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**2025**

**MY YEAR OF SUPERNATURAL SPEED**  
**Isaiah 40:31b**



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# 2024 Crossover Watchnight Message

**Date:** 31 December 2024

**Topic:** My year of Supernatural Speed

**Text:** Isaiah 40:28-31

DO YOU NOT KNOW?

HAVE YOU NOT HEARD?

*The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.*

ISAIAH 40:28

## Introduction

Our emphasis is on verse 28a. There are two important questions there that we need to reflect on as we prepare for our year of supernatural speed.

### Question 1. Do you not know? (First part of verse 28a).

Knowledge is power. Those who are knowledgeable are liberated. They know the secrets that others do not know. This enables them to succeed where others have failed. This is about developing a sound understanding of God and how He works. The Bible says, 'the people that know their God shall be strong and do exploits (Daniel 11:32).

### Question 2. Have you not heard? (Second part of verse 28a).

In my view, this is about awareness of what the Lord has done throughout history as recorded in the Scripture and through the testimonies of others around us. Hearing is vital for remembrance, conviction, direction, and success. Hearing usually stimulate us to action. The Bible says, 'faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God' (Romans 10:17).

## Conclusion

The description of God in the remaining part of verse 28 is encouraging. This reminds us that supernatural speed is the speed that is orchestrated by the triune God. The questions that prophet Isaiah asked the Israelites some thousands of years ago are the same questions that I am asking you on the eve of another year. First, do you not know? Second, have you not heard?

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*My Year of  
Supernatural Speed*

Isaiah 40:31

*But they that  
wait upon the Lord  
shall renew their strength;*

*they shall mount up with  
wings as eagles; they shall run,  
and not be weary; and they  
shall walk and not faint.*

## Theme of the Year 2025

My Year of Supernatural Speed

Isaiah 40:31b

I will wait upon the LORD  
And He will renew my strength.  
I will mount up with wings as eagles,  
I will run and not be weary  
I will walk and not faint.

Brethren, wait upon the LORD...

For this is my Year of Supernatural Speed  
For this is your Year of Supernatural Speed  
For this is our Year of Supernatural Speed



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Date: 5 January 2025

Topic: Supernatural Speed Part 1 - Understanding supernatural speed

Text: Isaiah 40:28-31

**Introduction:** Supernatural speed is the ability to achieve something quicker than others with the help of the triune God. It can also be defined as the sudden capacity to achieve what is beyond human imagination and explanation. This is when something significant suddenly happens in your life. There are three things about supernatural speed in this passage:

**1. The source of supernatural speed (verses 28-30).** Verses 28-29 introduce us to the source of supernatural speed. The supernatural speed comes from Yahweh because everything in the world is under His control. In contrast, verse 30 draws attention to what will happen to those who rely on their human efforts without tapping into supernatural speed. They will grow tired and weary. They will also stumble and fall.

**2. The condition for supernatural speed (first part of verse 31a).** The condition for experiencing supernatural speed is to express hope in God. Hope generally is a feeling of expectation and desire for a particular thing to happen. This expectation or anticipation rests on what we believe. Hope from a biblical perspective is the confident expectation of what God has promised and total reliance on His faithfulness.

**3. The evidence of supernatural speed (second part of verse 31a -31d).** Isaiah mentioned four evidence that will help us to recognise supernatural speed. First is supernatural renewal of strength (second part of verse 31a). Second is supernaturally soaring like eagles with speed (verse 31b). Third is the supernatural momentum to run and not grow weary (verse 31c). Fourth is the supernatural consistency to walk and not faint (verse 31d). We can also rely on God to manifest evidence of supernatural speed in our lives this year.

**Conclusion:** You can also be sustained by the same supernatural speed that Isaiah mentioned in this passage. You must embrace God as the source of your supernatural speed by accepting Jesus Christ as your Lord and personal saviour. You must meet the condition for supernatural speed by displaying exceptional hope in the Lord. Then, you will begin to see the evidence of supernatural speed.

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**Date:** 12 January 2025

**Topic:** Supernatural Speed Part 2 - Supernatural speed for answer to prayers

**Text:** Genesis 24: 1-27

**Introduction:** There are many examples of people who prayed in the Bible and got answer to their prayers with speed. This teaching will only focus on Abraham's servant. Let us reflect on four things about Abraham's servant in this story.

**1. The problem before Abraham's servant (verses 1-11).** Abraham was very old and advanced in years. He appealed to the oldest servant of his household to make a pledge that he would not take a wife for his son Isaac from the daughters of the Canaanites. Abraham instructed the servant to go back to Mesopotamia and take a godly wife for Isaac. He also warned the servant not to take his son back there.

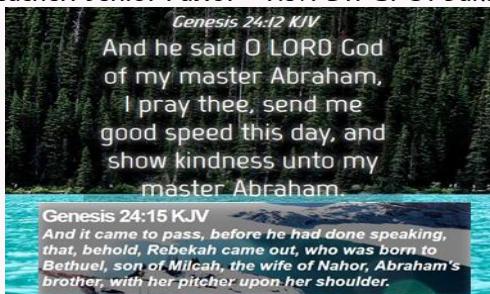
**2. The prayer of Abraham's servant (verses 12-14).** Abraham's servant prayed for three things. First, he prayed that God would grant him success with the assignment of finding a wife for Isaac (verse 12a). Second, he prayed that God would show kindness to him and his master Abraham (verse 12b). Third, he prayed for a specific sign (verses 13-14).

**3. The potency of answered prayer for Abraham's servant (verses 15-25).** Before Abraham's servant had finished praying, Rebekah, who was born to Bethuel the son of Milcah, the wife of Abraham's brother Nahor, came out with a jar on her shoulder. Rebekah was very beautiful, and she was a virgin. She went down to the spring and filled her jar. She gave Abraham's servant some water to drink. She also drew some water for all his camels until they finished drinking.

**4. The praise of Abraham's servant after answered prayer (verses 26-27).** Abraham's servant bowed down in praise and worship of the Lord the God of his master. He emphasised that God has not abandoned His kindness and trustworthiness toward his master Abraham. He considered it a miracle that God guided him all the way to the house of his master's brothers.

**Conclusion:** The supernatural speed for answer to prayers that happened to Abraham's servant in this passage can also happen to you today. First, you should identify the problem before you that requires solution. Second, you should pray earnestly about the problem. Third, you should expect God to answer your petitions with speed. Fourth, you should praise and worship God wholeheartedly after receiving your answer.

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Date: 19 January 2025

Topic: The great mystery of godliness

Text: 1 Timothy 3:16

**1 Timothy 3:16**

AND WITHOUT CONTROVERSY GREAT  
IS THE MYSTERY OF GODLINESS:  
**GOD WAS MANIFEST  
IN THE FLESH,**

**Introduction:** A mystery is that which can only be known through the revelation of God (Romans 16:25–26; Colossians 1:26–27). NT mentions a number of “mysteries”. The Lord Jesus spoke of “**the mystery of the kingdom of God**” (Mark 4:11). The apostle Paul used the word *mystery* 21 times in his epistles: the **mystery of God** (Colossians 2:2), the **mystery of faith** (1 Timothy 3:9), the **mystery of iniquity** (2 Thessalonians 2:7), among others.

**The mystery of godliness** is not about our godliness or self-righteousness; rather, it is the mystery that makes our godliness possible and it is about the appearance of the Son of God in the flesh to accomplish the plan of salvation.

**God was manifested in the flesh** refers to that point in time when the eternal, divine Son of God took on a human nature and became incarnate (John 1:1–18). God who is a Spirit dwelt in flesh; God the infinite, uncontained, boundless Who dwells in unapproachable light was manifest in the flesh.

**Justified in the Spirit:** The primary definition of “*justification*” is “to prove or show to be just,” and it is in this sense that Christ was justified in the Spirit. And having offered Himself by the eternal Spirit without spot to God, the power of the Holy Spirit marked Him out as Son of God in resurrection (Romans 1:4; 8:11).

**Seen of Angels:** The host of angels witnessed His entrance into the world, surrounded Him and were present with Him in His life on earth. He was seen of angels in His resurrection and seen of angels when He ascended on high to take His place at the right hand of God, becoming the head over all things, the head of the Church.

**Preached unto the Gentiles:** Gentiles could now enjoy the blessing of God through the promise He made to Abraham. The narrow confines of one nation, even Israel, could not limit the immense blessing accruing from the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus. Jew and Gentile alike could trust Him and know Him as Saviour and Lord and the middle wall of partition between them had been broken down (Galatians. 3:28; Titus 2:11; 1 Timothy 2:4).

**Believed on in the World:** Many believed in Jesus because they saw the signs He was doing (John 2:23; 7:31). While others believed on Him because of the words he spoke (John 4:41; 8:30). But, as the Lord Jesus stated, all who believed on Him believed because God the Father granted it to them (John 6:65).

**Received up into Glory:** In Mark 16:19, the ascension is looked on as God's seal of approval on the work of His Righteous Servant. He was *received up into glory* because He was resurrected, and because He resurrected, our spiritual identification with Him through the baptism of the Spirit, transforms us to be walking His resurrection walk, living His resurrection life in a newness of life.

**Conclusion:** The Great Mystery has been revealed. The secret has been declared. The LORD has fully and finally made Himself known, in Person, in the Lord Jesus, His beloved Son. Believe in Christ and pursue holiness.

**Date:** 26 January 2025

**Topic:** All must Repent or Likewise Perish

**Text:** Luke 13:1-5

No, I tell you, but unless  
you repent, you will all  
likewise perish.

**Luke 13:3**

**Introduction:** The issue in this passage is clear from the illustration, the people inform Jesus about the death of Jewish worshippers at the hands of Pilate. Why did God allow 'good' Jews to be killed by Pilate? The Lord Jesus answer is that if those asking the question did not repent, they likewise would perish. Regardless of why they died, the questioners needed to realise that they were in real peril of death themselves. The four words we want to focus on are "all," "likewise," "perish," and "repent."

**The people who perished:** Luke 13:1, 2 Two examples are given, one by the Lord Himself and one by His audience. First, some Galileans died at the hand of Pilate while worshiping and offering sacrifices to God. Second, eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed. The examples serve to illustrate the meaning of His words and refer to Jews who died physically. One by a human act and the other supposedly by an act of God or natural disaster.

**All are extremely sinful:** Luke 13: 2; Rom 3:3, 10; Jer 17:9; Gen 4:8 Their sin was not extraordinarily horrible, it was ordinarily horrible, just like yours. Jesus says that all are just as sinful as they are and should get ready to experience a horrible end like they did, if we don't repent. Jesus teaches that all of us are extremely sinful, so calamities and disasters should not shock us as though something unwarranted were coming upon innocent human beings.

**Likewise kind of perishing:** Luke 13:2, 5 The likewise implies the same kind of perishing for all. Twice the Lord Jesus warned them that they may be next and may experience the same fate. Unless people repent they will also perish, God would allow a lot more people to be killed.

**Prophecy of All perishing:** Luke 13:2, 5; 2 Pet 1:19; Mark 13:35 All refers to a large number or percentage. Over one million Jews died less than forty years later in the Jewish War of AD 66-70. We need to give heed to the prophetic word as to a lamp shining in a dark place until the day dawns and the morning star rises in our heart.

**Perish, Unless you repent:** Luke 13:3,5; Jonah 3:4 Since Judea did not repent, Jerusalem was destroyed. It is easy to forget that Jesus is not only our high priest and our coming king, He is also a prophet. and prophesied the destruction of the temple. Jonah only gave the Ninevites forty days but Jesus gave the nation of Israel more than forty years. The coming of the Messiah for Israel was both good and bad news.

