. Just as artificial intelligence (Ai) brings to you anything you can imagine, the Holy Ghost goes much further by bringing to you the deep things of God; past, present and future.

If you're Spirit filled, you are already ahead of artificial intelligence (Ai), because the Holy Ghost intelligence (HG_i) is far superior. Hallelujah!



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

I have the Holy Ghost, I am filled with the wisdom of God. I am above the world. Amen.

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

1 Corinthians 2:6-13, John 14:16-17, John 15:26, John 16:5-14.

Introductory Text, Luke 12:13-21

CONFIDENCE IN THE FLESH?



Opening verse: *For we are the circumcision which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh [Philippians 3:3].*

The flesh represents your physical stature, possessions, position, skill, talent, education, family background, business contacts, bank account, landed property, etc. So, it is no sin to build your life around or upon your flesh, but the challenge is, when they fail; there will be nothing to fall back on. Proverbs 27:24 (NKJV) says, **“Be diligent to know the state of your flocks, and attend to your herds; for riches are not forever, nor does a crown endure to all generation”**. The same Proverbs declared, **“In the blink of an eye, wealth disappears, for it will sprout wings and fly away like an eagle”** (Proverbs 25:3 NLT).

On the other hand, the opposite of the flesh is the spirit. What then constitutes the spirit life? These include the Word, prayer, faith, godliness, righteousness, godly fear, holiness, contentment, etc. Thus, when your life is built around or upon these spiritual structures, you will survive any storm, no matter how hard. Jesus spoke about those who built their life on the Word as thus; **“Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds**

blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock” (Matthew 7:24-25).

The strength of the flesh will carry you for some time, but not all the time; and when the storms of life come, they will give way like a pack of card. That was the case of the rich man in our introductory text, who built his life around his possessions, and when God demanded for that life, he had nothing to offer in their place. **“Riches profit not in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivereth from death”** (Proverbs 11:4). In the same way, life will always come back to make her demand on you, and if you don't have the right stuff to give in exchange, it will swallow you. Men whose life are not built on faith in God, on prayer and the Word, etc. will suddenly discover that life is not a respecter of possessions.

Life is beyond what the naked eye can see, for our warfare is not against flesh and blood, but against spiritual wickedness in high places (Ephesians 6:12). Go secure your life in Christ, and not in your flesh. Do it now.



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

Father, I refuse to put my confidence in the flesh, but in your Word and promises. Carry me, O Lord.

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

Isaiah 38:1-8, Psalm 34:1-7, John 10:7-11

Introductory Text, Revelation 12:7-12

THE BLOOD OF JESUS



Opening verse: *Moreover he sprinkled with blood the tabernacle, and all the vessels of ministry [Hebrews 9:21]*



Just as every craft, vocation or profession have instruments of operation, so is the Christian faith. God has equipped the body of Christ with both offensive and defensive weapons such that it is sometimes ridiculous when we fail, suffer loss or defeat. We were created to win every battle, because we are made in His image and likeness (Genesis 1:26-28). Thus, the only possible reasons for failure, loss or defeat are either ignorance, carelessness, or lack of use of the weapons given to us, etc. For instance, the Word of God is sufficient to handle any kind of battle, but how many of us give enough time to the Word? **“Is not my word like as fire? Saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?”** (Jeremiah 23:29)

However, our focus today is the blood of Jesus - a weapon many believers have not taken very seriously. In some denominations, it is not mentioned, talk much of been used for warfare. But our opening verse gives us a glimpse of how effective the blood is in ministry, thus it talks about **“...the vessels of ministry?”** Ordinarily, ministry is anything God has called you to do either through your calling, talent, education or training. This includes the work of clergy, music, carpentry,

fashion designing, banking, automobile mechanic, hairdresser, etc.

To execute your ministry, the Lord will need your body. Thus, your body is the primary vessel of your ministry. Other vessels includes your working tools. For instance, the carpenter would use things like hammer, handsaw, jack plane, chisel, trowel, etc. Going by our opening verse, Moses sprinkled the blood on the people and every vessel of ministry i.e. the cup, spoon, knives, etc. This daily practices was what gave Moses access into the throne room of God and victory over the enemy.

In the same way, but now with a stronger and better weapon, we have the blood of Jesus. It is given to us to do battle both as a defensive and offensive weapon. It was His blood that overcame Satan and his demons; and if this be so, be rest assured it will overcome anything that confronts you. We are to sprinkle His Blood on every vessel of our ministry, including our tools, products, office space, house, tables, chairs, complimentary card, letter head papers, etc. This is how we safeguard our businesses, family and life. If the blood of Abel could speak even when he was dead, the blood of Jesus will do much more (Hebrews 12:24).



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

I believe in the blood of Jesus, and through it I gain the victory over every enemy. Hallelujah

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

Hebrews 12:24, 1 John 1:7, Hebrews 9:11-15, Hebrews 10:19-22

Introductory Text, Matthew 3:13-17

WHY BAPTISM?



Opening verse: *Jesus answered, verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God [John 3:5].*

Often you hear some believers say, "Water baptism is not necessary". And this is very prevalent among the Pentecostal movement. Some go further by saying, "They don't need baptism, as long as they are born again". But this is a grave error, because Jesus Himself said, "**...except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God**" (John 3:5). To be born of water simply means to be water baptized. And to show how serious the issue is, Jesus insisted that John baptizes Him, even as John tried to stop Him, but Jesus said, "**...it is proper for us to do this to fulfil all righteousness...**" (Matthew 3:15 NIV). In other word, until a man is baptized, he cannot fulfil all of God's righteousness. Thus, to be unbaptized makes you short of God's demand on your salvation claim.

