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Preface

My heart is filled with joy to have you read this book. This is because God has been faithful in His dealings with all that concerns Peculiar Ministers Christian Movement. On the 3rd of July, 2015, I got clarity to start this movement and God has been guiding our focus to bring many to the knowledge of Christ.

This year 2020 has been a year of uncertainties and being the fifth year of the vision, "In Times Like This" as the theme received for the outreach was so perfect to strengthen every individual that comes in contact with it.

This book is a compilation of the teachings from the Online Outreach held from 6th to 12th, July 2020 on our Daily Bible Study group (www.facebook.com/groups/peculiarministers). I am certain that the teachings in this book are inspired by the Holy Spirit to strengthen the faith of believers and be a light to those that are not saved. "In Times Like This", the love of many is waxing cold for the things of God and this book is a call to stir the desires for the things of God.

I salute everyone who has and will read this book because you will indeed be steadfast, not deceived, trust God, fight a good fight of faith, be equipped with your weapon of warfare, and come up higher every day of your life.

You are Peculiar.

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From Some Outreach Participants

Honestly, the outreach you and your team held was really impactful and heart-changing. I noticed, even though it wasn't really obvious to the outside world, that there was cooperation and organisation in every part of it. I was stunned and until now still stunned at how time conscious you guys are: You start and end at the appropriate time. I don't seem to see anyone being reminded to do what has been entrusted to them. They do it promptly, without wavering. Now, concerning the messages being taught, I really loved them. It was just so enriching to hear what you and your team had for the audience. They, through the Holy Spirit, spoke essentially what we need in times like these: the separation from the world, the focus, the courage, the truthful worship we need to offer, the patience we need to have, the consecration we certainly must observe, and the rest. There truly was a complete expounding on God's word. In my opinion, you guys are wonderful. God doubtless is working in you all.

-Wisdom Ayodele

It was such a great time through the 7 days retreat. I got to know a lot of things as a child of God and got deeper with God. It was never a time wasted. I look forward for another program such as this. Thank you Pastor Josiah for making this happen, more grace to you.

-Nwachukwu Johnson

Firstly, I like the fact that it was aimed strictly at bringing all believers together. All the preachers were spread across different denomination and that's a good one for me; this will help to promote unity within the body. Secondly, I believe the topics were also spirit inspired as they all ministered to the present situations at hand. I also noticed the facts that the preachers who took the various teaching sessions have indeed done their homework very well and of course ministered to bless the soul of men. I personally commend all the preachers for a job well done.

- Isaiah Okorogbudje

Day One

Bukola Ojedokun

Topic: In Times Like This - Be Steadfast

Welcome once again to this conference, let's ensure to have an open mind and readiness to receive from God. Our topic tonight is "In Times Like This- Be Steadfast"

Our anchor verse is Esther 4:14 which says,

"For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" (KJV)

Easy to Read Version of our anchor verse says that **"If you keep quiet now, help and freedom for the Jews will come from another place. But you and your father's family will all die. And who knows, maybe you have been chosen to be the queen for such a time as this."**

Imagine someone walking up to you and telling you "In times like this, be steadfast". The look on your face will make it obvious that the statement is "incomplete" and has brought up a lot of questions in your mind like be steadfast in what, why, how?

To begin, let us define some words to aid our understanding of the topic. To be Steadfast means to stand firm, to be deeply rooted, not moved by circumstances. In times like this means in this current age. To be steadfast in times like this simply means that we should stand strong in our journey with God despite what might be happening around. Also, to be steadfast means instead of our right convictions about the things of God to be watered down because of the recent compromises by the world, it should grow deeper.

When a believer is born again, he/ she is expected to continue in this journey of faith and grow but growth comes as a result of intentionality by unlearning the ways of the old man and learning the ways of the new man. Why then do we grow? We grow because God wants us to get a full understanding of His truth and spread it to others in love (Ephesians 4:16). This implies that our

growth is not for us but for people around us. But in recent times, the order God has for man has been changed by the devil and his strategies by the idea of Compromise.

The church that was designed to show forth God's glory and bring people close to God is now the one sending people far from God because of their behaviour. Even when things seem to convict us in our spirit, we don't seem to pay attention to it because we don't want to "offend" the world; we don't want to lose friends which is a result of compromise. A lot of people have compromised their values, their understanding of certain instructions given by God because of wanting to please everyone.

To remain steadfast in the faith, is to decide to go against all odds and stick to the **undiluted word of God**. Despite what is happening, to remain steadfast is to have the understanding that "the world will despise you" as the Bible has foretold us and still decide to be despised by the world. To be steadfast in the faith is to decide that your feet is firmly rooted in only Christ not caring about what others say.

When you are steadfast in the faith, it often seems like you are alone but many of us don't see this as the devil's strategy to deceive us. The devil always puts "loneliness" in our minds to make sure we don't abide in God but ignorance of the power we carry in us (the presence of the Holy Ghost) makes us fall into this trap.

We were saved by grace but we have to work out that salvation, we have to work out our faith. We have to put our thought (faith) into action, you don't just believe without proving it. You prove your belief in Jesus by adhering to His commandments. You can't be steadfast by your power, you are empowered to be steadfast but you need to tap into this strength.

The anchor verse shows Mordecai telling Esther that either she speaks up or not, God will send someone else to deliver His people. We are the "Esther" of our generation. We don't need to be reminded of our duty to God. We didn't work for our salvation, it was a free gift and it is a free gift that makes us indebted to God. God has built us this far because He wants us to stand for what is right, He wants us to stand for Him. He wants us to be the light that brings people to Him. It is either a light is on or off, you can't be in the faith today and out tomorrow. To be steadfast is a decision we all need to make. A decision that entails us making a conscious effort to abide and not be moved.

Being steadfast in times like this means deciding to trust and believe in God even when nothing seems to go your way as a believer. Most people see steadfastness as being “over spiritual” but that is wrong. Every believer is expected to be grounded in Christ because we all need to grow into the fullness of God. You can’t claim to be steadfast and you are easily swayed. Steadfastness is a hard job but it has been made easy by the Holy Spirit. If the Holy Spirit is your best friend as He should be, you would want to please Him even if pleasing Him means losing friends, acquaintances. Your decision to be steadfast means you acknowledge and you actually work in the reality of being dead to sin, being dead to the world.