**Conclusion:** The most urgent issue is our own soul. Unless we repent, an act of God might simply take our lives in due course. We may also be executed by the state or suffer death at the hands of a tyrant. There is no difference, both likewise are perishing.

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**Repent**



**Date:** 2 February 2025

**Topic:** Supernatural Speed (Part 3) - Supernatural speed from prison to palace

**Text:** Genesis 41:1-46

**Introduction:** Let us reflect on the supernatural speed that moved Joseph from a prisoner to a Prime Minister in Egypt. This change of level was unbelievable because it happened within 24 hours. The story of Joseph reminds us that it is possible to transition from nothing to something with supernatural speed. In my view, Joseph went through four processes on that day in this passage.

**1. Joseph started the day as a prisoner (verses 1-13).** King Pharaoh had a dream two years after the story of the butler and baker. The chief cupbearer spoke to Pharaoh, about his encounter with Joseph in the prison and how he interpreted his dream with accuracy. This day appeared to be a normal day for Joseph in the prison, but it was an extraordinary day. It was a day of liberation and exceptional miracle.

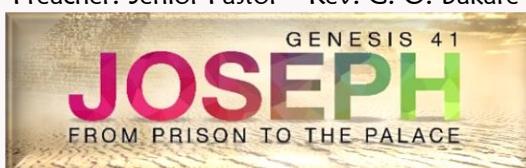
**2. Joseph received a royal invitation (verse 14).** There was a problem in the land of Egypt that only Joseph can solve. King Pharaoh had a terrible dream that only Joseph can interpret. He invited Joseph to the palace on the recommendation of the butler. It was impossible for Joseph to appear before Pharaoh with his prison garment and handcuffs. Those who bound Joseph released him. Those who gave him the prison uniform took it away. And Joseph did not return to the prison.

**3. Joseph served king Pharaoh diligently (verses 15-36).** Joseph told Pharaoh that God will give an answer and interpretation for the dreams. He interpreted the dream and advised Pharaoh on what to do to avert the seven years of famine. Joseph had one chance to serve king Pharaoh on that day, and he served very well. He interpreted Pharaoh's dream with clarity. In my view, it was a once-in-a-lifetime performance.

**4. Joseph received accelerated promotion with speed (verses 37-46).** Pharaoh and all his servants agreed with Joseph's excellent proposal on how to handle the seven years of surplus and the famine that will follow. Pharaoh eventually told Joseph to take up the assignment because there is no one as discerning and wise in Egypt like him. He put Joseph in charge of his house, and all the people in the land of Egypt. The biblical narrator confirmed that Joseph was thirty years old when he became the Prime Minister over the land of Egypt, and he stood in the presence of Pharaoh.

**Conclusion:** Joseph started the day of his supernatural speed as a prisoner. He suddenly received a royal invitation. Joseph served king Pharaoh diligently by interpreting the dreams. Then, he received accelerated promotion with speed. The Lord who moved Joseph from the prison to the palace with speed on the same day is still working in the lives of those who put their trust in Him.

Preacher: Senior Pastor – Rev. G. O. Bakare



**Date:** 9 February 2025

**Topic:** Supernatural Speed (Part 4) - Supernatural speed from obscurity to limelight

**Text:** 1 Samuel 17:1-58

**Introduction (verses 1-31):** We want to reflect on the story of how David moved from obscurity to limelight when he conquered Goliath. There are five wisdom nuggets for anyone who wants to move from obscurity to limelight in this passage.

**1. David declared his confidence in the God of supernatural speed (verses 32-47).** David expressed his intention to face the giant, and this message was delivered to king Saul. David told Saul how he killed a lion and bear when he was tending his father's sheep. He concluded that the uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them because he has defied the armies of the living God.

**2. David ran into the battle line with supernatural speed (verse 48).** David did not go into the battle in his own strength. He went in the name of the Lord. He did not shy away from facing Goliath like Saul and the armies of Israel. David ran quickly forward to fight Goliath in a single challenge combat whose outcome would determine the fate of both armies (cf. Psalm 20:7).

**3. David's stone hit Goliath with supernatural speed (verses 49-50a).** David put his hand into his bag. He took a stone and slung it towards the Philistine. The stone penetrated through Goliath's forehead, and he fell on his face to the ground. It was unimaginable that David could prevail over the Philistine with the sling and the stone. The implication is that what you have is enough to slay the giants in your life.

**4. David cut the head of Goliath with speed (verses 50b-53).** David killed Goliath with a sling, but there was no sword in his hand. The supernatural speed of God upon David motivated him to run across and use the sword of Goliath to cut off his head. In my view, this was a bold step.

**5. David became popular in Israel with speed (verses 54-58).** David took Goliath's head and brought it to Jerusalem as evidence. He also puts Goliath's weapons in his tent. The unknown shepherd boy son of Jesse became a known giant slayer and a national hero in Israel. On that day, David got access to the most prestigious places in Israel and sat with the nobles.

**Conclusion:** The supernatural speed that worked in the life of David can also work in your life if you believe. A moment of supernatural speed can turn your life around and move you from obscurity to limelight.

Preacher: Senior Pastor – Rev. G. O. Bakare

*...Thou comest to me with a sword,  
and with a spear, and with a shield,  
but I come to thee in the name of  
the LORD of hosts, the God of the  
armies of Israel, whom thou has defied.*

1 Samuel 17:45



**Date:** 16 February 2025

**Topic:** Supernatural Speed (Part 5) - Supernatural speed from scarcity to surplus

**Text:** 2 Kings 7:1-20

**Introduction:** Supernatural speed from scarcity to surplus is the act of God whereby we receive special provision in hopeless situations from unexpected sources. Let us examine six actions of God in orchestrating and delivering supernatural speed from scarcity to surplus in this passage.

**Action 1. God sent Elisha to prophesy about the coming supernatural speed from scarcity to surplus (verses 1-2).** God gave a prophecy to prophet Elisha to deliver to the king of Israel that a measure of fine flour will sell for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel at the gate of Samaria within 24 hours. This was a prophecy of good news, but its practicality was not possible with human calculation and understanding.

**Action 2. God directed the path of four lepers to kickstart the process (verses 3-5).** Four leprous men stood at the entrance of the city gate of Samaria. The lepers consulted among themselves on how to respond to the hunger. They decided to go over to the camp of the Arameans who may either spare them or kill them.

**Action 3. God caused the Arameans to hear huge sounds of chariots (verses 6-7).** The biblical narrator recorded that the Lord made the Aramean armies to hear huge sounds of chariots, horses, and great army. The soldiers got up and fled at twilight. They abandoned their tents, horses, donkeys, treasures, and the entire camp.

**Action 4. God blessed the four lepers miraculously with speed (verse 8).** The four lepers ate and drank when they entered the first tent. They carried silver, gold, clothes, and other precious items belonging to the Arameans. They hid the items away and returned to another tent to carry more valuables for their personal use.

**Action 5. God motivated the four lepers to break the news of surplus (verses 9-14).** The four lepers realised that they were not doing the right thing by keeping the good news to themselves. They acknowledged that the king might punish them if they keep silent about the surplus by waiting until the morning light. They quickly went to inform the king's household.

**Action 6. God fulfilled His promise of surplus with speed (verses 15-20).** The people of Israel went out and plundered the camp of the Arameans. There was surplus of food at the gate of Samaria. A measure of fine flour was sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel according to the word of the Lord.

**Conclusion:** The God who was involved in every stage of the six actions that we have examined in this passage can make special things to happen in your life today if you believe.

Preacher: Senior Pastor – Rev. G. O. Bakare

**This Day Is A  
Day Of Good News**

2 Kings 7:9

**Date:** 23 February 2025

**Topic:** Supernatural Speed (Part 6) - Supernatural speed from losses to recovery

**Text:** Job 42:1-17

**Introduction:** The book of Job recounts the story of how Job lost everything and recovered everything. Let us look at this story from the perspective of Job and how he recovered from his losses with speed in Job chapter 42. There are three important things in this passage:

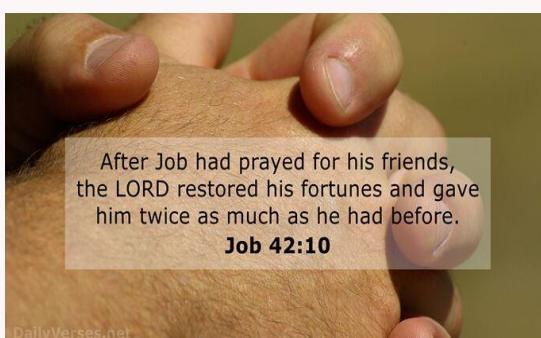
**1. Job confessed his sins and repented (verses 1-6).** Job acknowledged five things before the Lord in verses 1-6. First, he admitted that God can do all things and no plan is impossible for Him (verse 2). Second, he accepted the limitation of his knowledge and understanding (verse 3). Third, he conceded that he needs more teaching and instruction from the Lord (verse 4). Fourth, he confessed that he could now see what he did not see or know about God's wonderful acts in creation (verse 5). Fifth, Job retracted and repented from what he has said in the past by sitting on dust and ashes (verse 6).

**2. Job interceded on behalf of his friends (verses 7-10a).** God was unhappy with the friends of Job (Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar) because they have not spoken what is trustworthy about Him the way Job has done in their conversations. Therefore, God commanded them to take seven bulls and seven rams. They should go to Job and offer a burnt offering for themselves. In addition, they should ask Job to pray for them. Then, the Lord restored the fortunes of Job after he had prayed for his friends.

**3. Job experienced supernatural recovery with speed (verses 10b-17).** Job recovered from all his losses with speed, and the Lord gave him double of all that he had before. First, Job received favour from far and near (verse 11). Second, the Lord blessed the latter part of Job's life more than the beginning (verse 12). Third, Job had seven sons and three daughters (verses 13-15a). Fourth, there was generational prosperity in Job's clan and descendant (verse 15b). Fifth, God blessed Job with long life (verses 16-17).

**Conclusion:** The Lord who unleashed supernatural speed from losses to recovery on Job is still on the throne. First, you should confess your sins to God and repent. Second, you should intercede on behalf of others including those who have mistreated you. Third, you should continue to rely on God for supernatural recovery with speed.

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**Date:** 2 March 2025

**Topic:** Behold, this dreamer cometh

**Text:** Genesis 37 – 41



**Introduction:** Joseph is one of the admirable characters in the Bible. A son of Jacob loved in a special way because he was the son of his old age. The brothers were very jealous of Joseph and he added salt into the wound by revealing dreams about their submission and obeisance.

**Joseph, the dreamer:** Genesis 37:9-10, 19. Joseph dreamed and revealed it to his brethren and his father, and Jacob, the father rebuked him for it. The brothers were so consumed with envy and hatred that they conspired to kill Joseph.

**Joseph the brother:** Genesis 37:13-19. Jacob sent Joseph to see how his brethren were faring and to bring back word about the flocks. Joseph the obedient son and loving brother sets out to find them. He travelled to Shechem and then on to Dothan, where he found them.

**Joseph the hostage:** Genesis 37:20-25. Joseph's brothers wanted to kill him but decided to take him hostage first. He never saw it coming, the shock and surprise of the torrents of life caught him off guard.

**Joseph the slave:** Genesis 37:26-28. Joseph, born to the great patriarch Jacob (Israel) was blessed indeed. However, his life's journey took an extreme turn as his brethren sold him to the Ishmaelites.