Thus, if you're not baptized, you cannot enter into God's perfect will or full purpose for your life. We see this even with Israel, as they marched toward the Promised Land; just as scripture stated clearly that Israel's passage through the Red Sea was a process of baptism (1 Corinthians 10:1-2). If Israel needed to be baptized in order to enter the Promised Land, you won't be treated any less. God's standard does not

change, and baptism is a core pillar of the Kingdom. Thus, Peter communicated this more seriously when he connected Noah's Ark and the flood to baptism, noting that in a similar manner “...**even baptism doth also now save us...**” (1 Peter 3:20-21). The implication is that, our final salvation (entrance to heaven) is tied to baptism. We are saved by baptism.

No wonder at the close of Jesus' ministry, He specifically told the disciples, “**Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost**” (Matthew 28:19). Thus, Jesus again emphasized baptism. This doctrine was also carried over, preached and emphasized by the disciples. Thus at Pentecost, as the people responded to the call of salvation, “**Then Peter said unto them, repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ...**” (Acts 2:38). To denigrate the message and the need of baptism, is to sever oneself from Christ and His Kingdom. Don't get caught in the “holier than thou” attitude, get baptized and enjoy the full benefit of your salvation. Praise God.



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

As I humble myself and receive knowledge and wisdom of the Kingdom, I rise to greater height.

Amen.

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

Romans 6:1-6, Acts 10:44-48, Colossians 2:12.

Introductory Text, Romans 15:18-23

WHY YOU MUST PREACH



Opening verse: *For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel*
[1 Corinthians 9:16]

Life comes with many demands. Right from child birth the demand to eat, drink and be clothed do not diminish. Others includes the demand for education, to work, marry, succeed and be happy, etc. For the Christian, this list is not complete until preaching is included. When financial success becomes the overwhelming priority of a believer, it shows he or she is still a babe and far away from the knowledge of the will and ways of God. Thus worldly success is not our primary call, but fellowship and intimacy with the Father. Why? Because every other thing naturally follows you, when you follow God. **“Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.”** (Matthew 6:33).

So, when Jesus called his disciples, His reasons were clearly stated, **“And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach”** (Mark 3:14). In other word, after intimacy and fellowship, the next major assignment of the believer is to preach. Why? Because without preaching; God's love, will, plan and purpose cannot be known or made manifest. **“For whosoever call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not**

believed? And how shall they believe in him whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher” (Rms 10:13-14). Paul revealed further that without preaching God's intent for men will not be known or realized. **“But hath in due times manifested his word through preaching...”** (Titus 1:3).

God kept you for a purpose, and that over-whelming purpose was to preach Christ. Unless you preach, somebody will not be saved, healed, delivered, blessed, etc. There is somebody there in the hospital waiting for your preaching; there is marriage at the verge of collapsing that your preaching will save; there is someone out there that your preaching will bring out of drugs, set free from committing suicide, delivered from cult, pornography, prostitution, hopelessness, etc. We are saved to save others. Until you preach, you are yet to shine your light; and the world around you will remain in darkness. **“The people that 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).

Go, preach; the world is waiting for you.



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

I am saved to save others. I won't lay back, but will step out to affect my world for Christ.

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

Matthew 5:13-16, 1 Corinthians 1:17-24, Hebrews 5:12-14.

Introductory Text, Acts 4:23-31

OUR INSTRUMENT OF ADVERTISEMENT (PART 2)



Opening verse: *These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren [Acts 1:14].*



The Church is an institution of prayer and soul wining; every other activities falls behind these two. When you lose sight of this, you have missed God's primary purpose. When the disciples went to the Upper Room, it was simply to pray; and they stayed there until power was delivered to them. **“And there appeared unto them cloven tongues of fire; and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance”** (Acts 2:3-4). The prayer brought the Holy Ghost, and the Holy Ghost brought the whole city to the feet of the disciples. What advertises a Church is not her sign post, but her prayer post. And until the Church returns back to authentic prayer, she will continue to fight for recognition and acceptance.

Looking at our introductory text, the disciples were warned by the council in Jerusalem not to preach in the Name of Jesus, but what did they do? They went back to the Upper Room, and gathered their company, **“And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness. And**

THE MULTITUDE of them that believed were of one heart and one soul..." (Acts 4:31-32). Thus, the result of their prayer was that multitudes were again drawn to them, the very thing the council was trying to stop. Every time the Church prays, the heaven opens, the enemy submits, and the earth yields her fruits.

In Egypt, Moses had power over the air, land and sea. Where did he get his power from? In the place of fellowship with God. Thus, as Moses communed (talked) with God daily, he drew power from His Presence, and wrecked-havoc to the powers of Egypt. On the way to the Promised Land, when confronted by the Amalekites, Moses again climbed up the mountain, and as he lifted up his hands and voice to heaven, the Amalekites were smitten (Exodus 17:8-13). The power over the enemy, and that which draw men comes from the place of prayer. Thus after 40 days fasting and prayer in the wilderness, a great multitude were drawn to Jesus (Matthew 4:25).

No sign post, social media post or billboard can win the war of the minds and souls of men. Stop the fight for sign post, we fight from heaven.



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

I shift my battle ground to the spirit realm, and discomfit the works of the enemy. Amen.

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

Judges 5:20, Matthew 4:23-25, Acts 9:39-42.

