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Introduction

Hurray! Your favourite daily devotional, Rhapsody of Realities, is now available in all known living languages of the world. The 2024 edition of the devotional has been packaged to enhance your spiritual growth and development, and position you for resounding success throughout the year.

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-Pastor Chris Oyakhilome



TUESDAY 1

THREE KEY ELEMENTS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS



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

The nature of God has manifold descriptions, and one of such is that which demonstrates His rightness and perfection. God just can't be wrong, because He is God. He's the yardstick for measuring what is right; the reference for rightness. In everything and all situations, He's perfect, just and right. That's His character!

Secondly, righteousness is the nature of God that's imparted to the human spirit to produce in him the rightness of God. Righteousness is a gift, and when God imparts a human spirit with it, that person will immediately have the rightness of God in his or her heart and just know what is right.

Thirdly, righteousness gives or produces right standing. Right standing is that ability to stand before God without condemnation or inferiority. No ordinary man can stand before God until God gives him the ability to stand in His presence and talk with Him without fear, inferiority, or condemnation.

Someone might ask, what if I feel condemned or inferior before God? That you feel a sense of guilt, condemnation or inferiority in the presence of God doesn't mean you're guilty, condemned or inferior. Let me tell you what to do if you feel overwhelmed by such negative emotions: get into the Word of God and begin studying and meditating on the Word. Before long, the Word will rid you of those wrong emotions of the senses.

The Word of God is a cleanser (John 15:3); it builds your faith and confidence (Acts 20:32). Also remember what the Bible says: ***“For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things”*** (1 John 3:20). God's Word is greater than your emotions. It imparts to you the truth about who you are. That knowledge destroys every sense of guilt, condemnation, or inferiority, and inspires the confidence of the Spirit in you. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Thank you, Lord, for the gift of righteousness. I rejoice because I have your nature in me, which produces rightness in me, and gives me the ability to stand before you without fear, condemnation, or inferiority. Your Word imparts to me the confidence of the Spirit, and I walk in the boldness and assurance that come from knowing that my righteousness is of you. Hallelujah!

FURTHER STUDY:

2 Corinthians 5:21; Philippians 3:9

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ephesians 6:10-24 & Isaiah 31-32

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Titus 1:1-16 & Jeremiah 49



WEDNESDAY 2

TAKE AS MUCH AS YOU WANT



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

The word “receive” in the verse above is the Greek, “Lambano,” and it means to take possession of something and make it yours; to seize or take a hold of something by yourself, and make it yours. It doesn’t mean passively waiting in anticipation for something to drop in your hands. The Bible says those who “lambano” abundance of grace—an overflowing of grace—and the gift of righteousness shall reign in life.

How much grace do you want, and for what do you require it? The Lord is saying to you, “Go for it! Take as much as you want!” It reminds of Paul’s counsel to Timothy in 2 Timothy 2:1; he said, “**...be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.**” In other words, take advantage of the grace; take as much of it as you want. When it comes to grace, it’s as much as you can take; but for righteousness, it’s the same for everybody.

That’s why for grace, you don’t find the use of the definite article before the word, “abundance”; it is “they which receive abundance of grace,” not “the abundance

of grace.” But for righteousness, there’s a definite article: “they which receive...the gift of righteousness...” However, in both cases, you don’t wait or “try” to become; you TAKE possession.

Don’t “try” on your own to become righteous, because no matter how much you try, you’ll never attain righteousness on your own. Rather, embrace His righteousness; take His righteousness and abundance of grace. Receive grace for your industry, to be a master of the Arts, a master of Sciences, a master in your job, business or career. Receive grace to be a maestro, an enigma in your field, such that others would wonder at you. That’s what God wants for your life.

As you function in His abundant grace, He brags with you and shows you off to the people of the world and even to angels and principalities: ***“To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God”*** (Ephesians 3:10). Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Gracious Father, I thank you for your abundant grace at work in my life, which causes me to excel in all that I do and fulfil my purpose in Christ. I’m a wonder to my world, because I’m piloted by your grace, which continually multiplies in my life through my knowledge of your Word, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Ephesians 2:8-9; Hebrews 4:16; 2 Corinthians 9:8

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Philippians 1:1-30 & Isaiah 33-34

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Titus 2:1-15 & Jeremiah 50



THURSDAY 3

PRAYING FOR NEW CONVERTS



Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power: That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ (2 Thessalonians 1:11-12).

It's important for us to always intercede for those who may still be ignorant or yet to come to maturity in the things of the Spirit. It brings to mind the words of the Apostle Paul in Galatians 4:19, ***"My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you."*** He constantly prayed for them to become rooted and grounded in Christ. This is the will of the Father.

In his letter to the Christians in Colossae, he prayed a beautiful prayer of the Spirit, saying, ***"For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding"*** (Colossians 1:9). When you intercede for fellow Christians like this, you're actually praying the will of God.

However, there may be things in those people's lives that may prevent God's actions from taking place or even His will from being manifested. It could be their ignorance, as Hosea 4:6 states, ***"My people are destroyed for lack***

of knowledge...,” or even their wilful disobedience. For many new converts or those still growing in the Faith, spiritual priorities may not yet be clear. They may not fully appreciate the importance of attending church services or studying the Bible regularly.

In such cases, our intercession plays a pivotal role. By praying for them, we create the avenue for God to intervene in their lives, to open their hearts and minds to His truth and wisdom. When you pray this way, Christ takes root in their hearts, and they become synchronized with the perfect will of God. As an intercessor, you're persistent; you keep praying that they walk worthy of the Lord, pleasing Him in every way, bearing fruit in every good work, and growing in their knowledge of God (Colossians 1:10).

Even now, spend some time to pray for new converts in your local church and around the world, that they be established in the Faith, doing the will of the Father, active in the work of the ministry, and bringing glory to God. Pray that they grow in the Word, firmly rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, and that the Lord perfects His work in their lives for His glory. Amen.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I pray for those who are new in the Faith or struggling in ignorance, that they'll be filled with the knowledge of your will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding. I pray that Christ dwells richly in their hearts by faith, and that they walk worthy of you, bearing fruit in every good work and growing in their knowledge of you day by day, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Philippians 1:9-11; Ephesians 1:17-18

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Philippians 2:1-18 & Isaiah 35-37

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Titus 3:1-15 & Jeremiah 51



FRIDAY 4

ALIGN WITH HIS DIVINE PLAN



For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future (Jeremiah 29:11 NIV).

You need to understand something important about your life: you're a child of divine destiny; you're not living a life of chance. The sequence and events in your life are orchestrated by God. Your role is to recognize these divine orchestrations and flow accordingly; follow the path that He's prearranged for you. Predestination is at work in you.

Ephesians 2:10 (AMPC) says, ***"For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live]."*** Romans 8:29 NIV says, ***"For those God foreknew he also predestined...."*** When you're synchronized with His will, you'll experience the blessings and maximum fulfilment He's ordained for you.

The best place to be in life is at the centre of God's

will. When you have that awareness, you'll always be filled with joy, confident that, come what may, you'll always win. You're a victor forever, because you're in God's place, in God's time, fulfilling God's purpose in God's way. This understanding is vital. When you're in sync with God's will, you don't fret or worry; you're at peace at all times and never in panic-mode, because you know that you're operating on God's timetable not man's timetable.

It's important to know that your life is designed by God to move from glory to glory, which is why we're called to always be thankful. You'll always overcome any adversity that comes against you because as one who's born again, everything works for your good: ***“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose”*** (Romans 8:28 NIV). Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Dear Father, I align myself with your perfect will through the Word. Everything in my life is working out for my good because I am in your plan, at the right place and time. My heart is filled with peace and confidence, knowing that I am fulfilling your purpose in every step I take, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV; Psalm 37:23-24 AMPC

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Philippians 2:19-3:1-11 & Isaiah 38-39

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Philemon 1:1-9 & Jeremiah 52



SATURDAY 5

TRUE FULFILMENT IS IN CHRIST



For in him we live and move and have our being... (Acts 17:28 NIV).

Man was made in the image of God, and that's why even the natural man possesses incredible capacity and potentials. Throughout history, we've witnessed remarkable advancements and innovations that have shaped the world. Consider man's accomplishments through the ages in technology, arts and sciences.