**Joseph the charged:** Genesis 39:7, 12-20. The story reveals the advancement of Joseph within his slavery nightmare. However, the life of Joseph continues its extreme ups and downs as Potiphar's wife made a sexual advancement to him. She laid a false charge that he tried to rape her which angered the master and he put Joseph in prison for an offense he never committed.

**Joseph the prisoner:** Genesis 39:20-23. Joseph had now ridden the peaks and valleys of life, from being exalted at home to slavery. From being bought by the Potiphar, the Egyptian captain and exalted as household head to being falsely accused and imprisoned.

**Joseph the interpreter:** Genesis 40:5-23, 41:1-57. While serving his time, Joseph transitioned to an interpreter of dreams. Joseph was able to reveal the meaning of Pharaoh's former butler and baker's dreams. Pharaoh also had two dreams which no one could give the interpretation. He sent for Joseph who delivered the meaning and gave the glory to God. Not only did God reveal the dream, but He gave Joseph the solution to the problem.

**Joseph the prime minister:** Genesis 41:1-57. This was very pleasing to Pharaoh, and he elevated Joseph to rule over all of Egypt, second in command only to himself, and Egypt prospered greatly.

**Joseph the saviour:** Genesis 41:47-57. Joseph took the dreams of Pharaoh, and turned them into a plan of salvation through the famine. Divine wisdom was in action in the details of this plan and the unfolding of its success. The famine caused the increase of the Egyptian state and his brothers were driven into his presence to seek for food to sustain their lives and families.

**Conclusion:** God, through the trying of faith, is working in a person something far greater than that person could ever dream.

Date: 9 March 2025

Topic: Supernatural Speed (Part 7) - Supernatural speed to get ahead of others

Text: 1 Kings 18:41-46

### Introduction (verses 41-45)

Prophet Elijah previously prophesied that there shall be no rain for three and half years except by his word (1 Kings 17:1). In this passage, he prophesied to king Ahab that there shall be sound of the roar of a heavy shower. Elijah instructed his servant to tell king Ahab to harness his chariot horses and go down quickly, so that the heavy shower would not stop him. The wind came up, and there were heavy showers of rain. King Ahab immediately rode and went to Jezreel, but Elijah got there before him. There are three steps in verse 46 that anyone trusting God for supernatural speed to get ahead of others must follow:

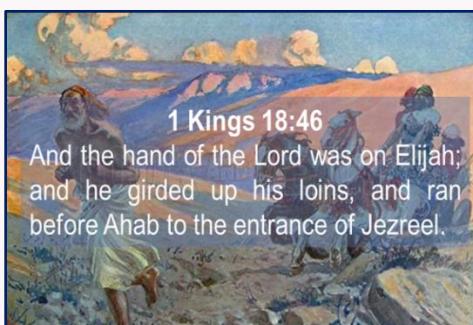
**1. Reposition yourself for supernatural speed (verse 46a).** To reposition yourself means to readjust, reshuffle, change, replace, reset, and switch. The statement 'then the hand of the Lord was on Elijah' (verse 46a) is very powerful. It is interesting to note that Elijah did not pull Ahab down or did anything to work against him. He repositioned himself for supernatural speed through righteousness, holiness, total obedience, and regular connection with God.

**2. Remove all obstacles to your supernatural speed (verse 46b).** Elijah realised that his cloak could constitute a hinderance to his supernatural speed. He decided to belt his cloak around his waist so that he could be free. Elijah was intentional in removing all obstacles around him in anticipation of the supernatural speed. Unfortunately, king Ahab did not experience supernatural speed because he carried lots of weight. He was godless, wicked, a murderer, and persistent idol worshipper etc. Prophet Elijah on the other hand experienced supernatural speed because he was lighter.

**3. Release yourself to God's supernatural speed (verse 46c).** King Ahab was riding on the horse chariot and Elijah was running on his feet, yet Elijah outran him to Jezreel. Elijah released himself to the supernatural speed from God. He allowed Yahweh to be at the driving seat. He allowed Yahweh to carry him. The Lord knows the way through the wilderness, all you must do is to follow Him.

**Conclusion:** Do you want the supernatural speed to move ahead of others? You need to do the three things that Elijah did in this passage: First, reposition yourself for supernatural speed. Second, remove all obstacles to your supernatural speed. Third, release yourself to God's supernatural speed.

Preacher: Senior Pastor – Rev. Dr. G. O. Bakare



**Date:** 16 March 2025

**Topic: Supernatural Speed (Part 8)**

- Supernatural speed from sickness to good health

**Text:** Mark 1:32-34

**Introduction:** This passage draws our attention to the fact that Jesus healed many people during His incarnation and earthly ministry. Let us examine six among many instances when Jesus Christ healed people in the Gospels with supernatural speed.

**1. Jesus healed the blind with speed (Mark 8:22-26; Mark 10:46-52; Matthew 9:27-31).** Jesus gave sight to a blind man at Bethsaida (Mark 8:22-26). He helped the blind Bartimaeus to receive his sight with speed (Mark 10:46-52). He also restored sight to two blind men (Matthew 9:27-31) and many more.

**2. Jesus healed the paralytic and crippled with speed (Mark 2:1-12; Matthew 9:1-8).** Matthew and Mark recorded that Jesus healed a crippled man (Mark 2:1-12; Matthew 9:1-8). Jesus also restored a man with withered hand (Mark 3:1-6). Many paralytic and crippled people got up with speed after receiving their healing.

**3. Jesus healed the deaf and mute with speed (Mark 7:31-37).** When Jesus travelled through Sidon down to the Sea of Galilee into the region of the Decapolis, some people brought a man who was deaf and could hardly talk to Him. They begged Jesus to place His hand on him for healing. Immediately, the man's ears opened, his tongue was set loose, and he began to speak.

**4. Jesus healed a leper with speed (Mark 1:40-45).** A man with leprosy came to Jesus and begged Him on his knees with a request to be made clean. Jesus reached out His hand and touched the man. The leprosy left him immediately, and he was cleansed.

**5. Jesus healed people with other forms of diseases (Mark 1:32-34; Mark 5:25-34; Matthew 8:14-15).** Jesus healed the woman with the issue of blood with speed (Mark 5:25-34; Matthew 9:19-22). He healed Simon Peter's mother-in-law who was sick with fever (Mark 1:29-31; Matthew 8:14-15). She received her recovery with speed and began to cater for the disciples of Jesus immediately.

**6. Jesus delivered those who are in spiritual bondage with speed (Luke 8:26-39).** The man of began that day in the cemetery as a person possessed with demons. He had not put on clothes for a long time. He ate and lived in the cemetery. He had an encounter with Jesus and received his deliverance with speed.

**Conclusion:** There are many more examples of Jesus moving people from sickness to good health with speed in the Gospels. He also raised many dead people back to life with speed. Jesus can heal your physical, spiritual, and emotional sickness today.

Preacher: Senior Pastor – Rev. Dr. G. O. Bakare

**JESUS THE HEALER**

Then He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons...

Mark 1:34

**Date:** 23 March 2025

**Topic:** The betrayal of Jesus Christ

**Text:** Luke 22:1-6

## Introduction

This passage highlights five things about the betrayal of Jesus Christ during His incarnation and the unique lesson that we can learn today.

**1. The timing of the betrayal (verse 1).** The time that the betrayal of Jesus Christ took place was around the Feast of Unleavened Bread. It was a holy celebration of God's mighty act of delivering the Israelites from slavery in Egypt.

**2. The position of the Jewish authorities before the betrayal (verse 2).** The Jewish authorities were uncomfortable with the hard teachings of Jesus' Christ. The chief priests, scribes and others tried to find ways to get Jesus into trouble and kill Him.

**3. The instrument of the betrayal (verse 3).** The biblical narrator confirmed that Satan entered Judas Iscariot who was among the twelve. He allowed himself to be manipulated and used by the devil. It is unthinkable that one of the disciples would be willing to betray their master.

**4. The negotiations before the betrayal (verses 4-5).** Judas left Jesus and the disciples to discuss with the chief priests and officers to negotiate how to betray Him to them. The Jewish authorities were delighted with the news, and they agreed to give Judas some money for the transaction.

**5. The agreement of the betrayer (verse 6).** Judas Iscariot agreed to the financial deal and took immediate action. He began to look for a good opportunity to betray Jesus to the Jewish authorities away from the crowd.

## Conclusion

Betrayal is a reality of life, and we are not immunised against it. If it happened to our Saviour Jesus Christ, it could happen to anyone of us. We must be vigilant and avoid being caught unawares.

Preacher: Senior Pastor – Rev. Dr. G. O. Bakare

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THEN SATAN ENTERED INTO JUDAS CALLED ISCARIOT, WHO WAS OF THE NUMBER OF THE TWELVE; HE WENT AWAY AND CONFERRED WITH THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND OFFICERS HOW HE MIGHT BETRAY HIM TO THEM.

Luke 22:3-4



**Date:** 30 March 2025

**Topic:** Jesus Christ is our Passover

**Text:** Luke 22:7-23

### Introduction

This is a Jewish celebration in memory of the escape of the Jews from Egypt under the leadership of Moses. Jesus also celebrated the Passover feast during His earthly ministry. There are four things for us to note in this passage:

**1. The preparation for the Passover (verses 7-13).** Jesus sent out Peter and John to go prepare for the Passover on behalf of the team on the first day of the Unleavened Bread when the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. He gave them a precise information about how to locate the place. Peter and John found everything just as Jesus had told them.

**2. The connection between the Passover and the Lord's supper (verses 14-16).** The Passover in the book of Exodus was a commemoration of the physical deliverance of the Israelites from bondage in Egypt. The institution of the Lord's Supper was a commemoration of the spiritual deliverance that we received through the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ.

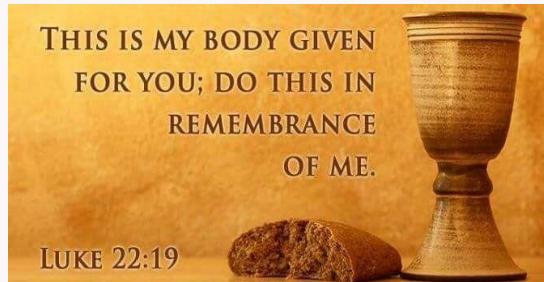
**3. The significance of the bread in the Lord's supper (verse 19).** Jesus took some bread and gave thanks. He broke it and gave it to them as a symbol and remembrance of His body that will be crushed. Jesus offered himself when He died on the cross of Calvary. He died for us once and for all to die no more.

**4. The significance of the cup in the Lord's supper (verses 17-18, 20).** Jesus took the cup after they have eaten the bread and gave thanks again. He instructed the disciples to share it among themselves. This cup is a symbol of the new covenant in His blood. The blood of Jesus Christ is potent yesterday, today, and forever. It cannot lose its value and power.

### Conclusion (verses 21-23)

Jesus concluded the Passover celebration with a revelation that the hand of the one that would betray Him was with Him on the table. In other words, the betrayer was within the disciples' group. The main point of this teaching is that Jesus Christ is our Passover. Therefore, we can rejoice and celebrate today.

Preacher: Senior Pastor – Rev. Dr. G. O. Bakare



**Date:** 6 April 2025**Topic:** Becoming the greatest in the kingdom of God**Text:** Luke 22:24-38

## Introduction

The event in this passage happened during the passion week of Jesus Christ. We can learn three important things from this story.

**1. The controversy among the disciples about the greatest in the kingdom of God (verse 24).** There was a dispute among the disciples of Jesus about which one of them was regarded as the greatest in the kingdom. The biblical narrator did not tell us about who started the controversy. In my view, what I can say for sure is that the idea emerged out of selfish desire and self-aggrandisement. The disciples based their assessment of one another on the external observations of individual's contributions and not God's standard.

