



THE REFINERY DEVOTIONAL

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Start your day with Christ's consciousness
and be refined unto God's goodness.

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Blessings.

Pastor Harry

DAY 1

TOPIC: FELLOWSHIP (2)

TEXT: 2 Corinthians 13:14

Written by: ADEBAYO KOLAWOLE SAMUEL

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KJV: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen."

We firmly established in last month's devotional on this subject, that fellowship with the Father is what the believer has been called into. In other words, it is not what a man creates of his own self. Instead, it's a response to the call of God. We also saw that salvation is actually a call into fellowship and that a man is in fellowship with the Father the moment he believed the gospel. Today, we'll go deeper into understanding how a man receives fellowship with the Father and how is this reality substantiated in the believer?

The word rendered "and" is from the Greek word 'Kai.', this is used in our text above. We always see the meaning of words in the Greek because the New Testament books were written in Greek, and checking up the words in Greek helps us to understand what is being conveyed in a much better way. Unlike in the English Language, it is not always used as a conjunction. Most times when the word "Kai" is used in the Greek, it is used as an explanation of the aforementioned. The word 'Kai' actually means 'that is.'

Hence, we can safely read the verse above as:

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KJV: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, THAT IS the love of God, THAT IS the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen."

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ is the love of God; it is also the fellowship of the Holy Ghost.

Romans 5:8

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KJV: "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

His love is seen in his death on the cross. That's his grace too! Ephesians 2:5 tells us that much:

KJV: "Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved ;)"

Verse 8 of Ephesians chapter 2 reiterates that selfsame truth.

We are saved by His grace. That's His love. His grace is His love. We are saved by grace. Hence, salvation is a reception of His grace. To be saved is to have received His grace. To receive the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ is to receive the love of God; it is to receive the fellowship of the Spirit. Glory to God! The believer in Christ has fellowship with the Father! This is because he has received the grace of God; the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ! Hallelujah!

Furthermore, the word "Amen" means fulfilled. Paul, in other words, was saying:

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, THAT IS the love of God, THAT IS the communion of the Holy Ghost, with you all. Fulfilled."

Paul said this was fulfilled already. Praise God! It wasn't a prayer but a reaffirmation of what already was. It was a reaffirmation! The believer in Christ has received fellowship. Therefore, he/she has fellowship with God our Father.

AWESOME! GLORY TO GOD!

WE ARE REFINED UNTO ALL OF GOD'S GOODNESS!

Confession: Today, I am reassured and I reaffirm that I have received fellowship with God by His Spirit within me. I go on today and beyond enjoying this fellowship. Amen.

Further Study: 2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 Corinthians 1:9; Romans 5:8

DAY 2

TOPIC: GIVE NO PLACE TO THE DEVIL

TEXT: Ephesians 6:10-11

Written by: ALOBA TOWOJU

“10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. 11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.”

The word rendered as "devil" is the Greek word “diabolos.” It means "a false accuser." The devil is also referred to as “Satan” in scriptures. The word "Satan" literally translates to "the enemy of good.” He specializes in doing the opposite of good; evil. Though we see evil acts carried out in the earth realm through the hands of men, we must never forget that the devil influences men to do them. The devil, being both a deceiver and an enemy of good, does evil in disguise by either making evil look as good or making God look as the cause of evil.

While it is a conspicuous fact in the earth realm that the presence of evil is prevalent in most parts, believers are not supposed to be nonchalant about this. The bible expects us to make a bold stand against any form of evil that we as believers may encounter and even those that may linger around us. Though many believers are not oblivious of this, one of the major challenges that many believers face is the inability to discern what is evil. This basically is as a result of wrong teachings which at the long run weaken such believers’ defense against evil. Be sure of this that God, in his constancy has never done evil and will never do it; He does not have evil with him, let alone give evil (James 1:13&17, 1 John 1:5). In this understanding, we are to put on the whole armor of God, and stand against all evil with full consciousness of our authority in Christ, giving no place to him. We do this by holding on to our confessions of God’s word very fast, in prayers by the Spirit also.

Peter gives similar admonition concerning resisting the devil:

1Peter 5:8-9: “Be sober; be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: 9 Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.”

Dear believer, pay more attention and be quick to spot the wiles of the devil. This will help you greatly in resisting him, James 4:7. This is God’s will for you.

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Further Study: Ephesians 6:10-18

DAY 3

TOPIC: IT IS DEAD

TEXT: James 2.17

written by: HARRISON AYINTETE

17 'Even so faith if it hath not works, is dead being alone'.

The Apostle James reveals a very simple truth here, he lets us know that faith without corresponding action as good as a walking corpse, it is dead!

James 2.14 to 18 is clear. The apostle James admonishes that if a man has faith, there must be an outward expression of it to the world. In this is his faith alive and active.

Many argue that Apostle James contradicted the Apostle Paul by involving 'works' in the subject of faith, but they are grossly wrong. Apostle James wasn't suggesting that a man becomes a believer or becomes saved by works. No! Rather, he attests as Apostle Paul does that the believer is wired unto good works which must be demonstrated.

This is a very profound exhortation, not only spiritually but in all walks of life. In my years as a pastor, I have met many believers who fast, pray, rejoice by the Spirit, get drunk by the Spirit, but will never move a muscle in the direction of God's leadings.

They have inspirations, dreams, visions etc that could give them financial, marital, career freedom, but they just sit right there and do nothing! Down the years, they get tired of carrying a 'dead body', and they slip into depression.

A faith that has no action is not only dead to the world, its dead to the bearer. Be action oriented today!

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DAY 4

TOPIC: GIVING

TEXT: 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

Written by: ADEYEMI EMMANUEL DESIRE

6 'But this day I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall also reap bountifully. 7 'Every man as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

Paul was admonishing the saints here that as everyman thinks in his heart, so he should give, not grudgingly, or of necessity. He or She must not be coerced or forced, because God loves a cheerful giver. It says further that *"God is able to make all grace abound towards you..."* How? *"...that ye always having all sufficiency in all things..."* Why do we give as believers?

