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ISV -International Standard Version
NIV -New International Version
MSG -The Message Translation
WEB -The World English Bible
TNLT -The New Living Translation
ASV -American Standard Version
TEV -Today's English Version
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Introduction

Hurray! Your favourite daily devotional, Rhapsody of Realities, is now available in over 3,000 languages and still counting. The 2021 edition of the devotional has been packaged to enhance your spiritual growth and development and position you for resounding success throughout the year.

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-Pastor Chris Oyakhilome

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BE ANXIOUS FOR NOTHING



Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things (Matthew 6:31-32).

Why should anyone read this and still fret about anything in life? The one who has told you not to worry about tomorrow is the owner of tomorrow; He's aware that everything you require for an excellent life has already been made available. So, refuse to be burdened with stress and anxiety.

Don't worry about your work, family, business, finances, or anything. Worry is fear in disguise. It's fear of negative possibilities; the imminence of unwanted outcomes. Fear attracts its images. If you keep worrying about getting sick, for example, soon enough, you'll fall sick.

The cure for worrying is living in God's Word. Jesus said, ***“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my***

yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30). Philippians 4:6 says, ***"Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."***

Act on the Word. Rather than worry, receive whatever you require, and live in the consciousness of Christ's victory, grace and abundant provisions. Anything short of a life of absolute joy and fulfillment in Christ Jesus isn't God's best for you.

Hebrews 4:3 says, ***"For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said...."*** God finished all His works from the foundation of the world before He made man and rested from His works. That's the same life He's given us; a life free of struggles.

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for dispelling every form of anxiety in my heart through the Word. I have already overcome Satan, the world and every crisis, being conscious that the greater One lives in me. I live in the peace and provisions of Christ. You've perfected all that concerns me. The peace of God which passes all understanding mantles my heart and mind, in Christ Jesus. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Philippians 4:6 AMPC; Deuteronomy 31:6; 2 Timothy 1:7

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 1 & Genesis 1-2

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 1:1-14 & Genesis 1



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SATURDAY 2

GIVE VENT TO YOUR CHRIST-NATURE



To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory (Colossians 1:27).

The real essence of Christianity is Christ in you, manifesting and expressing Himself in, and through you. The Christian is one who expresses and demonstrates the life, nature, character and righteousness of Christ. This is one of the things you check in appraising yourself spiritually: how much your actions, attitude, words and character epitomise Christ.

For example, when you're offended, do you give vent to your Christ-nature or allow your flesh to gain the upper hand? As one who's born again, Christ rules your life; you have His nature. Therefore, in all you do, and at all times, refuse to yield to the flesh; rather, respond from your Christ-nature.

When you talk, let Christ be heard. Let His love effuse from your words and actions. Let His wisdom mantle your hearers as you speak only gracious and lifting words; let Him talk through you. Let Him see through your eyes, walk with your legs and work with your hands. 2 Corinthians 4:11 says, "**For we which**

live are alway delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh." This is Christianity.

All that God wants manifested in you is Christ; touching and changing lives through you. The prophet said, "*...he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days...*" (Isaiah 53:10); you're that seed. Hallelujah! You reveal the glory and beauty of Christ. That glory is in your spirit, where Christ dwells. Therefore, look inwards; see the glory within and reveal the same to your world.

CONFESSION

I have a new life and nature—the life and nature of God. I was recreated in righteousness and true holiness, to express the will and nature of the Father. In every matter, in every place, at every opportunity, I give expression to the righteousness of God. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Ephesians 4:23-24 AMPC; 1 Peter 2:9 AMPC

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 2 & Genesis 3-5

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 1:15-25 & Genesis 2



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SUNDAY 3

THE WORD AND YOUR EXPERIENCE



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

There're people who say they pray and don't receive answers. Some others lament that they gave so much to God, but never received much in return. There're also those who say, "I've been speaking the Word over my body for a long time, yet I'm sick." If you've found yourself in a similar situation, here's something you should know: Your experience should never affect your confidence in the Word. The Word never fails.

The Word of God is truth, irrespective of what your experiences might be. Just because it's been several days or months and there's still no change as you expect doesn't mean the Word isn't working. You must understand that Christian growth and maturity is progressive and there's a fight of faith.

There's also the issue of your limited knowledge of the Word. Perhaps you don't know enough on the subject you're dealing with. Therefore, what

you're supposed to do is to keep feeding on the Word and exercising your faith. It's a training.

If, for example, at a certain time in your life, it took you a while to use your faith to accomplish a certain goal, don't be discouraged. Rather, grow your faith to the level where it can produce that same result anytime you want it! If it took you three months the first time, tell yourself, "Next time, I'll get it in a week or even less." Then, begin to study and meditate on the Word with your new goal in focus.

That's how you train yourself in the Word and in the faith life; you don't give up! You stand your ground, confident that God's Word will prevail over circumstances and put you over all the time.

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for the veracity of your Word. Irrespective of the adversities I face, I stay on your Word! Every unfavourable situation aligns with my nature as an associate of the God-kind. I keep my eyes on the Word, and I win always, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Jonah 2:8; Romans 4:18-20; Hebrews 11:6

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 3 & Genesis 6-8

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 2:1-12 & Genesis 3



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MONDAY 4

PROMOTE HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS



For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south (Psalm 75:6).

When God puts you in a particular job or business, His interest isn't about the office or your designation. What matters to Him is how effectively you're using your office to promote His righteousness. He wants you passionate for the Gospel, and the establishment of His Kingdom in the hearts of men and nations of the earth.

Everywhere you are, be busy for the Lord. Stand for Him. You're His ambassador, and a minister of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:20-21). What counts the most in your life is what you do with the Gospel, for the salvation of men, regardless of your vocation.

The Apostle Paul, in 2 Corinthians 8:23, commended certain individuals who were with him on his missionary journeys. He was proud of their commitment to the Gospel and said, **"...they are the messengers of the churches, and the glory of Christ."** What a testimony! Messengers of the churches and the glory of Christ. What an honour! It makes no difference where you are, or what your vocation is; see yourself as a sent one, representing the Church and the glory

of Christ.

Preach the Gospel. Minister the Word to those in your world. The Bible says He's made you an "able minister of the New Testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter kills, but the spirit gives life" (2 Corinthians 3:6). You're God's mouthpiece; speak for Him! Do His work. Do great things for the Kingdom. Be bold. Let nothing keep you quiet. Keep bearing His message of faith, hope and love with urgency, for the end of all things is near (1 Peter 4:7).

PRAYER

Blessed Father, I thank you for the grace you've granted me to be relevant in the ministry of the Gospel, preaching and spreading your righteousness around the world. My life is the testimony of your power as I bear witness of Christ and testify of His saving grace, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

2 Corinthians 5:15; 2 Corinthians 5:18; Romans 1:16

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 4 & Genesis 9-11

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 2:13-23 & Genesis 4



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TUESDAY 5

THE WORD IN YOU



*Let the word of Christ dwell in you
richly in all wisdom...
(Colossians 3:16).*

Your reaction to challenges and adversities of life will be to the extent of how much of the Word is richly deposited in your spirit. In the day of crisis, you can only pull from the reservoir of the Word in you. If the Word isn't dwelling in you richly, your response would be from your head, and out of fear; and that wouldn't work.

Take for instance a situation has arisen in your health; if you've programmed yourself through the years with the Word, you'd be unperturbed, regardless of the bad prognosis. This is because you have the knowledge that you're an associate of the God-kind, an offspring of God, with the divine nature. Hallelujah!

The Word of God that you've imbibed—that has gained the ascendancy in your spirit—is what puts you over in the day of trouble. That's why you must meditate on the Word consciously, so it's not only in your head, but settled in your heart, permeating every fibre of your being! When the Word is in your heart strong, the necessary result is that you'd speak it forth, for from the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks.

With the Word richly in you, if you ever notice any anomaly in any part of your body, instead of reacting in fear, you'd affirm the Word because you have a different, solid, valid and divine information in your spirit through the Word, keeping you victorious in all circumstances. Hallelujah!

CONFESSION

The Word of God is effective and producing results in me NOW! Christ is alive in me through the Word and the Holy Spirit. Therefore, I'm victorious in all circumstances today. I walk in His glory, heaping success upon success, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Luke 1:37 AMPC; Colossians 3:16; Joshua 1:8 AMPC

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 5:1-20 & Genesis 12-14

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 3:1-9 & Genesis 5



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WEDNESDAY 6

RIGHTEOUSNESS GIVES YOU DOMINION



For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ (Romans 5:17).

The literal translation of the word “reign” in the verse above is to “king” or “be king”; it’s the verb of kingship. So, you could actually say, “They which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall “king” or “be kings” in life by Jesus Christ.”

Revelation 1:6 says He’s made us kings and priests unto God; and what do kings do? They rule and reign; they exercise authority and dominion over their realm. In the opening verse above, we reign in the realm of life.

Righteousness is the divine acquittal by faith, on the basis of the new creation in Christ Jesus. It’s a gift from God to the whole world, activated for those who receive and confess the Lordship of Jesus. They’re the ones to reign in life! The Amplified version says “...they shall reign as kings in life.”

Righteousness gives you dominion; righteousness-consciousness eliminates guilt, condemnation or inferiority, and places you above Satan and his

accusations. It also gives you the boldness and confidence to pray to God and expect answers. You're unafraid and unashamed before Him, because you have peace with Him through the Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 5:1).

Without an understanding of righteousness, you really can't live victoriously over the adversary and adversities. You'll be subject to the elements of this world, whereas you're meant to rule and reign over them.

Become more conscious that you're the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. Stay and live in the Word. Declare in faith, "I'm a king and I reign in righteousness; I'm superior to Satan, his demons and circumstances." By the power of Jesus Christ, the whole world is subdued before you. You have the dominion over Satan and the rulers of the darkness of this world! Glory to God!

CONFESSION

I'm righteousness-conscious. I have the mastery over circumstances, demons and their manipulations. The angels of God minister in my behalf, even now, for I've received an overflowing of God's grace and I'm made a champion in this life. Hallelujah!

FURTHER STUDY:

Romans 5:20-21; Romans 5:17 AMPC

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 5: 21-48 & Genesis 15-17

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 3:10-17 & Genesis 6



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THURSDAY 7

THE WORD IS OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLE



Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils (1 Timothy 4:1).

In these end times before the Rapture of the Church, one of the phenomena we'll witness is apostasy (2 Thessalonians 2:3). Many will fall away from the Faith, because they gave heed to seducing spirits—spirits that lure people from believing in God, from believing the truth. These spirits lure men from the right path, to give attention to teachings, assertions and instructions of demons.

The doctrines of demons aren't new. Eve sinned against God through a doctrine of Satan. Satan lied to her, lured her from the truth, and she was deceived (1 Timothy 2:14). Satan didn't have any personal contact with her; he worked through the serpent to question the veracity of God's instructions. The serpent suggested something else to her, which was a perversion of God's Word. He said to her, **"...Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?"** (Genesis 3:1).

It's like what you find in certain circles today; while the Word of God teaches, "Love who you marry," they say, "Marry who you love." What are they aiming at? The idea of same-sex marriage! So, a man can say,

“Well, marriage is about love; I’m in love with another man.” That’s the seduction; a doctrine of demons!

Many are being subtly lured into the wrong path, with scriptures being misinterpreted, and they think everything is fine; something is wrong. The Bible says, **“Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith...”** (2 Corinthians 13:5 NIV). There’s no other way to examine yourself besides the Word of God.

There’ll never be an updating of the Bible. What you believe and live by must be consistent with what the Bible says. The Word of God is, and must be, your guiding principle for life. That Word says, **“Surely you know that the wicked will not possess God’s Kingdom. Do not fool yourselves; people who are immoral or who worship idols or are adulterers or homosexual perverts or who steal or are greedy or are drunkards or who slander others or are thieves—none of these will possess God’s Kingdom”** (1 Corinthians 6:9-10 GNB).

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for your Word, which is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. I believe, accept and live by your Word only. My thoughts, choices, ideas, opinions and decisions are subject to your Word. My steps are ordered by your Word, which is my ever-dependable guide, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

1 Corinthians 3:11; Romans 12:2; 2 Corinthians 13:5 NIV

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 6:1-18 & Genesis 18-19

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 4:1-11 & Genesis 7



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FRIDAY 8

FOREVER VICTORIOUS



Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place (2 Corinthians 2:14).

Today, so much news of gloom and doom is disseminated through the media; there's so much hardship, harsh economic conditions, wickedness and terror in the world than it has ever been. The world is at a critical boiling point. But being in Christ, you have nothing to fear. Christ is your country, your home and environment.

In Christ, you're forever victorious. You have overcome all the antichrist spirits of this world. 1 John 4:4 says, ***“Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.”***

Then Paul, by the Spirit, declared in Romans 8:35-37, ***“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?... Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.”***

It makes no difference the tests, trials, persecutions, and fierceness of the storms and pressures that you face; you're more than a conqueror. The Word of God is infallible and immutable, and that Word says you're a victor in Christ Jesus. Nothing should overwhelm you, because the greater One lives in you and causes you to triumph always, in all things, and in every place. This is your life in Christ! Blessed be God!

CONFESSION

I'm making progress from glory to glory; my life is the testimony of God's abundance and His unfailing love. He loads me daily with benefits and leads me in a perpetual victory parade. I'm walking in the power of the Spirit, ruling and reigning by grace through righteousness. Hallelujah!

FURTHER STUDY:

Isaiah 43:2 AMPC; Colossians 1:27

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 6:19-7:1-6 & Genesis 20-22

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 4:12-25 & Genesis 8



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SATURDAY 9

MANIFEST HIS GLORY



But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a dedicated nation, [God's] own purchased, special people, that you may set forth the wonderful deeds and display the virtues and perfections of Him Who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light (1 Peter 2:9 AMPC).

One of the most beautiful revelations in the Word of God is the truth that as new creations, we're the glory of God in a dark and cynical world. We're the solution to the darkness in the world. The Bible says, ***"For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people..."*** (Isaiah 60:2).

The gross darkness in the world is the indication that it's your time to shine and light up your world. Romans 8:19 says, ***"For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God."*** The world is waiting for you to manifest the glory of God, to free it from decay and corrupting influences of Satan.

Psalm 74:20 says the dark places of the earth are

filled with the habitations of cruelty. That's talking about spiritual darkness and wickedness that's prevalent in today's world. But when you show up, the darkness and cruelty are dispelled. When you come into the world of the unsaved, bearing the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, salvation comes to them.

You give meaning, direction and beauty to your world. You're the light in a dark world and the salt of the earth. Jesus said, "**...as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you**" (John 20:21). He sent us to bring glory, excellence and meaning to the lives of those in our world. This is your ministry. This is your life.

CONFESSION

I'm the manifestation, the out-shining of the glory of God. His splendour, excellence and perfection are expressed through me. And despite the darkness and hardship in today's world, I'm more than a conqueror, for Christ in me is the hope of glory! I walk in the glory—in my health, academics, job, business, family and finances. Praise God!

FURTHER STUDY:

John 17:22; Romans 8:30

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 7:7-29 & Genesis 23-24

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 5:1-10 & Genesis 9



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SUNDAY 10

THE AFFIRMATION PRINCIPLE



But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation (Romans 10:8-10).

It's astonishing that many make light of the above verses and miss the amazing revelation it brings to the Church. It's like what's revealed in Hebrews 13:5-6: ***“Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.”***

In these verses, the Spirit gives an important counsel at the beginning of the fifth verse. He says let your manner of life be without covetousness, and be content with what you have. He could have stopped there, but He didn't. Rather, He continued and gave us the reason He made the statement in the first place, which we find in the concluding part of verse five: “...

for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.” Had he stopped here, it would have meant He merely wanted us to see a promise, which would have been okay. However, He reveals something quite profound in the next verse and says, **“...So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.”** Herein is the affirmation principle: “God has said, so that you may boldly say....”

God gave us His Word, so that you may boldly respond in consonance with it. That’s what changes your life. The promise alone doesn’t change your life; the principle must be applied.

In applying the principle, you don’t merely “quote” what God has said; you give your personal faith-response to the Word, on the basis of your understanding of His required response. An accurate response is learned through the Word, and the Holy Spirit. He gave us mouths so we can vocalize and use His Word to mould and shape our lives and destinies in the direction of His perfect will. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Precious Father, you’ve translated me from the domain of darkness into your glorious Kingdom of light, where I reign and rule over circumstances. My prosperity is independent of financial conditions of nations and governments. Through my confession of your Word, I’m on a perpetual victory parade, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

2 Corinthians 4:13; Mark 11:23

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 8:1-27 & Genesis 25-26

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 5:11-20 & Genesis 10



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MONDAY 11

BE RESOLVED TO LIVE FOR HIM



Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God (John 13:3 NIV).

In Acts 21, the saints at Tyre warned and pleaded with Paul not to go to Jerusalem, because of the afflictions he'd face there. They told him he'd be tortured, imprisoned and killed. But Paul's response is most inspiring! He said, ***"...Why are you weeping and breaking my heart? I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus"*** (Acts 21:13 NIV).

What a resolve! He refused to fear; he set his face like Jesus, to go to Jerusalem, even though it meant death! The Bible says, ***"And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem"*** (Luke 9:51). The phrase, "stedfastly set" is "stērizō" (Greek), which means "to turn resolutely in a certain direction," to be resolved.

Jesus' countenance was so resolute that anybody that looked at Him knew He was up to something; he had made a decision. He knew what was awaiting Him in Jerusalem. He said to His disciples, ***"...The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified..."*** (Luke 24:7), but He

was undeterred; He steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem.

The Samaritans were hostile to Him, because they could see on His face He was headed to Jerusalem, and they didn't like it (Luke 9:53). His decision was obvious from His countenance, registered on His visage! Why? He knew the Father was depending on Him.

Even though the Father had given all things into His hands, the decision about whether or not to die for the world was left to Him (Jesus); but He was focused. This is how you should be resolved to serve Him with your life, to live as a Christian, no matter what!

Make a decision that's worthy of Jesus, because He made a decision to save you. Never allow any form of distraction in your service to the Lord and spreading of the Gospel around the world. Let it be so strong that even your countenance conveys it.

CONFESSION

I live purposefully unto the Lord, and for His glory. I'm excited about the Holy Spirit, about the Word of God, and fervent in soul winning. Irrespective of the challenges and the difficulties in today's world, I'm resolved in serving the Lord, shining brightly in glory and righteousness. Hallelujah!

FURTHER STUDY:

2 Corinthians 5:14-15; John 9:4

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 8:28-9:1-17 & Genesis 27-28

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 5:21-30 & Genesis 11



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TUESDAY 12

BOLDNESS IN THE DAY OF CRISIS



*Herein is our love made perfect,
that we may have boldness in the
day of judgment: because as he is,
so are we in this world
(1 John 4:17).*

A few years ago, a certain Christian brother was kidnapped by a cult. When they arrived at the kidnappers' shrine, he saw the skulls of several people who had been beheaded; and shortly after their arrival, the ritualists began to call their latest captives one after the other to the slaughter slab.

Suddenly, the brother began to speak in other tongues. As he spoke in tongues, one of the ritualists came to shut him up, but he spoke in tongues even louder. While everyone else was enveloped in fear, he spoke out in tongues! Soon enough, pandemonium erupted amongst the ritualists and they kicked him out of their midst. He was freed.

That brother's experience reveals what happens when you're full of the Spirit; you're bold! At that moment when trouble strikes, the power of the Holy Spirit would rise in you; words will come out of you in torrents of divine energy.

Victory is assured in the fullness of the Spirit. When trouble comes, you're ready; you're bold in the day of

crisis. The word “judgment” is from the Greek word, “krisis”—the derivative of the English word “crisis.” It depicts a time of intense difficulty or danger.

There have been times when it was said that a Christian was travelling in a bus, and there was a terrible accident, and everybody died. Was the Christian supposed to die with them? No! He was supposed to have boldness in the time of crisis.

He could have declared at that moment, “In the Name of Jesus, I’m preserved! I don’t die!” He may not even need to say anything at all, because he was already prayed up before he got on the bus. The Bible doesn’t say, “...that we may shout in the day of crisis”; no, it says we may have boldness in the day of crisis. With that boldness of the Spirit, you’ll prevail, irrespective of the circumstances or crisis. Hallelujah!