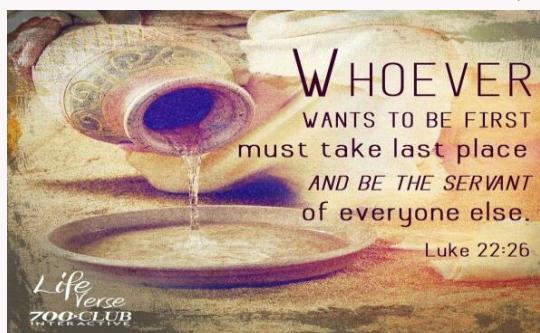
**2. Jesus' response to the controversy about the greatest in the kingdom of God (verses 25-27).** Jesus overheard the debate and gave a remarkable response. He reminded them that the kings of the Gentiles always dominate their subjects through manipulation and coercion. However, this is not the way of the kingdom. The greatest in the kingdom must become like the youngest, and the leader must be like the servant.

**3. The characteristics of the greatest in the kingdom of God (verses 28-38).** Jesus mentioned seven characteristics of the ones that should be classified as the greatest in the kingdom of God. First, they stand with Christ in times of trials (verses 28-29). Second, they are not ignorant about the devices of the devil (verses 31-32b). Third, they are the ones who can strengthen their fallen brethren (verse 32c). Fourth, they are the ones who rely on God and not their own strength (verses 33-34). Fifth, they can trust God for all their needs (verse 35). Sixth, they are on the offensive against the kingdom of darkness (verse 36). Seventh, they are ready to die for Christ and what they believe (verses 37-38).

## Conclusion

It is possible for you to become the greatest in the kingdom of God, but you must be willing to pay the price. You must be willing to serve, stand with Christ in times of trials, be sensitive to the devices of the devil, strengthen others who have fallen, rely on God totally for your needs, put on the whole armour of God and be willing to die for the sake of Christ.

Preacher: Senior Pastor – Rev. Dr. G. O. Bakare



Date: 13 April 2025



Topic: The prayer of Jesus Christ at the Garden of Gethsemane

Text: Luke 22:39-46

## Introduction

There are six things that we can see about the prayer of Jesus Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane in this passage. We can also apply them to our lives today.

- 1. The prayer habit of Jesus (verse 39).** The biblical narrator confirmed that Jesus went out to pray as was His habit. On this occasion, He went to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed Him.
- 2. The instruction of Jesus on prayer (verse 40, 45-46).** The 'place' in this verse is the Garden of Gethsemane. Biblical scholars have suggested that the Garden of Gethsemane was located at the foot of the Mount of Olives in East Jerusalem. Jesus instructed the disciples to pray so that they would not fall into temptation.
- 3. The posture of Jesus in prayer (verse 41).** Jesus withdrew from the disciples about a stone's throw. He knelt and began to pray. The posture of Jesus in this verse is kneeling. In my view, it was an expression of seriousness and humility.
- 4. The content of Jesus' prayer (verse 42).** The content of Jesus' prayer was simple but powerful. Jesus expressed His human feeling of avoiding the cross to the Father. Yet, He emphasised His willingness to surrender to the will of the Father. This should be our prayer practise today.
- 5. The outcome of Jesus' prayer (verse 43).** An angel from heaven appeared to Jesus Christ to strengthen Him when He finished His prayer. This is evidence of answered prayer. There is a guarantee that God will answer our prayers when we pray in accordance with His will.
- 6. The strategy of Jesus' prayer (verse 44).** Jesus was in agony because of the weight of the cross before Him. He prayed fervently to the extent that His sweat became like drops of blood, falling upon the ground. Jesus' strategy was praying with passion.

## Conclusion

You can follow the prayer pattern of Jesus Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane. You should cultivate the habit of praying, obey the instruction of Jesus on prayer, humble yourself before the Lord at the place of prayer, use the content of Jesus' prayer, expect positive outcomes after prayer, and pray with passion.

Preacher: Senior Pastor – Rev. Dr. G. O. Bakare

**And being in agony, He  
prayed more earnestly.  
Then His sweat became  
like great drops of blood  
falling down to the  
ground.**

**Luke 22:44 (NKJV)**

Date: 20 April 2025

Topic: Jesus endured everything all for your sake

Text: Luke 22:47-71



## Introduction

The extent of the sufferings of Jesus Christ during the passion week of His earthly ministry is indescribable. This passage highlights five among many things that Jesus endured before His crucifixion on the cross of Calvary for our sake.

**1. Jesus endured betrayal by Judas for your sake (verses 47-53).** Judas arranged with the enemies of Christ to come down to the Garden of Gethsemane. They arrived when Jesus was still speaking to His disciples. Judas Iscariot led them and approached Jesus to kiss Him.

**2. Jesus endured arrest and detention by the Jewish authority for your sake (verse 54).** The emissaries from the Jewish authorities arrested Jesus and led Him away. Jesus who is the commander-in-chief of the host of heaven released himself to be arrested by the sinners.

**3. Jesus endured the denial by Peter for your sake (verses 55-62).** A slave woman, a man and another person challenged Peter that he was with Jesus. Peter denied the Master three times. Immediately, a rooster crowed as Jesus prophesied to Peter. The Lord turned and looked at him. Peter went out and wept bitterly.

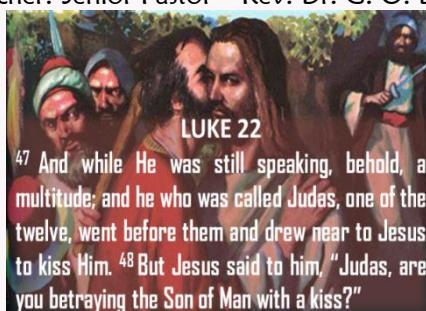
**4. Jesus endured mockery by Roman soldiers for your sake (verses 63-65).** The soldiers who were holding Jesus in custody began to mock Him. They beat and blindfolded Him. They repeatedly asked Him to prophesy regarding the one who hit Him. They said many unthinkable and blasphemous things to humiliate Jesus. Yet Jesus endured it for your sake.

**5. Jesus endured trial before the Sanhedrin for your sake (verses 66-71).** The enemies called an emergency council meeting of the Jewish elders called 'the Sanhedrin' to discuss how to handle the case of Jesus. The chief priests and scribes led Jesus away to their council chamber. They questioned Him if He is the Christ.

## Conclusion

This is the season for us to reflect on all the sufferings that Jesus Christ endured for our sake. He endured betrayal from the treasurer of His team, arrest and detention from the Jewish authority, denial by Peter - a close disciple, mockery by Roman soldiers, and trial before the Sanhedrin.

Preacher: Senior Pastor – Rev. Dr. G. O. Bakare



**Date:** 27 April 2025

**Topic:** Overcoming the pain of betrayal at the place of prayer

**Text:** Psalm 55:1-23

**Introduction (verses 1-2b):** David was one of the characters in the Bible who experienced betrayal at different stages of his life. He handled it well by taking the pain to God in prayer. We can learn five important lessons from David that can help us to overcome the pain of betrayal today.

**1. David expressed his feelings about the betrayal to God (verses 2b, 3a, 4-8).** David expressed the feelings of restlessness and severe distraction because of the voice of his enemies. He mentioned to God that he felt pressured by the wicked. His heart experienced anguish within him and the terrors of death fell upon him. David wished he had wings like a dove to fly away and be at rest somewhere else.

**2. David reported his betrayers to God (verses 3b, 9b, 10-14, 20-21).** David reported eight things that his enemies did to him. First, they brought down trouble upon him and in anger they held a grudge against him. Second, they were full of strife and violence towards David within the same city. Third, they plotted to harm him day and night with evil. Fourth, their hearts were filled with destruction, oppression, and deceit towards David. Fifth, David was shocked that the taunting, hatred, and disappointment came from unexpected sources. Sixth, the enemies put forth their hands against David who was at peace with them. Seventh, they violated their covenants and promises to David. Eighth, the words and actions of the enemies did not match.

**3. David prayed against the antics of the betrayer (verses 9a, 15, 23a-b).** David prayed some dangerous prayers for the destruction of the treacherous in this passage. He prayed that God should confuse them and divide their tongues so that they will not be able to understand each other. He prayed that God would bring them down to the pit of destruction.

**4. David was optimistic about victory over the betrayer (verses 16-19).** David expressed optimism that God will give him victory over the betrayers as he continued to call upon the Lord in the place of prayer. He was hopeful that God will save him. He had assurance that God is bigger than the multitude of enemies who were aggressive toward him.

**5. David rested completely in the Lord despite the betrayal (verse 22, 23c).** David concluded this psalm with an exhortation to himself and his audience. He casted his burden upon the Lord. He also encouraged his readers to do the same.

**Conclusion:** You can overcome the pain of betrayal at the place of prayer like David. You should express your feelings about the betrayal before God, report the betrayer to your heavenly father, pray against the antics of the betrayer, be optimistic about your victory over the betrayer, and rest completely in the Lord despite the betrayal.

Preacher: Senior Pastor – Rev. Dr. G. O. Bakare

"Cast your cares on the Lord  
and He will sustain you; He  
will never let the righteous be  
shaken."

PSALM 55:22

Date: 4 May 2025

Topic: Go thy way

Text: John 4:46-54

Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way.  
-John 4:50 KJV

**Introduction:** The father was a nobleman, yet the son was sick. Honours and titles are no security from sickness and death; Money, position, possession or nobility does not solve all problems. Do you have a problem that you believe there is no solution to it? Jesus Christ is alive, please tell Him about the problem. Let us examine six important things in the message.

**The request:** Verse 47. All humans have needs, great, small, rich, poor, no exceptions. The nobleman father was rich and politically prominent, would have had the means for accessing the best medical care available in Israel, but it was not enough. His son was on the verge of dying, and there was nothing he could do to keep him alive. He ran from Capernaum to Cana, straight to Jesus Christ and asked Him to come heal his son. Jesus is completely able to save.

**The resolve:** Verse 48, 49, John 20:29. Jesus' response tested the man's faith. Instead of going with him, Jesus challenged the father's faith - of being unable to believe except he sees miracles, signs and wonders. He seemed to have no clue how to respond but he believed Jesus could help, and so he repeated his request to resolve the matter. He also discovered the weakness of his position in the power of Christ.

**The respect:** Verse 50. Jesus did not do what the nobleman wanted him to do and the nobleman respected His actions. However, Jesus gave the nobleman what he wanted. In fact, they both got what they wanted. Jesus wanted the nobleman to believe in Him and obey Him. The nobleman wanted his child healed and was willing to believe Christ's word, respect His advice and obey Him without any physical proof that his prayers were answered. **The research:** Verse 51 - V53a. It wasn't until a day later, that the nobleman had confirmation that his son was healed. His servants met him with the news of the child's recovery. Good news will meet those that hope in God's word.

**The result:** Verse 53b. The nobleman received healing, not only for his son, but for himself and everyone in his home, all because he was willing to humble himself and ask Christ for help. It is possible that our own desperation could end in the salvation of our entire household if we are willing to believe and follow Jesus' instructions or commands.

**The repeat:** Verse 54, John 20:29-31, Romans 10:17. Signs are given to lead witnesses to faith. The relation between faith, belief, hearers and readers is clear - faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. The first two signs in John's Gospel took place at Cana of Galilee. The first sign persuaded Jesus' disciples about His deity. The second sign brought physical and spiritual salvation to a Jewish nobleman and his household. Jesus is real in both aspects.