Introductory Text, 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

BEGOTTEN AGAIN



Opening verse: *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead [1 Peter 1:3]*

As Christians we undergo two kinds of birth. The first was the natural birth, when we came out from our mother's womb; and because it is natural, everything that affects nature also affects us. This includes sickness, pain, fear, sorrow, failure, poverty, hunger, delay, etc. Thus, as "**...the earth passeth away...**" everything that carries its nature also goes down with it (1 John 2:15-17). The second birth is spiritual. It is when we accept Jesus as Lord and Saviour, and receive His Spirit into our being. This is the same thing Peter refers to as "begotten again" in our opening text. Thus the advantage of the spiritual birth is that it brings us into "**...a lively hope...**"

To have a lively hope is to be shielded from shame, pain, sickness, failure, trouble, or poverty, etc. The individual is completely protected and provided for by the Father. In the time of trouble, he or she is assured of the promises in Isaiah 43:2; "**When thou passeth through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee; when thou walkest through the fire, thou shall not be burnt; neither shall the flames kindle upon thee.**" Thus, by this promise, the individual is

opened to experiencing joy, peace, divine health, victory, prosperity, etc. and also find a place in heaven. That is, his hope, works and efforts does not end here on earth. For him, death is not the end, but the beginning of a new life in God's Presence (John 3:3-5)

On the other hand, the tragedy of the man with the natural birth is that, he is left with '**no hope,**' as against the lively hope enjoyed by the believer. The man with no hope is not only a loser here on earth for investing wrongly; but even after death, he is carried away to the place of torment. Death brings him to a higher level of pain and suffering, as in the case of the rich man in our introductory text. "**And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame**" (Luke 16:24).

To be begotten again is to win again, no matter the fierceness of the battle; because new birth guarantees us of God being on our side.



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

Thank you Father for the place I have in Christ. I am secured and supplied in all things. Amen.

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

Romans 8:37, 2 Kings 6:16, 2 Peter 3:8-13.

Introductory Text, 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
**UNVEILING MYSTERIES
OR PRAYING**



Opening verse: *For the Kingdom of God is not in word, but in power [1 Corinthian 4:20].*



The Word is the foundation of God's Kingdom. This was why John wrote thus, **"In the beginning was the word, the word was with God, and the word was God"** (John 1:1). Notice that the Word was repeated thrice, i.e. www. Thus, the Word is God's website, and everything you want to know about God and His Kingdom are all located in the Word. Thus, God created the first website long before man thought of one. Knowing the importance of the Word, Jesus declared the parable of the sower to His disciples, and as they struggle to understand this parable, He took them aside and explained it, and in conclusion said, **"...unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of God..."** (Luke 8:10).

In other word, the Word is where the mysteries of the Kingdom are located, but unveiling these mysteries, are the work of Holy Spirit. Thus Jesus said to His 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). The work of the Holy Spirit is to unravel the hidden truth in God's Word, and deliver it to us in the plainest manner. No wonder Joseph

and Daniel were both filled with the Spirit of God, hence they could interpret and decode heavenly writings and words. Thus, when Joseph had broken down Pharaoh's dream, Pharaoh said, "**... can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the spirit of God is?**" (Genesis 41:38).

Every mystery hidden in God's Word are known and revealed by the Holy Spirit. There's no message you will deliver or interpretation you will give to the Word, that will come to God as a surprise. God is not looking for men that will interpret the Word, He already assigned the Holy Spirit to do that. What God is looking for is men that will pray. "**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 the ONLY thing that stops the devil in his ragging and rampage. Until you've prayed, the kingdom of darkness advances forward. Thus, salvation, healing, deliverance, breaking evil yokes, reversing curses, and blessing the people of God, etc. are all tied to prayers.

Get back to praying, and enter the fullness of God's purpose for your life. Hallelujah!



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

I return to my altar of prayer, and I pull down every purpose of God for my life. Amen.

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

Matthew 26:36-46, Daniel 9:1-5, 1 Thessalonian 5:17.

Introductory Text, Exodus 3:1-10

VOICE OR VOTE



Opening verse: *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me [John 10:27]*

Voting is a major requirement in every democratic setup or society. Even in autocratic governments, when a final decision is to be taken on critical matters, the leaders will still resort to voting among themselves. However, in the Kingdom, God leads His people by His voice. Thus, the leader is the one who hears God: we are led by voice and not by vote, because the one who hears God, knows the way. **“And thine ear shall hear a word behind thee, saying, this is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand and when ye turn to the left”** (Isaiah 30:21). When you bring voting into the Church, or a setting headed by believers, you have effectively cut off the voice of the Spirit which gives direction.

Every move of God in the Bible were initiated, sustained and accomplished by His voice. **“And the Lord said to 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”** (Genesis 12:1). Abraham was led by the voice of God, and so, he ended up a great success, and so was Isaac and Jacob, (Genesis 26:2, 28:13-14). No wonder, they were envied by nations, for scripture noted concerning Isaac, **“For he had possessions of flocks and**

possessions of herds, and great store of servants; and the Philistines envied him" (Genesis 26:14).

Moses also was led by a voice. Thus, as he took his father-in-law's flocks for grazing, the Lord met him in a burning bush, **"And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, here am I"** (Exodus 3:4). So it was with Joshua, Samuel, David, Solomon and all the prophets of the Old Testament, including John the Baptist, etc. Also at the baptism of Jesus, **"And lo a voice from heaven, saying, this is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased"** (Matthew 3:17). And at the mount of Transfiguration, the voice from heaven spoke again of Jesus, **"...this is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased, hear ye him"** (Matthew 17:5).