CONFESSIO

With boldness and an undeniable faith, I reign in this life. It makes no difference what I face, I refuse to be anxious or afraid. I declare peace and calmness over circumstances; I’m bold and confident to face life and win, because greater is He that’s in me than he that’s in the world. Hallelujah!

FURTHER STUDY:

1 John 4:17-18; Proverbs 24:10; Proverbs 28:1

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 9:18-38 & Genesis 29-30

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 5:31-40 & Genesis 12



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WEDNESDAY 13

THE PLACE CALLED CHRIST



Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son (Colossians 1:13).

As read in our theme verse, you've been translated from the domain of darkness into the kingdom of God's dear Son; that's your new place in life. It's the place called "Christ," where you reign and rule with dominion over darkness.

If, for example, you've been experiencing demonic oppression at night or having nightmares, perhaps it's because you didn't know who you are and where you are. Now that you know, it should never happen again.

Jesus said, ***"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free"*** (John 8:32). You don't need deliverance; you got your deliverance when you came into Christ. The Bible says, ***"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature..."*** (2 Corinthians 5:17). Colossians 2:6 says, ***"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him"*** (NIV).

Live your life IN CHRIST! Carry the Christ-atmosphere everywhere you go. You're shielded, protected and kept by His power in your new home (Christ). It has to become as real to you as the house

in which you live physically. Become conscious of this and you'll never know frustration or discouragement, fear, sickness, disease or infirmity.

You may say, "Pastor Chris, what if I've been born again for many years, but right now, I'm going through some trouble in my body?" Simple: with the understanding that you're in Christ, and your authority in Him, just say, "In the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, I stand in that which belongs to me! I reject the pain! I reject the infirmity, and I stand strong in Christ!" Then wrap your arms around your body and say, "Body, comply!"

Your body has no option than to comply. You're not in Satan's domain; you're in Christ, the place of great glory and dominion, with power over Satan, sickness, disease and death. Blessed be God!

CONFESSION

I've been taken out of the power, dominion, control, and authority of darkness, into absolute safety! I live in the presence of God, and function with the dominion of Christ; I'm seated with Christ in the realm of glory—too far and too high from Satan's domain! I'm superior to Satan! Hallelujah!

FURTHER STUDY:

2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 2:6; Colossians 1:12-14 AMPC

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 10:1-23 & Genesis 31-33

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 5:41-48 & Genesis 13



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THURSDAY 14

CONSCIOUSLY SOW THE WORD IN YOU



Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap (Galatians 6:7).

The Word of God is seed, and what do you do to a seed if you want it to produce a good harvest? You sow it in the right environment. Through meditation, you sow God's Word into your heart. If you don't sow the right seeds, weeds will grow of themselves. Your heart is God's garden and you can't allow "weeds" to grow in it.

Weeds are wrong thoughts that are received into the heart. If you allow them, they'll destroy the crop of God's Word in your life. We see how this happens in the parable that Jesus gave about the sower who went forth to sow his seeds (Read Matthew 13:7, 22).

Make up your mind to only allow the right seeds in your heart, because as read in our theme verse, what you sow is what you reap. The Word in your heart will produce a harvest of the Word and great blessings in your life. Therefore, consciously sow the Word into your heart; set your heart for it.

As you study and meditate on the Scriptures, tell yourself, "I walk in truth; I walk in love; I walk in Christ;

I walk by the Spirit. I have the Spirit of boldness. No sickness in my body; I walk in divine health, in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ!”

These are perilous times; the Bible says, **“This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come”** (2 Timothy 3:1). We’re in that time that was spoken about, and only those who walk in the dominion of the Word, in the consciousness of their victory in and through the Word, will prevail.

So, learn the Word of God for yourself, for your life. Store it in your heart, and let it come out of your mouth, **“...for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh”** (Matthew 12:34).

CONFESSIO

My heart is God’s garden, and His Word grows in me continually, producing harvests of blessings. I mount guard over my heart, allowing only the Word to grow and prevail. And by the Word, I walk in victory, success and advancement, every day, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Acts 20:32; Romans 10:10; Luke 6:45; Philippians 4:8

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 10:24-42 & Genesis 34-35

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 6:1-13 & Genesis 14



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FRIDAY 15

PEACE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS



And the work of righteousness shall be peace... (Isaiah 32:17).

Psalm 85:10-11 tells us something beautiful; it says, ***“Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven.”*** In the New Testament, mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Romans 5:1 says, “Therefore being declared righteous by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

The Greek word translated “justified” in the KJV is “Dikaioo,” which means to be acquitted and declared righteous. Now that you’ve been declared righteous and have right standing with God by faith, you have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ; you’re at one with Him. The word “peace” is the Greek, “eirene” which means to be set at one again, to be brought into harmony, concord, safety, with God.

There’s no need for you to be afraid that one day, God will recall all your wrongs and punish you for your sins. You’ve come home to Him; you’re now at rest in Him through Christ Jesus. He made it possible; it’s the result of His righteousness that you’ve received.

He's brought you to Himself. There's a oneness now:
*"For he is our peace, who hath made both one...
Having abolished in his flesh the enmity...to make
in himself...one new man, so making peace; And
that he might reconcile both unto God in one body
by the cross... And came and preached peace to you
which were afar off, and to them that were nigh..."*
(Ephesians 2:14-17).

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for my glorious life in Christ, and my oneness with you. Your righteousness has produced peace in me; peace with prosperity! Thank you for this awesome life of dominion and joy, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

John 14:27; Ephesians 2:14-17 NIV

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 11:1-30 & Genesis 36-37

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 6:14-24 & Genesis 15



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SATURDAY 16

PRAISE MUST HAVE CONTENT



By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name (Hebrews 13:15).

When we talk about praise in the New Testament, there're many who don't understand what it is. Praise is our profuse expression of appreciation of the goodness, blessings, kindness and righteousness of God. It's the appreciation or confession of His character. When you say, "Lord, you're gracious and kind; you've blessed me; you're righteous, etc.," you're defining and appreciating His character; that's praise.

When you worship the Lord in that light, it shows who He is in your life; it separates Him from everyone else and from everything else. When you thank Him for His goodness, provisions, blessings and all the wonderful things He's given you, and done for you, you're attributing those beautiful works to Him. The necessary result is that He'll do more in your life.

You might have heard some people say, "Well, anybody can worship any way he chooses; I can decide to keep quiet and worship God in my mind"; that's wrong. Yes, God knows what's in your heart, yet Jesus

said, “...**When you pray, say...**” (Luke 11:2 NKJV). He didn’t say, “...think.” Worship must have content.

In the Old Testament, when the prophets or priests prayed, the contents of their prayers were written for us, showing that they vocalised it. Likewise, when Jesus prayed, He spoke out, such that others heard Him. He didn’t merely think in His mind.

It’s the same with worship; we worship God through the Spirit, and by the Word (in spirit and in truth)! We lift our hands to Him, making confessions to His Name: “**By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name**” (Hebrews 13:15). We eulogise and bless Him for His greatness, kindness, love, mercies and grace. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Blessed Jesus, you’re greater than all; you rule the heavens and the earth; everything from galaxies to governments; no name or power is outside the reign and dominion of your majesty! How great thou art, O Lord! You alone are God, worthy of all honour, majesty and praise, now and forever. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Hebrews 13:15; Psalm 138:2; Revelation 4:10-11

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 12:1-21 & Genesis 38-39

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 6:25-34 & Genesis 16



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SUNDAY 17

RECOGNIZING OUR AUTHORITY IN HIS NAME



*And hath raised us up together, and
made us sit together in heavenly
places in Christ Jesus
(Ephesians 2:6).*

There's so much that we can do when we take advantage of our authority and dominion in Christ. Too many Christians have been too quiet about many things, living as though they're victims in life; no! Take charge; you're in office.

You're seated with Christ in the place of power, in the position of authority; you have His dominion; it's yours by right; so, use it! Make things right in your life, in your home, in your ministry, job, business, city, nation, etc., using the Name of Jesus. That Name is greater than every government, or institution, name or title that could be conferred, both in this world and in the world to come.

Jesus Christ is LORD over all, and the God of all flesh. With this knowledge, you can, and should, put a stop to the uprisings, wars, epidemics, wickedness, perils, and havocs the devil concocts and attempts to wreak around the world. Putting a stop to these things is simple: Use the authority and power of His Name in prayer!

The Message translation gives an excellent rendering of Ephesians 1:20-22. It says, ***"...God raised him from death and set him on a throne in deep***

heaven, in charge of running the universe, everything from galaxies to governments, no name and no power exempt from his rule. And not just for the time being, but forever. He is in charge of it all, has the final word on everything...." This is extraordinary.

However, He's not in charge and ruling if you do nothing. The way He runs the earth and sets things in order is through us, the Church. We're His seed, prolonging His days; He rules through us. When you speak, it's Him speaking. When you take action against the forces of darkness and wickedness in your nation, that's Him taking an action.

Satan has no chance if you'd recognise and take advantage of your position and ability in Christ—the glory and power you wield in His Name! Even now, use that authority! Declare in the Name of Jesus, the specific changes you want in any area of your life and you'll have a testimony. Blessed be God!

CONFESSION

I'm seated with Christ in heavenly places, far above all the hardships, troubles, perils and corrupting influences in the world. I dominate and triumph over circumstances today. Christ reigns and rules through me; His dominion and righteousness are expressed through me. Blessed be His Name forever.

FURTHER STUDY:

Ephesians 2:5-6 AMPC; Philippians 2:9-10

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 12:22-50 & Genesis 40-41

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 7:1-12 & Genesis 17



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MONDAY 18

THE GLORIOUS RESULT OF HIS SUFFERING



According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue (2 Peter 1:3).

The Christian is called into a life of glory and excellence. He's the fruit of Christ's suffering. The Bible talks about the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow (1 Peter 1:11). You're the glory He foresaw, for which He endured the Cross and despised the shame (Hebrews 12:2). You're the glorious result of His suffering.

Jesus Christ is the effulgence of the Father's glory; the express image of His Person (Hebrews 1:3). And that's exactly what He's made you, for the Bible says as He is, so are we in this world (1 John 4:17). He said, ***"And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one"*** (John 17:22). Live with this consciousness every day!

2 Corinthians 3:18 explains it some more. It lets us know that the Word of God is a mirror: ***"But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord."*** A

mirror reflects whatever is set before it. If you stood in front of a mirror, you'd see your own reflection. The Word of God is a mirror, and the image of you that it reflects is "the glory of God"; that's who you really are!

You've been glorified with Jesus. You have His life and His righteousness now, with the same Holy Spirit who raised Him from death, at work in you. This is huge! God chose you to show forth His praises and manifest His glory in the earth: ***"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light"*** (1 Peter 2:9).

PRAYER

Thank you Father, for I've been brought out of sin, sickness, disease, depression, poverty, frustrations and everything associated with Satan and darkness, into your eternal glory—where I shine and reign gloriously in life by grace, through righteousness. My journey is one of glory, triumph, success and prosperity. Glory to your Name forever!

FURTHER STUDY:

1 Peter 2:9 AMPC; Romans 8:16-17

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 13:1-23 & Genesis 42-43

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 7:13-20 & Genesis 18



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TUESDAY 19

THE WORD OF FAITH IN YOUR MOUTH



But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach (Romans 10:8).

The Word of God in your mouth is where the victory is. 2 Corinthians 4:13 says, ***“We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak.”*** You’re a victor in Christ Jesus, and you maintain that victory by your faith-filled words. It makes no difference what happens around you; speak as a victor. Speak righteousness; speak success, glory and excellence.

Victors don’t talk fear, lack or weakness; they speak the wisdom of God: ***“Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world...But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery...”*** (1 Corinthians 2:6-7). Others may be griping over the darkness in today’s world, the decimation of global markets and world economies; none of these should move you, because you’re not of this world.

When men are cast down, you’re to say, “I’m lifted! The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage; my prosperity is independent

of circumstances.” That’s how victors talk; they respond to circumstances and situations with the Word; they say what God has said.

Hebrews 13:5-6 says, “**...he hath said... So that we may boldly say...**” If you’ve been experiencing symptoms of an ailment, for example, don’t voice the symptoms; declare healing and health. If you were feeling weak, declare strength; affirm that the life of God in you is superior, and therefore destroys and dispels every sickness, disease and pain from your body.

1 John 5:4 says, “**For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.**” Keep affirming your righteousness and triumphant life in Christ! Reign and rule over circumstances with the Word of faith in your mouth.

CONFESSION

My life is the revelation of the glory of God, the testimony of His grace and righteousness. I’m victorious always and in all things; fruitful, productive and effective in the ministry of the Gospel. Hallelujah!

FURTHER STUDY:

Mark 11:22-23; Joshua 1:8

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 13:24-43 & Genesis 44-45

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 7:21-29 & Genesis 19



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WEDNESDAY 20

VICTORIES ONLY



But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day (Proverbs 4:18).

In Christ, we have the transcendent life; we win always! We have an ever-joyous life, with power over crises and dominion over circumstances. This is our normal life in Christ. Does this mean as Christians, we don't face challenges? That's not what it means! Rather, it means irrespective of the magnitude or fierceness of the challenges we face, there's only one outcome: we win!

You'll have to face trials, tests and difficulties, but the Word says, ***"...In all these things, we are more than conquerors..."*** (Romans 8:37). 2 Corinthians 2:14 says, ***"Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ..."*** Our victory in Christ isn't sometimes, but ALWAYS, irrespective of kind and place.

The challenges and crises of life are for your promotion. Never be intimidated; you've already overcome them in Christ (1 John 4:4). In Christ, you have a life of peace, strength, health and prosperity; a life of glory and power. Colossians 1:27 says, ***"...Christ in you, the hope of glory."*** Christ is your guarantee

of a victorious and glorious life. Learn to trust in Him, and follow His Word, putting it to work in your life.

CONFESSION

I have and enjoy the transcendent life; victories unlimited! I'm making progress with giant strides, from glory to glory. When men are cast down, I'm lifted, because greater is He that's in me than he that's in the world. Hallelujah!

FURTHER STUDY:

Romans 8:35-37; 2 Corinthians 2:14 MSG

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 13:44-14:1-12 & Genesis 46-48

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 8:1-11 & Genesis 20



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THURSDAY 21

SEE BY THE WORD AND SPEAK ACCORDINGLY



*While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal
(2 Corinthians 4:18).*

We're not supposed to be victims in the earth, but victors. But many Christians live as victims, as captives of adverse circumstances, because they neither see nor live by the Word. The adversities, pressures and difficulties of life aren't a factor. Paul, in the preceding verse to our opening scripture, calls them "light affliction, which is but for a moment..."

In other words, to you, that problem or adverse circumstance may have been for ten years, but it's subject to change, and guaranteed to work for you a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. How? The answer is what we read in our opening verse! Stop looking at your present physical condition; see the invisible.

When you see the invisible, the wilderness experience will end. See God doing great things in your life and through your life this year. See yourself prosperous, healthy, vibrant and strong. See yourself walking in victory and in the glory of God. See the picture, accept it, and speak accordingly. Consider the story of Abraham in Genesis 17. He took his gaze off

what his physical senses dictated to him and looked at the invisible through the eyes of the spirit. He saw himself as the father of many, just as God had said.

The Apostle Paul, in Romans 4:17, explains to us that Abraham believed what God had said concerning him: ***“(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.”***

This is the beginning of a new year; something you must do consciously and consistently every day is to boldly declare who you really are. Don't speak failure; don't speak defeat. Have the right vision. See from God's perspective. Meditate on and declare His Word.

When you affirm what God has said about you, your soul will be adjusted to act that way. Whatever God has said about you, endorse it, believe it, and affirm it to yourself consistently (Hebrews 13:5-6). Consciously programme your life with the Word of God.

CONFESSION

I see myself making progress with giant strides; my path is that of the just that shines brighter and brighter unto the perfect day. My focus is on the Lord and His Word; His Wisdom guides and rules my life. I see and walk in victory, health, prosperity and joy, now and always, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

2 Corinthians 5:7; Hebrews 12:2; 2 Corinthians 4:13

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 14:13-36 & Genesis 49-50

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 8:12-22 & Genesis 21



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FRIDAY 22

CELEBRATE WHEN THE SQUEEZE IS ON



*For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal
(2 Corinthians 4:17-18).*

Why should a Christian read the scriptures, like our theme verse above and still gripe and moan about challenges? It makes no difference the pressure you face from the adversary; refuse to give in. Never be flustered by circumstances or threats.

Christ lives in you and He's the greater One. Therefore, when you face crises, declare, "Greater is He that's in me than all the adversities and adversaries that could ever come against me!" Whatever you may be going through today is a light affliction; it came "to pass." So refuse to allow anything steal your joy.

Even our transient troubles produce for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. The Word says so; hence, it's the only outcome to expect. That's

why you must rejoice in the face of adversity. James 1:2 (TPT) says, “...**when it seems as though you are facing nothing but difficulties see it as an invaluable opportunity to experience the greatest joy that you can!**”

Celebrate and rejoice in the Lord when the squeeze is on. Don't focus on the problem. Fix your gaze on Jesus, the author and finisher of your faith. In Him you triumph ALWAYS, and in every situation. Glory to God!

CONFESSION

I rejoice in the Lord, His eternal Word and power to put me over all adversities. The Lord is the strength of my life, and I fear nothing and no one. In Him I triumph gloriously always and in every situation, reigning in righteousness, and growing in grace, wisdom and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

2 Corinthians 4:17-18 AMPC; Romans 5:3-4 MSG;
Hebrews 12:2

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 15:1-28 & Exodus 1-2

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 8:23-34 & Genesis 22



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SATURDAY 23

THE CHURCH IS THE FULLNESS OF CHRIST



And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the pre-eminence (Colossians 1:18).

Did you know that Jesus isn't complete without us? And by "us," I mean the Church. We're inseparably united with Him (1 Corinthians 6:17). Ephesians 1:22-23 says He ***"...put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all."*** He's the one who fills everything (Ephesians 4:10), yet His fullness is the Church, which is His body.

This should help you understand your importance and relevance to Christ. You're "in Him," and He's "in you." Through you, He expresses His love to the world, and establishes His Kingdom in the earth. You're His extension in the earth, because you hail from Him and are connected to Him. He said in John 15:5, ***"I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing."*** It's the Father's grand design for Him to need us just as we need Him: He's our glory as we are His glory.

In John 17:19-21, Jesus prayed, ***"...that they also***

might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." This prayer of Jesus is fulfilled in us today; He's made us one with divinity.

1 Corinthians 12:13 says, ***"For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body...."*** Then, 1 Corinthians 6:17 declares, ***"...he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit."*** We're literally mingled with the Spirit as one divine creation: ***"For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit"*** (1 Corinthians 12:13). Blessed be God!

CONFESSION

I belong in the family of Christ—the Church! And in Christ, I'm in health, wealth, splendour, prosperity and glory. The glory of God is seen and manifested through me to my world. My life is a continuous manifestation of Christ and the supernatural! Blessed be God!

FURTHER STUDY:

1 Corinthians 6:17; 1 John 4:17

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 15:29-16:1-12 & Exodus 3-5

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 9:1-13 & Genesis 23



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SUNDAY 24

YOUR PROCLAMATION MAKES IT REAL



We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak (2 Corinthians 4:13).

For your faith to produce results, not only must you know the Word and have it in your consciousness, you must speak it forth. The power is in affirmation. We believe, and therefore, we speak. If you don't say it, it'll not happen.

The Word of God is truth; it's already established in heaven. Psalm 119:89 says, "***For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.***" But it becomes settled in your life by your affirmation. The way it works is this: you keep the Word in your consciousness through meditation; then your confession or proclamation establishes it.

In Mark 11:23, Jesus said, "***... whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.***" When the Word is in your heart, and spoken forth, it becomes a creative force.

Remember, God's Word created everything; therefore, it can and will create anything. Whatever you desire today, the power to make it real is in your mouth. Jesus said a good man, out of the good treasures of his heart, brings forth good things (Luke 6:45). Through meditation, you create good things in your heart; then just as the Father did in the book of Genesis after incubating on the earth's chaotic mass, you release words.