In times like this, everything seems to work out “fine” for the “unbelievers” but the understanding of where your hope is, the understanding of who is on your side makes you stand firm with your heads raised. Being steadfast in faith is not just mere words but an action. An action motivated by love, an action motivated by a knowing of what lies ahead. I want us to know that as believers, we all have a purpose to fulfill but before we fulfill purpose, we need to be prepared and steadfastness comes with this preparation.

Romans 8:19...People are waiting for your obedience, people are waiting for you to make that decision to abide and remain firm in God. Your attitude of staying in God, your decision of not compromising is what someone else needs to stay strong. Be intentional about staying firm in God, staying in Him without wavering gives good results. Only those who are found in the faith will reign with God not those who started the journey of faith.... It isn’t about you starting the faith journey, it is about you running it and finishing it well. To finish well, you need to abide, remain in Him. You mustn’t be shaken by the things around you.

Esther 4:14...” If you don’t do this, someone else will” (paraphrased)...If you decide not to stay firm in God, you won’t grow and if you don’t grow, you are not fit to be used. It is your decision to make to remain in Christ. Being steadfast is first a decision before it becomes an action. Being steadfast in the midst of the “extraordinary way of living for the world” means denying the flesh and sticking to the Spirit. Your steadfastness is a function of the growth of your Spirit man, it comes from a place of understanding.

Your steadfastness in the faith in times like this is your response to obey God in these perilous times. An incorruptible crown is birthed by your steadfastness in Christ. Your steadfastness will pay off better than your selfishness, your steadfastness is a response to the things of the Spirit.

Your decision to be steadfast in this time is a true indicator of where your loyalty lies, of who your master really is. Where does your firmness lie? In the Word or in the World? Are you ready to remain unshaken, to remain deeply rooted, firmly standing in the things of God even when it seems “profitless” or with “less profit”? Remember, we are in the world but not of the world so we should remain, we should abide in the things of our kingdom. The things of our kingdom are love for Our Father, Faith in Our Saviour and Trust in His Spirit.

Steadfastness is not a decision of convenience but it is a decision of prosperity, a decision of surety. In times like this, show off your steadfastness, show off your firm belief in God, show off the decision you made at the altar by living it out. But remember, you cannot be steadfast in what you don't believe in because being steadfast comes from a place of knowing, a place of understanding.

To be steadfast in the faith, you need to have faith first. It is your faith that will keep you firm in times like this. If you still don't have faith in God, you can't survive in times like this. I would advise you to decide to trust in God for victory even in these uncertain times.

Just say this prayer:

Abba, thank you for loving me. Thank you for calling me towards you. Thank you for opening my eyes to see and understand. I repent of my sins, forgive me Father. Come into my life as my Lord and Savior. Let us go through these times together and help me to be firm in my walk with you. Thank you Father for coming to dwell in me. In Jesus name we have prayed. Amen.

If you just said that prayer, welcome to the family of Love...Kindly send us a private message as we would love to talk to you and help you in your walk with God.

In conclusion, I would like to say this; “Dangerous times need Dangerous Measures and there is nobody more *Dangerous* to help you through these times than Jesus”. Also, remember being steadfast comes with a price but that price is nothing compared to the prize you have at the end.

Let Hebrews 12:2 be your anchor in times like this so you can be steadfast.

Let's pray,

Abba, thank you for tonight, thank you for Day 1 of this conference. Thank you for your Word that has come to us this night, help us to make the decision to stand firm in you Abba and not be moved by things we see in the world. We commit the rest of the conference into your hands Abba, take control. The eyes of our understanding are opened and hearts are stirred to remain steadfast in You. Amen.

Day Two

Samuel Adediwura

Topic: In Times Like This - Be not Deceived

Praise God Believers. We bless God for the exposition of the Word yesterday through Minister Bukola Ojedokun. What a pleasant way to start the Conference. I will love to appreciate the Convener of this meeting Pastor Josiah for the privilege to be a blessing to us. Most importantly, I will give all praises and glory to God, our Father, for making this meeting a reality and for the gift of his Spirit, bestowed on us to be a blessing to His people. We are only but a vessel drawing from the Spirit of God to be a blessing his people. I pray, every one of us will be blessed through this teaching in Jesus name.

We will be considering the topic: Be not deceived. Under the theme: In Times like this. I am trusting God that tonight our eyes of understanding will be open to know our responsibilities in Christ, in Jesus name.

Introduction

According to King James Dictionary; to be deceived is to be misled, led into error, beguiled, cheated, or deluded. Being misled could be as a result of an information one has or that which is unknown to one.

1 Corinthians 6:9 says,

"Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind".

Apostle Paul brought to the notice of the Corinthians that there is an information they need to be aware of, that the unrighteous cannot inherit God's kingdom. Don't be misled, those that practice the things he listed out, have no part in the kingdom.

New Living Translation version uses the word "don't fool yourself". 1 Corinthians 6:9,

"Don't you know that those who do wrong will have no share in the Kingdom of God? Don't fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, who are idol worshipers, adulterers, male prostitutes, homosexuals"

This shows that with the current state of the world, a believer can fool him or herself for lack of right information or acquisition of wrong information. The quality of our life is determined by the quality of the knowledge we have. And this knowledge can only be adequate, when we live our life as Believers in accordance to God's word and constant prayers.

Matthew 4:4 says,

"But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God".

Luke 18:1 says,

"And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint"

The Word of God is the only valid information that will strengthen our conviction in Christ and prevent us from being misled.

Now in application to our theme text, which was taken from the book of Esther. I will like us to understand that **God is strategic in His dealings**. He foresees situation before they arise. The scripture reveals this to us in the book of Revelation 22:13 which says,

"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last".

Thus, it means He sees and knows the end from the beginning. He had seen that there will be a great plight against the Jews in the future, so He had orchestrated Esther to be the Queen instead of Vashti by granting her favour in the sight of Hegai. I will love that we take out time to study the book of Esther, a lot of truth about God's intention will be revealed unto us.

God caused Esther to find favour before Hegai, who helped her in finding favour and grace before the king. I wouldn't have thought that she was the most beautiful girl who appeared before

the king. If she was, the scripture would have recorded it, but what she experienced was favour, I pray you find favour in the sight of nobles in Jesus name.

The same experience Esther had is applicable to us today. We have been favoured by God, as He sent His only begotten Son to die for our sins and restore our relationship back to Him.