We give because we've been blessed already, and not because we want to be blessed. To what do we give? We give towards the work of God, towards our pastors, our spiritual leaders, to the development and growth of the gospel, and to the poor and the needy around us. The bible makes us understand that giving is of God (Romans 8:32). The only reason why a believer should want to be wealthy should be because of the poor, his family, the church, and the world at large. Freely we've been given and freely we should also give to others.

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Further Study: Acts 20:34-35; Galatians 6:6, Galatians 2:10, John 3:16; Romans 8:32

DAY 5

TOPIC: IT'S AN UTTERANCE BUSINESS

TEXT: Acts 2:4

Written by: HARRISON AYINTETE

4 'And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the spirit gave them utterance.'

The lord Jesus had promised his disciples that when the Holy Ghost would come unto them, they would receive power.

He also made them aware that those who believed on Him will speak with new tongues.

The first memorable sign anyone could see at the arrival of the Holy Ghost is utterance! Folks began speaking with unknown tongues. Is it not amazing? That the first encounter with the demonstration of God's power is utterance?

In Acts 2.1 to the end, no one raised any dead yet, no one healed any blind yet, at that particular time, but there was utterance. So much utterance, the whole city came to watch some folks drunk by the Spirit having spoken in unknown tongues and given interpretations in Galilean languages.

Its worthy of note that before the arrival of the Holy Ghost 'officially' in the earth realm, all manners of miracles had being wrought by men of yore.

Healings, financial prosperity, raising of the dead, physical appearances and disappearances etc.

The only major distinction between the manifestations of the new creation from any other saint of yore is utterance!

No wonder the Apostle Paul said in 1 Corinthians 14:18; 'I thank my God, I speak in tongues more than ye all.'

Go ahead, get in the business, and speak in tongues!

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DAY 6

TOPIC: WORK WITH YOUR HANDS

TEXT: Ephesians 4:28

Written by: ADEBAYO KOLAWOLE SAMUEL

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KJV: "Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth."

Here, the Apostle Paul admonishes the saints at Ephesus to work with their hands that which is good. In other words, the Apostle did not encourage slothfulness. He is strong with his words. He said "...let him labour..." To labour here actually is from the Greek word "*kopiaō*." It means to "work hard." Therefore, the Apostle Paul is not against hard work. That is quite very evident in his own life. For, he himself was hardworking.

Acts 20:34

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KJV: "Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me."

His hands ministered to his own necessities, and them that were with him. In Acts 18:3, the scriptures tell us that Paul was of the same craft with Aquila and Priscilla who were tentmakers. He was a tentmaker! He worked! The Apostle Paul reveals that the Lord doesn't encourage slothfulness (Romans 12:11).

The grace of God is not a call into laziness. Rather, it empowers us with all of God's resources, and enables us to maximize the same. Beloved, let us get to work!. Find that which is good to do by the Spirit of wisdom who lives in you. The conclusion of Ephesians 4:28 sums up the result of hard work. It says "... that he may have to give to him that needeth." The result of hard work is that you will have to the end that you may give to the one who needs.

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Confession: I have been empowered with all the resources of God. Therefore, I am diligent in my work today and I have results. Amen.

Further Study: 1 Thessalonians 4:11; Colossians 1:29

DAY 7

TOPIC: TRAIN UP YOUR CHILD

TEXT: Proverbs 22:6

Written by: ALOBA TOWOJU

“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

In a rapidly developing world where there are lots of bodies of knowledge, Christians are often tempted to be carried away by the worldly style of going about issues, with little or no attention paid to what the bible says about such subjects. However, irrespective of the many shades of knowledge that abound, only God’s counsel guarantees safety. Therefore, it is important to heed God’s instruction concerning child training, irrespective of whatever worldly philosophies say about it.

In God’s design, the "father-to-son" relationships that exist on earth should be a symbol of the relationship that exists between our heavenly father and us (believers). The basis for this relationship is love. Hence, whatever is done in this relationship is done for love’s sake. One of the core things that the bible teaches in parenting is discipline. Parents are supposed to discipline their children; however it must be done with love as their motive. Solomon among several of his instructions on parenting affirms why it is important to discipline a child, stating that it is an evidence of love. *“Proverbs 13:24 - He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.”*

If children are not disciplined, they will end up becoming elements of shame in the society (Proverbs 29:15, Proverbs 23:13-14). It is also instructive to know that there is a time frame for various levels of discipline, for there is limit to how much discipline can be given when the child has grown to be a man (Proverbs 19:18.). However, in carrying out discipline, parents are encouraged not to provoke children. Therefore, you as a parent should ensure that you take heed to this instruction.

“Ephesians 6:4 - And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.”

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Further Study: Colossians 3:21; Hebrews 12:5-11

DAY 8

TOPIC: WHO IS YOUR FRIEND?

TEXT: 1 Corinthians 15:33

Written by: HARRISON AYINTETE

The whole chapter of the text above is really about the resurrection from the dead. Some didn't believe this, yet they were believers. They argued against it, they refuted it.

Apostle Paul then used the term 'evil communications' and 'good manners' in this text. Many use this text on the surface level of just some moral code of ethics. However, the context of these words is clear. It speaks of a theological or doctrinal conduct.

You see, many are aware that the blood of Jesus has paid for the sins of the whole world once and for all. They are aware a believer is perfected by the offering of the body of Jesus, once for all, they are aware we are saved by Grace, not works, no man can boast, they are aware we have received the Holy Ghost, God's own eternal life. Yet, they mingle with people who believe and affirm opposite, for sentimental reasons, they will never engage such people in theological discuss as Apostle Paul is having in the text above, because they do not want any discord whatsoever.