**Conclusion:** A desperate situation or any circumstance that leads us to God, can result in the salvation of our entire household if we are willing to believe Christ, Jesus and "go on our way".

Preacher: Resident Pastor – Rev. A. O. Oni



**Date:** 11 May 2025

**Topic:** The dangers of serving God half-heartedly

**Text:** 2 Chronicles 25:1-28

### Introduction (verses 1-2)

We can see a summary of the life of king Amaziah in verses 1-4. Amaziah was twenty-five years old when he became king over Judah. The name of his mother was Jehoaddan. Amaziah reigned for twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. Our emphasis is on verse 2, 'he did what was right in the sight of the Lord, only not wholeheartedly.' Let us examine the three dangers of serving God half-heartedly in this passage.

#### 1. Serving God half-heartedly leads to temporary success (verses 3-12).

Amaziah achieved some successes at the beginning, but this was for a limited time. The biblical narrator recorded four dimensions of his temporary success. First, Amaziah successfully killed the servants who killed his father the king when the kingdom was firmly in his grasp (verses 2-4). Second, Amaziah successfully identified three hundred thousand choice men who were able to go to war with the ability to handle spear and shield (verse 5). Thirdly, Amaziah successfully obeyed the man of God (verses 6-10). Fourth, Amaziah successfully destroyed the Edomites (verses 3-12). However, these successes were temporary because of Amaziah's half-hearted service to the Lord.

#### 2. Serving God half-heartedly leads to idolatry and rebellion against God (verses 13-16).

Amaziah brought the gods of the sons of Seir after slaughtering the Edomites and set them up as his gods. Amaziah bowed down before the gods and burned incense to them (verses 13-14). He began to worship the gods of the nation that Yahweh helped him to conquer. In my view, this was an expression of foolishness at the highest level.

#### 3. Serving God half-heartedly leads to disgrace and destruction (verses 13, 17 - 28).

The troops from Israel that Amaziah sent back from fighting the battle along with him against the Edomites were angry. They raided the cities of Judah from Samaria to Beth-horon. They also killed three thousand people and plundered many spoils. Amaziah challenged Joash king of Israel to face him in battle. Then, Joash went up to fight Amaziah king of Judah at Beth-shemesh. Joash defeated him and the men of Judah fled to their tents. Joash king of Israel captured Amaziah and brought him to Jerusalem.

**Conclusion:** The focus of this message is to challenge you to beware of half-hearted service in the kingdom. We should learn from the mistake of king Amaziah. Serving God half-heartedly led to his temporary success. It led to idolatry and rebellion against God. It led to his disgrace and destruction.

Preacher: Senior Pastor – Rev. Dr. G. O. Bakare

AND HE DID WHAT WAS  
RIGHT IN THE EYES OF THE  
LORD, BUT NOT  
WHOLEHEARTEDLY.  
– 2 CHRONICLES 25:2

**Date:** 18 May 2025

**Topic:** The Operations of the Holy Spirit

**Text:** 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

**Introduction:** The operations of the Holy Spirit refer to the functions, works, performance, actions behaviours, potency, power, and effectiveness of the Holy Spirit. The Bible confirms that the Holy spirit is one Spirit but diverse in His operations (1 Corinthians 12:4-7). Let us examine some of the operations of the Holy Spirit as clearly stated in the Bible.

**1. The operation of participating in the work of creation** (Genesis 1:2). The second verse of the Bible indicates that the Holy Spirit (the Spirit of God) was present at the beginning of creation (Genesis 1:2). It is evident from the Old Testament that the origin of life, its maintenance, and its development depend on the operation of the Holy Spirit.

**2. The operation of regenerating the sinners** (John. 3:5-7; John 6:63). No human being has the power to impart new spiritual life to another person. The Holy Spirit makes us spiritually alive to God. The Holy Spirit alone makes the work of Christ effective to individual sinners, enabling them to turn to God from their sin and to trust in Jesus Christ.

**3. The operation of sanctifying and transforming the believers** (Galatians 5:16-25; 2 Thessalonians 2:13). The Holy Spirit works in the lives of believers to enable them to grow in personal obedience to God (Romans 8:13). The Holy Spirit produces Christlike character qualities in the lives of believers.

**4. The operation of leading and guiding the believers** (John 16:13; Acts 16:6-10). Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would remind us His teachings (John 14:25-26; 16:12-13a). This will drive us to study the Scriptures as the Spirit will reveal His Word to us.

**5. The operation of empowering gifts for ministry** (Acts 2:4-11, 14-41, 4:31). Jesus Christ was filled with the Holy Spirit before he began his earthly ministry (Luke 4:1, 14, 36, 40-41). The early disciples waited for the power of the Holy Spirit before they began preaching the gospel (Acts 1:8).

**6. The operation of unifying believers** (Ephesians 4:3). The Holy Spirit imparts unity of mind and heart to those who are in Christ Jesus. Paul refers to this as 'the unity of the Spirit' (Ephesians 4:3) and 'the fellowship of the Holy Spirit' (2 Corinthians 13:14; cf. Philippians 2:1).

**7. The operation of convicting us of sin** (John 16:7-11). We cannot be comfortable with sin in our lives when the Holy Spirit is dwelling in us. The Spirit constantly convicts our hearts. This convicting power of the Holy Spirit is a gift from God to help us to be holy like our heavenly father.

**8. The operation of giving us spiritual gifts freely** (1 Corinthians 12:4-11). The Holy Spirit gives gifts to every believer. The purpose of these gifts is to serve the body of Christ and advance the gospel. It may be Word of wisdom, Word of knowledge, Discerning of spirits, Faith, Working of miracles, Gift of healing, Prophecy, gift of tongues, and Interpretation of tongues etc.

**Conclusion:** The Holy Spirit is a distinct person possessing intellect, will and emotion. The Holy Spirit teaches (John 14:26), bears witness to people (John 15:26; Romans 8:16), prays to the Father on our behalf (Romans 8:26-27), knows the thoughts of God (1 Corinthians 2:11), and makes personal decisions about which spiritual gifts to distribute to which people (1 Corinthians 12:11).

Preacher: Senior Pastor – Rev. Dr. G. O. Bakare



**Date:** 25 May 2025

**Topic:** God is a Keeper

**Text:** Psalm 121

THE LORD IS THY  
KEEPER: THE LORD  
IS THY SHADE UPON  
THY RIGHT HAND.  
PSALM 121:5

**Introduction:** Psalm 121 teaches us that God the Creator is the Keeper of His creation. We are kept, cared for, guarded, preserved, protected, provided for, shielded, upheld, and watched over by God. Honour the Keeper of your life and serve Him. The psalmist had a personal relationship with God and acknowledged God as his Keeper. The categories of God's keeping.

**1. God is our Keeper** (V3-5; Numbers 6:24). God desires a personal relationship with us and He cannot be our Keeper unless we choose to be kept by Him. We must acknowledge that help is from above, then God our Keeper will be at work in our lives. **2. God is our life Keeper** (V6-7). God our Keeper cares about our lives and everyday affairs. He knows every trial, temptation and sorrow that we endure and He protects His own, He keeps us away from the hands of evil. God is so dedicated in His keeping that He protects and manages the very life He has given to us. **3. God is our covenant Keeper** (Nehemiah 1:5; Genesis 12:1-3; 15:18; 22:18; 26:4-5; 35:12; Galatians 3:26-29). When God makes a covenant with His people, the covenant is full of promises. God is faithful: He will keep His covenant promises. Through the redeeming work of Jesus Christ, God's covenant promises to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob flow down to those of us who believe. **4. God is our light Keeper** (Psalm 18:28). The oil in our lamps represents the Holy Spirit who fuels and empowers our spiritual lives as Christ's disciples. God is our light Keeper, we keep our lamps burning by maintaining a vibrant relationship with the Holy Spirit and our oil of faith must not run dry. We pray, study God's Word and have a genuine connection with Jesus.

**5. God is our peace Keeper** (Isaiah 26:3). We must put our trust in God and anchor our minds in faith to attain inner peace. In John 14:27 Jesus, comforts us by offering a peace that the world cannot give, advising us not to let our hearts be troubled or afraid.

**6. God is our destiny Keeper** (V8; 1 Corinthians 1:8-9; 12; Ephesians 1; Rev 21-22). As believers we are destined to play specific roles in the body of Christ irrespective of our careers and our ultimate destiny is to dwell and reign forever with the Lord. God our destiny Keeper will help and guide us to our destiny.

**Where is God's keeping when His children face adversity and challenges?** Imagine Apostle Paul answering this question when he was held under house arrest in Rome. "I served Christ for many years, was blessed by Him and God performed extraordinary miracles.....I was persecuted and faced many perils (2 Timothy 3:11; 2 Corinthians 11:23-28). God did not remove me from the difficulties and.....in my imprisonment God is my Keeper." Nothing can interfere with God's keeping of our lives (Romans 8:38-39).

**Conclusion:** Are you a child of God who is serving the Lord and always submitting to His will, then you are kept by God our Keeper. Enjoy God's keeping, His care, His peace, His provisions, His security and many more abundant blessings.

**Preacher:** Pastor Ore Oni

Date: 1 June 2025

Topic: Paul's prevailing prayers for the Ephesian church (Part 1)

Text: Ephesians 3:14-19

## Introduction (verses 14-15)

Many biblical scholars have suggested that Apostle Paul wrote the book of Ephesians around AD 62 when he was imprisoned in Rome. Verses 14-15 show that Paul was a prayer warrior. We can see five important prayer points in this passage.

### 1. Prayer for spiritual strength (verse 16).

Paul prayed that the inner being of the Ephesian Christians will be strengthened by the power of God through His Spirit. The phrase 'glorious riches' refers to the treasures from God through Christ Jesus. These treasures are accessible to those who confess Jesus as their Lord and personal Saviour.

### 2. Prayer for the indwelling of Christ (verse 17a).

Paul prayed that Christ would continue to dwell in the hearts of the Ephesian Christians through faith. We must be actively engaged with Christ looking onto Him as the author and finisher of our faith. This is the only way to avoid opening ourselves to satanic attack.

### 3. Prayer for the divine establishment (verse 17b).

Paul prayed that the Ephesian Christians will be rooted in Christ and be established in His love. This is the will of God for our lives. We cannot walk with God and remain shallow in our thinking and expression of faith.

### 4. Prayer for more understanding of God's love (verses 18-19a).

Paul prayed that the Ephesian Christians will have power to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ. He also prayed that they would know that this love surpasses knowledge.

### 5. Prayer for the fullness of God (verse 19b).

Paul prayed that the Ephesian Christians will be filled with the fullness of God. This is about enjoying all the benefits of the cross. It is about enjoying all the unlimited grace that God can offer.

## Conclusion

Paul's prevailing prayers for the Ephesian Christians should be our prayers today. We should pray for supernatural strength, the indwelling spirit of Christ, divine settlement, more understanding of God's love, and the fullness of God.

Preacher: Senior Pastor – Rev. Dr. G. O. Bakare

*—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*

**—Ephesians 3:14-19 (ESV)**



Date: 8 June 2025

Topic: Paul's prevailing prayers for the Ephesian church (Part 2)

Text: Ephesians 3:20-21

## Introduction

Let us examine the final part of Paul's prevailing prayers for the Ephesian Christians. This requires deep reflection. Paul mentioned four great things that God can do immeasurably more in this passage.