These achievements are undoubtedly impressive, but there's more to life than these. We know that despite accomplishing amazing feats, many still find themselves grappling with an underlying sense of emptiness; they create things to make life easier, thinking it will bring happiness, yet they find themselves dissatisfied.

For instance, think of a professor who has acquired immense knowledge, yet struggles with the meaning of "life." He has no peace or satisfaction despite his intellectual prowess, and tragically decides to end his life. How sad! This stark example illustrates that no matter how much knowledge or success one attains, true fulfilment is in Christ and Christ alone.

Even today, many have gotten to a point where they're asking, "Why are we here?" They've accumulated so much on earth, but are still searching for fulfilment. Or consider those with so much fame who still find themselves

asking, "Where's the joy?" History is replete with stories of wealthy individuals who, despite their riches, felt empty and unfulfilled.

There was a very wealthy man many years ago, who came from a wealthy family. Despite all his riches, he said, "I don't know why I am not happy. Maybe I should try poverty because that is one thing I have never experienced." He gave up everything and decided to live as a hermit in isolation. But even then, he didn't find joy, because true fulfillment in life isn't found in this world but in Christ.

Christ is the source of all joy, all peace, and all fulfillment. Outside of Him, everything is fleeting and meaningless. In Him, you find the meaning of life, the purpose for which you were created, and the true joy that transcends circumstances. In Christ, you find all of God's goodness. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Dear Lord Jesus, I thank you for being my source of true fulfillment, joy and peace. You're my reason for being; my satisfaction and pure delight come from my relationship with you by the Holy Spirit. And I thank you for helping me bring many others into the same glorious life of purpose, eternal joy and true fulfillment. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

John 10:10; John 15:11; Psalm 16:11

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Philippians 3:12-4:1-3 & Isaiah 40-41

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Philemon 1:10-25 & Lamentation 1



SUNDAY 6

RIVERS OF LIVING WATER ISSUING OUT OF YOU



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

The words of Jesus in the scripture above should be real and tangible in the life of every Christian. It says out of your belly shall flow rivers of living water. How important it is to have these rivers of living water issuing out of you! If you read further, the 39th verse explains that Jesus spoke of the Holy Spirit: ***"But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified"*** (John 7:39).

Isaiah 55:10 also gives some insight into this. It says, ***"For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater."*** Just as rain pours down to nourish the earth, so does the Word of God pour out to fulfil God's purpose. Proverbs 18:4 tells us, ***"The words of a man's mouth are as deep waters, and the wellspring of wisdom as a flowing brook."***

In the Amplified Classic, it is further expounded: ***"The words of a [discreet and wise] man's mouth are like deep waters [plenteous and difficult to fathom], and the fountain of skillful and godly Wisdom is like a gushing stream [sparkling, fresh, pure, and life-giving]."*** Notice the underlined portion; it underscores the power and life in words that are inspired by the Holy Spirit.

In Acts 10:44, Luke narrates a remarkable incident that happened while Peter was preaching in the house of Cornelius: **"...the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word."** The words Peter spoke were empowered by the Holy Spirit, pouring out like a gushing stream, bringing life to all those who heard them.

When you receive the Holy Ghost, you minister the Spirit through your words. Your words are spirit and life, just as Jesus said of His own words: **"It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life"** (John 6:63). Hallelujah! Jesus' words opened blind eyes (John 9:6-7), cast out demons (Mark 5:1-20), raised the dead (John 11:43-44), and calmed the raging tempest (Mark 4:39). He spoke to nature, and it obeyed (Matthew 8:26-27).

Your words carry the same power. You can speak to your body, command growths to disappear, and declare healing in your heart, lungs, and kidneys. Practice speaking the Word of God over yourself and your circumstances. Let the rivers of living water issue out of you—words of life empowered by the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit who fills me with power and purpose. My words are spirit and life because of your Spirit within me. I continually speak words that align with your truth and bring transformation to my world, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Proverbs 18:4; John 14:26; Acts 1:8

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Philippians 4:4-23 & Isaiah 42-43

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Hebrews 1:1-14 & Lamentation 2



MONDAY 7

FERVENT IN SOUL WINNING



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

In Matthew 5:16, the Lord Jesus said, ***“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”*** The Bible says in Romans 12:11, ***“Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord.”***

Serving the Lord as the above verse says, the passion and inspiration of the Spirit in your life is contagious. It overflows and becomes a source of inspiration for those around you. You naturally become a soul winner. When you speak, you pour out spirit and life, impacting your hearers with the power and blessings of the Gospel of Christ.

Now, that inspiration is something you must maintain. And one of the ways to maintain it is keeping yourself filled with the Spirit always as Ephesians 5:18-21 teaches (study the entire reference). When you're filled with the Spirit, you proclaim the Word of God with boldness. That's the evidence of being filled with the Spirit as seen in the lives of the Apostles (Acts 4:31).

When you're truly inspired by the Holy Spirit, you're a bold and effective witness for Jesus Christ; you never stop winning souls. True soul winners don't retire or grow weary in their mission; they're forever active doing the Lord's work. 1 Corinthians 15:58 says, ***“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord....”*** Your soul-winning efforts should always be on the increase, because you're filled with the Spirit.

If you were winning three souls per week, you should aim to increase that number, perhaps to 10, or maybe even 30. Maintain your zeal and fervour for soul winning. Remember, soul winning is God's heartbeat; it's the most important assignment that He committed to our trust. Therefore, do it with passion, diligence and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for the privilege of being a soul winner. I am inspired by your Spirit to continually share the Gospel with those around me. I refuse to grow weary or retire from this divine calling. Your Word flows through me like rivers of living water, bringing life and salvation to those in my world, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

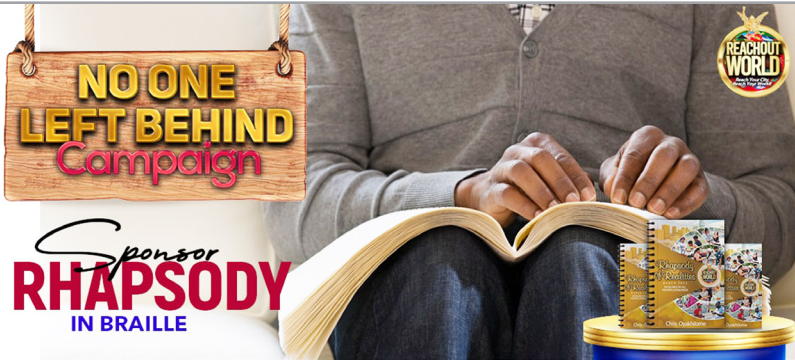
Proverbs 11:30; Mark 16:15; John 15:16

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Colossians 1:1-23 & Isaiah 44-45

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Hebrews 2:1-9 & Lamentation 3



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TUESDAY 8

MINISTERS OF RECONCILIATION



To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:19).

Human nature loves the message of condemnation because it recognizes its imperfections. For example, when you preach and tell people, "We're all sinners; no one is righteous, except God"; the natural response from many would be, "Yes; it's true." Such folks get jittery when you excitedly talk about the soon return of the Lord, because they're not sure of their salvation. They've been placed in doldrums and incertitude.

But read Paul's submission in the opening scripture. It says, ***"To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation"*** (2 Corinthians 5:19). Observe that it says God has committed unto us, "The ministry of reconciliation," not the ministry of condemnation. This ministry testifies that God was in Christ in His redemptive work, not counting men's sins against them, rather He laid all their sins on Jesus. Jesus bore the sins of the whole world. When He died, everyone died in Him. He paid the full penalty for sin for the whole world. Therefore, in the mind of justice, we all died. This is the reason God isn't counting the sins of

men against them.

So, when the devil tries to deceive you and stir thoughts of condemnation in you, tell him that God has reconciled the world to Himself, not counting men's sins against them, and anyone who believes is no longer condemned but made the righteousness of God in Christ: ***“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him”*** (2 Corinthians 5:21).