What begins to happen is these doctrinal conducts of their friends weaken their faith, brings a gloom over their spirit, they begin to be unsure of participating in the resurrection to come, they begin to wonder if truly God is light without any ounce of evil.

Apostle Paul is clear, evil doctrinal communication will corrupt your good doctrinal stand. Think on this!

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DAY 9

TOPIC: SUBMITTING TO AUTHORITIES

TEXT: Ephesians 6:1-9

Written by ADEYEMI EMMANUEL DESIRE

It is the will of God that we should submit to authorities. Authorities could be in form of; parents, pastors, teachers, husband, and so on. The bible tells us to “*obey our parents in the Lord for it is right.*” (Ephesians 6:1) “*Honor your father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise;*” (Ephesians 6:2) also stands as a reference to that. Many homes, lives, organizations, etc. are being destroyed today because of pride, arrogance, ego, and so on. God wants us to be submissive to our authorities; Children, obey your parents in the lord for this is right. Honor your father and mother that your days may be long, and that it may be well with you. Wives, be submissive to your husbands. Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, in a wholeness of heart, as you do unto God...Ephesians 6⁵. To masters, *ye masters, do the same unto your servants, forbearing threatening: knowing that your master also is in heaven...Ephesians 6⁹*. In our churches, schools, organizations, our working places, let's follow the rules and regulations laid down so there might be order; let's demonstrate peace, love, and harmony. Can two work together except they agree? We have the mind of Christ!

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Further Study: Ephesians 6:1-9; 1 Timothy 3:1-end; Hebrews 13:17

DAY 10

TOPIC: YOU ARE GOD'S TRUE WORSHIPPERS

TEXT: JOHN 4:23-24

Written by: MAY AYINTETE

“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. God is a spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and truth.”

The above bible text tells us that God seeks (desires, longs for) true worshippers who can only worship him in spirit and truth, reason being that he is a Spirit.

The idea that pious-looking persons, persons with sonorous voices, choir leaders and the likes, are the only ones that can worship God, is negated from the above text. Galatians 3:28 tells us that, there is neither Jew nor Greek, neither bond nor free, neither male nor female: for we are all one in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:3 says “we are the circumcision that worship God in the spirit and rejoice in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh.” Glory to God!

The Spirit of God, who we received at Salvation, dwells on our inside. Hence, we aren't looking for Him anymore. We don't need to wait for him to come down when we worship or gather with the saints neither do we need to assume a certain posture before He can bless us with His presence. Jesus said, “where two or more are gathered in my name, I am there in their midst,” (Matthew 18:20). So you see, some songs that request the Spirit of God to descend are practically unscriptural. He is ever-present with us.

So when you worship, let your heart be engaged in it. Be conscious of the fact that you're not bringing down God's glory. No! He already is present in you! When you worship, you are expressing the God on your inside. When you worship, you are consumed with a feeling of awe and reverence of the God you carry on the inside.

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Further Study: Romans 7:6

DAY 11

TOPIC: SUBMISSION TO LEADERSHIP

TEXT: Hebrews 13:17

Written by: ADEBAYO KOLAWOLE SAMUEL

"Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you."

To submit to leadership and authority in the household of faith (God's family) is not an archaic idea. It is not something that was birthed out of human conjurings. The epistles are replete with instructions on submission to authority. A believer is by default not an unruly person. Rather, he or she is meek by nature because of God's Spirit who dwells in him or her.

In our text verse, we see that those in leadership watch over our souls. That word "watch" speaks of "keeping awake." It refers to "being alert." They nurture us and help us mature in the things of God by the word of God and His Spirit. Therefore, we must give heed to them. Noteworthy is the fact that the Apostle Paul says expressly that when we submit to leadership, the work of the Lord is done with joy and with no grief. We also see that our unwillingness to submission is unprofitable to us. In other words, it does us no good. A believer who does not submit to the leadership in his local church and is not accountable to them will not grow properly (if he or she grows at all), seeing he not only rebels against the leadership but against the written word.

2 Timothy 3:16

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KJV: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:"

In the text above, we see that all scripture is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction and for instruction in righteousness. Whatever correction and instruction we receive from the written word through the leadership as pertaining to matters on doctrine and conduct must be adhered to. That way, we'd be growing. That way, we'd be allowing the work of the Lord to be done with joy and with no grief.

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Confession: I am not rebellious. I am meek because of God's Spirit who lives in me. Therefore, I submit to leadership today and beyond and I experience the profitability thereof. Amen.

Further Study: Hebrews 13:7; Hebrews 13:17; 1 Timothy 5:17

DAY 12

TOPIC: IT IS NOT EATING AND DRINKING

TEXT: Romans 14: 17

Written by: HARRISON AYINTETE

The opening of the above text was heralded with conscience issues, issues of morality and how they affect our faith. You will do good to read from the very first verse of the above chapter.

There were arguments about the kind of food a believer should eat. The exact day fit enough for worship etc.

Nothing has changed in our day and time; we got believers who are addicted to moral interrogations of things. They would argue on everything, from women wearing trousers to men wearing necklaces, earrings or jerry curls, they will argue on how a pastor's wife should look, the size of her heels etc. They will make a case about alcoholic drinks, what percentage glorifies God etc.

You will notice Apostle Paul begins to clear the air. He begins to educate them about the irrelevance of such issues to the reality we have in the Holy Ghost, we educate them rather unto love and allowance for individual conscience paradigms. And when he gets to verse 17, he makes a very profound statement, 'it's not eating and drinking...'

Dear believer, our kingdom is not about physical stuffs, our kingdom is not about dressing, however moral that may seem, morality is not a fruit of the Spirit, as any man can be moral, yet be a chronic unbeliever.

Look into the Spirit, that's where we got our realm active and moving.
Change your mind in this direction.