**1. God can do immeasurably more than our petitions (verse 20a).** Paul boldly mentioned that our prayers go up to heaven to the One Who can do immeasurably more than all we ask. This reassurance should stimulate your faith to pray more. God can do immeasurably more than what you can ever ask throughout your lifetime.

**2. God can do immeasurably more than we can imagine (verse 20b).** One of the gifts that God gave to humans is imagination, and we have used it to invent things. Paul mentioned that God can do more than the Ephesian Christians can ever imagine. There is power in imagination. Therefore, God wants us to use our sense of imagination when we pray.

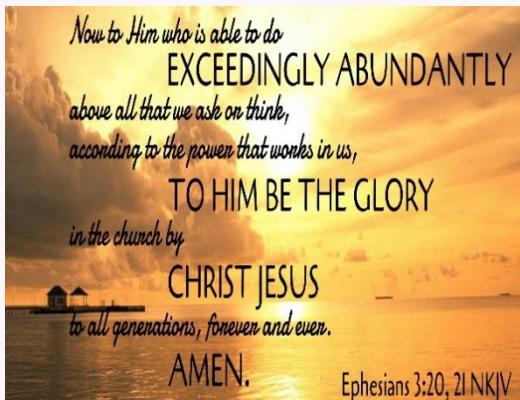
**3. God can do immeasurably more according to His power in us (verse 20c).** This is about the attributes of God. Paul told the Ephesian Christians that God can do more according to His power working incredibly in his and their lives. The implication is that the more we allow the power of God to work in us, the more result we shall get.

**4. God can do immeasurably more for His glory (verse 21).** Paul declared that God's glory overflows in the church through Christ Jesus. This will happen throughout all generations, for ever and ever! God can do more for us if it is for His glory.

## Conclusion

The main point of this message is that our God is able. He can do immeasurably more than we can ask. He can do immeasurably more than what we can imagine. He can do immeasurably more according to His power in us. He can do immeasurably more for His glory.

Preacher: Senior Pastor – Rev. Dr. G. O. Bakare



**Date:** 15 June 2025

**Topic:** The great mistakes of Samson

**Text:** Judges 16:1-2

## Introduction

The Cambridge English Dictionary defines mistake as ‘an action or decision that is wrong or produces a result that is not correct or not intended. This passage highlights five among the great mistakes that Samson made as a judge over Israel.

**Mistake 1. The mistake of indiscipline (verses 1-3).** Samson went to Gaza and saw a prostitute there. He spent the night with her satisfying his sexual urge. Samson (the anointed man of God) defied himself with a prostitute. He lived a reckless life.

**Mistake 2. The mistake of disobedience (verses 4-5).** After some time, Samson fell in love with a woman in the Valley of Sorek whose name was Delilah. Samson disobeyed God’s instruction that the Israelites should not marry foreigners and non-worshippers of Yahweh.

**Mistake 3. The mistake of carelessness (verses 6-14).** Delilah asked Samson about the secret of his great strength, and how he could be subdued? Samson told Delilah what could be done to subdue him, and rulers of the Philistines failed to capture him three times. We can see from this passage that Samson was careless as he ignored God’s warning.

**Mistake 4. The mistake of trusting the wrong person (verses 15-18).** Delilah began to accuse Samson of lack of trust, and lack of love. She nagged him day after day until he told her everything. She invited the rulers of the Philistines to come back once more. You are opening yourself to attack whenever you reveal the secret that you are not supposed to reveal about yourself.

**Mistake 5. The mistake of pride (verses 19-20).** Delilah made Samson comfortable and put him to sleep on her lap. She called for someone to shave off the seven braids of his hair. She began to subdue him until his strength left him. He awoke from his sleep and thought within himself that he would go out as before and shake himself free. Unfortunately, he did not know that the power of the Lord had left him.

## Conclusion (verses 21-22)

The Philistines rejoiced. They seized Samson, gouged out his eyes and took him down to Gaza. They bound him with bronze shackles and made him grind grain in the prison. What happened to Samson was self-inflicted. It is sad to note that some Christians are still making the same mistakes that Samson made some thousands of years ago.

Preacher: Senior Pastor – Rev. Dr. G. O. Bakare

**ONE DAY SAMSON WENT  
TO GAZA. WHERE HE SAW  
A PROSTITUTE AND WENT  
IN TO SPEND THE NIGHT  
WITH HER.**  
**– JUDGES 16:1**



**Date:** 22 June 2025

**Topic:** The host of Egyptians that you see today

**Text:** Exodus 14:1-31

**Introduction:** This story is about deliverance from bondage in Egypt. We can see five things about the host of Egyptians in this passage.

**1. The host of the Egyptians did not know God's plan for the Israelites (verses 1-4; 15-18).** The Egyptians expected the Israelites to take a particular route, but God directed His people through a different route. In the same way, your enemies do not know God's plan for your life.

**2. The host of the Egyptians did not give up on the Israelites (verses 5-9; 23).** Pharaoh and his servants had a change of heart when they heard that the Israelites have left Egypt. He did not want to let them go so that they can serve the Egyptians forever. He took six hundred selected chariots, and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers riding over all of them. He chased the Israelites with a sense of urgency.

**3. The host of the Egyptians did everything possible to scare the Israelites (verses 10-12).** The children of Israel looked back and saw the Egyptians coming after them. They were frightened because of the mind games and intimidations of the Egyptians. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord.

**4. The host of the Egyptians cannot last forever (verses 13-14; 30).** God inspired Moses to tell the Israelites that they should not be afraid. They should stand by and see the salvation of the Lord. He predicted that the Egyptians that they saw on that day, they will never see them again forever.

**5. The host of the Egyptians were not as powerful as they thought (verses 19-22; 24-29; 31).** God ensured that the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them. This gave darkness to the Egyptians and light to the Israelites. Second, the Lord swept the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land. Third, God brought the army of the Egyptians into confusion. Fourth, God caused the chariot wheels of the Egyptians to swerve and made them drive with difficulty. Fifth, the Lord caused the sea waters to return and cover the Egyptians chariots and their horsemen.

**Conclusion:** The Lord who fought for the Israelites is still fighting for His children today. First, always remember that God has a plan for your life. Second, don't give up on God's capacity to deliver you. Third, don't give in to the threats and intimidations of the enemies. Fourth, believe that you will not see the host of the Egyptians again. Fifth, know that your enemies are not as powerful as they thought.

Preacher: Senior Pastor – Rev. Dr. G. O. Bakare



**Date:** 29 June 2025

**Topic:** Escape for your life (Part 1)

**Text:** Genesis 19:12-16

### Introduction

Genesis 19 summarises the events before, during and after God's judgement on Sodom and Gomorrah. The people did what was evil in the sight of the Lord. Therefore, God decided to destroy them completely. God spared Lot and his family because of the intercession of Abraham (Genesis 19:1-11). There are five crucial lessons that we can learn from this passage.

**Lesson 1. God is willing to save more people (verses 12-13).** The idea in these two verses came from the angels who were representatives of God. God was willing to save more souls in the city of Sodom and Gomorrah. This reminds us about God's attributes and His willingness to save anyone that is willing to repent (John 3:16).

**Lesson 2. Your warnings about God's judgement may not be taken seriously (verse 14).** Lot went out as a missionary to inform his friends, prospective sons-in-laws, and their families about the devastation coming upon the city, but they did not take him seriously.

**Lesson 3. Recognise the urgency of God's warning (verse 15a-b).** The angels reminded Lot about the urgency of their assignment at Sodom and Gomorrah. They also reminded him about the urgency of their escape.

**Lesson 4. The righteous who are insensitive can be punished with the wicked (verse 15c).** The angels warned Lot that he will be swept away in the punishment if he remains in the place marked for destruction. The implication of this is that you should be at the right place to avoid destruction.

**Lesson 5. You need the mercy of God to be saved (verses 16).** Verse 16 shows us three things that the mercy of God can do for us. First, God's mercy can show up in our moments of weakness and hesitation (verse 16a). Second, God's mercy can take us out of trouble zone (verse 16b). Third, God's mercy can take us to a place of safety (verse 16d).

### Conclusion

The practical lessons learnt from the story of Lot are relevant for us today. First, God is willing to save more people. Second, your warnings about God's judgement may not be taken seriously. Third, you should recognise the urgency of God's warning. Fourth, the righteous who are insensitive can be punished along with the wicked. Fifth, you need the mercy of God to be saved.

Preacher: Senior Pastor – Rev. Dr. G. O. Bakare

Genesis 19:13

For we will destroy this place,  
because the outcry against them  
has grown great before the face  
of the LORD, and the LORD has  
sent us to destroy it."



**Date:** 6 July 2025

**Topic:** Emptiness into abundance

**Anchored Bible passage:** Luke 5:1-11

## Introduction

A five-part sermon reflection based on Luke 5:1-11, focusing on the transformation from emptiness to abundance through faith and divine intervention. It connects biblical teachings with contemporary life challenges, encouraging trust in God's word and calling.

**Reflection 1. Seasons of Emptiness:** Human experiences often include periods of fruitless effort and exhaustion, akin to the disciples' empty nets, reminding believers that divine grace is sufficient in times of weakness.

**Reflection 2. Power of the Word:** Trusting God's word, even when circumstances seem hopeless, can lead to breakthrough and renewed hope, as faith in divine promises shifts outcomes.

**Reflection 3. Miracles in the Deep:** Acting in faith beyond comfort zones invites unexpected abundance, demonstrating that God can multiply limited efforts into immeasurable provision.

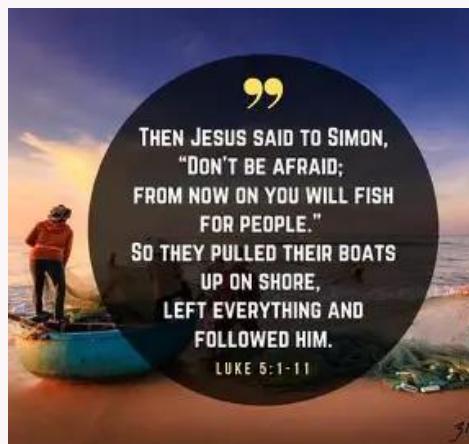
**Reflection 4. Sharing Blessings:** Abundance is intended to be shared, fostering generosity and community support, which reflects God's heart and leads to thanksgiving.

**Reflection 5. Divine Calling:** True abundance culminates in responding to God's call beyond material success, embracing a purposeful life that impacts others and aligns with God's kingdom.

## Conclusion

This reflection urges us to trust God amid emptiness, step out in faith, and share His blessings, knowing true abundance is found in answering His call.

Preacher: Pastor Faith O. Bakare



**Date:** 13 July 2025

**Topic:** A secret act of faith

**Text:** Mark 5:21-34

**YOUR FAITH  
HAS HEALED YOU.  
GO IN PEACE  
AND BE FREED  
FROM YOUR SUFFERING.**

Mark 5:34

**Introduction:** The woman had a plague, a chronic haemorrhage, an issue of blood for twelve years. It is common with people not to apply to Christ till they have tried in vain all other helpers. Some run to diversions, thinking this will take the problem away, drugs, alcohol, vile company; others plunge into occultic acts and demonic rituals, and many perish in these ways.

**The interrupted story:** V25-27 In all three gospel accounts, the healing of the bleeding woman is presented as an interruption to a larger story – Jesus raising Jairus' daughter from the dead. En route to Jairus, a synagogue leader's house, the nameless woman approaches Jesus in secret, blending in with the thronging crowd, believing if she can merely touch the fringe of Jesus' clothe she might be healed. We are told she had been subject to chronic haemorrhaging for 12 years. She has spent all her money on remedies and treatments, only to find herself destitute, hungry, filthy, sick, desperate and alone, a shadow person dwelling at the edges of society.