At the point of Salvation, He translates us from the power of darkness into the kingdom of His dear Son. Colossians 1:13 says,

"Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son"

As a Believer, you will live a life of **royalty** when you understand who you really are in Christ.

Revelation 5:9-10 says,

"And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth".

The authority a believer confers now, is far greater than that of Esther and Mordecai during their days. Ephesians 2:4-6 says,

"But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus".

And where is Christ located? Ephesians 1:20-22 says,

"when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church".

Therefore, we are placed in a place of authority in Christ, we are made king and Priest on Earth and where the word of a king is there is power -Ecclesiastes 8:4.

As Believers, we have to constantly remind ourselves of who we are in Christ for us to know the weight of authority that has been given to us, therein lies our ability to utilize all that is in us that is in Christ. Philemon 1:6 says,

"That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus".

God has invested His fullness in Christ and has made us complete in Him. Colossians 2:9-10 says,

"For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power"

With the understanding of who we are in Christ, we come to the knowledge of our worth and value in the Kingdom. For we know that we are complete in Him. We don't wait till we occupy a position in the Earthly realm before we know how influential we are, or how we are meant to impact our world. At the point of believing in Christ we are made the light of the world. We are made a city set on the hill that can never be hidden. So, we bare this in our mind before other earthly place of authority is conferred on us. We are who Christ has made us to be.

Galatians 2:20 says,

" I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me".

Therefore, there is a great responsibility conferred on you as Believer. The life you now live is no longer yours, but that of Christ. This clearly state that you are another Christ on Earth. So what men will experience in the days of Christ should not be different from what they see in you.

Therefore, you are not to be deceived about the intention of God for investing so much in you. I will love us to note some certain reasons why so much has been invested on us:

1. Life is not all about you: Mordecai had to remind Esther that maybe it was because of a moment like this God placed her where she is, maybe that was why she received favour and

grace before the king to be his wife. Jesus said in John 12:25, "He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal".

The life you receive in Christ is that of sacrifice. In the kingdom we live for God and others not our self. Thank God Esther got the signal, she would have been wiped out with the Jews. Don't think there is safety because insurgency has not gotten to your environment, why not go on your knees and plead for the deliverance of many dying unjustly.

As Believers, we are to see things from God's perspectives, don't be concern about yourself alone, reach out for the help of others.

2. You are saved to save others: Generations of saviours must arise from Zion, Men and Women who will take up the responsibility of giving their all for the sake of the Gospel. Men who will answer the call of Christ to save many, through their substance, influence, position and resources. Jesus said in John 20:21, "...Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you". Generation of men that will yield to Christ instruction.

Mark 3:14 says,

"And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach"

After coming to the knowledge of what we have in Him by being with Him, we are ordained also to preach to others. If there would be any change we desire at this time, if we don't take up this responsibility, it will be difficult to attain.

That young boy stealing 5 Naira biscuits today, that people are yelling at and you are also joining them to abuse him and his parents. If you don't cry for the salvation of his soul today, he might cause a great havoc tomorrow.

3. If you don't stand up for others, you might fall victim as well: God has set you to be a blessing at that place you are now, someone is oppressed of the devil you are to deliver. There are lives threatening issues you have to discuss in the place of prayer. Some lives will tend to waste if you don't do what you are designed to do and you may fall victim if you don't exercise your authority. Acts 10:38 says,

"How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him".

You have the same unction, awake yourself to your reality and help many to be delivered.

4. You are strategically placed in the place of authority in Christ to deliver many: Just as God made Esther to be a voice that delivered the Jews, God has given you authority to deliver many. Wherever you find yourself today, anywhere in the world, God strategically placed you there to help and deliver many. Don't live below the expectation of God for you, because He has given you all you need to do His will.

5. There is power in your prayers: The scripture says in James 5:16, **"...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much".**

Also, in 1 Corinthians 1:30,

"But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption"

Therefore, having the understanding that Christ has been made unto your righteousness, your fervent Prayer avails much. This secret was unknown to Esther, yet she made this declaration as the only way out of their predicament.

Beloved, at a time like this, when things are not going the way they ought to, there is power in your prayers engage in it actively. Don't let the devil talk you down of no way out. Where there is prayer, there is always a way out. I will like to end on this note; you are called to a life of responsibility. What Christ has done for you, who Christ has made you is for a purpose that you help many to find their feet in Him.

Mordecai and Esther stood for the salvation of others. At the reign of Haman, the whole Jews were in trouble. But when Esther and Mordecai took up their responsibility to save others, their morning changed to joy. The responsibility is laid on you to deliver many from their affliction. Even as you do this, the Lord grant you victory beyond your imagination.

How do you take up this responsibility?

1. By constantly interceding for others in fasting and prayers; Ephesians 6:18 says,

"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints"

2. By yielding to the leading of the Spirit: Mordecai played the role of the Holy Spirit for Esther, by bringing to her notice the confusion that has been created by Haman in the city. Whenever you have the prompting of the Spirit, it's not the time to snore. It's the best time to help save a life by yielding to the leading of the Spirit.

3. By sharing and supporting the Gospel with your substance, influence, resources and all. This will help many to come to the knowledge of the truth. The place of authority is meant for Believers, let's not be deceived. Where the righteous rule, the people rejoice.

I pray for you tonight, that as you take up your responsibility in Christ and yield to the Holy Spirit to be a blessing to many, your impact in the world will never be forgotten and the Gospel prospers through you in Jesus name.

If you are yet to give your life to Christ and you are opportune to go through this teaching, this is a great opportunity. Don't miss out your salvation. Do not be deceived, if you are not saved by Christ, there no other salvation elsewhere. Acts 4:12 says,

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved".

Just believe tonight that Christ died for you and accept as your savior and Lord. You can say this Prayer;

Father I thank you for the gift of salvation, I renounce my sins and I receive the life of Christ as my Savior, and I give Him my life as My Lord. Grant unto me your Holy spirit in Jesus name.

Congratulations to the Body of Christ, kindly reach out to us for proper follow up. We love you, God bless you.

I am sure the Word of God has blessed us tonight. I pray for everyone; the Word of the Lord liberate you tonight. As you determine in your heart to take up your responsibility in Christ, the Lord makes you a shining light. Through you the Gospel flourish. Men come to the knowledge of God. If there is anything working contrary to the truth of God's word in your life, they are nullified in Jesus name.