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DAY 13

TOPIC: SAVED UNTO GOOD WORKS

TEXT: Ephesians 2:8-10

Written by: ADEBAYO KOLAWOLE SAMUEL

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KJV: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

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KJV: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

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KJV: For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

We are not saved by works. We cannot be saved by works. That's impossible! The word 'works', as used here, refers to good deeds. We are not saved by our good conduct. For, even an unbeliever may have good deeds. He may be charitable in his actions and way of life. But, because he has not received the grace of God which is in Christ Jesus, he is yet unsaved. The grace which is in Christ Jesus alone is what saves a man. This truth is abundant in scriptures.

In verse 10, nonetheless, we see something quite very crucial. It's the truth about who the man who is saved by grace is. He is God's workmanship. That word "workmanship" in the Greek is the word 'poiēma'. It refers to 'a product'. In other words, we are God's product, created in Christ Jesus. We are perfect, and not lacking in anything. It says that we have been created in Christ Jesus unto good works. This means that which is required to produce good works is in us. Hence, we walk in these good works. For unto such were we ordained.

The believer in Christ does not need to struggle to produce good works. He only needs to know what he is made of; God's own materials. He is a product of God. Therefore, having seen and understood how wonderfully made he is in Christ Jesus, he responds automatically. Thus, we are God's workmanship. We are gentle, meek, loving, kind, self-controlled, peaceful, faithful, patient, and joyful beings. Hallelujah! We walk naturally in the good works unto which we are ordained.

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Confession: I am God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works. Therefore, I walk in these good works every day. Amen.

Further Study: Ephesians 2:5-10; Colossians 2:6-7; Ephesians 5:8

DAY 14

TOPIC: BEAR ONE ANOTHER'S BURDEN

TEXT: Galatians 6:1-2

Written by: MAY AYINTETE

“Brethren if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.”

Apostle Paul wrote this letter to the church at Galatia and I believe we could learn a few things from his letter. He was speaking within the context of the church. He said if a man, a brother who is weak in faith, one who is feeble-minded, be overtaken (caught red-handed) in a fault (a wrong act) either through his ignorance, or his lust or temptation got the better of him, he says we who are spiritual (we who have received the Spirit of truth, grace and wisdom, and are able to discern spirits), should restore (deal kindly and considerately) either by reproof, instruction or exhortation with such a person.

He went on to say that in restoring such a brother, it should only be done in the spirit of meekness. That is to say, a kind, forbearing and forgiving spirit. Not with anger, but with a readiness to forgive when a wrong has been done. He gave a sound warning that we should bear in mind; that we also could be tempted in the same way. And to claim superiority over a brother who commits an error will be show of pride and subtle hypocrisy, as we are all saved by grace not of works, lest any man should boast.

In verse 2 of our text, Apostle Paul says in bearing (comforting, supporting serving) one another, we fulfill the law of Christ. The law of Christ is summarized in John 15:12 and 1 John 4:21. As we love God because he first loved us and gave his Son for us, we ought also to love our brethren.

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Further Study: James 5:19-20

DAY 15

TOPIC: PROVISION IS YOURS

TEXT: Philippians 4:19

Written by: IBITAYO ADEMOLA

“But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”

Believers have an assurance from the word that their needs surely have the certainty of being met any time the needs come up because God remains faithful. Our text says “my God shall supply...” This indicates a responsibility that God has as our Father. He sees to it that our needs are met.

The fallen state of the world is characterized with economic crisis and so many disheartening news littering all over the media and internet should not move us as believers for we have the sure word of truth. The word reveals our true status as sons born of God. The word says in **1John 5:1 “Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.”**

So, if an earthly Father would do so much to care for his children, how much more God (our Father) who is love, forever faithful and unchanging (James 1:17). Thus, we are of all men most blessed because of this truth. It doesn't matter what the circumstances around may seem to communicate, it is sure that God is our Father.

Therefore, as believers we take action in the light of the word as we go about our daily life activities. We are to communicate what the word says into our businesses, families, academics and all that concerns us even as we labour and do all that is needful to possess the resources we need via the wisdom of God in us. Glory to God for our God is able. **2Corinthians 9:8 “ And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.”**

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DAY 16

TOPIC: IMMORTALITY SHALL SWALLOW MORTALITY!

TEXT: 2 Corinthians 5:1-5

WRITTEN BY: ALOBA TOWOJU

“1 For we know that if our earthly house of [this] tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: 3 If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. 4 For we that are in [this] tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life. 5 Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing [is] God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.”

It is not difficult to know that the body that every man on earth has is mortal. This is evident as it is subject to injuries, sicknesses, pains and death at the long run. However, there is a far greater hope and reality for believers in Christ as regards our physical bodies. We are assured several times in scriptures that our mortal bodies shall be swallowed up by immortality (life). Hence, Apostle Paul can boldly affirm that if our hope is limited to this world only, we are the most miserable set of people on earth (1 Corinthians 15:19). This is the major reason we, as believers, do not need to be overtaken with sorrow when other believers sleep in the Lord. They only sleep and shall rise up with a glorious body when our Lord shall appear.

What assures us of this reality is the fact that Jesus rose from the dead. His resurrection brought us the Holy Spirit who has been given to us as a seal, so as to be the guarantee of the promised immortal body (2 Corinthians 1:22, 2 Corinthians 5:5). This same proof, Paul defended before Felix and Festus in the book of Acts (Acts 23-26). Jesus reassured us of the earnest of the Spirit by telling his disciples that the Holy Spirit will reside forever in whosoever has received him (John 14:16-17). Glory to God! This is the reason why we can boldly say with Apostle Paul in Philippians 3:20-21 that:

“For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.”