Words are things; they have creative energy. Use your faith-filled words to frame your world, and programme your spirit for success, victory and ever-increasing glory.

CONFESSION

I have been blessed with, and in all things, and the Lord has made me fruitful and productive. With my proclamations of faith, I disallow sickness, disease, infirmity and weakness from my body, and banish trouble, depression, poverty and frustrations from my life and family. Health, strength and abundance are my birthrights. I walk in the glory of God, manifesting the righteousness of Christ. Hallelujah!

FURTHER STUDY:

Proverbs 18:21 AMPC; James 3:2; Romans 10:8-10

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 16:13-17:1-13 & Exodus 6-7

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 9:14-26 & Genesis 24



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MONDAY 25

THE FULLNESS OF THE SPIRIT



*He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water
(John 7:38)*

Why would any Christian read this and still be asking for more power or double portion anointing? It's a contradiction! You have the Spirit living in you in His fullness. The anointing is the effect of the power and presence of the Holy Spirit; why ask for the effect when you have the causative personality in you?

The Holy Spirit is the power, strength, and wisdom of God. He's the Spirit of grace and He lives in you as a person. He took up His abode in you with the totality of His being. The fullness of His glory and power should be freely expressed in and through you.

The Holy Spirit in you makes you more than a man. There's a divine energy working in you; it doesn't burn out, neither does it require replenishing. Refuse therefore to be limited by your physical ability; your potentials are limitless! The Holy Spirit works in you mightily to achieve results that are beyond human ability and comprehension (Colossians 1:29). Affirm this in your life always.

Philippians 2:13 says, ***“For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.”*** The God that works in you is the Holy Spirit; He causes you to be willing, and then propels you to do the Father’s will. You can stir up His power to flow in and through you more by speaking in tongues, and meditating on the Word. Hallelujah!

CONFESSION

I’m full of power, grace and glory, because the Holy Spirit lives in me in His fullness! He’s my ability and the strength of my life. I’m perfected in Him, exuding His righteousness, peace, joy and excellence, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

John 3:34; Ephesians 3:17-19

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 17:14-18:1-14 & Exodus 8-9

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 9:27-38 & Genesis 25



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TUESDAY 26

NO COVENANT OF HEALING FOR THE NEW CREATION



Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed (1 Peter 2:24).

Many of the Scriptures on healing that have been quoted by many well-meaning Christians aren't applicable to the New Testament. In the Old Testament, God made provisions for the children of Israel, but those provisions and messages don't apply to the Church.

Recall that the Old Covenant was abrogated because it made nothing perfect. You might ask, "How about the covenant of healing? Didn't God say in Exodus 23:25, ***"...I will take sickness away from the midst of thee?"*** He also said in Isaiah 53:5, ***"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."***

Now, none of these two references is for the Christian. God didn't make a covenant of healing with the new creation. The covenant of healing was for Israel. When Jesus said on the Cross, "It is finished" (John 19:30), that was the end of the old covenant.

It's important to understand who the Christian really is. The Christian is one with the God-life, a life

that doesn't require healing, because it doesn't get sick. Why are many sick then? Ignorance! God said, "My people are destroyed for their lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:6).

The Bible says, ***"But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal (death-doomed) bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you"*** (Romans 8:11). The Holy Spirit, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you and has vitalized your mortal body. That means your body isn't death-doomed or sickness prone anymore. Hallelujah!

God's people must know, live, and spread the truth. When you become a Christian and you receive the Holy Spirit, you should NEVER be sick again in your life. What you need is the consciousness of the divine life in you, and the fact that the Holy Spirit perambulates in you to ward off every anomaly, and keep you in health.

CONFESSION

The same Spirit that raised up Christ from the dead has vitalized my body. Sickness has no place in me, because the life of God permeates me through and through. I live in divine health and impact my world with the God-life in me, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Isaiah 33:24 AMPC; Proverbs 4:20-22; Romans 8:10 NIV

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 18:15-35 & Exodus 10-12

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 10:1-11 & Genesis 26



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WEDNESDAY 27

PEACE IS FROM GOD



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).

Paul the Apostle declared: ***“But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not...”*** (2 Corinthians 4:3-4). The god of this world is Satan, and he’s the one responsible for the mess and chaos in the world.

The way the world is right now, the structures and systems of the world that’s driven by selfishness, wickedness, greed and hatred is designed by Satan. The implication of this is that the systems and structures of this world can never give peace. Peace is from God, just as righteousness is from God.

It’s impossible for people who have never received the life and nature of God to deliver true peace. Not even your family and friends can give you lasting peace, happiness, and joy. In John 14:27, Jesus said, ***“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”*** Blessed Be God!

The peace the world is looking for is in Jesus Christ;

no wonder it eludes them, because they're searching for it in the wrong places. The Bible says, ***"...When they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape"*** (1 Thessalonians 5:3). This is the dilemma that the world is in today.

In our theme verse, Jesus said, ***"...In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."*** He overcame the world and gave you the victory over the world. It makes no difference what's going on in the world, be at peace.

The peace that you have in your spirit is the peace of Jesus Christ; it gives you power over crises. Even in adverse circumstances, when it seems there's trouble everywhere, His peace garrisons your heart and mind, causing you to be at rest in prosperity. Hallelujah!

CONFESSION

No matter what happens, irrespective of the turmoil, I'm unperturbed; I have the peace of Jesus Christ in my heart. Therefore, I'm full of confidence, because the Champion of Peace is my Lord! I have peace without agitation, full of rest and prosperity. Blessed be God!

FURTHER STUDY:

Isaiah 9:6; Isaiah 26:3; John 14:27

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 19:1-15 & Exodus 13-14

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 10:12-22 & Genesis 27



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THURSDAY 28

BLESSINGS IN HIS PRESENCE



And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was present to heal them (Luke 5:17).

Sometime ago, I was in a programme with several ministers from different countries. During the Question and Answer segment, many of them asked questions bothering on various subjects, and I shared with them answers from the Scriptures.

But while at it, I noticed by the Spirit that all the time they were asking the questions and we were looking through the Scriptures for the answers, the Spirit of God was ministering to us in a very special way. Several of them that came with heart conditions, chest problems and some other ailments suddenly realized they had been healed. The ailments they came into the meeting with were no longer there!

There were healing miracles everywhere even though we didn't particularly pray for the sick. That's what happens in His presence; your questions are answered; problems are solved; burdens are lifted; His glory in your life is enriched and activated. Hallelujah!

When you're under the influence and ministry of

the Word and the Spirit of God, you notice something happening in your life, even though you may not be able to tell it in words immediately. That's how so many people can be blessed at the same time in the presence of God.

In His presence, there's guidance; there's direction; there's life! No wonder the psalmist exclaimed: ***"Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore"*** (Psalm 16:11). In His presence, you're guided by His truth, into all truth; there's revelation; every form of confusion gives way.

This year, make fellowship with God a priority. Study the Word voraciously and pray in tongues fervently EVERY DAY. He's given us a life of fulfilment; a life of singing and praising and thanksgiving. Maintain and live in that glory every day and experience the supernatural; the joy, peace and prosperity that's beyond this world. Glory to God!

CONFESSION

In fellowship, I receive God's Word that puts me over in life, and my faith is built strong, causing me to ride upon the high places of the earth, walking in abundance, wisdom of the Spirit, and keeping me perpetually above all evil and terror, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Psalm 133:1-3; John 16:13-14; Hebrews 10:25

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 19:16-20:1-16 & Exodus 15

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 10:23-33 & Genesis 28



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FRIDAY 29

HE LOVES YOU PERSONALLY



But the very hairs of your head are all numbered (Matthew 10:30).

When we say, “God loves you,” what does that even mean to you? What is love? Love is that endearing value of a person that gives you a sense of his or her importance to you as the object of your favour. Therefore, that God loves you means you’re special and valuable to Him.

You’re so valuable to Him that He takes a record of even the hairs of your head. Jesus said every hair of your head is “numbered”; notice He didn’t say, “counted.” That means every strand of hair from your head has a code number from God; none of them falls off without Him recording it.

This is the care of God for each one of us. If you understand His love for you, all that crying and feeling sorry for yourself because of what you are going through, will be unnecessary. You’d give no room to selfishness and greed. He cares so much for you. He loves you personally, in particular.

1 Corinthians 12:27 says, **“Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.”** The word, “particular” is “meros” (Greek), which means individual parts, definite parts. The Amplified Classic version says, **“Now you [collectively] are Christ’s body**

and [individually] you are members of it, each part severally and distinct [each with his own place and function].”

Ephesians 5:29 says, **“For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church.”** This is wonderful. With all the fear and discouragement in the world today, the Lord is bringing you this message as an indication of His love for you. He’s nourishing you through His Word to lift your spirit and strengthen your faith, because He cherishes you. You’re special to Him.

The Bible says, **“Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God...”** (1 John 3:1). The word “bestowed” also means “lavished”; the Father has lavished His love on you. It’s love without limits. Glory to His Name forever!

PRAYER

Righteous and loving Father, thank you for loving me with an everlasting love. Your arms of love are ever outstretched to embrace me, and your love for me is unconditional and eternal. I walk every day in, and with, the consciousness of your unfailing love, even as I’ve become a vent of your liquid love to my world, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

1 John 3:1; 1 John 4:16; Jeremiah 31:3;
Romans 8:35-38 TLB

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 20:17-34 & Exodus 16-17

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 10:34-42 & Genesis 29



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SATURDAY 30

STIR UP WHAT YOU'VE GOT



Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands (2 Timothy 1:6).

For the Christian, there's no such thing as the Spirit coming afresh on you. There's no fresh anointing coming upon you from anywhere; it's not in the Bible. Some say they want a double-dose anointing. How can you get a double dose of something you already have in full?

There's no place in the New Testament that suggests that you could have a double anointing or another anointing. Stop praying, crying and begging for what you already have! What the New Testament teaches is that when you received the Holy Spirit, you were anointed with the full measure of God. You're replete with God.

Ephesians 3:19 says, ***“And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.”*** This is God's purpose; all you have to do is to stir up what you've got inside you, to be filled. Stir up the Spirit, and let that power surge through your being. The Bible says, ***“And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but***

be filled with the Spirit" (Ephesians 5:18). In other words, be always stirred in the Holy Ghost.

That's what Paul told Timothy in our theme verse: to stir up the gift of God, the power of the Holy Spirit in him, which can be dormant unless you activate it, and He tells us how to do it: ***"Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God"*** (Ephesians 5:19-21).

CONFESSION

I have the Holy Spirit without measure. I'm replete with God, full of Him, with all His power that gives me the dynamic ability to cause changes in my world. As I stir up that power in me, I'm infused with divine strength, and the glory of God is revealed through me, causing me to reign in righteousness, with dominion over circumstances. Hallelujah!

FURTHER STUDY:

2 Timothy 1:6 AMPC; Ephesians 5:18-19; John 3:34

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 21:1-32 & Exodus 18-19

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 11:1-10 & Genesis 30



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SUNDAY 31

THE MINISTRY OF LOVE



*...Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will...remove thy candlestick out of his place...
(Revelation 2:1-5).*

Think about this: Even after the Lord praised the church in Ephesus for all their labour, He had something against them; they had left their first love. What was the first love? Evidently, it refers to their love and passion for Jesus Christ, shown through their love for the brethren.

The Ephesian church was a church that was known to love the Lord and the brethren. In Paul's epistle to them, right from the first verse, he addressed them as the faithful in Christ Jesus: ***"...to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus"*** (Ephesians 1:1). In the fifteenth verse, he noted their love for all the saints. ***"Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints"*** (Ephesians 1:15). This was the first love he charged them with leaving in Revelation 2:4.

1 John 4:20 says, ***"If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?"*** To love Jesus, you must express it in loving God's people. By loving the brethren, you show that you love Christ. 1 Timothy 5:8 says, ***"But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel"***

Paul was writing about God's people and how their expression of the Gospel of Jesus Christ should be in their relationship with others. Jesus told the Ephesian church to do the "first works": loving Christ so much that they express it in loving others. Thus, the love of God you demonstrate in action—towards those you can see—is so important. Do you remember those that labour or work with you? Do their conditions affect you or are you hard-hearted towards them?

Do you remember fellow ministers and neighbouring churches going through difficult times? These are things that must be foremost on your mind. If you've not been love-ruled, if your actions haven't been motivated by love, just as Jesus told the Ephesian church to repent, you must repent as well.

He said if they didn't repent, He'd take the church out of its place. That was what He meant by removing the candlestick out of his place; the church would no longer be there. This shows that the relevance of the Church is in its ministry of love. Walking in love has no alternative.

Make up your mind and train yourself to walk in love. Don't be hardened against your brethren, your siblings or even strangers. Let your heart be softened and be easily stirred to help.

CONFESSION

The love-nature of God in my spirit causes me to radiate and express love to everyone. I'm full of love! I sincerely display kindness and grace, and speak and believe the best of others, in the Name of Jesus. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

1 John 4:18; Luke 23:33-34

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 21:33-22:1-14 & Exodus 20-21

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 11:11-20 & Genesis 31



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PRAYER OF SALVATION

We trust you have been blessed by this devotional. We invite you to make Jesus Christ the Lord of your life by praying thus:

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-M; Nigeria

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-B. C; Nigeria

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-Pastor Chris Oyakhilome



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MONDAY 1

HIS WORD TO YOU IS WHAT YOU NEED



Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it (Psalm 119:140).

God's Word is God's creative material. Its power is unlimited. The Word created all things, and is effective today as ever. His Word to you at any time in your life, regarding any situation, is all you need.

Think about what He did with King Solomon; how did God make him the wisest man that ever lived, until Jesus? It was with words! He appeared to Solomon in a dream by night and asked him, "What do you want?"

Solomon asked for wisdom and understanding (1 Kings 3:8-9). God didn't "open" Solomon's brain to deposit wisdom inside; all He said was, "Solomon, you have it!" He said to him, "**Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee**" (1 Kings 3:12). Blessed be God!

The moment Solomon received those words, they became to him and in him what God said. Wisdom and an understanding heart were imparted to the man. He did the same with Abraham; He said, "**...thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee**" (Genesis 17:5).

Abraham had no children, because his wife was

barren, but God said “Your name is now Abraham, because I have made you a father of many.” From then on, it didn’t make any difference what the physical circumstances were; he refused to consider his aged body or Sarah’s dead womb and began to confess what God had said about him. His Word to you is all that matters; that’s your victory.

Read Romans 4:19-20; it says, ***“And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara’s womb: He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God.”*** That’s how it works: when God says it, and you respond by affirming the same thing, His Word to you becomes; it prevails in your life and circumstances. Hallelujah!

CONFESSION

Through the Word, my spirit is enlightened; I have insight into mysteries and secrets of the Kingdom. I’m unconquerable, because the Word of God is my life, producing in me what it says. I’m strengthened by the Word today, to reign and rule over circumstances, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Proverbs 4:10; Proverbs 4:20-22; Isaiah 55:10-11

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 22:15-46 & Exodus 22-23

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 11:21-30 & Genesis 32



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TUESDAY 2

ALL HIS BLESSINGS ARE ALREADY FULFILLED



For all of God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding "yes!" And through Christ, our "Amen" (Which means "Yes") ascends to God for his glory (2 Corinthians 1:20 NLT).

God's Word to you aren't mere promises; they're statements of fact. There're no more promises to be fulfilled for the new creation in Christ. What's a promise? It's a declaration that one will do a specified thing. That declaration gives the person to whom it is made a right to expect or to claim the performance or forbearance of that specified act.

There's no place in the New Testament that tells you God is going to heal you and that you should pray that He might heal you. He did it already in Christ! Christ Jesus is the fulfilment of all of God's promises.

We're not expecting the fulfilment of any promise. We have, and live in, the truth of His Word NOW. There's no need to say, "O, Lord, you promised to heal me," or "Lord, you promised to deliver me." To say so is to be oblivious or completely ignorant of what Christ really came to do. He came as the fulfilment of

all of God's promises; He's the blessing of God to you.

For the Christian, good health isn't a promise; prosperity isn't a promise; remission of your sins isn't a promise; justification isn't a promise; sanctification isn't a promise, and righteousness isn't a promise. All these are blessings God has freely given to you in Christ.

The Bible says, ***“According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue”*** (2 Peter 1:3). Quit the struggle. Enjoy your life in Christ.

CONFESSON

I own everything that God owns, for I'm an heir of God and a joint-heir with Christ. The fullness of the blessings of the Gospel has been made possible and available to me in Christ. God has blessed me with every blessing that exists in the heavenly realm; prosperity, victory, success, joy, peace, and all the blessings of the Kingdom are now mine! Praise God!

FURTHER STUDY:

2 Peter 1:3-4; 1 Corinthians 3:21-22

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 23 & Exodus 24-25

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 12:1-9 & Genesis 33



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WEDNESDAY 3

REIGNING THROUGH JESUS CHRIST



For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ (Romans 5:17).

The underlined preposition “by” is the Greek “dia,” which means “through”; we’re to reign in life through Jesus Christ. In the millennium, we’re not going to reign through Him, but WITH Him. We’ll also reign with Him in the New Heaven and the New Earth. The Bible says we “**...shall reign with him a thousand years**” (Revelation 20:6). 2 Timothy 2:12 says, “**If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us.**” But that’s all in the future. But NOW, we reign through Him, in this life. Hallelujah!

Walk in that consciousness. Remember what the Word says in Romans 6:4: “**Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.**” This new life is the life of kings. Revelation 5:10 says He’s made us kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

You’re a new person with kingly values and

mentality. Look at the world differently, from the perspective of victory and reigning. The Amplified Classic version of our theme verse says we shall reign as kings in the realm of life. You're a king; reign as one!

Rule with words; that's what kings do. The Bible says, ***"Where the word of a king is, there is power..."*** (Ecclesiastes 8:4). Exercise dominion through words. Issue commands to Satan, and the elements of this world, and they'll hear and obey you, because you function in, and with the dominion of Christ.

You can alter the course of events and change circumstances from the privacy of your room. That's why you should never be moved by anything. It doesn't matter what the situation is, you can cause them to align with the will of God through your faith-filled words. Glory to God!

CONFESSION

I've been graced to reign in this life, through righteousness. I make decrees and they're established, because I function in, and with, the authority of Christ. I refuse sickness, failure, defeat and death. I reject anything that's not of God, and endorse only that which is consistent with His perfect will for me. Hallelujah!

FURTHER STUDY:

Romans 5:17 AMPC; Revelation 5:9-10

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 24:1-35 & Exodus 26-27

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 12:10-21 & Genesis 34



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THURSDAY 4

THE HOLY SPIRIT —THE FATHER’S BLESSING



And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him (Acts 5:32).

Luke 11:13 is one of the scriptures many misapply and misunderstand about receiving the Holy Spirit. There, Jesus said, ***“If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?”*** But then, He wasn’t talking to Christians, but to those under the Old Covenant.

Anyone could have received the Holy Spirit by asking; but sadly, most never did because they didn’t ask. Jesus said ask and it shall be given unto you (Luke 11:9). But after the New Testament was effected, from the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Word never told anyone to ask for the Holy Spirit. What we’re told is how the apostles ministered the Holy Spirit to people; they ***“...prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost”*** (Acts 8:15); and some received without prayer (Acts 10:44-46).

It’s actually pointless to ask God for the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is one of the cardinal gifts of God—to all men. By simply obeying His call to believe the Gospel, anyone can receive Him. He said in Acts 2:17, ***“And***

it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh...." See also, Acts 5:32, Hebrews 5:9, Romans 2:8.

Notice He didn't say, "I will pour out of my Spirit upon all Christians, but upon all flesh." This is the Father's blessing. It has come now. Without the Holy Spirit, you can't live the Christian life. God desires that you walk in the fullness of the Spirit and live righteously and victoriously in this present world.

If you haven't received the Holy Spirit since you've been born again, Galatians 3:14 says, ***"...that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith."*** Simply say, "In the Name of Jesus Christ, I open my heart now, and I receive the Holy Spirit." Then by faith, receive as simply as you received Christ. While thanking Him, you may even now be filled with the Spirit, speaking with tongues or prophesying. Glory to God!