Ye shall know the truth and it shall set you free. CHRIST is the way, truth and life. By the knowledge of Him, you gain freedom in Jesus name. The devil will no longer cheat you, for you are victorious in Christ Jesus.

Day Three

Tope Olaleye

Topic: In Times Like This – Trust God

Shalom God's people. We bless God for an amazing teaching yesterday through our Brother, it was an expository one. Bless God for the man God placed this vision in his hands and opportunity to share God's Word.

Tonight, we are studying the topic: "In Times Like This: Trust God" Proverbs 3:5 - 7 says,

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil".

In Luke 21:5-28, we have the account of those things that will happen in the end time. Jesus told His disciples, you will face trial and temptation, you will face challenges but I will be with you. Whatever it is we are facing in this time has been prophesied in the time of Jesus and there is a provision for how we can overcome them.

It is only in Jesus we can find encouragement in times like this. Jesus knows a time will come we will be faced with situation of life and Jesus already made provisions for this.

Where do we turn to in times of challenges?

When we are faced with challenges, many times we trust ourselves and instinct for solutions. We turn to our fellow man and what usually happens is they fail us. Sometimes we turn to material things like money or system to find solace or solution. We have so much relied on what our strength and man can offer us.

We usually do not remember God until every aspect we lookout to have failed. We forget that God should be the first in our lives. We always make God the option B that the next option if we have failed in other ways.

What does it mean to trust?

Trusting someone means that you have confidence in them and you feel safe with them physically, emotionally and spiritually.

What does it mean to trust God?

To trust God means you have faith in Him and you are leaning totally on Him. It means you are putting your life in His hands without doubt or worry. It means you have surrendered to Him the totality of your life.

Trusting God is simply believing that He loves you and knowing He is good, He has the power to help you and wants to help you (Definition by Joyce Meyer).

If you trust God, you are no more using your own wisdom to go about your life. You are no more relying on your instinct, power or strength. Of course, some of God's instruction might look difficult or stupid, but the moment you trust Him you don't need to look back. But the truth is we need to trust God completely for our lives.

Why is it that we don't usually trust God completely?

Sometimes, we trust Him with some things and on other matters we want to handle it our own way. We often times feel God is not fast enough to answer us or His judgement is not fair enough. There are lots of reasons people do not trust God with their life. According to the text for this study we are to trust in the Lord with all our heart, and not lean on our own understanding.

We are meant to surrender every situation to God no matter what it is.

Why should we trust God?

1. We should trust God because He is more available. Many times, other places we look to usually fail us but God is always there for us. He is available at all times in all places, so because of this we should trust Him.
2. We need to trust God because His Promises are stronger and more powerful than any other earthly solution. The arm of men may fail us, but God will never leave us nor forsake us. We have seen situations that surpass the wisdom of men but God will surely come through. He has promised to never leave us nor forsake us. His promises for us are sure.
3. We need to trust God because God's understanding passes that of any man - Proverbs 3: 5-6. There is a limit to what we human can understand, God perfectly understand every situation.
4. We need to trust God because the battle we are facing is not ordinary and it is not ours - 2 Chronicles 20: 15-17. We wrestle not against flesh and blood - Ephesians 6:12
5. We need to trust God because whatsoever we are facing or passing through is but for a season. The Bible says there is time for everything. There is time to laugh and there is time to be sorrowful. There is time for trials and there is time for promotion - Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
6. We need to trust God because He has not given us the Spirit of fear but of a sound mind - 2 Timothy 1:7. Most situation brings us so much fear, but trusting God brings boldness and a sound mind.
7. We need to trust God because God is more powerful than anything we are passing through now. Until we see the situation in this sense we may not be able to fully trust God. God is above all things, no matter the challenges.

And with Him ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE - Matthew 19:26.

How do we trust God completely?

Now that we have seen that we needed to trust God no matter the circumstances, how do we trust God completely? Completely because I discovered many times, we just want to trust God

partially that is, we want to trust Him with some things and handle others on our own way. I have seen this play out in the lives of many Christians.

Here are some examples:

- We need admission into college/university, and it's not forthcoming. Let me just help myself.
- I need a job and nobody is willing to employ me. Let me do it the way of the world.
- I want to marry a man or woman who I think is best for me.
- I have this challenge, I can't wait on God, I have to seek a solution on my own.

These and many more are some ways Christians are partially trusting God.

To trust God, we must have faith in Him. Without Faith, we cannot trust God. Without faith it is impossible to please God - Hebrews 11:6. Remember earlier we define trust as having confidence in someone. You cannot trust God without faith. Let us consider these:

1. To trust God, first decide not to worry. Do not be anxious about anything - Philippians 4:6-7. Many times, a situation we said we have committed into the hands of God we are still worrying about it. Why? Because we cannot just help it. This is why you should decide on your own not to worry. When we worry about situations, we are only telling God, you don't trust Him enough.

2. Saturate your thoughts with the Word of God - Joshua 1:8. Meditate regularly on the word of God. When we come face to face with ugly situations, it is the Word of God in us that we can use to combat it. The presence of the Word of God gives us victory over situations of life.

3. Cry out to God in prayer - 1 Thessalonians 5:17. When we pray to God in difficult situations, we are acknowledging God that He is able. We are casting our burden on Him as He has commanded.

Most of the things we suffer in life is because we could not take some things to God in prayer. Instead of praying what most of us do is to murmur, complain or worry. All these will not bring any solution but will rather compound to what is on ground.

4. Put God first in everything you do - Proverbs 3:5 - 6. This is not limited to when we are faced with difficulty. When we are in abundance, we should acknowledge God as the owner of everything. This makes it easier to turn to Him when we are faced with challenges.

5. Run/Flee from evil - 1 Thessalonians 5:22. To trust, you must run from every appearance of evil. Sin makes it difficult to trust God because sin brings separation between man and God - 2 Timothy 2:22.

God wants us to trust Him at all times. He wants us to trust Him completely. Trusting God brings all-round peace in our lives.

May God give us the grace to trust Him completely. I pray God helps us to flee from every appearance of evil that stands between us and Him. I pray God will turn every challenge we are facing now to things of joy in Jesus name. Every heart and soul who have put their trust in God, may they never be put to shame in Jesus name. Amen.