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Further Study: 1 Corinthians 15:1-5

DAY 17

TOPIC: PRESENT YOUR BODIES

TEXT: Romans 12:1

Written by; MAY AYINTETE

“I beseech you brethren by the mercies of God that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.”

In the Old Testament, the blood of bulls and goats were offered to atone for sins, but it couldn't take away sins (Hebrews 10:4). It was only Jesus' sacrifice on the cross that was and is able to take away the sins of the whole world. Hebrews 10:10 says he offered it once and for all. It is perfect and sufficient for all who believed and will yet believe. No man can improve on it, neither add nor subtract from it. Hallelujah!

Paul entreats the Romans in light of what God has done, to 'present their bodies' i.e. to gladly and willingly offer themselves as a living sacrifice unto God for His use. He does not mean that one has to die in order to atone for one's sins. Rather, he meant that based on the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, we've been already made holy and acceptable before God. Glory!

Scripture says in 1 Corinthians 5:21 that He made him (Christ Jesus) to be sin for us who knew no sin that we might be made the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. Beloved, you're already in right standing with God.

So with what mindset do you present your body?

You present yourself to God as one who has been brought from death to life (Romans 6:13).

You present yourself to God as one who was bought with a price (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

You present yourself to God as an instrument of righteousness (Romans 6:13).

You present your body as one whom Christ has redeemed from the curse of the law (Galatians 3:13).

You present your body as one who has been sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise (Ephesians 1:13).

You present yourself as one who God has sanctified and preserved in Christ Jesus (Jude 1:1). Rejoice exceedingly!

You present your body as one who is an heir of salvation (Hebrews 1:14, Galatians 4:7).

You present your body as one who has received the Spirit of adoption whereby we cry

Abba Father (Romans 8:15-16).

You present your body as one who sits in heavenly places in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 2:6).

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Further Study: Romans 6:13-23

DAY 18

TOPIC: CONFESSION OF OUR REALITY IN CHRIST JESUS

TEXT: Hebrews 4:14

Written by: ALOBA JESUTOFUNMI

“14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God; let us hold fast our profession.”

As a new day unfolds, it is good to be reminded that at salvation, we confess Jesus only! (Romans 10:8-10, Mark 16:15, John 3:15-17).

As a New Testament believer, we are to hold firm to the confession of who we are in Christ Jesus; what blessings we have in Him; our inheritance, and many more things. The reasons for this are quite numerous. Nevertheless, we'll consider a few of them. Basically, when we confess God's word, we get our souls acquainted and conscious of who we really are (in our spirits); allowing the person of our spirits to dawn on our sub-consciousness.

However, it would be very difficult for us to confess who we are in Christ Jesus if we don't know enough of who we are and what blessings we have. Hence, there's a great need for thorough study of God's word. Rather than confessing what we've accumulated in our souls by natural learning, it would be far advantageous to confess our reality in our spirits, such as “thank you Lord Jesus because I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus; I am not confused! I've got wisdom. I know what things to do, where I should do them and how to do them.”

By this, we would align our thoughts with God's thought. And much more, our will with His will. When we do this, confusion will disappear into thin air because we know who and what the word says we are! And to do this more effectively, we need to get ourselves acquainted with the epistles (not just old testament scriptures) more for therein lies explicit evidences of our reality in Him

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Action Point: Don't waste any more time this new day and even beyond! You've wasted enough already!! Get the Word on your lips ALWAYS!!!

Confession: I know who and what the Word says I am! I am God's own Son!! Greater is He that is in me than He that is in the Word!!! I do not work in fear, no! Not me, I work in the perfect love of Our Lord Jesus Christ. I am one Spirit with God and therefore I am righteous for He that is jointed with the Lord is one Spirit

with Him!

Further Study: Hebrews 10:23; Hebrews 14:14; Ephesians 1-4

DAY 19

TOPIC: THE LOVE OF GOD

TEXT: John 3:16

Written by: ADEYEMI EMMANUEL DESIRE

KJV: “16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

The scripture says; “*for God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son...*” How? Freely! Why? That whosoever believes on or receives him should not perish but he should have eternal life. Glory to God! God so much loved the world that he had to give his most treasured gift, and all we have to do is receive the free gift. He didn’t demand for our offerings or tithes, or our good works before He gave us his Son. The bible makes us understand that he first loved us. All we need to do is to acknowledge this unfailing love by living our lives unto Him; unto His glory.

In our day-to-day life, we show people God’s kind of love. We show His (God’s) kind of love to our neighbors, co-workers, families, and so on. We should be a source of blessings to people’s lives. We impact people’s life positively, teach them the love of God and his goodness.

A house where love dwells, they say, is “God’s house.” God is love; and in Him is peace, righteousness, joy forevermore. Scripture says that the kingdom of God is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost (Romans 14:17). In other words, we can conclude that a home or environment, or state, or country where love dwells is where God dwells and there is the kingdom of God too. Glory to God! Let’s stop the fight, hate, wars, corruption, pride, prejudices, and focus on God’s love instead. Let us exhibit His love to one another and the world will be a better place. It will be heaven on earth. It’s a true saying that love covers all sin (1 Peter 4:8). We are products of God’s love!

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Further Study: John 3:16-17; Ephesians 2:14-16

DAY 20

TOPIC: DANGERS OF TRADITION

TEXT: Colossians 2:8

Written by: MAY AYINTETE

“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.”

Traditions are established teachings inspired by men, passed on from one person to another. Apostle Paul gives a stern warning here for us not to allow any one fill our heads and minds with philosophies that come from human thinking rather than from Christ.

He explains that there is always a danger; that the word of God may be obscured by such established teachings. He also explained in Galatians 1:13-14, how tradition had given the wrong focus to his life, until he considered what was good about tradition to be loss compared to the joy of knowing Christ.