CONFESSION

I live an extraordinary life of excellence and the supernatural, because I'm filled with the Holy Spirit who leads me and directs my steps in victory, glory, dominion and power. He blesses the world through me, for He's made me a life-giver and fountain of blessings. Blessed be God!

FURTHER STUDY:

Acts 19:6-7; John 6:63 AMPC; Joel 2:28-29

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 24:36-51 & Exodus 28

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 12:22-30 & Genesis 35



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FRIDAY 5

BUILD YOUR LIFE ON TRUTH



Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path (Psalm 119:105).

Many have founded their lives on the misinformation, assumptions and theories of men, rather than on the Word of God. Unlike this world and everything in it, you can rely on the Word; it's infallible, and immutable; the Word is eternal, and must be the source of the information you live by.

The internet where many consult for information has been corrupted and invaded with disinformation to rob you of your faith in the Bible and Jesus Christ. They write things against the Bible, against the things that Jesus said, against the things the prophets said. They claim to find contradictions in the Bible and that it needs to be reviewed. These are misguided minds and deceivers who are void of the Holy Spirit!

The Bible is the only reliable material on the face of the earth. When you stand before the Lord, He's not going to ask you what your history teacher or professor taught you. He's going to ask you about His Word, because the information therein was God-inspired.

Our opening verse describes the ministry of the Word in giving you direction in life. No matter

what you hear or read, follow only the guidance and direction of the Word. Build your life on God's truth.

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for the gift of the Scriptures. I open my heart and mind to your Word, to be guided as I yield to the awesome power of the Holy Spirit today. As I study the Word with spiritual understanding, I receive a deeper insight into the past, present and future of your plans and purpose for the Church, for me, and for the world, and I'm built up and catapulted to my next level of success, victory and prosperity, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

2 Timothy 3:14-17; John 14:26; John 17:17

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 25:1-30 & Exodus 29-30

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 12:31-38 & Genesis 36



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SATURDAY 6

YOUR HANDS ARE BLESSED



Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid (1 Corinthians 6:15).

Jesus said, “You shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover” (Mark 16:18), because your hands aren’t ordinary; they’re the hands of Jesus. That’s what we read in our theme verse: “Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ?” Your feet are the feet of Christ. Your eyes are the eyes of Christ. He walks, talks, sees and blesses through you. Hallelujah!

I’ve often wondered when Christians sing, “My hands are blessed...” if they understand the implication of their words and the power of the truth professed. The reason your hands are blessed is that they’re the hands of Jesus, and He’s made you a blessing. So, your hands are the extension of you (the blessing), because you’re the extension of Christ. Hallelujah!

Therefore, learn to use your hands. There’s victory-power through your hands. There’s a profuse effusion of divine power when you stretch or lift your hands in prayer and worship. The same thing happens when you stretch it in the direction of a situation you want

changed or something or someone you want blessed.

For example, if there's something that's been damaged in your home, or there's a situation in your life that you want changed, with your mouth and your hands, you can change anything! The Bible tells us that by the stretching forth of the hands of the apostles, many signs and wonders were wrought amongst the people (Acts 5:12).

As you stretch forth your hands, hopes will be restored; burdens will be lifted; sicknesses and diseases will be healed; destinies will be changed, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Use your hands today in faith, and watch miracles happen.

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for your power in me. You've infused me with divine ability to heal, deliver, remove burdens and cause people to prosper! I'm a package of solution to my world. Thank you for your grace at work in me to bless and lift others, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Exodus 17:11-13; Luke 4:40-41; Mark 16:17-18

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 25:31-46 & Exodus 31

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 12:39-50 & Genesis 37



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SUNDAY 7

YOU CARRY THE GLORY IN YOU



*When the LORD shall build up Zion,
he shall appear in his glory. This shall
be written for the generation to come...
(Psalm 102:16,18).*

The only thing the Christian is yet to receive that should happen in the earth is the redemption—the transformation or glorification of his physical body. Meaning that we’re going to put on a new body, but that body is going to come from heaven and the Bible tells us exactly when that’s going to happen. It says, ***“In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye...we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption...”*** (1 Corinthians 15:52-53).

However, currently, we carry in our earthly vessels, the glory of Christ. Paul calls it a treasure; he says, ***“... We have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God and not of us”*** (2 Corinthians 4:7). The light of God is in you, in your spirit. You bear the perfections of Christ. Hallelujah!

The Bible says, ***“For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined 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). You’re truly the living tabernacle of God! Christ is alive

in you. Why is this so important?

It's because the Church has transcended the babyhood stage; we've come of age! We read in our theme verse that when the Lord shall build up Zion, He shall appear in His glory; and this shall be written for the last generation. We are the last generation; the generation called to manifest His glory in the earth. This is what the earth has been waiting for. Romans 8:19 says, ***“For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.”*** We're in office; we've taken our place of dominion, impacting our world with the glory of God.

CONFESSION

As I meditate on the Word, I'm continually transfigured; and not only do I walk in the glory of God, I am the glory of God! With this glory, I impact my world today, changing hopeless situations and shining ever so brightly in a dark world. I can never be defeated! Hallelujah!

FURTHER STUDY:

John 17:22; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Isaiah 60:1-2

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 26:1-30 & Exodus 32-33

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 13:1-9 & Genesis 38



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MONDAY 8

YOU HAVE A PERMANENT MERCY SEAT



Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God (Romans 3:25).

There're those who try out all sorts of rituals to receive remission of sins. Some even inflict harsh wounds on themselves, trying to pay for their sins by their own blood or their own suffering. But all that is futile. If this has been your journey or experience, stop in your tracks! Stop the struggle! Jesus has paid for you.

The Bible says He was set forth to be the appeasement for your sins. The Greek word translated "propitiation" in our theme verse is "hilasterion," and it means the place of mercy, or "Mercy Seat." In the Old Testament, the Mercy Seat was the covering of the ark of God. God met there with the High Priest, and His presence was on the Mercy Seat.

But today, Jesus Christ is God's place of mercy for us; He's the Mercy Seat, the medium of expiation. Jesus was set forth for that purpose, so that God would declare His own righteousness for letting sinners go free. You have a permanent mercy seat—Christ Jesus! This is different from the one that the High Priests went into every year in the Old Testament.

In the Old Testament, the High Priests offered the

sacrificial lamb, and confessed the sins of the people over the scapegoat. But the following year, there was a remembrance of their sins again. The sins that were past couldn't be remitted. The Bible says, ***“But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins”*** (Hebrews 10:3-4).

But the Apostle Paul declared, ***“Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man (Jesus) is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses”*** (Acts 13:38-39). He offered to God a perfect sacrifice for all-time and eternity, such that there'll be no more remembrance of sins. This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Receive it for yourself, and preach it to those in your world. Praise God!

CONFESSION

I've been justified, declared righteous freely, by the grace of Jesus Christ, through the redemption that's in His blood! He's my Mercy Seat! Righteousness has been credited to my account, because I was born in Christ, into His mercy and grace. I've been declared “not guilty,” because Jesus was delivered to death for my offences, and raised back to life for my acquittal. Blessed be His Name forever!

FURTHER STUDY:

Hebrews 10:11-14; Galatians 4:4-5; Romans 4:25

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 26:31-56 & Exodus 34-35

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 13:10-23 & Genesis 39



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TUESDAY 9

THE HOLY SPIRIT: THE GLORY OF CHRISTIANITY



But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his (Romans 8:9).

It's impossible to live the authentic Christian life without the Holy Spirit; as a matter of fact, what you'd have wouldn't qualify to be called the Christian life. The Holy Spirit is the glory of Christianity. You couldn't know God or love Jesus without the Holy Spirit. Christians who don't have the Holy Spirit are vulnerable to Satan, to his attacks, manoeuvres and manipulations.

In Matthew 12:43-44, Jesus tells us something instructive, which in a sense, describes the condition of the one who doesn't have the Holy Spirit. He said, ***“When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished.”***

The one who's born again but hasn't received the Holy Spirit has his “spirit” swept and garnished, but empty! Consequently, he easily falls into temptations

and sin. He'd be unable to control his fleshly appetites or restrain himself from evil. It's only through the Holy Spirit that you mortify the deeds of the body and carnal desires: ***“For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live”*** (Romans 8:13).

Without the Holy Spirit, you can't have the character of Christ. Jesus had to have the Holy Spirit. The apostles had to have the Holy Spirit. Life without the Holy Spirit is empty. If you haven't received the Holy Spirit, do so right away. Simply say, “Blessed Holy Spirit, I receive you into my heart now in the Name of Jesus Christ”; and be filled with the Spirit of God. Amen.

PRAYER

Precious Holy Spirit, I'm grateful for the privilege of fellowship with you. You've set me on the path of consistent progress, unending success and recurrent victory. You brought fruitfulness and productivity into my life, making my Christian walk one of beauty and joy. I pray for those who haven't known you, that they be granted an understanding of your indispensable ministry in their lives, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Acts 19:2-6; John 14:16-17

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 26:57-75 & Exodus 36-37

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 13:24-33 & Genesis 40



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WEDNESDAY 10

IMPREGNABLE TO SICKNESS



But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you (Romans 8:11).

When we say we're Christians, we're not just saying we worship God by Jesus Christ. In John 15:5, Jesus said, "I'm the vine, you're the branches. I'm in you, and you're in me." That's mutual inhabitation! This is real to God, and it needs to be real to you. You're not an ordinary person. The life you received in Christ can't be destroyed by sickness, disease and infirmity.

Years ago, I shared on a very important subject, "The impact of the Holy Spirit on the human body." The human body is impacted by the presence of the Holy Ghost. When you have the Holy Spirit inside you, your body is literally affected. Colossians 1:27 says, **"...Christ in you, the hope of glory."** Then Romans 8:10 shows us the implication of Christ being in you; it says, "And if Christ be in you, though your body be dead because of sin, the Spirit gives it life because of righteousness."

He wants you to understand that Christ in you isn't a religious statement; it's not a meaningless statement. Now that Christ is in you, your body is vitalized by the Spirit! You're impregnable to sickness, disease, and infirmity. Oftentimes, a lot of the infections people suffer affect the blood; it's due to the blood life of the human body. But being born again, your body is no longer dependent on blood for its life. Your body lives by the Spirit. Read our opening verse again and discover who you are and what you have in Christ!

Now that you're born again and have received the Holy Spirit, you should never be sick again in your life! Refuse to yield your body to sickness. Take charge and rule over your body with the Word of God.

CONFESSION

Jesus took care of every form of pain that could have ever come to me. Therefore, with God's Word on my lips, I establish that victory in my life! I'm immune to sickness, disease and infirmity, because I have the life and nature of God in me! Glory to God!

FURTHER STUDY:

Luke 10:19; Isaiah 33:24; Proverbs 4:20-22

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 27:1-26 & Exodus 38-39

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 13:34-43 & Genesis 41



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THURSDAY 11

THE MYSTERY OF LIGHTS



*And the light shineth in darkness;
and the darkness comprehended it
not (John 1:5).*

The Apostle John gave us the revelation of the incarnate Word. He describes how He (the Word) was in the world, but the world knew Him not. He unequivocally declares that God's Word is life; that life being the light of men!

In the fifth verse, he continues, ***“And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.”*** The word translated “comprehend” is the Greek, “katalambanō”; it means to seize, to attain, and also, to overcome. Thus, the light shines in darkness and the darkness couldn't attain to its power; it couldn't overcome, nor seize it.

The darkness couldn't take a hold of, or comprehend the mystery of lights. The darkness couldn't overpower or overcome light, and still hasn't! Have you ever turned on the light in a room and the darkness was so thick that it caused the light to recede? That can never happen! Even if the light is small or a mere flicker, the darkness has to pull apart.

This should help you understand who you are when Jesus said, ***“Ye are the light of the world...”***

(Matthew 5:14). He was talking about your calling as a Christian, and you must become conscious of this truth. You're called to light up the darkness in your world, in your sphere of influence; you're that light that darkness can't comprehend.

Perhaps you're a student, a security guard, a lawyer, a banker, doctor or scientist; you're the light in your community of practice. If there's so much darkness surrounding a subject, you're the one to proffer answers. You're the light in that field, imbued with supernatural ideas and genius for the solutions needed.

Light up your world today: ***“Let your light so shine before men that they may see your moral excellence and your praiseworthy, noble, and good deeds and recognize and honor and praise and glorify your Father Who is in heaven”*** (Matthew 5:16 AMPC).

CONFESSION

Everywhere I am, and in all that I do, my light shines with so much intensity for the world to see. I openly manifest the glory of God in my world, dispelling, ousting, and expelling darkness and all of the works thereof, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Matthew 5:16; Ephesians 5:13

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 27:27-44 & Exodus 40

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 13:44-52 & Genesis 42



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PERSISTING IN PRAYER



...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much (James 5:16).

The Amplified Classic version of our theme verse places the premium on persistent prayer: ***“...The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working].”*** The word “continued” is a clear indication that there must be some persistence. You don’t just mutter a few words and say the issue is “done and dusted”; you keep pushing, until you have the note of victory in your spirit.

Let’s take a cue from the Master. On a certain occasion, He took His three closest disciples—Peter, James and John with Him to a place called Gethsemane, to pray. Matthew 26:39 tells us, ***“And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.”***

Luke, by the Spirit, reveals, ***“And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground”*** (Luke 22:44). Jesus was distraught, and He prayed with much intensity. This was no casual two-minute prayer! Recall that He chastised the disciples for their weakness and inability to keep watch (pray)

with Him for an hour (Matthew 26:40).

The Lord persisted because He understood what was at stake. What He was praying about was beyond Himself; He was about to endure a separation from His Father. It was about the salvation of generations: past, present and future. He was looking at eternity, for all those who had gone by, and those who were living at the time, and those who would ever come. So, He prayed and persisted in prayer.

This is what is required of us today; the stakes are much higher than ever. There's a fight for the souls of men and we must agonize in prayer for their salvation. We must keep praying and interceding until the last soul that must be won is reached and brought into the Kingdom before the Rapture of the Church.

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for helping me build a strong and prevailing prayer life through the Holy Spirit. Even now, I pray for a great and mighty haul of souls into the Kingdom; your glory covers the earth today, and the souls of the unconverted are impacted with the light of your Gospel, turning them from darkness to light and glorious liberty of the sons of God, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

1 Timothy 2:8; Luke 18:1-5

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 27:45-66 & Leviticus 1-3

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 13:53-58 & Genesis 43



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SATURDAY 13

MAKE POWER AVAILABLE FIRST



...The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working] (James 5:16 AMPC).

Many don't understand the importance of heartfelt, continued prayers. They speak forth words ever before spending quality time in prayer and they wonder why their declarations aren't effective. You have to learn how to make power available, first!

When you've made power available, then make proclamations of faith, the change you desire would be established. Read the story of Elijah in 1 Kings 17-18. He had prayed drought into existence—and it didn't rain—not a drop for three and a half years. When it was time for the drought to end, Elijah petitioned the Lord for rain. It wasn't just some short, casual cobbling of words in prayer; no! It was earnest, heartfelt, continued and fervent.

He sent out his servant six times to see if there was a sign as he continued in prayer, expecting an answer. The servant came back the seventh time and said, "I see a small cloud, very small, like the size of a man's hand, rising out of the sea." That was all Elijah

needed; he knew he had prevailed!

He told his servant, ***“...Quickly then, on your way. Tell Ahab, ‘Saddle up and get down from the mountain before the rain stops you’”*** (1 Kings 18:44 MSG). Observe the sequence. Elijah made tremendous power available through heartfelt prayers, and then gave the word.

Same way, after you’ve stirred up a Holy Ghost storm in your closet, that’s when you speak forth “rhema.” That’s one sure way you can effectively alter the course of events to align with God’s divine plan, purpose and will in your life, family, city, nation and around the world.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I pray for nations of the world today, that your will and purpose be established everywhere. May the hearts of leaders and those in authority be yielded to do and follow what’s right. And I declare that the power and influence of those who have set their hearts to do evil be cut off, and their desires thwarted, in Jesus’ Name! The Church prevails and dominates by the power of the Spirit. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

James 5:16-18 AMPC; 1 Kings 18:41-44

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 28 & Leviticus 4-5

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 14:1-10 & Genesis 44



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SUNDAY 14

DO IT FOR HIS GLORY



Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves (Philippians 2:3).

The Amplified Classic translation puts our theme verse in a clearer perspective. It says, ***“Do nothing from factional motives [through contentiousness, strife, selfishness, or for unworthy ends] or prompted by conceit and empty arrogance....”*** It brings to mind the confrontation between the Prophet Elijah and the false prophets of Baal in 1 Kings 18.

Some have studied that portion and ran off with the idea that what Elijah did was to project himself for others to applaud, but that’s not true. The prophet challenged King Ahab to gather the Israelites and the prophets of the false gods—four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal and four hundred prophets of Asherah—at Mount Carmel. They were to prepare a sacrifice, and call down fire from heaven to consume the sacrifice. The one who succeeded would be revealed as the true prophet.

Each group prepared a bull on an altar and called on their god to send fire from heaven. The prophets of Baal called on their god and cried and cut themselves, but there was no response from their god. When it was Elijah’s turn, he drenched the sacrifice with water; then

he called to God and God sent fire from heaven. The fire completely engulfed the sacrifice.

Read Elijah's words in 1 Kings 18:36: **"...LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word."** He was following the guidance of God's Spirit. That confrontation wasn't a show of his sense of self, or self-importance; it was solely based on the Lord's guidance.

Observe the result: the Israelites lost faith in Ahab and followed Elijah's guidance in trusting and recognizing God's sovereignty. What Elijah did glorified the Lord God of Israel before the people. Whatever you do for the Lord shouldn't be out of selfish ambition or conceit. It should be for His glory. You must learn to follow the Spirit in the Word, by the Word, and through the Word just like Elijah did. And your works, and your ways, will glorify the Lord.

PRAYER

Dear Father, your Word is the light that guides my thoughts, plans, decisions, and helps me navigate through life in glory. I follow your guidance solely, and my heart is devoid of conceit. Through your Word, I receive direction, illumination and insight into the mysteries and realities of the Kingdom, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

1 Kings 18:30-39

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 1:1-20 & Leviticus 6-7

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 14:11-21 & Genesis 45



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MONDAY 15

GIVE MORE ATTENTION TO PRAYER



...The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working] (James 5:16 AMPC).

Matthew 17 recounts the story of an epileptic boy whom Jesus' disciples couldn't heal. He was eventually brought by his father to Jesus, and the Bible says, ***"...Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour"*** (Matthew 17:18).

The disciples, bemused, went privately to Jesus and inquired why they couldn't cast the devil out. Jesus replied, ***"...Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting"*** (Matthew 17:20-21).

Jesus' response gives us an idea as to a certain kind of preparation that's necessary for certain things. So, the kind of impact you want to make in the spirit will be determined by the seriousness that you put in prayer. If you're going to birth something, for example, that of course, would require some more time of intense

fellowship in prayer.

It's part of the reason we emphasize personal times of prayer, where you shut everything and everyone else out to spend time with the Lord. Have a planned and robust prayer routine; schedule quality times devoid of distractions, for personal fellowship with the Lord. Give more attention to this, especially in these last days.

PRAAYER

Dear Father, I'm grateful for the opportunity to pray and bring about deliberate changes during these times of fellowship. I pray for lost souls world over, that the veil of darkness be lifted from their minds, and that they become receptive to the Gospel. I also declare that ministers of the Gospel are strengthened, that many more saints may be perfected for this great work, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Jeremiah 29:12; Ephesians 6:18 AMPC

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 1:21-45 & Leviticus 8

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 14:22-33 & Genesis 46



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TUESDAY 16

ADD MORE KNOWLEDGE



Study and be eager and do your utmost to present yourself to God approved (tested by trial), a workman who has no cause to be ashamed, correctly analyzing and accurately dividing [rightly handling and skillfully teaching] the Word of Truth (2 Timothy 2:15 AMPC).

God said, *“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children”* (Hosea 4:6). The knowledge of God’s Word for each one of us is very important. You must therefore seek to have, by all means, an accurate knowledge of the Word; there’s no alternative to it.

The will, nature, and purpose of God are revealed in His Word. To neglect the Word is to be in the dark about the will of the Father and how He wants you to live. We’ve produced several materials to help you in your personal study. For example, Rhapsody of Realities devotional is a life guide designed to enhance your spiritual growth and development by bringing you a fresh perspective from God’s Word every day.

