

“Wherefore when He cometh into the world, He saith, ‘Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared Me: In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast no pleasure. Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of Me,) to do thy will, O God.” – HEBREWS 10:5-7

TO DO HIS WILL, LOOK OUT FOR THE SIMPLE

There once lived a man who was a general in the Syrian Army, his name was Naaman. He was the captain of the host of the king of Syria; a man of great stature, revered and accomplished as a soldier and the right hand man of the king, but he was a leper. He had an unforgettable encounter with a prophet of God and the God of Israel. By the time God finished with him, he started negotiating how he can serve the true God without losing his head as a general in the service of a heathen king.

First, it was an Israelite slave in his house who informed him that his leprosy was a small case before prophet Elisha, the Lord’s prophet in Israel. When he went looking for the prophet, Elisha did not bother to see him or to talk to him; the prophet sent his servant to him, to tell him to go and deep himself seven times in the river Jordan. This made the general very angry; not only did the prophet not fear him, but of all the better rivers in his country, it was Jordan he should deep himself in. Not only this, what has bathing himself in river Jordan got to do with leprosy?

Logically, scientifically, aesthetically it makes absolutely no sense. So he left in anger. One of his servants, another lowly soul, intervened and counselled him; if he was asked to go and destroy a whole nation or to do something outrageously difficult and complicated, he would not think twice before doing it, bathing in the river Jordan is too easy, it is not even a task. So the general finally succumbed; he obeyed the prophet’s instructions and was completely healed. His skin became like a baby’s skin {Full account in 2 Kings 5:1-27}.

To many people, especially atheists, salvation, the shedding of blood and the preaching of the cross are all foolishness; it does not involve the complications in our world that would have made it to make sense. Such are the instructions of the Lord that delivers. For some, it may mean asking for power of a strong mind to forget the past and the abuse from people we once trusted, to others, it may require giving up all the many plans and strategies that are increasingly becoming a burden and an affront to God. To do God’s will require courage as it did for Jesus, but it will still be simple in nature. The end will be good; it makes one become a blessing to other people as it did for Jesus and His apostles: one becomes a testimony for all to see.

One thing is however certain; we have the choice between doing the will of God which may appear too simple to be true, or to stick to our own will; we cannot have both. So look out for the simple instructions; there is tremendous power in them, just as the stretching of the rod of Moses opened the Red Sea. God requires from no man "things or material sacrifices", but the sacrifice of our wills to have and to become His will. May God grant us all the grace to retrace our steps where necessary and to find His counsel in due season.

"Blessed be the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: according as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love." {Ephesians 1:3-4} Amen.

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TRUMPET CALL 2015-04-27

"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of power may be of God, and not of us." – 2 CORINTHIANS 4:8

YOU HAVE A TREASURE AND IT IS EXCELLENT!

Long before the revealing of Jesus Christ and the completion of God's salvation plan for man through Jesus, empires rose and fell. One of the greatest of these empires, the Roman Empire alluded their powers and conquests to several gods especially the Hellas gods. Some of these empires prospered and excelled in many fields including science. Most of the philosophers searched for the true God. Socrates was firmly convinced that there is a greater god or being, greater than the moody gods that many believed in. The modus operandi was philosophy, psychology, astronomy, geometry and several other fields that were evolving but instructing and advancing many. Paul was knowledgeable in some of these fields; however, when he came in contact with Christ he abandoned all of them for the excellency of the true knowledge and power of God.

There is no field of knowledge that did not originate from God. They all have their uses. But for the church of Jesus Christ to advance, we must all understand without any confusion that we cannot mix the gospel with any other field. This was the point that Apostle Paul the philosopher and theologian, never failed to explain and to teach about. We have been able to see clearly what he was saying whilst on earth, whose messages are still speaking but largely ignored. He wrote to the Colossians; "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ." {Colossians 2:8}

To know what we believe, we should assess what we trust in. God backs up His word {Psalm 138:2}, but will not contradict Himself by supporting any field that is designed to replace the unadulterated power of God's Spirit in the soul and spirit of born-again believers. This is the valley of decision. Any time God's people abandon Him, we will see improvisation with other fields. This replacement programme does one unique thing: it seeks to build and to enforce all the strongholds God seeks to pull down. It is therefore imperative for everyone to know that God is not against any other field, but we must master the art of drawing a demarcation line and never mix the world or worldly doctrines and teachings with God's pure milk and meat of the word.

The treasure in the earthen vessel cost Jesus His life; it is therefore good to remind ourselves, that what we have been given and entrusted with, is all we need. The Holy Spirit separates a Christian believer from everyone else, but for a purpose; so that men may see the difference and desire to have what we possess. This is God's design to move His church back on track and to move it forward.

Nevertheless, many may not be too conscious that the main battle that a lot of us are facing, is the battle believers must fight and win in the valley of decision. Should we go all out for the Spirit's power, or the wisdom of men? It is a delicate and intricate but far reaching in its potential for good for all; it is also a definite game changer. Father Abraham, the father of the faithful gave up Ishmael and then Isaac. Jesus counselled that his' is an example worth emulating. Ishmael represents that which is of the flesh or the world but Isaac represents the promise. Both had to be given up. This is the death to self or the world that must precede the enthronement of Christ, individually first, then the whole or the body of Christ. Also note; it is so simple, it is no holier than thou, just surrender.

Paul led in this way; "AND I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God." {1 Corinthians 2:1-5} This will be the way forward; not by power, nor by might, but by His Spirit. Yes it appears like a hard message, but this is God's way. We have a separation between the wisdom of men and the Spirit of God, the influence of men upon the souls of men or the influence of God's Spirit on the souls of men. This is the valley of decision.

Therefore, this call is to remind us all of this treasure. As it happened in the Acts of the Spirit through Christ's apostles, it was love in its purest form that attracted God's Spirit and the manifest power. They were baptized with the Spirit of selflessness and martyrdom, and God kept on adding to them daily {Acts 2:46-47, 4:32-37}. They depended totally on God's Spirit and His power; this is God's way. This is the Pearl and the Treasure, we should treat it as such; we have all we need, Amen.

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"Now our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work." – 2 THESSALONIANS 2:16-17

The Lord Himself is the source of courage and motivation; He is the source of grace. This is His word for someone out there; never give in to fear or any form of discouragement. The only one who sustains all things says have good hope! He has gone ahead; however, watch out for anything that can move you off course. As long as you are on course, you will get there. When you stumble or even fall, He knows before it happens. So pick up yourself immediately and continue, "ON COURSE".

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." {2 Timothy 1:7} Amen.

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TRUMPET CALL 2015-04-21

"For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ." – 1 CORINTHIANS 2:16

THE MIND OF CHRIST SPEAKS PEACE AND ORDER

The Scripture lends us help to know how the worlds were made; "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear." {Hebrews 11:3} The things that appear came from an immaterial realm, shaped or released by the words God spoke. The Psalmist also noted; "By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth." {Psalms 33:6} Communication in clear languages characterizes the human race as a different race from all other races.

We are at an advantage also because we know we were created in the very image of God and redeemed to be transformed and conformed to the image of His Son, as

Christian believers. This is high calling and a place of responsibility. This world and our present conditions are the result of our words.

But if we all purpose that we seek and speak the mind of Christ, we will see heaven on earth; it is as simple as that. The mind of Christ is peace, it is holy, it is compassionate and gentle; it is a beautiful mind. If we speak faith, that is not presumption, we will see order; angels will be activated more than demons. Let us be clear; demons receive their powers on earth by the words of humans, especially the words spoken by those given authority. This is why we counsel that both in prayers, in messages and our activities, we should be conscious of what the effect or outcome of our words will be. The heart is deceitful according to the verdict of God {Jeremiah 17:9}, but the mind of Christ is not.

When we pray, the mind of Christ will bring quick answers, activate angels, bring order, bring convictions, settle grievances, stop the mouth of lions, change the mind of the most recalcitrant of political leaders and so on. But if we mix our opinion or our mind, then, the struggle continues. The exact opposite of the mind of Christ will be the result. Remember also "THE KING'S heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: He turneth it whithersoever He will." {Proverbs 21:1} When we believe and allow God without interfering with Christ's will, God will turn any heart, by Himself. Most of the time, we are the source of delays in godly intervention.

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land." {Isaiah 1:18-19} Now this is talking about positive possibilities for all; let us all now choose wisely, Amen.

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TRUMPET CALL 2015-04-20

"That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death;" – PHILIPPIANS 3:10

THE TEST OF THE CROSS: RESURRECTION

After more than fifty years of walking with Christ, Paul still prayed that he may know Him and the power of His resurrection. This prayer can be said by anyone who possesses a fair, or rather simple understanding of love, compassion and that purposeful desire of Christ, for those begotten by Him to know God.

Jesus' appearance before and after His passion did not cut the image of someone with compassion for humanity, certainly not of someone who was wise; it was the

image of someone who was caught in the very act of deception, the image of someone who was foolish enough to think that anyone will believe Him.

But there is a test and a proof that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and whom He claimed to be; resurrection! The proof that something, whether it is faith, a message, a work or any such thing is of God, is resurrection. There is nothing that survives the cross that can ever be slain again. There is also a power that accompanies that which has been to the cross that Jesus is calling His people to embrace; this is the power Apostle Paul was talking about after his many years of meritorious service. Anything that did not proceed from God can never be resurrected after visiting the cross. The cross is the antidote for self.

Finally, the cross is a place of unity. All those who embrace the cross and its message will no more be talking or praying about unity, they will be united. By the time we all see eye to eye, at the cross, and move on, every unit and part will flow together naturally. This we pray all will see as a true message of hope; the cross unites. Yes the message of surrender is not popular, but do we really have a choice? The option is to try to accomplish what has already been accomplished. Give it all to Him and watch Him fashion everything in our lives according to His own plan; this is to know Him and the power of His resurrection, Amen.

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TRUMPET CALL 2015-04-17

“Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.” – ISAIAH 40:4-5

A CONQUERING SPIRIT

After Joshua, a veteran warrior and God’s choice for the choice but unenviable job of leading God’s people, took Jericho under very specific instructions from God, he proceeded to take the next nation in line for conquest. He sent spies to case-out the land and the spies came back with very juicy report. He then decided to send about three thousand soldiers for what they all thought was an easy task. This was the first defeat Joshua encountered. The people fled before the men of Ai {Joshua 7:1-6}. Joshua could not believe what he was seeing. He had never been defeated.

Prior to this incident, Joshua had an intriguing and enlightening encounter with the Angel of the Lord, the Captain of the LORD’S host. Joshua asked Him, “Art thou for us, or for our adversaries?” And He said, ‘Nay; but as the Captain of the host of the LORD am I come.” {Joshua 5:13b-14a} God takes no side with no one; He is on His

own side. Those who must know God and understand His ways should never forget this. Even when we practice injustice against those whom God has declared His enemies, we may not get His support. God will stand for those who stand for Jesus Christ, who support His causes, who understand that even when we use His name, it is those who truly honour His Son that He will honour.

But on this occasion, they had a fifth columnist who had transgressed the word of God, also, they did not inquire from God who had always been leading them before they advanced. They were defeated because of the transgression of one single soul, Achan. They learnt this simple principle; "For the time is come that judgment must first begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?" {1 Peter 4:17}. No one takes territories when the camp has already been weakened, from inside. Many souls won at crusades are a great concern for the Lord as we speak; the foundation and the composition of what they are being given has been declared defective. Indoctrination has been into denominations and pet agendas rather than Christ.

Many have inquired of the Lord, He has answered; many have prophesied change. It is not the world that has issues to change. The world is advancing rapidly; we are enjoying technologies and many inventions coming directly from the world because we have slept. We went to convert the world when we were not fully converted; hence, the world converted God's people, and they didn't know it. Yet, after having been warned about mixing things up and about our upside down approach, we still desire to carry on, and then be conquered again because we refuse to heed the truth. It is we the church who needs conversion, to be like children again, then we can take the world because the world will see the light and come; they will find that God and His word cannot evolve.

Every valley shall be exalted: starting from God's house or people, every mountain and hills made low; strongholds (including any form of prejudice) we have kept untouched for ages: the crooked will be straightened by the sincere milk of the word {1 Peter 2:1-2}, the rough places made plain through the washing of water by the word {Ephesians 5:26}, then, and when the glory of the Lord is revealed, all flesh shall see it together. The mountains of the Lord is established, His righteousness, salvation and glory is revealed {Isaiah 62:1-2} because of genuine heart-felt repentance that cannot be rejected by heaven. It is not a strategy; it is what God's word says.

A conquering Spirit is who we received from Christ {Romans 8:37}. And if we as a body must advance, it should be after we have inquired from Him who is the Shepherd, for He is the Head. However, it is those who ask who will be received. If we do not want to be conquered by the world again, we must learn our lessons now, acknowledge where we ran off on our own and to know where we missed the turning. We cannot run with a mixture of half-world, half-Christ, half-truth, half-law, half-grace; generally churning out the same mistakes of the past and expect the

change which the Lord Himself has made unambiguously clear from His word for all of us to see.

It is true, God will never order or force change or love; however, it will serve us all well to know that no man can command God or direct Him. Therefore, many prophesy, and the prophecies are left hanging unfulfilled because men have chosen to reject the truth; year in, year out, more prophetic words but no real movement. We pray that those who really know the truth about matters like these will have enough courage to stand up and be counted.

Let us learn from the past now. Change starts from the inside; it will be seen on the outside, and the word of God will be fulfilled by the self-fulfilling power of His word. "And whosoever does not bear his cross, and come after Me, cannot be My disciple." {Luke 14:27}. Only those who have done this are His disciples; and those who have truly become His disciples can make disciples. Disciples have no more wills or strategies of their own. This was what those who led the church in the wrong direction never learnt. They led themselves, they were not led by the Shepherd; we ought to learn our lessons. We ought to always remember why change was necessary in the first place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but God's word is eternal. Man's word will not stand before the word of God. For the wayfaring one who believe these messages, expect no man's support.

But watch out for your souls! We have observed by experience that those whose prophecies are being unveiled may not receive the message because they never thought it will affect them. You may even find some changing the tone and shifting their stances. These may not be a source of encouragement in anyway. Some will still try to convince others that truth spoken in love is being judgmental and hypocritical. Messages like this need pure courage; that courage will only come from above. So lift up your eyes to the hills {Psalm 121:1-2}. God will never fail to back up His word, especially when there is more at stake than personal wishes.

This call is this; We cannot change anyone or take any ground or mountain if we refuse to change or reject the message of change. The house must be clean, and we need to be one. But when we do; "For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee. And Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising." {Isaiah 60:2-3} We have learnt that God's promises are not without conditions.

"For as [surely as] the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden cause what is sown into it to spring forth, so [surely] the Lord God will cause rightness and justice and praise to spring forth before all the nations [through the self-fulfilling power of His word]." {Isaiah 61:11 AMP} This includes the Middle East. The Lord has the last word, Amen.

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TRUMPET CALL 2015-04-16

"Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold unto eternal life whereunto thou art called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses." – 1 TIMOTHY 6:12
FIGHT THE FIGHT; MAKE IT A GOOD FIGHT

Everyday life presents us all with wonderful opportunities to shine, to be the light, to blaze a trail when possible and to stand for something noble in the face of tests, trials and temptations. But as Christian believers, it is the walk and fight of fight, it is a wrestling match that can spring up on anyone of us without warning; it is the call to walk in the Spirit.

How do we win in this fight? First, understand that we win when God is on our side. It is no brinkmanship or heroism; but an outflow of the very life of God through the believer. This leaves little room for self-will. Grace is free; what we do with the grace handed to us is what will be rewarded. No one gets rewards for accepting free grace. Therefore, we will be required to demonstrate to God and to those we are called to serve, unquestionable commitment, loyalty, integrity, resilience, virtue and nobility that borders on following in the footsteps of Jesus Christ.

But Jesus cautioned; "Enter ye in at the strait gate; for wide is the gate, and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." {Matthew 7:13-14} And through Jesus' experience we find; "From that time, many of His disciples went back, and walked no more with Him." {John 6:66} His message had become hard and too much; the call to the interior life has become too revolutionary. Meanwhile, this was the main issue with men; they love with the mouth and mind, but their hearts were far from God. Jesus came to call people to worship God in spirit and in truth; with pure hearts, good consciences and unfeigned faith. Our generation should rejoice for this message.

Friend, you have a fight that you must win. No one wins by compromising on whatever has been shown to them that it needs to be addressed because it is barrier to true faith. Grace is power for winners and it is for winning. Two can walk together when they agree {Amos 3:3}. The greatest source of losses and failure are fifth columnists. The road is narrow, there will be few that will believe the Bible and the express instructions from Jesus with you; nevertheless, it is crucial that our walk of faith is the one God will be happy to stand by us. "For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end." {Hebrews 3:14.} God's promises always come with an "If". Fight and win, Amen.

God bless and have a good day.

“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” – MATTHEW 6:33

THE UNLEAVENED BREAD

To get to one’s journey in life, we will all require a form of map. If we do not inquire about this map, one may proceed on an endless journey. If or when one misses the first turn the journey may become unnecessarily perilous. Therefore Jesus said, “Seek ye first”. This is where most of us have floundered.

The Kingdom of God and the gospel of Christ is not Biblical economics, or any other subject. The economy of God is not what most have presented it to be. The economy of God is the dispensation of God in man; it is the first commandment that leads to the first directive to seek first the enthronement of God in our spirit, soul and body. Failure to do this or the boredom that most encounter has led many to seek other things first. This is what led many to add pure economics, we call it biblical economics, biblical philosophy, biblical psychology etc; it all becomes leaven or spiritual yeast. Once we do not detect this, and the Holy Spirit is shut out, we have no choice but to add to the gospel. This is what led many to seek to influence men, instead to allowing God’s Spirit, enthroned in man, to influence men.

We are confronted with all sorts of activities, as if to help the Holy Spirit, or like a spiritual turbo booster. God needs no such help; The Holy Spirit is enough when we allow Him. “Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.” {1 Corinthians 5:7-8} We have the opportunity today, when we have life, to pull down strongholds that are standing in the way of progress. We need also be aware that leaven does not agree with God, neither can it be offered to Him, nor be served in His house.

We should not be tempted to conceptualize the gospel or add to it. Whatever we add, should be called what it is; leaven. The foundation is to seek first the economy or the enthronement of God. Every other thing will be added. When we stay on God’s plan for His church, we will keep it on making disciples of the world. But if we compete with the world, not only will we alienate the Spirit of God, we will end up amending the gospel to suit the world. There is no eternal profit in this. Let’s keep it simple, just the gospel. However, those who desire to establish business schools should by all means do so. But engaging the name of Christ in such endeavours is pure leaven; it is merchandising. It is more or less like a politician using his position to amass wealth whilst in office. Even the people of the world prosecute themselves for such things.

Many may not know this, but let's not be ignorant anymore. Our mission is clear and unambiguous; make disciples of the world. Seek first the enthronement of God, what we seek to add by ourselves, will be added by God when we do the first part, Amen.

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TRUMPET CALL 2015-04-14

"AWAKE, AWAKE; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean." – ISAIAH 52:1

IDENTIFYING BABYLON

When Jesus was led as the sheep to the slaughter, most people jeered, some wept, all had concluded that Jesus was not whom He claimed to be. No thought was given to the truth He had spoken, just that if He was whom He said He was, He would not have been led like a scape-goat that He had become, outside the gate, to be killed like the worst of criminals. The difference between those whom God may select to bear the reproach of others or to stand in Christ's place is that, most may not understand initially. This may be speaking to someone; God has not failed you, so don't start cursing like Jeremiah. Remember this: "Wherefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered without the gate. Let us go forth therefore unto Him without the camp, bearing His reproach." {Hebrews 13:12-13}

Unbeknown to them, the rulers were so secretly scared of what Jesus said about resurrecting the third day that they wanted a huge boulder placed at the mouth of His grave to prevent this from happening. As surely as no force of hell could hold Him down, no power or force can prevent God's will for "NOW" from coming to pass; "For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth." {2 Corinthians 13:8} Only falsehood or half-truths will crumble in this season. No man brings a prophecy to pass; only God.

This is an alert for those who cling to Babylon and those who hope to preserve the status quo; you have been alerted: there is a country and system of Babylon. It seeks to exchange the influence of God for the influence of man. It is not a new thing. God warned; "And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth." {Revelations 17:9}. "And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." {Revelations 17:5} The mother of all things false or half-true; the mother of diminished potency.

God is not speaking about mountains that just sprang up or evolved, He was speaking about mountains that exist, what they are and who presides over them. If by now, we all do not know what hit the body of Christ and caused derailment from the second and third century AD, then perhaps history has not served everyone well. God's enemies do not need many doors, just one is enough. Therefore, this message is directed to the wise and those who truly either know wisdom or desire wisdom; "For if I build again the things which I destroy, I make myself a transgressor." {Galatians 2:18} Seek God's holy mountain!

Most of what we see today and what our gatherings look like today, was never God's plan for His church. You will know Babylon when and where you do not hear the message of the cross. You won't be able to preach it where you seek influence, certainly not on a golf course, in a business gathering or in a resort where you seek pleasure. We keep mixing the gospel with our pet concepts and seek to enforce approval of men. Men will always approve pleasure and anything that will translate to money; that is Babylon: it shifts focus from Christ and God's purpose for His church to finding a balance or a mixture of God's will and our own wills and desires. In God's kingdom, only God's will is done; our understanding of this brings and keeps us all on the same page.

Can anyone imagine what it would have looked like if Jesus Christ, John the Baptist or the prophets of old sought the approval of the rulers in their time? Yet most of the prophecies of the prophets or of Christ are yet to be fulfilled. Friend, do not mortgage your commission for a desire for influence. That was how it happened in Rome. You cannot prove God or prove for God; the Truth will prove Himself and in His own time. But what we know and see, we cannot but declare, for it has already been foretold. We will encourage everyone to have courage to face the truth. It is what we confess, repent and forsake that activates mercy; "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." {Proverbs 28:13}.

Let no one be confused about Babylon; it is a false church and you will know it by its avoidance of the message of the cross. It's only message will be what we can get from God, how God loves us, thinks of us, our righteousness, and all it provides for us; mostly things that will perish on earth. When we seek God in spirit and in truth with joy, He will not leave us without telling His concerns or pointing us to the cross. God and Jesus Christ are not Santa Klaus. Yes we have been provided for, but Christ is asking His people to lay down their lives for Him and for others. This is the core of Christianity; it is not business as usual or about your needs alone. Is God saying we should not recreate or have fun, certainly not! But we should not mix the gospel with our own conceptions; we cannot dilute God's word. Christian leadership is discipleship. Only a disciple of Christ can make another disciple for Christ.

Jesus gave His assessment and verdict on the Churches throughout the ages in His message to the seven Churches in Asia Minor {Revelations 2 and 3}. It is those who overcome who will inherit. Let no man be deceived. If there are promises for those

who overcome, what will happen to those who choose to give and to receive false hope? If Jesus says those who do not pick up their cross and follow Him are not His disciples, and so many do not even know what that cross is, we should be able to discern who we are following. A true friend will not leave a friend in the dark, going the wrong way.

But now He is saying, Awake! Put on thy Strength! There is a battle. It has to do with taking our stand for the truth and the whole truth. Any half-truth is the domain of the enemy; God does not deal in half-truths. If you have heard the truth, but you are waiting because things did not happen the way you feel it should happen and because you did not see a sign, you should be concerned! We have deliberately asked those in doubt to spend time and pray about these messages.

When Pilate said that Jesus' blood is not in his hands, the rulers who wanted Him dead, responded "Then answered all the people, and said, 'His blood be on us and on our children.'" {Matthew 27:25} After His resurrection and the Acts of His apostles, the same rulers cried "Saying, 'Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? And, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us.'" {Acts 5:28}. When one hears a warning and is still looking for signs or some form of action somewhere before action is taken, it is nothing but apostasy. Before God moves, He calls; until Jerusalem was completely destroyed and the Jew's last and final dispersion, they continued to call Jesus Christ a deceiver despite all His warnings and the word from the old prophets.

When God speaks about judgment, most people interpret it to mean destruction. No! Acts of God comes after judgment. Judgment is to separate, to expose what men think is truth but is not. When a church starts saying that same sex marriage is alright, that is judgment. The truth about that church is being revealed, by itself. What is shut up in the foundation of some lives or nations are being revealed. Mixing Christianity with some other things and saying a ministry or nation is founded on Christ will reveal itself when God decides to judge. Judgment will expose what is God and what is not and all that is hidden; the way Ananias and Sapphira were exposed for who they really are, and Haman was made known for who he really is to king Ahasuerus, so is the judgment of God.

This call is this, faith and love cannot be separated from full-truth; repent, the kingdom of God is at hand. Babylon is real; it desires to mutate and has already mutated: "And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire." {Matthew 3:10} And for those who may be wondering about our messages we need to clarify; our messages are not devotionals. We are grateful for all the pastors and the Bible teachers who are doing an excellent job for us all. God bless them all. Amen.

God bless and have a good day. This message is given totally in love.

“Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is henceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.” – MATTHEW 5:13

SALT OR HONEY: THE RECIPE FOR TAKING TERRITORIES

If one has been in the business of insurance in Africa or in Nigeria for example, and one have had to sell life insurance, it will resonate with you that you will need a lot of honey in your mouth to sell just one endowment policy. Sales or marketing is quite fun to those who are gifted. So we thought when we had no Christ; you will do anything to get your stuff sold, your ability to sell instant gratification is honey in the pocket. The eternal life policy better known as the gospel of the kingdom of God or of Jesus Christ will require a different class of skill; light and salt.

Honey has its uses; God promised His people a land flowing with milk and honey. They rejoiced, until they saw the details of the journey. And when they got to the Promised Land, it was the honey part that caused all their backslidings and subsequent captivities. When addressing errors of the past, it is important to differentiate the honey from the salt.

Honey is not a natural product: it is derived from a process called “regurgitation and evaporation” and performed by bees with nectar produced from flowers. It derives its sweetness from fructose and glucose, but contains endospores, some sort of bacterium. All these are good for human consumption in limited quantities; for tea, coffee and confectioneries. God knows this but commanded “No meat offering, which ye shall bring unto the LORD, shall be made with leaven: for ye shall burn no leaven, nor any honey, in any offering of the LORD made by fire.” {Leviticus 2:11} Honey was associated with leaven or corruption. Honey is in the same category with sugar, containing similar properties in limited quantities but with similar effects and usage.

On the other hand, salt is a mineral and is natural, essential for animal and human life and is basic to human tastes. It is probably the most ubiquitous in our diet. It is used for flavouring and food preservation. Salt is present in vast quantities in sea water. There is a measure of salt in human and animal bodies and blood. God then commanded “And every oblation or thy meat offering shalt thou season with salt; neither shalt thou suffer the salt of the covenant of thy God to be lacking from thy meat offering: with all thine offering thou shalt offer salt.” {Leviticus 2:13} Salt is flavour and preservation.

As a living, lively sacrifice, His word calls us to offer acceptable sacrifices of our lives, seasoned with salt. The world, our messages and our offerings need more salt than

honey. A lot of people including politicians have begun to recognise that corruption or leaven is a faulty foundation. It is a matter of time before the decay manifests. "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" {Psalm 11:3} We have today and the future to make sure that it is salt and not honey that we have presented to God's people and the world. We need not go too deep about what constitutes honey in our presentation of the gospel. But on the train of the movement of God and of the gospel of Jesus Christ, it is salt and light all the way.

Let us remember that our actions today will reflect on all we have hoped for, for today and the future. God is the Father and the source of all things; He says be the salt of the earth. Sugar or honey-coated offerings have an inherent composition for decomposition. "Hearken unto Me, My people; and give ear unto Me, O My nation: for a law shall proceed from Me, and I will make My judgment to rest for a light of the people." {Isaiah 51:4} When we have Christ, we have all we need, but it must be the Christ of the Bible, in spirit and in truth. It can reasonably be said; salt and light keeps our feet on the ground: it is a humble place to be

When we seek for heaven's support for taking mountains and for taking territories, one sure strategy is the application of light and salt, Amen.

God bless and have a great day.

[#] Optimism

TRUMPET CALL 2015-05-04

"I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and My judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent Me." – JOHN 5:30

SEEK THE INFALLIBLE

Those who believe the word of God have one thing in common; they believe and are referred to as believers because they understand that the word of God is infallible. Some who court controversies may not share this view. If someone has a message, that message must be subject to validation through the written word of God. No one validates the word of God, a message or a messenger through any other means except the word of God. We do not validate a message or a messenger by prophetic gifts. Therefore God Himself gave us this; "The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath My word, let him speak My word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? saith the LORD.

For those who wonder why we do not ask people to give us their opinions or views, we will say respectfully; we have once shared on this page, that anyone is free to admonish or correct us when they find it necessary. We added that it will be received in love and prayed that it will be given in love. What we do not engage in,

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Also, we understand that most of the controversies and damage done in and with Christ's body came from opinions of men; never with what God said. God's word is good, it is infallible; therefore we will not find in the bible requests for further suggestions.

People who are called by God's name should note; "No man putteth new wine into old bottles: else the new wine doth burst the bottles, and the wine is spilled, and the bottle marred: but new wine must be put into new wine bottles." {Mark 2:22} We all need new wine bottles to be able to receive the new wine, Amen.

God bless and have a good day.

[# Reality
2015-05-03

"But this man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; from henceforth expecting till His enemies be made His footstool." – HEBREWS 10:12-13

FRIENDS OF GOD

Many believers have suffered unnecessarily because they have not been able to differentiate between our enemies that Jesus said we should love and bless, and the enemies of Christ whom God promised to make His footstool. This is just to clarify this in the mind of God's holy people, the apple of His eyes: "THE LORD said unto my Lord, 'Sit thou at My right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.'" {Psalm 110:1} We have been privileged to identify those who pursue evil against God's people {Proverbs 11:19} or anyone for that matter as God's enemies {please see our messages if you will, of 2013-07-27 and 2015-02-11}. We cannot bless those whom God promised to make the footstool of Jesus Christ; we are to pray for God's eternal will to be done concerning the enemies of Christ and of God: but it must be His will and His' alone. Not our own wills.

Many of God's people are not seeing deliverance because they are not able to understand that it is possible to be in league with God's enemies. When you are in agreement with the enemies of God, there is no progress or deliverance. These enemies are not people of different religion or unsaved persons; the unsaved are the fishes that need to be caught. We must pray always for the salvation of all men.

Therefore God's people, remain on the Lord's side and be very clear about it. King Ahab was once sanctioned by God for allowing God's enemy to escape {see account in 1 Kings 20:1-43}. Let us understand that two parallel lines cannot meet. We cannot fellowship or continue in fellowship with enemies of God; God and Jesus Christ have enemies and they are clever {2 Corinthians 6:14:18}. You may not hear this from some pulpits, but hold on to the truth and be safe. Above all, look unto Jesus and watch for Him alone. Amen.

God bless.

┌ #┐ Optimism
2015-05-03

"But I say unto you, 'Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and the unjust.'" – MATTHEW 5:44-45

One of the best open secrets of walking with God progressively and profitably is blind obedience. Has anyone noticed how voices are raised higher and at times with anger-distorted faces, when men pray about their enemies? That is how the enemy traps majority of God's people. Let it go and just do what Jesus says! He who commanded wants to set many free. As we pray and bless those who have cursed, the devils power is broken, freedom and progress is assured. Obedience is good; pray this until you mean it and it permeates the soul and the spirit.

The new season is upon us; it requires pragmatic, purposeful alertness for actualisation of God's own agenda. Some have seen nuclear explosions and want people to pray against nuclear attacks. Relax! What you have been shown is an outpouring of the Spirit of God. So many have prayed for it for years, years! And behold, it is here; so, watch, Amen.

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TRUMPET CALL 2015-05-04

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#Optimism
2015-05-05

"A new commandment I give unto you, 'That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one for another.'" – JOHN 13:34-35

IT IS A LOVELY DAY!

Love is action; Love is work. There are ways we may know what our love is made of. Our motives for doing what we do, how we feel when we do what we do for others. We can also avoid semantics when we get into this subject. When we love children

or our children and our spouses, we do what we do not because of what we will receive as profit; neither do we examine legal frameworks to show our love.

But Jesus gave us a clue; "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." {John 15:13} Now we can call this a good example from the good Master. It will not be love if it does not involve a "doing". There are actions to be taken in this thing called love. What's your motive? That will be a starting point for assessment. Jesus said, if you love Me, prove it! {John 14:23} So let no one say to you, it's not about what you do. Love is not in feelings; it is action, just like the cross of Jesus Christ. If you love me, prove it! Amen.

God bless and have a lovely day!

#Optimism

2015-05-07

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." – JAMES 1:17

WHEN IN THE VALLEY OF DECISION: THE ROLE OF SELFLESSNESS

Most times when we discover God's will for our lives, a new move, a new job, a marriage proposition, ministry decisions, business ventures (the ones appointed and would be anointed by God) etc, our first reaction is to reject them. Usually we may go further to bind the devil; "the devil is a liar!" and so on. But one thing is clear, that choice that we make, inspired by God, will be perfect and it will be good because it came from Him who is not a God of relativity; there is no confusion or variableness with God.

Words of encouragement or motivation have much value only when we are on the right path. Most people, who lost out with God after discovering the truth, did this by wishing it was their own choice that was God's will, instead of God's revealed will. When in doubt, as a safety precaution; "Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge." {1 Corinthians 14:29}; and "In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established." {2 Corinthians 13:1} It is important to surround ourselves with Spirit-filled believers who will give us impartial and godly counsel. It is wisdom to avoid worldly or carnal counsellors.

After discovering the will of God and confirming it, do not continue asking again from God whether it was His will; someone else may answer you. Yes, it happens to most of us, especially when the decision is pivotal to our destiny or calling in life. John the Baptist became confused when he found himself in jail with Jesus not doing anything to save him. He whose existence was to reveal Jesus to Israel started doubting when the going became tough. We are all fallible! But the New Covenant church has in-built safety mechanisms.

What will be a tragedy is to know God's will and choose what looked more appealing to the senses. Let us encourage one another in the direction of God's will; that is the only safe place to be. The initial prognosis may not look appealing, especially when it comes with a price tag of sacrifices, however, always remember; He knows the end from the beginning. You will sense the urge and the pull in the wrong direction by the strong, yet easier or temporal gratifying nature of that decision; it happened to Esau too and many others after him. It is not pleasant when God says "have it your way". Also, there are decisions and actions we may be called to make, standing alone; this is where motivation and courage becomes indispensable. For this, look up to Him alone.

In our Bible, we saw the choices of God concerning His election. From Noah to father Abraham, to Joseph and Moses; folks like Samson and Deborah, King David, Mary, John the Baptist, Jesus and His apostles with Paul; they were all called to a life that transcends theirs; a life of selflessness. Some didn't fair too well like Samson; he used his gifts primarily for himself. All his fighting was about him. When we are required to make decisions, always remember; it is not about us alone. When it is God, it is eternity. "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." {Romans 8:14} Choose wisely; choose godly: let the Spirit inspire your choices, Amen.

God bless.

#Optimism

TRUMPET CALL 2015-05-08

"The meek will He guide in judgment: and the meek will He teach His way." –
PSALM 25:9

THE ULTIMATE GUIDE

In the past, most of us misconstrued meekness to mean a disposition to be generally calm, cool, outwardly gentle and more to do with what people observe. But God's call to meekness is a bit more than what most observe as character or attitude that is visible to men. It has more to do with the reverential fear of the Lord that make men tremble with love, and compel the meek to bow instantly to the will of God without resistance or too much contemplation. This was the hallmark of David the King, Moses, the prophets and men who walked with God.

It is however the opposite for men like Saul whom God made a king and removed and many others who fell for tempting God. But meekness is first our state of mind towards God which empowers us to relate to men and treat people with a sweet disposition even when we have to suffer for it. Meekness have levels; the meekness required to get saved {Isaiah 61:1} is on a lower rung compared to the meekness (that we are commanded to seek – Zephaniah 2:3) which is required to receive guidance.

What is supposed to be the response of a person who serves God and whom God loves, but told by God that He will take away the desire of his eyes, and with a stroke? {Ezekiel 24:16-19}. God took the wife of prophet Ezekiel away by allowing her to die of stroke and commanded him not to cry or mourn as a parable. Ezekiel complied without a whimper; this is just one of the dramatizations God requested Ezekiel to agree with Him to perform. Isaiah the prophet was commanded to remove his shoes and cloths and to walk naked for three years as a sign for the shame coming upon two nations {Isaiah 20:1-6}; he did not complain. Hosea was called and given a command to marry a harlot and later an adulteress; he obeyed. If anyone received a call in our time that no one could explain, which he or she is not permitted to explain, most people will definitely turn away. No thought will be given to the basic truth that there is nothing new under the sun; we however have His word to guide our understanding of the ways of God. God requires high levels of trust and compliance to get things done on earth; He looks for the meek to do this.

Not all those who look humble or possess what the world deems a right attitude possess the standard that heaven recognises, though they may be celebrated by the world. When it comes to preaching God's word or messages, it is good to know that it is not salesmanship, but the Spirit gives attractiveness of style. We have usually believed that we can do the Lord's work the way we do business with the world; this is error. Most of those who wanted John the Baptist to seek them, described him as someone possessed by devils; he didn't look meek: this was also said about Jesus. The reason is not far-fetched; John and Jesus did not agree with them. We have

embraced so much of the world and its standards that we are always at crossroads and increasingly losing the power required to differentiate what the word of God teaches and the examples given to us in God's word, from the standard we borrowed from the world. What we are supposed to celebrate and be thankful that God is restoring, we trample on it and turn some people into preys {Isaiah 59:15}.

King Saul resorted to manipulations and self-justification when he was confronted with his transgressions, but the meek will fall on their faces like David and cry for help in repentance. This is the nature of those who will be directed and instructed by God about His ways and those whom God shows His secrets. "The secrets of the LORD is with them that fear Him, and He will show them His covenant." {Psalm 25:14}. The beauty of meekness is that it can be sought {Zephaniah 2:3}. We should always bear in mind that whenever men continue in obstinate dispositions towards the truth, people needlessly suffer.

Hidden love which only the Father knows is conceived in the womb of meekness and the reverential fear of the Lord. God would love to know that we have obeyed the last instructions we received before issuing out fresh ones. Revivals or change does not originate from wishful thinking, but from purposeful responses to calls for repentance and commensurate accompanying genuine prayers. There is a common disposition of the meek; quick repentance.

This call is this; there must be a reason why your messages are different. If you go off course because you listened to those who were not with you when you received your call, you alone will be responsible for it. So many were given clear warnings and many have abandoned their call and changed their messages because the heat became too much and there appeared not to be any support. Avoid any counsel that does not agree with scripture, the nature of God, His dealings with people of old, and the nature of Christ and His sufferings.

This means, before swallowing that word, place it beside God's word and seek counsel from the Holy Spirit for the context. It is true some people are made a spectacle unto the world and to angels and to men {1 Corinthians 4:9}. This is what to do; "Thou therefore gird up thy loins and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee: be not dismayed at their faces, lest I confound thee before them." {Jeremiah 1:17} Stay with the word of God.

Nevertheless He has promised; "For thus saith the LORD of hosts; 'Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry

land; and I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts." {Haggai 2:6-7} And He explained why: "but now He has promised, saying 'Yet once more I shake not only the earth only, but also heaven. And this word, 'Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.'" {Hebrews 12:26-27} It shall come to pass in Jesus' name, Amen.

God bless and have a good weekend.

#Optimism

2015-05-10

"Thus saith the LORD; I am return to Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called the city of truth; and the mountain of the LORD of hosts the holy mountain." – ZECHARIAH 8:3

THE CITY AND THE MOUNTAIN

Yes, He has done it! Everything any child or friend of God will ever desire shall be found in the city of God and on that holy mountain. There is green pasture and still pleasant waters on it; souls, destinies are supernaturally restored – God does everything supernaturally, {Psalm 23:2-3}. Sorrow and sighing fly away {Isaiah 35:10}; there is joy, thanksgiving, gladness and the voice of melody {Isaiah 51:3}. Prayers are answered because on that mountain, God's people find His laws, His word and His ways; they seek God with all their hearts {Micah 4:1-2, Jeremiah 29:12-13}. Many nations shall be joined to the Lord on that mountain {Zechariah 8:22}.

That mountain is within every child of God that believes; the tabernacle is within. It can only be sought with every ounce of faith; with the whole heart. He has prepared the table {Psalm 23:5}; look for it, you will find it; Jesus is waiting for everyone who will hear His call, Amen.

God bless and have a great day.