This is the message He wants us to tell everybody; righteousness has been made available in Christ Jesus; because He (God) Himself, paid for man's sins in Christ Jesus. That's what we read in our opening scripture: ***“To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.”***

Notice the term "imputing"; it's a legal term, meaning "to charge with." God is not charging people with their trespasses. That's why it's called "Good News." You're an ambassador of the message of reconciliation; you have the ministry of reconciliation, not condemnation. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for the privilege to be the bearer of your message of reconciliation. As an ambassador of the Kingdom, I spread faith, hope and love, boldly declaring the Word of salvation that catapults sinners from the domain of darkness into the glorious liberty of the sons of God, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Proverbs 11:30; Romans 8:1; Romans 5:8

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Colossians 1:24-2:1-5 & Isaiah 46-47

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Hebrews 2:10-18 & Lamentations 4-5



WEDNESDAY 9

FOREVER IN SAFETY



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).

Our opening verse implies that anyone who believes in Jesus Christ is severed from perishing. The offer of salvation and promise of eternal life through faith in Christ Jesus is open to every man, woman, boy and girl in this world—regardless of their background, nationality or past actions.

Also, notice the phrase, "should not perish"; it's a legal expression: God has enacted a law that anybody who believes in Jesus should not perish. Let the words of Jesus in this verse always come to your mind. Every so often, declare, "I believe in Jesus Christ, and there's an order, a law enacted by God that I should never perish. Therefore, now and forever, everywhere I find myself, I'm in safety; I'm separated from perishing!"

The psalmist tells us, "***A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked***" (Psalm 91:7-8). The Amplified

Classic renders it even more beautifully: ***“A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand, but it shall not come near you. Only a spectator shall you be [yourself inaccessible in the secret place of the Most High] as you witness the reward of the wicked.”***

It doesn't matter how strong the flood is, or how fierce the fire may be. It doesn't matter the weapons fashioned against you; you've been separated from everything that hurts or binds. No wonder Jesus said, ***“...nothing shall by any means hurt you”*** (Luke 10:19). There's a law of the Spirit to that effect!

You've been detached from the debilitating effects and corrupting influences of this world, from the things that ruin men's lives, because you're in Christ. In Him, you're in safety forever because your life is hidden with Christ in God (Colossians 3:3). Hallelujah!

CONFESSION

Blessed be God! My life is hid with Christ in God! I'm detached from the destructive forces of this world, severed from perishing because I believe in Jesus Christ. I walk in blessings, divine protection, joy, and peace, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

John 10:28; Romans 8:1; Isaiah 43:2

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Colossians 2:6-23 & Isaiah 48-49

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Hebrews 3:1-11 & Ezekiel 1-2



THURSDAY 10

PLEAD THE CAUSE OF THE NATIONS



Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified (Isaiah 43:26).

Many nations have been entangled in unjust debts and bondage over the years, and as such, can't free themselves because there are forces of darkness that are working against them. There're many under oppressive financial systems, who constantly see their financial value deplete before their eyes as their assets become worthless. All these are man-made, but instigated by spiritual forces.

Except we stand in the gap and use the Name of Jesus Christ to break the power and influence of Satan over these nations and peoples, nothing will change. We're the only ones who can stop them. We have to use the Name of Jesus to confront and dismantle the works of Satan, and effect a change. We must plead the cause of the nations.

Isaiah 43:26 calls us to "put [God] in remembrance" and "plead our cause." The Revised Standard Version (RSV) says, "***Put me in remembrance, let us argue together; set forth your case, that you may be proved right.***" The Amplified Classic echoes the same truth: "***Put me in remembrance [remind me of your merits]; let us plead and argue together. Set forth your case, that you may be justified (proved right).***"

In the Septuagint, Isaiah 1:18 reads, "***...Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD....***" The

Message Translation puts it even more plainly: **“Come, sit down. Let us argue this out.”** This is what we do in intercessory prayer; it’s an argumentative prayer. It requires us to stand in the gap, to present strong reasons why things must happen the way we want them to, in the nations of the world.

The nations of the world shouldn’t be under the pangs of hardships, pain, terrorism, or artificial food shortage. The nations shouldn’t be entangled in unjust debts or oppressive systems; that’s why we must be as earnest and passionate as possible about their causes. As we pray for them, there’ll be legal victories for all such nations. So in your times of prayer, plead the cause of the nations; declare that the will of the Lord prevails in the nations and they’re extricated from oppressive treaties and detrimental associations. Take this seriously.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I pray for leaders of nations who have been subjected to unjust debts and detrimental treaties, that they are immediately liberated from such callous treaties. Thank you for granting them the courage and wisdom to make the right decisions and take the right actions that extricate their nations and people from the economic and political bondage imposed by wicked and unreasonable systems and individuals, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Isaiah 41:21; Isaiah 1:18 AMPC; James 5:16

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Colossians 3:1-4:1 & Isaiah 50-51

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Hebrews 3:12-19 & Ezekiel 3



FRIDAY 11

THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS A NAME



Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost (Matthew 28:19).

Many think that the Holy Spirit, who is the third person of the Godhead, doesn't have a name or that "Holy Spirit" is His Name. But no; He does have a name. "Holy Spirit" is the description of His personality, not His name. To say "Holy Spirit" is His name is like you saying your name is "human being"; that doesn't reveal your personal name. So, calling Him Holy Ghost or Holy Spirit" doesn't tell us His name.

Let me clarify this further. The Father also has a name; "Father" is a title, not a name. for example, your biological father's name isn't "Daddy"; Daddy or "father" only describes his position, function or role, not his individual identity. Similarly, the Holy Spirit has a name that goes beyond the description of His person, role or position, and that name is Jesus.

The Holy Spirit responds to the name of Jesus. It's important that you understand this. If you want the Holy Spirit to do something, you don't say, "Holy Spirit, do this or do that"; it's useless because there's no place in the entire Bible where we're instructed to tell the Holy Spirit to do something. Instead, the Holy Spirit moves and works in response to the Name of Jesus.

When you call upon the Name of Jesus, the Holy Spirit manifests the presence of Jesus. This is because Jesus is currently seated on the throne and has remained there since His ascension; but when you call His name,

the Holy Spirit moves into operation. Even the Father; He also responds to the Name of Jesus. The Name of Jesus is the name of the Godhead.

Recall what we read in our opening verse: ***"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."*** In carrying out this instruction, the Apostles baptised people in the Name of Jesus. We do the same today. Hallelujah! The Bible says of Jesus, ***"For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell"*** (Colossians 1:16-19).

Take advantage of this truth today; when you call upon the Name of Jesus, it's through the Holy Ghost that the presence and power of Jesus are manifested. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for the revelation of the power in the Name of Jesus. As I call upon the Name of Jesus, the presence of the Holy Ghost is activated in my life, bringing divine intervention and miracles. I live triumphantly every day, knowing that Jesus, the joy of heaven, resides in me and that through His Name, I experience the glory and power of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

John 14:26; Philippians 2:9-11; John 16:23-24

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Colossians 4:2-18 & Isaiah 52-53

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Hebrews 4:1-16 & Ezekiel 4



SATURDAY 12

IT'S NOT A FANTASY



Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed (1 Corinthians 15:51-52).

The Rapture of the Church is going to happen suddenly, any time soon, and I hope you're getting yourself ready. People will be going about their daily routines and then, suddenly, as quickly as you can blink your eyes, everyone who's born again will check out of this world. That's how fast it will be!

Look at the description in 1 Thessalonians 4:16: ***"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first."*** There'll be two trumpet sounds; the first sound, only Christians who have died will hear and come back to life. Then, the second trumpet sound will follow, which is the last one. At the sound of that last trumpet, the Bible says, "Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air."

The Lord will descend from heaven, but He won't touch down on the earth; instead, He will wait in the air,

and we will be caught up to meet Him. All this will happen in a moment. We will be transformed from terrestrial to celestial beings, and then we're gone; out of this world.

Imagine the headlines after we're out of here: "They are gone!" The media will be in chaos, trying to find answers and figure out where we've disappeared to. But the answers are in the Bible. At that moment, those who'd be left behind would realize what a terrible mistake they had made for not believing in Jesus.

Now is the time to serve the Lord passionately and love Him with all your heart. Everything we leave behind; all the material possessions, the gold, diamonds, trinkets, credit cards, houses, money, etc., that wasn't used for the Gospel prior to that time, will all become meaningless. This is not a fantasy; it's a reality that's going to happen, and it could happen at any moment.