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PRAYER

Dear Father, I rejoice, for opening my heart to the glorious inheritance I have in Christ. My heart is continually flooded with knowledge and spiritual understanding. Through the knowledge of the Word, I live above lack, sickness, disease, defeat and all the rudiments of this world. My life is upward and forward only, from glory to glory, from faith to faith, and from grace to grace, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

2 Peter 1:5; Acts 20:32

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 2:1-22 & Leviticus 9-10

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 14:34-15:1-9 & Genesis 47



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WEDNESDAY 17

EXAMINE WHAT YOU HEAR



*My dear friends, don't believe everything you hear. Carefully weigh and examine what people tell you. Not everyone who talks about God comes from God. There are a lot of lying preachers loose in the world
(1 John 4:1 MSG).*

There're those who quote Romans 13:1 and assume they should do whatever they're told to do, as long as the one giving such instructions is a person of authority. They'd say, "He's a renowned leader; therefore, he must be speaking the truth"; but that's not how it works.

First, let's review that scripture properly; it says, ***"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God"*** (Romans 13:1). Our opening verse tells us to test the spirits. That's why you don't just run with, or do whatever you're told by just anybody; examine where that authority is coming from. It could be from Satan. So, you have to be careful.

God can choose a leader, and the leader can go rogue against God. The Scripture is replete with examples of those that went against God, even though they were chosen of God. Let's take the story of King Saul as a case study. In 1 Samuel 15, Samuel the prophet gave very definite instructions to King Saul. He was to go to war against Amalek and destroy everything connected to them, with no exceptions!

Saul went out as instructed, and had the victory. He utterly destroyed all that was despised and worthless, but spared what he deemed choice and valuable. Not only did he spare Agag, the king, he also spared the best of the sheep and oxen, and all that was good. What was God's response?

He said to Samuel the prophet, ***"I regret making Saul king, for he has turned back from following Me and has not performed My commands..."*** (1 Samuel 15:11 AMPC). This shows that not every leader listens to God or wants to do what's right.

Therefore subject all things to the light of God's Word. 1 Thessalonians 5:21 says, ***"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good."*** Just because you felt good about what someone of authority told you doesn't mean it was from God. Always remember that God's Word is the supreme authority by which we judge all things.

Also, to the leaders, it's important you listen to God. Find out what He wants, and do His will. Refuse to compromise. Examine your policies to be sure they're good for God and for people.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I consciously weigh every instruction against the truth of the Word, irrespective of who gives it. I refuse to go contrary to your Word, which gives life, light, direction and purpose to me. My steps are ordered by you, through the Word and your Spirit, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Matthew 7:15-16; 2 Corinthians 11:13-15

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 2:23-3:1-12 & Leviticus 11-12

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 15:10-20 & Genesis 48



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THURSDAY 18

IT'S IN YOU



Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us (Ephesians 3:20).

Some people blame God for every unfortunate event in their lives and in the world, and that's as a result of their ignorance. God is all-powerful; yet, His power to produce the miracle you desire or require is inside you; you only need to put it to work.

Read our theme verse again carefully; it says, ***“Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.”*** Whatever God will do in your life is to the extent of the operation of His power in you. Therefore, you really can't, and shouldn't hold Him accountable for all the happenings in your life.

He's also not the one “delaying” the fulfilment of His Word in your life; you're the one to activate the power in you. It makes no difference what you need; be it healing, increased finances, a new job, a child, growth and expansion in ministry, business or in your career, success in your academics, etc. the power to make it happen is inside you. The Lord Jesus said in Acts 1:8, ***“But ye shall receive power, after that the***

Holy Ghost is come upon you....” That power is the dynamic ability to effect changes, and the quickest way to activate it is speaking in other tongues.

1 Corinthians 14:4 says, ***“He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself....”*** That means the one who speaks in other tongues energises or activates himself in the supernatural; he stirs up divine power from within. That power of God is also activated when you affirm His Word with boldness.

God and His Word are one. When you declare the Word concerning any situation, you’re invoking His power to bring about a change in that situation. Maintain the habit of meditating on the Word; contemplating and speaking it forth, and you’ll experience the release of the power of God in your life.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for your power that works in me mightily, to bring about the changes that I desire. Even now, I’m transformed by your glory, and your Word prevails in my life, causing me to reign and rule in righteousness and excellence, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Colossians 1:29; Romans 8:26-27 AMPC; Ephesians 5:18-19

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 3:13-35 & Leviticus 13-14

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 15:21-28 & Genesis 49



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FRIDAY 19

A GIFT TO THE WORLD



In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began; But hath in due times manifested his word through preaching, which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God our Saviour (Titus 1:2-3).

How beautiful this is; eternal life was a promise before the world began, which has now been fulfilled. God's plan was to make it available to men through the preaching of the Gospel. It was a gift to the whole world. You might say, "O, I thought eternal life was a gift to Christians?" No; John 3:16 says, ***"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."***

When a sinner believes in Jesus, and confesses his Lordship, he or she receives eternal life, and becomes a Christian. Receiving that life brings you into oneness and sonship with God. Jesus said in John 5:26, ***"For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself."*** John tells us in his epistle, ***"And this is the record, that God hath given***

to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life” (1 John 5:11-12). Eternal life is the present-hour possession of the one who has Jesus: “...this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life.”

For many, eternal life means the life that goes on and on forever; but that’s only a part of it. Eternal life is the superior life and nature of God; the God-life. It’s the essence of divinity. This life in you makes you superior to Satan; and it supplanted your human life when you were born again. Glory to God!

CONFESSIO

Eternal life is in my spirit. I’m not ordinary; the divine life courses through my being! I’m an associate of the God-kind; superior to Satan, impregnable to sickness, disease and infirmities. Hallelujah!

FURTHER STUDY:

Romans 6:23; John 10:26-28; John 17:3

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 4:1-20 & Leviticus 15

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 15:29-39 & Genesis 50



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SATURDAY 20

YOUR FAITH WILL BE TESTED



Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth (Revelation 3:10).

In 2 Thessalonians 2:3, Paul the Apostle said, ***“Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition.”***

It says many will defect from the Faith. Why would this happen? In Judges 7, when God wanted Gideon to go fight the Midianites, God assured him through the angel that he (Gideon) would defeat his enemies.

Gideon thought he'd need an army; so, he gathered his soldiers. But God said to him, “If you go with so many soldiers, you might think that you won the battle by yourselves. Tell everyone who's afraid to go home”; and the Bible says twenty-two thousand of them went home (Judges 7:3). Then God said, “I want to test the remaining ten thousand soldiers. Bring them to the stream and tell them to drink water. You'll retain only those who watch out for the enemy while they drink.”

And the Bible says only three hundred of them passed that test (Read Judges 7:4-6). They didn't even know they were being tested. Also, in Jeremiah 9, the

Bible says the people accustomed their tongues to lies. They were so false that even a brother couldn't be trusted. Because of this deceit and hypocrisy, and lying, God said, ***"...Behold, I will melt them, and try them..."*** (Jeremiah 9:7). This is going to be happening in these last days. A great test is coming, and it has already begun, because God must separate those that are real from those that aren't real; those who were never true with God.

If this weren't serious, Jesus wouldn't require to intervene on behalf of the church in Philadelphia, as read in our theme verse. If your faith in Christ is genuine, it's going to be tested: ***"That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ"*** (1 Peter 1:7). Let Jesus Christ and His Kingdom be all that matters to you in this life.

CONFESSION

I'm deeply rooted and grounded in Christ. I live to fulfill God's dream, His vision of Kingdom expansion, and world evangelization. I'm focused on things above, and not on the transient pleasures of this world. I remain steadfast, unmovable, doing the work of the Lord with joy, as I look forward to His appearing.

FURTHER STUDY:

Job 23:10; Colossians 3:1-2; Revelation 3:9-10 CEV

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 4:21-41 & Leviticus 16-18

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 16:1-12 & Exodus 1



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SUNDAY 21

“ONE BREAD AND ONE BODY”



Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat (John 6:31).

What we read in our theme verse was the Lord Jesus addressing the Jews. In verses 32-33, He continued, “...**Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.**”

Then in the forty-ninth verse, He further emphasised His point: “**Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die**” (John 6:49-50). Jesus is the Living Bread; the bread which came down from heaven.

He explained this to His disciples in John 6:51, saying, “**I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.**” Then the Apostle Paul, in 1 Corinthians 10:17, explains how this connects to us. He said, “**For we being many are one**

bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread." If we're one bread with Him, it therefore means we have the same life, because we're born of the Word (1 Peter 1:23), just as He is the Word made flesh (John 1:14).

Colossians 1:18 says, **"And he (Christ) is the head of the body, the church..."** The head and the body share the same life. If we share His life, then we also share His health, prosperity, strength and glory. No wonder He calls us, "Partakers of the divine nature"; associates of the God-kind. 1 John 4:17 says, **"...as he is, so are we in this world."** You're of the same stock with Christ. Therefore, walk as He walked—in glory, righteousness, strength and dominion. Hallelujah!

CONFESSION

Blessed be God! I'm one with the Lord, because I'm born of His living and eternal Word! My ancestry is divine; I'm indomitable, and live above the elements of this world. I reign and rule gloriously in the realm of life, through Christ Jesus. Hallelujah!

FURTHER STUDY:

Ephesians 5:30; 1 John 4:17; 1 Corinthians 10:17 AMPC

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 5:1-20 & Leviticus 19-21

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 16:13-20 & Exodus 2



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MONDAY 22

YOU'RE WHAT YOU SAY



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

Your life is the summation of the words that come out of you. Our opening verse emphasizes the importance of framing your life with your words. That's the most beautiful natural gift from God to man; the gift of words; the ability to speak and make words.

Life produces for you a harvest of what you say, and here, there's no middle ground. As a Christian, you must keep talking; if you want to live in health, talk health. If you want to walk in righteousness and always produce works of righteousness, then talk righteousness; every so often, consciously declare, "I'm the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. I produce works and fruits of righteousness."

You have to say it, to live it. You might say, "What if I haven't been saying anything? What will my life be like?" You'll still have a harvest; unfortunately, it'll be the wrong one. It's like leaving a garden unattended;

weeds will definitely grow of their own accord. Keep yourself in victory, dominion and prosperity with your words.

God already did all that's necessary for you to have and enjoy life in Christ to the full, through the power of the Holy Spirit. It's your responsibility now to keep things that way and it's mainly by your confession. Always affirm that you have a great life. Declare that you've been called to glory and virtue; a life of power, and moral excellence. Make these declarations every day.

There isn't anything you don't have (1 Corinthians 3:21; 2 Peter 1:3), and there isn't anything you can't do (Philippians 4:13). Therefore, always declare abundance, supernatural provisions, strength, possibilities and victories, and your life will go in that direction only.

CONFESSION

The glory of God is revealed in me today; His wisdom is seen and heard in me, as I walk in the Word and produce fruits of righteousness. I'm supernaturally enabled and supplied; nothing missing or broken in my life! I'm full of strength, because Christ is in me; He's my glory, my righteousness, wisdom, success and prosperity. Blessed be His Name forever.

FURTHER STUDY:

Hebrews 11:3; Matthew 12:36-37 NIV

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 5:21-43 & Leviticus 22-23

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 16:21-28 & Exodus 3



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TUESDAY 23

LIVING FOR HIS GLORY



And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again (2 Corinthians 5:15).

In these last days, there's only one thing that matters: living for the Lord; living for His glory; living a life of purpose. Jesus showed us the example to follow in this regard. In John 17:4, He said, ***"I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do."***

That ought to be your thinking as well; glorifying the Father should be your passion and purpose for living. How do you glorify the Father? It's by doing His will; doing that which He commits to you and finishing the work. Have you discovered His purpose for your life? Are you about His work?

The purpose of the Father is the salvation of the whole world. That's the reason He sent Jesus. And your purpose in life is connected to this. No matter what you do in life, if you're not reaching the lost and winning souls, you're living an empty life. The Bible says God is unwilling that any should perish but that all men should come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9). You

bring Him glory in making this happen.

He seeks to beautify the lives of those around you, and lead them into righteousness through you; that's living a purposeful life. It doesn't matter how fruitful or effective you might have been in other areas, you must seek to excel in soul winning, in taking the Gospel to the lost, hopeless, hurting and downtrodden, not just in your world, but also in the regions beyond.

A life well lived, a successful life that pleases God, is one that achieves those things God destined you to do. Therefore, bring Him glory by being effectual in leading men to righteousness.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for giving me the opportunity and ability to influence those in my world with the Gospel. I go forth today, in the fullness of the blessings of Christ, impacting my world with your grace and righteousness, turning men from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

John 15:8; Matthew 5:16; 2 Corinthians 5:15 AMPC

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 6:1-29 & Leviticus 24

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 17:1-13 & Exodus 4



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WEDNESDAY 24

SEE THE WORD IN PICTURES



While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal (2 Corinthians 4:18).

When you study the Scriptures, learn to do so with pictures; see with the eyes of your spirit; believe and act accordingly. It's the blessings that your spirit takes a hold of that'll manifest in your life. Therefore, as you listen to, or study the Word, visualize your victory, prosperity, health, peace, progress and success from within, and affirm accordingly.

Before the physical manifestation of the glory and victories that you desire in life, you must see them first within you. Once you can see it from within, then it's yours. You can never have it on the outside if you didn't first have it within. That's where some have missed it. They want to see first with their physical eyes before calling it real; that's not faith. Faith is calling real that which the physical senses can't perceive.

For example, God said to Abraham, ***Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee...*** (Genesis 17:5-6). Abraham first had to visualise himself as the father of many nations. At the time God spoke to him, he was ninety-nine years old,

and Sarah his wife, was equally old and barren.

Nevertheless, the Bible says, ***“He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God”*** (Romans 4:20). In Genesis 15:5, the Lord had said to him, ***“...Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and ... So shall thy seed be.”*** Abraham believed. He saw the picture of his uncountable descendants—numerous as the stars—from within.

What is it that you desire in your life today? Is it a child? See it inside first. Is it the growth and expansion of your church, a new job or business? Create the picture and take possession in the spirit, and with your spirit, first, because it’s already real in the spirit-realm. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for the gift to comprehend the wonderful blessings you’ve prepared for me to enjoy in Christ. I visualize my victory, prosperity, health, peace, progress and success in your Word by the power of the Holy Spirit, and take possession of these realities through my faith proclamations. The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places, and indeed, I have a goodly heritage. Hallelujah!

FURTHER STUDY:

Ecclesiastes 3:11; Genesis 13:14-15; Genesis 15:5-6

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 6:30-56 & Leviticus 25

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 17:14-21 & Exodus 5



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THURSDAY 25

THE SPIRIT HAS BEEN POURED OUT



And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions (Joel 2:28).

The Bible says *“...no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost”* (1 Corinthians 12:3). No one can confess the Lordship of Jesus or decide to serve God, except drawn by the Holy Spirit. When the Bible says the word of salvation is nigh thee, even in thy mouth and in thy heart (Romans 10:8), it’s the Holy Spirit that puts that word in your heart. Right from when someone professes the Lordship of Jesus for salvation, it’s the Holy Spirit already working in his or her life.

God, knowing that everyone needs the Holy Spirit to believe the Gospel, said in our theme verse, *“...I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy...”* Note the underlined phrase, “all flesh.” In fact, the Complete Jewish Bible clarifies it. It says, *“After this, I will pour out my Spirit on all humanity. Your sons and daughters will prophesy...”* (Joel 3:1 CJB). So, the “all flesh” in the KJV actually means “all humanity.”

The Spirit has been poured out on ALL HUMANITY; this is the reason anyone today can hear and receive the Gospel. In Acts 2, the Bible says a large crowd of Jews came from different nations of the world to celebrate Pentecost (Read Acts 2:9-12). As Peter ministered the Gospel to them, three thousand of them gave their hearts to Christ.

The next time Peter ministered, it was five thousand souls that got converted (Acts 4:4). Before long, there was a multitude of believers in Jerusalem! Why? The Holy Ghost had been poured out on all men, as promised in Joel 2:28. Glory to God!

This is why we preach the Gospel, because we know everyone has the capacity to accept the Word of God. The Holy Spirit is all over the world, working, convicting the world of sin and drawing men to righteousness. Praise God!

PRAYER

I'm a partner with God in changing the world; His partner in soul winning. What an honour it is to preach the Gospel to all men upon whom the Holy Ghost has been poured out! The hearts of men and women around the world are made ready to receive the Gospel today; it's reaching all nations and every creature, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Mark 16:15-16; John 3:16; 1 Corinthians 9:16

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 7:1-23 & Leviticus 26-27

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 17:22-27 & Exodus 6



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FRIDAY 26

BLESSED AND HIGHLY FAVOURED



*To the praise of the glory of his
grace, wherein he hath made us
accepted in the beloved
(Ephesians 1:6).*

The word “accepted” in the scripture above is “charitoō” (Greek), and it means to grace; that is, to be imbued with special honour; make accepted or be highly favoured. So, the scripture should actually read, “...He has made us highly favoured in the beloved.” Hallelujah!

Someone in Scripture who got such a description was Mary. Luke 1:28 says, **“And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured....”** And that’s exactly what God is telling you; you’re blessed and highly favoured.

Mary was blessed and highly favoured because she was to carry Jesus in her womb through the Word. Today, you’re carrying Jesus in your spirit through the Word. Glory to God! His Word isn’t just in you, His Word is your life, for you’re born of the Word. What a life He’s given us!

What does it mean to be favoured? It means that you’re blessed beyond measure; you’re blessed of God even when you don’t seem to deserve it. In essence, look beyond your ability; look beyond whether or not you qualify; God Himself is your ability and your sufficiency. That’s what it says in 2 Corinthians 3:5,

“Our sufficiency is of Him.”

Being highly favoured means everything you do prospers. Even when others fail or make losses, you excel, because you’re sponsored by the Spirit; he orders your steps. Even if you were surrounded by critics and detractors, it’ll make no difference because you’re God’s man or woman, piloted by grace.

As God’s favour is manifested in your behalf, doors and opportunities which can’t be humanly explained are open to you. The Bible says, **“And God is able to make all grace (every favor and earthly blessing) come to you in abundance...”** (2 Corinthians 9:8 AMPC). This is God’s desire for you. Psalm 5:12 says, **“For thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as with a shield.”** Everywhere and every time, throughout this year, be conscious that you’re blessed and highly favoured.

CONFESSION

I’m divinely favoured and positioned for the glorious life! Grace has put me ahead, and I can never be disadvantaged! I increase in beauty, honour and influence. I live and walk with the consciousness of one who’s blessed of the Lord; and through me, blessings are dispersed to those in my world. Hallelujah!

FURTHER STUDY:

2 Corinthians 3:5 AMPC; Psalm 1:1-3 AMPC; Psalm 102:13

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 7:24-8:1-13 & Numbers 1-2

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 18:1-11 & Exodus 7



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SATURDAY 27

THE HONOUR OF PREACHING THE GOSPEL



This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare (1 Timothy 1:18).

God has never used the angels to minister or preach the Gospel for the salvation of men. Even if He gets the attention of a sinner through an angel, He'll get a Christian who has received that salvation to preach the Gospel to that sinner, because He gave the Church the honour of preaching the Gospel (Acts 10:1-6).

He also gave us, His saints, the honour of executing judgment in this earth over the forces of darkness (Psalm 149:5-9). This is so that we'll have no excuse in preaching the Gospel and covering the earth with His righteousness. He gave us the power to use His Name against satanic forces. He said, ***“... Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature...And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils...”*** (Mark 16:15-17).

Be excited about preaching the Gospel and let nothing hinder you from it. Irrespective of the threats, persecutions or challenges that you might face, preach

the Gospel unafraid. Remember, you're a soldier in God's army. Soldiers are undaunted about their cause. True soldiers don't retreat, and they don't surrender. They fight to the finish. So, be strong and tough in accomplishing the task of soul winning in these last days.

Pray. You represent the Heavenly Kingdom of Jesus Christ, and there's a battle for the souls of men. Before you go out on evangelism, spend time in intercession. Prevail in prayer for the souls of men and prophesy their salvation. Prophesy to your city, your nation, and the nations of the world, that they all belong to Jesus Christ and souls are won en-mass into the Kingdom.