#Optimism #Reality

TRUMPET CALL 2015-05-11

"All Scripture is given by the inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto good works." – 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

CONTENDING FOR FAITH

One of the most beautiful aspects of the Book or Bible is the clarity it gives to anyone who believes and desires to know God. Its purpose can be easily seen in the above text: it is for doctrine, for reproof, for correction and for instruction. It will bring balance and completion into the lives of the citizens of God's kingdom. This brings a clear demarcation to what the world offers. With the world on the other end are viewpoints, schools of thought, opinions and idiosyncrasies. It is the separation or differentiation between the two, that is, Scripture and the world patterns or views, which we now know is the fight of faith or spiritual warfare. God and His word is the source of faith; "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." {Romans 10:17}

This is just a reminder for everyone who is involved in this battle or contention for the faith; to win, we need to come over to the Lord's side and to believe in full. There is no in-between in this battle; just like a man or a woman cannot be married to two people at the same time (in a civilized world), or travel on two trains at the same time. Believing God in full will ultimately plant our feet on solid ground and on the highway of holiness {Isaiah 35:8}. This is also because whenever God gives options, He will show us which side of the options that He inhabits; that side is the winning side. This contention is an offensive one; we should not find ourselves on the defensive. When and wherever we have lost grounds (as we must be honest to admit), we must take them back.

Come over to His side if you are not there yet; find rest for your souls; believe what God said in His word that the scripture was given to accomplish. Now understand this truth, it is this coming over that the enemy fights everyone to prevent from believing, or to pull layers of veils for distortions; this is the spiritual warfare we are all engaged in {2 Corinthians 10:3-5}. Stay more in the word to win; contend for the faith. Victory is certain, Amen.

God bless and have good week.

#Scripture 2015-05-11

“Let this same attitude and purpose and [humility] mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus: [Let Him be your example:]

Who, although being essentially one with God and in form of God [possessing the fullness of the attributes which make God God}, did not think this equality with God was a thing to be eagerly grasped or retained,

But striped Himself [of all privileges and rightful dignity], so as to assume the guise of a servant (slave), in that He became like men and was born a human being.

And after He had appeared in human form, He abased and humbled Himself [still further] and carried his obedience to the extreme of death, even the death of a cross!

Therefore [because he stooped so low] God has highly exalted Him and has freely bestowed on Him the name that is above every name,

That in (at) the name of Jesus every knee should (must) bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

And every tongue [frankly and openly] confess and acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. – PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11 AMP

Amen.

#Optimism

2015-05-12

“FOR, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

But unto you that fear My name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in His wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.

And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of hosts.” – MALACHI 4:1-3

May the Lord separate His people from His enemies, sent to truncate His will for their lives. Now is the time to reclaim lost grounds and possessions. “And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, My great army which I sent among you. And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and My people shall never be ashamed. {Joel 2:25-26} Contend for the land, contend for faith, Amen.

God bless.

2015-05-12

“Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. – MATTHEW 5:6

Righteousness is a wonderful gift from God which cannot be earned. Righteousness is not about good or evil; rather it is about all that stands right with God. Righteousness can never be unrighteousness, neither can unrighteousness become righteousness. The key is righteousness and all that is in right standing with God. This is where God inhabits. God is forever on His own side; those who seek Him will know righteousness, Amen.

Blessings.

#Optimism

2015-05-13

“And he believed in the LORD; and He counted it to him for righteousness.” – GENESIS 15:6

THE FAITH OF ABRAHAM

There are countless reasons why we are commanded to judge not; but the wise believer will differentiate between the “Judge not” that Jesus commanded {Matthew 7:1}, which is undue criticism of other people’s shortcomings, and the judge righteous judgment {John 7:24}, which is an impartial appraisal of a situation or circumstance, also commanded by Jesus. Father Abraham believed God and it was counted for him for righteousness, not because he got it all together. His impatience at the time that it mattered most has become a lesson to us all about the virtue of complete patience. Incomplete patience can be very costly.

Whenever God gives a promise, we will be wise not to assist Him bring it to pass, especially when the promise did not originate from us, or did not need our help except to believe. There was no one who would have heard the story of Joseph and his famous dreams from his mouth, who would not think it came out of wishful thinking. Joseph did nothing but to believe in God and to maintain his integrity for God to fulfil His word for His life. David was prevented by his faithfulness and the virtues of meekness and patience in his heart (which prevented him from killing king Saul when he had the chance), to bring to pass the promise to become a king, which he neither asked for nor desired. Zechariah and Elizabeth had lost hope and perhaps have stopped praying when angel Gabriel showed up; all that was required was to believe. If Mary had ever dreamed of Immaculate Conception, we may be able to say something about her virtuous life and walk of faith; she neither asked for a child nor was prepared for one. She believed; she was prepared by God even when she didn't know it. To bring the promise to pass, she believed and waited.

We are inundated daily by a deluge of instructions or perhaps counsels, most of which we should never fail to examine their scriptural foundation or backbone; the wise in heart will seek God for true wisdom. Not all wise sounding concepts or counsels have a good ending; we can see this in counsels of Sarah and king David's cousins. Impatience can be very costly when God and His promises are involved. Saul, who was made a king by God, lost his crown and his destiny through impatience and his desire to please "the people". He moved when he was supposed to wait. Esau too was so hungry and couldn't wait; he sold his birthright for food. Most of the promises of God do not require our help except our faith. Patience is perhaps one of the greatest tests of faith. Patience is not a license for indolence; it has the power to differentiate between impatience and creativity. We are created to be creative; we learn discernment or accurate judgment for creativity in our journey into God.

Most people would take one look at you and conclude; "he or she is trying to do something in the flesh": if you have a call, and have believed God, look straight ahead. Do not look right or left; both the right and the left are full of ditches and trenches. If you have a word from God, and you can find it in the inspired Book, behave then like the men of faith. Stay with men and women in the hall of faith {Hebrews chapter 11}. You alone are responsible for believing God and waiting for Him to complete what He started, Amen.

God bless and have a good day

#Optimism

TRUMPET CALL 2015-05-13

“And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the desolations of many generations.” – ISAIAH 61:4

THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

It is an absolute necessity for quarrels to happen anywhere; it is part of an inherited human nature and there is no change or progress without conflicts and a departure from the status quo. Structural-functionalist, positivist, anti-positivists, interactionists, Calvinist and rationalist etc: they all and like many others have had interesting quarrels, mostly unresolved. For the body of Christ it is not new too, but the thrust of our narrative has been made easy by Christ; if it is love and Christ and God we seek, then we can jolly well look at what the Apostle of our Faith Himself gave to us in His word.

Jesus is the Head, the Apostle and High Priest of our profession {Hebrews 3:1}; He gave us five-fold ministerial gifts {Ephesians 4:11}. All these ministerial gifts have their roles and functions. The quarrel is recognising who is who, or who is what and allowing them to function. This means, the teacher and pastor, whose ministry is to ask for and receive feedbacks and to follow the plan given (just like Bazaleel and Aholiab see – Exodus 31:2, 36:1-2) are not busy redesigning or adding to what is not in the plan. The Evangelist’s work is not intruded upon or fettered neither is he attempting to supervise the building when he should be on his way to somewhere else.

The prophet, who speaks for God is not engaged too much in speaking his own mind, and confusing everyone that it is God’s mind, neither is his mind and heart so tied up with “the people” that he speaks more for the people than for God. The Apostle does not turn into a Sunday school teacher because his job is not very attractive as a messenger and a wise master-builder or architect. The apostle, just like Moses (the first Apostle and wise master-builder), the prophets and the evangelists, we find three classes of ministerial gifts whose job is to execute their offices as it is handed to them; they are usually itinerant. And except they are combining other gifts to function, they are purely messengers with messages. Maybe this analysis may resonate with someone out there.

There is no need for quarrels! The prophets need to prophesy two and three and other prophets judge {1 Corinthians 14:29}, and to assist God in ridding the body of the spiritual Ebola. If the message of the apostle is not understood, questions must be asked, just as it happened with Paul and Peter, and clarity must be provided. Teachers and pastors' roles as interior decorators, builders and caregivers should be recognised for what it is. This means, when alarm is sounded that the building is not sitting right, we don't start hearing calls of "negativity" or "judgmental" or it is "arrogance and pride". If we do not see, it is because someone else was specifically gifted to see and to perform his/her role.

Whenever or if we do not apprehend an issue, it does not mean it does not exist. It will be like a heart surgeon – because he is knowledgeable, begin to question the judgment of an aeronautic engineer about an airplane. Quarrels happen, because, instead of inviting ourselves to listen and receive clarity just as Peter, Paul and the other disciples gave account of their stewardship, we resort to innuendoes and mind games, injuring each other instead of building one another. We all need to repent! Surely we must still have elders in the house and call them to occupy their positions. Paul was not afraid to confront Peter with the truth {Galatians 2:11-14}; they were never enemies for any reason because there was no malice in them or their work.

Our consolation says; "Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God." {Ephesians 5:27} An old African adage says "when two elephants fight, it is the grass that suffers." When God's people engage in attacking one another, no matter how subtle (for the Spirit knows), or refuse to acknowledge obvious truths, it is the kingdom of darkness and God's enemies within and without that rejoice with glee. Any gifted child of God should not have difficulty recognising a genuine gift or a fraudulent one. Also, we should never be afraid to recognise a genuine gift that has come under the use of the devil, and to make effort to reclaim them back. This is the reason we have never failed to remind everyone, that whilst there is still life, repentance and recovery is possible. We recommended 1 Timothy 1:5, to recover every gift; but let no one tempt God. It is however apt to remember the verdict of God Himself, He said; "Let favour be shown to the wicked, yet will he not learn righteousness: in the land of uprightness will he deal unjustly, and will not behold the majesty of the LORD." {Isaiah 25:10} We can only love as God loves; we cannot exceed God in anything.

The way forward is the reconciliation of all ministerial gifts for God's glory. We take back grounds on God's terms and in God's way. We rebuild and repair according to His plan. His plans are not nebulous. We have the Bible and the Spirit of God. We

should be able to encourage each other that there is plenty of room for everyone in the house of the Father. We must never lose sight of the main thrust of this work; separating the chaff from the wheat, the Spirit's work from the world. The Spirit and the world have an age-old quarrel that no man or God can settle; they are enemies {Romans 8:7}. So, we leave that quarrel and embrace God's plan.

This call is to anyone who truly cares; let us see the big picture, Christ's own picture. There is a huge harvest but few genuine labourers and the Lord would not want His harvest in the wrong hands again! Just like someone posited, "good can be an enemy of the best". "If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:" {Isaiah 1:19} To some of our friends who wonder why we are not engaged in socialising or talking about anything else except God since Facebook is social media, we would ask you to please bear with us. There is no pulpit that we know that will accommodate these messages for now. Whilst we have the opportunity, we seize it to the glory of God.

I believe it is safe to share this testimony now: After finishing street preaching in the early morning rush hour sometime in July 2009, with the megaphone, I went back home thinking to myself how proud God will be, and praying to God, that nothing should touch my so-called "reward" in heaven; generally feeling good. As I laid down to rest, I saw that I was walking by a river bank that looked so still like a lagoon, with the same cloths on and my backpack containing the megaphone, there was grass by the bank and thousand of beautiful looking fishes. I stopped to look, and they were staring at me, as if "so what next?" They were not even swimming, just staying still and looking directly into my eyes. This was when I finally gave up the long battle to start a ministry and the work laid upon my heart. All those who started with us then know this story as I shared it with them. It was impressed then on my heart by the Spirit, "where would I send them?"

The messages most people are reading on our pages were first received sometime in the year 2007 and became clearer from 2011. I never believed anyone would believe me, neither did I know about what Facebook was used for; God seeks to restore His church back to its original plan. May God grant anyone who has a message the courage to deliver it and stand alone when necessary. You need not suffer unnecessarily like some of us for rebellion or stubbornness. "Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and He will strengthen thine heart: wait I say, on the LORD." {Psalm 27:14} In Jesus' name, Amen.

God bless and have a good day.

#Optimism
2015-05-15

"Nay in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us." – ROMANS 8:37

A CONQUEROR

When you have had a few encounters with the truth, you know sharing your experiences just like apostle Paul did, does not in any way make you a victim. The victim mentality is the way of the world: if you have been there and back, you are more than a conqueror, through Him who conquered. You are holy because He is holy; you are righteous because He is righteous; you are faithful because He is faithful: this is the gift of eternal life and it calls for more humility. Give glory to God, Amen.

God bless.

2015-05-17: 02:10 Am NOTES: "The sacrifice of the wicked is abomination: how much more, when he bringeth it with a wicked mind?" – Proverbs 21:27

The sacrifices or services of anyone that is used as a point of contact against anyone or against God, can never be acceptable before God. If our work, service or sacrifice can be used by us as a point of contact against a person or against God, it will mean that it was not accepted by God in the first place. A sacrifice that is a point of contact against a soul or ministry by the devil and his workers was never received by God because it is polluted and can never be received. It is null and void before God and before a pure soul who does not deserve it. – IBUKUN

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“Lift up thine eyes round about, and behold: all these shall gather themselves together, and come to thee. As I live saith the LORD, thou shalt surely cloth thee with them all, as with an ornament, and bind them on thee, as a bride.

For thy waste and the desolate places, and the land of thy destruction, shall even now be too narrow by reason of the inhabitants, and they that swallowed thee up shall be far away.

Thy children which thou shalt have, after thou hast lost the other, shall say again in thine ears, ‘The place is too strait for me: give place to me that I may dwell.

Then shalt thou say in thine heart, ‘Who hath begotten me these, seeing I have lost my children, and am desolate, a captive, and removing to and fro? And who hath brought up these? Behold, I was left alone; these, where had they been?

‘Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I will lift up Mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up My standard to the people: and they shall bring thy sons in their arms, and thy daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders.

And kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and queens thy nursing mothers: they shall bow down to thee with their faces toward the earth, and lick up the dust thy feet; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD; for they shall not be ashamed that wait for Me.” – ISAIAH 49:18-23

To God be the glory, Amen.

God bless.

#Optimism
2015-05-18

“GOD, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto fathers by the prophets,

Hath in these last days spoken to unto us by His Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds:

Who being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high:

Being made so much better than the angels, as He hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.” – HEBREWS 1:1-4

This is the Whom to look up to, who holds it all together, held in the highest esteem in heaven and on earth, by Him were all things made {Colossians 1:16}: through

Him was peace with God accomplished {Colossians 1:20}. He loved us to death on His Cross and is calling all men to salvation; worship Him.

To you our friends and family who believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that He died and rose again on the third day, the truth is, according to Scriptures "WHOSOEVER believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God:" {1 John 5:1}. What are you waiting for? Are you afraid, shy or ashamed to confess Jesus Christ unto salvation publicly? "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God 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 10:9-10}

Your souls are precious to God and to us; you are half way through because you know you believe in your heart. Now, do not allow what friends and family will say prevent you from your salvation. No one will stand to defend you on the day Jesus Christ will judge all men. Those people who will reject you today have no say on your destiny. This is wisdom; stop you secret believing and stand up for Jesus like a man: quit yourself like men =D and come and worship the Lord in His kingdom. In a country like China, where men are still openly persecuted for worshipping Christ and in some places, worship underground, there are 500 million Christian believers. So fear not, God will protect you in Jesus' name, Amen. <3

God bless and have a great week.

#Optimism
2015-05-19

"For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance." – ROMANS 11:29

SETTING ETERNITY IN HEARTS

There is an undeniable character and attitude of anyone who has a calling; they are not quitters; they never give up. This is not so for a hireling. A hireling's only concern is "what's in it for me". When the conditions are no more favourable, they jump ship. Their vision is subject to several extenuating conditions and can be altered at any convenient time. A person with a calling sees into eternity and his/her vision is connected to the Eternal One. He/she is joined at the hip with the Master. A hireling's main concern is himself and his/her immediate family, and numerical or quantitative value is placed on every transaction with whomsoever they may be

involved with. Goals to the hireling are strictly calculations. There is absolutely nothing wrong with being a hireling, it is however appropriate for us to know where we belong.

Many have callings that they are yet to discover; it is our duty to discover our callings and to seek appropriate connections with like-minded persons in our journey. The above is just a brief summary to help identify the little nudges and promptings we receive daily. The callings we are talking about here are not just about preaching about God; our callings far exceed those, even though for some, it may be the principal life. For a Christian believer, it starts and ends with Christ. He is the foundation of life and the foundation of our lives. On Him rests our callings, regardless of the field we may be gifted in; science, arts, mentoring, business, sports etc. However, God intends for our very lives to preach as salt and light.

Hold on to the mindset of discovering and understanding your calling; articulate it and run with it. Also, knowing you have a calling is a great source of courage when the going gets tough. Courage is the product of a spirit that is strong in the Lord; "The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity: but a wounded spirit who can bear?" {Proverbs 18:14}. Be aware; one may still be a preacher, yet may have abandoned his/her calling. How? When we abandon the message and run with the crowd; when we abandon our call and run after wages.

Have you abandoned your calling? It is still hanging on your head; seek the Lord and reclaim your calling. Above all, ask the Lord for His grace, Amen.

God bless.

#Reality

2015-05-19

"And God blessed them, and God said unto them, 'be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.'" – GENESIS 1:28

THE MANDATE

A gentle man named Leon Fontaine gave a beautiful description of the mandate God gave to man that has been reinforced by Jesus Christ; he called it "Cultural Mandate". Our diversity, our colours or colourfulness, creativity, curiosity, evolving social norms and cultures etc are all part of the mandate handed to man. God is right there in the Silicon Valley, in the space stations, in politics, in all we may ever engage in and conceive of. How does a child of God navigate and excel in a world in which we have been "called out"?

First and foremost, truth or the word of God does not evolve, from Genesis to Revelations. The Spirit's work and the word of God should be in agreement in the life of a believer (the Spirit and the word of God agree). Our conduct should be put side by side with God's commandments to us. Our source and power source is the Spirit of God; this means our impetus comes from Him. When it is from Him, our trajectory is into eternity. We are not inventing things or concepts that negate the word of God. Motives may not always be clear, but we will know our motives by the effort we put into defending plans we know may run parallel to God's plans or word. If when under scrutiny, we discover that our endeavour is more to do with putting our names on the project, or attracting people to ourselves rather than to Christ, then we are able to retrace our steps without damage to anyone or Christ's body. Our moderation should also be known to all men {Philippians 4:5}.

It is always good to give clarity in times like this when lines are getting blurry and people become too tentative instead of stronger in faith. We should be able to analyse how we march so as not to stifle creativity or go off track. Success and progress in God's kingdom comes to those who find God's tracks and run on it. God does not have many tracks; the gospel is stubborn, it does not change tracks. All our creativities and inventions are on the same old stubborn train and tracks. But this is the target of God's enemy; to get people off track and call it creativity and diversity.

What to do is simple; "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." {Proverbs 3:5-6} Place the motives before God, look through the lenses of eternity; place it beside the word of God: consult with others when necessary. These are just few tips. Anyone in the Silicon Valley may not need to consult Galatians or Ephesians when the creative juices start flowing (they are in his spirit), so we are not presenting dogmas.

What is God's will for Christian believers? To see ourselves the way God sees us; as one and one with Him. To be transformed and conformed to the image of His Son which is the foundation of our Christian walk {Romans 8:29}; to be united in faith {Ephesians 4:13}; to be without spots or blemishes {Ephesians 5:27}: all are

accomplished by allowing Him full access to our lives to work all these out through our own willing, joyful surrender {Romans 12:1-2}. This is His definition of Love and it is all possible to those who believe, Amen.

Blessings.

#Optimism

TRUMPET CALL 2015-05-19

“Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.” – EXODUS 20:3

DIVERSITY, CREATIVITY AND RIGHTEOUSNESS

“And Jesus answered him, ‘The first of all commandments is, Hear O Israel; The Lord our God is One Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.’ {Mark 12:29-30} The people of God have always had problems with this commandment. In the book of Judges, right from the beginning after entering the Promised Land, God never failed to show His displeasure at their penchant for following the world. This was not His plan. Not only did they not drive away the inhabitants of the land according to God’s commandment and mandate, they never fully possessed the land and also started fellowshiping with the gods of the land. The Church of Jesus Christ entered into covenant with God through Christ and are grafted into Israel through Him {Ephesians 2:11-18}. Are we not doing the same?

Righteousness is not ambiguous and should never be treated as such. Using creativity and diversity as an excuse to embrace the world and to blame someone else is part of the Adamic nature. We should never lose sight of what change means; it is to return to God and to return in full. Whenever the world is finding our fellowship comfortable, we should know that we have become agreeable to the world and its system. We cannot convert the world when we have become the world. When we have adjusted and amended our ways to suit the world, we should be able to call it what it is; corruption or leaven. However, we should be able to master the art of being in the world but not be of the world {John 17:16}.

This is our God given culture that is in right standing with God; "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance, against such there is no law." {Galatians 5:22-23} It is in the process of surrender, cultivation and practice that we become proficient and Christ Himself brings out this fruit. These are what will separate us that the world will see. The fruit of the Spirit will keep our feet on the ground and preserve our heritage lest the same situation that happened to God's people (which is our current state), continue to hamper progress. The Church are the "called out". We simply can't or shouldn't just blend in. We are to stand out and stand up and point people in the direction of the strait and narrow. We should never lose sight of this again. God, who was unhappy with His people for forsaking His covenant and commandments with them, has raised the standard even higher. It is not of works but it is a heart thing. Have no other gods before Him, Amen.

God bless and have a great day.

#Optimism
2015-05-20

"Who is among you that feareth the LORD, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? Let him trust in the name of the LORD, and stay upon his God." – ISAIAH 50:10

There will be times of testing, there will be stages of proving by God; it is necessary for promotion and maturity. When it becomes dark; "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." {Psalm 119:105} His word is dependable to give light; God will bring direction to those who trust Him. The friends and wife of Job had concluded their assessment about what they were convinced was the reasons behind Job's trial and what they believe the outcome should be for Job. Job dug deep and held on, at a time when there was no consolation. The God that did not disappoint the faith of Job is smiling right now at you. Hold on to Him and His word for your life. Go about life and your business as if every single promise has been fulfilled. Avoid and cast down double mind as soon as it shows up!

"It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassion fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in Him." {Lamentations 3:22-24} Hope makes not ashamed; hope is powerful, Amen.

God bless and have a good day.

#Optimism

2015-05-21

"And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him." – 1 JOHN 4:16

A COMPLETE LOVE

There is hardly any soul on earth who does not have a perspective about love, including children. As a child, the moment we do not receive a promised toy, it sets in motion all sorts of tantrums and feelings of inadequate love from ones parent. As long as we receive regular supplies of chocolate and toys, life and love is real. Unfortunately, this is the view of most adults towards God. When we hear "God is love" do we bother to find out who God really is? It is the sound of love we all want to hear; this may be responsible for a lot of delusions about God and a distorted understanding of what Christianity is.

To some, it is the silence of God to deliberate disregard and refusal to turn back from a journey that negates the righteousness of God that constitutes love. To some it is the love that covers a multitude of sins that we refused to repent of that represent love. Most of us want to see the move of God that unbelievers will see by themselves and know, just as Jesus promised, that He was sent by God; "That they may all 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." {John 17:21} Jesus didn't just pray this prayer, He knew that the only way for the world never to doubt who Jesus and God is, is for His people to be one.

For us to be one it must be that we have a basic foundation of what love is, and what love is not; that the unity that we seek is not unity in rebellion; that no child of God walks in any form of delusion about love or God. Men wanted the prophets silenced, Jesus silenced, John the Baptist silenced, the disciples of Jesus silenced, just to continue the status quo; yet professing God. Love cannot be silenced!

Many are called, few are chosen; but for the wayfaring, "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

{Hebrews 12:2} This is the example of love and who to follow. Jesus is the example and the complete expression of whom and what love is. Christianity works, when it is believed, understood and expectations are based on faith. Obedience is the means by which Christianity works; "If a man love Me, he will keep My words: and My Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him." {John 14:23} Amen.

God bless and have a good day.

#Optimism #Reality

TRUMPET CALL 2015-05-22

"He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD." – PSALM 33:5

THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD

On the side of righteousness is love, joy, mercy, forgiveness, salvation, deliverance and every promise and commandment of God. Because of this, Jesus wisely, with eternity in His heart commanded; "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." {Matthew 6:33} He knows; "The LORD is righteous in all His ways, and holy in all His works." {Psalm 145:17} These attributes of God are some of what makes Him God. He will not and cannot do otherwise; "The LORD executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed." {Psalm 103:6} It is the wise in heart that inquires and requires righteousness.

Therefore, it is in the interest of every child of God and every soul, to learn righteousness. "Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as He is righteous." {1 John 3:7} For this reason, we are given the gift of righteousness so that all we do may be righteous. God make men righteous, dwells in the righteous, loves the righteous and righteousness. He also instructs us about how to know Him: "Thus saith the LORD, 'Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: but let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth Me, that I am the LORD which executeth lovingkindness, judgment and righteousness in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD.'" {Jeremiah 9:23-24}

And for those who do not know, this mark and attribute of God is what His enemies have been ambitiously seeking for God to break; remember, Satan wanted God's throne. So friend, clarity is good concerning that which sits right or in righteousness with God. God does not and will not do unrighteousness; we shouldn't either. It causes unnecessary delays and eventually pain for those who ignore the truth. Seek righteousness, stay on the Lord's side and other things will follow, Amen.

God bless.

#Optimism

2015-05-23

"In righteousness shall thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee. Behold, they shalt surely gather together, but not by Me: whosoever gather together against thee shall fall for thy sake." – ISAIAH 54:14-15

These are wonderful promises, given to empower God's people to be salt and light in this world. This makes it possible for us to be of help to others, a shining light and example to friends, family or neighbours. Therefore, "Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the LORD, till He come and rain down righteousness upon you." {Hosea 10:12}

There is a harvest of righteousness; it will bring convictions, repentance and salvation. There shall be showers of blessings; "And I will make them and the places round about My hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in His season: there shall be showers of blessing." {Ezekiel 34:26} Sow righteousness, Amen.

Have blessed day.

#Optimism

TRUMPET CALL 2015-05-24

"THUS SAITH the LORD, 'Keep ye judgment, and do justice: for My salvation is near to come, and My righteousness to be revealed.'" – ISAIAH 56:1

TO WALK IN FAITH

Crucial to our walk of faith is the ability to keep judgment and to do justice. It is more so important because we are able to be more productive as believers in Christ when we know what judgment is and what it is not, what justice means, why God considers them so important for them to be kept, so that salvation may come and His righteousness be revealed. One of the principal assignments of the Spirit of God in man, is to accomplish these by granting the ability to keep judgment, which is to accurately discern or understand what God meant by what He said in His word, and the justice that is more related to the application of what we know and understand by what God said; some call this critical wisdom.

Keeping judgment and doing justice will deliver anyone who will obey this commandment from any stronghold; and it does this by removing any veil that may exist in one's life especially in understanding God's word, which is crucial for transformation and to seeing the glory of God {2 Corinthians 3:18}. People who are in this realm are greatly feared by God's enemies. They do not call good, evil, never give light for darkness, bitter for sweet {Isaiah 5:20}; all these are important to win in any spiritual conflict. Those who know these truths are never caught in cross-fires; they know the difference between mercy and judgment. They understand that without judgment, there is no mercy; in fact mercy is judgment (discernment of the will of God); this is not a matter of doctrines. God will not confuse kindness and compassion with accepting injustice; He expects His people to understand these truths.

God's throne is founded on them; "Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face." {Psalm 89:14} God prefers justice and judgment to any form of sacrifice; "To do justice and judgment is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice." {Proverbs 21:3} God told King Saul through Prophet Samuel; "Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams." {Samuel 15:22} And then he expressly commanded; "Thus saith the LORD; 'Execute ye judgment and righteousness, and deliver the spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor: and do no wrong, do no violence to the stranger, the fatherless, nor the widow, neither shed innocent blood in this place.'" {Jeremiah 22:3} He also expressed His delight in them {Jeremiah 9:24}.

The good news is that the Holy Spirit was given to accomplish all these for the believer. However, it is what we seek that we shall find. All these are crucial if we truly desire to see any move of God and His glory revealed. God simply hates injustice and anything that makes it difficult for Him to participate in all of what we are doing. God now calls His watchmen; "FOR ZION'S sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth." {Isaiah 62:1} This will mean that the unbelieving world and the nations that are now legalising rebellion against God, will hear, fear and obey because, "And Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name. Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God." {Isaiah 62:3}

This call is for honest appraisals; our expectations must be full of faith. Our faith should always be found in what God said; "righteousness and judgment are the habitation of His throne." {Psalm 97:2} Amen.

God bless and have a great day.

#Optimism
2015-05-25

"And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment: that ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ: being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God." ~ PHILIPPIANS 1:9-11

A PRAYER FOR ALL

The walk of faith is progressive and organic; we grow daily. Maturity is not a barge of honour or something to be eagerly grasped, but to be viewed soberly, trusting God to mature His people according to the workings of His powers that are at work already within us. This is a prayer for growth with profit, prayed by a saint with the knowledge of God; may we all say amen to this in Jesus' name.

A noted Jewish historian by the name Josephus gave an honest and valuable confession of faith in Christ Jesus after His resurrection. He said; "Now there was about this time Jesus, a wise man, if it was lawful to call Him a man; for He was a doer of wonderful works, a teacher of such men as receive the truth with pleasure. He drew over to Him both many of the Jews and many of the Gentiles. He was Christ. And when Pilate, at the suggestion of the principal men amongst us, had condemned Him to the cross, those that loved Him at first did not forsake Him: for He appeared to them alive again the third day; as the divine prophets had foretold these and ten thousand other wonderful things concerning Him. And the tribe of Christians, so named from Him, are not extinct at this day" (Josephus, Antiquities of the Jews, page 535, 3). This testimony is specially for those who are yet to believe.

Josephus was renowned in the siege of Jerusalem when Emperor Vespasian who laid siege finally took it in 70 AD. He worked for the Emperor after being taken to Rome. As we all continue to pray, we need to be daily reassured of answers. Above all, we should be aware of this; heaven is waiting for God's people on earth to be in sync with God, according to His will, just as the first Disciples of Christ, in simple obedience waited for the fulfilment of the promise and was not disappointed. Let expectations be filled with optimism, Amen.

God bless and have a great week.

#Reality

TRUMPET CALL 2015-05-26

"Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." – PROVERBS 14:34

WHEN SIN BECOMES THE NORM

Empires have come and gone; heaven and earth will pass away, but the word and counsel of God alone abides forever. A people or a nation, whose desire is to hear smooth gospel, sugar or honey coated gospel, is not only deluded, but is headed for a far greater catastrophe that is better not imagined. Like the Levite and the Pharisee who looked the other way when they saw an injured person by the wayside, what just happened in Ireland is a chip off the iceberg. So many people are calling for the head of judges and authorities or politicians that are attacking the fundamentals of righteousness; God said, "For the time is come that judgment must

begin in the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?" {1 Peter 4:17} The Scriptures cannot be broken.

And when matters become unsavoury, we look for a scapegoat or someone to blame (the politicians); calls to obey the truth becomes "too critical", "judgmental" and "negative"; all we want to hear are words of encouragement and motivation, which is good. But encouragement and motivation have value when it points people in the path of righteousness. Generations yet to come will ask us what we were doing! When we say peace, peace and there is deep corruption {Jeremiah 8:11}, men who are supposed to be custodians of the truth look the other way and mind their own businesses, that is, if they are not themselves the engine of corruption. No one calls for justice, equity is trampled upon and truth falls flat on its face {Isaiah 59:11-15}. Our actions or inactions today are the results for tomorrow.

This is the reason why and the verdict of God; "I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did evil before mine eyes, and chose that in which I delight not." {Isaiah 66:4} To some, it is that "they don't want us to take tithes anymore"; "how are we going to maintain the Lord's work?" Instead of repenting for not having enough faith that God's people will be faithful and be blessed when they give their 100% and when they are led by God's Spirit in their giving and offerings, we choose to look away, thinking God does not know. We are under grace, except for that law of tithe! We repent for everything but normalise whatsoever we choose, pretending nothing is wrong; yet we complain that Christian values has been eroded; the Ten Commandments are no more allowed in schools. No, the government and politicians are not to blame. We keep forgetting that the devil is still on the loose; give him an inch, he will take a continent. And when we tell each other the truth with the hope of repentance (truth in love), some still try to call it accusing the brethren. But when it is the politicians that we tear in pieces, it is truth!

This is a warning for those who preach gospel that does not exist, the broad-way gospel that allows immorality, corruption and worldliness; you may call this judgmental, but what do you think your reward will be, if what you preach takes people to hell? Do you tell people this; "For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins." {Hebrews 10:26}? Do we count the blood of Jesus unholy and do despite to the Spirit of grace? {Hebrews 10:29} Nevertheless, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins; "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." {1 John 1:9} This promise is not for unbelievers but for those who are already born-again. Every day, we have the opportunity to tell people the truth.

God loves His people and the human race too much for Him to watch people deceive themselves and hope that God will do what He has commanded us to do. Are people going to wait for other western nations to have ideas about having their own referendums to legalise rebellion, before we know that something fundamentally is very wrong? May the wise in heart, see this call as a wake-up call. Some are wondering why angels are held back from moving; God cannot be mocked. No man is too big or too small to call nations to repent. God says He wants to move, and like He said to Gideon, I want to move, I want to restore, but first, tear down the altar of Baal that is standing in your father's house {Judges 6:25}. If God says repent, and it has been found that there is need to repent, and we refuse to repent of what has been highlighted, we should all see this as a far bigger issue. The devil has no power except the one we hand over to him. Most promises in the Bible are yet unfulfilled, but the main reason is not God or the timing; it is with people.

This is a call again for all to repent; the New Covenant was ratified and paid for with the blood of Jesus Christ. We should all remember; the first disciples including Peter never thought that the gospel was for Gentiles, neither did they believe that the Gentiles deserved to receive the Holy Spirit. They fought with Apostle Paul for telling them that they were no more under the Law and that circumcision was a sign of the true circumcision of the heart. If they had forever resisted the Spirit of God, perhaps the dark ages will still be present. Darkness is not gone yet, but the solutions are available for all. "For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and the glory shall be seen upon thee." {Isaiah 60:2} If we start sowing integrity, faithfulness, sincerity, true love and all that is righteous, we will reap in mercy, and the rain of righteousness will fall {Hosea 10:12}. May we all use whatever authority we possess to the glory of God, Amen.

This message is given totally in love. God bless.

#Optimism

2015-05-27

"But ye are come unto mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to the innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all,

and to the spirit of just men made perfect, and to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than the blood of Abel." – HEBREWS 12:22-24

Only through the blood; the blood paid for it all, Amen.

God bless.

#Optimism

TRUMPET CALL 2015-05-27

"STAND FAST therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." – GALATIANS 5:1

CREATIVITY IN CHRIST

The Christian walk is a growth; our transformation is an inward metabolic process by which God works to spread His divine life throughout every part of our being. For example, an apple tree cannot be transformed into a peach tree by any normal circumstance. It grows, becomes mature and bears fruit. Creativity in the Christian walk is much like this growth. Our growth is from the Vine, and our creativity issues out of the sap in the Vine; Jesus Himself is the Vine. All creativity or innovation will have the mark of Christ, His eternal plans, His nature and attributes and will never depart from what He has said in His word. What He has adjudged as contrary to Him and pronounced judged will not be part of any innovation that will be granted to His church.

How then do we determine or actualise creativity or innovativeness in Christ's body? First we must understand God's purpose for the Church. Our role is to allow the very Life of God to flow through us and to be an out-living of Christ, therefore, inspiration comes from Him to us; He is our source. "Acquaint now thyself with Him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee." {Job 22:21} As He purifies our motives, and we unite with Him in His word, we become instinctively attuned to know what is His' and what is not. Circumcision of the heart is what makes a believer fine tuned and adapted to the will and mind of Christ, thereby, rejecting what is of the world and accepting all that God gives and desires.

Circumcision of the heart by God's Spirit is what makes a believer reject for example, the dress code of the world, the eating pattern, the cravings for inordinate pleasure; differentiate and identifies what is worldly even in or worship from what is acceptable. God does not receive any offering, sacrifice or worship. Love that God gives, instructs our heart to seek that which pleases God and to recognise seeking His will as worship. God grants and loves diversity; nevertheless, He will not receive diversities or innovations that He knows have its sources from the world or His enemies. We should master the art of differentiating these. "But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil." {Hebrews 5:14} Exercising with God's word and by His Spirit will grant discernment.

A circumcised heart instinctively knows instructions that are coming directly from our emotions or the carnal mind. A circumcised heart is keenly aware that when the word convicts, an unconverted person may call this negative or judgmental; conviction in this realm is what the world calls negative, judgmental and critical. Every true believer should watch out for those words; when the very work the Spirit of God is given to do is viewed in this light, we should know that this is the meaning of apostasy. In the world, parliamentarians, public servants, royal families etc, have codes of conduct. They do not dress anyhow or perform their services the way they wish in disregard to the policies of their establishments; diplomats are recalled when they step out of line etc. The kingdom of God has a King; it is the highest form of Royalty in existence. God's people should never forget this.

The word of God is given to provide us with guidance and to address abuse. When the people of the world are admonished or corrected, they understand the principles of higher powers {Romans 13:1-5}. Those who ignore this are censored. True Christian conversion comes with the circumcision of our hearts; it is this, "I APPEAL to you therefore, brethren, and beg of you in view of [all] the mercies of God, to make a decisive dedication of your bodies [presenting all your members and faculties] as a living sacrifice, holy, (devoted, consecrated) and well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable (rational, intelligent) service and spiritual worship." {Romans 12:1 AMP}.

Christ-likeness would not depart from the very words and teachings of Christ. What God's people should resist at all cost is saying or teaching things that directly negate what God has said in His word. He warned against false prophets {Matthew 7:15-23}, He reproved cities like Chorazin, Bethsaida and Capernaum for their unbelief

{Matthew 11:21-23}, comparing some to Sodom and Gomorrah; He alerted us about the leaven of the Pharisees {Matthew 16:6 and Matthew 23:1-39}; He warned by His Spirit that no one should add or remove from His word {Revelations 22:18-21}; He sent His Apostles with His New Testament messages and instructions. A Christian believer is one who will avoid substituting his/her word with God's word. It is the extended substitution of man's words with God's words that make most people to consider direct instructions from God and His word as judgmental. The gospel we preach and teach should contain what God said. Contentions we see today are between what God said, and what men are saying (philosophies of men); this we have been admonished to avoid {Colossians 2:8}.

We are also made to understand the purpose of Scriptures: for doctrine, for reproof, for correction and instruction in righteousness {2 Timothy 3:16-17}. What therefore we should resist doing is to call the word of God and the instructions handed to us as Christian believers, judgmental, critical of negative. Whenever we find Gods word in this light, we should know instinctively that it is the old Adamic nature of self-justification or perhaps, rebellion against the truth and against God that is rearing its head. It is subtle and it is dangerous. Christ-likeness should not abandon the words and teachings of Christ; it starts from the very teachings of Christ. Not lop-sided, but in totality. Believers in Christ should therefore preach and teach the word of God.

To be innovative and creative is our very nature; it however will not negate the word of God or bring entanglements and yokes of bondage. "Thus saith the LORD, 'Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls.'" {Jeremiah 6:16} So many of us wanted to dodge hard messages, and of course many have run away from them; but our messages and words have parameters. To reclaim the true Christian heritage, we must admit our mistakes and seek the old paths. We will see that innovativeness and creativity in Christianity is simply a growth or an advancement, like moving from Jordan to Jericho; not a departure from the old paths, Amen.

God bless and have a good day/night.

#Scripture
2015-05-28

"WHY DO the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?"

The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against His anointed, saying,
Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.
He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the LORD shall have them in derision.
Then shall He speak unto them in His wrath, and vex them in His sore displeasure.
Yet have I set My King upon My holy hill of Zion.
I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto Me, 'Thou art My Son; this day have I begotten thee.
Ask of Me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.'" – PSALM 2:1-8

Amen.

#Scripture
2015-05-28

"I WILL extol thee, my God, O King; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.
Every day will I bless thee, and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.
Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness is unsearchable.
One generation shall praise works, to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.
I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works.
And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts: and I will declare thy greatness.
They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness.
The LORD is gracious and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy." – PSALM 145:1-8

All praise to Him, Amen.