Live in readiness, with your heart set on things above, and not on the fleeting treasures of this world. Live your best, and be your best for Jesus Christ, steadfast and unmoveable, diligently doing the work of the Lord.

CONFESSION

My heart is focused on the Lord and His soon return; therefore I live in readiness, doing the work of the Lord with faith, hope and love. I'm empowered by the Spirit to share the Gospel and prepare others for the Rapture. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Matthew 24:42; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 AMPC

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

1 Thessalonians 1-2:1-16 & Isaiah 54-56

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Hebrews 5:1-14 & Ezekiel 5-6



SUNDAY 13

THE LAW COULDN'T PRODUCE LIFE



Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses (Acts 13:38-39).

Before Jesus came, there was the Law of Moses, not for the whole world, but for Israel. Under the Law, you had to obey it to be blessed by God; righteousness was achievable only by obeying all the Law. But according to the book of Hebrews, there was no law that could give life, neither could men fully obey all the law: ***"For on the one hand, there is an annulling of the former commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness, for the law made nothing perfect; on the other hand, there is the bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God"*** (Hebrews 7:18-19 NKJV).

Additionally, Hebrews 8:7 NKJV says, ***"For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second."*** Thus, the Law could not set men free. In Galatians 3:21 NKJV, the Apostle Paul tells us that the Law couldn't give life; it lacked the power to produce righteousness: ***"Is the law then against the promises of God? Certainly not! For if there had been a law given which could have given life, truly righteousness would have been by the law."***

In Romans 8:3 NKJV, he further explains what was faulty about the law: ***"For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh."*** God had to replace the old covenant with a better covenant: ***"But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises"*** (Hebrews 8:6 NKJV).

This new covenant was made when Jesus came and paid the ultimate sacrifice with His divine blood. Because of that ultimate sacrifice, Jesus gave us His righteousness. Romans 3:21-22 declares, ***"But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference."*** Hallelujah! Through Him (Jesus Christ), we've been justified from all things from which we couldn't be justified by the Law of Moses. Blessed be God!

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for the gift of Jesus Christ, who paid the ultimate price for my sins and granted me His righteousness. I rejoice in the good news of the Gospel, knowing that I am justified, free from all guilt because of His sacrifice. I live in this reality every day, sharing this truth with others and walking in the fullness of your blessings, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Romans 8:1-2; Galatians 2:16; Hebrews 8:6

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:1-13 & Isaiah 57-58

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Hebrews 6:1-10 & Ezekiel 7



MONDAY 14

HE PAID IN FULL FOR EVERYBODY



Therefore let it be known to you, brethren that through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins (Acts 13:38 NKJV).

The word "forgiveness" in the verse above is more accurately translated "remission," meaning the removal of sins. The ensuing verse 39 NKJV says, ***"and by Him everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the Law of Moses."*** What does it mean to be justified?

It means to be declared righteous, to be declared not guilty. Through Jesus Christ, we've been acquitted of all accusations. You've been absolved of all guilt; no charges against you. It's for the same reason that the Bible says there's therefore now no judgement or condemnation for the one who's in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:1).

Consider this: if you owed me some money, and someone else came and paid the debt for you, I would cancel the debt because it was paid on your behalf. The person who paid didn't owe me anything; you were the one who owed me, but he came and settled your debt. Now, would it be right for me to claim that you still owe me? Of course not! Even though you didn't pay by yourself, someone else came and paid for you. The moment he paid, you became free.

In the same way, when Jesus paid for our sins, God

cancelled the debt, and said, "You're justified!" What does that mean? It means you've been discharged and acquitted; no charges against you. So, when we preach the Gospel, we tell the world, "You don't have to struggle to be righteous; you don't have to struggle to qualify for God's blessings; all you need is to embrace what Jesus has done.

Accept His redemptive sacrifice in your behalf and stay in Him. Everything He did was for you. He was wounded for you; He died for you; He was buried for you. He went to hell for you, so that you don't have to go to hell. He was raised from the dead for you, with a new life. Now that you're born again, you have the same life with which He was raised from the dead. Walk in the consciousness of this new life: ***"Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life"*** (Romans 6:4).

PRAYER

Righteous Father, I thank you for the sacrifice of Jesus in my behalf by which I've been made righteous. I walk in, and manifest your righteousness. I'm washed, sanctified, glorified, and justified, walking in newness of life, and in the light of my righteousness in Christ. Hallelujah!

FURTHER STUDY:

Romans 3:24; Romans 3:21; Romans 5:3-5

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

1 Thessalonians 4:1-18 & Isaiah 59-60

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Hebrews 6:11-20 & Ezekiel 8-9

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TUESDAY 15

BORN WITH THE DIVINE LIFE



Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever (1 Peter 1:23).

Many haven't fully grasped who a Christian is; they think a Christian is a mere follower of Jesus Christ; no! A Christian is someone who's born of the Word and has the life of the Word. James 1:18 NKJV says, ***"Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures."*** Recall what the Bible says concerning Jesus, ***"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us..."*** (John 1:14 NKJV); we were also born in the realm of the Spirit of the same Word.

When you received the Word of God—the Gospel of Jesus Christ—into your spirit, the life that He promised was imparted to your spirit. From that moment, you were awakened to the fatherhood of God. The nature of death ceased, and the life of God took on its operation in your spirit. You became one nature with God. This helps you understand why the Bible says we're partakers of the divine nature—associates of the Godkind: ***"Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature,***

having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust” (2 Peter 1:4).

1 John 5:11-12 says, ***“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.”*** Life here is the divine life, the God-life; it supplanted your human life when you were born again. The life inside you isn’t the same as the one inside your next-door neighbour who isn’t a Christian. Outwardly, you may look the same, but the life in you is divine; impregnable, indestructible, and indomitable.

1 John 4:4, ***“Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.”*** The phrase, “Ye are of God” means you hail from God, your origin is divine, and so is your life. Blessed be God!

CONFESSION

I’m born of God’s incorruptible seed—the Word—therefore, I have the life of the Word and walk in the consciousness of my divine nature. The divine life in me has made me indomitable, indestructible, and superior to Satan, circumstances and the elements of this world. I am victorious, and fully manifest your glory every day and in every place, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Romans 6:4; Colossians 3:1-3; Galatians 2:20

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

1 Thessalonians 5:1-28 & Isaiah 61-63

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Hebrews 7:1-10 & Ezekiel 10-11



WEDNESDAY 16

THE RESURRECTION BROUGHT US JUSTIFICATION



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

The Bible says in Romans 4:25 that Jesus Christ was delivered for our offences, that is, He died on account of our sins, and was raised back to life for our justification. 1 Timothy 3:16 says He was justified in the Spirit. Why did He have to be justified in the Spirit? The reason is that He was made sin for us, as read in our opening scripture. He became the very embodiment of sin.

This is truly astounding because the Bible doesn't merely say that Jesus was made a sinner or a sin offering but that He was made sin. This means the very character and nature of sin were placed on Jesus. He became the very embodiment of what we were; our nature of sin was what He became.

Until you understand this, you won't understand the life of the new creation and how indeed, we became the righteousness of God in Christ. Think about it: The one who knew no sin, who was never involved in sin; He never spoke an unkind word or said the wrong thing; that sinless one was made sin for us, so that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. Wow!

After taking on our nature, and the punishment for our sin, He was raised from the dead with a new life. And

according to the Bible, we were raised together with Him (Ephesians 2:6). When He was raised back to life, God said, **"...Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee"** (Psalm 2:7, Acts 13:33). This is crucial because it marked when Jesus was born again; He was born again when God raised Him from the dead.

By His resurrection, therefore, we were also resurrected, because we were in Him. His was a vital resurrection, and ours was a legal one. But the moment you received Jesus Christ as Lord, this legal resurrection became a vital experience in your spirit. You were immediately brought out of the domain of darkness and catapulted into the Kingdom of God's Love-Son, with legal righteousness; you were justified. His resurrection brought us justification: **"Who was betrayed and put to death because of our misdeeds and was raised to secure our justification (our acquittal), [making our account balance and absolving us from all guilt before God]"** (Romans 4:25 AMPC). Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Blessed Father, I rejoice, knowing that the Lord Jesus was raised for my justification—my acquittal. Now I've been declared not guilty, and made righteous in Christ Jesus. I live with the consciousness of my divine nature, celebrating my sin-free life in Christ, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Romans 4:25; Colossians 3:3; Ephesians 2:6

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

2 Thessalonians 1:1-12 & Isaiah 64-66

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Hebrews 7:11-28 & Ezekiel 12-13



THURSDAY 17

THE SUFFERINGS ENDED WITH CHRIST



Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow (1 Peter 1:10-11).