Day Four

Ademola Bakenne

Topic: In Times Like This – The Fight of Faith

I welcome you all to the Day 4 of the online outreach. Where ever you are, I want you to make a sound of rejoicing because the Lord is set to do great and mighty things... Glory!!!!!!

The Bible says in Psalms 150, the last verse that let everything that has breath, praise God. The only criteria to be qualified to praise God is being alive. Let the living souls appreciate the name of God.

Very quickly tonight as the Lord will be helping us. Let me quickly say something about the theme of the outreach: "In Times Like This".

Esther 4:14 says,

"For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

The Lord is communicating with you this time. He is raising great men who will take over the kingdom for Him. He is raising men to bring liberation and rescue in the name of Jesus. He is raising men who will fight solely for the sake of the gospel. He is raising men who will behold His glory. Individuals that will allow the river of life flow through them; that will contend earnestly for the faith. He is raising a chariot for Himself.

"Awake! O thou that sleepest", He is saying. Join the chariot! For God wants to use you as an instrument for Himself **at a time like this**. Glory!!!!!!

The Fight of Faith

Better put ... at a time like this, fight the fight of faith. The Holy Spirit gave me an illustration while preparing for the teaching. I saw that in a dream and I would like to share with you brethren.

“I was in a particular place and I saw a Christian lady. She was completely independent and entirely wanting nothing. She was wealthy too. She works for a very big multinational company as a marketing manager. Based on the reputation of such a company, it was as though everything they do was seen by the whole world and of course she was the face of the organization. The Lord instructed her to use her influence for His glory. She was terrified because of the Board of Directors being unbelievers and rulers of darkness, moreover, she was scared the world would shy away.

Against all odds and ordeals, in one of her presentations to the world, she clothed herself in a garment and on this garment was the message of the gospel written boldly. Besides, without fear or favour, she spoke of her faith. Millions were saved for this cause”.

Esther also from where we read was an instrument of God to save the Jews. The Lord looks for men that will fight earnestly for Him. 1 Timothy 6:11-12 says,

“But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses”.

Basically, to fight the good fight of faith means that we stand firmly anchored in the word, power of the Holy Spirit, reckoning ourselves dead to our feelings and human reasoning, not letting sin rule over our mortal bodies (Luke 9:23, Romans 8:13).

The Bible says in 1 Peter 4:1,

“Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin”

The verse expressly explained that even Christ suffered before a standing victory. There were places He reached that they didn't accept Him. There were places He got weary. There was a place that the Messiah wept.

In continuation, it is quite very common how ministers of God present the Christian life as simple with a standing reason that Christ had lived it all for us, the sorrows, the hardship and all. I tell you brethren, yes! It is simple because of the leverage that we have - Christ was victorious! and focusing our attention on Him gives us a sure hope of victory but this does not come without a fight and without passing through trials. Awake, O thou believer that chants "freedom in Christ" when sin is the order of the day. However, staying true to the Word of God made us to understand that living an overcoming life in the virtues of Christ is not something that comes automatically.

Let us consider what the scripture says;

Phil 2:12 " work out your own salvation with fear and trembling"

Luke 13:24 "strive to enter through the narrow gate... "

2 Peter 1:10 "wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall"

Hebrews 12:1 "...let us lay aside every weight and sin that easily beset..."

These scriptures explain expressly that much more we need to do to keep the faith that the fathers left in our hands. That we stay true to the cross against all blasphemies and gain sayings of false prophets. They remind us to contend earnestly for the faith which we have received. Fighting a good fight of Faith is a system of **self-denial** and **total dependence on the Holy Ghost**.

Let me cite this example. If I want to lose weight completely, I will steer clear of junks totally because of my purposed agenda which I have sworn to follow. If by salvation, you made a commitment to God for Him to be your personal Saviour, fighting for your faith is embracing everything that strengthen this confession and steering clear of all distractions. Just like what Hebrews 12:1 says.

Fighting a good fight of faith is staying true to our calling (Mark 16:15). God's eternal plan is that through us, the river of life might flow through the gospel to them that are dead, that they should live again. This is the main purpose of the cross.

Luke 19:10 says,

“For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost”.

Every believer is saved to serve. For the world not to shut your mouth in doing this, you have to contend earnestly. Paul talks about the perils of darkness, perils of the sea, perils of thieves, perils of strokes and many more. He stayed true to his mission and gave expression to that life that is in him. At the end thereof, he declared “... For I have fought the good fight of faith, I have kept the faith”.

Bringing all to a close, brethren, we should not make the uttermost error that by our own strives, we will prevail, for by strength shall no man prevail. Excelling in this fight is by completely focusing and relying on the strength of the victorious one (The Bible says in Hebrews 12:2 **“Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God”**) and also by giving yourself totally to the ministry of the word and prayer (Acts 6:4) because herein does faith in itself grow (Romans 10:17, Jude 1:20).

However, all these are based on the developed stature in the Holy Spirit which is the power of God.

Open your Bibles to Ephesians 6:10-20,

“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. 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. 13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; 15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye

shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: 18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; 19 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak”

We might not be able to consider each weapon that the Bible enumerated here but I trust that the Holy Ghost will shed light to His word on your heart today in Jesus name. Besides do well to the part of the subsequent teachings.

Beloved, steadfastly equip yourselves in the Word of God and see yourself beating through the tours of life and remaining victorious in Faith. If there be anyone reading this message and you want God to be your Lord and Saviour, you want to rededicate your life to God. It's never late.

Lay your hands on your chest and say "Lord Jesus, I acknowledge that you my Saviour and you died for my sins. Today I confess you as my Lord and Saviour. I accept the abundant life you gave to me. Sin loses its grip on me and I am made victorious in Jesus name. Amen.

I congratulate you because Heaven is rejoicing over you. Continue and give expression to this life that you have received.

Prayer: Pray that your hearts and your hands are taught to fight this fight of faith till the end. That in the last days, you are counted worthy... Pray where ever you are! Amen.

Thank you all for joining us. God bless you.

Day Five

Bolatito Oke

Topic: In Times Like This – Your Weapon of Warfare

Beloved, I give thanks to God for tonight and I want to appreciate the convener of this program for the grace of God upon his life and for the privilege given to me on this platform to do this great assignment. I equally want to appreciate God's grace upon the life of all the Ministers of God that has spoken in the past days, God will continue to anoint you for greater exploits in His kingdom.