↑ # Optimism
TRUMPET CALL 2015-05-28

"And it shall come to pass in that day, that the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the rivers of Judah shall flow with waters, and a fountain shall come forth of the house of the LORD, and shall water the valley of Shittim." – JOEL 3:18

NEW WINE GIVES MORE CLARITY

We are entering a season of sweat-less blossoming of gifts, of callings, of more clarity in visions and professions. It is for those who will lay hold of faith and be alert to hear with the ears that hears. God once said to Jeremiah; "See, I have this day set thee over nations and over kingdoms, to root out, and pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build and to plant." {Jeremiah 1:10} God will not pull down without building and planting. The only thing was that, God did not tell Jeremiah that he will do time in the dungeons. John the Baptist was comfortable in the wilderness and deserts, it was not so when he visited the dungeon; talk of occupational hazards!

God gave so many laws to His people; He did not give too many explanations for most of His laws. Whether it is dietary, priestly services, filial or conjugal and the whole social relational laws; there was no adequate interpretations of these laws. But all glory to God that we are no more burdened with those laws. God's mind for giving them can be observed through careful attention to the realities of our world and our time. He once said; "Thou shalt not wear a garment of divers sorts, as of woollen and linen together." {Deuteronomy 22:11} Needless to say that most of what we wear today are the exact mixtures that He commanded against, and those mixtures are so good and comfortable that no one could imagine why God could conceive of such a law. He did not give the reasons.

Clothing represents our covering; we see garments of salvation, and robes of righteousness {Isaiah 61:10}; we hear of beautiful garments {Isaiah 52:1}, all representing Christ. God simply does not want His people to be covered in strange garments or mixtures of any sort. It is Christ and Christ alone. This is the main reason why He rejects mixing instructions coming from any other sources with the spiritual diet of His people. Mixing has and will continue to interfere with the Spirit's work in His church.

God gave us religion, philosophy, psychology and every other field that has advanced the human race. Science, music and entertainment and everything we see today came from Him, however, it is the perverted versions that God frowns at. There is nothing that the enemy of God can create; he is a destroyer. His strength is perverting and corrupting every gift and invention so as not to fulfil their purposes. For example, there is hardly any equipment used for good or righteous purpose that cannot be used for evil. What the Spirit does is to give clarity so as to prevent the mixture of our coverings. It is the same reason why He forbids intermarriage but accepted Rahab, Ruth, King Ahasuerus and many others who were Gentiles. It is by separation that the unbelieving world will be able to see the light, differentiate between their world and God's kingdom and be convinced of the reality of Christ. This is why we were "called out". The condition of our heart is a product of our covering; for this reason, we have Christ Jesus as our robe of righteousness without mixture.

So what do we do? We need to separate our discipleship training and mandate from other leadership equipping of saints or any other segment in our world. Those whose gifts are leadership training and life coaching should honour God by calling them what they are. This means, they are at liberty without any form conflicting interests, in setting up schools and organisations designed specifically for these. This is however not a recommendation (God's word and commandments are not recommendations). Discipleship courses or classes should not be entangled in psychology or philosophy; God's word is enough for those, besides, the Spirit of God glorifies and testifies to only one Person, Jesus Christ: "He shall glorify Me: for He shall receive of Mine, and shall show it unto you." {John 16:14} This translates to mean that He will not show us the works or words of any other; the covering, the word and the work were purchased with the blood of Jesus Christ.

We can maintain that space. Bankers or stockbrokers, businessmen and the Tech people in the Silicon Valley and every soul need Christ. However, we should call our motivational conferences and workshops what they are without getting the name of Christ dragged into them. As a matter of fact, most people use their words and words of others, but attempt to give them the stamp of God by garnishing their works by dropping the name of God here, the name of Christ there, the Holy Spirit somewhere in-between. All these are in our power to address. The Holy Spirit is one with Christ; it's His word that produces the power required in the church of God. It is this alliance that neutralizes the effect of the Spirit's work on people.

For example, a person travelling from London to New York for a meeting the next day will not board a ship; neither can we fly an airplane and pilot a ship at the same time. The ship has its uses, the aeroplane its uses, the train for its own purposes. What we have tried to do is to fly a plane, sail and pilot a ship and drive a train, all at the same time. What we need to do is to travel by plane when the need arises, go by ship at the appointed time and travel by rail when it is appropriate.

Discipleship uses the word of God; leadership training utilizes philosophy, psychoanalysis, psychology, life coaches, leadership trainers and many excellent men and women who are good at what they do; nevertheless, we follow the instructions handed down to us; "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of this world, and not after Christ." {Colossians 2:8} It means we keep them out of our churches, practice our professional occupations in the world, excel and profit from them without any confusion and give all the glory to God. The world and God cannot mix; their quarrel cannot be resolved by any mortal. We pray these will give clarity to some.

This is this call; God, we believe have no quarrel with His people who have various professions and occupations in the world. He expects us to possess clarity and shine as light in this world, so that unbelievers will desire to know our secret. For us, it is not a competition; we cannot afford to use the name of Christ to compete in the world. God competes with no one. We complement each other to the glory of God; however, the above are not recommendations for those who read these messages,

they are for those who fear God. Building up His human temples as the collective temple of God cannot be confused with building up people or teams for secular purposes. The training a medical surgeon requires is different from the training that a building engineer will pursue or that of a personnel manager; therefore, the church is not a school of morality; even the Oracle of Omaha gives great sermons.

For those who wonder, this is what we received since October 2007; "I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct his ways: he shall build My city, and he shall let go My captives, not for price nor reward, saith the LORD of hosts." {Isaiah 45:13} Amen.

God bless and have a good day/night.

#Optimism

TRUMPET CALL 2015-05-30

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." – ECCLESIASTES 12:13-14

THE GIFT OF FORGIVENESS

There is probably no better person to remind us of the eternal law of obedience to God out of reverential fear than "the preacher" himself, King Solomon. After a long period of backsliding, the mercy of God found him; if the mercy of God had not found him, he would not have discovered the conclusion of the "whole matter".

Some of us have tasted the bitter experience of rebelling against God and holding on to desires for what we wanted to be His will. Only those who know this depth of mercy can really talk about it. One cannot really share an experience when one has not been part of that experience. There is a roll call of veteran doubters, betrayers, those who denied God etc. Elijah ran from Jezebel after a demonstration of power that no one else has ever replicated; King David was also a popular beneficiary of mercy; the great Peter the apostle started cursing when a little girl identified him with Jesus; this is just to mention prominent people in Scriptures who received the mercy of God and were granted mercy and forgiveness. Those who are forgiven most in relation to the magnitude of a betrayal of trust are more prone to cherish the mercy of God most.

Judas on the other hand never received this mercy. The proof of this was his sorrow that never led to repentance {2 Corinthians 7:10}. It is therefore inconceivable for any soul who has been a beneficiary of God's mercy, to find it hard to forgive. Jesus had to tell Peter three times to feed His sheep and flock {John 21:15-17}. He was reminded that Jesus prayed for him and told him that Satan wanted to sift him like wheat, but Jesus prayed for him that his faith should not fail him; Jesus however reminded Peter that when he is converted back, he should strengthen his brethren {Luke 22:31-32}. This lesson and message is part of what we know as good news or the gospel.

Family, friends and colleagues, whom you love and who love you when the going was great, may turn their backs on you when it all becomes rough and dark. You may never be able to explain anything neither should it be too necessary or important for you to do so. Nevertheless, they need your forgiveness from your heart; above all, you need daily to remember that you are a product of mercy. This is humbling enough and requires even more pursuit of humility. Apostle Peter would never have forgotten how Jesus saved him with mercy and how Judas never had that opportunity. Solomon, a man beloved and whose name "Jedidah" meant "the beloved" knows by experience that God's mercy found him and that God loved him.

Treat forgiveness as a gift from God that should never be hoarded by any man. However, it is those who know the depth and value of forgiveness that will appreciate it better; above all, we show our appreciation for the provision of the blood of Jesus Christ, without which there is no remission of sins nor salvation. For those who have not been there, learn it as an art that saves. With it is the assurance of an unbroken fellowship with God, eternity and progress. Ask God for His grace and wisdom in applying forgiveness for any wrong done to you. "By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil." {Proverbs 16:6} But the more valuable message that covers all is this; "By humility and fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and life." {Proverbs 22:4} Amen.

God bless and have a great day/night.

#Scripture
2015-05-30

"ASK YE of the LORD, rain in the time of the latter rain; so the LORD shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field." ~ ZECHARIAH 10:1

AMEN.

#Optimism
2015-06-01

"Is the seed yet in the barn? Yea: as yet the vine, and the fig tree, and the pomegranate, and the olive tree, hath not brought forth: from this day will I bless you." – HAGGAI 2:19

Please do not bother to ask how; He said it, He will do it. Have an awesome month!
Amen.

God bless.

#Optimism
2015-06-02

"The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot.

The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night seasons.

I have set the LORD always before me: because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also rest in hope.

For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

Thou wilt show me the path of life: in thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore." ~ PSALM 16:5-11

In Christ, all things consist {Colossians 1:17}; He did not see corruption but rose again on the third day. This is where we got it all from; He rose again on the third

day. Everything in creation answers to Him. You will not see corruption, because the lines are fallen unto you in pleasant places and resurrection power and life belongs to you from Him. This is our mindset; there is someone waiting to be imparted: be the faithful witness, Amen.

God bless and have a great day.

#Optimism

TRUMPET CALL 2015-06-02

"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of power may be of God, and not of us." ~ 2 CORINTHIANS 4:7

THE GREATEST INFLUENCER

Every day offers brand new opportunities for change, for progress, for appraisal or reappraisals and for actualization of dreams and visions; the best part of it all is to discover or rediscover the means to this lofty but attainable existence.

First and foremost, the treasure in the earthen vessel and the greatest influencer of all times is the Holy Spirit; it cost Jesus Christ His life, His blood to pay for this treasure and gift. Many ask so many questions that God has been answering for ages, but the issue mankind and even believers have, is not knowledge; it is our inability to control the Holy Spirit to do exactly as He is told. There are several celebrities that it would not be necessary to name, whose so-called influence reach, some 100 million souls, others 80 million etc, generally in their millions. There are invincible influences; God and the devil. Usually you may not see the number of likes they receive or have amongst humans. The way men observe and perceive things are usually with temporal or carnal means; the forces at work or at war are invincible.

There are also some individuals whose sphere of influence is imperceptible; the reason is that their influence is derived from God and dispensed by God. They may not have many likes or none at all, but their work and lives influence the so-called influencers. Those with far greater audiences do not sleep until they know what is "happening". This brings us back to a basic truth; it is the work of the greatest influencer that we need. People go as far as to alter their looks or gender in an effort for transformation. True transformation is the work of God; God transform no

man against his/her will, neither can man be transform by God according to how man wants it. It is still the same old message; "The Cross". However, what we have attempted to do is to transform ourselves by our own efforts, and we have sought our own influence on men. These we must understand perfectly well as the main issue or problem; God cannot build what He seeks to pull down {see Galatians 2:18}.

This is the choice the word of God and God presents us; we can look for new strategies to influence people or turn back to God in full. We have been looking for strategies for ages, yet the questions we ask go unanswered. We have the chance to be on the same page on this if what we are looking for is not just about increase in finances. But if it is about people, and it is for God, and we have dispensed with looking for means to charm people, then we have this choice; the Holy Spirit. It will also mean that we have come to the end of ourselves and strategies, also that we have decided in our hearts that what we mean is the influence of God on man or allowing the influence of God the Holy Spirit on man. Any other influence will translate to reinforcing self in man, the very thing preventing the influence of God in humans. "And they continued stedfastly in the apostle's doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread and in prayers. And fear came upon every soul: and many signs and wonders were done by the apostles." {Acts 2:42-43} Further down we saw God adding to them daily {see Acts 2:46-47}. This was how it was done.

Therefore, we see again the counsel of God; "For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: but we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; but unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God." {1 Corinthians 1:22-24} The answer to those questions that people are asking about is the Cross; God's way is the way, Amen.

God bless.

#Optimism

TRUMPET CALL 2015-06-03

"That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death." ~ PHILIPPIANS 3:10

THE MESSAGE OF THE CROSS

The above scriptural quotation was Apostle Paul's prayer and desire after more than five decades of walking and serving Christ. This prayer was informed by faith and understanding of God's purpose for him and for His church. Knowing Christ in the sense that Paul was talking about can be described as similar to that between a man and a woman who genuinely love each other. It transcends superficiality of any type. He further presented the existence of the power of His resurrection, which proceeds from a fellowship or acquaintance with Christ's sufferings that led to His death. Resurrection power manifests through those whom Christ alone is enthroned in their lives. This is what Jesus meant when He called us to "seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all other things will be added"

The life, suffering, death, burial, resurrection and ascension of Christ have been granted to every believer at regeneration or new birth. We have been baptised into these through water baptism; what many believers need to understand is that no one is transformed at new birth. We receive a new life; however, for the transformation of every believer, we will all have to follow the instructions of Jesus to deny ourselves and follow Him daily. This is the message of the Cross that many of us have dodged. "And He said to them all, 'If any man will come after Me, let Him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.'" {Luke 9:23}

Denying ourselves or dying to self or our personal desires and way of life is not a popular message; it is however the way to enter into the fullness of Christ's promises. Paul said "I die daily" {1 Corinthians 15:31}, and Jesus who desires for every believer to follow His example taught us the way; "Verily, verily, I say unto you, 'Except a corn of wheat falls to the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth much fruit.'" {John 12:24} This is the message of the Cross; denying ourselves, forsaking our strategies, rejecting our desires and purposely, rationally and intelligently choosing God's will and way, especially what God has clearly stated in His word. Some of us who have perfected the art of dodging will call this legalism. Obeying God is believing God {John 6:29}, when we believe God, we follow Christ: when we follow Christ we do as He did; this is pure Christianity.

Jesus always made the message clear; "If any man love Me, he will keep My words, and My Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him." {John 14:23} He further said; "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of Mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: and when the rain descended, and the flood came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon the rock." {Matthew 7:24-25} It is through God's word or the Bible that we know what God said; rejecting any other way and choosing God's way is the message of the Cross. We follow Him as He was led as a sheep before her shearers and to slaughter, without complaining {Isaiah 53:7}. It is also imperative to know, that the Holy Spirit was given as a Helper, to accomplish all that Christ commanded us to do. We have Help.

This call is actually a word of encouragement; we are all in it together. Circumcision is always a painful procedure, but there is healing after it is done. Moreover, what many cry to God for is hidden in the surrender of our will, in exchange for His will. A carnal mind presents problems for God; God describes a carnal mind as an enemy {Romans 8:7}. The Cross takes care of every situation any believer faces. Sanctification is effected in this process {1 Thessalonians 5:23}. So be encouraged, embrace the Cross; it is the way to go. We can do this by returning to what God said and the ways of the first church, Amen.

God bless and a good day/night.

#Optimism
2015-06-04

“Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh, findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.” – MATTHEW 7:7-8

GRACE IS POWER

Christ’s prescribed child-like approach to God cannot be stated better. This is grace in operation; no one is exempt from asking, seeking and knocking. Grace assures us that what Jesus Christ stated will happen; we however need to play our part. Our hope is primarily based on faith in His word. Hope and faith is our anchor and connection to heaven’s grace and provisions. This is the best time ever for all to enter into the fullness of His grace. Someone precious calls grace “Holy ease”; this is deliverance from boasting. What is crucial in our relationship with God is to know His written and revealed will. Armed with these, we are assured of receiving, finding and doors being opened when we knock.

Until we receive, we keep thanking God for His promises, whilst reminding Him that we are waiting. Our trust (progressing absolute and resolute faith) is not in anything we’ve done or possess but in who God is. In the meantime, what we find to do, we

do it with all our might, knowing that the fulfilment of God's promises is His glory; all the praise to Him, Amen.

God bless and have a great day/night.

#Optimism
2015-06-05

"And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and the strength of salvation: the fear of the LORD is His treasure." – ISAIAH 33:6

IN THE TIME OF HIS REIGN

Some of the delightful marks of the reign of the Messiah are the balance of wisdom and knowledge, with the fear of the Lord as a cherished treasure. God's Word and promises are eternal, so, we are not talking about waiting for His second coming before this experience: we can and should have them now. It is part of the equipping of saints of God to be able to function in the shoes of Christ as we ought to function. In the gift we already possess are the abilities to walk and function the way He did; we need to believe it to activate them.

We are equipped to not judge after the sight of our eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of our ears; but to judge the poor with righteousness and reprove the meek with equity {Isaiah 11:3-4}. These are all necessary for God's Kingdom to be identified for what it is. God desires for His people to judge or discern accurately in everything we do; we learn from mistakes; we progress by making right decisions. Wisdom and knowledge is a delightful balance, with the reverential fear of God as the Jewel on the Crown.

As we allow Christ to reign in our hearts and lives, we can hold on to these promises; call on Him to make the right decisions, especially pivotal ones. The best part of it all is that we can have it all on request. We are even promised the fear of God; "And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put My fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from Me." {Jeremiah 32:40} We can all sing "Things are getting better!" Amen.

God bless and have a good day/night

#Optimism

TRUMPET CALL 2015-06-06

"And thou, O tower of the flock, the strong hold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the first dominion; the Kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem." – MICAH 4:8

VICTORY IS SETTLED

Every one of us can recall that dominion was given to man from the beginning of the creation of man {Genesis 1:28}. That dominion was never withdrawn; however, man sinned and authority was stolen by the devil. Jesus said, "It is finished" {John 19:30}; the first dominion has been fully recovered and restored back to man through Jesus Christ. God's enemy still seeks control over man and this earth, and to tell the truth, he is doing pretty well in a lot of quarters. Our duty is to stop him and to be perpetually on the offensive. The kingdom of God suffers violence, only the violent in the Spirit, can take it by force {Matthew 11:12}.

Every believer in Christ must hold on to this tenaciously; "THE EARTH is the Lord's, and fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." {Psalm 24:1} We have been redeemed, and all things that can harm us has been potentially neutralized because of the blood of Jesus Christ that redeemed; "And having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself; by Him I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven." {Colossians 1:20} For a Christian believer, "all" should be "all". It is through the blood that we overcome; not by anything else, but the blood; "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death." {Revelation 12:11} Our words, must declared what the blood has done and purchased; "all".

No child of God is exempt from this conflict; we know the enemy has no power except the one we give him. He also takes power through evil association by which many have been neutralized. We owe it as a duty to God, to watch against this with the help of the Helper. We cannot be in fellowship with God and be in association or fellowship with God's enemy. This is actually one of Satan's greatest trick and strategy; it keeps one fighting unnecessary warfare which can only be won through knowledge and understanding; through knowledge shall the just be delivered {Proverbs 11:9}

Bring the blood against every contrary situation and demonic sale or transaction conducted over any life {see Nahum 3:4}; we have victory in the name of Jesus Christ. If you are not involved in this conflict as a believer, start inquiring about your true spiritual state. No man can be neutral in this conflict and the devil takes no holidays. However, our stand point and starting point is from where we are seated; in heavenly places in Christ, and far above all principalities and powers and dominion {see Ephesians 1:21, 2:6}. If there is any known sin, repent and be cleansed with the blood.

Also always remember; there is nothing any true believer in Christ, who is not pursuing evil against another or deliberately living in sin, can do, to be condemned before God. Jesus can never be condemned neither can any true believer in Christ. "THERE IS therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." {Romans 8:1} If you get into the flesh, get out of it. There is life and peace only in the Spirit {Romans 8:6}. Brethren, walk in dominion; all that is given to Christ has been given to His Church, Amen.

God bless and have a good day/night.

#Optimism
2015-06-08

"And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul." – ACTS 16:14

WHEN HEARTS OPEN

A candid appraisal that is not an opinion, will always point us in the direction that gives an optimistic view that is based on reality. God is the only one capable of opening the hearts of men to the truth. Jesus promised us this; "Nevertheless I tell you the truth: It is expedient for you that I go away, for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you: but if I depart, I will send Him unto you. And when He is come, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of Judgement." {John 16:7-8} And again; "Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will show you things to

come." {John 16:13} Every life needs the intervention of God's Spirit; He is the only One given for life in this world.

As long as it is the Spirit that we trust to convict and open men's hearts, we are in God's territory. The Spirit works where truth is spoken in love and honoured. He will not support any other gospel; He knows we have been warned to watch out and avoid any other gospel that is not from what we have received; even if it is from an angel {see Galatians 1:8} Jesus warned the church at Ephesus to repent or else He will remove their candle stick {Revelations 2:5} That particular church whose location is by the Aegean Sea, a great commercial centre, renowned for the great temple of Diana, one of the great wonders of the world in present day Turkey, is in ruins; they never repented nor heeded His warning. That church does not exist any more. That is the same church Apostle Paul wrote the epistle to the Ephesians which we are still enjoying and being enriched daily from its contents.

Men's hearts will open and be supported by God's Spirit, when we preach the true gospel of the Kingdom of God and of Christ. The power behind the gospel is the Spirit of God; the power we require in our time cannot be adulterated with anything else. If we are going to trust God, we will have to trust Him completely without any attempt to help Him. All He is asking is this; preach the truth of the gospel and He will do the rest, Amen.

God bless and have a great week.

#Reality

2015-06-08

"There is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the LORD." – PROVERBS 21:30

THE APPOINTED TIME IS THE TIME

Have you received a promise and it seems like the delay is too long? Your friends and family and even colleagues are beginning to wonder what is wrong with you? And you too have started wondering what the matter is and perhaps you've are thinking that maybe something is truly wrong with you? You should have made so much progress than what you have? You are naked before the whole world? That is exactly what you deserve and where God want you to be; naked!

Do not ever believe that lie! God will bring you out in the open, expose you as much as He wills, allow people to doubt you and forsake you, allow you to wonder, just like John the Baptist, did I hear correct? There is nothing new under the sun!

Isaac did not show up until the time appointed; when father Abraham felt that perhaps God needed help, he got Ishmael. Joseph did not spend one day extra in prison than God permitted; he did not give Pharaoh the dream that established him, God did. There was no power from hell that could stop Israel from coming out of Egypt when the appointed time came; no matter what Moses tried, God did not grant him his wish for God to use Aaron who was ready made in Egypt, instead of Moses. King David's heart was so sold-out to God, that he rejected the offers to kill King Saul when the opportunities presented themselves; instead, he waited for God's appointed time to be King. Jesus did not come by His own timing; Jesus came at the appointed time. There is always an appointed time for God's promises and will.

Pray that you will be where you ought to be at God's appointed time for you. Reject any other voice that tells you to move, when God says wait! Those who specialise in subverting people or God do not understand these basic truths. No soul can stop God, however; "To subvert a man in his cause, the Lord approveth not. Who is he that saith, and it cometh to pass, when the Lord commandeth not?" {Lamentations 3:36-37} No! As long as you do not look right or left, and reject suggestions from people or voices to give God some help or to give up, and you trust God who can never lie to bring His word to pass, then "Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it." {1 Thessalonians 5:24}. Relax and praise Him; watch only for Him, He will never fail you, Amen.

God bless.

#Optimism

2015-06-09

"Whoso offereth praise glorifieth Me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I show the salvation of God." – PSALM 50:23

WHEN PRAISE BECOMES MORE PRECIOUS

In the time of the Roman Empire, captives were paraded with cheers going to the Emperor or Tribune who led the captives in a procession. Paul used the phrase that Jesus led captivity captive and made a show of principalities and powers openly and triumphantly {Ephesians 4:8, Colossians 2:15}. It was a demonstration of courage and valour before the people; only those with courage receive such cheers, whether on earth or in heaven. Usually we cherish encouragement; it is vital for the soul of man. Encouragement is what we receive from someone; that is why it is precious before men and before God. But there will come a pivotal moment for every maturing believer, when encouragement may dry up. This is when praise to God is precious; He is the only One that gives courage.

Job looked up when he saw his friends approaching him, doubtless, they have heard it all. He was expecting encouragement and consolation; he got a bigger shock; they concluded that he must be the most secretly wicked man on earth. God heard it and was not amused. David had laid down his life, done various dangerous battles with his friends' support in the Lord's name and for his people. He has done well for all; but when the tables turn, they wanted to stone him. But he did something that is recorded and remains a yard-stick for those who will sing, jump and be crazy like David; he encouraged himself in the Lord {1 Samuel 29:6}. King David wrote a lot of Psalms about his experiences; they remain treasure till today.

The secret to courage is to avoid over-meditation. If you meditate too much, you may see and hear what may put you finally in a pit. A truly wise person must learn to never depend on any soul for encouragement. Those who depend on it get hooked on it, like opiate. Courage comes from above. This is why even the people of the world, at times give their own medals for courage and valour. But for a child of God, medals are not your priorities; pleasing your God must be your motive and motivation. You must "Lift up your eyes up to the hill, from where your help and courage comes from {Psalm 121:1}. The story of Job has not ended, many will pass through it, therefore, prepare yourself. It is still the same God of Job. Nevertheless, it is better to be a giver of encouragement at all times than to seek for it.

Also, ensure that you order your conversation appropriately {Psalm 50:23}. You may be at that pivotal moment right now; what you think and say are crucial. Therefore, ensure that your responses to every test, trials or temptations are heaven breathed. God has given the answer; He will show His salvation. Amen.

God bless and have a good day/night

#Optimism

2015-06-10

“Be thou exalted, LORD, in thine own strength: so will we sing and praise thy power.” - PSALM 20:13

WHEN PROMISES ARE BEING FULFILLED

It appears that any time a promise is being fulfilled, it is doubtlessly true that it is the humble in heart that will see it and know it. So it was when Jesus Christ was born; only Simeon and Anna {Luke 2:25-38}, two obscure individuals who have prayed and waited for the consolation of Israel, were the only ones God revealed Jesus' arrival, to particularly confirm the answer to their faithfulness, that is, outside of the shepherds. Joseph played his part even though he never fully understood; the same goes for the Blessed Mary. Mary would not have mourned so much if she knew Jesus would rise again the third day. Only to the humble in heart!

Out of Adam came Eve; out of the Man Jesus came the Church; the beloved of God being made ready to become a compatible bride for the Groom. But will His people recognise the man-child when he appears? Will His people remember the ways God move? God cannot be put in a box; but He has His ways, usually not how we want it, or how we desire to perceived it. One thing is however certain, it may not look like God and it will be persecuted. We can however ask and be watchful. Israel did not know when Messiah came; most of the people of Israel are still waiting for His first coming.

Daniel the prophet never understood it too, but he received a consolation that many shall be purified and made white and tried and the wise shall understand. {Daniel 12:10} He was also told the condition that will define the times, which is that the people that do know their God shall be strong and do exploits. {Daniel 11:32} These are exciting times!

We have the benefit of knowing history; we have the Word and the Spirit: unity is the way to go. If we lay down everything that divides and hold on to that which unites, we will see the glory of God. It is for the wise in heart; the wise are the humble who seek nothing but His glory. "Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is of God: that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God." {1 Corinthians 2:12} All shall be in His strength and in His power, Amen.

Have a blessed day/night.

#Optimism #Reality

TRUMPET CALL 2015-06-10

"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." – JOHN 17:17

THE TRUTH SETS APART

In the world, there are various versions of the truths: these versions are better known as social realities. For example, amongst the Eskimos, there are the Inuit, the Yupik and the Aleut. Marriages amongst these groups of people are quite interesting and different from what is the reality in the western world. In one or two of the groups, marriage is open. A man can present a guest with his wife for the night, as a gesture of friendship and affection. Now, as a Christian believer spreading the gospel, accepting such an offer and calling it the reality of those listening to the gospel will be nothing but deception and iniquity.

The truth or reality has only one version; God's version. God's truths are not social realities. If as believers, we know this, then we will understand why Jesus prayed the prayer in the scriptural text: only God's truth sanctifies. The word of God, interpreted by the Spirit of truth is what produces sanctification in the soul of a believer. The Spirit of Truth will not utilize any other word to minister sanctification to God's people. Sanctification or the belief of the truth is the route to unity. Unity is unification of understanding of God's truths from God's word. It is in this process, that God's people are set apart and sanctified. At new-birth, God's Spirit that comes to indwell the spirit of a believer, sanctifies the human spirit of the believer. This is the beginning of the journey into God.

If we will put away the unnecessary arguments and semantics, and believe that the truths in God's word sanctifies for the purpose knowing God and unifying the body of Christ in faith, we will see so many veils fall off and many lives gloriously emancipated. God's plans are too simple for those who are wise with the wisdom of the world; hence, the gospel and salvation is to the meek {Psalm 149:4, Isaiah 61:1}, and the kingdom with its empowerment is for the babes in Christ {Matthew 18:4}. With the understanding or unveiling of the truth, is transformation by God's Spirit and power {2 Corinthians 3:18}; with the unification of understanding of the truth comes the unity of faith {Ephesians 4:13}. Are we ready for the truth?

Sanctify us O Lord, through thy truth: thy word is truth, Amen.

God bless and have a good night/day.

#* Optimism

TRUMPET CALL 2015-06-15

"But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:" – 1 CORINTHIANS 2:8

THE HIDDEN WISDOM

There are many men who have graced this earth and excelled because of the hand of God upon their lives and by pure genius. It is clear that many inventions did not originate directly but not indirectly from God's people. Most times, God's people are bypassed because of God's election, grace and purpose; the same way He selected and used men like Cyrus the King, the first man addressed by God as "His anointed"

and Nebuchadnezzar. We have polymaths like Leonardo da Vinci, Benjamin Franklin (a professed deist) and Galileo whose geniuses are still renowned till today.

The truly wise will never look down on any soul, whether they are born-again or not. In our world and the present time we are in, if care is not taken, God's people will be lost in the crowd and never know it. We may continue the competition with the world, look at the crowd gathered around us or following us and think, "This is something". If those following people like the Oracle of Omaha can successfully excel in all the areas God's people have been competing for our share of the action, we have to look deep and draw deeper to make a difference. They even call his tips "The Buffet quality investment"; but we can do better.

Now, the hidden wisdom is at the disposal of God's people; we were not called to compete but to compliment and we need to know how. Most people wonder why it is so necessary for God's people to be united and walk according to His plans, however, God blesses so many things, but to excel in God, to the extent that the world will notice, we will have to do it His way.

In medieval times or before electricity was discovered, we had light, from lamps, torches and candles. These modes of lightings served their purposes, giving illumination whenever darkness falls; but that was it. When electricity was discovered, seemingly lifeless objects in homes started doing things differently; they came alive. Electricity became a wonder for all that it could power. The wisdom of this world is like those lamps and torches, giving illumination of sorts but lifeless; when a child of God is powered by the hidden wisdom, the light and power in what he/she does must be as noticeable as the current powering implements. The game changer is and can only be the hidden wisdom.

God's people must be clear; the battle is between the wisdom of this world and the hidden wisdom, that is, the power of the Holy Spirit in a believer. To make a difference, we must all apprehend this basic truth. We cannot afford to be lost in the crowd; that will not be a testimony. What is required, what God needs from us, is to position ourselves. What He has highlighted as obsolete and no more required, should be given careful thought and dealt with. If God says repent of such and such, that is what He means; this is what change is all about.

This is this call; "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you. And will be a Father to you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters, saith the Lord." {2 Corinthians 6:17-18} What this translates to mean is that, we must master the art of being in this world and not be a part of it. Those who trust God for this spiritual skill are known by Him {see Nahum 1:7}. Be the light and the salt, but refuse to be lost in the crowd, Amen.

God bless and have a great week

#Optimism
2015-06-16

“The LORD of hosts hath sworn, saying, ‘Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; as I have purposed, so shall it stand:’ – ISAIAH 14:24

FINISH WELL

No matter how many hours of flying time under the belt of an air pilot, or how many voyages a marine pilot has embarked upon, after completing every journey, there is relief and an expectation of rest, at least until the next trip. May we all finish well in Jesus’ name, Amen. As for God, He cannot break His word or promise; this we can all take to the bank! It is good to remember as examples, men of faith who finished well; these are worthy to be remembered as examples of those that should be emulated. And of course Jesus Christ who sought only God’s will {John 5:30}.

Find rest friend, in the knowledge that if you are not acquainted completely with God’s will for your life, you are at least seeking it. This is what He said; “And it shall come to pass in that day that the LORD shall give thee rest from thy sorrows, and from thy fear, and from all the hard bondage wherein thou wast made to serve.” {Isaiah 14:3} God uses trials, tests and temptations to forge all those whom He loves and chooses; it was so for Jesus Christ and all His disciples. So, quit yourselves like men and be courageous. Finish well in Jesus name, Amen.

God bless and have good day/night.

#Optimism
2015-06-17

“For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named.
That He would grant you, according the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with
might by His Spirit in the inner man;
That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye being rooted and grounded in
love,
May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and
depth, and height;
And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled
with all the fullness of God.” – EPHESIAN 3:14-19

THERE IS A FULLNESS

One of the most unique features of water is its inertness. Add any colour to water, it turns to that colour; red, blue, yellow, pink; water is at home. Pour it into any container; it takes the shape of that container. This is the gift of God and state the Spirit of Christ intends to bring every Christian believer and it is for the purpose of filling everyone to the brim, spirit, soul and body, to make us able to comprehend the breadth, length, height and depth of Christ that passes any physical sense or knowledge. This is possible because it is His will; nevertheless, not without the cooperation of the believer.

The Cross makes this possible; the Cross is the answer to it all; it is the place of growth and true knowledge of God. At the Cross, our will is fully surrendered and God is enthroned. Ask Him for His grace; He will never deny a genuine request, a request that originates from knowledge, Amen.

God bless and have a good day/night.

#Optimism #Reality

TRUMPET CALL 2015-06-18

"GIVE EAR, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

My doctrine shall drop as rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass:

Because I will publish the name of the LORD: ascribe ye greatness unto our God.

He is the Rock, His work is perfect: for all His ways are judgement: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and righteous is He." – DEUTERONOMY 32:1-4

HIS WAYS ARE JUDGEMENT

So many individuals were confused about Jesus during His days and ministry on earth; they believed that if indeed He was the Son of David, life would have been better for them. The Romans would have been dealt a final fatal blow; the Empire would have been taken over by the Mighty Son of David. All these were understandable; this mindset was what finally did Judas in; it brought out the nature and the worst of Judas. God had wondered; "He showeth His word to Jacob, His statutes and His judgments unto Israel. He hath not dealt so with any nation: and as for His judgments, they have not known them. Praise ye the LORD." {Psalm 147:19-

20} This is a condition that has solution; knowing God as judgment and His ways as judgment will unveil a lot more to people in our time. Israel never knew His judgments or ways; but do they our His people know them today?

One of the Messianic promises stated; "A bruised reed shall He not break, and the smoking flax shall He not quench: He shall bring forth judgment unto truth." {Isaiah 42:3} All the promises of God, His instructions, His ways, His teachings, all are judgment. Love is judgment; in the process of knowing love, we come into understanding of what love is and what love is not; this is judgment or discernment or differentiating, what is and what is not. Mercy is judgment; judgment brings us into the knowledge of what is the New Covenant and what is the Old Covenant; that circumcision is obsolete and any other legal requirements that were for those who were not born-again. Through Judgment that is in His word, husband understand that they are to treat their wives the way Christ treats His church, and wives to relate to their husbands the way the church relates in reverence to Christ {Ephesians 5:22-28}; this is judgment.

It is very crucial for God's people to know God and His ways as judgment, the opposite of which will be ignorance. In our present time, no man wins any warfare in ignorance; even those who are not ignorant still get caught in cross-fire because they did not know His judgments. This is what Paul was addressing when he wrote to the Corinthian church; that we walk as humans in the flesh but cannot afford to war in the flesh. Strongholds (mental bondage), imaginations and thoughts must be brought in line with the interpretations granted by God's Spirit from God's word. {2 Corinthians 10:3-5} Therein is judgment and victory in our journey in this life; there is absolutely no profit in injustice, ignorance or lack of judgment. Judgment exposed to us that Christ's body has been operating with the root of the hybrid of Law and grace, whilst expecting the fruit of grace. God gave us solution; repentance.

Judgment is righteousness, joy, meekness, goodness, obedience and all the word of God, His promises and blessings. The message of the Cross is salvation and judgment; to know and appreciate the Cross and what it stands for, is judgment. As we ask Him for His grace, may we all apply the grace when it is granted. God loves His people; He laid down His life and shed His blood because of love. This is judgment; we can do the same, Amen.

God bless and have a good day/night.

#Optimism

2015-06-19

"I can of Mine own Self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and My judgment is just; because I seek not Mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent Me." – JOHN 5:30

CHRISTIANITY THAT WORKS

- See yourself in the shoes of the first Adam before the fall. He was in charge and the custodian of everything {Genesis 1:28}.
- See yourself in the shoes of Jesus Christ who said "It is finished" and that you will do as He did {John14:12, 19:30}
- Believe that as Christ was sent, He has sent you {John 20:21}
- Seek only the will of the Father; but first, know His will for your own life and the life of His Church.
- Humble yourself before God and man.
- Give first place to the Word of God and receive it as inerrant.
- Whenever there is need for repentance, do it quick and stay under the blood of Jesus Christ {1 John 1:7-10, 2:1}
- Obey His voice {John14:23}.
- Go to church.
- Pray for all men {1 Timothy 2:1-4}
- Be one with His word. Know Him and be known by Him {John15:1-8}.

Salvation is in Christ and in Christ alone; not in the church, but in Christ. The Church is His body where we learn, equipped and built up to be lively stones, fit for the building by the Master.

God bless and have a good day/night.

#Reality #Optimism

2015-06-20

"And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment." – MARK 12: 30

THE COMMANDMENT: WHAT LOVE HAS TO DO WITH IT

There once lived a man, he loved God and desires His will all the time. He had a wife, a family, which he loves a lot. He anticipates the needs of his family, provides for

them and would always be ahead of everyone in giving. He knows the tastes of his wife, dresses, her perfume, her favourite colours, favourite food and restaurant when they eat out, favourite holiday destinations, movies, music, etc. His children are no left out; the wife too, understands and anticipates the husband's needs and desires, and joyfully provides for them without any fuss. This family loves people and charity work. They put God first in everything and there is no secret between the man and his wife. The atmosphere in their home and business is so serene that anyone can perceptibly feel the presence of God and angels. When people pass by their house, they pause to wonder because they can sense something wonderful going on in their home, but are not sure of what it is. In this family, before you ask from the wife or the man, you have what you need and of course, manipulation of any sort is alien to them. This man and woman can be anyone reading this message.

Scroll back a little and let us examine another "gentleman". He regularly issues threats to the wife and children. He provides according to laid down rules and regulations and would not even dare to exceed it. The wife "must" cook his meals regularly and ensure that the specified days, when she must perform her conjugal duties does not fail, or else! They worship God and never miss any service. The arrangement in this family is very rigid; everything works like a clock. Every member is eagerly awaiting the second coming of Christ, to bail them all out of the misery called life. There is penalty for any miscalculation, delays, oversight and the upsetting of any internal balance of the family. The rules are to be kept to ensure "peace".

Maybe some may be able to guess where these narratives are headed. The first is love out of a pure heart, good conscience and unfeigned faith. The latter is love according to the Law. We all get to choose. Paul the apostle calls the relationship between Christ and His church a mystery {Ephesians 5:32}. The first narrative can be described as fairly close to what God is looking for in His church; a relationship based on tender affection and absolute trust, between God and His people that will automatically flow into homes, communities and nations. Yes, get the first commandment going and working, and all else will fall into place.

When every believer in Christ is taught and knows this commandment in the scriptural text, delivered or reiterated to us by Jesus, to practice it with understanding, no one will ever ask any believer for any type of offering ever again. With the four departments of love described by Jesus, there is no escape for love or for anyone. Believers will count it joy and be grateful if and when God receives any offering from their hands. God is not hungry! There will be so much power, resources and genuine love in homes, in communities and in nations. This paradigm can be adopted by every believer in Christ. If we obey the first commandment, everything else will take its proper place.

Love as a stronghold will have Jesus Christ as the Strongman in any life. "Cry yet, saying, 'Thus saith the LORD of hosts; My cities through prosperity shall yet be spread abroad; and the LORD shall yet comfort Zion, and shall yet choose Jerusalem.'" {Zechariah 1:17} In the place where Love is found, rooted and grounded, prosperity becomes the norm. Prosperity starts from the heart and soul {2 John 2}. It is fully in our view and grasp, Amen.

Blessings!

#Optimism
2015-06-21

"Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman (and a man – my paraphrase) that feareth the LORD, she (or he) shall be praised." – PROVERBS 31:30

It is a noble thing to aspire to be a person of virtue; whenever we indeed encounter a person of virtue, who genuinely fears God, we should remember to hold on to them. May all those who value integrity and virtue, never want of persons, who share the same values, Amen.

God bless and have a good night/day.