The prophets of old, inspired by the Holy Spirit, testified of the sufferings of Christ and the glory that should follow. Christ already suffered, which means we're now in the days of His glory. You don't need to suffer or think that suffering should be a part of your life. The suffering ended with Jesus. He suffered for you to have the transcendent life.

2 Corinthians 5:21 says, ***“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”*** 2 Corinthians 8:9 says, ***“For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.”*** No Christian needs to suffer any more in sickness, disease, penury and defeat. You don't need to “pay” any additional

price outside what Christ already paid for you to enjoy an extraordinary life and be all that God ordained you to be.

God loves you, and He has qualified you to be a partaker of the inheritance of the saints in light. It's your heritage in Christ to live your best to the glory of God. He didn't create you to suffer. When Jesus hung on the Cross, He said, "**...It is finished...**" (John 19:30). He announced the end to suffering for all humanity. Today, anyone who believes in Him and accepts His vicarious sacrifice is automatically ushered into the life of glory. No wonder Peter, by the Spirit, said in 2 Peter 1:3 that we've been called to glory and virtue. Hallelujah!

His sacrifice was enough. He came, lived and died; He was buried and raised back to life, and He ascended. Now He's seated in the place of dominion, power and great glory; and we're seated together with Him. All He wants now is for you to enjoy the glory that resulted from His suffering. There's nothing more you need to do beyond what He already did. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for the glorious life you have brought me into in Christ. I rejoice in the knowledge that I now live in the glory that followed the sufferings of Christ. I walk in health, prosperity, victory, and manifest your power, love and the fullness of your grace, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

2 Corinthians 3:18; Romans 8:30; 2 Peter 1:3

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

2 Thessalonians 2:1-17 & Jeremiah 1-2

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Hebrews 8:1-13 & Ezekiel 14-15



FRIDAY 18

HIS TIMING IS PERFECT



The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9).

The Bible talks about some who scoff and mock at the truth: ***"...in the last days there will come scoffers who will do every wrong they can think of and laugh at the truth"*** (2 Peter 3:3 TLB). For example, they mockingly ask, "Jesus promised to come back; we've been hearing that for generations, where is He? He'll never come!"

They fail to realize that God's sense of time is not like ours. Take 2 Peter 3:8 as an example; Peter reminds us not to be ignorant of one crucial truth: ***"But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day."*** When God communicates a message to you in a certain way and then repeats it in reverse, He's emphasizing that these are not exaggerations or generic statements. What He's indicating is that, in prophetic language, a day can represent a thousand years, and a

thousand years can be like one day.

The reason Jesus hasn't come isn't that God is "delaying," or that He forgot He said Jesus would come. Rather, He's being patient. He's not willing that anyone should perish but wants everyone to come to repentance. How gracious the Lord is! 2 Peter 3:15 further emphasizes this; it says for us to account, reckon, that the longsuffering (patience) of our Lord is for the salvation of men.

The delay is directly tied to God's desire for salvation. Every moment He waits is another opportunity for someone to turn to Him and be saved. This understanding should stir your heart to share the Gospel with urgency, knowing that God's timing is perfect, and His patience is an extension of His love.

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for your patience, giving people all over the world the opportunity to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth as it's in the Gospel. May the message of the Gospel, like never before, have free course, and salvation spread into every corner of the earth, unhindered, until the full numbers of the Gentiles come in, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

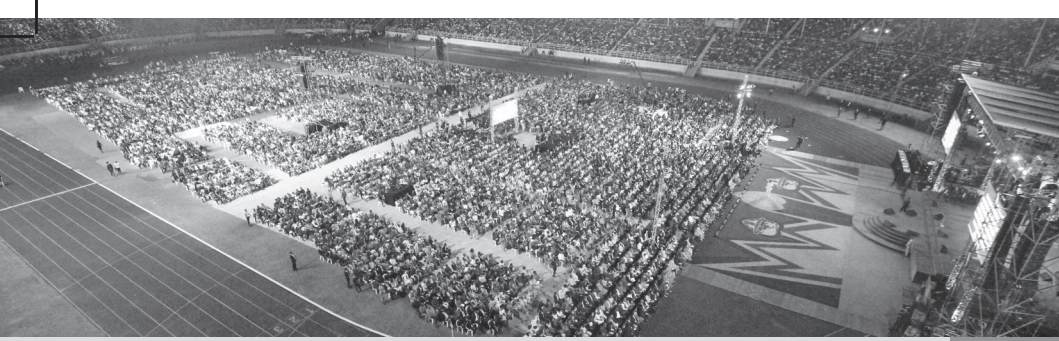
2 Peter 3:9; Hebrews 10:37; Matthew 24:14

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

2 Thessalonians 3:1-18 & Jeremiah 3-4

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Hebrews 9:1-10 & Ezekiel 16



SATURDAY 19

THE INGATHERING OF THE GENTILES



For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in (Romans 11:25).

In Romans 11:22-25, Paul speaks about the Jews and Gentiles in a broad sense, and how God's plan of salvation unfolds for both groups. In verse 24 (NKJV), he uses the metaphor of an olive tree to describe this process: ***“For if you were cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, who are natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?”***

Israel, as a nation, is currently experiencing "blindness in part" concerning salvation. This doesn't mean that every individual Jew is blind to the Gospel. In fact, many Jews have believed in Jesus Christ since the day of Pentecost, including all the apostles, who were Jews themselves. The book of Acts records that multitudes of Jews—multitudes of men and women accepted Jesus as their Saviour, but not yet as a nation. That, however, will eventually happen.

Back to what we read earlier; observe that it says

“...blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in.” What does this mean? The Amplified Classic provides further clarity: ***“Lest you be self-opinionated [wise in your own conceits], I do not want you to miss this hidden truth and mystery, brethren: a hardening [insensibility] has [temporarily] befallen a part of Israel [to last] until the full number of the ingathering of the Gentiles has come in.”***

Sequel to our study yesterday, again we see that there’s a full, definite number of sinners all over the world that God is waiting for us to reach with the Gospel—those who must believe and come to Jesus Christ. That’s what He’s waiting for. Once that full number is attained, the Trumpet will sound; the Rapture will take place.

This understanding should get you excited and to be diligent in winning souls, knowing that every soul that comes to Christ brings us closer to the fulfilment of God’s plan and the Rapture of the Church.

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for your grace for salvation that’s been poured out all over the world. Souls are being won to Christ in large numbers as your children preach the Gospel in their world and in regions beyond. The veil of darkness is removed, and a full number of the ingathering of the Gentiles is coming in, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

1 Timothy 2:3-4; Matthew 24:14; Romans 11:5

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

1 Timothy 1:1-20 & Jeremiah 5-6

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Hebrews 9:11-28 & Ezekiel 17



SUNDAY 20

A GLOBAL HARVEST



And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature (Mark 16:15).

We've learnt in our last two studies that God has a definite number of souls that must be won before the return of the Master. There's a divine urgency in the Spirit to gather the harvest. Who knows when that last person will believe? The time is drawing near, and we must preach the Gospel around the world with greater fervency and conviction than ever before.

We must reach every soul; the mandate is to reach them all. Romans 11:25 AMPC talks about **"...the full number of the ingathering of the Gentiles..."**; this is more than people merely hearing the Gospel; it's about bringing in the harvest; leading people to a personal decision to accept Christ as their Lord and Savior.

We're in the season of the greatest harvest the world has ever seen. The most exciting time for a farmer is harvest time, and spiritually, this is our harvest time. Souls are being won all over the world, and it's happening fast; the Holy Spirit is moving mightily.

If you've not been passionately involved in soul winning, it's time to realign your priorities; get busy with soul winning. You'd discover now, more than ever, it's easy to win souls. The Holy Spirit is doing the work. All

you need to do is open your mouth, and He will fill it with the right words. The power of God will flow through you to your listeners, and they will hear the Word, believe, and be saved. These are exciting times!