**The indirect approach:** V27 We understand she could not approach Jesus directly due to niddah - menstruation, which implies ceremonial uncleanness for women. Her continuous bleeding effectively made her a permanent niddah, a constant state of uncleanness. She would have been barred entry to the synagogue or temple. She was broke, socially and religiously isolated with the discomfort of her physical condition. Little wonder she believes she can't approach Jesus directly. Instead, she tries an indirect approach for a miracle from him by touching the fringe of his garment. When this woman reached out and touched Jesus' garment, her haemorrhaging stopped. Remember, Jesus is being led by Jairus toward his home and his dying daughter. Did he see the woman approach? Yes. Did he know what was in her mind? Yes. Did he recognize her faith and plan? Yes. Was the whole miracle a surprise to him? No.

**The identity question** V30-32 Jesus asked the identity question, when virtue or healing power had gone out from him. Jesus called for the identity of the woman in order to recognise the healing and get the unidentified woman's testimony. Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, and told him the whole truth. The terrified woman, accustomed as she was to the shadows, stepped out into an assembly of men and to testify to her actions. However, Jesus did it not to shame her, but to honour her. In this assembly of men and in the presence of a synagogue leader, Jesus brings testimony of the chronically haemorrhaged woman's great faith. He makes her the heroine.

**Conclusion:** All we can do is to keep reaching out in faith to Jesus Christ. As secret acts of sin, so secret acts of faith, are known to the Lord Jesus. This is another cure wrought by the way because of a secret act of faith.

Date: 20 July 2025

Topic: What is His name and what is His Son's name?

Text: Proverbs 30:4

Who has ascended into heaven, or descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is His name, and what is His Son's name, if you know?  
Proverbs 30:4

**Introduction:** Agur posed the riddle of the ages. He names God as Lord Adonai but does not explicitly name God's Son. However, The verse highlights God's power and then asks about His identity and the identity of His Son. The Son referred to in this context is Jesus Christ. Agur asked five questions including the unique ability to move between earthly and heavenly realms

**The questions on who:** Isaiah 40:12, 28; Job 38:4-11; 26:8 Psalm 104:3-6; 103:3-6; 2:8; 22:27

Agur's first question is answered by Jesus Christ in John 3:13. His second question is echoed in several Old Testament passages referring to God, the all-powerful Creator. Isaiah declares that God is the One and David reiterates this fact. Job also says that it is God, to answer Agur's third question. Again, the obvious answer to his fourth question is the Lord God almighty. The questions which are similar to those of Job 38-39, call on humans to recognise their limitations in understanding God and His creation. The wise and humble answer to each of these questions is, it is God, and not man. It is none but God only, who made and governs all the creatures, that can know and teach these things.

**The questions on what:** Psalm 2:7, 12; Isaiah 7:14; 9:6; Hebrews 1:1-2; Luke 1:31  
Agur's fifth and final question consists of two parts. No human can fit the requirements outlined in these questions; thus, God is the self-evident answer. His name is I Am, Yahweh and the name of His Son is Jesus, Yeshua. Only with hindsight can New Testament readers know without a doubt that the name of God's Son is Jesus Christ, Israel's Messiah, and the Saviour of the world. One can only know what is His name and His Son's name by God's own revelation. It was God who revealed His name to the patriarchs and prophets, it was God who revealed His Son, and His Son's name. Jesus Christ saves, delivers, heals and blesses.

**The questions on whom:** Matthew 16:15-17; John 14:6; 3:31-33; Psalm 34:8  
Jesus declares Himself the great "I Am," the only path to heaven, the only true measure of righteousness, and the source of both physical and spiritual life. True knowledge of Jesus will alter and change men, it will change their judgments and manners, and make them as if made again anew. The righteousness provided for us in Jesus by God is complete and perfect as our self-righteousness will not suffice. No one can have benefit by it, who trust in themselves. Faith only is the appointed means of applying the saving benefit. It is by faith in Jesus Christ's blood.

**Conclusion:** Yahweh, God is the only possible answer to the questions in the passage and message, it is striking that the text speaks of His 'Son', Jesus Christ. The Good News of the King Yeshua and of His Kingdom, is about the matchless Mercy and Grace of the Messiah King, salvation by grace through faith in Him - for He shall save His people from their sins.

**Date:** 27 July 2025

**Topic:** I would, and ye would not

**Text:** Matthew 23:37; 2 Kings 19:32; Isaiah 37:33

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!

— Matthew 23:37 (KJV)

**Introduction:** This is not and could not be the language of a mere man. It can only be God, mighty in power and deeds. God assured Hezekiah that the King of Assyria will not conquer Jerusalem. God's will may be either absolute or conditional as we can disobey His desired will for ourselves. Jesus expresses His desire to protect the inhabitants of Jerusalem but their unwillingness to accept His offer. Jesus is willing to save, dwell, give and open doors.

**1. Willing to Save:** John 6:40; 1 Timothy 2:3-4; 2 Peter 3:9 - **If we would believe.** God has a divine purpose and plan to gather and protect humanity. Belief in Jesus is the key to accessing salvation and eternal life. "Looking to the Son" implies faith and trust. Individuals have the choice to accept or reject God's love and mercy offered through His son with the phrase **"And ye would not"** the human free will.

**2. Willing to dwell:** 2 Corinthians 6:16-18; James 4:8; Luke 19:5 - **If we would come out. If we would draw nigh.**

Come out from among them is both God's command and calling, be ye separate is His instruction, touch not the unclean thing is His advice, then comes His promises to the obedient. Get thee out was the word of God that came to Abraham the warning that came to Lot. Draw near to God for a close and intimate relationship and Jesus will draw nigh to you by the manifestation of His grace, presence, guidance and favour to you. **And ye would not!**

**3. Willing to give:** Matthew 7:7-11; John 11:22; 14:13, 14; Mark 10:5; Jeremiah 29:11; 1 Kings 3:5; 2 Chronicles 1:7 - **If we would ask. If we would pray.**

This is where the Lord Jesus Christ is unique: no-one else can stand before us and say, "What do you want me to do for you?" – and to be able and willing to. There is no work that you can do to enter the kingdom of heaven. Humans are destined for hell for their wages of sin. True life, the life of God, is only imparted to someone at the point of repentance of sin and the turning toward the Lord Jesus Christ for His gift of life. **And ye would not!**

**4. Willing to open doors:** Matthew 7:7; 15:27; Luke 11:5 - **If we would knock.** **If we would persist.** God is a loving Father who readily gives good gifts to those who approach Him with faith and sincerity. Ask, Seek, Knock represent different aspects of prayer: petitioning, searching for God's will, and persevering in faith. Jesus' power and grace can extend to all. Know that God is faithful. God is dependable and He can be trusted. Always! The pathway to prospering and success is right before you but do you recognize and see it. **And ye would not!**

**Conclusion:** Here is the great evil that is destroying unbelievers and before long, will land them in hell after death - **And ye would not.** There are divine love and help available but human unwillingness to accept them.

Preacher: Resident Pastor – Rev. A. O. Oni



**Date:** 3 August 2025

**Topic:** Escape for your life (Part 2)

**Text:** Genesis 19:17-23

**Introduction (verse 17a).** The statement 'when they had brought them outside' in verse 17a is significant. It implies that God will always fulfil His responsibility over your life, but God will not do for you that which you can do for yourself. Your human responsibility is to cooperate with God. In my view, there are five mandates for us in this passage.

**Mandate 1. Flee for your life (first part of verse 17b).** This statement is literal and full of action. The movement of Lot and his family out of Sodom and Gomorrah was not enough. They must run for their lives. You too should physically run away from anything that can cause you to sin against God or fall short of His standard.

**Mandate 2. Don't look back (second part of verse 17b).** There are four dangers of looking back. First, looking back will slow them down in their flight. Second, looking back will stimulate their interest in Sodom and Gomorrah. Third, looking back will remind them about their losses and trigger sorrowful emotions. Fourth, looking back to Sodom and Gomorrah will lead to physical and spiritual death.

**Mandate 3. Don't dwell within the terrain of destruction (third part of verse 17b).** The angel instructed Lot and his family not to stay anywhere in the surrounding area of Sodom and Gomorrah.' In other words, they should get out of the danger zone. This implies that a danger zone is a place of vulnerability.

**Mandate 4. Flee and move higher (fourth and fifth part of verse 17b).** The angel also commanded Lot and his family to escape to the mountains if they don't want to experience the judgement coming on Sodom and Gomorrah. This was a huge physical exercise for Lot and his family, but it was necessary.

**Mandate 5. Don't give any excuse (verses 18-26).** The angel of the Lord instructed Lot to flee to the mountains, he gave an excuse about his inability to get there. He requested to run to the nearby town. Lot's wife looked back to all that she had at Sodom and Gomorrah (verse 26). Her action symbolised her unwillingness to separate from sin. Then she became a pillar of salt.

**Conclusion:** The above mandates are your responsibilities, not God's. First, you should flee for your life. Second, you should not look back. Third, you should not dwell within the terrain of destruction. Fourth, flee and move higher. Fifth, don't give any excuse.

Preacher: Senior Pastor – Rev. Dr. G. O. Bakare

**Genesis 19:17 (NKJV)**

<sup>17</sup> So it came to pass, when they had brought them outside, that he said, "Escape for your life! Do not look behind you nor stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the mountains, lest you be destroyed."

**Date:** 10 August 2025

**Topic:** A happy home is better

**Text:** Proverbs 17:1

**Introduction:** This verse belongs to the 'better than' sayings in the book of Proverbs. The writers of Proverbs used the poetic technique for comparative wisdom to highlight the superior value of specific virtues or spiritual principles over material wealth, power, and worldly comforts. The contrast of the two options guides the readers towards a more fruitful and God-pleasing path. There are three important things in Proverbs 17:1 that we can apply to a happy home.

**1. The meaning of Proverbs 17:1.** Verse 1a mentioned that a dry morsel with quietness is better. A dry morsel refers to a small, meagre piece of food, like a dry crust of bread. This may signify simplicity and scarcity. There is nothing appealing about a dry morsel. Nonetheless, possessing this meagre food with peace and harmony in a household is far better than other alternatives that may be presented. Verse 1b mentioned that a house full of feasting with strife is useless. In contrast to simple, peaceful existence with very little food in verse 1a; the family in verse 1b is wealthy, living luxurious life filled with abundant food, but with constant arguing, quarrelling, and tension. This is a true picture of many families in the Western world today.

**2. The message of Proverbs 17:1.** The message of Proverbs 17:1 is that we have the will power to choose what is better. This verse creates a strong contrast between two scenarios. The first couple is poor with little resources. They recognise their financial limitations and manage what is available. They are willing to work together as a team with huge sense of reliability. The result is that they live a good life together. In contrast, the second couple is very rich. They have more than enough, but they are reckless in spending focusing on unnecessary purchases. There is no cooperation within the family. Therefore, there is constant strive, jealousy, and emotional torture. The atmosphere within the house will be toxic and unfriendly.

**3. The mandate of Proverbs 17:1.** In my view, the mandate of Proverbs 17:1 is that a happy home is possible, but we must be willing to create it. I noticed that everyone of us wants to be in a happy relationship, but only few are willing to work so hard to achieve it. A happy home will not happen unless you make it happen. It requires intentionality. The husband, wife, children, parents and everyone involved have vital roles to play to make it happen.