#Optimism
2015-06-22

"Sow to yourself in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up the fallow ground: for it is time to seek the LORD, till He come and rain righteousness upon you." – HOSEA 10:12

KEEP ON SOWING RIGHT

Men have always been a marvel to God even though He created us. At a point, He wondered about every imagination of his thoughts {Genesis 6:5}; Jesus knew what was in men's hearts {John 2:24}, so He was careful about committing to man. It intrigued Him that despite all the information of the past deeds of God and from the word of God and what they have observed of Him and John the Baptist, they still found it hard to believe. This did not deter Him from laying down His life for those whom He loved. He could only see the joy behind His sacrifice {Hebrews 12:2}.

Many have made poor choices in life even when at an auspicious moment and when all would have been favourable. Father Abraham chose right, he sowed right: Joseph chose right, he sowed right: Rahab chose right at the right time. Ruth chose right with the eyes of the Spirit. Esther is still celebrated for sowing right at an inauspicious but pivotal moment. But the roll call of men and women who made poor choices gives us a view of how making the right decision at the right time can alter the course for many. Those who made the right choices usually were not sure of the outcome; but they went ahead and sowed the right seed with their decisions and choices. God however is never short of choices and replacements whenever it is necessary.

There has never been a time, when sowing right has not been remembered by God nor rewarded. The offerings of Cornelius moved God and heaven when he was not aware. We are known as the children of Abraham because of what father Abraham did. We are the sons and daughters of God because of the Life of Jesus which He gave up for us all. Sow righteousness, sow integrity, sow faithfulness, sow unquestionable commitment, sow fidelity, sow beautiful imagination and thoughtfulness, sow into the Spirit; you will reap and so will generations yet to come. "the generation of the upright shall be blessed" {Psalm 112:2}, Amen.

God bless.

#Optimism

2015-06-23

"And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." – DANIEL 12:3

YOU MUST SHINE

Our responses to challenges in life and how people relate with us or treat us, will ultimately determine the outcome of our experiences. We will be faced with the option of either responding in the spirit or in the flesh. In our present day and age, if the pattern of the life journey of Joseph the son of Israel were to play out in any life, many will think and perhaps say that the curses upon that person must be very

heavy and serious. Sold as a slave, used as a slave and imprisoned unjustly for refusing unholy advances; there must be some plausible and justifiable reasons for his predicament, just like Job.

It was his star that put him in trouble, combined with his coat of many colours and his huge mouth. If this is happening to you, there is nothing new under the sun. Avoid those who want to feel sorry for you or pity you. Some may even dare consider you foolish! It is always noble to be gracious to such people. There are far too many promises that can only be taken in the Spirit, which is principally to be in faith or to be faithful.

Nevertheless, the time came, and Joseph shone like the star he was created to be. There will come the time, there will come the hour; watch out for it and never miss His visitation. Whether the enemy likes it or not, you will shine! Your role is to position yourself and keep doing what faithful people like Joseph and Daniel did. When in the dark or things become very dark, always remember that before the break of dawn comes the darkest hours; also never forget what you have been shown. Your hope must be active.

Refuse to be moved by what people say or think; Jesus was taunted all the way to Golgotha. Stars are born to shine, and your star will shine. Stars of Christ have a habit of being annoying; you won't be the first, neither will you be the last. Remember your senior Brother Jesus Christ annoyed a lot of people, but it must and will all turn to you for a testimony and to His glory. Continue to call and turn many to righteousness; the kingdom of God is at hand. Hope this encourages someone, Amen.

God bless and have a good day/night.

A Paradox about wisdom: "Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise." – 1 Corinthians 3:18

#Optimism

2015-06-24

"AFTER THIS I looked, and behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, 'Come up hither, and I will show thee things which must be hereafter.'" ~ REVELATIONS 4:1

#Optimism

2015-06-25

"Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto hearers.

And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

Let no bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice.

And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." – EPHESIANS 4:29-32

BE THE WORD

Paul the apostle usually loves to start his letters with thanksgiving and praying that grace and peace be to his people. Most of those whose writings are found in the Bible all have different style of writing and preaching. It does not mean that they were writing or speaking by a different spirit. As we desire to be God's people, it is important first to know that God's grace is sufficient to help us become the word. Living the word is not being legalistic; we can only judge our actions by what God presents to us as His ways. The Spirit assists believers to live the word.

Many may provoke you; but let your actions and any provocation lead you to become more like Christ. Many tried to provoke Christ to react so they can have something to hold against Him; they wanted Him to prove Himself. But understand brethren why God allows this; it is to bring out fruit and Christ in you. Be provoked

to grow in grace and to love; not everyone will understand you. However, maintaining integrity before God, rejoicing in hope and requesting always for God's grace is possible with God. God has never failed to vindicate the faithful. Therefore rejoice, Amen.

God bless and have a good day/night

#Optimism

TRUMPET CALL 2015-06-26

"Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief." – HEBREW 4:11

A TIME TO GROW IN FAITH

Encouragement and motivation are very crucial in our daily life, but a man or a woman in Christ, who is going to be faithful, must learn to master the art of being courageous. If we have to inflate our car tires every day, because it keeps getting deflated or losing air, this will mean that something is fundamentally wrong with that tire. That tire needs to be changed. There are few things in life that affect God as doubt. Doubt is sin and is a powerful demon. It short-circuits faith and can set anyone back in an unpleasant way. Believers in Christ should understand that everyone has the responsibility of maintaining their faith. We do this principally by meditating on the word of God and prayer.

Hence, motivation is good; however we should differential encouragement from faithfulness and courage. Those whose faith is weak should be given the extra help, but not to doubtful disputations {Romans 14:1}. Carnal reasoning too is an enemy of faith. There are two sides; the side of faith is the one that wins.

Brethren, it is only the faithful who take delivery of that which is promised. Pray to be full of faith and courage in the day of visitation. Faith is what it is because of the natural process of heaven's validation of that faith. When it passes the test of faith,

then it is called faith. A deflated tire has very little use; we have no choice but to grow up, labour and enter into rest. God said to Joshua, be strong and of good courage {Joshua 1:6}; encouragement comes from men but courage and faith comes from looking up to God, Amen.

God bless and have a good night/day.

#Optimism

2015-06-27

“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 IN THE MOUTH AND IN THE HEART

Fill your heart with God’s word and speak! God rebuked Moses for praying when he was supposed to be acting. He told him speak to the children of Israel to “go forward” and for him to stretch forth his rod and divide the Red Sea {Exodus 14:15}. Keep speaking the word of God that is “one” with your heart and watch God move on your behalf. In our time; “Say unto God, ‘How terrible art thou in thy works! Through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee.’” {Psalm 66:3} The only language the enemies of God understand is power, power from meekness of wisdom.

God cannot lie; if He said yes to you, it is forever “Yes”. He does not change; it is up to every believer to believe and take the promise. The Land God promised is a good Land; the land is still good. Match forward and claim your inheritance, but remember, the Lord Himself is the Pearl; He is our Treasure and the portion of our inheritance. Whatever God has promised has His seal upon it, Amen.

God bless.

#Optimism

2015-06-29

“But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and earth; and some of honour, and some of dishonour.

If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master’s use, and prepared unto every good work.” – 2 TIMOTHY 2:20-21

VESSELS OF HONOUR

Every new day is a gift and always a new opportunity for new beginnings. We have seen that there is absolutely nothing to stop God from performing His counsel on earth, and in the life of any man, except the individual or when people resist Him. Not our human pedigrees that matters, but the pedigree inherited from Christ. This is like a blank cheque; present yourself as a living sacrifice, prepared for good works. Is it Tamar, Rahab, plain old Peter, ruddy faced David or the learned Saul of Tarsus? nothing matters to God except a consecrated heart that loves God and knows who God is {Hebrews 11:6}. Men may cause unnecessary delays, but God has His ways. God forces no man against His will; accepting God’s will is the path to His glory.

It gives God pleasure and glory to show forth His glory through vessels that prefer the honour that comes from God, rather than from men. You are that vessel! Consciously let go of yesterday’s mistakes, success or glory; know that God is about to do valiantly and gloriously through His own vessels of honour, Amen.

God bless and have a good night/day.

#Optimism

2015-06-29

“Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” {Matthew 4:17}

The Lord has never and will never reject those who return to Him in full unreserved repentance. This is good news, Amen

God bless.

#Reality

TRUMPET CALL 2015-06-29

"I WILL sing of mercy and judgement: unto thee, O LORD will I sing.

I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart." – PSALM 101:1-2

WHEN GOD GOES SILENT

King David was doubtlessly a man after God's heart. He is known for his valour as well as his meekness; he was always quick in the department of repentance. When he fell into sin, it was a little over a year before God sent Nathan the prophet to him. Between the period of his first major excursion into sin and when God sent to him to expose him to himself, he was praying, singing to God, worshipping God, sending men to battle and generally going about his business; his soul had gone cold in that compartment called conscience. God watched him with love, but must have wondered. God was silent. David knew how and what to sing to God; His mercy and judgment.

It took almost one thousand years for God to finally break through to men like Jan Hus, and then Martin Luther; men went about their businesses and were oblivious that they lived in darkness. God was silent. When these men spoke up, to expose the grand hypocrisy and delusion that Christianity had become, those in authority wanted them silenced. Those that they could get their hand on, they executed with glee. Seed was sown; the result was the death of hundreds of thousands, later millions of people, using the name of Jesus Christ. Most nations that were purportedly built on the foundation of Christ have tons of blood unaccounted for; all

in the name of Jesus Christ. God has been silent. There are things in foundations, even of many nations that people are yet to understand, admit and repent of.

Let it be known; when God calls, and men pretend they did not hear, a seed is being sown, even if God is silent. Jeanne Guyon called and cried before blood started flowing from the French guillotine unto the streets of Paris and other streets in France; no one wanted to listen. To blame civil authorities for ignoring the silent gentle calls from a loving Father, who has never failed to point His people in the right direction is bewildering. The first Church did not shed blood to preach the gospel. Where it all went wrong has been highlighted. The first man Adam was given a mandate and commission with authority; he lost the authority, but Christ has redeemed that authority and mandate in full. The first doctrine, before anything else can be heard by heaven is this; "REPENT".

May God hear us when we call in truth, Amen.

God bless.

#Optimism

TRUMPET CALL 2015-06-30

"THE KING'S heart is in the hand of the LORD, as rivers of water He turneth it withersoever He will." – PROVERBS 21:1

EVERY HEART HAS A KEY

Keys represent knowledge; they signify power, but above all, they have the potential of being endued with authority. When the people who are called by His name, humble themselves, call upon Him and purpose to obey His voice (by circumcising the foreskins of the heart or consecration), we will experience consistent and undiluted victories. The key into every heart is in God's hands.

God said to Jeremiah, "See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build and to plant." {Jeremiah 1:10} God took one look at Jeremiah's heart, then He gave him a warning; do not look at anyone's face or else He will confound Jeremiah {Jeremiah 1:17}. Who wouldn't fear? Dear old Moses wanted to run too! Was he to tear buildings down? Destroy people's homes? Uproot trees? No! It was the Spirit's work and a spiritual exercise that requires calm spiritual valour and quintessential decorum. Attempts were made to silence and to kill him. He was too insignificant amongst the prophets to be heard, however, none of his word failed. Apart from Baruch, it is not clear whether he had anyone else with him; but there is a rumbling in the spirit!

Paul wrote by inspiration; "I EXHORT therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and 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 saved, and come unto the knowledge of the truth." {1Timothy 2:1-4} We have recommended that Christianity be redefined for those who do not know that Christians are those who believe and have received the Spirit of Christ {Romans 8:9}, and also believe the God of the Bible. Those who are truly saved do not argue with what God said in His word. So, the good Book says, salvation and the knowledge of the truth is the will of God and the solution for issues of humans.

God formed the spirit of man that is in him {Zechariah 12:1}; He is able to harden a heart for His purpose and to soften a heart for salvation {Romans 9:17-18}. All God requires are circumcised hearts, that will trust and believe God enough to obey Him {John 14:23}. If we have torn people we are supposed to pray for into pieces with our words, we will need to repent if we want to be heard by God when we pray for them. We have the power, the key to be one with the will of God. Jesus Christ is the only Advocate and Mediator for all men; it is awfully wrong for any soul to seek control over any other soul. Christianity is liberty; but if our liberty means saying anything we feel like saying, it will be pure rebellion, a huge source of darkness. Let us give God room by obedience to His voice in His word, disperse the darkness generated by "unprofitable words" and say only what God is saying. Let's make it count; let's make it work. Our hope and trust in God must be strong and active, Amen.

God bless and have a good night/day.

#Optimism

2015-07-01

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." – ISAIAH 26:3

PEACE BE STILL

The greatest battle every fought and won, was on the wings of the highest level of meekness. With His weight hanging, nailed to His Cross, His rib cage stretched in excruciating pain and with all our sins laid upon Him; the Master said to the Father, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." {Luke 23:34} This is valour.

The victory of every believer can only come when we rest in His finished work. It would never be by striving, lest we boast. A calm resolve; a purposeful determination that all glory must be to Christ; a mind stayed on Him; a believing, trusting conviction that as we allow Him, He will fulfil His purposes; these are the most crucial aspect of navigating in a crisis period. Be still and know that He is God {Psalm 46:10}, Amen.

God bless and have His Rest in this New month.

#Optimism

2015-07-02

"Seek ye, out of the book of the LORD, and read: no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it hath commanded it, and His Spirit it hath gathered them." – ISAIAH 34:16

A SURE WORD

One of the most enduring of truth about the word of God is its inerrancy; it cannot fail. It should be a lesson to every soul: all that God needed was one man to speak His word. His Spirit will do the rest. This was what confused people about the mission of Jeremiah; here he was alone, with only a scribe, yet he was to pull down nations and kingdoms; he was to build and to plant, yet one man. It was never about Jeremiah, it was all about him obeying God by saying only what God was saying; the Spirit of God gathered it and did the rest. It would have been good if God's people had listened; at least they could have judged whether his word was true or not by carefully examining what he prophesied. This is more important also in the place of intercessions.

Regardless of the source of a message, present it before God; see whether the word is standing in the nature and ways of God; judge whether it is righteous. God stands in righteousness. All His commandments are righteousness {Psalm 119:172}, "The LORD is righteous in all His ways, and holy in all His works." {Psalm 145:17} Whenever we are not sure, be sure of one thing; "His Word" Amen.

God bless and have a good night/day

#Optimism

2015-07-03

"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and mind through Christ Jesus." - PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

Blessings.

#Reality #Optimism

TRUMPET CALL 2015-07-03

“And God said, ‘Let there be light: and there was light.’ – GENESIS 1:3

LET THERE BE LIGHT

The Lord God, the Creator of heaven and earth has never failed to show us examples. The word of God says, the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep {Genesis 1:2}; then He spoke and fixed the situation. He looked at man, and saw that the lions and tigers and raccoons were not compatible with him, so God fixed Adam up nice and good and was happy with the result. Bishop Jakes said something amazing; he said the first man was the first pregnant individual that existed: man had the woman inside of him, and God brought the woman out of the man to fulfil man and God’s purposes.

Friend, resist the temptation to keep saying what judges and legislators and the world are saying. Darkness cannot bring out light from darkness; only light can dispel and disperse the darkness anywhere we find it. As we unite as one man, to speak only what God said, to speak the solutions, to speak the gospel, we will see the darkness step backwards. May God’s grace and mercy find us all when we do the same thing God did when He saw darkness in Jesus’ name. Let us march forward, Amen.

God bless.

#Optimism

2015-07-04

“Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned:” – 1 TIMOTHY 1:5

THE CHRISTIAN CULTURE

The Christian culture and cultural heritage can be described as the fruit or manifestation of Love, or the fruit of the Spirit. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." {Galatians 5:22-23} Although the shepherd of Hermas named twelve, described as virgins, the nine will suffice. Love is a double edged sword; for God is Love {1 John 4:8}.

A kingdom whose culture is described as such cannot be easily ignored; it is a kingdom of power. "Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the womb of thy youth." {Psalm 110:3} As we cultivate heaven's culture, handed to us by the Spirit, we will see the days of His power, power that will convict, Amen.

God bless.

#Reality #Optimism

2015-07-05

"Acquaint now thyself with Him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee.

Receive, I pray thee, the law from His mouth, and lay up His words in thine heart.

If thou return unto the Almighty, thou shalt be built up, thou shalt put away iniquity far from thy tabernacles.

Then shalt thou lay up gold as dust, and the gold of O'phir as the stones of the brooks.

Yea, the Almighty shall be thy defence, and thou shalt have plenty of silver.

For then shalt thou have thy delight in the Almighty, and shalt lift up thy face unto God.

Thou shalt make thy prayer unto Him, and He shall hear thee, and thou shalt pay thy vows.

Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and thy light shall shine upon thy ways.

When men are cast down, then thou shalt say, 'There is a lifting up: and He shall save the humble person.

He shall deliver the island of the innocent: it is delivered by the pureness of thine hands." – JOB 22:21-30

TRUE AUTHORITY

Spiritual authority is not a gift; without purity and sound moral authority what we will have is vanity. Those who know God and who must know Him must understand His ways. He said, "Thus saith the LORD, 'Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty glory in his riches: but let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth Me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment and righteousness in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD.'" {Jeremiah 9:23-24}. This goes for individuals, families, communities, or nations.

He also clearly expressed Himself about what He hates {See Isaiah 59:1-15}. Those who will walk in true authority must understand these truths; this is the way forward. May God answer when we call, and may His people know and understand genuine repentance when it is required, in Jesus' mighty name, Amen.

God bless and have a good day/night.

#Reality

2015-07-05

"Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

THE MESSENGER

Every child of God has been given a message; that message is Jesus Christ and His Cross. We struggle when we mix His message with our messages; God confirms only His message. A messenger of God has no more opinion; his words proceed from a consecration to speak only what God says. Creative words agree with the Creator and have eternity in full view. Not everything created have the seal heaven, this is why it appears that some things work for a while, only to discover that the foundation have issues or unresolved abnormalities. But when it pertains to God, righteousness and judgment remains the foundation of God's throne, habitation and seal {Psalm 89:14, 97:2}. Messengers of God speak only God's word.

Jesus said, "If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of Myself. He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that speaketh His glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him." {John 7:17-18} For this reason, Jesus had no will of His own, but the will of the Father {John 5:30} Amen.

Blessings.

#Reality

2015-07-05

"But who can abide in the day of His coming? And who shall stand when He appeareth? For He is like a refiner's fire, and like a fuller's soap: and He shall sit as a refiner of silver: and He shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD, and offering in righteousness." {Malachi 3:2-3}

ONE WITH GOD

God refines His people with fire and desires offerings of their lives. Many believe that God receives everything offered to Him; whilst we are accepted in the beloved {Ephesians 1:6}, He desires acceptable sacrifices {Romans 12:1-2}. According to the book of Jasher, father Abraham was the first person to be cast into fire because of His testimony. He rejected and destroyed the idols of his father Terah, who promptly handed him and his brother Haran to Nimrod. The penalty was death by fiery fire,

just like in the days of Daniel. Father Abraham came out of the fire as Meshach, Shadrach and Abednego did, unharmed, his brother Haran the father of Lot had a double mind; he did not survive that fire. He was killed because his convictions were not firm.

Fire purifies and delivers; fire also consumes. Our God is a consuming Fire; that is the nature of his love. But when He consumes, it is for the good of all, Amen.

God bless.

#Optimism

2015-07-06

"And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." – 1 CORINTHIANS 13:13

For God is Love {1 John 4:16}.

God bless and have a great week.

#Reality #Optimism

2015-07-07

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." – HEBREWS 11:6

FAITH AT WORK

Whilst it is precious to be optimistic at all times, it is equally valuable to believe that optimism should be a fruit of reality. It is possible to please God; faith is the reason and access. That "faith", must be the finished work of Christ; it is by grace and not of works, so no one can boast. However, it is not required to boast of our faith, but without faith, one has entered the realm of the impossible. Therefore, for all things to be possible, faith is the answer. God promised reward for faith in His word.

It is by grace; grace also has value when the entrance is faith. Grace works when faith is at work; "THEREFORE, BEING justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God." {Romans 5:1-2} Faith also comes by hearing the word of God {Romans 10:17}. To hearken, is to hear and to do; for, faith without works, to prove what we believe, is dead {James 2:26}. Put your faith in the finished work of Christ by doing what Jesus commanded us all to do {John 14:23}. Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and all other things will be added unto you, Amen.

God bless and have a good day/night.

#Reality #Optimism

TRUMPET CALL 2015-07-08

"Thus says the Lord of hosts: Ask now the priests to decide this question of law: If one carries in the skirt of his garment flesh that is holy [because it has been offered in sacrifice to God], and with his skirt or the flap of his garment he touches bread, or pottage, or wine, or oil, or any kind of food, does what he touches become holy [dedicated to God's service exclusively]? And the priests answered, No! [Holiness is not infectious]

Then said Haggai, 'If one who is [ceremonially] unclean because he has come in contact with a dead body should touch any of these articles of food, shall it be [ceremonially] unclean? And the priests answered, it shall be unclean. [Unholiness is infectious.]" – HAGGAI 2:11-13 AMP

THE KINGDOM FOR THE BABES

When the people whom God chose left Egypt in the days of Moses, there were roughly about 600 thousand adult men, but the estimate of the total people that left Egypt was about two million souls. There were lots of children and women. Of all these people, only the children made it to the Promised Land together with two faithful individuals, Joshua and Caleb. Jesus therefore admonished that we all be converted again; "And He said, Verily I say unto you, 'Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.'" {Matthew 18:3}

The elders in the once biggest church in a nation, with roots from Scotland, which was credited for taking Christianity to that nation, sat down, and decided that marriages that contravenes the word of God was now okay. This was before any court decided that it should now be legal. If anyone said anything about this church and its elders, it would have been "accusing the brethren". Heaven heard the meeting, so did hell; everyone in government or anyone conversant with daily news heard it. If the foundation is destroyed, there is nothing the righteous can do {Psalm 11:3}, except repenting for not heeding a clear call, that we cannot address corruption when corruption is in the house.

We will make progress when we stop blaming other people or institutions for allowing truth to fall to the ground {Isaiah 59:14}. If we fall on our faces, and genuinely return to the Lord, become converted and stop being theological about almost everything, then, there is no doubt that God will hear. Remorse is feeling sorrow for getting caught and not having our wishes met; this cuts nothing with heaven. Genuine repentance means we call a spade a spade. We acknowledge that when we become the light, we become a force, irresistible as one body. In the days of King David, no king or people argued with the truth; neither did anyone reply Elisha or Samuel when they spoke.

The church started from trusting only the power of God, to trusting in politics and the sword made of iron and steel. We proceeded into trusting social justice and civil rights into philosophy and psychology. This is this call; "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take

My yoke upon you, and learn from 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} A clear mind (the mind of Christ) and a heart that turns fully to God is the way forward {1 Timothy 1:5}, Amen.

God bless.

#Optimism

2015-07-09

"But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God: I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.

I will praise thee for ever, because thou hast done it: and I will wait on thy name; for it is good before thy name." – PSALM 52:8-9

THE WAY WE ARE

It is good as channels of blessing, to see ourselves the way we are and the way God calls us; "Oil Trees"! We are also ascribed with the qualities of palm trees {Psalm 92:12}. Palm trees are associated with being fertile and evergreen and a symbol of abundant life, victory and peace. We should be grateful every day not only for all Christ has done for us, but also for the enduring truth that as our Advocate and Mediator, God needs no one's permission to bless His people and to deliver us when we need deliverance. Those who do not share one's experiences may not be in the position to be of assistance when required, but we have a Stand-by, the Holy Spirit.

God is committed to bring glory to His name through His people. Just as Jesus Christ brought Him honour and glory, as we praise Him with our lives, we glorify Him {Psalm 50:23}. Share the oil, share the Life; give light to someone, Amen.

God bless and have a good night/day.

2015-07-10

“TAKE HEED that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily they have their reward.

But when thou doest thine alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth:

That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret Himself shall reward thee openly.” – MATTHEW 6:1-4

JESUS' MESSAGE ON GIVING

“Lay not up for yourselves treasure upon the earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” {Matthew 5:19-21} To ensure that your treasure is safe, refuse to listen to anyone who attempts to encourage you to sow for the kingdom or to the needy; let nothing or anyone rob you of your reward and harvest. Worship in spirit and in truth {John 4:23}

- Your money or resources came from God and belongs to Him.
- Your sowing must be willingly and joyfully {2 Corinthians 8:12}, just as a woman and a man offer themselves and their lives to themselves willingly.
- God is not hungry.
- Every believer is to be led by the Spirit in his/her giving {Romans 8:14}; Christ said, “SECRETLY”.
- God does not receive every offering.
- There are acceptable offerings and sacrifices {Romans 12:1-2, 1 Peter 2:5}. If there are acceptable sacrifices there are unacceptable sacrifices.
- Your concern in your secret closet should be to request from God what He intends to do with your and His' money. Who to give, where He needs it, when to give, how much to give.
- Just as fire fell whenever God receives an acceptable offering and sacrifice, and as heaven responded to Cornelius's offerings when he had no clue that heaven noted his sacrifices, so shall your offerings and sacrifices be received with the seal of heaven and with signs following.
- Always remember; God has restored us from the fall of Adam and from where he fell, when he was a custodian of all God had.
- As Jesus gave 100% He has commanded His people with the four “ALLS” {see Mark 12:30}
- You are not under the Law just as the first Adam was not under the Law; we are under the Law of Love as redeemed citizens of God's kingdom.
- Resist listening the next time anyone wants to beg you to love your God. Do it

“secretly”!

- Give to the poor secretly who will never have the opportunity to say “thank you”. Let your Father say thanks to you and your offerings and sacrifices will remain in “GOLD” that can never rust, tarnish or be stolen.

Go and prosper in love!

God bless and have a great day/night.

#Optimism

2015-07-12

“He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be His God, and he shall be My son.” – REVELATIONS 21:7

THE FINAL WORD

Every individual is unique; our experiences do not necessarily need to fit into any form of characterization with those who have been before us. But there is one common denominator with every soul; we all have something to overcome. In every field, it is our experiences that we pass on to the next generation. Every inventor experimented severally before a breakthrough or the birthing of a new invention. Failure is not an option; with God is a promise of inheriting. One key element of any godly vision, especially vision that pertains to ministry is that it must be found in the word of God; God magnifies His word above all His names {Psalm 138:3}. We therefore deal with any doubt that comes up by applying His word.

We will encounter people along our journeys in life; some will be a source of encouragement and some will not. Courage, resilience, endurance, faith, trust, patience and waiting after we have played our part, are all that will be tested and must be overcome before we receive fulfilment. In all these, we have the sure word of God and God’s ever immutable assurances that He will never let down anyone who put their trust in Him.

We will have to overcome all sorts of arrows and maintain a resolute mind of peace and rest that can only be obtained from God’s word; the final authority. This is crucial; even when some have seen in plain text and language, that God’s word is clear about a subject matter, subtle suggestions will still continue to flow; “did you really hear God”? This is similar to what got a hold of Eve and Adam. To this sort of situation, become like a little child who believes his Papa. Always remember that men’s definition and understanding of success is different from God’s approval.

Through faith and patience we take delivery of His promises {Hebrews 6:12}; patience and endurance must have its day and complete its perfect work {James 1:4}. Our journey may not be like Joseph or David, Jeremiah or John the Baptist and you are certainly not John Wesley. But when the good Lord has finished with you, you will pass on your experiences. However, you must overcome and you will overcome to tell your story in Jesus' name. Receiving the fulfilment of God's promises brings God glory, Amen.

God bless and have a great night/day.

#Optimism

TRUMPET CALL 2015-07-12

"The LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and He knoweth them that trust in Him." – NAHUM 1:7

IT IS NEVER TOO LATE

In the secular world, men get together to deal with crisis; this we have humbly recommended to elders in Christ's body, it was called "an entreaty". Whilst it is called today, just one elder can start calling people up all over. Attempting to deal with deep spiritual issues by calling for boycotts and civil actions are the main reasons why the same old issues refused to go, and as a matter of fact, things are heating up. As things stand, no reasonable person will desire to see any negative prophecy come to pass, nevertheless, the kingdom of God is about "power"; the power of God convicting souls.

A kingdom divided against its self cannot stand, therefore, a common front is needed. If EU and UN and AU can do this, we can do the same, as long as no one seeks any credit for obeying and honouring God. Everyone who knows any elder can have a chat with them because actions will bring better fruit than complaining. The five-fold ministry fulfilling its purpose with clarity will bring thrust, power and direction into play. We should always remember that Christ's body is one man with Jesus Christ as its Head.

This is the call to get together, observe what God said in His word, judge it by the Spirit and present a common front. One major decision will be to agree on whether to trust the Spirit's work or civil action. Any civil action will gain traction when we have allowed God's hand and direction, but we cannot trust both. We should also be prepared to confront all prejudices and injustices in the ranks; God is passionate about these. After we have prayed, concerted action must be taken to put our house in order, then, we can go civil.

We should have no doubt; confronting the issues of our time is so unbelievably simple, it requires the act of our wills. Issues amongst the ranks can be resolved in an earth shaking get-together that every hitherto opposition to righteousness, will have no choice but to bow and flee. And this is the reason; heaven will respond, Amen.

God bless.

[# Reality [# Optimism
2015-07-15

"I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give to every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doing." – JEREMIAH 17:10

A WORD FOR THE "WORK IN PROGRESS" (WIN) AND THE WISE

It is apt to say that trust is indeed a very valuable currency; when and if we transact in it, we have an assurance of peace and quietness even in the midst of bedlam and it is wise to keep it that way. Some time ago, when we had tapes and DVDs and walk-man to listen to them, I preached a message on something to do with access to faith which was recorded in the church in which I was serving as a pastor. I had listened repeatedly to the same message from one of my favourite Bishop and mentor who preach about faith and who had preached this message in a conference in another church.

I then gave this cassette tape, the one which I preached to another fellow pastor in another church where I served briefly, for very kind reasons. When I asked if he had listened to this tape, with the hope of seeing a change, he said no. That same day, God showed me in a night vision that the same Bishop whose message I preached and which was recorded, preaching in this pastor's church; the whole auditorium was flooded with chandeliers and brightly lit. This Bishop is well known for the promise he had received, that the anointing on him will rest upon any of his work, whether books or recorded messages. God calmly reminded me, that the message

was not mine but the Bishop's message, even though it was my voice that was recorded in my tape. The lesson was simply that there is no secret under the heaven. To the last penny, every word or work, the motives behind them, all are recorded and noted by God. We should be more conscious of God and His presence than anything else in this world. All that must have our attention, all that the Holy Spirit will do, is to glorify One Person; Jesus Christ.

Therefore, no matter what men do, God knows. Whatever is done for vain glory does nothing but to present hindrances. May we all discover the reasons why we do what we do, with the name of God and in His name. Every man will come to his/her reward; competition or trying to put other people's candle out, for one's own to shine or burn, is not wise, regardless of the skills employed. "Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is." {1 Corinthians 3:13}. This is the word of God's wisdom. Any child of God should always note; manipulations of any kind do not have happy endings; they create more divisions. Righteousness exalts always and surrender of one's will and the Cross is the solution for any known issue, in every life, at home, in families and any nation.

The Divine will goes like this: the wise men from the east saw the Star of Christ but went looking for Him in the king's palace. The fact that they went looking for Him did not mean that God will put Him in the palace; God chose a manger. King Saul was anointed by God and had authority; he called David his son and David called him "father". This did not stop Saul from trying to kill him, hunting for him like game meat, because his own authority had tarnished. David got so tired and fed up, that he started believing that if he did not run to another country, he will be dead. His thinking did not alter his destiny; God knew why he ran. Nevertheless, in all these things, our experiences are not the same, but God's will, will prevail. There is one Scripture that Paul the apostle used to sum up our call; Love out of a pure heart, good conscience and unfeigned faith {1 Timothy 1:5}.

Hold on to God's promises regardless of any situation and remind yourself of the Supreme sovereignty of God and His word. "The LORD of hosts hath sworn, saying, 'Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand.'" {Isaiah 14:24} The greatest thing that can and will happen in our time is children of God coming together at the feet of Jesus, after carefully considering that with the renunciation of self, comes the fulfilment of the Supreme desire of God for the unity of faith amongst "faithful" brethren {John 17:21, Ephesians 4:13}. Jesus said, "Come up hither, and I will show thee things which must be hereafter." {Revelations 4:1} Time to come up! Amen.

God bless and have a great day/night.

#Optimism
2015-07-17

“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.” ~ REVELATION 12:11

THE WAY OF THE PEOPLE OF THE CROSS

Life and eternal life belongs to a group of people; they are referred to as “the overcomers” {Revelation chapters 2 and 3}. From the beginning of life, pregnancies, education, secular endeavours, inventions and businesses etc; only overcomers get the prize. This presents every soul with only one choice, to overcome.

Therefore, be strong and courageous; there is a journey, it involves a fight of faith. The fight of faith for us has only one outcome; we have the victory through the blood and the word that we declare about what the blood has done. Rest always appears as no action; but rest is work on its own. It takes labouring in the word and prayer to have that rest {Hebrews 4:11}. It requires super-human strength to refuse responding to the bait of the enemy; this is why meekness is power.

After the passion of Jesus, He said “it is finished”; it was only heaven that knew its only just beginning. Hell rejoiced, Jesus’ enemies responded with ecstatic satisfaction, His family and friends wailed, and then, He spoiled principalities and powers, and made a show of them {Colossian 2:15}, presented His blood, and waited for God to raise Him up. Jesus did not raise Himself up, but even He was raised up through His blood; “Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever, Amen.” {Hebrews 13:20-21} Therefore, victory is calm assurance of the finished work, settled with the blood of the Lamb, Amen.

God bless.

TRUMPET CALL 2015-07-17

“Now is the judgement of this world: now shall the prince of the world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me.” – JOHN 12:31-32

CHRISTIANITY IN AN EVOLVING WORLD

One thing is certain in our time and for eternity; God is not wriggling His hands and pondering about what to do to bring in a harvest that has the power to usher in the Second Advent. An African adage says it's only a fool that knows it all. This pertains to man and the church; Jesus commanded unity that requires the symbiotic functioning of every believer in Christ. Unity is the uniting and synchronizing of many divergent independent parts, to function as one, just like the human body. However, God knows it all and He is certainly the only Wise One. "In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." {Colossians 2:3}

At the heart of true reformation, is the restoration of the former desolations and the old wastes {Isaiah 61:4}, the standing in and asking for the old paths and the good way {Jeremiah 6:16}, the return of the church back to God in full, the lifting up of Christ's name alone in all the earth {John 12:31-32}, the restoration of the gospel message and the message of the Cross, the separation of the word of God from the words of men and finally, a concerted conscientious preparation for the return of Christ Jesus.

The battle that some may understand and some may not understand is the restoration of the power source for the work of God. On one side is the application of the ways of the world in accomplishing this goals; this entails the extensive use and proliferation of philosophy, psychology, charm and hype to power our "notions" of reformation.

On the other side, standing alone is the Super Holy Spirit of God. This is the battle and the choice we have to make. One is to become the world to win the world; the other is to separate the word and the church from the world just like the first church did, in obedience to Christ to wait, until the fulfilment of the Promise. Yes, we have the promised Holy Spirit, but we have separated ourselves, His church and His work from Him. How?

By doing the same things the world is doing by the rules of the world. When we allow the world to define to God's people success, victory, fulfilment of goals and vision etc; it is "capitulation". We are in competition with the world in doing the same things, but unfortunately, we are depending on the same power sources of the world, therefore, the world cannot tell the difference between what we are offering and what they are offering, of which they are doing exceedingly well!

We offer the same leadership tools and services and we are careful not to mention about the cross since it is offensive. We cannot offend God to please the world and expect God to attract the world. We have to choose! Also, theology or doctrines cannot teach or give love, and, reformation this time, cannot be left in the hands of academicians or theologians. That was what took the church into the dark ages; we

should never forget these facts of history. Just as Weber identified the "spirit" of capitalism and traced it to the Protestant ethics, associated with John Calvin, there is a spirit behind theology, religion, philosophy and the world system. The world and the Cross and the Holy Spirit cannot agree.

There is a stronghold that we need to deal with; Paul warned about it {see Colossians 2:8}. This stronghold is like a faulty alignment of wheels of an automobile; once you remove your hands, the automobile veers to the right or to the left. For a while, it will seem as if God's people have gotten and grasped the issue at hand, the next minute, we are back saying the same things, to "stay relevant" in this world. Evolving with the world must be artful, creative and masterful, powered by the Spirit of God, who cannot be separated from His word.

We will have to choose between following the God of the Bible, by using the word of God to edify God's people again, without adulterations, or maintaining a status quo that cannot hold. We also must redefine Christianity, or else, we will continue to look to the judicial courts, legislators and government officials for direction in our world.

We should never lose sight of the basic truth that, Christ's kingdom cannot be governed by the kingdom of the world. The world should look to the pillar and ground of truth for the much needed direction even in their affairs. Whenever anything is out of sic, there will be rebellion of sorts. We should be able to see that this is the state of play. The world should not be dictating to the church, what is acceptable and what is not. We should be able to apprehend the true state of the matter. Those unconcerned should understand that, settling on our lees because all things look rosy for us has its own fruit.

We have to choose between the Holy Spirit or the world's sources of power, between discipleship or leadership training. It is also crucial for God's people to master the art of doing business in this world, separate our equipping from the world's equipping tools and mechanism; this will be through the message of the Cross; this was what the gospel and God's word gave to us. We have no other constitution.

When we live and judge by the standards of the world, we will see with the lenses of the world. By the world's standard, Noah who preached for 120 years with only his wife, three sons and three daughters-in-law as converts was not much of a success. Apart from Sarah, Lot and his family, only hired servants followed Abraham. Moses, whose mandate was to take God's people to the Promised Land, would have been considered as not having accomplished his task. All the prophets who stood alone, some asked to walk naked, another commanded to marry adulterers, one to cook his meals with dung and to lie on his side for hundreds of days, and another beheaded for preaching against adultery; all by the world's standard would have been considered as not so successful or victorious.

We have a lot of returning to God to do. We should be concerned about taking the church back from the world and handing it back to God's Spirit. We should also be clear; no one is advocating a universal church, but rather, the uniting of understanding of God's word, purposes and plans for His church. This is what may be referred to as a common front. Therefore, an appraisal is not murmuring or complaining; our sword and axe must not be blunt. We cannot afford the mix-up that heaven cannot use.

This call therefore, is to remind us all and if possible, to encourage some of us; when Christ alone is lifted up in His kingdom, He will draw all men unto Him and His Spirit will work His work on us His people, to reform and to prepare a bride, without spots or wrinkle. "And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shall be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name." Amen.

Blessings.

#Optimism
2015-07-18

"WHEREFORE LAYING aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,
As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:
If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.
To whom coming, as unto a living Stone, disallowed indeed by men, but chosen by God, and precious.
Ye also, as living stones, are built up as a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." – 1 PETER 2:1-5

God bless.

TRUMPET CALL 2015-07-19

"Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: and the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it." – ISAIAH 40:4-5

THE MOUNTAINS AND THE CROSS

Every child of God must recognise the Cross as our only salvation, the only means to the ends we all seek, the eternal provision that many have tried to circumvent but

which many still stumble upon and the inescapable enigma for all eternity. It is therefore essential for all to embrace it, cuddle it with all intent and purpose and see it the way God sees it and as also inseparable as a companion of all of God's plans and purposes, for His church and the human race. We should empathize and be understanding with those who still find it offensive. None of us found it amusing to surrender our will when we came into the knowledge of the "TRUTH".

In view of these, we have a clear option of applying God's word and accepting it as inerrant in our approach to our Christian walk. Without the word of God, we have no way of knowing what Love is or who God is. There is only one section in the whole Bible, where the Seven Mountains was identified, named and explained. "And this is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are the seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth." {Revelations 17:9} The woman is described as this: "And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATION OF THE EARTH." {Revelations 17:5} It will be a grave error to believe anything else. {See Revelations 17:1-18}

This is what God said about every mountain and hill; "and every mountain and hill shall be made low:" {Isaiah 40:4} Then He named His own Mountain "Holy"; "Thus saith the LORD: I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of the LORD of hosts the Holy mountain." {Zechariah 8:3} Before this happens, He promised, "BUT IN the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it." {Micah 4:1} Lifting up Christ with the message of the Cross cannot be separated from the establishment of the house of the Lord, on top of the mountain.

To see the fulfilment of God's promises, we should believe His word. To believe God and His word, we must be converted and be like children {Matthew 18:4}, this is the root meaning of the Cross; we believe what God said in His word. When we become esoteric in approaching and apprehending God's word, we are in danger of missing Him and going off track. Just as Daniel was shown, the Stone that struck the feet of the image, the part clay and part iron and broke it, which turned into a mountain that covered the earth is Christ {Daniel 2:34-35}.