Paul had to address the fact that relying on thought-out ideas could result in distorted notions of Christ and what it means to follow Him. He says not to allow any man hold you bound with human traditions and philosophies that centre on the basic principles of this world (Colossians 2:18). He warns that the kingdom of God is not in eloquent speeches, educated talks, religious gibberish, but in the demonstration of the power of God (1 Corinthians 4:20, 1 Corinthians 2:4).

Any tradition that is not based on the free gift we have in Christ is trash! We have a ‘red’ sign on those.

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Further Study: Proverbs 4:23

DAY 21

TOPIC: OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS IS FROM HIM

Text: Isaiah 54:17

Written by: ALOBA JESUTOFUNMI P.

“17 No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.”

Our righteousness is from the Lord. This is what Paul referred to when he said in Philippians 3:9: *“And be found in Him, not having my own righteousness which is of the law, but that which is through faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith.”* It is a great truth worthy of note that our righteousness is His, and much more, that we are a clear-cut explanation and demonstration of His righteousness (2 Corinthians 5:21).

The devil always wants to point a Christian to how much he is unworthy of this. In fact, he seeks to use every single opportunity to do this even in our daily lives. For instance, if some stand against the devil on any matter and he says, “I know you; you are a sinner, what right have you got to use the name of the Lord?” All we need say to him is “shut up devil! I’m the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus!”

However, if we are ignorant of this truth, the devil could deceive us a whole lot and even go as far as threatening us because we don’t know what we’ve got. It is therefore expedient for us to know what the Word says about us. Or else, we’ll continually be treated as aliens by the devil; even when, of course, we are sons and not just sons but fellow-heirs to the throne of Christ.

Righteousness is the person of the Holy Ghost within a believer. What this means is that unlike saints of old times, the Holy Ghost doesn’t descend on us but rather indwells us. It is profound to know that The Holy Ghost is the reality of God in us. Hence, we are Gods, for we have received the Holy Ghost and are therefore righteous.

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Action Point: Righteousness isn’t what we work for. For no one works for righteousness (Equity with God). It can only be received as a gift.

Confession: I, (your name), am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. Hence, I

have not received the Spirit of bondage again to fear but of love, of peace and of a sound mind. I am not trying to be righteous neither am I going to be anymore righteous than this! I am righteous! Because as He is, so am I in this world!

Further Study: II Corinthians 5:14-21; Romans 3-5; Philippians 3:1-end

DAY 22

TOPIC: TURN YOUR WORRIES OVER TO GOD

TEXT: 1 Peter 5:7

Written by: MAY AYINTETE

“Casting all your care upon the Lord for He careth for you.”

Are you worried that God has forsaken you as the World’s economy is taking a nose-dive? Are you uncertain of the future of your children, business, marriage etc.? Do you feel that your sins are too numerous to be forgiven, and because of that, God will not hear your prayers? Beloved, our text says “Casting all of your care upon the Lord for he cares for you.” The word ‘Casting’ is an English word and is a present continuous tense. That is to tell you that it is a thing that must be consistently done; even when issues are weighing on your mind.

The Lord doesn’t want you to worry at any point (Philippians 4:6). Rather, He wants you to turn the things that bother you, over to him. He wants you to leave the **caring** to him. The Amplified Bible explains our text a lot better. It says “Casting the whole of your care (all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all) on Him, for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully.” Glory to God!

You’re worried that the future holds nothing for you? God says not to worry. He’s got your back (Jeremiah 29:11). You’re bothered about the welfare of your children; how their needs will be met, or how you’ll get enough money to finance that business you’ve been longing to do, or even how to spice up the romance in your marriage? The Lord says to cast those cares upon him (Hebrews 13:5b; Psalm 37:5; Isaiah 49:14-16).

Questions could even arise in your heart as to if God can forgive you of all your sins. However, beloved, the good news is that’s the reason Jesus came; to die for the sins of the whole world. And much more beautiful is that whosoever believes in Him (receives Him) hath everlasting Life (John 3:16) Hallelujah! Be assured beloved, for God says He remembers your sins and iniquities no more (Hebrews 10:10-17). Glory to God! You can live a victorious life with all of the awesome promises that God has for you in His word. Go about your day with your head held up high and turn your worries and care unto the Lord, because He’s got everything under control.

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Further Study: Philippians 4:6, Matthew 6: 31-33, Isaiah 55:9

DAY 23**TOPIC: SOWING AND REAPING****TEXT: GENESIS 8:22****Written by ADEYEMI EMMANUEL DESIRE**

In various churches today, the subject of “Sowing and Reaping” is preached from the perspective of giving something big to God so that He can bless us with something big in return.

This is a very wrong approach to sowing and reaping! It’s so obvious that the passage was talking about agriculture and topography, and weather if we read the passage in context. Church leaders must stop siphoning money from people using scriptures they picked out of context and lying to people in the name of sowing and reaping.

Rather, people must be taught God’s love. They must be made to understand the reason why they should give, and the things the money they give are used for.

Some preachers even go as far as saying that people should give to prevent some divinely orchestrated evil. But, that’s just a very ridiculous talk! God doesn’t eat nor spend money; we do. If people are taught the right way to give, they will whole-heartedly.

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DAY 24

TOPIC: JESUS IS THE BREAD OF LIFE

TEXT: John 6:32-37

Written by: ALOBA TOWOJU

“32 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. 34 Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. 35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. 36 But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not. 37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.”

In the sixth chapter of the gospel according to John, multitudes followed Jesus desiring to be fed with physical bread since he had just miraculously fed thousands with bread. They quickly assumed that he was going to be a “Moses” to them just as there had been a Moses to their forefathers in the wilderness who consistently gave them bread to eat over a long period of time. They mistook Jesus for bread giver when indeed he was (is) the bread Himself. However, Jesus quickly brought a demarcation and proved to them that he was (is) the reality of the bread that their fathers ate. Jesus spoke of a spiritual reality, not a physical one as they supposed.