Tonight, I pray God will reveal Himself to us in a new dimension that will reposition us for greater exploits and renewed vision to fulfill purpose and destiny in Jesus name. Amen.

Let us pray:

Our Father in Jesus name, we thank you for the gift of salvation that we received through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Tonight I pray, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all. Amen.

Tonight, God is about to raise new Spiritual Champions for this new season and I believe you and I will be available. Tonight, Topic is: "Your Weapon of warfare".

Bible Text: 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 and Ephesians 6:11-18

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (King James Version),

"3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;"

Ephesians 6:10-18 (King James Version),

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.

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;"

In every battle there are weapons at the disposal of the actors of war. Effective use of the weapon goes a long way in sustaining victory through the authorities behind the actors. Spiritual warfare is the believer's concept of fighting against satanic attacks and other evil forces - Ephesians 6:11-12.

In Spiritual warfare, 3 things are to be noted;

1. Your Identity (Who you are)
2. Your Enemy (Your Opponent)
3. Your weapon of warfare

Your Identity

You were born a warrior. You are surrounded by a spiritual enemy, but the battle is not for land or anything physical. This cosmic battle is for glory. As a believer you're saved and redeemed by the blood of Jesus and enlisted into God's army - 2 Timothy 2:3-4. Jesus is the Lord of host and has triumphed over our enemy, hence we are fighting from point of victory - Colossians 2:15.

David won the battle against Goliath with the help of the Lord of host - 1 Samuel 17:45. As believers we have been equipped by God with all we need to be aware of the schemes of the enemy and empowered to free others from demonic oppression - Mark 16:17-18; Luke 10:19.

Luke 10:19 (King James Version),

"Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you".

Mark 16:17-18 (King James Version),

"17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover".

Our authority comes from Jesus and He is greater than our adversary, hence we're to focus on Him because our weapon can only be effective through Him - 1John 4:4, 1John 3:8. Hence we need not be afraid.

1 John 3:8 (King James Version),

" He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil".

1 John 4:4 says,

"Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world".

We are to focus on Jesus' authority and might, not on the enemy's schemes. The name of Jesus is above every other name, every knee bows in obedience to His name - Philippians 2:9-11.

Our Enemy

1 Peter 5:8 says,

" Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh . Satan is our enemy, he's a defeated foe".

Satan is not everywhere present, all-knowing, or all-powerful. Satan is not God, but he has a whole host of evil angels called demons he can use for spiritual attacks. Anything that hell can bring against you results from satanic activity. He's a defeated foe - Colossians 2:15; John 10:10a.

He's a thief, murderer and a destroyer. Though he has been stripped of his power but has a strategy by which he tries to get at believers, such as:

- Discouragement - 1 Kings 18-19 (Prophet Elijah).
- Doubt - Matthew 11:1-30 (John the Baptist).
- Distractions - Luke 10:38-42 (Martha)
- Discontentment - Luke 15:11-32
- Deception - Genesis 3 (Adam & Eve)

Your Weapon of Warfare

Your Weapon of Warfare are God's mighty weapons and its potency is revealed through its operation and effectiveness. 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 says,

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4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;"

You and I are no match for the power and deceptiveness of Satan and his army. We need the power of God to neutralize and eventually overcome Satan's attacks against us. We can be thankful that God has established His throne in heavenly places, pitting His kingdom against the kingdom of darkness. The kingdom of darkness has its own king, Satan, and he wants to be in charge of the universe. Yet when it comes to the universe, there's no question that God's kingdom and His King, Jesus Christ, are firmly in charge. And Jesus' eternal victory is already assured. Still, God has allowed us to choose in our individual lives who will rule over us.

The reason so many Christians are losing the battle is that they are trying to beat the devil using the world's weapons. They're looking to the secular world to help them with their spiritual need. If your problem, your struggle, your need is induced and orchestrated by your spiritual enemy, your flesh can't win the fight.

A fortress or stronghold is a mindset that holds you hostage. It makes you believe that you are hopelessly locked in a situation, that you are powerless to change. That's when you hear people saying, "I can't, I can't, I can't." The only reason you say, "I can't," when God says, "You can," is that Satan has made himself at home in your head.

in 2 Corinthians 10:4, Paul says our spiritual weapons can destroy Satan's fortresses. Weapons such as prayer, reading the Word, obedience, meditation on Scripture, fasting, and service can blow up the devil's strongholds. And that's what we must do. Satan's fortresses must be torn down.

The whole armour of God is essential to enable us to stand against the wiles/strategies of the devil. The weapons are also; Blood of Jesus - Revelation 12:11; Name of Jesus - Philippians 2:9-11; Praises - Psalm 100.

The theme of this program says " In Times Like This. Esther 4:14 says,

"For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

In times like this, there's no neutral ground, you need to make a choice. Satan will not win. Those are some of Satan's designs. The path to victory in this warfare is to hold fast to Christ who has already dealt the decisive blow.

1 John 3:8: "The Son of God appeared to destroy the works of the devil."

Hebrews 2:14: "Christ took on human nature that through death he might destroy him who has the power of death, that is, the devil."

Colossians 2:15: "God disarmed the principalities and powers and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in him." In other words, the decisive blow was struck at Calvary.

Mark 3:27: "No one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man."

Revelation 20:10 says one day the warfare will be over: "The devil . . . [will be] thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone . . . and will be tormented day and night forever and ever." (See Matthew 8:29; 25:41)

Resist!

James says, "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you!" (James 4:7). How do we do that? Here is how they did it according to Revelation 12:11: "They have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death." They

embraced the triumph of Christ by his blood. They spoke that truth in faith. They did not fear death. And they triumphed.

“Take . . . the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication” (Ephesians 6:17–18).

“Do not be outwitted by Satan. God sees behind enemy lines and tells us all we need to know to not be ignorant of Satan’s designs. As the close of this age draws near, and Satan rages, Jesus calls us to wartime prayer: “Watch at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man” (Luke 21:36).

Similarly, Peter makes an urgent call to end-time prayer: “The end of all things is at hand; therefore, be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers” (1 Peter 4:7)

No Neutral Zone

The question is not whether you want to be in this war. Everyone is in it. Either we are defeated by the devil and thus following, like cattle to the slaughter, “the prince of the power of the air” (Ephesians 2:2), or we are resisting - “resist him, firm in your faith!” (1 Peter 5:9).