The "Stone" is the "Faithful Witness" {Revelation 3:14}; the gospel is His message. The Cross takes care of every mountain that has been identified. It starts with the message of the Cross; this also starts with believing completely what God said, and the consecration to hearken. The only power to deal with the woman, sitting comfortably as we speak on those mountains is the Cross. So, approach the mountains with caution and preparedness.

Bring the Cross against it, bring all things to the obedience of Christ {2 Corinthians 10:3-5}; understand fully well that there is no other provisions given, to take down that woman, identify the world systems and the philosophies and psychologies of men as the power behind that woman and pronounce the judgement that is written

concerning every mountain and hill. Prophecy the counsel of God concerning His one and only "Holy Mountain" and see heaven go to work on our behalf.

Taking the mountains has been ordained by God to be simple; the simplicity of the gospel is His provision. As we all come on the same page, with no other thought but the nobility of sacrificing and laying down our lives for others {John 15:13}, all hands will be on deck, synchronized by God's Spirit {Ephesians 4:13}, bringing God glory. Because God has pronounced His word and judgement upon every mountain and hill {Isaiah 40:4}, and the mountain of His house is being established, all peoples shall come to His mountain, seeking Him {Micah 4:1-2}.

This call is this; as Christ and His word are lifted up, every mountain and hill shall be made low and His glory will be seen, Amen.

God bless and have a good day/night.

#Optimism
2015-07-20

"PRAISE YE the LORD. Praise God in His sanctuary: praise Him in the firmament of His power.

Praise Him for His mighty acts; praise Him according to His excellent greatness.

Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet: praise Him with the psaltery and harp.

Praise Him with the timbrel and dance: praise Him with stringed instrument and organs.

Praise Him upon the loud cymbals: praise Him upon the high sounding cymbals.

Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD." – PSALM 150: 1-6

As you see your victory, give Him the praise; possess the Land! Amen.

God bless and have a great week.

#Optimism
2015-07-20

"A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity." – PROVERBS 17:17

FRIENDSHIP

Salvation is appreciating God's definition of any concept we have ever received or conceived. David the King mourned when he heard about the death of Jonathan and of Saul; he called Jonathan brother, whom he loved more than he ever loved any woman {2 Samuel 1:26}. David knew what Jonathan sacrificed for him; he loved him and showed his love to his children after Jonathan demise. Jesus described friendship thus; "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." {John 15:13} He said this before His passion; this is our call as believers in Christ.

When we find a friend, who is willing to tell us the truth for our own good even though it may hurt, but we are able to see his/her motive, never let that friend go or let him down. The world's definition of friendship is to acquiesce with us, just because we want to be known as friends, or perhaps even more; for the photo opportunity. The world's definition of wisdom is to be cunning and manipulative. But when we begin to appreciate what God refers to or defines as discernment, meekness, love, wisdom, knowledge, understanding and friendship, we are truly saved. His word says "Open rebuke is better than secret love." {Proverbs 27:5} If you cannot add to someone's life, it is better to let them be. The kingdom of God is not the kingdom of this world. We cannot claim to love someone whom we see driving off a cliff, and keep quiet because we feel he/she may be upset; it would not be kindness or friendship.

Know your friends! Things are indeed dark, but we have light; that which makes manifest is light {Ephesians 5:13}. "Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of the enemy are deceitful." {Proverbs 27:6} Agreeing with deception is like agreeing with your son/daughter who tells you he/she feels very happy after taking heroine. No! Such a person has not known what true friends are. True friends watch for the good of their friends, without looking to take credit of to profit in the friendship {Philippians 2:4}. When you meet someone who says they are your friends, smile and remind them of what Jesus Christ calls friends.

God bless.
2015-07-21

"In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood up and cried, saying, 'If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink. He that believeth on Me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.'" – JOHN 7:37-38

RIVERS OF LIVING WATER

The rivers of living waters is loaded with Life which issues out possibilities, potentials and transferable gifts; the very Life of God. And because we have drank and continue to drink, the same water or Spirit that flows into us from the Father, becomes a river that makes glad the city of God {Psalm 46:4}; many streams becoming rivers, converging at a confluence from the holy place of the tabernacle of

the Most High. The Spirit of God unites and contains all that God has provided, all that gives life; it is living and vibrant.

To understand the beauty of God's providence, we can imagine what life really was for the first man Adam. Everything answered to him, what he named retained the name, all was nice and beautiful, fruitful and productive naturally, plus, he walked about naked and never knew what nakedness was. God had a vision for him; God has vision for all He created. He has never failed to show us His vision for our very existence. He called Abraham and showed him the stars of heaven, to show him how beautiful and numerous his children will be, calling out faith from his heart. He gave His people a picture of the Promised Land; all he has provided. All that was required was for His people to walk with Him. That same call is Jesus' call today.

Having a single vision will require understanding God's vision; differentiate the means to the vision as a requirement for understanding the vision and running with it. Many confuse ministry, which is the means to the vision (collective) with the vision itself. But from the rivers of living water, there is no confusion; it flows in a certain direction and leads to a destination. When the wind of the Spirit blows, bring out your sails and leave the rest to God. That wind is not a storm or a tornado; God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early {Psalm 46:5}. Are you thirsty? "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." {Matthew 5:6} Amen.

God bless.

#Reality #Optimism

2015-07-21

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." – JOHN 3:16

THE WAY OF LIFE

John the Beloved, the Apostle of Jesus Christ wrote; "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} One of the marked differences between Christianity and religion is that, religion is subject to the opinion of men and at times at the mercies of social realities. Christianity is a life based on a choice; eternal life or eternal death. God said through Jeremiah the prophet; "And unto this people thou shalt say, 'Behold, I set before you the way of life, and the way of death.'" {Jeremiah 21:8} This was never a threat; it is the reality God has presented for eternity; a choice.

We do not determine what God said, neither do we subject what God said to our own private interpretations. Rather, we seek God's interpretations of His word from God's Spirit. If Christianity is subject to men's opinions, we would have all been selective about what is righteous and what is unrighteous. Jesus said seek! {Matthew 6:33} God said when we seek Him, He will be found {Jeremiah 29:13}. We do not force our beliefs on anyone; our message is love of God to man through His Son.

John the Apostle who wrote the scripture quoted above, walked with Jesus and was the only disciple apart from the women, by His cross when He died. He saw Him alive after His resurrection, ate with Him and gave his testimony. The word of God was given to put an end to polemics; we are not parliamentarians or congressmen presiding over what to believe or what not to believe. When and if God's own council of His men converges, it should be to silence opinions and establish order in His house. Religion has more room to be selective, suggestive and accommodative to the opinions of men; but with Christianity, it will do us well, to make it clearer to whoever is concerned, that Christianity is no religion but a way of life with the very Life of God in man. There is no religion that puts God in man. It is a matter of choice; God said choose. Those who choose life are blessed, Amen.

Blessings.

#Optimism

2015-07-22

"And the LORD said, 'Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do; seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? For I know him, that he will command his children and household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgement; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which He hath spoken of him.'" – GENESIS 18:17-19

TO KNOW HIM AND BE KNOWN BY HIM

When Jesus reminded His people that, "is it not written in the law, I said Ye are gods?" {John10:34} Quoting Psalm 82:6, they were still trying to stone Him because He said I and My Father are One {John 10:30}. Meanwhile, God is seeking people who will see themselves the exact way God sees them, people He can brag about like father Abraham. Father Abraham knew God and God knew him; He had watched the heart of Abraham, He knew his uncompromising stance against anything that may offend God. He never walked in self-righteousness because God showed him that God Himself was His righteousness, his treasure and exceeding great reward

{Genesis 15:1}. He was also a veteran in waiting for God and God bragged about him and his lifestyle.

Jesus also expects those who lay claim to the pedigree of father Abraham to study his lifestyle. The truth is that, God desires to brag about His children, to trust them enough to entrust them with all that is available and accessible through Christ. Father Abraham set an example, but Christ's example has more power. He said "I can of Mine own Self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and My judgement is just; because I seek not Mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent Me." {John 5:30} This is the example Jesus is calling us all to follow.

If we examine God's testimony about father Abraham, He mentioned Abraham's ability and commitment to do justice and judgement {Genesis 18:19}. God connects this grace to the true knowledge of Him {Jeremiah 9:24}. Jesus too mentioned His ability to do judgement, relating it with His Supreme desires for nothing else except God's will. Friend, knowing God is not in the multitude of dreams, visions or prophetic encounters; justice, judgement, righteousness, a desire to know Him and His ways and a reverential fear, which is nothing short of a Supreme respect towards a loving Father. This is the duty of man {Ecclesiastes 12:13}. All He needs is such a heart; not in the multitude of any of our possessions, just the heart.

It is humbling to know that God has His own assessment of every soul but also comforting to know that His thoughts are good towards us, to see us succeed in this world and to be known by Him. We can do the same towards each other, knowing that He knows us all, Amen.

God bless and have a good day/night.

#Reality #Optimism

TRUMPET CALL 2015-07-24

"AWAKE, AWAKE; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean.

Shake thyself from the dust; arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem: loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion.

For thus saith the LORD, 'Ye have sold yourselves for nought; and ye shall be redeemed without money.'" – ISAIAH 52:1-3

IDENTITY CRISIS: SHEEP OR GOAT

Paul the Apostle, whilst addressing the issues in the Corinthian church, asked them whether they do not know that believers are the temples of the living God, and that God dwells in believers in Christ? {1 Corinthians 3:16-17, 6:15-17} They may have had issues with their identity; this is not new. It has always been God's concern that His people never understood the reasons why He called them out, declared them holiness unto the Lord {Jeremiah 2:2}, and desires to be known through them and be glorified in them {Isaiah 60:1-3, 62:2, Romans 8:30}. Whenever we encounter crisis in our identity, we should know that it has nothing to do with God, but everything to do with our obedience and reception of God's will as against our own wills. Our identities in Christ should be solid and firm with faith; this presupposes following Christ and His words {John 14:23}.

No man is perfect or infallible; faith is something that is indispensable in our walk of faith. Father Abraham's commendation by God was his faith; we are wired for faith and remain connected to God by faith. Faith is not possible with disobedience, especially wilful disobedience, but repentance brings us back into faith; it is the first doctrine of Christ. Whenever we notice that, instead of admitting our faults, falling on our faces for an unconscious attempt to mislead people and repenting, but rather, we seek means to cover up and justify ourselves and to cry "wolf", it is the beginning of being converted into a goat as opposed to being sheep.

This is not a pleasant place to be; heaven can never be deceived by any attempt to cover our sins. "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but he whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." {Proverbs 28:13} Therefore, His word commands us to "awake", to lose ourselves of any bounds on our necks and to put on our beautiful garments {Isaiah 52:1-2}, which of course is to put on Christ. Without genuine repentance, the awakening that most people desire and pray about may become an illusion. We have seen such come and go; the will of man is powerful, we can however use our wills well and profitably for God.

How do we know when this unholy conversion has started? A goat has his own will and plan; it always needs to be herded. No one can lead a goat. When you correct or pull it back in line, it goes right back to its own plan. Note also that this plan is his' not God's plan or word. A sheep hears the word and the voice of Christ {John 10:1-5}; it has no will of its own. A sheep's agenda is not seeking for followers but rather, to follow the Shepherd; it is part of a flock and will not attempt to seek for greener pastures. This does not mean that a sheep will not ask questions; there are questions asked in faith and there are questions asked in unbelief. A good example is the same questions asked by both Zacharias the priest and the Virgin Mary, both from the angel Gabriel. Zacharias' question in unbelief caused the angel to make him

dumb, whilst Mary's question was loaded with faith and activated instance conception.

Then, the wolf; to put it mildly, it seeks its own gain. Whatever can be described as gain or profit that has to do with its own desires or plans; anything that touches this will come under wrath. The wolf will also always cry "wolf" and will always look for accomplices. Jesus' approach is to seek for true conversion and to make disciples. Seeking and finding followers is easy; all that needs to be done is to tell people what they want to hear; nothing to offend, just smooth words, because the Cross will offend; this is the identity crisis. Admitting a fault or a stronghold is a requirement for receiving help and mercy for deliverance.

There is no child or servant of God who is above correction or admonition; but it should be in love, patience and entreaties with the motive of conversion into faith. It is possible to be converted from being a goat into a sheep and vice versa. Our honest appraisals of ourselves will save us a lot of harm, especially harm done to those who have believed in the work attributed to us. When we gain the recognition or platform of men with the name of Jesus, we should be careful of what we do with it.

We have all made mistakes in the past; honest and genuine repentance requires humility and will save many. Also, we get to pass these experiences of our mistakes to the next generation. Learning from elders is incomplete if we do not learn from their mistakes or if we reject the opportunity to share them after having learnt our lessons. Whilst we prophesy good and encouraging words, we should remind people of our requirement for obedience to God's word and voice.

A shepherd or an undershepherd cannot herd goats; he does not have the nature of a goat herder except if something has gone wrong. A goat herder is incapable of shepherding or disciplining sheep; he does not possess the nature. However, by the Spirit of God, conversion is possible. We should understand these basic truths about the nature of those whom God leads; they hear Him and will never justify themselves or have their own plans that contravene God's word or will. As we grow in Christ, surrender of our wills becomes more willing and joyous; this is what true conversion is. The Cross represents the solution for settling any form of identity crisis. At the cross, our wills are slain. No one is infallible, but we need to speak the truth in love in the pillar and ground of the truth {1 Timothy 4:15}. God guides only the meek {Psalm 25:9}.

Whenever anyone has issues with repenting, it should be a warning sign. God loves us and is forever pursuing us with love; the devil hates us and is forever seeking to gain control over lives by luring souls with anything that attracts their desires. He has no power except that which we give him. We should never be afraid to tell our friends or brethren the truth in love; whenever we reject the truth, we may end up blaming other people and even the government. We can avoid repeating the same mistakes that has done much damage. What most nations and even the church are being confronted with today, are issues that were never resolved but covered up.

The word of God encourages us; "For the LORD shall comfort Zion: He will comfort all her waste places; and He will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving and the voice of melody." {Isaiah 51:3} Amen.

God bless.

N.B: As has been earlier stated in some of these messages, anyone who have a word of correction, admonition or reprove, should not hesitate to do so. It will be received with love and I pray it will be given in love.

#Reality #Optimism

TRUMPET CALL 2015-07-31

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." – ROMANS 8:14

THE SIMPLE ONE'S APPROACH TO THE NEW LIFE

God in His infinite wisdom and mercy gave us Jesus Christ as the Head of every man {1 Corinthians 11:3}, the Head of all things to the church and the body of Christ {Ephesians 2:22, Colossians 1:18}, the only Mediator between God and men {1 Timothy 2:5}, the only Mediator of the New Covenant {Hebrews 9:15, 12:24} and the only Advocate with God the Father; He is Jesus Christ the Righteous {1 John 2:1}.

Every believer's authority is derived from Christ and our source of authority is from the word of God, therefore, the word of God describes Christians as royal priesthood {1 Peter 2:9}. No believer needs a laying-on of hands or an ordination to function in his/her office as a believer. We all need to be clear about these truths. It is a high calling into nobility and responsibility. Respect is due to both elders and laymen, old or young and high or low, in love and in the fear of God {Ephesians 5:21}. The body

of Christ should never be a place of danger or terror where gifts are shackled or subjected to abuse; it is the house of God and the body of Christ, a holy ground.

To appreciate what Jesus Christ and God the Father did for the body of Christ and the human race, we need to revisit the garden of Eden, the lifestyle and the mandate given to the first man Adam and the reasons why the human race needed redemption. God gave man the earth; He commanded man to keep the garden, to be fruitful, to multiply, to replenish the earth and to have dominion over all things created {Genesis 1:28}. God also made sure that He created man in God's own image and likeness {Genesis 1:26-27}. The only "do not" that God commanded man was that he should not eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil {Genesis 2:16-17}. He kept this briefly, but not for long.

Man was the custodian of all that was on earth; the only offering God requested from Adam was his fellowship and simple obedience. No first fruit, no tithe, nothing but Adam's company or fellowship. All was good until the slithering fiend showed up. If man had ventured to eat of the tree of Life {Genesis 2:9} before his transgression, what happened to him would have been averted. We would never have needed redemption; our lives would have been garden all the way. This said; we should be aware of this basic truth, that the garden life was what God created man to live. His plans have not changed; man must be redeemed.

Jesus taught His disciples to pray; "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." {Matthew 6:10} There is nothing to suggest that there is any other offering given to God in heaven except the type of fellowship and the praise and worship that Adam offered to God at the beginning. God needs no other offerings except the spirit, soul and body of those who love Him, offered willingly as a living (alive) sacrifice {Romans 12:1-2}. We are able to understand the reasons why it was so important that man be redeemed, to pave the way for the indwelling of God physically in man, which brought the Word of God to become flesh and to pay such a price for the redemption and restoration of man. From the fall of the first man till the day Christ breathed on His disciples {John 20:22}, no man was regenerated or one with God in spirit. The purpose of the new life and the New Covenant is the union of God with man. The foundation of our offerings has been presented to us; first, as a living sacrifice and oneness with God.

Paul calls this union a great mystery {Ephesians 5:32}. But why? Take the union between a man and his wife for example, they cohabit together, share everything, the husband takes responsibility for the family; what belongs to the husband belongs to the wife and vice versa, all the planning for the family are done together and so on. God has never failed to remind His people that He is their Husband; this

was His main cry through Jeremiah and the other prophets. Perhaps we are all seeing this picture better. If the husband cannot have the wife spirit, soul and body, it is doubtful if he will accept 10%, 30% or even 99.9% of that wife and vice versa. Jesus' death and offering was 100%, He commanded His people to do the same {see John 20:21}. This was not possible after the fall of man until the redemptive work of Christ; therefore the kingdom of God is a kingdom of conscience.

In the old life, looking at a woman or man with lust in the heart was not permitted by God but cannot be proven by man. How can you know if a man is lusting in the heart after another? God calls it adultery because it is a heart thing registered in heaven. The new life is a high calling to a higher life that requires higher levels of responsibility superseding the law. We are no more under the law but under the law of our consciences before God, which must be perpetually under the blood of Jesus {Hebrews 10:22}. God leads no man by the law but by the spirit of man endued and possessed by the Spirit of God. This was why the only substance that can make this happen is the sinless blood of God through His Son Jesus Christ. If anyone misses these truths then whatever is left is devoid of power or efficacy.

So many people still struggle with appreciating the power of the New Covenant; we do not struggle with our belief that sacrificing animals are gone, that sheaf offerings are gone, that peace offerings are gone, that sin offerings are gone and circumcision is gone; all with the Old Covenant. But the first-fruit and tithe are the only ones left! Let us be clear; once anyone brings themselves under any law, he/she has brought themselves under the curse of the law {Galatians 3:10}; Scripture is clear about this. Some may call it worship, but it is still the law with the mindset of the law.

For example, imagine this; a wife forgets to prepare a meal or perform a task and the first thing that comes to her mind is that she is in serious trouble. The husband is going to release the dogs to harm her from the pen, she is going to be punished for her negligence, her husband will neglect her and all that he promised to do is forfeited; that way, she will never forget the penalty of negligence and disobedience. Can such a man believe that the woman loves him, or can the woman believe that love exists between her and the husband?

This is the picture most people indirectly paint of God with what we require of people about any form of offerings and the threats of the curses. If and when God possesses the spirit, soul and body of a believer, He has all He needs. Everything done by the believer is done with God; from waking, cohabiting, shopping, saving, travelling, buying a home, holidaying, everything all the way. This was how it was in

the beginning with Adam and this is why Jesus said "it is finished". Christ in you is the hope of this glory {Colossian 1:27}.

We may ask ourselves some questions. Does God pay tithe or first fruits? Did Jesus give tithe or first fruits? Between the individual believer and God who dwells in the believer, who amongst the two pays the tithe or first fruits? Did the first church or Apostle give them or commanded them? Is it possible that some folks do not understand that anyone under the law is under the curse of the law? Are there married couples who measure out the love they offer to their spouses in percentages? The purpose of uniting God with man is the main reason for the death of Jesus Christ; this has greatly increased the Christian's responsibility to fidelity and integrity from the heart.

The first unbreakable law/covenant and commandment ever given to father Abraham was the law of circumcision {Genesis 17:10-14} of which many never understood the purpose which was a sign of consecration in the flesh to God. If the Lord had not revealed the truth about the disannulment of the Old Covenant to Apostle Paul, we would have all still been under those laws {Galatians 3:1-14}. Paul was fought by his people in his day and by many till date about his revelations concerning the doing away with the law, as Scriptures clearly stated. Christ has fulfilled the law to restore us to what God had in mind for creating man; we have been redeemed back to the garden days, only we cannot walk naked ever again which is not a bad thing.

Jesus asked Peter a question that even Peter, in his state could not have understood the full meaning. Those who receive tribute had indirectly asked Jesus through Peter whether His Master pays tribute or not. They couldn't ask Him directly, and Jesus asked Peter, "What thinkest thou, Simon? Of whom do the kings of the earth take custom or tribute? Of their own children, or of strangers?" {Matthew 17:25} Peter answered Him that it was from strangers. Then Jesus said to him, "Then the children are free. Notwithstanding, lest we should offend them, go thou to the sea, and cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money: that take, and give unto them for Me and thee." {Matthew 17:26-27} Peter or the people could never have understood that God pays no tribute. We give government taxes to run social or civil services; we offer God sacrifices of our love together in union with God. When we offer our sacrifices to God, God does not say that is you, it is not Me. At no point do we separate ourselves from God to offer any sacrifice or offerings. It is a paradigm that needs realignment or recalibration.

There was a period in the existence of the church, when people like John Wesley were cast out of the church because he preached about sanctification. George Fox was incarcerated because he taught that women had souls just like men (it was hitherto believed that women had no souls!) and that God actually dwell in believers and not in church buildings. This is just to mention a few examples of things that can happen when men reject the truth. Meanwhile, amongst the authority in their times were doctors and theologians who rejected these truths which can be verified by Scriptures. Opportunity presents its self in our generation to fully interpret the New Covenant in the Spirit of the new, just as Apostle Paul did in his time to settle the issue of circumcision.

Believers in Christ may need to re-examine the pattern of Christ and His apostles from Scriptures. Sons of God are led by God because they are one with God from dawn till dusk every day. God the Husband and the Senior Partner in the relationship between God and man determines what is done with His resources in the custody of His people. If and when we have made up our minds that we are going to be under the law in our offerings, what happens when God presents His own plans? This is the error that many refuse to address. John G Lake depended solely on God for his life and work; he gave up all and a very high profile executive job and lifted up his eyes up to the hills for his help. He was never disappointed. So did people like A B Simpson, who taught the law of love of 100%. God's people went back to these laws towards the middle of the twentieth century, it was never so before. God desires to lead in both small and great matters of our daily lives.

God has restored man from the fall of the first man; He did it in full. In anticipation He declared, with His mind still on how perfect it was for Adam when they fellowshiped together in the garden of Eden, "For the LORD shall comfort Zion: He will comfort all her waste places: and He will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD: joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody." {Isaiah 51:3} God's mind is still picturing His people in the garden, with the level of fellowship He had with Adam.

Every child of God is free to ask God about the veracity of the full redemption of man through Jesus Christ. We can ask God who indwells whether He pays tithe and first fruit. He is sure to reply that Jesus Christ is all He has to offer and has offered Him. It is now our turn as His people to present our bodies which is inhabited by our spirit and soul as a living sacrifice, acceptable to God. When God has your spirit, soul and body, and you love God with the four "alls", heart, soul, mind and strength, just as no man needs another man's counsel about how to love the wife or husband, God's Spirit will direct every man in their private love affair. No man should stand between a husband and his wife; only Jesus occupies that Prime position.

To see the benefit of the New Covenant of grace, we should embrace the covenant in full. We should admit that we have been under the hybrid of half law and half grace. This is the purpose of this discourse. The devil does not fight falsehood or half-truths. Seeking "first" the kingdom of God and His righteousness will bring us into the understanding of what the kingdom of God is, and what His righteousness stands for. It will help us appreciate presenting our bodies, spirit and soul as a living sacrifice as a foundation for all that will be rendered to God as offerings or of loving God. One with God in all things is the purpose of it all, just as it was in the garden at the beginning.

Reformation should be a thorough work. There is absolutely no reason not to investigate the truth and ask ourselves pertinent questions. Some may unconsciously be concerned about what will happen when folds are taught the truth about the New Covenant of 100%; for this, there should be liberty to return to faith. These are however the deductions of the simple derived from the Holy Scriptures of the Bible and of those who believe in the simplicity of the gospel. These should never constitute an issue to create separations or bifurcations. To prevent and protect us from esoteric teachings or gospel, Jesus selected mainly fishermen and commanded them to be converted and become like little children for them to see the kingdom of heaven {Matthew 18:3-4}.

The main issues to be addressed about change or reformation must be clearly spelt out. If there is no need for a change, many who have prophesied it would have been saying something else. We have identified some, the church needs to move forward. Moving forward will be at the behest of the Captain of the hosts. The Red Sea and the river Jordan parted by obeying instructions; the walls of Jericho gave way the same way. Only by His Spirit; it is time to return to the garden. May God bless His people, Amen.

Blessings.

#Optimism
2015-08-02

"For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed." – MALACHI 3:6

THE UNCHANGING CHANGER

There are so many things we should be thankful about, one of them is that the Creator of heaven and earth and all things created and the author of creativity and change does not change. He has ordained expansion, multiplication, innovations and gifted us with His DNA as creators and inventors. We are forever grateful to God that realities like righteousness, holiness, wisdom, justice, goodness, mercy and eternity are not relative or variable. We have a hope, secured by God Himself through His Son our Lord and Saviour.

His word has this to say to someone; "THE LORD hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee; Send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion; Remember all thy offerings, and accept all thy burnt sacrifices; Selah. Grant thee according to thine own heart, and fulfil all thy counsel. We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners: the LORD fulfil all thy petitions." {Psalm 20:1-5} Amen.

May every pressure produce more oil, just as the crushing of olives produce oil; May inspiration and direction flow from God's throne of grace to everyone who hope in His mercies. Oil of joy instead of despondency; garments of praise instead of heaviness, beauty for ashes and the glory of God be seen in every life that call upon His name, in Jesus' name, Amen.

God bless and have a wonderful new month.

#Optimism
2015-08-04

"That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His suffering, being made conformable unto His death; If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead." ~ PHILIPPIANS 3:10-11

TO THE WAYFARING

This message in the epistle of Paul the apostle was written to the Philippians at about 64 A.D. He would have been approximately above fifty years in his ministry and walk with God. He was still praying to know Christ and the power of His resurrection; it is a lesson and a message to every believer and wayfaring saint of God. Bearing a message of change does not in any way mean that the messenger has arrived and as such, walking in the power of his message. It is therefore wise not to think that the messenger is a finished product, or that the receivers of such

messages are the issue who needed the messages more. If it is from God, it is for everyone. At times it is easier to say change is coming than to say exactly what is to change, but the message bearer knows he/she has no option. Paul knew this very well and continued to pray for his own transformation or transfiguration.

When Jonah the prophet finally got to Nineveh after doing time in the belly of the whale, his hope was that fire would fall instead of repentance. He did not realise that the message of repentance that he bore had something in it for him; it is not stated whether he repented from his anger and disappointment at the conversion of Nineveh. Every soul needs help, both from God and from those who are supposed to be of the same mind and of same love and purpose {Philippians 2:3}. The role of the five-fold ministry is to remind us all of the need to believe as God believes; to be one.

There has never been any message of change that was pleasant to every soul or received without belligerence of some sort. Fire must try us all, try the messages everyone bears and try those who received them, either joyously or reluctantly. The thing is, those who live in the same house ought to understand that they are in the same house. At the end of it all, may we all see each other in eternity or after our sojourn on earth, amen.

If this will encourage someone; we are all in it together. Those who have arrived are being feted in heaven as we speak. Every believer in Christ is part of the building and the process. Coming into understanding and alignment is a crucial part we all have to play; this is what heaven and the people we are called to reach are waiting for. The Spirit is at work. If you have any issue or offense against anyone, do not sleep tonight till you have dealt with it. Forgive and let go and be blessed, Amen.

God bless and have a good night/day.

#Reality #Optimism

TRUMPET CALL 8/5/2015

"They shall run like mighty men of war; and they shall march every one on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks: neither shall one thrust another; they shall walk every one in his path: when they fall upon the sword, they shall not be wounded." – JOEL 2:7-8

MARCHING IN FORMATION

It is becoming increasingly clearer by the day that progress in the life of the believer is determined largely by following the Master. We are also gradually acquainted with the basic truth that following Him is related to knowing His ways and approach to life. Empires have come and gone; only God's kingdom remains eternal, unmoveable, unshakeable, resilient in the face of many evolving cultures and concepts and tolerant to many ideologies and postulations that have not survived the test of time and or the fire that must test all things.

Only the voice of God can break cedars, divide the flame, shake the wilderness and cause hinds to calve and deliver {Psalm 29:1-11}. To march in formation, it is wise to listen Him; to listen to Him, we cannot afford to take leave of that which is written. Paul wrote, "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. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou not then be afraid of the power? Do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same." {Romans 13:1-3}

Many have sought influence with men in authority, to influence situations in their nations, to influence men; however, it has usually been in the way we want it rather than what God said. This is why ranks are broken both with the Captain of the hosts and with others that are supposed to work in a way that will not be at cross purpose. To call God to have His way must be accompanied with our consecration to know His ways and to accept His counsel found in His word. Paul also wrote, "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 godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; who will have men to be saved, and come to the knowledge of the truth." {1 TIMOTHY 2:1-4}

It is the exact opposite of the outcome of following God's instructions and ways that will happen when we interpose his instructions with our own opinions, views, concepts and ideologies. Now, God does not say we should not have views, but if He has shown us His way and we claim to be following Him, it means, any contrary approach is an affront to Him and power to His enemies. God's influence would be at work in government circles or civil authorities, Judiciary or legislature and in most places where we desire godly influences. This is the bane of all that most of us complain about. If we attack covertly or overtly what and those we are supposed to pray for, we will have no choice but to resort to looking for other means. If we short-circuit faith by short-circuiting God, it will mean that the struggle continues. This is not a new message; God through His word has been calling men to heed Him from eternity. Men suffer because we choose our own ways.

Whether it is the gender or sexual orientation of men, Planned Parenthood, substance misuse or corruption, our power lies in doing what God has commanded. We should believe that this is the only valid approach to influencing any situation or men.

There are times when rhetoric and the display of chutzpah work, when God is involved. However, for the sake of the good that we are supposed to dispense daily into our heavens and this world, God's way is the only way. "And whether one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it." {1 Corinthians 12:26} We can choose to rejoice. No matter how much we love our independence and individuality, the reality is that our actions or inaction affect others. It is the intensity of the results or consequences that varies.

We can march in formation, but it must be the Captain of the hosts leading. Also, God will never go against His word and the instructions He has set forth for us to walk in. We should avoid breaking ranks and we should understand what breaking of ranks mean. We have liberty, but our liberty should be in tandem and symphony with heaven; then, we will be the formidable force we are called to be. No mountain can stand before a force that is marching in ranks when the Captain of the host is at the head. Victory is certain for those who follow the Master and nothing else, Amen.

God bless.

#Optimism
2015-08-10

"Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of the waterspouts: all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me." – PSALM 42:7

THE CALL OF THE DEEP

That ultimate desire that proceeds from the Father is nothing short of a deep affectionate call into intimacy. Most times we seek for some things about God and relationship which can only be created by God, but the purpose of it all is a call to sit at the feet to the Master and to "KNOW" Him. This denotes an escape from what we know as ministry to people to minister unto God. God is actually jealous about this aspect of our lives.

Paul reminded us from the prophets; "But as it is written, 'Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of men, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him. But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit: for the Spirit searches all things, ye the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.'" {1 Corinthians 2:9-11} The revelation of things granted to the five-fold ministry is for equipping of the saints; just as the deep things of a man is the ultimate preserve of his wife, the deep things of God to a believer is between that believer and God the Husband, by the Spirit. This, every believer ought to seek for themselves.

Accessing deep things of God on behalf of another will be an intrusion; God desires to "KNOW" believers individually and to be "KNOWN" by everyone who believes. This removes any element of competition; God love His people, no in-betweens. He will dispense Himself and He is the Treasure. This is a call into intimacy, Amen.

God bless and have a great week.

#Optimism

TRUMPET CALL 2015-08-10

"Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." – 1 PETER 2:5

REFORMATION AND RENOVATION

Father Abraham looked for a city, which has a foundation, whose builder and maker is God {Hebrew 11:10}. God's economy is to dispense Himself into everyone who believes, to point us in the direction of what He is doing, to return His people to the garden life and for His glory to be seen by all {Isaiah 60: 3, 62:2}. To know this is not the privilege of a few, therefore, it has been communicated to many that reformation is the work of every believer in Christ.

Christianity is not a concept, neither should we encourage conceptualisations. The reason is not far-fetched; concepts that alter the course of Christian walk are the reasons why reformation is required. It is therefore important to separate the work of reformation from renovation or redecoration. At times we focus too much on personalities and miss the message and the purpose. Judge a message with the Scriptures and by the Spirit and resist the temptation of looking for personalities rather than the message. Most generations that would have benefited immensely missed out completely because of this.

The work of reformation has nothing to do with conceiving new ways or concepts; new concepts are meant for redecoration. No one redecorates a structure that has been certified unfit. If we can see for ourselves how much of the world we have let in and we are trying to remove the world by employing the world, then it will only be

a repeated cycle or the "same things". Reformation is this; "Thus saith the LORD, 'Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls.'" {Jeremiah 6:16a} Anyone who desires to be credited for anything will only create a traffic jam. Traffic jams means no movement.

Clarity is crucial. So many make so much of "no one sent you" etc; this is not found in the gospel of Jesus Christ. We have all been sent! If what we are saying cannot be found in Scriptures, and just as Martin Luther said and cannot be understood by reason by looking into God's eternal plans for creation of the earth and humanity, then whatever is strange should be discarded. Just as elders have been entreated several times, no man is above reprove or censure.

This work is to highlight the reasons for reformation. If someone or some people are creating confusion or damage in one's family and one requires extra laying-on of hands or approval of someone to speak the truth in love, that defeats the very reality of Jesus Christ' work of salvation. God appointed Him the only Mediator between God and men; therefore we differ to elders with entreaties and present recommendations. Reformation is not competition, neither is it renovation. Some things are surplus to the requirements of "the simplicity of the gospel". Reformation or revival responds to Realities interpreted by God; not how we want it, but how the Spirit bids it. As earlier stated, it is important to know that it is the work of everyone. We should not build on what needs to be torn down {Galatians 2:18}; that will constitute renovation or remodelling/repackaging or redecoration.

This call is a call for clarity. No one needs to work at cross purpose; neither should anyone be confused about what they are doing. Identifying one's calling or work will prevent confusion. If anyone feels threatened by what others are doing for God, then perhaps one's work needs redefinition and more clarity. No believer or ministerial gift should for any reason feel threatened by another person's work, if it is the work of God. It is good at times to seek for followers, however, it is not every work that needs for one to seek for followers. Many have lost their callings in the process of seeking for approval or platform or followers. Knowing one's calling will prevent such misunderstanding.

As lively, living stones, we are all been built for the city of God. God is the only builder; we are only His partners in the work. Every stone will be prepared before being used in that city God is building. He is the only one who certifies every stone. Work with God to ensure you are part of that building, Amen.

God bless.

#Optimism
8/11/2015

“BEHOLD, HOW good and how pleasant is it for brethren to dwell together in unity!
It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even
Aaron’s beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;
As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion:
for there the LORD commanded His blessings, even life for ever more.” – PSALM
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THE SOURCE OF UNITY

The word of God used the euphemism of the anatomy of the human body parts to describe the body of Christ. The head directs or controls every aspect of man; Christ is the Head by which all the body by joints and bands receive their nourishment knitted together and increasing with increase from God {Colossians 2:19}. Unity flows from the Head; where the Head goes, the body follows. Nimrod attempted a different type of unity at Babel; that unity was against God. On the day of Pentecost, another type of unity was described; a unity for God in obedience to Christ’s instruction to His disciples. That unity brought the Psalm 133 blessing. This is the type of unity we will encourage everyone who believes in Christ should seek.

We need no more remind ourselves of how major revivals ended. There should be no reasons for us to repeat history. To be optimistic, we can purposefully desire not to sweep anything under the rug. What was swept under the rug in the past generations is some the reasons why a new move is upon us. In God’s kingdom, there are reasons and purpose for everything.

We have the greatest opportunity in our time to set things in order. This is why calls have always gone out to elders to occupy their position and not to miss the greatest opportunity to recover that which was lost. These calls have always been to avert any form of unnecessary confusion. Selflessness, surrendered will and the Cross is the route to godly unity; the unity of the Word with the Spirit flowing from the Head, this is true love, Amen.

God bless and have a good night/day.

#Reality #Optimism

TRUMPET CALL 8/12/2015

“And in the times of ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:” – ACTS 17:30

A CALL FOR TOTAL REPENTANCE

After the conversion of Saul of Tarsus who became Paul the Apostle of Jesus Christ (not of men), he embarked on a personal journey that led him into his assignment. It took him almost fifteen years of personal preparation by the Lord, after which he came to the elders and apostles before him, to communicate what he had received {Galatians 1:15-24, 2:1-2}. Because of Paul, many came into understanding of the New Covenant.

Prior to this, the apostles and disciples worked miracles and many were added; nonetheless, they held firmly to some laws especially the law of circumcision. This goes to show that our personal relationship and encounter with the Lord does not mean He will communicate everything to us, also, lack of understanding in some aspect of the workings of God, may not prevent soul winning and working of miracles. Most of the time, we equate signs and wonders or numbers to attestation or approval from God and that all is right with God; Scriptures and experience has proved the contrary.

A PERSONAL TESTIMONY

By the time the Lord showed me that I had betrayed Him, I used to make jokes out of Prophet Jonah doing time in the belly of the whale; that if some of my people then, were waiting for the burning bush, or fire on a mountain, or angel Gabriel, that their waiting will be for eternity. God calmly alerted me that the joke was really about me. This has never failed to repeat itself periodically. Whilst I shy away from talking about personal things and actually find it a bit awkward, it seems appropriate to intimate some of those who do not know me personally about whom I am.

Two-thirds of those on my friend's list know me personally. We've been to secondary school (boarding school) and university together. You are all aware that to call myself a professional sinner would be an understatement. Some have seen me drive to lectures straight from a party and snore through lectures which we held on Saturdays because of hangover; some have survived my high speed driving, most of you ladies remember my knock on your doors dead in the night to get you to a party somewhere when I know we all have lectures in the morning; you all know my antics. Some of you are personal business associates and know what I do. Most of you know my Dad, family and home.

To make it short; my former life has nothing holy in it at all. So I can understand with you, why you may be confused about what you may be reading, coming from someone like me. Those who know me in the Spirit will wonder whether it is I writing these messages; most expect or think I should be dead by now. This is to let all those who read this know; if you have seen or know what has happened, you will perhaps thank God that I did not waste my life chasing shadows. The rest will be told when the Lord permits.

After my near death experiences because of rebellion against my call and fellow ministers, the Spirit spoke expressly that I was to go and clean "thirteen toilets". I would see personalities jeering at me calling me names like Alexander Dowie and such things. I responded to the Lord that I will go and clean the toilets. I understand the thirteen may represent rebellion and that the toilets could mean churches. I had served in only four churches and was never sure of how to go about this assignment. Needless to repeat, that most of the people I sought counsel from, either taught me more rebellion or wanted me to stay in their ministry. Even after several warnings that God will confound me, I was also instructed that it was only going to be through the "word" of God that God will speak to me; my experience had been as prayer pastor, teaching and deliverance.

In the process of time, when the messages I have been posting were being delivered, Apostle Paul appeared to me in a night vision, warning me to stay on course with the messages. Then Bob Jones was sent to me after he had gone to be with the Lord; with a stern face, he wrote "ELI". Then I knew I had to let some people who could not cope with the pressure, go. I learnt first-hand what it means to learn obedience through suffering {Hebrews 5:8}, and what Paul meant by the beasts of Ephesus. All these are not meant to cause anyone to believe, but to let those who may have similar experiences know that, it is better to obey than to suffer unnecessarily. There is no profit in rebellion except to pass on the warnings against it. When God says "repent", if you do not know what to repent of, ask until you know. Not everyone will share one's experience however no one is exempt from repentance when the need arises.