Unless heaven has spoken or is speaking over your life, business, marriage or ministry, no one will hear you, neither will you have any result to show for life. Stop looking for men's vote (approval), seek God's voice instead, and your destiny will break forth.



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

Lord, my heart seeks your voice. Speak, and my life will fall in alignment with your will.

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

John 10:1-5, John 21:1-6, Acts 13:1-5

Introductory Text, Genesis 39:1-12

THE DECEITFULNESS OF SIN



Opening verse: *But exhort one another daily, while it is called today, lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin [Hebrews 3:13]*



Sometimes the guilt, shame, weight or consequence of sin is not felt until when you're done, then it becomes clear what mess you've gotten yourself into. This is one aspect of the deceitfulness of sin. It is the devil making you enjoy the act while it last. For a believer, whether you feel the guilt of sin before or after the act was done, is a sign the Holy Spirit still resides in you. However, when the Holy Spirit is gone out of you; sin will no longer look sinful, neither will you feel any guilt. This is the ultimate deceitfulness of sin.

Take for instance, some two or three decade ago, when you see a young man or woman on the street with unkempt hair, you immediately know something is wrong with the fellow. Today, unkempt, dirty and rough hair is part of fashion. Another very common case is the wearing of torn clothes or jeans. Then it was a clear case of insanity, but today it is widely accepted as a mode of dressing. The deceitfulness of sin is when what used to be wrong is now right in your eyes. It is to change your views and make you blend with societal trend. Isaiah 5:20, 23 said, **“Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for**

bitter...Which justify the wicked for a reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him”.

Thus, to be backslidden is to accept the societal way of living. If nothing is done, the individual may get to a point of no return, as Hebrews 6:4-6 states, **“For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, and have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come; if they turn away, to renew them again unto repentance, seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.”**

Don't accommodate or try to manage sin, but flee as Joseph did - that's what victorious Christians do. There's never a time in your walk with God that you become so strong to handle sin (1 Corinthians 10:12). Sin is deceptive in nature, so get it out of your life or you get out from it.



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

Father, I won't give a foot hole to sin; but will walk on the path of righteousness and victory.

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

1 Thessalonians 5:22, 1 Corinthians 6:18, 1 Timothy 6:11.

Introductory Text, Luke 2:25-40

BRINGING GOD'S WILL TO PASS



Opening verse: *And he began to say unto them, this day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears [Luke 4:21].*

When Jesus taught the disciples how to pray, one of the lines of the prayer read thus, "...**thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven...**" (Matthew 6:10). In other word, in heaven, God's will prevails, but on earth it is a different thing altogether. Thus, what we have here is the will of the devil and that of men: that is why the earth is full of violence, strife and all manner of evil and wickedness. In essence, what Jesus was teaching His disciples was that, the will of God does not come to pass until we have prayed. Unless you pray, God's will of peace, joy, righteousness, health, prosperity, fruitfulness, salvation, and glory, etc. will keep eluding you.

Looking at our introductory text, Jesus is God's perfect will for man. But for Jesus to be made manifest, Simeon and Anna were in the temple daily, fasting and praying for His release. Thus, Jesus Christ was the Seed spoken of to Adam (Genesis 3:15), and to Abraham (Galatians 3:16). To bring that Seed to pass, men started praying from the days of Abraham, up to the time of the prophets, until His final revelation in the New Testament. If you don't pray, God's will for your life will remain at the dream level. Thus, you will have many sweet dreams of

prosperity, fruitfulness, enlargement, promotion, and multiplication, but none of them will happen at the physical. Rather what you may likely be getting is misery and misfortune.

Recall the case of Jabez? He was a man with honour, but physically he had nothing to show, until he went to pray; and scripture concluded concerning him, **"...and God granted him that which he requested"** (1 Chronicles 4:10). Same thing happened to Hannah. Until she went to pray and abandoned feasting, Samuel was not released. Thus, after breaking through in the spirit, scripture said, **"...and the Lord remembered her"** (1 Samuel 1:19). For Jacob to break the hold of Esau, he wrestled all night until the break of dawn, and the angel that brought his answer said, **"...for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed"** (Genesis 32:28). You won't prevail until you pray.

But why does God insist on prayer? Because whatever you get without prayer can easily be taken by the devil. For he did it to Adam at Eden, and he's still on the prowl looking for the careless ones. But the force of prayer will always break the devil. Hallelujah!



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

I rise in prayer, and break every satanic hold over my life and wellbeing. I shall win.

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

1 Corinthians 4:20, Matthew 11:12, Acts 1:4-14.

Introductory Text, John 6:1-14

CALLED TO DO GOOD WORKS



Opening verse: *For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men [1 Peter 2:15].*



The world is full of “foolish men” as Peter noted in our opening verse. But who are these men? Those who have made it a habit to mock the things of God. They are unrepentant and will increase more and more as day goes by. **“But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned, and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them. And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which is able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus”** (2 Timothy 3:13-15).

To silence these men, we must turn to good works, not out of fear but of a sincere heart. The present Church must go beyond just holding regular services but engaging the people and the society around her. The economics and economies of our environment must be of interest to us. The believer (Church) must be involved in community based work, social volunteering services, distribution of free food, upgrading of schools project, provision of free medical services and drugs, etc. Visiting and donations to orphanage, drug rehab centers, prisons and elderly people's homes must be of concern to us.

Giving scholarship and supplying books to public libraries and schools, as well as fixing boreholes for water supply to communities and villages will not be out of place either.