The fields are ripe for harvest, and as the labourers, we must be diligent. It's part of the reasons we're taking active and daring steps to make sure everyone on earth receives God's Word during the upcoming ReachOut World Day on December 2nd 2024. Make sure to join us in spreading the transformative message of God's love to every corner of the globe through the distribution of Rhapsody of Realities.

The time is now; reach out to those around you and be bold in sharing the Gospel with them. The ingathering is happening, and we must be part of this divine mandate to cover the earth with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. Let's reach them all and bring them into the Kingdom.

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for the privilege of being co-labourers with you in this great harvest, as Christians all over the world are filled with the urgency, boldness and wisdom to reach out to the lost and bring them into the Kingdom. The Holy Spirit grants us the strategies to share the Gospel effectively, for them to know the truth and be saved, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Matthew 9:37-38; Matthew 24:14; Acts 1:8

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

1 Timothy 2:1-15 & Jeremiah 7-8

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Hebrews 10:1-18 & Ezekiel 18-19



MONDAY 21

BELIEVE AND ACT



By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned (Hebrews 11:29).

When Moses and the children of Israel were in front of the Red Sea, Moses began to pray to God for help. But God interrupted him with a command: ***"Then the Lord said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground"*** (Exodus 14:15-16, NIV).

God instructed Moses to act; it was a moment of action for Moses. It wasn't time to "wait" for God to do something but for Moses to stretch out his hand over the sea and divide it, which he did, leading to the miraculous parting of the Red Sea. Imagine if Moses had started questioning, "Lord, where will the water go? It's water; it has to flow somewhere."

But the Bible shows us what happened to the water in a song of praise sung by Moses and the Israelites after

their miraculous deliverance from the Egyptians at the Red Sea. The waters piled up; it stood up like a wall: ***"By the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up. The surging waters stood up like a wall; the deep waters congealed in the heart of the sea"*** (Exodus 15:8 NIV).

When you believe, don't ask too many questions; act! Act on the Word. When doubts arise, shake them off and declare, "All things are possible to me because I believe." Speak God's truths. Utter words of faith—words inspired in you by the Holy Spirit and watch God move. Faith is a leap on the Word; you take your step on the basis of what God has said and refuse to be moved by contrary and opposing circumstances. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for your Word that builds my faith and strengthens my spirit. I refuse to be moved by circumstances, for I walk by faith, not by sight. With the power of the Holy Spirit, I subdue the forces and elements of this world; I'm triumphant always and in every place, impacting my world with the blessings of the Gospel of Christ, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Mark 11:23; Hebrews 11:29 AMPC; Isaiah 43:19

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

1 Timothy 3:1-16 & Jeremiah 9-10

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Hebrews 10:19-39 & Ezekiel 20



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TUESDAY 22

THE PRINCIPLE IS TO ASK AND RECEIVE



...before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear (Isaiah 65:24 NIV).

God already knows what's in your heart. He knows your thoughts and knows the future. He knows everything; before you pray. Jesus said, **"...For your Father knows what you need before you ask Him"** (Matthew 6:8 NIV). So why then do we pray? We pray because God established prayer as a means of fellowship between man and God. It's spiritual.

There're spiritual principles that'll never be broken. For example, why don't we walk in the air? It's because God established that we walk on the ground by the law of gravity. That's God's choice, and it'll be unwise to question it. So, if God says prayer is necessary, then we must pray.

He said men ought always to pray and not to give up (Luke 18:1). He told us to study the Word, so we do. He told us to walk in the light of His Word; therefore, we must do that. There're things God has determined, and they're fixed. Our blessing comes from walking in the light that He has given us.

Since He told us to pray, we're not supposed to say, "Lord, since you know my mind, I'll just stay quiet." The principle is, **"...Ask, and it shall be given you; seek,**

and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you" (Luke 11:9). It didn't stop there; it says in the 10th verse, ***"For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened."***

He didn't say everyone who "thinks in his mind" shall receive; no. The principle is, "Ask and receive;" we have to operate within its ambits. Consider in the Old Testament; after all the beautiful blessings God promised and had in store for the children of Israel (read Ezekiel 36:21-36), He ended by telling them they'd have to pray: ***"...I will yet for this be enquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them; I will increase them with men like a flock*** (Ezekiel 36:37).

Thank God for the privilege and opportunity of prayer through which we cause the will of the Father to be established in our lives, in the earth, and in the lives of men. Glory to God!

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for the privilege of prayer that allows me to partner with you in establishing your will in the earth. As I walk in the light of your Word, your glory is manifested in my life; and I rejoice in the assurance that my prayers are effective, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Matthew 7:7; Jeremiah 33:3; James 5:16

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

1 Timothy 4:1-16 & Jeremiah 11-12

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Hebrews 11:1-16 & Ezekiel 21



WEDNESDAY 23

YOU DON'T NEED TESTIMONY FROM DEMONS



And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us... The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation. And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour (Acts 16:16-18).

From what we just read, someone might wonder, why was Paul grieved, wasn't the girl telling the truth? Paul and his companions were indeed servants of the most high God, and that's what the girl was chanting. Well, Paul perceived that she was speaking by an evil spirit, that's why he was grieved, turned to the girl and commanded the evil spirit to come out of her in the Name of Jesus, and she was instantly free.

The girl's words might have been factual, but we don't need the testimony from demons to tell us who we are. It brings to mind the words of Jesus in John 5:34, **"But I receive not testimony from man: but these things I say, that ye might be saved"** (John 5:34). The Lord didn't need human approval, let alone the testimony of demons. Mark 1:23-25 says, **"And there was in their synagogue**

a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God. And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him."

The Father had already testified of Jesus, and His works also bore witness to His divine mission (John 5:36-37).

Likewise, Paul understood that no testimony from demons, even if factual, was acceptable. Some people might feel a sense of pride or validation if a demon were to recognize their spiritual authority. However, we must understand that our validation comes from Christ, not from the acknowledgement of men or demons.

When the girl declared, "These men are the servants of the most high God," it was not a godly declaration but a deceptive act of the devil hiding behind her voice. Paul's anger wasn't from a human point of view; rather, he was spiritually grieved. This is why he commanded the spirit to come out of her. You must also reject any voice of the devil that pretends to speak for God, and cast them out when they manifest themselves.

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for the authority we have in Christ Jesus. I stand firm in the truth of your Word, led by your Spirit always to discern every deceptive voice and reject anything that is not from you. My validation is from Christ alone, and I exercise his authority with boldness and wisdom, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Mark 1:23-25; Luke 4:41; 1 John 4:1

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

1 Timothy 5:1-25 & Jeremiah 13-14

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Hebrews 11:17-40 & Ezekiel 22



THURSDAY 24

WE PRODUCE FRUITS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS



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

We are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. This statement is so powerful and it's absolutely important that every child of God understands it. This verse clearly states that you're called to produce fruits of righteousness (Philippians 1:9-11), and manifest works of righteousness. You display the virtues and perfections of Him that called you out of darkness into His marvellous light.

The Lord Jesus, in John 15:1-5, reveals that He is the Vine, and we are His branches. That means we're the fruit-bearing part of the Vine. Christ is the head, and we are members of His Body, with the same quality of life as the Lord Himself. Hallelujah! What does that make you? A solution package, a problem-solver. Think about Jesus: everywhere He went in Bible days, multitudes thronged Him. They came to Him with their catalogue of problems, and He solved their problems and met their needs. He was

the solution they needed.

The Bible says as He is, so are we in this world (1 John 4:17). Therefore, when you come into a place, it makes no difference what trouble may have been there prior to your arrival, you come in as the righteousness of God and there're answers and solutions. You produce fruits and works of righteousness. You bring God's truth into every situation.

So, whether on the street corner, or in your office, at home, school, or place of business, you're the expression of the righteousness of God. Your ministry is to produce the righteousness of God everywhere and bring the rightness of God into every matter.

CONFESSION

I'm called to produce fruits of righteousness, displaying the virtues and perfections of Christ in every situation. I'm a problem solver. I bring the truth and rightness of God into every matter. I walk confidently in God's preordained path for me, the path of glory and righteousness, showing forth His virtues and perfections, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Romans 5:17; Philippians 1:11; 1 Peter 2:9

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

1 Timothy 6:1-21 & Jeremiah 15-16

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Hebrews 12:1-13 & Ezekiel 23



FRIDAY 25

AUTHORITY RESTORED



For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous (Romans 5:19).