To cut this message short, it was last week, after repeatedly asking and pleading to know what was wrong, that the Lord showed me that I did not complete a task and that I was still upset about those who abused me. I know no man can force anyone to repent; however, until the Lord showed me that I was to stand and repent on behalf of His people who have rebelled against Him that I received a breakthrough. He reminded me of the task I had completely forgotten, also, He exposed my personal irritation for what I had to endure because of the uncompleted assignment. The thirteen churches are still where they were!

I am writing all these to alert some who may still be playing games with God. It is not an easy task to call your elders or those before you to repent. But this is it!

THE MESSAGE

We have been shown that the church has preached grace and remained under the Law; this is not unfamiliar as it has been the history of the church. Some may think that there is nothing to it and nothing will happen. Some have blatantly continued to present what they know is not true and completely Old Covenant, perhaps thinking that God could have told them personally, or that, their whole life and work has been based on these teachings (tithe, first-fruit, and prosperity); whatever may be

the reason, it has been communicated again, that those who know the truth and continue to hold on to falsehood, half-truth and the hybrid covenant of law and grace, are in rebellion. Rebellion will cause delays. In the time of ignorance, God winked {Acts 17:30}. Some may say, "What is the proof that I heard?" God will say "You know I know". Some have questioned "Who is following them?" Those who asked the questions are the ones following! This is certainly not an attack on anyone; it is a message of love. A call to repent is a message of love! The tree of the hybrid of law and grace will produce the fruit of law and grace. The tree of full grace will produce the fruit of full grace.

When we reject the call of God, regardless of whom it came from, as long as it can be scripturally verified, we lose every moral ground to call anyone to repentance. If we can tell civil rulers their failings and address calling God's people to repentance "accusing the brethren", we should all agree that we lose moral grounds. This is a tough call, but the Lord will have His people address this quickly and publicly, then, His angels are waiting to go to work. Let us never miss this opportunity. God, who has preserved the lives of some of us, will complete what He has started. Anyone who desires more clarity is free to request for it.

The first Adam transgressed; Jesus Christ paid the price to restore God's plan and purpose for man that was truncated by that fall. We are restored to the garden life and to being custodians of all that belong to God. The New Covenant believer that are under grace, are to be led by the Spirit {Romans 8:14}.

TO INTERCESSORS

When we stand to intercede, we present ourselves as having transgressed on behalf of those we intercede for; then, we receive the mercy and grace on their behalf {Hebrews 4:16} and transfer it upon those whom we intercede for with the blood. "And having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself; by Him I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven." {Colossians 1:20}. May God hear us when we humble ourselves and call upon His name in genuine repentance, Amen.

Blessings.
8/14/2015

"Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, My soul shall have no pleasure in him." – HEBREWS 10:38

THE ANCHOR

Faith has nothing to do with eloquence or whether you have an off day or an on day; it is an anchor that remains unperturbed by understanding or misunderstanding by a

third party. Faith is a power source that will be activated by a godly passion that only heaven can decode. Faith extracted power out of Christ in the midst of a crowd that He had to stand still and ask who it was who touched heaven.

Faith also is not known because we have received readily what we desire or expect; a child of God on his way to becoming a Son is grateful for any chastening from the Lord; he knows it will yield peaceful fruit of righteousness and also that God is still at work on his behalf {Hebrews 12:11}. What anyone who is a believer should know as fear is when you get away with something without chastisement from God; that should scare any true believer {Hebrews 12:7-8}. Faith is not found in self-preservation or being invulnerable.

But now, hold on to your faith and trust completely because He is faithful that promised; "Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil:" {Hebrew 8:19}. Within the veil is the mercy seat; all things are possible to those who enter. Our walk with God is a progression; death to self produces immunity to external forces; you become impervious or easily swayed by the subjective opinions of men, Amen.

God bless.

#Optimism

8/15/2015

"And God saw every thing that He made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day." – GENESIS 1:31

THE WAY IT WAS

Jesus had eternity before Him and with a clear view when He taught this prayer "Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." {Matthew 6:10} No doubt heaven must be filled with people who behave like children. Heaven and the throne of God are filled with crystals or sea of glass {Revelations 4:6}; everything is pure, transparent well lighted. No shadows, no mind games, pure and good.

So when God was recreating the earth for man to inhabit, He made it all nice and very good. Man was stark naked and didn't know what nakedness was. He didn't know what being vulnerable is; he had nothing to hide; he was transparent and didn't know it. He hid nothing from the wife and the wife hid nothing from him. Together, they hid nothing from their God and friend; all was open and as clear as the sea of glass in heaven. It was sweet fellowship with God, probably taken for granted since they knew no other life. Man was a custodian who knew and understood that all God needed was their company. They chatted, strolled around and enjoyed the beauty of the gardens and the friendly animals that were not afraid of being eaten.

After the fall of man, God may have said, "I desire to recover this way of life". Jesus would have answered "I will play My part to recover it back". Afterwards, after His passion, He pronounced "It is finished". "Father, you can have your people whom you love all to yourself now." A people, who will be transparent again, with no strange things like mind games and political correctness.

There is no need to settle for less! To have the whole picture, look at the beginning; the way it was. The garden life is a good life, Amen.

God bless.

TRUMPET CALL 8/16/2015

"And the LORD answered me, and said, 'Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.

For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.'" – HABAKKUK 2:2-3

THE STAYING POWER

There is hardly any vision that is not accompanied with opposition especially when it is received from God. In the vision is the staying power; faith in what has been given and received, commitment on the part of the receiver in the face of every type of opposition and above all, absolute trust in the giver and His providence. There will be twists and turns; we learn in the process, because in the process are the experiences that many have written about in books and have been passed on by the five-fold ministry.

With someone like Apostle Paul, God did a unique thing. He was withdrawn and sent to Arabia, to be mentored by the Spirit Himself. If he had gone to be with those before him, he probably would have been stuck with the law; those who were liberated from the Law and saved would have known no liberty of the Spirit. You may desire to attend a bible college; however, it may not be God's plan for you. You may not be able to see properly after you have been saturated or even satiated by a system that may require a different approach to the status quo.

God desires that we be open to other people's views, opinions and experiences, for so it is commanded and written. He said, "Let the prophets speak two and three, and let another judge." {1 Corinthians 14:29} This keeps us in check and prevents any from the influence of the spirit of independence. This is also how Christ ordained the building up of His body by the five-fold ministry. It is nonetheless crucial that one's impetus for the Christian pilgrimage remains the vision.

To be able to maintain a focused attention and progress of the vision, a regular review of the vision with the giver of the vision is indispensable. Joshua and his people were required to maintain a two thousand cubit measure of distance between the priests and Levites bearing the Ark of the Covenant and the people, for mature discernment to be able to cross the Jordan River into the Promised Land. It is also good for all to know the difference between the mission (means to the vision) from the vision itself. God's vision is the Image of Christ {Romans 8:29, Ephesians 4:13}.

There once lived a prophet from Judah, sent by God to prophesy against the altar that was set up in Bethel by a King whom God advanced; the name of that King was Jeroboam, set up to rule over Israel after the division of the Israel in the time of King Rehoboam, son of Solomon. The prophet was expressly commanded by God not to return the way he came and not to eat or drink in the place of his assignment. After signs and manifestations of God's hand upon the prophet, he departed only to be cornered by an old prophet of God who lived in Bethel. The old prophet asked him to turn aside and to eat and drink because an angel told him to bring this prophet back to eat and to drink; the word says that the old prophet lied {1 Kings 13:18}. After this visiting prophet finished enjoying the meal, the same old prophet cried out to the prophet that, as much as the prophet had disobeyed the word from the mouth of God and had turned aside to eat and to drink which the Lord did not say, he was not going to make it to his forefather's burial place.

The prophet was killed by a lion, just as the old prophet prophesied and was buried by the old prophet {Full account in 1 Kings 13:1-34}. The old prophet cried and mourned for this man of God and requested to be buried where he was buried at the old prophet's demise. The motive of the old prophet was not stated, it however remains a lesson that, whilst we seek counsel from others, ultimately, the responsibility lies squarely on him who received the vision or assignment. There are many with genuine desire to see you succeed; this is where we learn to walk in the Spirit and seek discernment about what to receive as counsel and what to avoid. When God gives a vision, he does not alter it; but in the process of the pursuit, everyone gets to learn how to depend solely on God and to maintain a balance of interaction with others without derailing the vision.

Harvest is here; chains are being broken, because, obedience is better than sacrifices. What is the main thrust of what is to be expected? Eyes and ears are being opened; the movement of the church from being half Old and half New Covenant into a full-fledge New Covenant Church of God because, Jesus Christ mediates only in the New Covenant which He purchased with His blood. This is what this call is about; hold on to the vision: listen with the ear of the Spirit to what the prophets are saying and what the Spirit will speak expressly. Amen.

Blessings.

#Optimism #Reality

8/18/2015

“THUS SAITH the LORD, ‘Keep judgement, and do justice: for My salvation is near to come, and My righteousness to be revealed.” – ISAIAH 56:1

PREPARING TO RECEIVE

There are few things in life as exhilarating as knowing that you have been heard by the Most High God and that you heard Him clearly in the midst of many voices. It is therefore necessary to comfort someone. The cross looked like defeat and failure to most that did not have an accurate understanding. When Jesus rose again, He did not go about or visit those who killed Him to prove anything. In time, victory will be evident.

This then is to someone: Stand in gap with the mind of Christ in truth for everyone you know; pray until you mean it and it enters you spirit for every soul you have ever imagined transgressed against you or God. Any time you hear the word “enemy”, ask God to forgive you for what they did. God will not refuse your request because He will not refuse Jesus’ request. When you stand before God and before the mercy seat, order your speech aright {Psalm 50:23}. Do not allow anything to rob you this time around. This is what is most important about keeping judgement and doing justice. This is the season of answered prayers. Leave God’s enemies to God.

Avoid falling for any misunderstanding or misinterpretation from anyone. Many may try unknowing to project their perspectives of what they believe is happening to you; refuse to fall for it. You are accepted in the beloved {Ephesians 1:6} not rejected: you are learning humility like everyone one else not pride (pride really is thinking someone else is proud): you are a sweet savour and fragrance before God because you call many to righteousness {2 Corinthians 2:15}, you are not a contamination: you are not an orphan of any sort of description, you are a blood bought child of God; this is what it is to be positive and optimistic. Optimism does not involve denial; it is an affirmation of “Reality”.

There are many in Christ’s body that most of us may not understand their condition because we have not been where they’ve been. If and when you operate in the five of the five-fold ministry, you will feel exactly what Christ feels. This will prevent lop-sided messages that may not affect those who are going through trials they themselves cannot understand. You cannot help someone when you have not experienced what they are experiencing; so when men abase themselves that Christ may be formed, it is a glorious foolishness that heaven rejoice over {1 Corinthians 3:18}. It was the Spirit that enlightened and inspired a closer look that Luther gave the word that brought liberation to many; it was the Spirit that woke Wesley up, not theology; no one can manage or control the Spirit of God. It will always be about a Person; Jesus Christ the Word of God and the purpose for which He came.

The truth requires no defence; it will defend itself. "For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth." {2 Corinthians 13:8} When God visits in a fresh way, it will be the world that will testify. Obedience is better than sacrifices.

Now to the revivalist or reformer, what you are presenting, can it pass the litmus test of the word that admonishes in the word? "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ." {Colossians 2:8} "I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law {Galatians 5:3} That is, are you truly under grace or under the law? "And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in the demonstration of the Spirit and of power: that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God." {1 Corinthians 2:4-5}. If reformation imports the world wholesale into the church, it will not be reformation but invasion and capitulation.

After these, you may ask, what is the law? What is grace? What is the wisdom of men or philosophy? What exactly was the reason Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law? What does reconciliation mean? What does the garden mean to you {Isaiah 51:3}? What is the New Covenant? Then, what does it mean to speak the same things in the same mind and same judgement and to be likeminded {see 1 Corinthians 1:10, Philippians 2:3}?

If and when our views and opinions or interpretations negate the word of God in the Spirit of the "New", we have the opportunity today to pull back and repent. Those who agreed to kill Jesus with glee believed they were serving God! Collective agreement to continue a status quo in unity regardless of the truth on one hand, and talking about change on the other hand, should be called what it is, unrealistic. Jesus said, "Judge righteous judgement" {John 7:24}.

If our heart is set on eternity, the whole counsel of God will open to everyone. Then perhaps we will all have a firm grip on this; "Christ in you, the hope of glory" {Colossians 2:27}. Millions are held captive with the same laws that men insist on upholding; Paul calls it bewitchment {Galatians 3:1-3}: you cannot censure anyone, when you are under the same laws that brings blood bought children of God under the curse of the law. For over a millennium the church believed they were prospering, yet in the dark; the Laodicean Church felt the same way, but Christ knew better. But for those who believe, God will stand with what He paid for with His blood.

An invitation into faith is an invitation into Christ and into liberty. Nothing and no one should stand between "THE HUSBAND" and His bride, Amen.

God bless and have a good day/night.

8/18/2015

"THE LORD said unto my Lord, 'Sit thou at My right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

The Lord shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.

Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth." ~ PSALM 110:1-3

The day of His power!

⌈ # Reality ⌈ # Optimism

TRUMPET CALL 8/18/2015

"But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by light: for whatever doth make manifest is light." – EPHESIANS 5:13

UNVEILING THE LAW

The antidote to fear is faith; however, faith will really be faith when it is not associated with delusions or presumptions. Faith is the marriage of the word of God with the Spirit of God; Jesus therefore prayed, "Sanctified them through thy truth: thy word is truth." {John 17:17} This sanctifying work is the primary work of the Spirit of God who guides us into all truths; "Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will show you things to come." {John 16:13}

It was the Spirit of truth that stripped naked that spirit behind the Law; Paul identified it as bewitchment. Paul the Apostle wrote to the Galatians, "O FOOLISH Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ has been evidently set forth, crucified among you?" {Galatians 3:1} For now, let us leave the Hebrew or Greek versions of interpretations; bewitchment comes under the jurisdiction of Satan. Whether it is called witchcraft, sorcery, Jezebel, religion, philosophy, legalism and all the spirits identified that has to do with control, they work hand in hand; they are tenacious, resilient and dangerous. Its work is to put people in bondage, also, it has the power to put people under a spell to believe whatever they are told to believe and to resist repentance.

This is why it works comfortably with the spirit of fear. It calmly reminds you of the curses attached to a perceived transgression (which Christ had already redeemed us and delivered us from, see – Galatians 3:13-14), then gives you a lucid description of devourers to keep you in check, and carefully omits the love of God. It would not announce laying down of our lives as living sacrifices {Romans 12:1-2} or that you are under grace or to love God will all your existence, neither will it remind you that your relationship with God is powered by love and grace.

Whilst it is not in the interest of the body of Christ to make anyone uncomfortable, keeping people in bondage whilst preaching grace can never make heaven rejoice. Now, this is why we have been careful in warning that the source of the power of those who are so flagrantly and craftily opposing God whilst in fellowship with the brethren is this technicality of the law. The devil is a legalist and he knows it. Those opposing God fund themselves by the same means which negates completely what the New Covenant stands for. We cannot address this when we are all in it. Cut off their financial source and heaven will rejoice and go into action. We should all see this as good news or deliverance! Nevertheless, those who wish to repent from what they know they've been doing to Christ's body are free to do so.

When we come into loving trust in God, Christ enthroned will be what we understand and identify as prosperity. It will separate the chaff from the wheat, therefore, the opposition we see to this most basic of truth is coming from the same spirits that bewitches and puts people under spell. We know spell causes men to believe falsehood or half-truths. We should not entertain this any more. When you unmask the devil, not only will you be a target, you really have no reason to give him space. He needs no wide open door, just a crack will suffice. We have the authority to set this right forever!

If and when we believe what the word says about the work of the Law or legalism, the stone will not miss this Goliath. This message is coming now so that we do not miss our opportunity. When men hear the truth, reason with it but insist on continuing on the same track, this should alert us that there is more to it than the ordinary. Spells prevent repentance and the spirits behind them are what some have been talking about. Unity is glorious but not unity with devils.

We have warned in different ways about them and some can imagine the battles waged by these devious entities. Paul called a spade a spade; he calls it bewitchment to follow any law that is not the Law of Love or to "love the Lord with all your heart, mind, soul and strength". By the time you do this, there will be nothing left between you and your God; He has all He ever wanted. Income in the Church or at home will resemble heaven and the garden of the Lord.

But now, "AWAKE, AWAKE; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall be no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean." {Isaiah 52:1}

God bless.

"I am the true Vine, and My Father is the Husbandman." – JOHN 15:1

"Many, O LORD my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare them, they are more than can be numbered." – PSALM 40:5

“BUT IN the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it.

And many nations shall come, and say, ‘Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.” – MICAH 4:1-2

“Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the LORD.” – HAGGAI 1:8

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TRUMPET CALL 8/23/2015

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.” – GALATIANS 5:22-23

CULTURAL REVOLUTION

God the Father is the source of life and the source of creativity or innovations. It is His will for man and it will be contrary to nature or creation to be otherwise. The battle most believers may be facing is to discern what is creativity, innovation or progress and what is not. As Christian believers, our priority is the presence of God in whatever we embark upon. Adam had to be removed from the garden because the presence of God could no longer abide with him.

We are therefore emboldened in what we do when we know that the presence of God is in whatever we describe as creative, inventions or innovation. The Head of the church does not change {Malachi 3:6}: the body should not change its nature. This translates to mean that the culture of God which is love does not evolve or change. It is our signature, our light, the light we take to the world or the light the world will see on the Mountain of the Lord that cannot be hid, which the world will come and experience {see Isaiah 60:1-3, 62:1-2, Zechariah 8:20-23, Matthew 5:14}. It is therefore very crucial to understand the unchanging culture of God and the Head of the church. This culture makes the Kingdom of God Eternal, unchanging in its character; a Kingdom of conscience.

Amongst believers are scientists, politicians, educators, lawyers, marketers and sales people; manufacturing, industry, media, entertainment, fashion and every known field. The power source or the culture that powers all we do is love out of a pure heart, good consciences and unfeigned faith. This is the signature that will define a Christian; it is the revolution that is required.

Whenever our creativity or invention runs parallel to the word and nature of God, we will know instinctively by the power we run with, that whatever it is is not creativity.

Change as far as we understand is to position ourselves for the presence of God to permeate our lives and existence just as it was in the garden. Positioning ourselves will involve ridding ourselves of what has been clearly stated in Scriptures as diametrically opposed to God or what is of the world. God's quarrel with the world is eternal {Romans 8:6-7, James 4:4}; but God has not called us to attack the world or become hostile to the world. Rather, to live by example so that the world will see the difference. Our gospel message is the message of God's love through His Son.

It is therefore important that we resist wrong diagnosis. We should understand that Jesus Himself warned that the world may not find our ways convenient; whenever the world readily approves of us without having to repent or change, then we can identify and recognise compromise on our part. He said "If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you." {John 16:19} What we should also avoid is hating ourselves for preaching righteousness or standing right with God. There are two covenants with two separate mediators. The Church belongs to New with Christ as its Mediator. A clear and firm understanding of the nature of the two mediators is indispensable.

Love is our culture; our revolution is to return to our first love. Teach ourselves and the world Jesus Christ; He is Love. Avoid adding or removing from His Spirit interpreted word in the Spirit of the New {Revelations 22:18-19}. God's purpose for man is union with God in every facet of our life or existence; this is the garden life. Our creativity is connected to our productivity not our sanctity. Holiness is a force; it attracts and convicts {John 16:8}. It is our nature {Colossians 1:21-22}, but just like grace which is in measure {Ephesians 4:7}, our surrender increases His presence and His presence is the Ultimate transformer and purpose. The mind of Christ is a crucial requirement and a gift to those who seek it.

Whilst we occupy till He comes like faithful people, there is "an appointed time." This call is to reiterate that the nature of our culture as believers does not evolve, therefore it requires a revolution to return to our first love; it is our infrastructural endeavours that evolves and requires creativity and innovation. The Spirit or the superstructure endures as does the operational principles of heaven; this is why eternity is real, Amen.

God bless.

#Optimism

TRUMPET CALL 8/25/2015

"Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest for your souls.

For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." – MATTHEW 11:28-30

THE GOODLY CHANGE

When we seek for change, rest will come when we acknowledge that the change we seek is not of our own making and the yoke we bear is the Lord's yoke. God is not seeking an earth sponsored change but rather, the restoration of that which was good and godly but was lost; the building of the old wastes and the repair of desolations of many generations {Isaiah 61:4}. The church took off and went off course and the change many prophesied about is to return to God. Change is also the root of "repent" or to turn back.

Iron sharpens iron; men will encounter fear when we desire change our own way or when we seek to put our name or signature on the Lord's work. Without being disingenuous, we've had to communicate this several times; "IT IS THE LORD'S WORK". Yokes become heavy, burdens increase when we desire to be known as reformers or revivalists etc; and we should understand, that time is not now, it is gone forever. Every believer is the reformer under the direction of the Captain of the hosts.

What changes have been identified? Philosophy, psychology and the wholesale mingling and dilution of the word of God must be identified and separated. If we want the hand of God, then we should return to His word; believers should be careful about becoming over-spiritual. Returning to what God said is not religious spirit or legalism. Paul had warned about philosophy and the wisdom of men; the church forgot completely about these warnings. Men took creativity to the extreme. Once it goes on without nailing it down, many will follow. Creativity and innovation of spirituality is asking for trouble. These led to erection and bowing down to statues, praying to different Saints like Peter, Paul etc; it all started when the church left the word of God and became innovative in worship. All these have not been known to lead to faith; it is an invitation of the world and unwanted entities.

This is why clarity is very crucial. What God did not command, what was misinterpreted and all that does not agree with the mind of Christ will short-circuit faith. God will not support what is clearly stated, that it is against God, neither will God obey our ideas and opinions that did not originate from Him. These are the changes that we should expect; a return to God's plan and purpose for His church. Some of these created contention and strife which truncated all known revivals. We should also identify these as the root of delays many are experiencing; men have not renounced our desires to do it our own way. Prophecies require wombs; wombs are consecrated hearts that are circumcised to do God's will alone. To take Jericho, circumcision was required.

- A return to God will require a conscious identification of God's original plan for creation and the role of His church in His building plan. Revisit the garden.

- The broken garden fellowship was what started God's elaborated plan for redemption; redemption is the restoration of God's original plan.
- Identifying the Old Covenant and the New Covenant with its two separate mediators. Jesus Christ will not mediate in the Old Covenant; that is the role or office of Moses.
- Recognising that all the promises of God and all the New Covenant interpreted covenants like the ones to Adam, Noah, father Abraham, David which were inherited by Jesus as belonging to His Church.
- Identifying what is wisdom of men and what the power of God rejects.
- The symbiotic nature of the church as having many diverse parts working as one unit, just like the human body parts.
- God and man, man and the woman mystery; Union with God as the main objective of God and the reason why God indwells believers.
- God's original plan or ultimate plan is to be one with man in all he does. Waking, working, shopping, saving, planning, holiday, cohabiting, raising up family, every inch of the way. God will not stand outside the door when you are cohabiting with your spouse; His plan is to be part of everything, that's why He dwells in us.
- As is stating in the entreaties to the elders, the New Testament church was basically home churches; this should be clear and not create confusion. Liberty should not translate to rebellion. Authority should not end in coercion or presenting stumbling blocks. The house of God is a house of prayer, worship, education and catering.
- When men turn God's work into big business, burdens and yokes become snares. Focus became structures or structural. Focus should return to building up the saints and administration; the body of Christ is organic.
- Our task is the building up of saints; unity of faith: working with the Spirit to present a compatible bride for Christ. To accomplish this, all believers must identify their roles, gifts and callings and should be encouraged to function without encumbrances or antagonism.
- As undershepherds we should all look to the examples of Jesus Christ and His Apostles and disciples. The Bible is a good book for examples.
- Spiritual imagination will not lead to creating spirituality; in the discharge of our offices, God will give insights and directions to seek the lost.
- Seeking the unsaved is not salesmanship; it is presenting a pure gospel message that the Spirit will support: The message of the Cross.
- We should identify and utilize the gifts of creativity in productivity just as anyone else in the secular world but must master the art of drawing the line when it comes to the word of God. We should never lose sight again of the unchanging nature of God, the Head of the Church and His Church. If God changes we will not have eternity. He retains His throne because of this attribute; He does not change.
- Our change is to repent and return to Him fully.
- The New Covenant of grace is a high calling; it is a call to higher levels of responsibility, fidelity, integrity and trust; it is not a cheap message. It is a call

to recognise God's Kingdom as a Kingdom of conscience powered by God's Spirit.

- All hands on deck; openness, clarity, rejecting vain-glory and hype, brotherly love and kindness mingled with diligence and faith {2 Peter 1:5-10}; all these will produce an atmosphere of rest and peace.

The righteous shall be bold as a lion {Proverbs 28:1}. When we focus on personalities or what we perceive as going on in the life of a person, to judge a person, we may miss the message and the power that would have benefited many. This was why people in the time of Jesus rejected John and Jesus. We should focus on the message, judge the message and better still, ask God with a heart purged of bias or prejudice. Every believer is precious to God; His Son paid for every life with His Life. When we hear the word "denomination", we should remember that it started when men abandoned the word of God; we should not repeat that history.

But now be encouraged wayfaring saint; "Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart: wait I say on the LORD." {Psalm 27:14} Remember always; the New Covenant is not a covenant of works; it is a covenant of "Believe in whom the Father has sent" {John 6:29}. Whatever Jesus and His word commanded is our role which is spiritual positioning; the rest is of "rest" and "grace". This is however a humble submission and contribution, Amen.

God bless and have a great day/night.

#Optimism #Reality
8/27/2015

"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall never pass away." –
MATTHEW 24:35

DARE TO TRUST AND OBEY! THE DRY BONES TEST

He who loves godly counsel, hear: there is no situation that does not have solutions. Whatever is amiss cannot be addressed by the same mechanism that created the situation. The greatest need in our time is the alignment of the mind of God's people with His mind. Prophesying from a mind that is not the mind of Christ will not produce the results that would come from prophesying or praying the mind of Christ. Christ's way is this; "I can of Mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and My judgement is just; because I seek not Mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent Me." {John 5:30} The only safe ground is the will of the Father.

If up till now, we still do not understand that the present condition of most people or nations is not the hand work of God, it will mean we have learnt little. The prophetic ministry most especially requires conscious and deliberate purging, realignment and

recalibration. We will get results when we say only what God is saying and not what we want to say. Prophesying with hearts that have been conditioned for decades in one sort of prejudice or the other cannot execute the counsel of God.

First, we repent for speaking our minds as if it was the mind of God, then we call upon Him for His will alone to be done. Note; speaking or praying our own idiosyncrasies generates nothing but darkness, no matter how capricious, inept or unsaved elected officials or people are. We have no choice but to exercise restraints in the use of words even in the place of prayer and to obey God's commandment in this area {see Romans 13:1-5, 1Timothy 2:1-4}. Optimism does not deny facts; it affirms and speaks forth "realities" of the mind of Christ. This is the "dry bones test".

If anyone truly desires God's hands, review your thoughts and the prayer you utter. Determine whether it is God's mind or your mind; therein lies the present condition and spiritual climate of every nation. When we become pro-resurrection Life, we will speak God's mind on every given situation; the results will be heavenly. Spiritual authority is great and can be grave responsibility. Use it wisely.

Blessings.

#Optimism #Reality

8/27/2015

"And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; and shall make Him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD; and He shall not judge after the sight of His eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of His ears: But with righteousness shall He judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and He shall smite the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips shall He slay the wicked." – ISAIAH 11:2-4

THE COMPLETENESS OF THE MIND OF CHRIST

The people of the time of Christ on earth did not remember this word of prophecy by the prophet Isaiah about Christ. They marvelled at His wisdom and were most of the time upset that they could not trap Him with His words nor withstand His wisdom. The number seven stands for completeness, as does the Seven Spirits of God resting upon Jesus Christ {Revelations 3:1}. This was why He could relate with the rich and the poor, the high and the lowly with judgement and righteousness, establishing the yardstick or plumb line of God on earth.

The beauty of it all is that this level of wisdom and operation is available for activation by any believer in Christ. It is already in you if you are a believer; your consciousness of its presence and a humble request for its activation will do wonders.

To seek the seven Spirits of God is to inquire about them and request for its activation and manifestation.

If God's hand is upon you, you may run from God's call, but when His love is hanging on your head, you may learn obedience through suffering and at times some seriously humbling experiences. God will not equip you with His gifts so that you may do whatever you like with your life; He would not allow that. When men run from their calling, many suffer; your destiny is linked to those whom God intended for you to use your gifts and life to benefit. When you abdicate your position, innocent people bear the brunt; you however will not escape the discipline of God. He chastens those whom He loves {Hebrews 12:6}.

Be the wise and faithful one who will not allow anything and anyone to prevent you from fulfilling your call; this is where humility is premium profit. Ask God for direction always. Not all that God requests of you will appear convenient or plausible, but you alone will give account for your life.

The same way Christ presented answers and solutions for people, so will it be for you. There are answers and solutions for any issue in our time in Christ, Amen.

God bless and have a great day.

#Optimism

TRUMPET CALL 8/28/2015

"They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the walls like men of war; and they shall march every one in his ways, and they shall not break ranks: neither shall one thrust another; they shall walk everyone in his paths: and when they fall upon the sword, they shall not be wounded." – JOEL 2:7-8

CLARITY AND IDENTITY

Many parents had wanted their children to be doctors, lawyers or engineers etc, only to discover that the true gift of their children was acting, artistry, or like Richard Branson a natural businessman and like Bill Gates, a gifted technician. If you are a preacher or a teacher of the word of God, and you discover that your mind is engrossed in politics or business, never, ever be afraid or shut them down; perhaps you are discovering or rediscovering your true calling.

There is never a better time to recalibrate and focus on your true calling in life; mixing it up or operating without clarity will be like someone driving in and out of several lanes, creating havoc for others whilst blaming them for lack of

understanding; because if you do not occupy your true position, you will create strife, confusion and unnecessary speculations about imaginary opposition or even jealousy.

Being creative is as normal as creation and God's purpose. We should be clear always about what we convey. If the Spirit of God is operating in a life, it will identify what God has said in His word as contrary to Him. A compromise took place at Rome; it was an alliance or marriage between the church and the world. Moreover, the body of Christ has not gotten over that hangover. Benjamin Franklin was a Christian, albeit a Deist. He was an inventor, a politician and a businessman of the first class order without mixing it up with any other identity. He was able to deal with the secular world because it was his gift. It gave people like George Whitefield their berth without tripping them over, neither was Whitefield confused or compromised by His work. Both of them operated full blast in their callings whilst complementing each other.

Calvin encouraged business and enterprise, liberating many into creativity and innovativeness; he never confused what he was doing as a preacher, a teacher and an administrator with those in the secular field. The Spirit of God grants clarity in gifts, roles and purposes, not conflicts of interests or confusion of roles and callings. People should take care about the use of words and labelling of saints. What God did not call a child of God, we should avoid it. The last thing that will help the body of Christ now is more people engaging in mind games or politics in the house of God. We should be able to tell each other the truth, except we want to keep on repeating history.

The childlike and the blissfully naive who desire to be more childlike in their belief of Christ are in danger of being drawn into unwholesome controversies and speculations when clarity is opaque. We should also remember that the true body of Christ is one, like in one house. You may not act as a Lawyer and a judge; a Surgeon and a nurse, all at the same time. The callings of Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, Jeremiah, Isaiah, Amos, Hosea, John the Baptist, Jesus Christ and Apostles like Peter and Paul were all different with different results and history. Our individual lives and journey may not correspond to any of these; however, there is nothing new under the sun. Can anyone imagine comparing King David to prophet Jeremiah, or John the Baptist to Apostle Paul? Not all those who laid down their lives for God will live like Apostle Paul or Jeanne Guyon.

The body of Christ is by nature complementary, not competitive. Openness, clarity, integrity, fidelity, probity, nobility and genuine truthfulness should be natural to believers in Christ. Any other spirit should be alien. Don't expect anyone to repeat the history of Jeremiah or David or John the Baptist, or Apostle Paul; if anyone does, it is well and good! Let love rule. We are all called to be who God created us to be. But as Christians, Christ is the yardstick and the Bible our constitution, Amen.

Blessings.

"And it shall come to pass in that day, that the mountains shall drop new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all rivers of Judah shall flow with waters, and a fountain shall come forth of the house of the LORD, and shall water the valley of Shittim." – JOEL 3:18

THE NEW TOUCH

The glory of God will be seen upon the people of God who have persevered through challenging times and battles, and the reason is that, many have started believing that the glory must be His' and His' alone. Everyone playing their part just as Christ meant for it to be. New wine provides fresh insight into God's plans and purposes for both the individual and collective lives in the body of Christ. God's people will begin to see the marked differences between "Christendom" that is, the "church and world" alliances which scripture identifies as Babylon {see Revelations 18:2-3}, and the body of Christ. On one side, presiding over Christendom is the "woman" identified in Scriptures {see Revelations 17:5, 18 or 17:1-18}: you truly cannot tango with that woman and not be mired.

On the other side is the gentle sweet Spirit of God. Our headquarters is in heaven {see Hebrews 12:22}. It is crucial to note that, the process and plan of God was hijacked at Rome by this "woman". So, we have systems and structures instead of an organic body with the Life of God. This is what the enemy wanted us to modify and continue.

Many have tried to reason with Babylon, attempted to change Babylon, but wondered why it looked like a herculean task. It is because we cannot change the nature of a tree. This is what we have tried to do; like going to a whorehouse to preach the gospel, and then in trying to get the message across, we first sleep with some of them, and afterwards preach the gospel. Or enter a crack house, sniff and smoke with them because we want to tell them about Christ. These are just briefly what we have tried to do in the past.

The kingdom of God, first in the heart of a believer, is the mountain of the house of the Lord. From that mountain flows the very Life of God. It is a separate place; the light shines from inside, and will be seen wherever we go. Valleys are exalted, mountains (ways and systems of the world) are made low; the crooked are straightened, and the rough made plain: and His glory is revealed and seen {Isaiah 40:4-5}. As we approach, all these take place. This means, we are not forcing ourselves on the world or enforcing anything. We cannot enter a man's house and order him around; it is not our territory. We had reversed God's order, now, as we recalibrate, God's order is first established in His house before we can take back

territories. As a matter of reality, it is the people who will see and come {Isaiah 60:1-3, 62:2, Zechariah 8:21-23}; they've heard and seen because we have hearkened to God's call and positioned ourselves for the move of God.

It is 7 O' Clock; everyone is free to extrapolate on this. The new wine is from the same "OLD VINE" {John 15:1}; the milk, is inherently the sincere milk of the word {1 Peter 2:2}; and from Judah, from the belly shall flow rivers of pure living waters of the word for washing, filled with praise {John 7:38, Ephesians 5:26}: and the fountain of the house of the Lord is of course, God through Christ {Jeremiah 2:13, Revelations 21:6}. His house becomes a house of praise and prayer. These, however, requires "new wine skins" or a change of heart.

All the above are allegorical prophetic extrapolations. It does not in any way refer to future events of the Second Advent.

What are we also going to be awakened to see? Many who are called to be politicians will have to come out and form "Christian" political parties or rather a single political party in their nations with Christians who have consecrated themselves to do the will of Christ. In Germany, there is a Christian democratic party that does not necessarily follow Christ. This should be different. By the time Christians who have been trying to change people that do not share their values start coming together, true Christians will be installed in the right places, that is, in the three tiers of government. In the Christian party, we will all have no choice but to cultivate and show genuine fruit of the Spirit. There will be no one to blame. Note; this is not a New world order at all; it is the Kingdom of God operating with its principles, working on earth.

This goes for business, for media houses, for schools or colleges (which is already happening) etc. This all translates to mean, the mountain of the house of the Lord is established and exalted above every other mountain {Micah 4:1-2}. Not in competition because the difference will be clear; every other mountain will be made low. This also means we will not be getting ourselves mired in our attempt to communicate the gospel message. Our profession and lives becomes the message; the light of the world: the city set on the hill that cannot be hid {Matthew 5:13}.

News media or Newspaper houses will accept ethical adverts and communicate important news; Christian channels will do likewise. When we see why God gave most of the "Tech" innovations to the secular world, we will appreciate that, just as He used Cyrus and Nebuchadnezzar as parables, because His people had turned their backs on Him and He could not find anyone listening to Him anymore, we will consciously accept that there is nothing like half obedience to God. Come out of them and be ye separate, saith the Lord {2 Corinthians 6:17-18}.

Our seeing eye to eye, or rather, our desire for God's glory will create the conducive atmosphere required by God's Spirit to flow freely. The Husbandman has been at

work, doing His pruning and many may have questioned His work. We all expect that everything must align with our conception of how it should be. But we cannot put God in a box; like many have noted, "The just shall live by faith". We may not always understand, but seeking first the Kingdom of God will be accompanied by the seeking of Love genuinely {see 1 Timothy 1:5}. Naturally, some of us will be considered "nut cases"; this is called occupational hazard.

Hold on to the message; we all know in part and are individually a link in the puzzle. The hand can only assist the body when it functions well or in working order; so goes for every part of the body. First, independently functioning, then collectively. The evangelist must be secured in his calling, as does all others. But it becomes treasure when everyone understands their callings as complementary. It is one body of Christ of the New Covenant in the Spirit.

Receive the new wine as it flows from the Vine and with gratitude, see eye to eye {Isaiah 52:8}. "Now is the judgement of this world: now shall the prince of the world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me." {John 12:31-21} Lift Jesus up with our responses to Him! These remain a humble contribution; hopefully for someone's benefit, Amen.

God bless.

9/3/2015

Then said Jesus to them again, "Peace be unto you: as My Father hath sent Me, even so send I you." ~ JOHN 20:21

This is how we came to the understanding that we have all been sent. What Jesus taught, and what His apostles taught is the message. It is beautiful; loaded with good: liberating, almost enchanting. But why? It is a message of love and of peace. Once again, remember how it was in the garden of Eden? Imagine what it will be like for two lovers in the most beautiful garden with no care in the world? Now go tell someone about the love that made God allow Himself to be nailed to a Cross, just to have you all to Himself.

As Jesus Christ was sent, and He laid down His life, so has He sent you. Be of good courage when you have to lay down your life for some one, Amen.

Blessings.

☐ # Reality ☐ # Optimism
TRUMPET CALL 9/4/2015

"And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him." – 1 JOHN 4:16

THE SIMPLICITY OF THE LOVE OF GOD

God so loved the world that He took action for the redemption of man {John 3:16}; He sent His Son. His Son, being led by the Spirit requested for men that will work with Him. God selected twelve men of no reputation and little learning. Of all the twelve, it was the most learned that it fell upon to betray Jesus. The blood of Jesus Christ is the only source of cleansing for the conscience of men {Hebrews 10:22}.

God chose Apostle Paul who was more or less a doctor of law, learned in philosophy and theology, to deal with the philosophers of Greece and the intellectuals of Rome. His' was a situation of full apprehension of the wisdom of men and, out of surrender, the supernatural endowment with the knowledge of the holy. In essence, he proceeded from what was considered light or knowledge into the "reality" of the "Light that lightens the world". This cycle has repeated its self in the history of the church. Men left the simplicity of the gospel and attempted to interpret the word of God with philosophy and psychology. Men attempted to interpret or explain consciences and the reins of the heart of men and treat men like patients on therapy couches of psychologists; a sacred ground that belongs to God alone.

God said "I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to the fruit of his doings." {Jeremiah 17:10} Jesus repeated this to the church in Thyatira {see Revelations 2:24}. We have had the privilege of partaking in the works of doctors of philosophy like Derek Prince, men like Andrew Murray, A.B Simpson and A.W Tozer (just mentioning only those who have gone to be with the Lord lest I seem to be patronizing; there are many still alive with us today); who, being knowledgeable in philosophy and theology preached and wrote by the Spirit, whose works revived many of us and pointed us in the direction of the simplicity of the gospel of Jesus Christ. It took theologians and philosophers like Wycliffe, Tyndale, Luther and men like Calvin, to rediscover that simple touch of the gospel and the love of God and to bring clarity to that which men made complicated.

That cycle is playing out again right under our noses. There is no woman who will agree to marry a man because of his claims to authority or anointing. The more we talk about a perceived rebellion in the heart of the sheep of God, the more we will evoke distrust in our motives. It was men in authority that put Jeremiah in the pit, removed the head of John the Baptist, killed Jesus; killed James, beat up and stoned Paul, strangled and burnt Tyndale and Jan Hus; the list goes on. It was not the simple ones who did all those things but doctors of philosophy and theology. But with love, fear is cast off {1 John 4:18}; we simply cannot be academic with this type of love.