Churches must deliberately get involved in the community and work to upgrade or fix things that will benefit their communities. Part of our work must of necessity also involve the distribution of Bibles and tracts. The Church cannot separate herself from the environment where she draws her members from; we must affect our communities both with the gospel and good works. Jesus said, **“I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from evil”** (John 17:15).

As we participate and affect the community and the lives of men and women around us, it becomes easier to spread the gospel. We must be careful that the gospel and our salvation is not seen as a strange doctrine or lifestyle, but we must interact with the people with whom we hope to win over. Then we would have exemplified Christ, **“....who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him”** (Acts 10:38).



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

I am set to touch lives and bless nations. My life and works shall bring glory to the Kingdom. Hallelujah!

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

1 Peter 2:12, 1 Peter 3:16, 1 Timothy 4:12-15

Introductory Text, Acts 8:5-13.

OUR INSTRUMENT OF ADVERTISEMENT (PART 3)



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].*

Advertising the Church and her programs is never a wrong thing to do. That was why after the disciples received the Holy Ghost at the Upper Room, scripture said, “**Now when this was noised abroad, the multitudes came together...**” (Acts 2:6). In other word, the Holy Ghost Himself went ahead to advertise the Church, because the disciples had received power and were ready to face the world. But when you take up advertisement before power, you will have a lot of issues to contend with. The powers in the land will fight you, and work against every move. Thus after the disciples had received power, they moved to the other aspect of Acts 1:8, which says, “**...and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem...Judea...Samaria...**” Thus, riding on this promise, the disciples went from city to city, “**And believers were more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women**” (Acts 5:14).

In summary, our instrument of advertisement starts with prayer, and prayer brings the Holy Ghost, and the Holy Ghost trigger evangelism and soul winning effort. Evangelism is the third leg to advertising the Church. Every time we take on the instrument of evangelism, we create a platform for the Lord to

reach every nook and cranny of the city. Thus, evangelism will do far more in terms of spread and contact, than what a sign post or billboard will do. Evangelism is God working in the midst of His people, from person to person, house to house, street by street, etc. No wonder Mark 16:20, noted, “...and the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen”.

When God appointed Joshua after the death of Moses, His promise to Joshua was, “**Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given to you...**” (Joshua 1:3). We take the land, as we stamp our feet all over town. Evangelism is a spiritual warfare tool for possessing the land. Those who relegate or ignore evangelism for a big sign post, do so at their own loss. So serious is the issue that the Lord trickles down the reward of evangelism to individuals and not to groups, saying, “**And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever**” (Daniel 12:3)



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

I will be wise, I will be a soul winner; bringing in men and women for the glory of God.

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

Matthew 28:16-20, Romans 15:18-23.

Introductory Text, Hebrews 11:8-16

STRANGERS



Opening verse: *Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia [1 Peter 1:1]*



One of the major signs of genuine salvation is the constant desire to go home and be with the Father; for the Spirit in us cries “Abba Father” (Galatians 4:6). There is a constant pull from heaven for every Christian to come home, but for the sake of bringing in more souls, God allows us to stay a little longer. Psalm 116:15, puts it clearly, **“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.”** If you don't feel this heavenly pull or desire, check your salvation. Yet this pull is a righteous one and not of evil to commit suicide as unbelievers do, which comes out of frustration and failure.

Thus, Peter in our opening verse, reveals why we have this pull. It is because we are strangers. We do not belong here, heaven is our true home. In other word, we are in a place not created or suited for us. The Spirit in us repels this earthly environment because of the prevalent of sin. Evil, wickedness, sexual immorality, and all forms of unrighteousness has made the world unconducive for the Spirit we carry. No wonder, Paul commended the Thessalonian Church having turned to God from idol worship, **“And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come”** (1

Thessalonians 1:10).

As strangers, how then should we live? We must live carefully, soberly and watchfully. We mustn't invest all of our lives here, for the world is passing away, and it will be destroyed by fire (2 Peter 3:10). We must avoid all forms of excesses, pride, arrogance, or unnecessary showoff. If you truly carry the Holy Spirit, He will restrain you from every extravagance lifestyle. **“For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men; teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts we should live soberly, and godly, in this present world. Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ”** (Titus 2:11-13).

Like herders, we are in constant motion, not settling down in any place. This was the life style of the patriarchs Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. And they kept looking for the city God had built, and this belief they passed-on from one generation to the other until they finally arrived at Canaan – the Promised Land. Similarly, there's a place reserved for us with the Father, that's where your focus must be. Let's move on.



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

Thank you Jesus for my salvation. I look toward a heavenly Jerusalem, where my rest is

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

Colossian 3:1-4, 1 Peter 2:11, John 14:1-6,
Philippians 1:21-23

Introductory Text, Daniel 9:1-10

UNVEILING MYSTERIES OR PRAYING (PART 2)



Opening verse: *And he said unto them, it is written, my house shall be called the house of prayers; but ye have made it a den of thieves*
[Matthew 21:13]

Without any doubt the Kingdom of God is a kingdom of Word and knowledge. When you negate or relegate these two, it will be to your disadvantage. You need to know the Word and walk in knowledge in order to get the full benefit of salvation. No wonder Hosea the prophet said, a people without knowledge shall be destroyed (Hosea 4:6). Thus, it is in the Word and in the knowledge of how the Kingdom works that we unravel the mysteries of God's Kingdom. But the things of God follows order (1 Corinthians 14:40), and when you miss the order, you miss everything. We negate every purpose of God whenever we don't do things the way He has arranged them. Thus, God did not call the Church the house of Word, or the house of knowledge, but He said, "**...my house shall be called the house of prayers**" (Matthew 21:13).