John 6:63: “It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, [they] are spirit, and [they] are life.”

The bread that was eaten in the wilderness needed to be eaten again and again in order to sustain the physical life. However, Jesus being the reality of the bread is such that He will only be eaten once and whosoever eats him will no longer go hungry again; not again! (John 6:35)

John 6:48-51: “I am that bread of life. 49 Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. 50 This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. 51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”

Jesus himself is the bread of life, and the way to eat the bread is by believing in him, for he had earlier said:

John 6:29: "Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

Dear believer, you already have life in you. Thus, give life to every death that exists around you. The bread has spoken for Himself; you are eternally alive in Him. Thus, you can never be spiritually deficient again and he will raise you up on the last day (John 6:54).

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Further Study: John 6:26-71

DAY 25

TOPIC: PRAYER AND FASTING

TEXT: 1 Corinthians 14:14-15

Written by ADEYEMI EMMANUEL DESIRE

Today, many people believe that speedy answers to their prayers only occur when they fast and pray to God. Of course, fasting and prayer is good. However, the focus should be to enhance focus on God; to enjoy fellowship with God. Some even ridiculously ask God to kill for them and sadly, they form the bulk of these “fasting and praying giants.” Nevertheless, this is noteworthy: God isn’t a killer neither is He human. God is a Spirit: and those that worship Him must worship Him in spirit which is the truth (John 4:24). God is Spirit! Prayers such as ‘Lord, kill my enemies. Let them fall and die...’ are not the right things to pray about. The bible says; “...*for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit Himself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.*” (Romans 8:26)

However, the right way to prayer is ‘praying in tongues and prophesying.’ The bible makes us understand that *‘he that speaks in an unknown tongue speaks not unto men, but unto God: for no man understands him; howbeit in the spirit he speaks mysteries...’* (1 Corinthians 14:2) Then it goes further to say that he that speaks in tongues edifies himself, but he that prophesies edifies the church. Paul says there that *‘I would that ye all spake with tongues but rather that ye prophesied: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh tongues except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying...’* (1 Corinthians 14:5). This is the perfect way to pray! When we pray in tongues, we speak the exact mind of God. We control situations in the Spirit! We never run out of words! We declare God’s words and promises towards us, and use the authority we have in Him to control situations.

Furthermore, we fast, not to make God answer our prayers speedily, but to subject our bodies to respond more to the things of the Spirit, and focus more on them, while our interpretation of tongues or prophecy edifies the church.

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Further Study: 1 Corinthians 14:1-end; Matthew 14:23; Matthew 19:13; James 5:16

DAY 26

TOPIC: ACCEPTED WITH GOD

TEXT: EPHESIANS 1:6

Written by: ALADE OLUWASEGUN

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

Many have been made to believe the experiences of people more than the written word of God. We must never allow people's testimonies be the basis for our convictions. Rather, our convictions and the confirmation of people's testimonies must be founded on God's word.

Acceptability by God has often been said to be based on our obedience to the Law of Moses, tithes, offerings, first fruit offerings, good works, and many more genealogies. We must not be tossed to and fro feeling insecure and always doubting whether we are acceptable to God. Some feel accepted when they are doing what is right. However, they feel unaccepted when they have done something grievous. Many are even in the quest of becoming more accepted to God! They are taken over with the quest of wanting to impress God the more by their efforts.

To be convinced on this subject, we must look into the written word of God. The word of God clearly reveals to us that we are accepted into God's family through Jesus Christ. Striving to obey the law, doing good works, paying tithes and offering etc, would not make a man acceptable to God. What institutes our acceptability is the sacrifice of Jesus for sins which is done according to the riches of His grace.

Hence, we do not glory in our works nor strive to impress God by what we do. We rather give thanks and rejoice in the fact that we are accepted already in Christ. We will not be more accepted than we already are! In God, everyone that believes in Jesus as the sacrifice for sins is accepted once and for all. Let go off the inferiority complex! Let go of the eye service! You are a member of God's family!

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Further Study: Hebrews 2:11; Romans 8:29

DAY 27

TOPIC: GIVE THANKS

TEXT: Philippians 4:6

Written by: ALADE OLUWASEGUN

Philippians 4:6: “Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.”

A popular saying goes thus “if you appreciate a man for the good things he does for you, you would get more of his good doings.” This may be true with men, but not with God. Our giving of thanks should never be from an “I have thanked God now. Surely, He has to bless me now” kind of mindset. God would always be good whether we give thanks or not. From our bible text, we see that we are to give thanks in all circumstances, for this stirs up the will of God concerning us in spite of that situation. When we give thanks, we magnify Jesus and his sacrifice in our hearts. We are assured of his love. Most people give thanks when good things happen to them. This is good but more than that, we are to give thanks in every situation. Our giving of thanks is a show of our victory over the devil and his works. We reaffirm all that Christ has done for us and we bring them into reality by giving thanks. Many give thanks for the material things that they see God do for them. These include provisions, good health, sleeping, waking up etc., which are all very good and essential to any man. But, much more, we should give thanks for who we are in Him. For this is eternal! We rejoice in that which is eternal. Our joy is eternal. Salvation is eternal. Victory is eternal. The Holy Spirit is eternal! All these we have already. Hence, we rejoice! “We give thanks in all circumstances. When we speak in tongues, we give thanks well. The Apostle Paul also showed us this in 1 Corinthians 14:16-17

“16 Else when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest?

17 For thou verily givest thanks well...”

Do you feel you do not know how to appreciate God well? Be assured that as you speak in tongues you give thanks well.