Take your role as a praying priest, and minister of reconciliation. Remember, this honour have all his saints. Praise ye the LORD.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I pray that the Holy Spirit will raise passionate, committed and fearless labourers for the harvest fields around the world, and that the souls of men are made ready to receive the Gospel gladly, and be converted to the Kingdom, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Romans 10:13-15; Psalm 149:5-9; Romans 1:16

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 8:14-26 & Numbers 3-4

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 18:12-20 & Exodus 8



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SUNDAY 28

CHRIST IN YOU



But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, To reveal his Son in me... (Galatians 1:15-16).

The Apostle Paul, in our opening text, testified that God was pleased to reveal His Son, Jesus Christ in him. This isn't just for the Apostle Paul; it's the calling of every Christian. Christ revealed or expressed in your daily walk is the essence of Christianity. The Bible says, ***"To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory"*** (Colossians 1:27).

Can you see Christ in you? Can you see His life manifested in and through you? If Christ is revealed in you, there'll be no place for defeat or weakness. There'll be no room for sickness in your body. The hope that you'll forever be victorious, is Christ in you. You may have been diagnosed with a terminal disease; if you can contemplate Christ in you, that'll be the end of that infirmity. The Bible says, ***"But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of***

righteousness” (Romans 8:10 NIV).

It doesn't matter how large the tumour is, Christ in you will cause it to dematerialize. Peter was going through the quarters, visiting the brethren. Then he met Aeneas, who had been paralysed, bedridden for eight long years. In that condition, he received the Gospel. All that Peter said to him was, “Aeneas, Christ makes you well!” (Acts 9:34).

If you've been experiencing symptoms of disease or infirmity in your body, Christ makes you well. Become conscious of the indwelling Christ; He's your strength; therefore, if you couldn't walk, rise up and walk. In Him, and through Him, you can do all things! You're victorious forever. He's your riddance, your wisdom, and your righteousness. Blessed be God!

CONFESSIO

Christ is my life and my all! In Him I live, and move and have my being. In Him I'm victorious forever; I'm more than a conqueror. Christ is my riddance, my wisdom, my righteousness and justification. Blessed be His Name forever.

FURTHER STUDY:

Romans 8:11; Colossians 1:26-29 MSG

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 8:27-38, 9:1-13 & Numbers 5-6

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 18:21-35 & Exodus 9



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PRAISE Reports

“Painful Lump Completely Gone!”

I noticed a painful lump in my left breast one day. The lump kept growing and got more painful each day. I began to read and meditate on articles from Rhapsody of Realities. I would read the prayers and confessions out loud, whilst placing my hand on the lump. After a while, I discovered that the lump started to shrink. Before long, the lump totally disappeared and the pains were gone as well. I noticed that the lump left a dark spot on my breast but as I continued my confession from the Rhapsody of Realities, the scar faded away completely! Glory to God!

-R.O; Nigeria

“Healed To Heal!”

I used to think sickness was normal and it was okay for a Christian to be sick until I came in contact with Rhapsody of Realities; it imparted faith in me and changed my prayer life. I learnt about my authority and divine health in Christ. Now, I no longer fall ill, and I am filled with boldness to pray for the sick and heal them. Praise God!

H.R; United Kingdom

“Rhapsody: A Transformational Agent”

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L.O; United States of America



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MSG -The Message Translation
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-Pastor Chris Oyakhilome



River Jordan

The Bible makes ample reference to this significant river both in the Old and New Testaments. Joshua led the children of Israel across it in Joshua 3:15–17. He asked the priests to step into the water, and when they did, the river split up, and everyone went through on dry ground. Elijah and Elisha also split it and crossed it on dry ground. Elisha healed Naaman's leprosy by having him bathe in its waters, and he made a lost axe head float by throwing a piece of wood into the water. In the New Testament, Jesus was baptized at the River Jordan by John.

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MONDAY 1

SPEAK WORDS FROM THE FATHER



For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak (John 12:49).

Have you ever wondered why some of the words you speak produce the wrong results? Perhaps you're not speaking words from the Father. Jesus spoke the Father's words. He knew exactly the right words to say in every situation, to everyone, and concerning everything. The secret is what He told us in our theme verse.

Imagine what transpired in Luke 7:11-17. He was on a journey to the city of Nain, and as He arrived at the gate of the city, He saw a funeral procession of a young man who was the only son of a widow. Moved with compassion, He touched the casket and said, "**... Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother**" (Luke 7:14-15). He raised the lifeless body of that young man back to life with words!

Over a raging tempest, the Bible says, "**...he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea,**

Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm" (Mark 4:39). It made no difference how turbulent the weather was, Jesus hushed them with words. The words He spoke came from the Father. He said in John 12:50, "***...whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.***"

We're to have His kind of results, because the Father has given us words to speak. Don't speak words that you learnt from the world; speak the Word of God. Get your language from the Word of God. That's why you have to keep studying the Scriptures (2 Timothy 2:15). Think and talk like Jesus, and you'll have His extraordinary results.

CONFESSION

Blessed be God! My words are divine, infused with power to change circumstances. The Father's words dwell in me richly, and I speak them forth in wisdom. Hallelujah!

FURTHER STUDY:

Colossians 3:16; John 6:63

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 9:14-32 & Numbers 7-8

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 19:1-12 & Exodus 10



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TUESDAY 2

BE VIGILANT IN THE SPIRIT



They which builded on the wall, and they that bare burdens, with those that laded, every one with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other hand held a weapon (Nehemiah 4:17).

Nehemiah was faced with an intense opposition when he decided to build the wall of Jerusalem. The Jews' enemies were determined to stop the building by slaying the builders. But Nehemiah wasn't ignorant of their evil plans and intentions.

As he led God's people to build the wall, they prepared to ward off any form of attack. Each one held a weapon with the other hand, taking every necessary precaution against any onslaught from the enemy. This was written for our learning.

We're partners and co-labourers with the Lord in building His Church—His body—winning souls and carrying out the work of the ministry. While at it, we must be ready to fight against the decrees of darkness to force us to live in a world, an atmosphere or governmental system that's hostile to the Gospel.

Satan, knowing that his time is short, is trying to move ahead to create the environment of the anti christ before his time. So, we must be on the alert and on the

offensive. 1 Peter 5:8 says, ***“Be sober, be vigilant....”*** Be vigilant in the spirit, listening in, and with, your spirit as you speak in tongues and meditate on the Scriptures. The Lord will give you strategies and guidance on how to effectively dismantle the structures of the adversary.

Refuse to be moved by some of the happenings in the world today—the confusion, fear and deception. By the power of God’s Spirit, we (the Church) are exercising our authority in Christ, bringing in the new order of things. Get vitally involved in this. Pray like you’ve never done! When we call for days of global prayer and fasting, be a part of it. We’re setting in place a new world order in the Spirit, where the Gospel has free course, and in preparation for our soon coming Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION

I’m strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. He opens my eyes to spiritual realities and unveils His thoughts to my spirit. And today, I take charge of situations from the realm of the Spirit. I pray against any attempt of the devil to force the Church of Jesus Christ to live in a world of the beast before his time. Until the rapture of the Church, the Name of Jesus Christ shall be glorified in all nations. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

1 Thessalonians 5:17; 2 Corinthians 10:3; Ephesians 6:18

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 9:33-50 & Numbers 9-10

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 19:13-22 & Exodus 11



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WEDNESDAY 3

HAVE NO FEAR OF MAN



...Be not ye afraid of them: remember the Lord, which is great and terrible, and fight for your brethren, your sons, and your daughters, your wives, and your houses (Nehemiah 4:14).

Many years ago, while I was in the university, the government of the day, a military government, banned all religious activities on campus. Some of the members of our fellowship came to convince me to comply, but I had heard from God; He told me to remain on campus.

Some of them weren't ready to stand with me, perhaps, because they were afraid. But if God had told me to continue, why should I stop because of what someone said? Always, God's Word or counsel to you is what counts. He made the Vice-Chancellor, Governor, President, Prime Minister, etc.

The Bible says the powers that be are ordained of Him; He put them in office. If they go rogue against Him by coming up with laws and policies that don't favour His righteous cause, you're not obliged to comply. No authority supersedes God's authority. So, I went ahead with the programme I had scheduled on campus, because I'd rather obey God; and it was a remarkable success.

Subsequently, we were never stopped from

holding services on campus till I graduated. Was I defying the government? No! I was only obeying the orders of a higher government. It was the same with the apostles. Peter and the other apostles confronted the authorities in their day. Once, they said, ***“...You yourselves judge which is right in God’s sight—to obey you or to obey God”*** (Acts 4:19 GNB). As a man or woman of God, as a Christian, as one who walks with God, have no fear of men! Have no fear of their laws or decrees; have no fear of anything. The Bible says there’s no wisdom against the Lord (Proverbs 21:30).

Human beings can never come together and come up with enough wisdom or strategy against God. It’s impossible. When you’re walking in sync with His plan and purpose for your life, it makes no difference what anyone thinks or does; it doesn’t matter the threats; you’ll win. The opposition may come from your family, your city, country, or government; have no fear, ***“...because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world”*** (1 John 4:4).

CONFESSIO

I’m confident in the power of God’s Word to put me over always, irrespective of the circumstances or opposition. I stand in faith against any law, decree, government or individuals who have set themselves against the Church of Jesus Christ, and I declare that their defence is gone from them! Glory to God!

FURTHER STUDY:

Psalm 27:1-3; Acts 5:25-29; 1 John 4:4

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 10:1-31 & Numbers 11-13

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 19:23-30 & Exodus 12



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THURSDAY 4

KEEP “PUSHING” IN PRAYER



Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much (James 5:16).

When the Bible says there was no rain in the land of Israel according to the word of Elijah, it wasn't that Elijah suddenly woke up and said, "There'll be no rain in Israel for the next three and half years." No, the Bible says he prayed earnestly. 1 Kings 18:42 shows how he prayed; it says Elijah ***"bowed deeply in prayer, his face between his knees"*** (MSG).

The Amplified Classic version of our theme verse aptly describes this kind of prayer: ***"...The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working]."*** It says the prayer is earnest, and there's a persistence about it. In other words, it's a sustained kind of prayer that's marked by a deep feeling of conviction.

This isn't the kind of prayer you pray at the dining table or when you're hurrying off to work. There're certain times and situations where you don't just speak the word and go away; you persist in prayer. You keep pushing. You may be saying the same thing,

but you're pushing.

Jesus did that too in the Garden of Gethsemane. He said the same things in prayer, and He prayed that way for an hour. It wasn't a two-minute prayer. He persisted, because he understood the stakes of the moment. We're in a similar moment today. The stakes are high. You've got to take your personal prayer life more seriously.

Always stir yourself and respond to the call and urgency of prayer from your spirit, declaring the Word and crushing the forces of darkness, in the spirit. It may look like nothing is changing, but you keep pushing. You might ask, "But when do I stop?" You stop when you "know that you know" in your spirit that it's done! Glory to God! You'll surely get the note of victory.

PRAYER

Blessed Father, thank you for the privilege and opportunity of prayer by which I exercise my authority in Christ, to activate and walk in the consciousness of the divine presence, and enforce your will in the earth. I'm an effective intercessor through the Word of faith and earnest, heartfelt, continued prayer. I declare that the nations and leaders of the world are under the divine influence of your mighty power, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Colossians 4:2 AMPC; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Ephesians 6:18

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 10:32-52 & Numbers 14-15

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 20:1-16 & Exodus 13



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FRIDAY 5

STAND OUT AND BE COURAGEOUS



There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee (Joshua 1:5).

I often recall how, many years ago, cult activities in tertiary institutions were on the rise. Some Christian groups were threatened and intimidated from time to time by these nocturnal groups. But as I studied my Bible and read about the exploits of people like David, Moses, Jephthah, etc., I couldn't understand why any Christian would be intimidated by cultists. So, I prayed, "Lord, give me just one chance; I'll force those cult members out!"

Finally, I got into the university, and then came my first experience in my first year! One night, the cult members came dancing into the campus in their full regalia, and there was complete pandemonium. But while many scampered in different directions, looking for where to hide, I got on my knees, spoke in tongues, and I said, "Lord Jesus, by your grace, I'll deal with this; they'll never have such effrontery on this campus again."

Then on another occasion, a year later, they sent out a message that they were "sailing" that night. And I said, "Sailing where? Never!" When it was night, I gathered some of the brethren, and said, "We're sailing

tonight!” As they (the cultists) were making noise and rabble-rousing, we were out on the other side, dancing and singing, “The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but they are mighty through the Holy Ghost!”

We were singing with the consciousness that in the spirit, we’re declaring them arrested. Guess what? The next day, the Police came looking for them, and they were arrested! Praise God! The months following, several of the cult leaders and members received salvation and joined us.

As Christians, we should never be intimidated by anything or anyone. It’s something the Lord said to me years ago; He said, “As I was with Moses, so I’ll be with you. I’ll not fail you nor forsake you”; and He’s saying the same to you, even now. Be strong, and very courageous. God’s Word is dependable. That’s what I’m telling you today. You can stake your life on it. When others are terrorized and full of fear concerning any situation, stand out, and be full of courage.

CONFESSION

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? Though a host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear, for greater is He that’s in me, than he that’s in the world. Hallelujah!

FURTHER STUDY:

1 John 4:4; 1 Corinthians 16:13; Ephesians 6:13

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 11:1-26 & Numbers 16-17

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 20:17-23 & Exodus 14



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SATURDAY 6

THINK BEYOND YOURSELF



Don't push your way to the front; don't sweet-talk your way to the top. Put yourself aside, and help others get ahead. Don't be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand
(Philippians 2:3-4 MSG).

1 Timothy 2:1-4 says, *"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth."* It's our responsibility to change the world through prayer, ministry and protagonism. That's what you have to do. Otherwise, you haven't lived.

In Nehemiah 4:14, as the children of Israel began to build the wall of Jerusalem and prepared to defend it, Nehemiah said to the people, *"...fight for your brethren, your sons, and your daughters, your wives, and your houses."* He didn't say, "Fight for yourselves." And the word "houses" there doesn't mean buildings; he was referring to clans, whole families, like you'd

say, “The house of Joseph.” He was calling out the champion spirit in them.

Champions don’t fight for themselves; they fight for others. That’s what we read in our theme verse; it says, **“Put yourself aside, and help others get ahead. Don’t be obsessed with getting your own advantage.”** When you pray, it shouldn’t always be about your business, your family or things related to you; it should be for a greater cause. Think beyond yourself.

There’re many who are going through a lot of hurt for whom we must pray. The Bible says of the Lord Jesus that He’s touched with the feeling of our infirmities (Hebrews 4:15). Be moved by the conditions of the sinners and others who are suffering around you. Let the plight of the poor, the sick, and the downtrodden stir compassion in you to intercede for them and cause a change in their lives today. We’re to continue in intercession for the nations, leaders, and peoples of the world, especially in these last days.

PRAYER

Thank you blessed Father, for the opportunity to stand in the gap for others, to cause a change in their lives and circumstances. I pray for those destined to receive salvation today all around the world, that the light of the glorious Gospel will shine in their hearts, dispelling the darkness, translating them into the liberty of the sons of God, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

1 Timothy 2:1-4 AMPC; Ezekiel 33:7

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 11:27-12:1-17 & Numbers 18-19

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 20:24-34 & Exodus 15



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SUNDAY 7

DIRECT THEIR COURSE THROUGH PRAYER



*I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty
(1 Timothy 2:1-2).*

Our theme scripture is the Spirit's admonition through Paul to the Church on the importance of earnest intercession for all men, our countries of domicile, and the leaders therein. The result of such is an overwhelming experience of God's blessings of peace and prosperity. This is part of what you do in obedience—praying, contending for the hearts of men in your country, and around the world—that God's righteousness be established, and all forms of evil, turmoil, wickedness and terror, be thwarted.

Today, the happenings in our world are a great source of concern. But the Church holds the solution. The Church is the only restraining power against evil in the earth today (2 Thessalonians 2:7). So, you must pray and not complain. If you don't pray for your country, the leaders and people, where would peace come from?

Read our theme verse again; God's directive on how we must pray in order to experience peace in our nations is clear; it's not by bearing arms or becoming riotous.

Rise to the challenge and take up the responsibility of prayer. Pray earnestly and fervidly in the Spirit for the nations and leaders of the countries where you live or work, and the rest of the world. Declare that God's righteousness prevails, and His glory rests on, and influences men's hearts as God's people boldly proclaim the Gospel.

Pray also for ministers, that they'd be granted more grace to preach the Gospel with boldness and power, that many more souls would be added to the Church all around the world. Until the rapture takes place, we hold the true reins of power in the nations, and have the authority to direct their course through prayer.

PRAYER

Dear heavenly Father, I pray that your peace, progress and prosperity will reign in the nations of the world and that you'll grant the ministers of the Gospel the courage to preach and minister your Word boldly. I pray that the power and influence of their message will kindle your love in people's hearts. Thank you for the tremendous and glorious transformation of many lives through the Gospel today, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Colossians 4:2; Luke 18:1; Jeremiah 29:7

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 12:18-44 & Numbers 20-21

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 21:1-11 & Exodus 16



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MONDAY 8

CONSCIOUSLY PRACTISE THE WORD



But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed (James 1:25).

Consciously practising the Word is how you can enjoy its full blessings in your life, because the power of God is in His Word. For example, the Word says, ***“...Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which spitefully use you, and persecute you”*** (Matthew 5:44). Consciously practise this; let it be your daily walk.

When you start out practising something, you may miss it, but don't give up and say, “Well, I tried.” Keep at it until you gain mastery. Again, the Word says, ***“...take no thought for your life...”*** (Luke 12:22); in other words, have no cares. Practise it. Don't find yourself worrying over the mundane things of life, with fear of lack; rather, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.

Psalm 1:3 reveals something phenomenal about the extraordinary life of blessings you have in Christ. It says you're like a tree planted by the rivers of

water—ever luscious and green—fruitful and eternally productive. Affirm this every day about yourself. Irrespective, and independent of the happenings in the world, be unmoved, because you know you’re empowered to prosper. For you, it’s blessings only. Hallelujah!

We’re Word-practitioners; Jesus Christ is the Living Word, and we’re born after Him. Paul said, “Ye are the Epistles of Christ” (2 Corinthians 3:3). That means we’re the expression of the Word. The Apostle Peter referenced a similar thought in 1 Peter 1:23, saying, *“Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever.”*

Being born of the Word means you must live in, by and through the Word; you must live it out in your daily walk.

CONFESSION

Righteous Father, how I love your Word; your truth is the light by which I see, and the foundation on which my strength is anchored. I’m blossoming in righteousness, flourishing in glory, producing lasting results and making an undeniable impact with the Gospel, to the praise of your Name. Hallelujah!

FURTHER STUDY:

James 1:22-25; Colossians 3:16

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 13:1-37 & Numbers 22-23

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 21:12-17 & Exodus 17



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TUESDAY 9

STAND IN HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS



To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus (Romans 3:26).

Jesus Christ has become your righteousness. That's why in Christianity, we don't walk in our righteousness; rather, we stand in His righteousness. We declare and boldly affirm that Christ is our righteousness and walk in the light of His righteousness. It's like being covered in His glory; you're not seen. It's His light that's seen; it's His glory that's seen.

It's His power that's made manifest as you walk in His righteousness. That's our blessing as new creatures in Christ Jesus. Don't be "performance-conscious" before God. Don't allow sin and the guilt of your mistakes dissipate your zeal for God and faith in Him. 2 Corinthians 5:21 says, "**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.**"

You've become the effulgence of His righteousness, because He manifests His righteousness through you. He took your place of sin, and gave you His righteousness. Now, He manifests His righteousness

through you. This is an amazing reality! Your new life started with the resurrection of Jesus Christ: ***“Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life”*** (Romans 6:4).

2 Corinthians 5:17 says, ***“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature...”***; a new species or kind of man, born in righteousness. This is the reason you can practise righteousness and produce fruits and works of righteousness, because that’s your nature in Christ Jesus. Hallelujah!