So, when we are talking about the simplicity of the gospel and of love and the reasons why God chose simple men like Peter and John, the main reasons for the need for reformation and the change required to liberate men and women who have suffered abuse in the hands of some elements, we cannot but remember the teachings of Christ and His Apostles. Any gospel that complicates the message of

love and makes you dizzy is surplus to requirements. Whenever we find ourselves becoming engrossed in academic extrapolations or intellectual analysis of love or the gospel and the conscience of people, it is enemy's territory; this is why it is called psychology. Change is to make a "U" turn. Scripture is full of warnings against such; the very warnings that made reformation necessary. Let's never forget the word of God.

By the time we do a search of everywhere in Scriptures, where the word "Beware" was used, the picture will be clear for all to see. Love that denotes an element of control or desire for any control does not contain God. The word of God will suffice to bring men into clarity about His plans and purposes. We always run into controversies when we abandon the simple interpretations given by God's word. The prophetic gift of discerning of spirits {1 Corinthians 12:10} reveals secrets of men's hearts supernaturally {1 Corinthians 14:25}; it is not a gift of reasoning of men's motives or consciences, neither is it a gift of suspicion. Reasoning or analysing the conscience of men is stepping out of line and out of love. Oh yes, most of us have done it in the past and have been reprimanded by the Spirit.

"Thus saith the LORD: 'Execute ye judgement and righteousness, and deliver the spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor: and do no wrong, do no violence to the stranger, the fatherless, nor the widow, neither shed innocent blood in this place.' {Jeremiah 22:3} This is His word for all eternity. Moreover, "These are the things that ye shall do, 'Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbour, execute the judgement of truth and peace in your gates. And let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbour; and love no false oath: for all these are the things that I hate, saith the LORD." {Zechariah 8:16-17}.

Thoughts and imagination are powerful, especially when it is about someone else and not ourselves; there is contention over who powers them. God seeks to be the only power source in His Church and in our lives. This is the battle that is on, at the moment. Some have heard about an ongoing warfare, it is good to know the nature of it. We are all encouraged to fill in the blank spaces.

The Kingdom of conscience is the Kingdom of "Babes" {Matthew 18:3} "Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned:" {1 Timothy 1:5}. Martin Luther once submitted that he was held captive by the word of God and his conscience, Amen.

God bless.

"And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in his God.

And David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech's son, 'I pray thee, bring me hither the ephod. And Abiathar brought hither the ephod to David.

And David inquired at the LORD, saying, 'Shall I pursue after this troop? Shall I overtake them? And He answered him. 'Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all.' {1 Samuel 29:6-8}

The heart of God is forever sweet and tender towards His children. His word to someone is to pursue and recover all. Not all voices are from God; nevertheless, to inquire and receive answers is the way to go. Not all messages read on social media are for you. His thoughts are thoughts of good; not condemnation or terror; not of guilt and inquisition. His voice is sweet and of peace; forever encouraging knowing He will meet and accomplish His purpose for everyone who call upon Him at any level of growth. Your affair and relationship with God and of Christ is a private matter. Keep it close and tight, setting boundaries against intrusions. Pursue and recover all, Amen.

Blessings.

#Optimism
9/8/2015

"These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but shall show you plainly of the Father." – JOHN 16:25

THE PLAIN SPEECHES OF THE FATHER

One of the hallmarks of the ministry of the Spirit of God is to make plain mysteries of the Kingdom of God. The New Testament ministry of the Apostles of Christ brought clarity in plain words that no one need ever to be in doubt about the will and mind of God in any subject matter, particularly when it comes to intricate private matters and even of ministries. To picture the mind of God in ministry, imagine a family of a man and a woman with their children, lacking nothing, living in peace and quiet and flourishing in every facet of life; each functioning in their roles: the father is not trying to be the mother neither are the children trying to be the parents of their parents. There is nothing esoteric in their relationship, just plain family life; pretty much what God had with Adam and Eve. This is the mind of God; plain words and lives.

The wisdom of God brings judgement: "And all Israel heard the judgement which the king had judged: and they all feared the king: for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him to do judgement." {1 King 3:28} This was the conclusion of the people about Solomon in the beginning of his reign. He was able to see plainly that which would have confused those without the wisdom God gave to him. This is the mark of God's wisdom; "And shall make Him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and He shall not judge after the sight of His eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of His ears: but with righteousness shall He judge the poor, and reprove

with equity for the meek of the earth: and He shall smite the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips shall He slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of His loins, and faithfulness the girdle of His reins." {Isaiah 11:3-5} This is what the Spirit will do in the life of every believer in Christ.

All these denotes that we no more know man after the flesh {2 Corinthians 5:16}. No more mind games; if we have a word for someone, we need not post it on social media hoping the person will pick it up; when it is laid upon our heart to work with someone, we are no more speaking in parables. Jesus' word and example has shown us His mind. Paul spoke up when he saw Apostle Peter (his senior brother in ministry) practice dissimulation {Galatians 2:11-14}. This did not make them enemies at all; it was the norm of the day in their time; it is the heart of worship; in Spirit and in truth; "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}

This translates to mean that we relate with our brethren as if we are relating to God who sees our inside and outside; this is the wisdom of God. Jesus intimated this with these words; "By this shall men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one for another." {John 13:35} We should understand that there is no iota of love in mind games or parabolic relationship. What the world calls wisdom, God calls deception and cunningness; what God calls humility, the world calls foolishness; what God calls "the Cross" the world calls being a doormat: what heaven interprets as speaking up for true justice, the world believes it is lack of discernment or having no life.

The heart of worship is being transparent before God and man; this is the wisdom of plainness promised by Jesus about the ministry of the Holy Spirit. "And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shall be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name." {Isaiah 62:2} Amen.

God bless.

"Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure.'" – ISAIAH 46:10

REAL SIGNS OF THE TIME

Some time ago, after the flood of Noah, men got what seem like a bright idea to them; they contrived to build a city and a tower whose top will reach heaven so that they would not be scattered upon the earth, in direct opposition to the plan of God to populate the earth and to spread. The book of Jasher recorded that when they got to a height, they shot arrows into heaven, hoping to kill God to rid them finally of His rule. God also filled the arrows with blood so that when those arrows came back on earth, they thought they had succeeded; then God confused their language

and scattered the children of men. God had also divided the earth into different continents in the days of Peleg {Genesis 10:25}

God has used different ways to get the attention of men especially His people, to redirect them to His plans and ways. It is a known fact that men have always resisted God and His purposes. He has shown His mind about injustices and prejudices of any kind, but men insisted on having their way. He showed this by raising up obscure and known men for His plans; Cyrus a Gentile was the first to be addressed by God as "My Anointed" and "a righteous man from the east" {Isaiah 41:2, 45:1}: He called King Nebuchadnezzar "My servant" {Jeremiah 43:10}. He can make any man a King or a president; He will prove any point concerning His ways to man. He used Joseph who was hitherto a prisoner to save and govern Egypt; Esther to rescue His people, unlearned and plain men to start His end time plan for the human race (the Church).

Some time ago in 2008, as I prayed with Micah 4:1-3; I fell asleep whilst waiting and I saw this vision; there was a huge mountain, and fine sand, like we will find in Sahara desert, flowed down that mountain like an avalanche and the rock mountain was exposed. There were many people of all races moving, which looked like the picture of Exodus of people out of Egypt. As I was in this crowd moving, I stood by what looked like a hill (not sure if it was an ant hill), and this hill collapsed. Then I uttered this word, "Something of topographic significance is about to happen." Then I came out or woke up. I remembered that the word "topography" is a geographical term for landscape; however, I knew something will happen but never knew what it was. I was nonetheless certain that it had to do with Micah 4:1-3 that I used in prayer.

It is laid upon my heart now, that there is a redistribution of demographic in line with what we know as change. What we see as tragedy in the Middle East is presenting the body of Christ with the opportunity to show the love of God to affected people and to show and manifest as light to people or nations that had rejected Christ. We also need to understand that it was in Syria that believers were first addressed as "Christian". The Middle East turned to Islam because God's people abandoned the Holy Spirit; the nation Turkey (known then as Constantinople) was a centre of Christianity as well as the whole of Europe. Spain at a time was overrun by Jihadist for the same reasons. We should never forget our history neither should we allow history to repeat itself.

In heaven and on earth, God delights in lovingkindness, judgement and righteousness {Jeremiah 9:24}. This is more important to God than any doctrine. Jesus also showed us His example as a Leader of His sheep; He washed the feet of His disciples {John 13:13-14}: He said we should do the same. Doctrines are good; the Christian life is a real life. In plain words, it is crucial to think less of structures and organisations and more of dispensation by administration; less of "calculated text book" love, and more of "real Jesus type" of love. As we set our hearts to the ways of Christ, strongholds that have defied every known doctrine will crumble.

"The LORD of hosts hath sworn, saying, 'Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand.'" {Isaiah 14:24} As we allow the Spirit of God to take the centre stage, it will be as it should be. He promised; "And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning: afterwards thou shalt be called The city of righteousness, and the faithful city. Zion shall be redeemed with judgement, and her converts with righteousness." {Isaiah 1:26-27} First we need to believe with God with a heart filled with expectation and a surrendered will to the glory of God, Amen.

God bless.

#Reality #Optimism

9/9/2015

"And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, My great army which I sent among you." –
JOEL 2:25

WHY RESTORATION IS SETTLED

Restoration is promised and has been settled by Christ Jesus. Our restoration is not determined by what we did right or what we did wrong. We were robbed because of transgression; the transgression has been atoned or paid for; restoration is a gift, it is not earned. The blood of Jesus settles every claim and paid for all restorations. Moreover, every promise to the Head is a promise to the body of the Head; we are joint heirs with Christ {Romans 8:17}; He is the source of restoration. As surely as there is a thieving or stealing time, there is a restoration time! {Genesis 8:22, Ecclesiastes 3:1}.

But we should also understand this promise. We are not restored "things" but "years"; this all the more makes this restoration very juicy! It is therefore important that we possess the mind of Christ about restoration.

A believer in Christ is not the same as those who believed God under the Law. In the beginning, all that God had belonged to Adam and vice versa. "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein." {Psalm 24:1} It was so in the beginning, it is so for eternity. Because the believer is "one" with God in all things, and he is a custodian of all that belongs to God, the devil, whilst stealing forgot that no one can steal from God and get away with it. In short, stealing from a custodian of all that belongs to God is stealing from God. Moreover; "Men do not despise a thief, if he steal to satisfy his soul when he is hungry; but if he be found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the substance of his house." {Proverbs 6:31}

The thief has been identified in Scripture {John 8:44, 10:10}; there is no need meditating on how he will find sevenfold of what he took. Now, we are not talking "things" but "years". The most crucial aspect of this promise is to be on the side of the New Covenant divide. This promise is to Jesus Christ and His children for He is the mediator of this promise. When we believe that the purpose of the New Covenant is salvation and the purpose of salvation is union with God or to be "one" with God, that when we believe that we are but custodians of all that belongs to God, that the years stolen together with what would have accrued was stolen from God, that Jesus is presiding over the promise of restoration of all years lost, we war by way of rest, expectantly receiving the fulfilment of this promise with full comprehension and intent.

Also, every promise we believed and received will pass through the quality control of heaven. Faith must be approved before it is faith. This is why we need to understand that, what we are looking to receive is by faith and not by what we did. In God's kingdom, only faith obtains. Now, faith is only proven by works that is of faith. This is a holy paradox. The Holy Spirit came on the day of Pentecost because of the simple seed of obeying the simple instruction Jesus gave His disciples. The most important Gift in heaven and on earth (the Holy Spirit) was obtained by means of the faith of obedience to the command of Jesus. God's people must be led by the Spirit; this is faith.

So resist calculations of any sort, especially of the "material" when requesting and receiving restoration. The number of years lived will be fine. Requesting directly from Satan to restore specific things he stole is in perfect order, but that is not the restoration God promised; He didn't say Satan will restore, He said "I will restore"; how He does it or makes the thief to restore is in His know. Remember always; it is Christ Himself or God that the thief is restoring. The promise is to Christ and the human race, or rather His children; the mind of Christ is crucial in all matters.

Stand fast and receive your restoration with the mind of Christ. When we think about the New Covenant, we should remember that love comes with higher levels of intimacy and responsibility. New Covenant denotes faithfulness, trust, integrity, nobility, honour, fidelity and the assurance and certainty that God will do what He said He will do. "Then the heathen that are round about you shall know that I the LORD build the ruined places, and plant that that was desolate: I the LORD have spoken it, and I will do it." {Ezekiel 36:36} This promised restoration is orchestrated and compelled by God; the enemy must restore according to the order of God's self-fulfilling word.

Many may say these things are not realistic, we want real things etcetera. "If we can have again days and people like Kathryn Kuhlman or Charles Finney or Smith Wigglesworth or John Wesley and John G Lake, Oh that will be great, that will be the day". Many have prophesied that the Lord is raising up men and women, who will exceed many before us; should we not believe? This is what He said that is the "reality"; "For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived

by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God beside thee, what He hath prepared for him that waited for Him." {Isaiah 64:4, 1 Corinthians 2:9} This is a now word not for the Second Advent.

Kathryn Kuhlman used to say, we have an ocean full of blessings whilst we are satisfied with teaspoon full blessings. What we need to do now is to start believing what God said in His word. We should avoid allowing limiting dogmas or paradigms that have no scriptural base. What God said is precisely what He meant; we can only have what we believe. God honours His word above all His names {Psalm 138:2}. Nevertheless, there is nothing new that God will do that will contradict His word, Amen.

Blessings.

┌ #1 Optimism
9/11/2015

"And Jehoshaphat dwelt at Jerusalem: and he went out again through the people from Beer-Sheba to mount Ephraim, and brought them back unto the LORD God of their fathers.

And he set up judges in the land throughout all the fenced cities of Judah, city by city, and said to the judges, 'Take heed what ye do for ye judge not for men, but for the LORD, who is with you in the judgement.'" ~ 2 CHRONICLES 19:4-6

A HEART WALK

An atmosphere of a tangible consciousness of the presence of God is an atmosphere prepared for His glory. It has always been the will and desire of God for His people to honour Him by drawing near with both the heart and the mind. Receiving and retaining or rather, allowing the presence of God will determine the level of the holy influence the Spirit would exert upon souls. This is the determining factor when we desire the participation of God in our lives. Jesus also requested this when He reminded people of His time about mercy and judgement as being more crucial than letter of the law. The word says, "If thou sayest, 'Behold, we knew it not; doth not He that pondereth the heart consider it? And He that keepeth thy soul, doth not He know it? And shall not He render to every man according to His works?'" {Proverbs 24:12}

Walking with God denotes knowing God. Two can walk together when they agree {Amos 3;3}. This is a call to holiness; a heart walk. King Jehoshaphat, having been instructed about this important aspect of walking with God, called the judges to attention. Amen.

God bless

MEDITATIONS

When Jesus taught us to "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness" promising that "all other things will be added", He was making a simple declaration of purpose; "Righteousness" puts an end to the numerous semantics and polemics about "what is judgement or justice"; good or bad, right or wrong, good or evil. Christ's trajectory was righteousness; then He gave it and is offering it as a gift.

Righteousness is where God dwells; on His own side alone. He who seeks righteousness will arrive at the mind of Christ; he, who possesses the mind of Christ, walks in judgement and righteousness. That person is not confused any more. When this person has an opinion, we will find it in the word and will of God with the mind of Christ. We will never find a peach on an apple tree, regardless of the increased age of that apple tree. This is the nature of righteousness; it will never age, tarnish, increase or improve. It is a Solid Rock; when you build on it you will sleep like baby, Amen.

Blessings.

#Optimism

9/14/2015

"AND IN that day thou shalt say, 'O LORD, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me. Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and song; He also is my salvation. Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation. And in that day shall ye say, 'Praise the LORD, call upon His name, declare His doings among the people, make mention that His name is exalted. Sing unto the LORD; for He hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth. Cry out and shout, thou inhabitants of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.'" – ISAIAH 12:1-6

The expectation that is tried and tested shall not be disappointed, Amen.

God bless and have a great week.

MEDITATIONS

Paul the Apostle, whilst using his spiritual imagination, coined and used the phrase "This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church." {Ephesians 5:32}. For those who know how it is to be in love with a person who loves you (that

is a man and a woman in love and in a licensed union), how they both eagerly, joyfully and willingly surrendering to each other without a care in the world, wishing that everyday will be like that, with no interruption from anyone, no text book verification of any type, certainly with no one watching; a one on one affair with heavenly bliss: this is just a meditation of the mysteries that many of us need to explore.

Jeanne Guyon went a notch higher; she talked of someone fainting from excessive love, denoting complete abandon. Paul was subtle; He called it a mystery. It is a "heart thing folks", it surely is. It is not natural; it is supernatural. There is a price; it is the "Cross." "That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death;" {Philippians 3:10] Amen.

God bless.

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TRUMPET CALL 9/15/2015

"And He gave some apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:" – EPHESIANS 4:11-12

UNDERSTANDING CONSENSUS

This earth has graced multitudes of erudite scholars, men and women of reputation, gifted with astounding minds, fortitude, virtue and vigour in the pursuit of excellence in different fields of life. Some are known for the humility to attend to what many may describe as mundane or menial; but what is notable is that, many of them did not engage in their pursuits for the glory of themselves. This is what makes their accomplishments more endearing.

Dersiderius Erasmus was somehow held responsible by the catholic church for the inspiration Martin Luther received that led to the reformation credited to Luther. Luther openly admired his writings and never failed to communicate this to Erasmus, however, a bitter polemical disagreement started between the two of them over the concepts or topics of predestination and freewill amongst many others that came up. They never acknowledged or understood that differing interpretations was a result of their gifts and calling. Luther was boisterous and vivacious; Erasmus was calm and advocated temperance. Erasmus believed that those following Luther were animated by a spirit that was not the Spirit of God: Luther concluded that Erasmus was not a Christian. This is just to mention briefly the sort of environment that permeated the

Lutheran reformation and many other reformations. We are gifted with history to learn from it.

Using a mechanical model, most appliances are designed to be powered by electricity. From power generation to the use of electrical or mechanical appliances, there are different stages: those engaged in the design and production of power, require those who will distribute or channel to homes or buildings that house these appliances. This means that at every stage, we have different technicians or engineers with differing functions. The engineer concerned with designing computers or refrigerators or mechanical appliances for homes may not necessarily know or be concerned at all with how the power gets into the building. The electricians or engineers that distribute to outlets will not concern themselves with how power is produced. All of them, working for the benefit of the beneficiaries of power: the same purpose but different functions.

What we should never do or allow to repeat itself, is to fail to learn from history. An architect will create confusion and problems for a plumber if he does not allow him to do his job. A mason may put the whole building in jeopardy if he does not understand that he is not the architect, hence, he is not in the position to use his ideas in altering any structural plan without due consultation. An interior designer has no business in the building until the construction is over. Failure to understand these basic principles or to clearly identify one's gifting has been the major causes for diatribes and hindrances. When consensus is attained in environments with little understanding or proper resolutions, new denominations become the end results. Anyone who desires to win an argument or believes he has won will soon find out that it was a loss. Amongst the Lutheran, there were countless factions or breakaway Lutherans; this was so for almost every denomination.

The writings of Erasmus affected and moulded many policy makers; it was not for those who lacked the means to effect change. The differing roles were not what were clearly understood by men of those times. Now, we have the opportunity to help those still confused about their purpose or roles in the body of Christ. Those who are able to communicate with more people should never fail to do so. However, we cannot escape neither should hope to escape the "Cross". Anyone who embraces the Cross is not after any other glory except the glory of God. It is noble to seek the applause of heaven rather than the acknowledgement or applause of men.

The five-fold ministerial gifts are distinct and different. How the five-fold ministry will understand or interpret ministry is largely determined by one's gifting. At times, it may not be important to let the evangelist know that they are mid-wives. After the birth, the dirty work begins. Most people will be shocked to note that most pastors usually believe those in church are all born-again believers; their mind is wired to lift up the depressed or hurting and to care. Everyone sees with the perspective of their gifts and calling; this should be taught to every child of God.

However, God's vision is not vague; "For whom He did foreknow, He also predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren." {Romans 8:29} This was the focus of the Pietist led then by Philip Jakob Spenser and also the Moravian Church whose motto was "In essentials, unity; in non essentials, liberty; in all things, love." Understanding and recognising gifts in people in Christ's body will save many from undue characterisation. Whilst it may be true that some may seek recognition and will do almost anything to be known, it is godly, scriptural and apt to know believers in the Spirit {2 Corinthians 5:16}. An eagle will not confuse a lion for a rabbit or a chicken.

Learning from history is the best part of history. What we should always remember is that consensus should not mean a compromise of the word of God. Only Christ alone bestows the five-fold ministry. It is not received by ordination of men, albeit, activated by the foremost gifts of the apostle and the prophet. Humility is what makes them function and also, receiving them with thanks, Amen.

Blessings.

└ # Optimism
9/18/2015

"In that day shall the branch of the LORD be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel. (And also of the church – my paraphrase)

And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem.

When the LORD shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the Spirit of judgement, and the Spirit of burning.

And the LORD shall create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and a smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory shall be a defence.

And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain." – ISAIAH 4:2-6

The work of the Spirit of judgement and burning is to bring clarity to the mind of God in His word; this is not about destruction. Jesus said; "I am the way, the truth, and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me." {John 14:6} Friend, only God and yourself know you are saved. God gives us the assurances of salvation through His Spirit and according to His word; "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, 'The Lord knoweth them that are His. And, let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.'" {2 Timothy 2:19} There are reasons for all these admonitions: make sure, by your personal relationship with Christ that your name is written in His book: there is a "Book". This is between you

and God. There is no hard evidence to suggest that believers know how to be led by God's Spirit overnight or over just a couple of years; it will take a life time: it is only God's word that does not change. Amen.

God bless.

#Optimism #Reality

TRUMPET CALL 9/18/2015

"Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." – 2 CORINTHIANS 3:17

LIBERTY IN FELLOWSHIP

Jesus gave His disciples the task of making disciples of the world and commissioned them by giving them the command "As My hath sent Me, so send I you". His ways and approach to what was given to Him is well documented in the New Testament. He demonstrated His servant's heart by washing the feet of His disciples and also specifically taught them that He came as one to serve. It is the simplicity of His life and approach that is very important for His people to recapture.

Positivism is the science of correlating facts derived from sensory observations and rational analysis to determine the authority of derived facts. This was how we arrived at education and authority of what we call knowledge. We come into the same understanding through this means when we correlate interpretations of men and women of God who have been before us. Subjects like faith, justification, baptism, grace etcetera, were interpreted and communicated through the ages.

The work of the Spirit of God was prophesied and specified by Scriptures: "THE SPIRIT of the Lord God is upon Me; because the LORD hath anointed Me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He hath sent Me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound. To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD," {Isaiah 61:1-2a} When Jesus quoted this passage in Luke 4:18-19, He stopped at "to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD" and omitted the word on vengeance and the remaining part of the prophecy. This is to tell us His mission:

- Good tidings to the meek.
- Healing and binding up of those whose hearts are broken.
- Opening of prison to those who are bound.
- Proclaim liberty to the captives.
- Proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD: all are welcome and accepted in the beloved.

Isaiah further stated the Spirit's mission – Isaiah 61:2-4:

- To comfort those who are mourning and appoint to them beauty for ashes.
- The oil of joy instead of mourning.
- Garment of praise instead of the spirit of heaviness.
- Power to build up old wastes.
- To raise up former desolations.
- To repairs waste cities; the desolation of many generations.

These are just to show that the Spirit's work was specified. Whenever we attempt to go on a different path, the Spirit is hindered. The Spirit is hindered because we cannot lead the Spirit. From facts gathered from history, we have been able to see that the reasons why the church needs revival and reformation is because we abandoned the Spirit of God which frustrated His work. Anything that goes against His nature and mission is bound to produce the same results as in the past.

This call is to remind everyone again, especially those in leadership position of the Spirit's mission. During the Welch revival, astounding manifestations of God was seen, experienced and documented. Boys and girls were on fire, bringing in their hardened parents and people; the whole nation was converted, until, people came to try to organise and to take control of the liberty of the worshippers. John G Lake wrote that the Holy Spirit was organised out of the revival; it ended almost abruptly. This same situation repeated itself exactly the same way at the Azusa street revival. This is just a brief synopsis of recorded facts of history. It was part of the reason for the over a millennium abandonment of God's Spirit referred to as the "dark ages".

Jesus taught us to be converted and be like children again for reasons like this {Matthew 18:3}. The Spirit did not leave because ordinary people suddenly grew cold towards God; the Spirit left when the leadership abandoned God for control, disconnected from God and took the people with them. This is a consistent reoccurring phenomenon. Now, we are talking about history with the hope that it will be consigned to history.

When some of us say "why are we talking about the past?" the question is "does anyone desire to repeat history?" We are saying this now; we should begin to search our hearts, to know what we want and to bring it under the spotlight of what God desires and gave the Spirit to accomplish; may we not repeat history in our generation. Apostle Paul said it as it happened in his day; "And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage." {Galatians 2:4} The Spirit will not support anything that can bring people into bondage or create an atmosphere of control. Paul, here, was not preaching rebellion.

Whenever we become unknowingly preoccupied with authority and control (some call it the spirit of religion), we should exercise restraint. They are revival killers! Our focus should be the mission of Christ and His Spirit. Just as Paul used the husband and wife allegory to describe the relationship between Christ and His church, may we all be able to capture God's mind about His church and the affectionate relationship God desires with His people. Love attracts; true affectionate love really attracts: talk of authority, calling people names, academic love, describing God's people with terms that will make even angels cringe, will quench the Spirit. Those who have been abused will always remember what authority (those whom they trusted, thinking they were serving God) did to them; true love and the Spirit are healers.

RECOMMENDATION

- Revivals are produced and maintained by prayers, but the heart of revival is the return of God's people to a heart walk with God, in spirit and in truth.
- Revival is a product of the unity of hearts and minds with God {Acts 2:1-4}.
- People should be left with the freedom to meet wherever the Spirit leads them, in homes or hubs.
- Reformation will require examining practices that needs to be addressed especially teachings that are interpreted in the spirit of the old and issues that some claim has undergone "evolution".
- Reasoning with scriptures and understanding interpretations should be encouraged in different settings, not in revival locations.
- New concepts should pass the test of God's word in the Spirit of the New; this way, we will not be alienating the Spirit whom we depend upon.
- Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty; where there is true liberty there will be true love. The Spirit will not survive a loveless atmosphere.
- We should consciously avoid mind-games or insincerity; it is a revival killer.
- Reformation will thrive when it is powered by God's Spirit and the mind of Christ. Mountains are made low before the mind of Christ {Isaiah 40:4-5}; our advancement and the light we carry is the mind of Christ. Obstacles and mountains bow before the mind of Christ.
- Reformation is also a conscious re-visitation of God's plan and purpose for His church (Romans 8:29, Ephesians 4:13, 5:27); this is enhanced by having the same mind and judgement {1 Corinthians 1:10, Philippians 2:2}.
- Power from revivals power reformation which starts with the mind-set or paradigm.

This is a message of love; again, let us look into the future with assurances and hope, knowing we have learnt our lessons. Amen.

God bless.

MEDITATIONS

“And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even David: he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd. And I the LORD will be their God, and My servant David a prince among them; I the LORD have spoken it.” – EZEKIEL 34:23-24

WHEN KINGS WALK WITH GOD

The word of God recorded the reign of many kings that walked with God from time to time, none of them was ever used by God as a reference point or a yardstick like King David. In the days of King Solomon, David’s son, silver was as common as stones; prosperity was like oxygen {see 2 Chronicles 9:1-29}. The prophecy that Gentiles will come to thy light and kings to the brightness of thy rising {Isaiah 60:3} had been literally fulfilled and without any thought of it. Kings and Queens brought their gold, treasures and spices without requests or invitation; some came just to have an audience with Solomon and to hear him utter words, words of wisdom. They heard that God was with him {Zechariah 8:23}. Yet, not one mention of him by God except when Jesus used him to describe how more lovely and beautiful lilies were in comparison to the beautiful glory and array of Solomon {Matthew 6:28-29}.

In David’s government and rule, he had Nathan as his prophet, he had priests and scribes and men in different occupations and positions, each manning their posts. His government became the only reign God used as a reference. The prophecy above is for the time of the reign of Christ when Jesus Christ will be the Chief Shepherd and David the chief undershepherd; it will happen literally. It was said of David, “And David reigned over all Israel; and David executed judgement and justice unto all his people. And Joab the son of Zeruah was over the host; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder; and Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, were the priests; and Seraiah was scribe; and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherithites and the Pelethites; and David’s sons were chief rulers.” {2 Samuel 8:15-18} David walked with a perfect heart towards God continually; he listened when God spoke; he had a prophet and priests.

In the time of Luther’s and Calvin’s reformations, they recovered lost truths. There were so many things they got right and many that were subject to their times which they never could have addressed. Church and state was predominantly out of sync; the church became so powerful that the leader of the church and everyone believed he can determine who goes to heaven or hell. There was undue interference with state business that the church practically became the government. Even amongst the reformers, a couple of people were burnt for their contrary beliefs, like the Anabaptists. The church became obnoxiously powerful that many people especially in East Europe, Middle East and places like Spain turned to Islam.

But if we step back a little, with the benefit of hindsight and with foresight derived from the word of God, the garden is the best place to be. We have recorded blueprint of how King David set up the best government that ever existed that it merited God's commendation and reference; everyone manning their posts. You see, when prophets of God and His ministers can stand like Samuel, and maintain their position like Nathan, Elijah and Elisha, kings, rulers, governments and the secular world will work like clockwork. There will be no need or avenue for reproach.

In the garden, there is a heart to heart fellowship. God longs for this type of fellowship; He said, "For the LORD shall comfort Zion: He will comfort all her waste places: and He will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving and the voice of melody." {Isaiah 51:3} A people willing and obedient will experience this {Isaiah 1:19}. Those who believe it will have it; David walked with God, kings and His people can do the same, Amen.

God bless.

#Scripture

"The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory the glory that shall be revealed:

Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking oversight thereof, not of constraint, but willingly; not of filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.

And when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility; for God resisted the proud, and giveth grace to the humble." – 1 PETER 5:1-5

MEDITATIONS

"REBUKE not an elder, but intreat him as a father; and the younger men as brethren; the elder women as mothers; and the younger women as sisters with all purity." {1Timothy 5:1-2}

To entreat is to plead, to make an earnest appeal, to make requests, to solicit, to petition, to supplicate, to exhort, to be importunate in a reasonable fashion and to reason with facts of a matter.

In the days of the first apostles, this was the practice with tremendous results. Paul would entreat the elders and they would see reason. Those who chose a different path were easily identified as self-seeker. This means elders did not call entreaties rebellion; the love of Christ was very strong. The Spirit of Christ flows freely wherever there was godly order, Amen.

God bless.

#Optimism

9/21/2015

"If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind." {Philippians 2:1-2}

An atmosphere of unity of the Spirit and of the mind is a fertile ground for growth and a ground broken, ready for the harvest of souls for Christ. May Christ Jesus, by His Spirit, grant us all courage. "Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD." {Psalm 27:14} Amen.

Blessings.

MEDITATIONS

"Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, My soul shall have no pleasure in him." {Hebrews 11:38}

When David, as a teenager of about sixteen or seventeen, left his father's flock to run an errand for him as commanded, the last thing on his mind was the probability of an encounter with a human being like Goliath of Gath. His brothers were very angry and believed he had a death wish. He was not inspired by the chance to make a name for himself; His grouse was the honour of the name of his God. God did not disappoint his unpremeditated faith and encounter; this same God, Jehovah, will never disappoint your faith. He has gone ahead.

Your faith is not faith because everything that men consider as the sign of God's approval is visible to you and the world; it is faith because, the exact opposite of approval or support is your daily bread, milk and honey. If and when God gives you a vision, the first proof you must have is the word of God. If it is in His word, God will never dishonour His word {Psalm 138:2}. This was the secret David knew that his brothers and those who believed he wanted to commit suicide did not know.

In our journey in life, you will meet with people whose contribution will not be positive to any course laid upon your heart. The serpent said to Eve, "did God say?" He asked Jesus the same question. Even when it is clearly stated in God's word, you

will still hear, "are you sure?" "are you being led?" It will be up to you to know who to believe. Your belief should not rest on the support of men or any sign. Look at what God said in His word. Usually those who question you will not be referring you to God's word; it has to be "who gave you authority?" The focus will have moved from truth spoken in love and the word of God to "are you sure?" God's word is sure.

"We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto we do well that we take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." {2 PETER 1:19-20}. It will be like asking someone "are you sure you should evangelise?"

Some of the disciples of Jesus came and told Him that they saw someone casting out devils in His name and that He should come and stop the person. Jesus corrected their mindset and told them as long as he was for them, he was fine. Joshua came to call Moses to come and forbid Eldad and Medad who were prophesying in the camp whilst in the wilderness after the seventy God had put His Spirit upon; Moses responded by asking whether he was envious? Moses wished everyone prophesied according to God's original plan for Israel {Numbers 11:25-29}.

It is quite strange that it has always been so throughout Biblical history and the church; men who turn the focus from what God said to questions about tradition and authority etc. We should be grateful that we do not need to consult anyone to lead men to Christ

How will you know? The only question in the hearts of those who questioned Jesus Christ, John the Baptist and the apostles of Christ was not the word; it was who gave them authority to say what they were saying. George Fox was incarcerated over a thousand times for preaching that God lives in human beings and not church buildings. John Wesley was ostracised for preaching sanctification; all the works of Jeanne Guyon about justification were burnt without anyone bothering to see what she wrote and she was sent into prison to keep her quiet; all these from a body that was supposed to be the family of God.

Friend, there are many who need to be reminded that the body of Christ is the body of God and not a body of terror. Even a husband that reminds the wife everyday about his authority is on his way to losing his respect in that family. Remove genuine love and there is nothing left; even in business organisations, without true empathy, productivity will decline.

The just shall live by his faith, you will do well to avoid anything and anyone who seeks to be a barrier between you and God. Jesus is the only one between you and God.

#Optimism

TRUMPET CALL 9/28/2015

"But this is a people robbed and spoiled; they are all of them snared in holes, and they are hid in prison houses: they are for a prey, and none delivereth; for a spoil and none saith 'Restore.'" – ISAIAH 42:22

TAKING BACK LOST GROUNDS (A BATTLE CRY)

This is not a Monday posting; my gut tells me it is a belated message. Nonetheless, it is to those whom it concerns.

Some of us have failed God miserably; some were called to act and speak like Elijah: but lo and behold, we cry peace, peace, when we know that there really is no peace. Some wonder why prophecies upon prophecies have gone out, year after year with little or no fulfilment. But God does not lie; we should wake up and act as "ONE".

However, this message has nothing whatsoever to do with unforgiveness, or bitter memories or a grudge; the word of God to the wicked is simple; their judgement is from their own mouths and works {Psalm 9:15-17}. But God's people stay God's hands! If we do the same things as the actual enemies of God, we put ourselves in the same pedestal. For this reason did we counsel the message of "full grace"; Corruption cannot cast out corruption. We cannot go to war, wearing the same uniform as the enemy.

The Lord wondered and said; "I have long time holden My peace; I have been still, and refrained Myself: now will I cry like a travailing woman; I will destroy and devour at once." {Isaiah 42:14} When Paul's was shipwrecked on the island Malta, the inhabitants believed without doubt that Apostle Paul must be a murderer when they all saw a venomous snake fasten itself to his hand and bit him. They later changed their minds and considered him a god when saw he was unharmed. The enemies of God thrive because they understand the mercy of God; God's people suffer because of ignorance. No man can tell God to give Him more time to repent.

"The watchman of Ephraim was with My God: but the prophet (false) is a snare of fowler in all his ways, and hatred in the house of his God. They have deeply corrupted themselves, as in the days of Gibeah: therefore He will remember their iniquity, He will visit their sins." {Hosea 9:8-9} Those who presume that they can stop the move of God to cover up their transgressions without any thought of repentance, God will prove that there are still people, His true prophets, alive. (I am not a prophet)

"Thus saith the LORD concerning the prophets (false) that make My people err, that bite with the teeth, and cry 'Peace; and when he putteth not into their mouths, they even prepare war against him. Therefore night shall be unto you, that ye shall not have a vision; and it shall be dark unto you, that ye shall not divine; and the sun shall go down over the prophets (false), and the day shall be dark over them. Then shall the seers be ashamed, and the diviners confounded: yea, they shall all cover their lips; for there is no answer from God." {Micah 3:5-7}

For those who think this is a threat, no! "But truly I am full of power by the Spirit of the LORD, and of judgement, and of might, to declare unto (my paraphrase – God's enemies, their transgression and their sin)." {Micah 3:8}

God bless.

#Reality #Optimism

TRUMPET CALL 10/1/2015

"Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up the fallow ground: for it is time to seek the LORD, till He come and rain righteousness upon us." – HOSEA 10:12

DEALING WITH STRONGHOLDS

Many times the Lord has made it His prerogative to act outside the expectations of many who walked with Him. Elijah thought He was the only prophet left; went for forty days and night only to sent right back. God, who watched him throughout His journey, asked him what he was doing on that mountain. Many are concerned for the salvation of soul which should be the concern of any Christian; however, it is laid upon others that many who believe they are saved are not truly converted. Some know, because it has been revealed, that many are in prison houses {Isaiah 42:22} and God is not amused. So, those who are in the soul winning business need to be more understanding. If a part suffers, God will not permit some to rest when His name is being blasphemed. After salvation of souls, many can be converted or lost. The church is a wholistic work; from new birth to maturity and eternity.

Many lives, governments and communities will benefit immensely when God's people confront strongholds that are still prevalent. A man or a woman in government or out of government may become a victim of people who use the spiritual authority they possess inappropriately. When even a president comes under attack for wrong judgement by people who possess a measure of spiritual authority, a lot of damage can be further done. We are capable to helping if our own perception of what is right is righteous. The condition of the government, nation, community or a president/prime-minister as the case may be, can and would be exacerbated if we use our authority according to our own whim. Caution is crucial in these times. The

tendency is to blame someone for what many have sown into the spirit. We can choose to sow righteousness. God grants us desires, but the only stronghold that can hold for righteousness is love.

It appears at time that many may need to be reminded that there is a huge difference between church or political authority (granted and respected by God) and spiritual authority. God will not put authority in the hands of those who will not use it righteously. Spiritual authority is not a gift; it can be withdrawn by God. It can also increase or decrease. This was what most people in authority in biblical times and even up till now, never understood. So they questioned Jeremiah, John the Baptist, Jesus Christ and His apostles. The effect of what is done by those granted real authority may be seen or may not be seen. There are many hidden by God, whom He will not permit eyes to see or know; they hold spiritual authority. However, because of the love of God, people who do not address strongholds present hindrances for most intercessors.

God determines what He wants people to see or know about His hidden ones. Usually, the concept of man is the approval of men or multitude of followers, etcetera. Spiritual authority belongs to a different realm. But what we have, we can use wisely. Every believer possess a measure {Ephesians 4:7}, over their own lives and for some, over territories. Only God gives it. We can sow in Christ in righteousness and encourage more to sow righteousness. Dealing with stronghold is essentially seeing and understanding as God sees and saying what God is saying Amen.

Blessings

MEDITATIONS

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." – JOHN 15:13

WHEN LOVE IS POWER: WHEN LOVE HAS AUTHORITY

Over the ages and through scripture, we have been able to understand in part and in practicality, the nature of love. God and Jesus showed the way; He laid down His life willingly for the world, the human race of which He is declared the Head {1 Corinthians 11:3}. This type of love possesses the power and authority to save because it was not given out of duty or obligation. He had the power to lay down His life and the power to pick it up {John 10:17}. This goes to show that power or authority demanded or given as duty or obligation is completely light weight. A woman or a man who does anything for his/her spouse out of duty or obligation may need to start fasting. The same goes for any form of submission in God's family. "Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God." {Ephesians 5:21} That

“kind” of fear is actually “deep reverential love”. The same that Jesus taught and demonstrated. Anyone afraid of God does not yet know God.

Jonathan the rightful heir to the throne after his father King Saul was willing and delighted to cede what should have been his, to David out of love that even David declared that his love for Jonathan, surpasses that of any woman he knew; and he knew many. Once, David longed for a drink of water that can only be found in a well at Bethlehem by the gate; three men, amongst his captains, broke through the defences of the hosts of the Philistines’ garrison, drew the water and brought it to David at the risk of their lives. They did it out of pure love; David could not drink that water; he poured it out as an offering to God {1 Chronicles 11:15-19}. No doubt, God knows, more than any soul, why David was a man after His heart. Those men could have easily thought, “wishful thinking!” David never commanded or demanded it, neither was anyone obliged to perform such risky tasks.