Further Study: Ephesians 5:20; Colossians 3:15-17

DAY 28

TOPIC: THIS IS FOREVER

TEXT: JOHN 3:15

Written by: ADEBAYO AYOTOMIDE

MEMORY VERSE: 2 Corinthians 1:20

John 3:15: “.....*That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.*”

Having received the life of God, it is important to know that the life we have in Christ is an eternal one. Our God is an eternal being whose eternity cannot be measured by space and time. The realm (terrain) of God is not measured in human timing. It is an eternal realm! Therefore, what we have in Him through Christ is eternal, real and constant. As it is clearly seen in 2 Corinthians 1:20; all the promises of God in Christ are yes and amen. They are sure! They are forever!

More often than not, life makes it look like the love of God is temporal, that it comes only in church on Sundays, or that it comes when we are in a celebration rave, or when you are happy. But, this is not true at all! The love of God is forever! His goodness is forever! The joy of God is forever! Redemption, forgiveness of sins, righteousness; all these are forever. Whatsoever God does is forever (Ecclesiastes 13:14). You need to renew your mind with this knowledge. Everything that is of God is forever (eternal). It is very obvious that everything in this world is but for a moment, nothing is permanent. This is why believers must not live life with their confidence emanating from material things (as though these things will not perish). On earth, nothing is forever. But in Christ Jesus, all we have is forever!

This knowledge that even in this temporal world, we possess an eternal inheritance causes us (believers) to rejoice always.

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DAY 29

TOPIC: HE NEVER VISITS

TEXT: 1 Corinthians 6:19

Written by: HARRISON AYINTETE

One of the major challenges we face as a church globally, when it comes to theology, is the inability of preachers to differentiate the realities of God and men, in the Old Testament from the New Testament.

We got too many confusions going on and it's sickening. You will often find preachers who mix the realities of the Old Testament with the New, they do this with boldness, without an iota of wrong, they do this with much temerity, yet they are grossly wrong.

In this New Testament wherein we stand, I make bold to yell it to you; **GOD DOESN'T VISIT THE BELIEVER!** The above text is very clear; our body is the temple of God's very Spirit. We carry God in our bodies! When we move, we move with God, where ever we go, we got God on our inside, we are vessels that house God!

This is very lucid! It's too simple for any preacher to mess with. Thus, away with the very many emotional yet ridiculous statements going on all over the place, stuff saying God is coming in some divine visitation etc.

Its worthy of note that the text of this scripture addressed a believer who was involved in sexual vices with his father's wife, in the midst of that sin, Apostle Paul reminds the believer who he is; the temple of God! Apostle Paul never said God had left the believer because of his grievous sins or God may visit later when the believer has cleansed himself. He was clear as the air, the believer remains the temple of the living God!

Rejoice in this!

Study these; 2 Corinthians 6:16; Hebrews 13:5; John 14.16.

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DAY 30

TOPIC: AN IDOL IS NOTHING!

TEXT: 1 Corinthians 8:4

Written by: HARRISON AYINTETE

The text above shows a resounding truth; an idol is nothing in this world. We must grow up to understand some basic stuff. An idol is man-made. An idol is carved, and invented by a man. It doesn't matter the height of the graven image, it doesn't matter the sculptural expertise employed, it doesn't matter how terrific it looks; it's all man-made.

History is replete with kings who made idols as symbols of their reigns or authority. The bible has some records of this. In the book of Daniel Chapter three, the king Nebuchadnezzar made such an idol, yet monstrous, the whole world was to bow to it, of course, we know three Hebrew men refused to and the deliverance that occurred. My point however is to show that this idol was invented, it was a man's idea, to demonstrate the 'fury' of the idol, some men had to do that, and some died even in the process of getting the Jews into its fire. It was the entire king's idea.

We got to let this stick to us; that idols are man's ideas. Many times, when we see idols, we give them power via our imaginations, we empower a piece of wood by the fierceness of its looks, we quickly forget, this is man's art work, this is a man's craft.

The Apostle gives a very clear word in the above text as we read further, 'some until now bear the conscience of such idols'. Some get conscious of such idols; some make the idols real by their imaginations. Some have seen all manner of diabolic movies, horror movies, even so called Gospel movies that portray the efficacy such dumb idols.

The Apostle however shifts our attention from dumb woods and clays to the living God, who inhabits us, whose authority indwells us by his Spirit!

Selah on this!

Study these; Acts 19:17 – 29; Acts 17:16-30.

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DAY 31

TOPIC: IN THE BEGINNING

TEXT: John 1:1

Written by: HARRISON AYINTETE

The Apostle John unveils the personality of our Lord Jesus in a very profound manner. He doesn't go through any physical lineage in the definition and explanation of the Lord, he goes to the source, the divinity of the Lord, he goes to the very beginning.

The words of Moses in Genesis chapter one juxtaposes this perfectly, 'In the beginning God...' It's so clear that when we refer to the beginning, the first thought that must come to us is God! In a fallen earth, coloured with chaos of all sorts, all manner of drama, imbalance, inequality and fear, we often get stuck with what the earth has become due to the very many choices of man and the character of the fallen creation at work. However, today we remind ourselves of a deep truth, the very beginning of all realities, the only reality that serves as a sure anchor through all the rough edges of life.

John lets us know that in the beginning was not sickness or the devil or poverty or money or riches or drive for wealth or survival, in the beginning was the Word, this is rendered as 'logos' in the Greek originals, which means a thought or intention. Glory to God! It's God's intentions and thoughts that matter, in order to attain victory and rejoicing in this fallen earth.

We saw clearly in verse 14 of this same text that those intentions of God became a man and his glory is full of Grace (gift) which is truth.

Let your mind dwell in the beginning today. Let your mind revolve around all the gifts that are available to you in Christ Jesus. Let your mind dwell on salvation, joy, peace, wisdom, safety, healing, prosperity, gifts of the Spirit, fruit of the Spirit and all that Christ is on the inside of you. Let nothing rob you of God's intentions, He is the same yesterday, today and forever. Adjust your days to God's super abundant grace!

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