God is not looking for men that will unveil the mysteries of the Kingdom, because they are already given to us through the ministry of the Holy Spirit (John 14:26, 16:13). God is looking for men that will pray, because through prayer the Kingdom is birthed, "**as it is in heaven**". Every time we pray; salvation, healing, deliverance, prosperity, direction and power, etc. are released. When we pray, sins are

forgiven, and men are released into purpose. When Daniel discovered that Israel's seventy years in Babylon was accomplished, that was Word and Knowledge coming together. Yet it took prayers to bring Israel out. If Daniel had sat back and feel satisfied by the mystery he discovered, that would have done nothing. But as he prayed, heaven moved and got Israel out. If you don't pray, all the mysteries you've discovered will amount to nothing.

God wants men to pray, because prayer is what gives Him permission or entrance into the human realm. Man cannot face the devil, because the devil is a spirit. You can't fight what you don't see, that is why no government policy or programme world over have been able to solve the human problem. Even the most advanced countries still grapple with social vices of drug abuse, violence, sexual immorality, murder, evil, and natural disasters, etc. All of these have defied human solution.

We are fighting the demonic, we are fighting what is over and above science and technology, or artificial intelligence; we are fighting the end time spirit, if you don't pray, the devil will prevail.



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

I set myself to pray. I shall do great exploits and pull down strong holds through prayers.

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

Ephesians 6:11-12, 2 Corinthians 10:3-6, Daniel 10:12-14.

Introductory Text, Matthew 17:14-21

RECEIVING THE KINGDOM



Opening verse: *And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, the kingdom of God cometh not with observation [Luke 17:20]*

The Kingdom of God implies many things. First, it's a spiritual kingdom, not seen by the naked eye. This is where God, His angels and all the departed saints dwell. It is also a physical Kingdom, representing the Church and the entire body of Christ physically present here on earth. The Kingdom also represents God's Presence made manifest in your life through His will, purpose, blessings, healing, power, deliverance, etc. Thus, when the Pharisees asked Jesus about the kingdom of God in our opening verse, they meant this latter part; being desirous to see God's glory, peace, power, healing, blessings manifest among His people Israel. But their problem was how to get into that kingdom, hence Jesus answered, "**...the kingdom of God cometh not by observation. Neither shall they say, lo here; or lo there; for behold the kingdom of God is within you**" (Luke 17:20-21).

The salvation, healing, deliverance and miracles that you want are already yours, but you have to call them into manifestation (1 Corinthians 3:21). Thus, the kingdom of God will not come by you looking outside for it, you have to pray them into being. Christ has already paid for everything we need, but we must make a demand on those things otherwise

they will remain elusive. **“For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said; as I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world”** (Hebrews 4:3). Thus, we are in the dispensation of the finished works of Christ, but you must enter them by faith.

The lazy, sloppy, and slothful believer will not enter into the finished works, because they're waiting on someone else to pray, fast, study the Word, anoint and lay hands on them. Yet, every of these things, God has given us the capacity to do them ourselves and enter our blessings. Thus, the Kingdom will not be thrown on your laps, while you fold your hands; you have to work it out. Philippians 2:12 notes, **“Wherefore my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as my presence only, but now must more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling”**.

So, if you want to receive the Kingdom, you have to “work it out” by faith; and this is putting to work all the instruments at your disposal, including the Word, prayer, fasting, praise, worship, etc.



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

Lord, I step out by faith, and take that which you've delivered to me by the cross. I win again

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

1 Corinthians 3:21-23, 2 Peter 1:5-11, Mark 11:20-24

Introductory Text, Mark 4:35-41

JESUS - OUR ADVOCATE



Opening verse: *My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous [1 John 2:1]*

Being born again means we are born into a family; the family of God. And like any family, just as the parents watch over and take care of the kids, so it is with us in the kingdom. We have a Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, each playing different roles for our spiritual and physical well-being. Thus, what John the Apostle is relaying to us in our opening verse is one of the roles played by Jesus Christ in seeing that we do not fall - the role of an advocate. Thus, an advocate is someone who speaks on behalf of another or one who works to defend a case or cause.

As it is with lawyers to defend the accused in a law court, so do Jesus to the believer. Jesus speaks for or stands to defend us in every matter before the Father, and the devil - the accuser of the brethren (Revelation 12:10). Before the Father, He works as an intercessor pleading on our behalf, (Hebrews 7:25); but before the devil, Jesus works to secure our release and deliverance, so that we may be partakers of His glory (Matthew 21:1-6).

What then should be our attitude, knowing we have an advocate in Christ? Give no place for sin, so that grace is not taken for granted; for every abuse of

grace is met with punishment, (Hebrew 10:26-31). So, don't allow the devil use your past sins, mistakes, errors or flaws to haunt you. Through the blood of Christ you have been forgiven and they've been wiped out, as 1 John 1:7 declares, **“But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.”** See to it that you fight back every spiritual attack, knowing that your Advocate is there to defend you.

Thus, Christ as your advocate guarantees a great and successful future. Don't compromise on your personal goals and ambition. Go for the best and the highest in your daily pursuit. Don't give place to mediocrity, procrastination, slothfulness, wastefulness, failure and delays. With Christ on your side, you've got everything to make you have a smooth sail on the rough waters of this world. As He stood for the disciples in the middle of the storm, He will stand and defend you. Hallelujah!



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

With Christ on my side, I have everything I need. No case or accusation can bring me down.