In Matthew 4:8-9, we read the account where the devil tempted Jesus by offering Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, on the condition that Jesus would bow down and worship him. The devil was not merely offering wealth or power, he was calling for worship, demanding that Jesus acknowledge his authority over the world.

To understand this, let's examine the same account in Luke 4:5-7, where the devil shows Jesus all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time and says, **"...All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will, I give it"** (Luke 4:6). The devil claimed that all the power and glory of the world were delivered to him, but how did he get it? Certainly, God didn't give it to him!

To answer this, let's read Paul's apologia in 1 Timothy 2:14: **"And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression."** Eve was deceived by the devil, but Adam wasn't. Adam wilfully chose to disobey God and obey Satan. This act of treason against God is what led to the fall of man. Adam's wilful

disobedience resulted in the loss of the dominion God had given him over the earth. ***“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned”*** (Romans 5:12).

By yielding to Satan, Adam effectively handed over his God-given authority to the devil, making Satan the "god of this world" (2 Corinthians 4:4). Satan became the ruler of the world systems, taking dominion over the earth; a role intended for Adam.

But thanks be unto God! Jesus, through His death, burial and resurrection, reclaimed the dominion and delivered it back to us. His vicarious sacrifice and restoration in our behalf was the ultimate victory through which the power of Satan was broken, and the authority of Christ was established forever in, and through His Church. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for the victory I have in Christ Jesus. I rejoice in the knowledge that through His sacrifice, the authority lost by Adam has been restored to us in Christ. I walk in this victory every day, knowing that I've been translated into the Kingdom of your Love-Son, enjoying the glorious liberty of the saints in light, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Genesis 3:15; Colossians 2:15; 1 John 3:8

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

2 Timothy 1:1-18 & Jeremiah 17-18

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Hebrews 12:14-29 & Ezekiel 24



SATURDAY 26

OLD TESTAMENT REFLECTIONS ON THE RAPTURE



Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead (Isaiah 26:19).

The opening verse offers us a profound glimpse of what will happen at the Rapture. To gain further clarity, let's refer to the Septuagint: ***“The dead shall rise, and they that are in the tombs shall be raised, and there in the earth shall rejoice: for the dew from thee is healing to them: but the land of the ungodly shall perish.”*** In verse 20, the instruction is given: ***“Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast.”***

The "indignation" refers to God's wrath, a period of judgment that the Bible says would be for three and a half years, as mentioned in the Book of Daniel and the Book of Revelation. This period is part of a seven-year timeframe when God resumes His dealings with the children of Israel, known as the 70th week of Daniel's prophecy; these are weeks of years. Meaning that each week is seven years.

We're currently in the interval between the 69th week and the 70th week. Between the 69th week, which includes the death of the Messiah, and the 70th week, the Church comes in.

During the tribulation period, the children of Israel will flee to Edom and Moab. However, these regions are not the "chambers" referred to in the prophecy. Edom and Moab will provide refuge, but they do not represent a place of rest or safety. Instead, this period will be a time of Jacob's trouble, not a time of rest.

The phrase "enter thou into thy chambers" mentioned in Isaiah 26:20 refer to the rapture of the Church to heaven, a concept that was a mystery and thus not easily understood in the Old Testament. But these prophetic mysteries were revealed by Paul, who was given this special ministry to the church, and clarified aspects of prophecy that had been previously unknown. Praise God!

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for the revelation of the Rapture and the mysteries of your Word. I rejoice in the assurance that I'll be caught up to meet you in the air, escaping the wrath to come. I'm strengthened to live in the light of this truth. Thank you for including us in your glorious and eternal plan for mankind, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; 1 Corinthians 15:51-52;
Daniel 9:24-27

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

2 Timothy 2:1-26 & Jeremiah 19-22

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Hebrews 13:1-25 & Ezekiel 25-26



SUNDAY 27

PRESENT YOUR STRONG REASONS



Produce your cause, saith the LORD; bring forth your strong reasons, saith the King of Jacob (Isaiah 41:21).

Luke 7:1-7 tells a remarkable story about a centurion and his servant. Jesus had just finished teaching the people and entered Capernaum where a centurion's servant was gravely ill, almost at the point of death. The centurion, deeply concerned for his servant, sent Jewish elders to beseech the Master to come and heal his servant.

When the elders approached the Master, He didn't immediately go with them until they gave Him compelling reasons why the centurion was worthy of His attention: ***"And when they came to Jesus, they besought him instantly, saying, That he was worthy for whom he should do this: For he loveth our nation, and he hath built us a synagogue. Then Jesus went with them..."*** (Luke 7:4-6).

Notice the underlined part; the Lord only agreed to go with them to heal the centurion's servant after they presented their strong reasons. This further illustrates the principle found in Isaiah 41:21, where God challenges the children of Israel to bring forth their strong reasons. This is something we take advantage of when interceding for others: we present our requests with strong, heartfelt

reasons. We take God's Word back to Him as the basis for our arguments, why what we're asking for has to be done, because it's in line with His Word.

Remember what the prophet said, ***“Take with you words, and turn to the LORD: say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously: so will we render the calves of our lips”*** (Hosea 14:2). So in prayer, you go with compelling words, God's Word concerning the situation you're dealing with. The elders we referenced earlier presented their strong reasons effectively; their arguments were based on the centurion's genuine love and significant acts of kindness, showing that with compelling reasons you can influence divine actions. Write down your arguments; present your reasons thoughtfully, with strong convictions and you'll always prevail. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Dear Father, you want all peoples to be saved and come to the knowledge of the Truth. Therefore, I pray for those who haven't yet received Jesus as Lord, that today, as your children preach your Word, all over the world, the light of the glorious Gospel will shine brightly without restrictions, dispelling darkness, and ushering many into the glorious liberty of the sons of God, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

James 5:16; Luke 11:5-10; Matthew 7:7-8

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

2 Timothy 3:1-17 & Jeremiah 23-25

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

James 1:1-27 & Ezekiel 27



MONDAY 28

PREACH HIS LOVE AND GOODNESS



Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance (Romans 2:4).

When we preach the Gospel, what exactly are we preaching? The Gospel is good news—the availability of the righteousness of God. Jesus didn't come to condemn the world. The Bible says, ***"For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved"*** (John 3:17). So what did Jesus tell us to do? He said, "Preach the Gospel!"

We're to tell the world how good, gracious and kind God is; He's not the God of judgement, but the God of love. So, preach His love. I remember when I used to go for crusades with the movie, titled, **"Burning Hell."** It scared people to repentance, but only for a while. The fear didn't last because it was based on emotion, not true repentance. It's the goodness of God that leads men to repentance, not the judgement of God.

When people hear about the goodness of God, they're

moved to come out of their darkness. Think about Noah; he preached about the coming judgement for years, but how many people repented and entered the Ark with him? It was only his family. The same happened with Lot. But when the Apostles preached the Gospel, the good news, nations were changed! Hallelujah!

The Gospel is the message of hope, love, life, and victory in Christ. Of course, there's a hell, and not just hell, there's also the lake of fire where hell itself will be cast into with Satan and all who reject salvation. But blessed be God; no one who believes in Jesus should be afraid of going to hell, because Jesus already went to hell in our behalf. He paid the price, and gave us eternal life so we can live eternally in victory and success. He brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for the Gospel—the good news of your righteousness, love, and grace. I declare that I am a carrier of this message, spreading the light of your goodness wherever I go. Thank you, Lord, for delivering me from the power of darkness and translating me into the kingdom of your dear Son. I rejoice in the victory and eternal life you have given me in Christ Jesus. Hallelujah!

FURTHER STUDY:

2 Peter 3:9; Titus 2:11; 1 Thessalonians 5:9

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

2 Timothy 4:1-22 & Jeremiah 26-28

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

James 2:1-26 & Ezekiel 28



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TUESDAY 29

OUR NEEDS HAVE ALREADY BEEN MET



He who did not withhold or spare [even] His own Son but gave Him up for us all, will He not also with Him freely and graciously give us all [other] things (Romans 8:32 AMPC).