Love or grace should never be used as an excuse to cover up prejudices or injustices, especially when we have the choice of either being just or unjust. Whenever injustice is done, without addressing it, we sow seed, the harvest of which no man can determine neither can it be pleasant. The believer who will understand love must believe what God calls love; what delights God and what God hates. God is never ambiguous about His nature and call to relationship:

WHAT GOD LOVES

“He hath shown thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?” {Micah 6:8}

“Thus saith the LORD, ‘Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich glory in his riches: But let him the glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth Me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgement, and righteousness, in all the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD.’” {Jeremiah 9:23-24}

“These are the things that ye shall do; ‘Speak ye every man truth to his neighbour; execute the judgement of truth and peace in your gates:” {Zechariah 8:16}

WHAT GOD HATES

“And let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbour; and love no false oath: for all these are things that I hate, saith the LORD.” {Zechariah 8:17}

“And judgement is turned backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. Yea truth faileth; and he that departed from

evil maketh himself a prey: and the LORD saw it, and it displeased Him that there was no judgement." {Isaiah 59:14-15}

Friend, God prefers justice and judgement (understanding and differentiating between what is righteous and what is unrighteous) to any form of sacrifice {Proverbs 21:3}. What is righteous will possess the nature of the righteous One, Jesus Christ Himself. To know that it is love and just, bring it beside Jesus Christ; what He taught, what He did and what He commanded; what His Apostles taught and did, especially their relationship with the flock they tend; we will understand love and judgement. Love without justice and judgment will numb any conscience; without the conscience, true relationship with God is doubtful. True authority is founded on true love; this is the foundation that will hold any relationship, revival or reformation.

The family of God will be known by love. And I pray, in our generation, that the family of God will manifest God's intentions for creating humans after His image and likeness and for the sacrifice of the blood of His Son; that true elders will hear and see an entreaty and not pretend they didn't hear; and just as Paul wrote; "Who is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom we believed, even as the Lord gave every man? {1 Corinthians 3:5} and every one say I am of Paul, I am of Apollos, I am of Cephas and I am of Christ. Is Christ divided? {1 Corinthians 1:11-13} that elders will rise up to the collective responsibility of undershepherds; that believers will recognise that truly, every believer is a stone, a part of the same building; that the body of Christ is not a political organisation; that the church of God will embrace the teachings of Christ and His apostles.

Finally, any man who will walk in true authority will rejoice at truth spoken in love. The first line of authority is the authority of the word of God, spoken in truth and in love. Such people tremble at the word of God {see Isaiah 66:1-2}. The body of Christ is not a structural organisation; it is organic with the very Life of God, Amen.

God bless.

Scripture

"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." ~ JOHN 3:16
Amen.

#Optimism
10/10/2015

"WHEN THE LORD turned again the captivity of Zion, we like them that dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongues with singing: then said they amongst the heathen, 'The LORD hath great things for them. The LORD hath done great things for us: whereof we are glad.'" ~ PSALM 126:1-3

THEY THAT SOW IN TEARS SHALL REAP IN JOY

There is joy on the way for all those who have sown in tears; the word of God says so! The person who is truly delivered is one whose opinions about life and what they do originates from the source of all things. There has never been anything good or godly that has not come under attack. If God gives you a message about the Cross, and how He desires and intends for His people to walk in the "Fullness" that He is bringing, and one has been given infallible proofs at different times, places and most importantly from His word, friend, look not to the right or the left; God will confirm what He has said and what is written.

Your greatest challenge is when "the people" try to move you to prove your self or worst still, to testify for your self; hear this friend; "How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God?" {John 5:44} If you are faced with this situation, remember, many have been there; some make it, some didn't. Nevertheless, never go ahead of God or try to prove anything; it is a snare. Those who have heard about Jesus, still wanted Him to prove Himself. It was the same for all who brought any message that challenges the status quo; but only those who do not quit, reap. We know from experience that change is a departure from the status quo; many love change that will hold on to the status quo.

Do not be pressurised into giving premature testimony. One of our leaders, a Septuagenarian, who leads one of the groups I belong, named "Interceders" thinks Facebook is of the devil and the world. Obviously, Facebook is not his thing; he organises and works tirelessly which we all adore. So not all those who are on Facebook are working for God neither are most of our friends who are not on Facebook not working day and night for God. Every man will come to their own reward {John 4:36-38, 1 Corinthians 3:8}. Grace is free, what we do with it is crucial; our motivation must be love; love that we did not earn must be given in the same vein.

But now, be encouraged that your reward is secure and certain. Also, the opinion or words of men will not affect your harvest; yours is not to let them. God expects us to be reward conscious {Hebrew 11:6} He rewards the diligent; even Jesus Christ looked forward to His reward; you and me {Hebrews 12:2}. Many may even think because you have not posted, you've turned to a chicken; praised God for every misconception and do not take everything too seriously, except your salvation; walk it with fear and trembling as Scripture says, Amen.

BLESSINGS

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“Zion shall be redeemed with judgement, and her converts with righteousness.” –
ISAIAH 1:27

RECOVERING LOST GROUNDS

Nathan the prophet was sent to King David to show him that he had backslidden and was living in sin. After Nathan told him the parable of the rich man who had to sacrifice the only lamb of his not-so-well-to-do neighbour, his reaction was, “that wicked rich man must lose his life”. Then he was told, “It is you David”.

Many times we fail to see why Jesus said we should “Judge not, lest we be judged”. This generation will either go down as the most courageous, truthful, faithful and loyal to God or the most hypocritical of any generation that ever walked this earth. We have the privilege of the knowledge of history (so we need not repeat history) we are inundated with numerous works of those who sacrificed their lives so that those who will come after them may be liberated, we have the word of God (the source of all things) and the Spirit of God. But when consciences are seared, deception is called truth, judgement; equity and truth are turned backwards {Isaiah 59:14}. Redemption was possible because God’s wrath was appeased by the vicarious death of Jesus Christ; without judgement and righteousness redemption becomes a myth.

When the hands of “the church” got hold of Jeanne Guyon for teaching quiet prayer and for her numerous writings in circulation, she was incarcerated. And when she was told she will be given the opportunity to defend her work, she wrote three volumes of 400 pages for her defence titled “The Justifications”. At her defence on the orders of the King, Louis XIV of France and in the presence of the highly esteemed Bishop Bossuet, not one look was given her work; it was burnt. After she was released briefly and having endured gruesome grilling and extensive interrogation, King Louis ordered her back to prison; he believed she was a loose cannon and too dangerous to be set free. It is a miracle that some of her works were recovered. Many arguably attributed the bloody French revolution to the seeds of injustices that was avoidable. Injustice and deliberate rejection of reason and truth have not been known not to have consequences. It was the same seed that led to every captivity that God’s people were ever subjected to.

There are many who have prophesied change; some know what to change, many don’t. Many have written about it, especially about the positive effects it will bring; but when it is apparent that change will affect old traditions and documented works or books that have brought much gain, then, not only did many try to change the subject; the message has been deemed coming from a different spirit. Jesus said,

“What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his soul?” {Mark 8:36} It should therefore not be difficult for us to identify why we reject reason. The first century Christians had a lot more to lose; their lives. So if they could hear Apostle Paul about circumcision, we should never be afraid to confront the truth and reason with it without acrimony.

WHAT WAS IDENTIFIED

Jesus taught; the word of God is the seed {Matthew 13:3-23} He sent His word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destruction {Psalm 107:20} Jesus also taught that the proof of love is to obey God and His word and this is possible when we examine His word and reason with it. Only Jesus is holy and without sin, so the messenger's personality has nothing to do with the message; amongst the known reformers, some of them acquiesced to the execution of some people who didn't totally agree with them; none of them thought or claimed to be reformers; it was people and history that identified them with such titles.

- The seed of “FULL GRACE” will bring forth the fruit of FULL GRACE.
- The hybrid seed of Law and Grace will bring forth the hybrid fruit of Law and Grace.
- We have hitherto prayed under grace but took offerings under the law; we have operated under two separate covenants under two mediators.
- There is no one under the law that is not under the curse of the law {See Galatians chapters 3 and 5} There is a perfect Law of liberty {James 2:8-12}
- To understand the purpose of salvation, we will need to visit the Garden; we will need to see again God's original plan {Genesis 1, 2, 3}
- If blood sacrifices and circumcision are abolished together with the old covenant, we should see the difference between the covenants of the old and the new.
- We have come full circle and the call is to fellowship.
- The purpose of the journey of man since he was evicted from the Garden of Eden is to restore man and return him to the garden life.
- Anyone who do not understand what prison is may take a look again at Rick Joyner's “THE CALL” Prophecy has been fulfilled and being fulfilled.
- Prosperity message and its teachings came only at about late 1940s and 1950; it was never so before.
- Those who will desire to know more can read the biographies of George Muller and A.B Simpsons and the Christian Alliance.
- Watchman Nee and Witness Lee's ministry named “Living Stream Ministry” headquarters in Anaheim California operate a model of church life: “Likewise greet the church that is in their house” {Romans 16:5}.
- The goal or purpose of this exercise is to identify key issues that will present the foundation for this time of fullness. Many have rightfully prophesied this.
- Change begins with the word about change.
- To identify and root out conditions that hinder revivals and genuine reformation, positive actions are required.
- The Kingdom of God is more organic than structural.
- Unity of faith is a product of unity in understanding; the word of God is the access to faith.

- In every generation that has been before us, we can identify those who opposed and fought against change and reason. Most of them have their names written in stone.
- Those who stood for good and the testimony of the word of God and those who were martyred are also remembered.
- The Cross is our salvation; God's work can only be done when no man seeks credit for anything. Anyone who has been to the Cross will not hold on to anything neither will that person be afraid to lose any possession or right.
- This is the best time ever for those who prophesy change and reformation, to present, by scriptures and reason, what change and reformation is. Change denotes a movement, a revisit, recovery or reclamation.

Spiritual gifts and ministerial gifts can only thrive when it is applied with humility, judgement and righteousness. When judgement is suppressed, when reason is ignored, when truth spoken with the purpose of love is trampled upon, gifts become corrupted. There is a spirit behind the word we teach and preach; our actions and our motives. God's will is for His Spirit to be our power source. This is the battle that is still raging. What or whose spirit is it, behind what we do? Can we address civil authorities about corruption and injustices if we do the same? Is our own moderation known to all men? {Philippians 4:5} Can we boldly confront civil authorities about corruption and injustices? Can we truly affect our communities and countries and are we telling ourselves the truth? Does anyone need a special grace or special authority to identify what needs to be addressed so that many that are hid in prison houses many be liberated? {Isaiah 42:22, Jeremiah 22:3} We bless God and we are grateful to God for all that is being done by faithful people; we however know that we are operating below capacity.

Amos once said, when he was advised not to speak any more, for people could no longer bear his words, his words were making people weak; his words were too grievous; he said he was a herdsman and gatherer of sycamore and was never a prophet {Amos 7:10-17}. Jeanne Guyon was neither a priest or ordained; this did not change the truth about her work. With all our knowledge of history, if we learn from it and apply its lessons, the outcome will be remembered by history; however, none of us will be here to defend our actions. We have God's word, we have God's Spirit, we have reason and we have consciences; if we put them all together, earth will align with heaven. "Therefore thus saith the LORD, 'If thou return, then will I bring thee again, and thou shalt stand before Me: and if thou take forth the precious from the vile, thou shalt be My mouth: let them return unto thee; but return not thou unto them.'" {Jeremiah 15:19}

What will happen? God's work and move will not be unacknowledged by the world. Antioch was the first place the word "Christian" was used to identify believers in Christ. The country Syria is literally in ruins, but the people of that country and believers in Christ have been given fresh opportunity for salvation. May this generation never miss fresh opportunities again; may we never miss the time of our visitation, Amen.

This message is given in Love.
TRUMPET CALL 10/16/2015

“But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their hearts. Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away. Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.” – 2 CORINTHIANS 3:15-17

THE ROMAN ROMANCE

The price that God paid for us to walk in liberty and to be in fellowship with Him is enormous. One of the greatest tests of faith which Jesus Christ endured for our sake was to be silent as a lamb, whilst being led to be slaughtered. He knew he will be slaughtered but did not open His mouth. It becomes a huge test in that, not only did the people He came to save orchestrate the slaughter, they kept on taunting Him; He couldn't and wouldn't reply or fight back because He loved the world. Many today will find themselves in almost similar situations; those, one is called to serve will call you an enemy, possessed by every known or unknown demon spirit; you cannot and should not fight back. As it was with Jesus so is it ordained for His disciples; it is the test of faith. We must acquire skills to hit the enemy riding any of God's people.

The Spirit's work is to save; to remove every veil; to set captives free; to reveal the truth or what God meant by what He said in His word; sanctify; open prison doors whilst proclaiming the acceptable year of the Lord. Above all, to unite God's people and prepare a bride, which is the church, to be compatible with the Groom, which is Jesus Christ. He is the New Covenant and the Spirit of the Mediator of the new Covenant.

All these points us to a very clear mission of the Spirit of Christ, the Prize of the Price: He is not the spirit of cover-ups; He is not the spirit of compromise, especially compromising the truth; He is not the spirit of criticism which is completely different from appraisal; He does not subdue or subjugate the sheep of Christ; He is not the spirit of abuse; if it is not to cover multitude of sins for the purpose of repentance, conversion, healing and restoration, He does not surrender to emotional blackmail of “don't judge me!” God will not see anyone travelling to hell and say He will cover it all up so that no one will be offended. There is nothing that God is calling us to repent of, that does not affect every single member of His body; we are not sinners; we are simply being moved in a transition, a continuum of a process into the Fullness of His promises; the fullness of His grace, provided in Christ's covenant with God the Father.

We should also be clear about the fact that the blood of Jesus enacted or ratified the New Covenant. It will be a travesty to associate Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit with anything or covenant that connects any blood-bought child of God to curses. Most

people wonder why some form of curses still show up after being born-again; we should ensure that we are not under the curse of the law by being fully in the New Covenant of grace. Jesus will not mediate in the covenant or practices that Moses mediates in.

When we pray and communicate with God in worship, instructions, information and revelations are passed to us; it is what we do with what we receive that brings results. When we have His word and prophecies are released, it requires fertile wombs for conception and fruition. This is why the gospel of grace must understand the word "If". When we do the "IF" we will see the results we desire. He said, If you love Me, obey My word {John 14:23}. Each time we equate followership, numbers or material acquisition with the hand of God, we remind God that we have forgotten the example of the church of Laodicea {Revelations 3:14-22}. Today is a new day.

THE ROMANCE

The church got captivated and ensnare by a woman, a spirit named "MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." {Revelations 17:5} There is no one who tangoes with this spirit that can get off easily. She presided over God's church in many circles for more than 19 centuries and is not finished yet. She orchestrated the sacking of the Holy Spirit from the church in cooperation with unsuspecting accomplices. She is old but young, fresh and beautiful looking in appearance {Apostle John "wondered with great admiration" – see Revelations 17:6}; cunning, sly and subtle; she has strange abilities to enthrall and seduce; she is tenacious and breeds fast (like a rabbit); she is the world and mercuric; able to mutate, divide, conquer and occupy. She manifests as the spirit of divination or the queen of heaven; the greatest enemy of the prophetic ministry; always seeking to imitate the Holy Spirit.

She is however no match for the Mighty Holy Spirit. When the fullness of time came, God sent forth His Son {Galatians 4:4}. The early church may not have been well equipped to deal with her for the lack of experience, God has however given us the opportunity to prepare for the coming of Christ; this will require us to know the battle plan. The church fell madly in love with this woman and has since been seeking divorce; divorce with her can be painstaking and tedious; particularly when she is trying to mutate and slither in and out; yes, she is quite creepy.

KNOW THE HARLOT (HER SIGNATURE)

"For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." {2 Corinthians 10:3-5} This denotes interpreting God's word, plans and purposes by the Spirit of Christ, in the Spirit of the New Covenant and with our

trajectory on God's eternal plans for our lives and His Church. This is our strategic spiritual warfare, our victory strategy and the battle plan for overcomers. This takes courage; bringing everything into obedience of Christ and what He died and paid for with His blood.

- Philosophy, psychology and theology originated from God just like music, art and business. It is the perversion of these and the misappropriation that converts them into potent weapons in the hands of this woman (spirit). Her mission is to occupy the driver's seat.
- The church embraced some modest Roman practices to encourage the Romans, especially the nobles in exchange for freedom of worship. That was all that the woman wanted or needed. The rest is history. A little statue here and there (just like the Caesars and the in Roman temples), bowing down here and there etcetera.
- The Roman municipal government model was introduced for control or management. We are still operating that model till date. It was not what Jesus or the first church left us. Therefore, thrones and crowns were introduced; nothing resembling Christ in anyway.
- Hitherto, Plato, Aristotle, Socrates ruled the day; Philosophy has a spirit. It is not Christ. The woman knew it, so it mingled with theology to produce her children. She is the author of every draconian practices the church every practised and every doctrinal divide. Many have proven that there is nothing wrong with theology, only its corruption creates problems; the Holy Spirit does not agree with what He never meant or misinterpretations by philosophy.
- She is behind all the holy wars of the Crusader; the Spirit of Christ would never have authorised them. All the inquisitions and translation of the word of God into Latin and the subsequent prohibition of any further use or translations into vernacular or local languages.
- She is the inspiration behind user friendliness; soulful music or worship; disco lights for worship. We should understand that this is purely to remind us of our past lives and to show us that there is not much difference between the church and a discotheque. Otherwise we may ask ourselves, what are they for?
- "But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding." {Job 32:8} This is the target of the mystery or "the-not-so-mysterious-anymore" woman. She targets innovations and creativity in the church. Once she inspires them, that's all she needs. So we deal with this by bring them into captivity and obedience of Christ.
- She manifests as "Jezebel"; her target is righteousness and any teaching, preaching or prophets and messengers of God that exposes her. She kills revivals and truncates reformation. For these reasons, most reformations end in new denominations (divides, conquers and rules); not unity which should have been the purpose.
- She powers suppression and when confronted, she manifests in overemphasis on protocol and authority; not substance, but authority and control, the same that happened in the time of John the Baptist, Jesus Christ and the first church. Her favourite line is to call any call for repentance "Absalom spirit" once she is not in control. Remember always that this has always been the same throughout all the ages. George Fox was incarcerated over a thousand times; John Wesley was kicked

out and Luther escaped by whiskers etc. No one wanted to see or hear reason or truth, it was "by what authority?"

- She was behind all those martyred; her husband is Satan; her accomplices are unsuspecting people; not necessarily bad people, just unsuspecting.
- She is not aggressive; manifesting as subtle and feminine; suggestive and desirable.
- She presides over half-truths, half-law/half-grace and the accompanying strongholds; numerous apparitions that teach false doctrines and the word of the evolution of the word of God and commandments.
- Her weapon is to be married to the church in one way or the other; God calls this adultery or fornication or friendship with the world {James 4:4} throughout Scripture.
- She is very wriggly.

Now, when we warn about all these, it is to prevent any further repetition of history. The seven mountains are real; she is sited upon them as scripture says {see Revelations 17:1-18} If we will conquer her and not be conquered, just as she did at Rome, then we must understand her nature and what we are dealing with. We can heed the warnings in Scriptures, "BEWARE" so as not to end up in bed with her, bringing forth children. When we train our children, we also warn them of certain things in life to avoid. Solomon who had vast experience about women, warned against "strange women". When men ignore warnings, consequences have no control; that is, we have no power over consequences of actions that have been taken.

But when we shall return to the Lord in full acknowledgement and repentance, the veil shall be removed {2 Corinthians 3:16}. Fullness is real; it has its seed. God sent John the Baptist when the fullness of time came; He sends His word to prepare. These are however not new; like mosaic tiles, missing links are falling into place. And it is written; "The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have goodly heritage." {Psalm 16:6} Bring everything under the obedience of Christ; revisit the Garden and God's eternal plans for man; re-examine why Jesus died for the human race and why we need the Spirit to indwell us; why is God our Husband {Isaiah 54:5}; what do husbands do and what should be the response of the wife. The five-fold ministry's mandate is to prepare the bride, Amen.

These are our humble findings; let's all work together with all hands on the deck.

Have a great weekend.

When I came to England, trading in pharmaceutical products, my only thought was money and my family. Concerning God, I was convinced that all I need do was to give Him money; the more I gave the better for all parties. Those who prophesied to me about anything to do with God's work, I considered them with extreme contempt, like see double. Then I was in a ministry and things were thrust at me, like leading prayers and prayer group and eventually teaching. All were simply surprises. Altogether, I looked for ways to dock all "these inconveniencies". Appointed an associate pastor and then later assistant pastor to be ordained in a year; these were circumstances I never foresaw, neither were they desired.

But there was a burning passion; there were several prophetic dreams without any solid means of interpretation. There was an early one in which I was driven by late father to a prison house. I was to bail out people and the jailer spoke to me about compromising by not signing the release document. I told I couldn't compromise and then I signed the document. The look on the face of the jailer told me there will be trouble, so I told my father that the jailer requested that I should not sign the document but I sign, and I repeated this word "expect the repercussion". All that concerned me about that dream was that my father was late, and how could I be seeing someone who was dead? Then I read Rick Joyner's first "The call" then "The final quest". Everything about all I've been seeing and experiencing all of a sudden made sense. Those days, I will pray for 18 hours; then I started experiencing a buzz; it started from my left leg to the right leg, then my left hand to the right and all my body. I concluded that it was hypertension.

Then I sheepishly had a chat with a fellow minister in a ministry I earlier was, then, he said it was anointing or healing virtue. These are all light experiences. My life was in turmoil; from then, everyone I met or who gave counsel gave me counsel that will ensure I end up in their ministry. Whilst I was the number two as an assistant pastor with the prospect of opening new branches, I couldn't handle that pressure, neither did I desire it. A couple of misguided decisions exposed me to things I never believed could be happening in Christ's body.

THIS WAS POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE IN 2011: TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

"Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the LORD" Haggai 1:8

THE CRUCIFIED ONES

TEXT: "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren." Romans 8:29

THE COMMISSION AND THE VISION

Jesus is calling all well meaning, zealous and diligent Christians to rise up for Him to reform His Church. If the world is not seeing us as a solution, or differentiate Christians from the world then we are enjoined to consider our ways. (Haggai 1:2-7) For centuries and decades we as Christians have been trying to bring God into our cultures, ethos and traditions yet wondering why we are not functioning the way Jesus promised that we would function (John 14:12), Jesus is saying, consider your ways.

The Holy Spirit was given for the purpose of establishing the Church and running the Church. The Holy Spirit supports and participates only in God's programs that are in God's plans and purposes (Isaiah 55:8). Apart from His specific mission of glorifying Jesus, sanctifying the believer and bring us into unity in sanctification and of faith, He would never be involved (John 16:13-14, John 14:26, John 17:17). So the Holy Spirit would not support Church psychology, philosophy or Church politics. Neither would the Holy Spirit celebrate any human being or minister no matter how gifted. We can tell when we are functioning as Christians. The disciples were first called Christians at Antioch because of what they were observed doing. Like Jesus. (Acts 11:23-26) Our duty is to seek diligently so that we may be able to assess what we are doing right or what we are doing wrong. To grow or increase numbers in our congregation is not a problem for the Holy Spirit as long as increasing our membership is not our goal or vision. He would build His Church if it is His Church (Matthew 16:18b). The building is the believer Christ died to build as a Holy habitation for God (Ephesians 2:20-22). This is the reason God created human beings and the reason Jesus died for mankind.

The time to criticize is over. Time for finger pointing, selfish motives, territorial preservation or control by holding on to congregation members as if they belong to us instead of belonging to Jesus is over. The dynamics have changed because the dispensation has changed. Denominational and territorial segregation has never worked neither would it work nor have a place in the glorious Church Jesus is building. That Church is a Church of glory, without spots or wrinkle. (Ephesians 5:27)

- Unity of faith or unity in the body of Christ is God's vision for His Church. Unity of faith is therefore believing and having the same understanding of God, His purposes and plans for His church and His creation. (Ephesians 4:13) In essence God's plan is that every believer believes the same thing and receives the same interpretation of God's Word in the Bible and from the Holy Spirit.

- This constitutes the mandate given to the Holy Spirit. Believing empowers to become. (John 1:12)
- To sanctify as a means to holiness is the mandate of the Holy Spirit. (John 17:17)
- Holiness as the end of sanctification is what God wants to achieve to take us into the fullness of God or the indwelling Christ. (John 14:23)
- Any concept, plans, strategies, visions or designs that are not God's would not receive any support from God (The Holy Spirit) the church administrator. The Holy Spirit would not do what God did not send him no matter how many times we mention all God's names or Jesus Christ or Holy Spirit. He agrees only with the word of God (1 John 5:7-8)
- Our duty towards Jesus as priests is to seek diligently to know what He said. It is the word that makes us spiritual. We are first spirit and can only relate to God as spirits (John 4:23). So by following God through His word we walk in the Spirit (Romans 8:4-14)
- The Holy Spirit would show you when you are moving into delusion or deception. Words like being too spiritual are offensive to the Holy Spirit.

ISSUES TO CONSIDER AND PONDER ABOUT

- We need to agree to unite for God and for God alone. Any idea or concepts that cannot be found in the book should be discarded.
- Traditions and practices that are not supported by God's Words should equally be discarded. These put barriers that the Holy Spirit would not touch or cross. Jesus considers them unbelief and declared that tradition renders God's commandment ineffective (Matthew 15:6). Jesus could not cross the line of unbelief. Unbelief neutralizes God on our behalf. Unbelief is a demon and so is everything that works hand in hand with it.
- Mind games, politics and practices that border on craftiness do not receive the support of the Holy Spirit (Job 5:12, 1 Corinthians 3:19).
- Seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness should no more be treated as a slogan but should be pursued with all diligence (Matthew 6:33, Hebrews 11:6). It is a commandment. When we seek we would find (Matthew 7:7).

- Briefly put, the kingdom of God we are to seek is the fullness of God in our spirit, soul and body. This means to find out all we need to do for God to fulfil His promises. Mainly consecration, sanctification, cultivating the fruit of the Spirit and the pattern of Jesus Christ.
- The congregation that God would increase must seek these first before anything else.
- Teachings on prosperity and how to find spouses must be relegated to where it belongs. Anyone seeking first prosperity and life partner may get results, but you should be aware that that result is not from God. It is from another source. The Holy Spirit does not respond to pursuits based on ignorance. Seeking first the image of Christ is what honours God and what the Holy Spirit would honor in the believer and the congregation.
- Our focus must change. God focus not ministry focus. The Church is to be prepared for Christ as His bride. We cannot afford to be possessive over someone else's bride.
- We are to build human temples. (Isaiah 66:1-2). God would be able to trust us with His flock and bring in the harvest if He sees that our consciences and motives have been purified to agree with His plans.
- We are enjoined to be wise not crafty. Movements and revivals have been known to grind to a halt mainly because of human factor. The day Charles Parham showed up at Azusa Street revival to remind revivalists that whites and blacks should not be fellowshiping together the Holy Spirit left. The Holy Spirit cannot be manipulated or used to hijack God's commission to His servants. He has specific roles for everyone God calls. (Acts 13:2)
- We may think if one minister can do something anyone can do the same. This is true if it is your calling. It is like an Evangelist trying to be a Prophet without the gifting. This would end in failure even if it appears to be succeeding for a while.
- Satan has been able to hijack ministers who want to engage in ministry God did not send them. Not every minister is called to pioneer. If we know this it would bless the body of Christ (2 Corinthians 11:13-15).
- Attempts to make the Church attractive to the world must stop. Churches must not be social clubs. God adds to His Church. God added to the first Church because it was fulfilling God's plans (Acts 2:42-47). Size of a congregation is not a sign that God is there. Human beings tend to gravitate to CONVENIENT churches where it is so much fun but no power. We tend to seek to pacify our conscience by going to church. Jesus has warned that we

may prophesy, cast out demons and do all sort of things but still be cast away. Jesus is looking for the fruit (Matthew 7:15-23)

- We should avoid at all cost attempts to be lured into competition, taking credit for anything or any desire to be described as a founder of anything. Leadership and spiritual authority is a responsibility. God only ordains. Man may appoint but only God ordains (Acts 13:2-4). We get into trouble when we try to occupy offices we are not called by God to occupy. This is where competition and denominations sprang from. God respects authority conferred on people whether civil or church. But we would be smart to know that the fivefold ministry can only be conferred by Jesus Himself (Romans 13 1-7, Ephesians 4 7-13).
- We could examine ourselves to root out scheming; you could tell if your motives are impure. Once your foundation is corrupted with crafty scheming or manipulations God can't use it. You would have to maintain it with manipulations and crafty scheming. God does not touch buildings with serpents in their foundation (Psalm 11:3).
- These practices stop revivals and present a major stumbling block for God's true move. Ambition is the mother of frustration.
- We are to stand by each other to help fulfil our ministries. You may be a pastor with Apostles, prophets, evangelist and teachers in your ministries; if you suppress them you are trying to suppress God. The Holy Spirit would leave you alone to run your church by yourself.
- Every teaching about submission to authority must be submission to God and His word first. When we are submitted to God's word submission to authority becomes automatic. Teachings on submission to Church authority have been corrupted since the papal system of Church government.
- Overemphasis on submission to the Church is a clear indication that there may be trouble in one's ministry. This may be suppression of other ministerial gifts which is control and manipulation. (Witchcraft)
- Unfortunately insecurity on the part of people given Church authority has led to more corruption and suppression of ministerial gifts. Please note suppression breeds rebellion. When we attempt to suppress one another forgetting that we have the same spirit of God, the reaction would be the same as Apostle Peter's reaction to the Sanhedrin (Acts 4:19-20, Ephesians 4:1-6). However there can never be an excuse for rebellion at any level.
- We should treat God's Church and flock with respect (1 Peter 5:1-5).

- The commandment is to love God first then our neighbour as ourselves. Jesus demonstrated this by washing His disciples' feet (John 13:12-17)
- We are to respect, love and cherish our leaders, but no leader is higher than Jesus Christ who washed the feet of His disciple.
- We are called to serve not Lord it over anyone.
- The book of Proverbs is recommended to help believers deal with cultural differences. Cultural differences have become an issue because we are not following God's teachings about relationship with fellow believers and the world. The Bible is a complete book with enough teachings on how to conduct ourselves. Any practice in the Church that is blamed on cultural difference is false and unsanctified. We have simply chosen to ignore what God said about how to behave (1 Timothy 3:15)

ON CHURCH GOVERNMENT

- Church government and council may be formed in accordance with God's injunction, the teachings of Jesus and the first Apostles. Unity of the brethren is the key.
- God did not call us to have human coverings. Mentorship is good and important. But mentorship should never be misconstrued as spiritual covering.
- The only spiritual covering approved by God is the covering provided by unity of brethren coming together for fellowship based on God's own agenda (Hebrews 10:25). The first Apostles had a covering. Their covering was the unity they had from the beginning which they rightfully described as the council of elders (Please read Acts 15:1-31). And among the elders there would be a leader like Apostle Peter. The leader that behaves like Jesus.
- We should always remember that Christ in the leader is who we submit to. The commandment to love in essence has taken care of a lot of issues if we understand it. Christ is the cover for everyone. He has set His ministers in his body to work through them to build His body.
- Unity is power. Unity is what the Holy Spirit does by uniting our understanding of the scriptures.
- There are two types of unity. Unity for man's purposes or unity for God. The first attracts demonic activities and ultimately God's judgment and the other

attracts the Holy Spirit and God's favour. One is motivated by man the other inspired by God.

- The story of the tower of Babel explains the unity that could be found when we gather people and God's resources for our self promotion (Genesis 11:1-9) God had to confound them. The other was the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4) God united them and poured upon them the promise of the Spirit (Psalm 133:1-3).
- Ananias and Sapphira were also united. Theirs was against God so it ended in death (Acts 5:1-10). The one hundred and twenty disciples' unity birthed the Church on the day of Pentecost.
- So where two or three are gathered in the name of Jesus He is there (Matthew 18:20). And wherever we are united for God's purposes and plans the Holy Spirit establishes by Himself as the administrator, government is formed, council is born.
- The High priest asked the Apostles who gave them the power to do what they were doing seeing that they were not ordained by the Sanhedrin, the Apostles reminded them it was Jesus Christ who they crucified. (Please read Acts 4:1-14) The priest and Scribe came to question Jesus about where He got His authority from. They could not answer when Jesus question them about where John the Baptist got his authority from (Luke 20:1-8)
- Authority comes only from God. God approves any council He inspires. Council that meets with His requirements, following His plans, purpose and design. This design is to see Christ formed in the believer not congregational sizes but the fruit that comes out of death to self (John 12:24)
- Any congregation or ministry that is building for Jesus Christ can never be threatened by any other ministry nor minister, neither should anyone be intimidated. Such things belong to the past. There would not be any room to accommodate such ministries in the glorious Church Jesus is building. Apostle Peter was not threatened by Apostle Paul or any other disciple
- Any minister who feels intimidated by another minister's anointing should spend time in sober reflection. He should be able to determine whether he/she is in ministry for God or for him/her self. God has His plans and position for every believer.
- It is also important that we should note that God does not reward overzealousness. God does not reward assignments He did not send us. Nadab and Abihu the sons of Aaron though they were priests died for intruding into the office God did not call them (See Leviticus 10: 1-3). God

described their work as strange fire. This is a warning to those who think they could offer to God work He did not send them. Even if we think we are succeeding, this is the root cause for the proliferation of false prophets, apostles or any ministerial gifts.

- God's grace is for His assignment not competition. God expects us to inquire from Him about His call upon our lives. Our work would be tried. (1 Corinthians 3:13)
- There is no room for competition. It is named as work of the flesh (Galatians 5:20)
- Such terms like powerful men or women of God do not exist in God's Kingdom. They are offensive and an affront to Jesus Christ.
- Accountability is crucial for Church government or unity. This means we are accountable to God and to one another. Apostle Peter regarded as the leader of the elders was accountable to the council of elders when he was questioned about his interaction with the gentiles. He gave account (Acts 11:1-18). Apostle Paul withstood Apostle Peter in love (Galatians 2:11-14).
- Accountability connotes responsibility (1 Corinthians 4:1-2). That means we can't choose to come and go as we like.
- True submission is submission to one another in love (Ephesians 5:21). Any other form of submission is tyranny. The papal system was burning Christians who opposed practices that were contrary to the scriptures calling them heretics. A Church in rebellion burning believers for desiring to read the bible for themselves whilst calling them rebellious. Unfortunately, these sorts of practices have been refined and are still happening.
- Jesus warned about not judging one another lest we be judged (Matthew 7:1-2, Romans 14:4). This is because it is possible for Church authority to rebel against God by engaging in sinful practices. Rebellion would flow to the congregation. A Church authority that is suppressing its members or ministers (which is witchcraft) would continue in strife and would end up being a specialist in teaching about submission to authority instead of submission to God. Watch out!
- We are also exhorted to take heed when we think we are standing (1 Corinthians 10:12) and also to Judge ourselves and maintain honesty. This is important to keep a conscience that God can use (1 Corinthians 11:31)
- How do we tackle the issue of rebellion? We do this by looking for the cause before labeling anyone rebellious. These are God's children. Anything we do

or say about our brethren we are doing or saying about Jesus. We are part of the body. Called to serve and lead by example. We need to always investigate the root of issues

- There is a bar. Jesus is the example of leadership, next the first apostles and any minister would demonstrate the fruit we are commanded to look for. We should remind ourselves of the dangers of rebellion among Church government, ministers and congregation.
- Any disobedience is rebellion. Any abuse is rebellion.
- Unity is nurtured by collective responsibility based on united purposes for God. None of the fivefold ministry is called to function alone. It would be like attempting to drive a four wheeled car with three or two wheels or a car without a steering. We are to find or discover our ministries and see where we fit in (1 Corinthians 12:12-29).
- We should lay less emphasis on who is ranked higher than another. We should be more concerned with service. All our attempts to take credit for anything are being noted by heaven (1 Corinthians 3:12-15). Our motives are going to be tried of what stuff it is made of. Jesus taught when His disciples asked Him who is the greatest, He warned them to become like children (Matthew 18:1-5).
- Theology, philosophy, psychology, culture, ethos and tradition have no place in the glorious Church. Apostle Paul warned against this just as Jesus warned against the leaven of the Pharisees (Colossians 2:8, Luke 12:1-2) It has robbed the Church of power, power needed to convict the world because we have been busy trying to modernize the gospel to make it appealing to the world. This is not to denigrate intellectual pursuits and exercises, but it must be relegated to where it belongs. Theology has never healed headache nor has it power to transform anyone.
- Eloquence may make us sound intelligent, but we have seen that the Holy Spirit working through anointed vessels is the only one given to convict or to teach (John 16:7-11, John 14:26)
- Not by might or power, only by the Spirit (Zechariah 4:6, 1 Corinthians 2:1-5).
- We are commanded to honor our parents and elders who watch over our lives. (Ephesians 6:1-2, Hebrews 13:17) There is order in Heaven and spiritual leadership is important. Any headless entity is a freak. But Christ is the Head of every man (1 Corinthians 11:3)

WHAT TO DO. THE PATTERN OF THE TEMPLE

There is a couple of recommendations as to the plan or pattern of the building that Jesus is seeking to build in His Church. Once again the fivefold ministry was given as specific mantles upon individuals for the purpose of building a holy habitation that is sanctified to be possessed in full by Jesus Christ in whom dwelleth the fullness of the Godhead (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) bodily in our spirit, soul and body (Ephesians 2:20-22, 1 Peter 2:5, Colossians 2:9-10). However it is crucial to understand that ministerial gifts are given as human guides to direct us to the Holy Spirit. They are to show believers how to relate to the Holy Spirit. One ministerial gift cannot function without the other. It is no more the time for brandishing titles. It is time for work; the work that produces results that can be seen by both believers and the yet to believe. Fruit are results. The word of God is the spiritual building materials. (Haggai 1:8)

TOPICS TO HIGHLIGHT FOR CONSTRUCTIVE TEACHING

- Foundation Christian living. Hebrews 6:1-2
- Everything on the blood of Jesus Christ, the application and communion.
- Consecration
- Total sanctification 1 Thessalonians 5:23
- Cultivating the fruit of the Spirit Galatians 5:22-23
- Gifts of the Spirit 1 Corinthians 12
- Ministerial Gifts Ephesians 4:12-13
- Seven Spirit of Christ Isaiah 11:2-3
- Absolute surrender
- Accurate understanding of the New Covenant details Jeremiah 31:31-34, Jeremiah 32:40, Ezekiel 36:23-38, Hebrews 8:7-13, Hebrews 10:16-17.
- The book of Proverbs is very good to teach believers on how to conduct ourselves in the Church and in the secular world. This would always take care of cultural differences

John G Lake taught in his message on the power of consecration to principle that Successful Christian living rests on three essential principles. First: Knowledge of all

the teachings of Our Lord and savior Jesus Christ whose words are the final authority where every question must be brought to final decision. Second: Consecration to do all the will of God as declared by the Lord Jesus. Third: Recognition of the Holy Spirit as the revealer, guide, interpreter, teacher and empowering Spirit. He further stated that without the spirit of God in our hearts our consecration would be valueless.

THE DEEP THINGS OF GOD (1 Corinthians 2:10)

It is pertinent to reiterate some basic truths as contained in the scriptures about the deep things of God.

- God's call on the life of any of the fivefold does not include teaching the deep things of God
- Deep things of God belong to the Holy Spirit alone and are one of the reasons Jesus died. The veil was rent so the Jesus alone would be the only mediator between God and man, whilst the Holy Spirit remains the revealer (Matthew 27:51, 1 Timothy 2:5, Hebrews 9:15).
- It is important therefore to warn against attempts to intrude in Jesus' and the Holy Spirit' private affairs. It would be like attempting to help a man out by helping to sleep with his wife. It is a mystery and a very private matter (Ephesians 5:32).
- The promise is when we as ministers have done what we are suppose to do by teaching or showing our flock how to relate and hear the Holy Spirit themselves, the Holy Spirit takes over to fulfill God's promises as contained in His word. (Please read details in Jeremiah 31:34, Hebrews 8:11)
- This is what Apostle John was referring to that the anointing in you would teach you (1 John 2:20,27)
- These are the main promises of God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Brethren let us roll up our sleeves, come together, preach the gospel of the kingdom of God and make it simple.
- Let us help to build up believers that would be like babies who would inherit God's kingdom in fullness.