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

Acts 20:24, John 16:33, Colossians 2:10

Introductory Text, Luke 22:1-6

STANDING ALOOF?



Opening prayer: *He that is not with me is against me: and he that gathereth not with me scattereth [Like 11:23].*

In the spirit realm, there's no neutral ground or gray area; you're either for good or bad, for light or darkness, etc. It is the same in the Kingdom of God. Thus, you cannot be a believer and be neutral where evil, lies, deceit, and all forms of unrighteousness holds sway. You can't be in a Church and notice or hear of wrongs things happening or about to happen, and keep quiet, and say, "It doesn't concern me". No, it concerns you. In fact God wanted you to speak on His behalf, that's why He allowed the information get to you. But your failure to act was what led to the breakdown of order in that office, house, Church, relationship etc. **"And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none. Therefore have I poured out mine indignation upon them; I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath..."** (Ezekiel 22:30-31).

Any time you see a breakdown in a place or institution, etc. it is because somebody stood aloof. To be aloof is to be neutral, unconcerned, unperturbed, uninvolved and unresponsive, etc. It is to look away from where there're compromise or lowering of standard. Thus, every time we stop from

acting against evil or wrong things, it's only a matter of time before it gets to us. When Judas Iscariot started negotiating with the chief priest and Pharisees over Jesus, his attitude suddenly changed among the disciples, but Jesus noticed it. Thus, in one of their meetings, Jesus said to Judas, “...**what you are about to do, do quickly**”, and few minutes later, “**As soon as Judas had taken the bread, he went out...**” (John 13:27, 30 NIV).

In other words, Judas Iscariot became quiet, neutral and unconcerned with what was happening among the disciples. Why? Because he already compromised his stand by negotiating with the enemy. Thus any meeting or fellowship, where one of you suddenly becomes silent or neutral, know that a devil is about to manifest. Neutral people are dangerous elements, because they're unpredictable. This is different from when someone says, “I'm neutral over this matter”. In this case, the person has voiced out his position. But when the individual is quiet or separate from others, that's a dangerous sign. Thus, you can't stand aloof in the Church, because it's the pillar and ground of truth (1 Timothy 3:15). If you're not gathering, you're scattering.



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

I stand for the truth, and through me, every purpose of God shall be established. Amen.

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

1 Kings 18:21, Galatians 2:11-19.

Introductory Text, Philippians 2:1-11
FOR HIS NAME SAKE



Opening verse: *I write unto you little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake [1 John 2:12]*

Names are very powerful tools in getting things done. They can open doors and close doors depending on the situation. Names like Jeff Bezos (Amazon), Elon Musk (Tesla Motors), Christine Lagarde (ECB), Aliko Dangote, Bill Gates (Microsoft), Richard Branson (Virgin Atlantic), Mark Zuckerberg (Facebook), Cristiano Ronaldo, etc. are names of men and women with global impact. Take their names anywhere on the face of the globe, and you will be amazed how much names can get accomplished.

As powerful as these names are at the earthly level, they are of no significance in the spirit realm. It will take the least of demons to deal ruthlessly with you, if you call on any of these names in the case of a spiritual attack. Yet there is name that even Satan bows and submits to – it is the name JESUS. By the name Jesus Christ, everything in heaven and on earth submits. It is not negotiable, not open to discussion, but compulsory, **“And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject to us through thy name.”** (Luke 10:19)

When Apostle John wrote in our opening verse, his

focus was on the forgiveness of sin as one of the major thing we enjoy for His name sake; but beyond this, we also enjoy ruler-ship, glory, power, authority, dominion, etc. We are shielded from the demonic and all forms of evil. As Jesus' influence covers the heaven and the earth, so are we by His name (1 John 4:17). We are joint-heirs with Him (Romans 8:17), and as such what He bounds, we are able to bind; what He loses, we can also lose. His strength is our strength, so is His holiness, righteousness, and grace ours, etc.

Thus, in Christ, you are higher and bigger than every other name on earth. These names may have financial or political clout, but what you have is much more than what money can buy. As a believer, you have God living on your inside, and heaven and earth responds at your command through Christ's Name. Elijah locked the heaven over the nation of Israel, and walked away with the keys, and for three and half years no one could open it, not even Jezebel and her four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal (1 Kings 17:1). Yet you have more than what Elijah had (Matthew 11:11).

We are a force through Christ Name and not a wimp. We have the power of attorney to use His Name. Hallelujah!



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

Father, thank you for giving us the Name Jesus; I have all things through His Name.

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

1 Corinthians 1:30, Acts 3:1-8, Acts 4:12, Acts 19:13-17.

Introductory Text, Mark 4:35-41

DEALING WITH NOISES



Opening verse: *The flood have lifted up, O Lord, the flood have lifted up their voice; the flood lift up their waves. The Lord on high is mightier than many waters, yea than the mighty waves of the sea*
[Psalm 93:3-4]



We are surrounded by noises, and they come in different forms. As 1 Corinthians 14:10 states, **“There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world...”** It could be from moving vehicles, passersby, crying baby, musical instrument blaring from your neighbour's house, or someone shouting across the street, etc. Yet every of these forms of noises can be curtailed or restrained from getting at us. Reasons because they are external, hence we can either move away from them or have our ears plugged.

The noise within on the other hand though silent, yet they are the loudest by the reason of their effect on us. The noise of fear is not heard by another person but only by the individual captured by it. So is the noise of doubt, guilt, worry, sorrow, etc. Thus they sit inside the individual to wreak havoc. For instance, these noises get louder when you're faced with divorce, health failure, unpaid bills, negative economic forecast, and when your business is recording loss week after week, etc.