Did you know that as a Christian, it's pointless for you to keep praying for your needs? The privilege and blessing of prayer in the New Testament is that it gives us the opportunity to establish the will of the Father in the earth, not to pray for our needs; our needs have already been met.

Whatever you desire or would ever desire in this world has already been provided for. What you need to learn is how to use the Word of God to appropriate for yourself whatever you require, because ALL things are yours: ***“Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours”*** (1 Corinthians 3:21). That's a present-hour reality; it's not a promise. All things are yours now!

Furthermore, Ephesians 1:3 says, ***“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.”*** Notice that it says you're already blessed with ALL spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ; it includes material blessings too, because the

spiritual gave birth to the physical. The lesser is included in the greater.

The foregoing verses were from the Apostle Paul; what was Peter's mindset on the same subject? Read 2 Peter 1:3 and see the consistency of truth. It says, ***“According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness....”*** Think about it; that covers everything! Can you see why your life should be one of unending praise and thanksgiving to the Lord?

Someone might say, “Well, these are beautiful scriptures, but I don't experience life that way.” That's because you have chosen to look at life from your experience instead of getting your experience to conform to the Word. That's why you need to learn God's Word, understand it and put it to work, and its blessings will manifest in your life. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for the provisions of the Gospel; I'm confident in all that you've done, and I take my place of dominion, reigning and ruling with you, for I know you've made all things mine. I'm what you say I am; I have all you say I have; and I can do all things in the Name of the Lord Jesus. I'm rich in all things, because I'm a joint-heir with Christ. Praise God!

FURTHER STUDY:

Romans 8:32 MSG; Ephesians 1:3; 2 Peter 1:3

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Titus 1-2 & Jeremiah 29-30

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

James 3:1-18 & Ezekiel 29



WEDNESDAY 30

LOVE NOT THE WORLD



And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the LORD God of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice (1 Kings 11:9).

Though Solomon was a great king and the wisest man that ever lived before Jesus, he didn't quite live His entire life pleasing the Lord. The Bible says he loved many "strange women" and followed their gods. He brought them from nations where God already forbade the children of Israel to marry from.

In 1 Kings 11:2, God said, **"...Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods...."** But the concluding part of that verse says, **"...Solomon clave unto these in love."** As a result, the Lord wasn't pleased with him. Some Christians are that way today. Their closest friends and associates are people of the world. Like Solomon, they cleave to the wrong people and to the wrong associations for the wrong reasons.

Some of them keep these friendships because they help to make them become socially famous or popular. But the Bible says, **"...know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God"** (James 4:4). 1 John 2:15 says, **"Love not the world, neither the**

things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

Solomon chose to become a socially famous king. Read about him; after God's second appearance to him, there's no record of him praying anywhere in the Scriptures. Instead, everything associated with him was social. He was in one meeting or the other, receiving visitors, and attending parties, but no meetings with the Lord.

You have to understand that the people you associate with will become the standard for the things that take your time. These include your interests and the things you love. God said to the children of Israel, ***"...for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods..."*** (1 Kings 11:2). Don't say, "I know myself; they can't influence me"; rather, simply heed God's admonition. He already said concerning unwholesome associations, ***"...come out from among them, and be ye separate..."*** (2 Corinthians 6:17). God knows better than you do. If He tells you the result of taking an action, trust that He's right and follow His Word.

CONFESSION

I'm discerning in my relationships and guided by the wisdom of God to fraternize only with those who honour the Lord and His Word, and have reverence for the things of the Spirit. I prioritize fellowship with the Lord above everything else, and set my heart on the glory and realities of the Kingdom. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

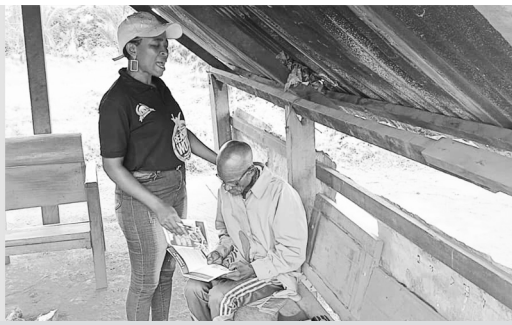
Proverbs 13:20; 1 Corinthians 15:33; 2 Corinthians 6:14

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Titus 3:1-15 & Jeremiah 31-32

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

James 4:1-17 & Ezekiel 30



THURSDAY 31

COVENANT CONFESSIONS



That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation (Romans 10:9-10).

In these verses of scripture, the word “Confession” was translated from the Greek word ‘homologeō’ and it means “to speak the same thing in consent.” ‘Homologeō’ is actually a covenant confession; that is, a confession that is based on agreement. Glory to God!

With respect to the above verses, ‘confession’ means to speak in agreement with God. There are those who only associate the word “confession” with wrong actions or sins. So, they go before the priest to “confess” their sins: “I stole last week; please I want God to forgive me.” But this isn’t what the Bible teaches here about salvation.

Romans 10:9-10 enlightens us that the God-ordained way to be saved is based on covenant confession, not the confession of sins or wrongdoings. Every time you make the right confessions, God responds because your words are based on agreement with His Word. Remember that God made a covenant with Abraham, and the Bible says, **“...if ye be Christ’s, then are ye Abraham’s seed, and**

heirs according to the promise” (Galatians 3:29). That means, even though we’re essentially not in covenant with God, we’re heirs or the beneficiaries of that covenant.

Here’s another scripture where the same Greek word (homologeō) was used. It’s Hebrews 13:15 and it says, **“By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.”** A better rendering of the latter part of this scripture would be “the fruit of our lips, making confessions to His name.”

The term “the fruit of your lips” refers to words coming out of your lips. Here, the Spirit of God through the writer is referring to confessions that are of praise; confessions that carry thanksgiving. Your confession must be based on what’s in the document, which is the Word of God.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I rejoice in the reality that my words, in agreement with your Word, bring about salvation, healing, deliverance, prosperity, abundance and wholeness. I continually offer the sacrifice of praise, making confessions to your Name, knowing that my life is anchored on your truth. I acknowledge and declare that Jesus is Lord over all; He’s the God of all flesh with whom nothing is impossible. Hallelujah!

FURTHER STUDY:

Hebrews 4:14; 2 Corinthians 4:13; Proverbs 18:21

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Philemon 1:1-25 & Jeremiah 33

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

James 5:1-20 & Ezekiel 31

PRAYER OF SALVATION

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

“O Lord God, I believe with all my heart in Jesus Christ, Son of the living God. I believe He died for me and God raised Him from the dead. I believe He’s alive today. I confess with my mouth that Jesus Christ is the Lord of my life from this day. Through Him and in His Name, I have eternal life; I’m born again. Thank you Lord for saving my soul! I’m now a child of God. Hallelujah!”

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“From Still Birth To A Healthy Baby”

My journey with Rhapsody of Realities began at my workplace, where my boss frequently shared his remarkable testimonies about the book. I listened with genuine interest, never doubting his words, yet I hadn't personally faced a situation that demanded such faith. That moment arrived when my wife was pregnant, and we eagerly anticipated our child's birth, until she was diagnosed with a stillbirth. Standing in the hospital, overwhelmed by the news, I lifted my copy of Rhapsody and fervently prayed to God for a miracle, drawing strength from my boss's testimonies. Against all odds, my baby was delivered safely and alive. There's power in Rhapsody. Hallelujah!

-U.K Nigeria

“Healed from HIV”

In 2014, I was diagnosed with HIV; the fear and stigma associated with HIV drove me to excessive intake of alcohol and hard drugs. As the addiction tightened its grip on me, I became depressed. In this dark state of my life, I received a copy of Rhapsody, and I decided to study and pray with it as if it were a prescribed medication. Over time, I became convinced in my spirit that I was healed, so I went back to the hospital for a check, and there was no trace of HIV. Glory be to God!

-M.A Rwanda

“Rhapsody Transformed My Prayer Life!”

Despite being a Christian for many years, I struggled with how to pray effectively. I often wondered how other Christians could pray fervently for long periods. However, my prayer life transformed when I encountered Rhapsody of Realities. I learned how to pray through the confessions and prayers, and I have grown spiritually. Glory to God!

-C.B Honduras



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