CONFESSIOIN

My righteousness is the righteousness of Jesus Christ; therefore, I have boldness in the presence of God, to worship Him in love and holiness of truth. The blood of Jesus gave me access and life, and by His resurrection, I stand justified forever, with dominion over Satan, circumstances and the cohorts of darkness. Blessed be God!

FURTHER STUDY:

Romans 6:4-5; 1 Corinthians 1:30; Philippians 3:8-9

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 14:1-26 & Numbers 24-26

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 21:18-32 & Exodus 18



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WEDNESDAY 10

BE PREPARED AHEAD OF THE EVIL DAY



Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might... For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand (Ephesians 6:10-13).

The first part of our opening scripture admonishes that you be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. The Lord never tells us to do something we couldn't do. If He says, "**Be strong in the Lord,**" it means that's what you need to do. He gives further instructions in the eleventh verse: "**Put on the whole armour of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.**"

This is telling you to prepare, and stay prepared ahead of the evil day. He tells you what to do against the devil. If you put on the whole armour of God as He has said, you'll be able to stand against all the stratagems, schemes, maneuvers, and manipulations

of the devil.

The reason many falter when they face challenges is that they don't act on the Word. In the verses we read in our theme scripture, God instructed us clearly on what to do. What He said in verse thirteen is the reason for verses 10-12. There's a day of trouble (the evil day); it's to be anticipated. There's an enemy out there seeking whom to devour, and when he has the opportunity, he'll strike. But we're not ignorant of His devices.

Satan isn't a factor. As long as you're strong in the Lord—keeping His Word in your heart and in your mouth—you'll discomfit the enemy whenever he shows up. As long as the Word of God is your arsenal, you'll always win. The Word of God is the sword of the Spirit with which you cut the devil down. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

In the Name of Jesus Christ, I exercise dominion over Satan and his cohorts, and I cut down all his machinations, schemes, deceptions and devices against my nation and my city. With the Word of God in my mouth, I triumph gloriously, reigning and prevailing over circumstances. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

1 John 4:4; James 4:7; Ephesians 6:10-18

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 14:27-52 & Numbers 27-28

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 21:33-46 & Exodus 19



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THURSDAY 11

A SOLID FOUNDATION WITH THE WORD



But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word (Acts 6:4).

A solid foundation of the Word of God is what will determine your reaction and disposition to life and circumstances around you. Think about the happenings in the world in the past months; the reaction and actions of some Christians is proof they never had the right foundation. Some were completely disillusioned and ran into hiding—to “isolate” themselves—while looking to government leaders for help and guidance. They were terrified by the same things that frightened the world; that shouldn’t be.

The Church isn’t a group of sissies; we’re soldiers. We’re tough for Christ. How could a Christian be afraid of a virus, after Jesus said in Luke 10:19, ***“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.”*** This is a sovereign declaration; it’s unequivocal. You’re superior to anything that hurts or binds; you’re “uninfectable.”

But you see, if you don’t know this truth, you’d be terrified. This is why we bring you the Word of God every day, to build you up in Christ, to impart knowledge to you. Acts 20:32 says, ***“And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up....”*** If you’re

brought up on the foundation of the Word of God, nothing will move you.

Recall the words of Jesus in Luke 6:47-49 as He distinguished between the one whose life is founded on the Word of God, and the one whose life isn't. He said, ***“Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like: He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock. But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.”*** Build a solid foundation for your life with the Word of God.

CONFESSION

I consciously set my thinking on spiritual things, building a deep and firm foundation through consistent study and meditation on the Word of God. I'm tough for the Lord, a gallant soldier in His end-time army! As I give myself to prayer and to the ministry of the Word, the will and purposes of God are established in the earth and in the hearts of men, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Matthew 7:24-27; Romans 12:11-12; Colossians 3:1-3

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 14:53-72 & Numbers 29-31

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 22:1-14 & Exodus 20



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FRIDAY 12

THE STAKES ARE HIGH



*Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord
(Romans 12:11).*

Clearly, we see from the Scriptures that we're in the final days before the rapture of the Church. This isn't the time to loaf around; there's a lot the Lord wants to do through you with the short time left. Our theme verse says, ***“Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord.”*** You've got to work with the mentality that His appearing could be any minute, and become very passionate in your spirit for the Gospel—ensuring its spread and impact around the world.

As the Scriptures tell us, the Antichrist is only going to be given three and a half years for the Great Tribulation. It's going to be a period of intense trouble, worse than the world has ever experienced and will ever experience (Matthew 24:21); and it'll be world-wide in scope. Jesus said, ***“And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved...”*** (Matthew 24:22).

Imagine the kind of evil and destruction that'll be perpetrated by the Antichrist for only three and a half years that warrants a divine shortening. That also tells us something: We can do a lot of good within a short

time; we can shake up this world. It begins with you giving more attention to prayer, especially praying for the impact of the Gospel around the world in these last days.

This is very important; the stakes are very high. It's not just about you; it's about the future of our world. Before the Rapture, we've got to dominate this world like never before! Jesus isn't planning to "snatch" us out of this world as though we've been victims. Remember that He overcame the world. He's coming for a victorious Church; a triumphant Church. Glory to God!

CONFESSION

The Gospel of Christ burns in my heart, like fire shut up in my bones! Thank you, dear Father, for the honour of being a custodian of this life-changing message, the message of power by which you save, heal, protect, deliver, preserve and prosper. I've been endowed with the ability and grace to lead many to Christ, unveiling to them the mysteries of the Kingdom, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Romans 12:11 AMPC; Daniel 12:3; 2 Timothy 3:1

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 15:1-20 & Numbers 32-33

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 22:15-22 & Exodus 21



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SATURDAY 13

WE'VE BEEN ENTHRONED



*But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us...And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus
(Ephesians 2:4-6).*

The phrase “sit together” in the scripture above is “sugkathizo” (Greek), and it means to give (or take) a seat in company with; a joint-sitting. Think about that! What could be greater than having a joint-sitting with Christ! Weymouth New Testament version renders it so beautifully; it says God ***“raised us with Him from the dead, and enthroned us with Him in the heavenly realms as being in Christ Jesus.”*** We’ve been enthroned! Blessed be God!

Now that we’ve been enthroned, what are we supposed to do? Romans 5:17 tells us: ***“For if by one man’s offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.”*** The word “reign” is “basileuō” (Greek) which means “to king.” And Revelation 5:10 perfectly corroborates this truth; it says, ***“And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.”***

Yes, at the millennial period, we’re going to be reigning with Christ, according to the Bible. But today

in the earth, we're reigning through Him or by Him, because we're using His Name; operating in His stead. We're called to exercise dominion and to live as masters and victors in life through Jesus Christ. We reign over Satan, darkness, the world and all creation.

The Bible says, ***"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it"*** (John 1:5 ESV). Hallelujah! This is why the Bible says, ***"For the mystery of lawlessness (that hidden principle of rebellion against constituted authority) is already at work in the world, [but it is] restrained only until he who restrains is taken out of the way"*** (2 Thessalonians 2:7 AMPC). We—the Church—are the ones restraining evil in the world. Jesus said, ***"As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world"*** (John 9:5). In the same way, until we're taken out of here by the Rapture, darkness can't prevail, because we have a joint-sitting with Christ in the place of power and dominion. And we exercise that power and dominion now!

CONFESSION

I have a joint-sitting with Christ in the place of glory and power. As long as I'm in the world, I'm the light of the world! I exercise dominion over circumstances and the spirits of darkness, and I bring them under subjection to the Name of Jesus! Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Ephesians 1:19-22; Colossians 2:10

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 15:21-47 & Numbers 34-36

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 22:23-33 & Exodus 22



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SUNDAY 14

OUR WEAPONS OF WORDS



Giving thanks unto the Father...Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son (Colossians 1:12-13).

From the scripture above, we see that there're only two groups of people: those under the power of darkness and those in the Kingdom of God's dear Son. Until you're born again and transferred into the Kingdom of God's dear Son, you remain under the power of darkness, and Satan becomes the god of all that concerns you.

Remember, Jesus said to the Jews who came to arrest Him, ***"Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do..."*** (John 8:44). This is why we oftentimes find leaders and rulers of nations that are influenced and controlled by the principalities of darkness. When such leaders make wicked decisions and enforce repressive policies, it's because they're being influenced by evil forces. That's why we pray for leaders, so that instead of being influenced by the forces of darkness, they'd be influenced by the Spirit of God.

The Bible says, ***"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority..."*** (1 Timothy 2:1-2). Then, 2 Corinthians 10:4 says, ***"For the weapons of our***

warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds."

The word "warfare" is "strateia" (Greek) and it's telling us that we're in the strategizing office, leading a military expedition in the Spirit. When we speak words in prayer, angels of God and the Spirit of God take those words and weaponize them. That's what makes them mighty to the pulling down of fortresses.

So, as a Christian, recognize the enormity of the responsibility on you, to intercede for leaders of nations. Every so often, pray fervently in the spirit for the leaders in your country. With authoritative words, rebuke the forces of darkness to desist from influencing them, and affirm that their hearts are turned to the Lord to do His will. This is what we must do for leaders of nations to be influenced by God's wisdom and righteousness; we must pray for them in line with God's Word.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, I thank you for endowing us with your might to pull down fortresses, ideas planted in the minds of men, and theories they've accepted in life that have kept them from moving in the direction of your dream and destiny for them. I declare that Satan's influence on leaders and rulers of nations of the world is broken! Your light shines brightly in their hearts today, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Ephesians 6:16-18; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 16:1-20 & Deuteronomy 1-2

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MONDAY 15

VICTORY UNTO VICTORY



But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him (2 Corinthians 2:14 NIV).

You can win every day, and achieve extraordinary success. The Amplified version of the scripture above says, ***“But thanks be to God, Who in Christ always leads us in triumph [as trophies of Christ’s victory] and through us spreads and makes evident the fragrance of the knowledge of God everywhere.”*** As we get ourselves prepared in these days before the Rapture, you’re not only going to be triumphant in your city but everywhere you go.

1 John 5:4 says, ***“For whatever is born of God is victorious over the world; and this is the victory that conquers the world, even our faith”*** (AMPC). The question is, What’s your mentality? How do you see yourself? When we say Christ has given your life a meaning, that’s what we’re talking about, because you’ve come to a place where you realize life isn’t for defeat; your journey is victory unto victory. That’s our heritage in Christ.

It makes no difference that the world is in crises;

there should never be fear in you. Jesus said, “**...be of good cheer; I have overcome the world**” (John 16:33). He overcame the world for you. To be born again is to be born of God, and it says whatever is born of God is victorious over Satan, the world and its failing system. Hallelujah!

Get excited when you face troubles or crises, because you’re certain it’ll all turn out for your good. This is because, in our kingdom, we win only, and make progress from glory to glory. We dominate this physical world with the principles of our heavenly Kingdom. Hallelujah!

CONFESSION

I’m triumphant over the world, because I’m born of God. When the fierce storms and pressures of life billow against me, I refuse to be moved, for I’m more than a conqueror. I refuse to be overwhelmed by anything in this life, because the greater One lives in me and causes me to triumph always, and in every place. Hallelujah!

FURTHER STUDY:

Romans 8:35-37; 1 John 4:3-4

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Luke 1:1-25 & Deuteronomy 3-4

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 23:1-12 & Exodus 24



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TUESDAY 16

GLORY THROUGH THE CHURCH



Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen (Ephesians 3:20-21).

In the first chapter of the book of Ephesians, the Apostle Paul, by the Spirit, began to explain who Christ is, with respect to God, and who the Church is. He also went on to explain why the Church isn't a conglomeration of religious groups; rather, it's the Body of Christ, full of glory.

In Ephesians 3:6 NKJV, he explained ***“that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel.”*** 1 Corinthians 12:27 tells us that we're the Body of Christ and members in particular. How did we become members of the Body of Christ? It was by being baptized into Christ at the New Birth. Our theme verse says, ***“Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.”***

The Greek word translated “ages” is “genea”;

it means a generation. That means from generation to generation, the Father is glorified in the Church, by Jesus Christ. The desire and ministry of Jesus is to glorify the Father always, and this He does through the Church.

Even in the face of diverse persecution and belligerent oppositions, we remain bold and courageous for and with the Gospel, because His glory is in, and upon us. With that glory, we triumph over sickness, diseases, poverty, and reign victoriously in the realms of life. The Church of Jesus Christ is glorious, triumphant, flourishing, and full of dominion, wisdom and power. Hallelujah!

CONFESSION

I belong to the Church of Jesus Christ, and I bring the Lord glory every day. Christ in me is the glory-life. I manifest the perfect glory of God, the power, beauty, and excellence of Christ that's inherent in my spirit. With that glory, I triumph over sickness, disease, poverty, and reign victoriously, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

John 17:22; Colossians 1:26-27

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Luke 1:26-56 & Deuteronomy 5-7

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 23:13-22 & Exodus 25



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WEDNESDAY 17

WORSHIP WITH KNOWLEDGE



But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the father in spirit and in truth: for the father seeketh such to worship him (John 4:23).

When you really know Jesus, your worship or praise to Him becomes meaningful. It wouldn't just be because the song is melodious; rather, it'll effuse profusely from the deep recesses of your heart, in true fellowship and knowledge of His greatness and loving kindness. There may not be any instrumental music or melody while you're worshipping, but your heart will be so enraptured and entwined with Him, with outbursts of spirit songs in spiritual melody.

Remember, people praise, worship and pray in all religions. The question is, who is the object of their worship? Who are they praying to? What are they saying to Him? And what might be His response, if any? Your worship or praise has to come from a place of knowledge of the Word. The Word says, ***“Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands be as the evening sacrifice”***

(Psalm 141:2). Also, in 1 Timothy 2:8, the Bible tells us, ***“I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.”***

As you lift your hands in worship or prayer, you’re offering to Him a sacrifice of sweet-smelling savour. Go ahead and practise this now. Worship the Father from your spirit and according to His Word, with your hands lifted up.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I worship you according to your Word, and sing praises to you from my spirit. May your Name be glorified, praised and adored in my life and in all the earth. I lift my hands to you right now, in holiness and fellowship of the Spirit, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Hebrews 13:15 AMPC; 1 Peter 2:9 AMPC

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Luke 1:57-80 & Deuteronomy 8-10

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 23:23-39 & Exodus 26



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THURSDAY 18

PERSECUTED FOR HIS SAKE



Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you
(1 Peter 4:4).

In 1 Peter 4, the Apostle Peter emphasizes that living in accordance to God's Word comes with a price of being ridiculed. Many will be surprised when you don't join them in the same wild and reckless living; and so they'll insult, vilify and speak evil of you.

The Amplified Classic translation of the opening text tells us, "***They are astonished and think it very queer that you do not now run hand in hand with them in the same excesses of dissipation, and they abuse [you].***" Irrespective of the evil or abuses they haul at you because you 'follow' Jesus, never be ashamed. Your association with Christ is the greatest honour ever.

The Bible says, "For it is better to suffer for doing good, if this should be God's will, than for doing evil" (1 Peter 3:17). So, distinguish yourself for the Lord. Arm yourself with the same mind—the mind of Christ. Don't be ashamed to stand up for the Lord no matter the persecutions. He stood up for you, and saved you; so, you must stand up for Him. Don't be concerned that you may be isolated or ostracized.

Jesus loves you even if all others forsake you, and according to the Word, He won't forsake you. He's in you and always with you: "***...lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen***" (Matthew

28:20). Read His words in Luke 21:33-36: ***“Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away. And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth....”***

We’re in the end times, and the current happenings around the world are a fulfilment of these prophecies, right before our eyes. But here’s a question you must answer in Hebrews 2:3: ***“How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?...”*** Live according to God’s Word and let nothing cause you to ignore or neglect your salvation. Jesus said in Matthew 5:11-12, ***“Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.”***

CONFESSION

I’m undaunted and unmoved at the vilifying or slanderous words of the wicked, as I walk on in the Word, by the Spirit. I’m the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus, His workmanship, created to produce fruits of righteousness. I’ve crucified the flesh with its passions and desires; Satan has nothing in me! Hallelujah!

FURTHER STUDY:

2 Corinthians 7:1 NIV; Matthew 5:11-12

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Luke 2:1-20 & Deuteronomy 11-12

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 24:1-11 & Exodus 27



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FRIDAY 19

HOLY, FAULTLESS AND GUILTLESS



That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish (Ephesians 5:26-27).

The Lord Jesus is coming for a glorious Church, one without blemish, a faultless Church. You say, “is that possible?” Absolutely! That’s what His redemptive work was all about. Colossians 1:21-22 (CEV) says, ***“You used to be far from God. Your thoughts made you his enemies, and you did evil things. But his Son became a human and died. So God made peace with you, and now he lets you stand in his presence as people who are holy and faultless and innocent.”***

Through the sacrifice of His own body as the sin-payment on your behalf, you now dwell in His presence. There’s no enmity between you and the Father (Read Ephesians 2:13-16). How comforting it is to know the true nature and character of our heavenly Father! He brought us to Himself. James 1:5 says, He ***“...upbraideth not...”*** which means He doesn’t reproach or criticize you. He doesn’t blame you for anything. He doesn’t count your sins against you (2 Corinthians 5:19).

You're free from accusation; you've been justified. No wonder Paul got poetical in Romans 8:33-34 saying, ***“Who shall lay anything to the charge of God’s elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again....”*** Then in verses 38 and 39, he climaxed, ***“For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, 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.”***

Christ Jesus already died for you; He was condemned in your place. Thus, no one should condemn you anymore (Romans 8:1). Christ is your righteousness (1 Corinthians 1:30). It doesn't matter who accuses you; you're holy, faultless and guiltless before God, because Jesus took responsibility for all your sins. He's the reason God doesn't charge you with wrong. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for the ultimate sacrifice by which I now stand justified in your presence. I'm the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus, unblameable and irreprovable in your sight. Thank you for ushering me into this new life of righteousness, where I reign and rule with Christ forever, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

1 Thessalonians 3:13 AMPC; Romans 5:8-9

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Luke 2:21-52 & Deuteronomy 13-15

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 24:12-22 & Exodus 28



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SATURDAY 20

PRAY FOR WORLD LEADERS



I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty (1 Timothy 2:1-2).

It was all over the news some time ago how a man strangled his four-year-old child to death in a bathtub. After killing him, he screamed with tears, “I don’t know why I did it!” Of course, he went to prison for it. In his words, he said, “I felt a power beyond myself and I strangled my own son.”

Also reported, was a sixteen-year-old boy who walked into his home, killed his mother and father with gunshots. Just standing there, bemused, he said he didn’t know why he did it. You’re talking about sons and daughters, men and women, husbands and wives, dads and moms from hell! Why are they from hell? It’s because they’re possessed of demons; evil spirits have entered into them to carry out such despicable acts.

That’s why God tells us to pray for leaders because they aren’t left out of such demonic influence. You’ve got to pray for them because an evil spirit can enter into them. The Bible tells us in Luke 22:3 that an evil spirit entered into Judas Iscariot. When that happened, he walked out of where Jesus and the disciples were, went to the chief priests to finalise arrangements to betray Jesus, the Son of God.

When Judas saw Jesus hanging on the Cross,

he thought Jesus would miraculously come off the Cross, but He didn't. Matthew 27:3-5 tells us, ***“When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty silver coins to the chief priests and the elders...So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself.”*** What does that tell you? Satan caused him to do it.

That's what's happening to some leaders today; they're taking steps that are detrimental, damaging and harmful to their nations, people, businesses and the systems. You might say, "I trust my leaders"; but they can be influenced and overpowered by these demonic forces to sign policies or do despicable things they never planned to do. Therefore, you must pray for them.

Pray that they'll have the will, desire, and boldness to do what's right in spite of pressures, and refuse to yield to corrupting and negative influences. It's not out of place to also pray for the removal of those who push their selfish or satanic agendas at the detriment of their people. Most importantly, pray for the salvation of men and leaders alike.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I pray for my leaders today, that wisdom and understanding be granted them to lead in accordance with your divine will and plan, and to make the right decisions that'll benefit the people, and cause peace and prosperity to be established, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

1 Timothy 2:1-2 AMPC; Ezekiel 33:6-7

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Luke 3:1-38 & Deuteronomy 16-17

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 24:23-33 & Exodus 29



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SUNDAY 21

CHRIST OUR LIGHT



In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not (John 1:4-5).