There is no neutral zone. You either triumph “by the blood of the Lamb and the word of your testimony,” or you will be enslaved by Satan. Therefore, “Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus” (2 Timothy 2:3), and “wage the good warfare” (1 Timothy 1:18). Pray without ceasing!

The Lord Jesus is no less a warrior today than in the days of old. So, I urge you again: Come to him as willing soldiers of the Prince of Peace that He may help you “He trains my hands for war” (Psalm 144:1).

Some weapons can only be useful in a season. Without your connectivity to Jesus you may be using the wrong weapon or the wrong strategy. Tonight, decide either to rededicate your life to Jesus and start afresh and if you have never given your life to Jesus, you can do so now. The time we are in is a perilous time. Only God can preserve us through His mighty weapons. Compare the weapon of David to the weapon of Saul.

Let us pray:

Father in Jesus name, we thank you for your word that has gone forth tonight, we pray for an encounter that will enable us to depend on you for victory in all life battles and challenges. We receive Grace tonight to always put on the whole armour of God and to always obey your words in Jesus name. Thank you Lord for answered prayers. We pray that our eyes of understanding be enlightened in Jesus name. Amen.

Day Six

Ademola E. Adebayo

Topic: In Times Like This – If a Man dies?

I appreciate every member of the team, God bless you. I want to appreciate God in the life of the convener - Pastor Josiah. Good evening Brethren, I bless God for the grace and opportunity to be here and to share the precious Word of God with you.

Let us pray: **Heavenly Father, we ask that you release us into the revelation of yourself today in Jesus name. Amen.**

Our topic for tonight is " In Times Like - If a Man dies?". Nevertheless, the Holy Spirit will help our weaknesses in Jesus name. Our Text: Job 14:14 says,

"If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come."

Let's marry this text with another. Hebrews 9:27 says,

"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:"

The word "Man" refers to both male and female genders (Genesis 1:22) In response to that despondent question of Job (Job 14:14b), Hebrew 9:27 shoves a ray of light, when it says,

-And as it is appointed unto men

- once to die,

- but after this the judgment:

But, this ray of light brought forth other subject matters. Hence will shall be looking at the following outlined topics: The inevitable - Death; Judgement.

Death:

- What death is
- Types of Death
- The exempted

Judgement:

- What judgment is
- Essence of Judgement
- Types of Judgement

Segregation Judgement:

- Paradise
- Hell

The Inevitables

There are only two inevitables in this life, like a course in statistics called Inequalities; in solving the equations, you would need the variable and the constant values. So, in life, there are the constants and the variables. The variables are every other thing such as money, houses, marriage, poverty, lack, children, education, etc., not everyone will have these experiences equally. But there are two constant events namely "Death" and "Judgement".

Now, in times like this, according to the theme of this convention. If a man dies, the constants will remain constant. That is Judgment after Death.

Hallelujah! Somebody praise God.

The first inevitable is Death. What is death? Based on application, it could mean a lot. But we will streamline it to man, the living Being (Genesis 2:7)

- Cessation, expiration or termination of man's days on earth.
- translocation/transportation from one realm to another.
- separation of spirit from the body (Ecclesiastes 3:20-21).

Ecclesiastes 3:19-20 says,

“For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath; so that a man hath no preeminence above a beast: for all is vanity. All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again”.

Death is a vehicle from the terrestrial to the celestial (1 Corinthians 15:40). It is the expiration of one's sojourning (Job 14:1). Separation of man's material part from the immaterial part. A breaktime to temporarily rest before the final bell rings (Hebrews 4:10). A temporary sleep mode, etc.

Types of death

1. Spiritual Death: This was what happened to Adam at the garden of Eden (Genesis 17). The word death used in that place was “*tamuth*” which means to terminate, abort, or to stop the process, in other words, Adam was a design in progress, he was terminated due to disobedience. And he remained a living being instead of a Life-giving spirit (Genesis 2:7; Matthew 4:1-4; 1 Corinthians 15:45).

The first Adam became a living being, and the last Adam became a life giving Spirit.

2. Physical Death: In the case of Lazarus (John 11:11-14).

3. Eternal Death or Second Death: (Revelation 2:11; 20:6&14; 21:8). The death we are considering in this context is the physical death. For we are all placed on this appointment (Hebrew 9:27b).

The exempted

God is sovereign, and He has the power to make one escape death, according to Psalm 68:20 - "It is our God that saves, from the sovereign LORD comes escape from death".

In the Bible we have 3 sets of people that escape death, they are:

1. Enoch (Genesis 5:24; Hebrews 11:5)
2. Elijah (2 Kings 2:11)
3. Believers at His coming (1 Corinthians 15:51-52; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; Romans 8:11)

Judgment

The second inevitable is Judgment. In the case of judgment no one is exempted. Judgment will take different forms, stages, looks, and modality. The simple definition of Judgment is rewards. The essence of judgment is to protect the righteous and to punish the wicked (Note: the first reason surpasses the later).

The judgment that we will consider tonight is called Segregation Judgment. When a man dies, the spirit leaves according to Ecclesiastes 12:7b. The spirit to God and the dust to the earth. For example, Jesus - Luke 23:46; Stephen - Acts 7:55-59; David – Psalms 16:9-10.

The Segregation Judgment is the judgment executed immediately a man dies. The separation of the Soul of the faithful from the unfaithful, just from the unjust, saints from sinners, righteous from the unrighteous - Matthew 25:32-33; Sheep from the goats – Malachi 3:16; Revelation 22:11. The righteous will go to Paradise while the unrighteous go to Hades - Luke 16:22-26.

Shown by the story of Lazarus and the Rich man, when they died, each went to a special place prepared for them. Lazarus to Paradise, the Richman to Hades

The Paradise is the temporary holding place for the righteous, while Hades or Sheol is for the unrighteous. The following names are interchangeably used for Hell, but they are not the same:

Sheol, Hades, Tartarus, Gahanna and Queber. Please, for the sake of our time I won't to explain them.

But I am willing to give out my book - IF A MAN DIES...? to ten people free of charge, if want to know more. I would have loved to talk about the state of the departed souls, what happens to the body at resurrection? What happens to our tattoo, scars, Pierce, bruise, amputated and dissembled Bodie. Where is the garden of Eden now?

So, with the permission of the Pastor in house, I will give the ten people the book.