The disciples once found themselves in a similar situation. Right in the middle of the sea the waves rose against them on all sides, but for Jesus they

would have sunk. But what did Jesus do? He spoke to the wind and the waves came crashing down. That's exactly what you should do when you find yourself caught by the waves of life. They don't go until they are rebuked. God's promises to help and protect you are all over scriptures, but not until you speak or act in faith, your situation will not change. **"When thou passeth through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burnt; neither shall the flame kindle against thee."** (Isaiah 43:2).

Christianity isn't just about going to church alone, but in the demonstration of power (1 Corinthians 4:20). Nothing will move until you move them, nothing will work until you work them out, and nothing will stop until you stop them. Everything you need to be victorious have already been given to you (2 Peter 1:3). Rise up and speak against the waves threatening your marriage, children, job, peace and joy. You were designed to win, take that step now and enter your victory.



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

Father, I won't give-in to evil voices, I take my stand in Christ and knock them down. Amen.

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

Isaiah 41:10-16, 2 Corinthians 2:14, Galatians 5:10-12.

Introductory Text, , Luke 5:1-11
KNOWING GOD'S WILL



Opening verse: *And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever [1 John 2:17].*



Many have asked the question, "How do I know God's will for my life?" This is very important because by our opening verse, "...he that doeth the will of God abideth forever." In other words, those who do or walk in God's will cannot be consumed or destroyed by the forces of this world. Thus one of the scriptures that answers this question clearly is John 6:40, "**And this is the will of him that sent me, that everyone which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.**" From the underline, we can clearly define the will of God as a person. That person is Jesus Christ.

Christ is God's will for all of God's creation in the past, present and future. In Him is all the fullness and purpose of God for man established. Until you believe and accept Jesus as Lord and Saviour, you can't discover God's will for your life. Whatever you want to know about your life is already in Christ; when you find Him, you will find the missing puzzle of your life. Your life is hid in Christ, and Christ in God, (Colossians 3:3). Thus, on one of His visit to the temple, after reading the scroll, He said "**.... This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.**" The totality

of the fulfilment of all the promises of God to humanity are found in Christ (Luke 4:18-21).

Galatian 3:16 (KJV), reveals further that He is the promised Seed. **“Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, and to seeds, as of many; but as of one, and to that seed which is Christ.”** Thus, everything about you are already packaged in Christ. When you lay hold on Him, He will have your package delivered to you. That was what He did to the disciples, saying, **“Come after me and I WILL MAKE YOU....”** (Mark 1:17). And true to His word, He made them rulers, leaders and stakeholders both in Jerusalem and in the Kingdom. Similarly, the woman with the issue of blood found her healing in Christ after she had laid hold on His garment (Mark 5:25-33), so did blind bartimeus found sight in Him (Mark 10:46-52).

Everyone that found Jesus eventually found what was missing in their life; just as Peter and his friends did at the Lake Gennesaret. Stop your search for the will of God, find Christ.



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

Thank you Father for giving me everything in Christ. I will hold on Him and not look back.

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

Romans 10:5-10, Colossians 1:16-19, 26-27, Colossians 2:8-10.

Introductory Text, Acts 8:5-11

CHURCH OR ASSOCIATION



Opening verse: *And they all continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers [Acts 2:42].*



Many have mistaken what a true Church is, and have been led into what looks like a gathering of men and women worshipping God. But not every gathering is a Church. Thus the difference between a Church and any other gathering is a Calling. But what is a Calling? It's a summon by God upon a man or woman to oversee a people for His purpose. The primary purpose being that the people might know Him and receive salvation, restoration, blessing, healing, deliverance, and propagate the gospel of Christ. It is the gathering of this people under a Calling that is referred to as a Church.

Jesus started the Church because He was called of God (Matthew 16:18). The Apostles oversaw the first Church after Pentecost because they were called (Luke 6:12-16). The seven deacons that worked with the Apostles including Stephen and Philip were called (Acts 6:1-7). Paul was called on the way to Damascus (Acts 9); Timothy was called (Acts 16:1-5); Moses, who pastored the first Church in the wilderness, was called (Acts 7:38); Joshua was called by God to lead the Church to the Promised Land (Joshua 1); Jeremiah was called (Jeremiah 1:4-5); so

were Elijah and Elisha (1 Kgs 17:1, 19:16-21). Thus, any gathering without a calling is just an association with no heaven's backing.

Why must you stay under a man or woman that is called? Because God's purpose and blessing is released through the one He called. **"And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul"** (Acts 19:11). And for the apostles, their testimony was thus, **"And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people..."** (Acts 5:12). Thus, whatever you receive under a man or woman that is not called, is the work of magic, sorcery or divination. Scripture said of Simon in Acts 8:9, **"...which before time used sorcery and bewitched the people of Samaria giving out that himself was some great one"**

How do you know who is Called? John 2:17, gives us a picture, **"...the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up."** Thus they are men and women of genuine zeal, love, compassion, passion, hunger for God and the people they lead. They have tenacity, and godly jealousy over the Church, but the opposite is the case with those without a calling. What you see is worldliness, covetousness, unpreparedness, with no message and no impact. Get yourself under a calling, and separate from every wrong association, then will your life blossom.



MY DECLARATION AND PRAYER

Wisdom and knowledge has been added to me. I will no longer be a victim of men's sly

ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

Acts 13:1-12, Numbers 12:1-10, Galatians 2:20.