In John 8:12, Jesus said, “**...I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.**” Again, in John 9:5, He said, “**As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.**” For anyone to live without Christ, therefore, is to live in gross darkness, utter hopelessness, confusion, and be void of beauty. Light defines; gives direction, beauty, and illumines.

You can’t even know yourself outside Christ; only under His light is your true identity and personality revealed. The Bible says with Him is the fountain of life: in His light shall we see light (Psalm 36:9). Hallelujah!

If you use all the lights in the world to define your life, you’re sunk, because you’re sure to see the wrong things. But in Him, in His light, you see the glory of God. You see that you’re excellent and full of glory. His light shows who you are, what you have, and your abilities in Christ. It shows you have the greater One living in you.

No wonder the Psamist said in Psalm 119:105,

“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.” Christ and His Word are one. Apart from showing you your endowments and blessings in Christ, the Word guides you in God’s perfect will for your life, imparting to you the wisdom to fulfil it.

Through His Word, you receive guidance as to specific details about your life, your ministry, career, etc., and definite steps to take in actualizing your set goals. The Bible says Christ has been made unto us wisdom from God. Become more conscious of this, and you’ll function with greater insight and knowledge, walking in success, health, prosperity, peace, and strength always!

CONFESSION

There’re no uncertainties and confusion in my path, because Christ is my light, my wisdom, and my strength. I’m walking in, and fulfilling God’s perfect will for my life, established in the path of greatness and excellence forever, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

2 Corinthians 4:6; Psalm 119:130; Isaiah 2:5

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

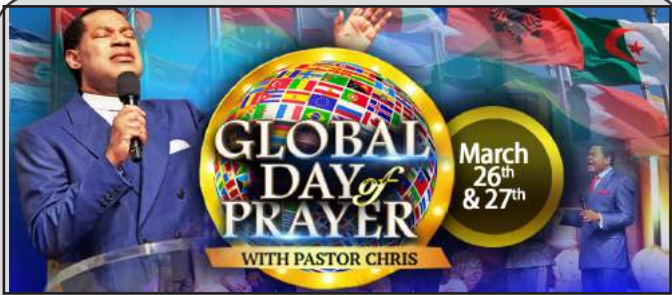
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2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 24:34-44 & Exodus 30



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MONDAY 22

MARKED FOR VICTORY AND SUCCESS



And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper (Psalm 1:3).

As a child of God, you're called to live each day of your life in glory, in victory over every situation. You're marked for success. The triumphant life is your birth-right, because God has raised you up, and made you to sit together with Christ in heavenly places (Ephesians 2:6).

You're seated far above the devil and the cohorts of darkness, and the negative influences of this world. Have the mentality that you can't be defeated or disadvantaged. Nothing in this world can successfully stand against you, for **"...greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world"** (1 John 4:4). You've been translated into the Kingdom of God's dear Son, who leads you in the triumphal excursions of life.

What a life He's given us! Imagine what He tells us in our opening verse; the same truth is expressed in John 15:16 where He says, **"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the**

Father in my name, he may give it you.” Jesus brought us into a life of power, fruitfulness and productivity. You’ve been chosen to bring forth lasting results.

This means He has made you efficient and effective; it’s one of the beautiful results of having the Holy Spirit in your life. Acts 1:8 AMPC says, ***“But you shall receive power (ability, efficiency, and might) when the Holy Spirit has come upon you....”*** This is the mind-set with which you must approach the things you do. There’s increased grace for you.

The Lord is at work in you, both to will and to do of His good pleasure (Philippians 2:13). He’s your sufficiency (2 Corinthians 3:5); your “able-to-do-it-ness.” Every so often, declare that you’re marked for success and victory; you produce excellent results. This is the life God has given you; it’s a life of dominion, where you triumph gloriously, and honour Him with your works and fruits of righteousness.

CONFESSION

I’m marked for success and victory; I produce excellent results. I’m chosen for a life of fruitfulness and ever-increasing productivity, bringing honour to Christ, through my labour of love and fruits of righteousness. Hallelujah!

FURTHER STUDY:

Jeremiah 17:7-8; Psalm 92:12-14

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Luke 4:14-44 & Deuteronomy 22-24

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 24:45-51 & Exodus 31



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TUESDAY 23

PERFECT COMPLETION



For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power (Colossians 2:9-10).

The totality of divinity resides in Jesus Christ. When you see Jesus, you're looking at the fullness of the God-head; He's the house of God in totality. Whether or not you agree with this doesn't make any difference. You may think of Him and say He's just a man, but He is Himself God!

"Fullness" in our theme scripture means "a completeness," where nothing that's necessary is out; where there's no shortage; a perfect completion. And something most amazing about this is what we read in the latter part: "You're complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power."

When God looks at you, He sees everything you require for life and godliness in you. 2 Peter 1:3 says, ***"According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue."*** This is the reality. Refuse to live with a lack

mentality, as though there're certain things you don't have. Take off the limits.

Refuse to think that your completeness is in the government, your place of work or any human structure, organization or association. Your completeness is in Christ. You're sufficient in Christ's sufficiency. Become totally inundated with this consciousness.

Your confession, every so often, should be, "Father, I thank you, because I have all things! I'm complete in Christ; there's no shortage in my life, but completeness." Do this consciously and continually, and see your life blossom in righteousness, glory, wisdom and dominion of Christ, beyond your imagination. Hallelujah!

CONFESSION

Christ is my all; I'm complete in Him who is the head of all principality and power; there's no shortage in my life. I'm full of ideas, inspiration, with wealth, prosperity and all the blessings of the Kingdom; and out of that abundance, I impact my world. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Colossians 1:16-19; 1 Corinthians 3:21-22

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Luke 5:1-16 & Deuteronomy 25-27

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 25:1-13 & Exodus 32



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WEDNESDAY 24

RECEIVING FORGIVENESS IS AN ACT OF FAITH



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 (1 John 1:7).

Did you know that in the New Testament, God didn't tell us to ask Him for forgiveness? Asking Him for forgiveness is like asking Him to save you. Think about it: If you do ask Him for forgiveness, when will you know He has answered?

Likewise, if you're asking Him to save your soul, how will you know He has saved you? You'll never know, because there's nothing for Him to do about saving you that He hasn't already done. It's the same thing with forgiveness; you receive forgiveness; you don't ask for it, because the blood of Jesus Christ was shed for the remission of your sins.

Some Christians are always asking God for forgiveness, and because they're asking for something that's been provided for, they don't apply faith. You're to receive forgiveness as an act of your faith. Afterwards, live above that situation through the power of the Holy Spirit and the Word.

You've already been washed and purged of your

sins. Colossians 1:21-22 says, ***“And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight.”***

This happened before you ever did anything right or wrong. Therefore, refuse to be sin-conscious. You're the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus; think and live righteousness.

Our opening text says if we walk in the light (the Word) as He is in the light, the blood of Jesus automatically cleanses us from all sin. Since this is true, you don't have to be confessing your sins all the time. If you do something wrong, simply say, "Lord, I'm sorry for what I did; I receive forgiveness in Jesus' Name"; and that's it. You might ask, "Is it that simple?" Yes, it is. In Christ, we have automatic cleansing from sin; it's part of the redemptive work of His blood in our behalf.

CONFESSION

I'm cleansed and purified. I'm justified by the grace of Jesus Christ, and I walk in His righteousness, free from the accusation of the evil one, and at liberty to serve the Lord, Christ! Hallelujah!

FURTHER STUDY:

1 Corinthians 6:11; Romans 8:1

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Luke 5:17-39 & Deuteronomy 28

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 25:14-30 & Exodus 33



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THURSDAY 25

DOMINATE YOUR WORLD



Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances (Colossians 2:20).

Our opening verse lets us know that we're not subject to the principles of this world. Jesus dominated this world; He lived above the decadence of the world, the corruption and failure of His society. He lived far above, and beyond the government and systems of the day when He walked the earth. That's the life He's given us: one that's not subject to, but lords over, the rudiments of this world.

He's made us self-sufficient, to function above and beyond the systems of this world. He said you're in the world, but not of the world. That means you're to dominate the systems and corrupting influences in today's world. Many around you may be influenced, and provoked to compromise as a result of the deceit, corruption and wickedness in today's world, but not you. You hail from God's Kingdom, and your life is built on, and regulated by, His truth only.

Keep learning God's Word. It'll make you think and talk like Jesus. In John 16:33, He said, ***“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.” Have the same consciousness, because He overcame the world for you. Although He lived in a world plagued by gross darkness, deceit, economic hardships, sickness, oppression, deaths, disasters, etc., He had a victor’s mindset; the kind He expects you to function with.

When you face challenges, persecutions, distressing situations, turbulent times, trials, and temptations, be unruffled; because in Christ, you have overcome the world (1 John 4:4). Let this consciousness reflect even in your prayer-language. It makes no difference the challenges you face; when you pray, declare that in the Name of Jesus, you’ve overcome the world and its systems; its hatred, deceit, poverty, corruption, depression, falsehood and antichrist spirit. Hallelujah!

CONFESSIO

I live and function above and beyond the systems of this world; I’m independent of the hardships, corruption, evil and deceit in the world because I live in Christ, in His Word, and in the dominion of the Spirit, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

1 John 5:4-5; Psalm 8:4-6

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Luke 6:1-16 & Deuteronomy 29-30

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 25:31-46 & Exodus 34



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FRIDAY 26

CLOTHED IN GLORY



Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified (Romans 8:30).

How beautiful this is! We've been called, justified and glorified. Your life is full of glory. That's the reason you can manifest the glory of God; it's what He called you to do: ***"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a dedicated nation, [God's] own purchased, special people, that you may set forth the wonderful deeds and display the virtues and perfections of Him Who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light"*** (1 Peter 2:9 AMPC).

Jesus said in John 17:22, ***"And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one."*** It's important that you see yourself in this light. See yourself in, and as, the glory of God. When Adam and Eve disobeyed God in the Garden, their fall made them "see" that they were naked, and they became ashamed and afraid (Genesis 3:7). When God called out to Adam in the Garden, he replied, ***"...I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself"*** (Genesis 3:10).

The Lord's response to him was, ***"... Who told thee that thou wast naked...?"*** (Genesis 3:11). Adam saw his guilt and his shame, but that's not what God wants you to see. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, ***"...if any man be***

in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” The word “behold” is the Greek, “idou,” which is akin to the Hebrew word, “chazah.” It means to become spiritually aware, to see, and come alive to what you see. God wants you to see that you’re clothed with glory.

You were born to reign and manifest the glory of the Kingdom of God in the earth. Romans 8:19 says, ***“For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.”*** What a life! The same way Jesus came to the earth to express God and manifest His glory, you’ve been chosen of God to show forth His glory. You’ve been called to display God.

Read Colossians 1:27: ***“To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.”*** This means glory has been realized. Therefore, SEE that you’ve been glorified. There’s no reason to be afraid or run from God. He’s taken away all guilt, reproach and shame from your life. He’s justified you. Now, He wants you to live as His glorified one—in His righteousness—as a champion. Hallelujah!

CONFESSION

I’ve been chosen of God to show forth His glory; therefore, I see myself in the glory, walking in the glory and displaying God’s righteousness to my world. Hallelujah!

FURTHER STUDY:

1 Peter 2:9; 2 Corinthians 3:18

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Luke 6:17-49 & Deuteronomy 31-32

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 26:1-13 & Exodus 35



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SATURDAY 27

MORE THAN LETTERS



Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God; Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life (2 Corinthians 3:5-6).

The Word of God is more than letters; it's spirit and life. The letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. Jesus said, ***"It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life"*** (John 6:63). The Word builds, lifts, and transforms us from glory to glory. It's the reason we emphasize meditating on the Word of God.

Meditation gets the Word into your spirit to become personal to you. As you study or listen to God's Word, every time there's a stirring in your spirit to speak forth words on the basis of what you're studying or being taught, don't suppress it. Speak forth. Each time you hear the Word, it's God talking to you, but He always wants you to respond; that's where the glory is!

Until you respond to God's Word, it won't

produce any results. The Word will be mere letters to you. But the Word in your mouth is God talking; it's the sword of the Spirit with which you cut the devil down and prevail over the adversities of life.

That transformation you desire in your finances, health and family is dependent on you, your response to the Word. Psalm 119:89 says, ***“For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.”*** His Word is settled in heaven, but you must settle it in your life through your affirmations of the Word. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Dear Father, your Word is my life, and the light that guides my path in victory and glory. I'll never walk in darkness, because my spirit is enlightened by the Holy Spirit to know and take a hold of my inheritance in Christ, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Isaiah 55:11; Acts 20:32; 2 Timothy 3:16-17

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Luke 7:1-35 & Deuteronomy 33-34

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 26:14-25 & Exodus 36



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SUNDAY 28

SERVE THE LORD HEARTILY



And Samuel spake unto all the house of Israel, saying, If ye do return unto the LORD with all your hearts, then put away the strange gods and Ashtaroth from among you, and prepare your hearts unto the LORD, and serve him only: and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines (1 Samuel 7:3).

We're in the final moments of the last days, and it's important that you're focused on the Lord, serving Him heartily. The Bible says, ***"You may as well know this too...that in the last days it is going to be very difficult to be a Christian"*** (2 Timothy 3:1 TLB). Notice it doesn't say, "It shall be impossible to be a Christian," but "difficult." So, it's telling you to serve the Lord, regardless and independent of circumstances or persecution.

This isn't the time to hide your Christian identity. Nothing whatsoever should be viable enough to take your attention away from the Lord and His Kingdom. Some are only fervent in serving the Lord when everything seems rosy, when their business is thriving and their finances are booming. But the true test comes when trouble strikes, and they get discouraged, and

suddenly lose their fervour.

Some others only serve the Lord during times of challenges. But as soon as they have a miracle and are out of the dilemma, their commitment to the Lord immediately wanes. Something is wrong. Don't let that happen to you. Be on fire for the Lord all the time. Be instant in season, and out of season.

Let nothing compete with, or inhibit your love for and commitment to Christ. The Bible says, ***“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord...”*** (1 Corinthians 15:58). When everything is going smoothly, be steadfast. And when it's a period of adversity, serve the Lord heartily still. The Bible says, ***“If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small”*** (Proverbs 24:10). Colossians 3:23 tells us, ***“And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord....”*** Praise God!

PRAYER

Dear Lord, I'm always active in my service to you, in truth, with all my heart. I refuse to be slothful in the dealings of the Spirit; I'm fervent, serving you wholeheartedly, rejoicing in hope, and patient in times of trouble. I remain steadfast and unmovable, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Romans 12:11-12 AMPC; 1 Corinthians 15:58 AMPC

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Luke 7:36-50 & Joshua 1-2

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 26:26-35 & Exodus 37



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MONDAY 29

IT'S SOONER THAN YOU THINK



Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book (Revelation 22:7).

Some have wondered why we preach the Gospel the way we do, all around the world, with so much urgency, fervency and passion. It's because the Master gave us a mandate to evangelize the world before He comes back, leading men and women into righteousness.

In Mathew 28:19, He said, ***“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.”*** He gave us a message for the whole world about what He came to do in the earth, so that when He comes back, many will be prepared for Him, and go with Him. Hallelujah!

This is our inspiration and the urgency of the moment. We're not just trying to get people excited about Christianity; it's about Jesus Christ and His living message: He came to die for the whole world, and God raised Him from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and He's alive today, and will come back any time from now.

How ready are you for His return? If you're still

wondering when, and how soon He is coming back, I can tell you this: it's a lot sooner than many realize, judging from the timelines revealed to us in Scriptures.

All the things He told us will happen before He comes are happening exactly the way He said they would. There aren't too many signs or events left to be fulfilled before the Master's return. This is why we must keep preaching the Gospel, preparing men and women all over the world for the Rapture. He was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin, unto salvation (Hebrews 9:28). Therefore, be prepared and ready for Him.

PRAYER

Dear Father, through the preaching and teaching of the Gospel of righteousness, your Kingdom is established in the earth and in the hearts of men. Many are snatched from destruction and damnation, into the glorious liberty of the sons of God. Thank you for the increased grace upon the Church to proclaim liberty in all the earth, in these last days, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Acts 1:11; 1 Corinthians 16:22; Revelation 22:20

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Luke 8:1-21 & Joshua 3-4

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 26:36-46 & Exodus 38



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TUESDAY 30

THE SANCTIFIER IN YOU



But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption (1 Corinthians 1:30).

Besides being your wisdom, righteousness, and redemption (riddance), Christ is also your sanctification. The word sanctification used in our opening verse refers to the act or process of making holy or setting apart unto God for His eternal purpose. It's translated from the Greek word "hagiasmos" which means, "a purifier." So, the sanctifier has come to live in you.

Christ isn't in you, trying to sanctify you; He has sanctified you, and continues to sanctify everything you do. He's your separator; He has separated you from the rest of the world, from sin and evil, unto the glorious liberty of the sons of God. Hallelujah! Just as you're required to activate wisdom by speaking wisdom, you're also required to speak sanctification—words that cleanse and purify.

Recall what Paul said in 1 Timothy 4:4-5: ***“For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.”*** You can

purify or sanctify anything that belongs to you with the Word of God and prayer.

The Lord Jesus said in John 15:3, ***“Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.”*** Jesus has gone to heaven, but He lives in, and through you today. You’re the one bearing those wonderful sanctifying words today. Keep speaking words of blessings, to cleanse and sanctify your environment. As you speak, people are purified; they’re transformed from glory to another.

Hebrews 2:11 says, ***“For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren.”*** Christ the sanctifier is in you; He’s one with your spirit now (1 Corinthians 6:17). And through you, He’s carrying out His ministry of sanctifying all things to Himself.

CONFESSION

I rejoice evermore in Christ, my sanctifier, my righteousness, the One who washed me and presented me holy and unblameable before the Father in love. My life is for the glory of God. I’m the testimony of the Father’s love, the proof of His equity. Blessed be God!

FURTHER STUDY:

Hebrews 2:11; 1 Thessalonians 5:23

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Luke 8:22-39 & Joshua 5-6

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 26:47-56 & Exodus 39



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WEDNESDAY 31

THE NEW AND LIVING WAY



Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh (Hebrews 10:19-20).

How awesome this is! Jesus opened for us a new and living way to the Father; He took off the veil to the Father's presence and ushered us in. Blessed be God! Remember His words in John 14:6: ***"...I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."***

Recall that in Genesis, Adam had sinned against God and was driven away from the presence of God, together with his wife, Eve. They'd been in fellowship with God in the Garden of Eden, but the Bible says God sent an angel with a flaming sword to stay at the gate of the Garden to disallow them from re-entering the garden.

Suddenly, the rich fellowship man once had with God was over. That was the beginning of religion. Man began to do everything he could to get that divine presence again. All the religions of the world today are seeking the same thing: the divine presence. Man had no way to get back into that presence, until Jesus came. He made a startling statement which we read earlier. He said, ***"...I am the WAY...no one comes to***

the Father, but by me!" (John 14:6).

This was what Adam needed. This was what the Patriarchs of the Old Testament all needed—the way to the Father's presence. Jesus is that way. When He died on the Cross, the Bible says the thick veil that separated the temple from the Most Holy Place was torn in two, from top to bottom (Matthew 27:51), making the presence of God accessible.

Today, there's no veil, no separation anymore between you and the Father. You live in His presence, and the Bible says, "In His presence is fullness of joy and pleasures evermore" (Psalm 16:11). If you haven't found your way into His presence, if you're not yet born again, there's no need to wallow in sin, defeat and ignorance anymore. There's no need searching for the way; Jesus is the Way. All you have to do is confess His lordship over your life, and your spirit will be recreated to begin an exciting life in God's presence for eternity. Hallelujah!

CONFESSION

I was born into God's presence to live eternally in joy, glory and pleasures evermore. My life is upward and forward, because in His presence is the path of life; His light illuminates and all I see is blessings and the glorious benefits of my inseparable oneness with Christ. Glory to His Name forever.

FURTHER STUDY:

Ephesians 2:18-19; Romans 5:1-2

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Luke 8:40-56 & Joshua 7-9

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 26:57-68 & Exodus 40



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-D; United States of America

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-M.E; Nigeria

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