In conclusion, in times like this, if a man dies, if not saved, He goes to Hades or Sheol. A temporary place of torment - 2 Peter.2:7-9. In times like this, if a man dies and he is saved, he goes to the Paradise, a temporary holding place of succor. No purgatory, no re-incarnation.

Hallelujah!

If you are born again, hold fast the profession of your faith, don't give up. If you are not born again please do now. Pray to God for mercy and confess Jesus as your Lord and Savior

Let us pray:

Heavenly Father we thank you once again, for your Spirit and your Son, we thank you for our redemption and the hope that awaits us. Thank you for tonight's meeting. Please keep us for tomorrow. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Day Seven

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Topic: In Times Like This – Come Up Higher

Hallelujah!

We thank God for the Online Outreach so far. God has been faithful. We thank God for all the teachers and pray that God renews them every day in the name of Jesus. Tonight, we will be looking at the topic "In Times Like This - Come Up Higher". I trust God to speak to us expressly tonight as His word will be made simple unto us in the name of Jesus.

Father, thank you for tonight. Thank you for the Online Outreach so far. Thank you for the testimonies we have been receiving. Thank you for the salvation of souls. Thank you for deliverance. Be exalted in the name of Jesus. Tonight Father, speak to us and let us indeed come up higher. Thank you ABBA Father, in Jesus mighty name we have prayed. Amen.

"Come Up Higher" says the topic. To move higher must mean that an individual is at a high place or position already. What does it mean to be placed high? It means to be elevated in position or status; above many things.

Beloved, tonight I am admonishing us to Come Up Higher in one thing that will affect all other aspects of our lives. That is to Come Up Higher in our walk with God. Higher being Elevated in position or status; above all things with God as your focus.

Proverbs 24:10 says,

"[If] thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength [is] small".

There is a need for us to come up higher in this time. In Times Like This when Worldliness has become the order of the day. In Times Like This when at the end of the rope it is only God that we should see. In Times Like This when the Love of many for the things of God is going cold.

Many of us in our different countries may have been on lockdown and restrictions because of the situation of the world. It may have affected your business, family, etc.; I tell you, it is in Times Like This that we should hold onto God than never before.

Come Up Higher.

Why are we to come up higher?

There is just one answer to the question above which produces many results. We are to Come Up Higher in our walk with God because Matthew 6:33 says "**But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you**". All these things as stated in Matthew 6:33 are existence to growth needs of every being.

After Matthew 6:33, Matthew 7:7 then tells us to ask, seek and knock because we will receive, find, and it shall be opened to us respectively. Making God your priority makes all things needed follow you. When you seek the Kingdom of God and its righteousness first, you Come Up Higher daily because:

1. You see yourself as you should be. You see yourself as a god which you are. Psalm 82:6; John 10:34. The child of a lion is a lion. The child of a goat is also a goat. A child of God is also a god.

When you seek God first, you come up higher in the understanding of who you are and work in that fullness. Demons and principalities will not love to mess with you. And even if they gather, it will be brought to nothing. And so shall it be unto you in the name of Jesus Christ.

2. Making God your priority moves you to a level of knowing His ways and not just His acts. Beloved, come up higher in your walk with God. In Exodus 7:1, God had to tell Moses to SEE that He (God) had made him (Moses) a god unto Pharaoh. That's why Psalm 103:7 records that Moses knew the ways of God and the children of Israel, the acts of God.

Moses spoke to God mouth to mouth because he came up higher in his walk with God - Numbers 12:8

3. In Times Like This, we are to Come Up Higher in our walk with God so that we can abide in His Shadow - Psalm 91:1. Dwelling in God's secret makes us abide in His Shadow. Abiding under God's shadow will make His glory and presence cover you so much that your own shadow

will be no more. This is evident in the life of Peter that his shadow was healing people - Acts 5:15-16. Because he abides under God's shadow by dwelling in the secret place with God such miracles were possible.

4. You Come Up Higher by seeking God because in Jesus is all power - Matthew 28:18. Even the power to make wealth is in God. So why run after wealth when you can run after the one who has the power to make you wealthy - Deuteronomy 8:18.

5. In times like this, we are to Come Up Higher by seeking God because only Him can reveal secret things to us - Jeremiah 33:3. We are in a time where perversion is on the rise. We are in a time where false doctrines and teachings are everywhere and even the Elect are falling for it.

Beloved, the only way to Come Up Higher in Times Like This, is by holding onto God like never before. Are things not working out the way you think they should? Remember that His ways are higher than yours; so are His thoughts - Isaiah 55:9. So also are His plans for you good.

You want to move high and remain higher to the point of Coming Up Higher to a greater walk with God, you have to be born again. You need to believe that Jesus came to die for you thousands of years ago. You need to believe in His Birth, Death, Burial and Resurrection. Jesus came for us to Come Up Higher in our fellowship with God.

Before the Death of Jesus, only the Priests could call upon God in the temple. When He gave up the Ghost to give us the Holy Ghost, the veil of the temple tore to give us all access to God - Matthew 27:51. A grace to Come Up Higher.

What to do to Come Up Higher and remain so?

1. Pray without ceasing - 1 Thessalonians 5:17
2. Fast - Matthew 17:21, Mark 2:19 - 20.
3. Study the Word of God - Joshua 1:8
4. Evangelize (Tell others about Jesus) - John 14:12 - 14
5. Focus on Jesus - Colossians 3:2

Many people do not understand the power in evangelism. It keeps you conscious of the second coming of Jesus as well as opening you to an anointing of Coming Up Higher in the spiritual.

In John 14:12 - 14, Jesus said we will do more works and also when we ask for anything in His name, they will be done. Beloved, come up higher in your walk with God and all other things shall be added unto you.

Let us pray:

Father, thank you for your Word that is spirit and life unto us. Thank you for the Online Outreach that ends tonight. Thank you for all the mighty things you have been doing since the beginning of this outreach. Be exalted in the name of Jesus Christ.

Father, I commit everyone on this group to you. That you preserve them to be Steadfast, not to be deceived, to trust you, to fight a good fight of faith, to utilize their weapon of warfare, and come up higher in this time in the name of Jesus Christ. And Father, when we leave this world either by physical death or when you return, we pray to be found in the Faith in the name of Jesus Christ. Thank you ABBA Father. In Jesus mighty name we have prayed.

Amen.

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