**Conclusion:** The meaning of Proverbs 17:1 is that a dry morsel with quietness is better, and a house full of feasting with strife is useless. The message of Proverbs 17:1 is that we have the will power to choose what is better. The mandate of Proverbs 17:1 is that a happy home is possible, but we must be willing to create it.

Preacher: Senior Pastor – Rev. Dr. G. O. Bakare

*Better is a dry morsel  
and quietness with it  
than a house full of  
feasting with strife.*  
Proverbs 17:1



Date: 17 August 2025

Topic: The tide from God is still flowing (Part 1)

Text: Exodus 2:1-10

**Introduction:** The tide from God is the movement and development that God is causing to happen in your life and specific situation. In my view, we can see eight things about the tide of God in the life of Moses in this passage:

1. **The tide from God guided the timing of the conception and birth of Moses (verses 1-2).** A man from the house of Levi married a woman within the tribe of Levi. The woman conceived and gave birth to a son. God caused Moses to be born during the time when Pharaoh was killing Hebrew boys.
2. **The tide from God inspired Jochebed to act wisely to protect Moses (verses 3-4).** God inspired Jochebed to devise the strategy of placing Moses among the reeds by the bank of the same river Nile where other Hebrew boys have perished.
3. **The tide from God directed Pharaoh's daughter to locate Moses (verse 5a).** The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the safe side of the Nile. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maidservants to bring it to her.
4. **The tide from God protected Moses from the crocodiles in river Nile (verse 5b).** Many scholars believed that there were crocodiles and other dangerous reptiles in river Nile at that time. The tide of God moved the crocodiles away from the location of Moses.
5. **The tide from God instructed Pharaoh's daughter to favour Moses (verse 6).** Pharaoh's daughter opened the basket and saw Moses crying. She decided to have mercy on him. She did not throw Moses into the river Nile.
6. **The tide from God motivated Pharaoh's daughter to give audience to Moses' sister (verse 7-8a).** Moses' sister suggested to Pharaoh's daughter that she could find a nurse from among the Hebrew women to nurse the child for her and she agreed.
7. **The tide from God caused Moses to be nursed by his own mother (verses 8b-9).** Moses' sister quickly went to call her mother to take the job of nursing Moses for Pharaoh's daughter. She agreed her wages with Pharaoh's daughter and took Moses away to look after him.
8. **The tide from God orchestrated Moses to be sponsored with the resources of Pharaoh (verse 10).** Jochebed brought Moses to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She adopted Moses into Pharaoh's family for forty years with all the rights and privileges of a prince.

**Conclusion:** The lesson we can learn from this passage is that the tide from God can carry you from a state of hopelessness to a place of possibility.

Preacher: Senior Pastor – Rev. Dr. G. O. Bakare

AND THE CHILD GREW, AND SHE BROUGHT HIM  
UNTO PHARAOH'S DAUGHTER, AND HE BECAME HER  
SON. AND SHE CALLED HIS NAME MOSES: AND SHE  
SAID, BECAUSE I DREW HIM OUT OF THE WATER.  
-EXODUS 2:10 KJV

**Date:** 24 August 2025

**Topic:** The tide from God is still flowing (Part 2)

**Text:** Exodus 33:17

**Introduction:** God had a plan for the life of Moses, and He fulfilled it. Let us consider nine among the significant things that God accomplished through Moses:

**1. The tide from God led Moses to Midian (Exodus 2:11-25).** Pharaoh heard that Moses killed an Egyptian and he tried to kill him. Moses fled from Egypt and went to live in Midian. The tide from God prepared Moses for another 40 years in the wilderness.

**2. The tide from God gave Moses new experience (Exodus 3:1-4:17).** Moses saw that the bush was on fire, but it did not burn. This caught the attention of Moses. God called to him from within the bush and instructed him to take off his sandals because he was standing on a holy ground.

**3. The tide from God brought Moses back to Egypt (Exodus 4:18-31).** God instructed Moses in Midian to go back to Egypt to liberate the Israelites from slavery with emphasis that all those who wanted to kill him were dead.

**4. The tide from God plagued the Egyptians through Moses (Exodus 7:1-11:10).** God used Moses to torment the Egyptians in many ways including the ten plagues.

**5. The tide from God delivered the Israelites from bondage in Egypt through Moses (Exodus 12:1-13:16).** God delivered the Israelites from bondage in Egypt under the leadership of Moses. The deliverance was extraordinary.

**6. The tide from God opened the red sea (Exodus 13:17-14:31).** God commanded Moses to stretch his staff on the red sea, and it divided into two for the Israelites to walk through the dry ground.

**7. The tide from God performed powerful miracles through Moses (Exodus 15:22-17:7).** God performed extraordinary miracles through Moses in the wilderness. Among them were the provision of waters at Marah and Elim (Exodus 15:22-27), provision of manna and quail (Exodus 16:1-35), and the miracle of bringing out water from the rock (Exodus 17:1-7) etc.

**8. The tide from God gave Moses victory over the Amalekites (Exodus 17:8-16).** Moses instructed Joshua to choose some men to go out and fight the Amalekites. Moses stood on top of the hill and held his staff. Aaron and Hur supported the hands of Moses to secure victory for the Israelites.

**9. The tide from God helped Moses to receive the Ten Commandments (Exodus 19:1-20:26).** Moses received the capacity to tarry in the presence of God for 40 days and night to receive the ten commandments and other instructions for the Israelites.

**Conclusion:** The main point of this message is that God is behind what is happening in your life when you are serving Him faithfully.

Preacher: Senior Pastor – Rev. Dr. G. O. Bakare

So the Lord said to Moses,  
"I will also do this thing  
that you have spoken;  
for you have found  
grace in My sight,  
and I know you by name."  
Exodus 33:17



**Date:** 31 August 2025

**Topic:** The tide from God is still flowing (Part 3)

**Text:** Joshua 6:27

**Introduction:** The tide from God that flowed through the life of Moses continued to flow in the life of Joshua the son of Nun. Let us consider seven specific moments in the life of Joshua and how the tide from God made him exceptional.

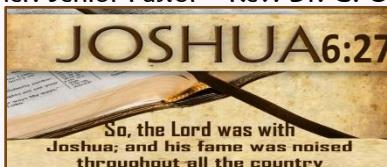
**1. The tide from God brought Joshua to limelight in Israel (Numbers 27:12-23; Joshua 1:1-9).** God identified Joshua the son of Nun (a man full of the Spirit) as the right person to succeed Moses. God instructed Moses to lay hand on him and make him stand before Eleazar the priest in the presence of the congregation of Israel. **2. The tide from God made Joshua serviceable to Moses and the nation of Israel (Exodus 17:8-16; Exodus 33:11; Numbers 14).** Joshua led the Israelites to fight the Amalekites on the instruction of Moses (Exodus 17:8-16). He was among the 12 men that Moses sent to spy the land of Canaan in Numbers chapter 14. **3. The tide from God made Joshua a successful leader (Numbers 13:14; Joshua 6).** Bible scholars have suggested that Joshua exhibited many leadership qualities. The three outstanding ones are bravery, integrity, and faith. He discharged all his leadership duties in Israel with integrity. **4. The tide from God took the Israelites to the promised land through Joshua (Joshua 3:1-5:12).** It was on record that Joshua took the Israelites to the promised land despite all odds. It was not an easy task to divide the land of Canaan among the stubborn Israelites, yet Joshua did it successfully. **5. The tide from God won victories for the Israelites through Joshua (Joshua 6:1-27; Joshua 8:1-29; Joshua 10:26-43).** The tide from God enabled Joshua and the Israelites to fight and win many battles. For example, Joshua defeated Jericho, Ai, the five Amorite kings, and other cities in Canaan.

**6. The tide from God made the sun to stand still for Joshua (Joshua 10:1-15).** Joshua and his soldiers defeated the five Amalekite kings completely at Gibeon. He commanded the sun to stand still in the presence of the Israelites so that they could finish the battle, and the Lord honoured his declaration.

**7. The tide from God granted Joshua a fulfilled ending (Joshua 24).** Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem in his final days. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges, and officials of Israel to present themselves before God for his farewell message. He died at age 110 years as a fulfilled person (Joshua 24:29).

**Conclusion:** Our examination of the life of Joshua shows that the tide from God can bring you to limelight, make you serviceable, make you a successful leader, help you to accomplish many things in life, give you victories, increase your capacity to command the natural world, and grant you a fulfilled ending.

Preacher: Senior Pastor – Rev. Dr. G. O. Bakare





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Date: 7 September 2025

Topic: The tide from God is still flowing (Part 4)

Text: John 1:16



**Introduction:** In this verse, Apostle John confirmed that we have received grace upon grace through the sacrificial work of Jesus Christ. We want to explore some important stories in the New Testament with emphasis on the practical ways by which we can experience God's power in our lives today.

**1. The tide from God can make you blessed and highly favoured among many people (Luke 1:26-38).** Mary was not the only young virgin woman in Palestine in the first century, but she was the one chosen to carry our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in her womb.

**2. The tide from God can carry you from sinfulness to redemption (Luke 10:1-10; Acts 9:1-19; Philemon 8-21).** The stories of Zacchaeus, Saul (who later became Paul), and Onesimus remind us that there is no one that God cannot change. Zacchaeus was a tax collector. Saul was a persecutor of Christians in the first century. Onesimus was a thief and runaway slave. However, the tide from God eventually worked out their salvation.

**3. The tide from God can move you from lack to a place of provision (John 2:1-12).** Jesus and His disciples were invited to a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The wine being served suddenly ran out. Jesus intervened when He turned water into wine. The master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine and realised that it was the best.

**4. The tide from God can take you from nobody to a notable somebody (Acts 5:15-16).** The disciples of Jesus were illiterates and fishermen in the first century. They became useful tools in the hands of the Lord when the tide from God began to flow into their lives.

**5. The tide from God can transform your timidity to boldness (Acts 2:14-41).** Peter denied Christ three times before the crucifixion of Jesus. He became outspoken when the tide from God reached him on the day of Pentecost. He boldly preached and about three thousand converts were added to the church that day.

**6. The tide from God can grant you generational expression of faith (2 Timothy 1:5).** There was expression of faith in Jesus from Timothy's grandmother, to his mother and to young Timothy. The tide from God can help your children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren to continue the legacy of faith in your family.

**7. The tide from God can grant you a successful ministry (2 Timothy 4:7-8).** Paul was a successful missionary in the first century. His statement at the end of his ministry that he has fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith was evidence of fulfilment. He was so sure that God has put in place for him the crown of righteousness.

**Conclusion:** The tide from God is still flowing. There is nothing that the tide from God cannot do in your life.

Preacher: Senior Pastor – Rev. Dr. G. O. Bakare

**Date:** 14 September 2025

**Topic: Becoming the delightful personality unto God**

**Text:** Ephesians 4:13-14

**Introduction:** We must work towards becoming a delightful personality unto God. Being a delightful personality is about being a unique instrument in the hands of God. Jesus died for us and we are redeemed by His blood, we are no longer ruled by the flesh but are resurrected by the blood of Jesus into a new life in Christ to become peculiar and delightful personalities unto Him. We all have a unique assignment to carry out for the kingdom of God and we are all given a measure of grace to serve Him.

You can become a delightful personality unto God in the following ways:

**1. You must be truly born again** (2 Corinthians 5:17). Your life must reflect Christ and the former you must be totally different from the new you. You must follow and adhere to the standard of Christ.

**2. You have to daily live the life of Jesus Christ** (Ephesians 5:1-21; 4:17-32). You must not compromise the standard of Christ set for you and you must live a sinless life. Jesus Christ was tempted in every way, yet without sin (Hebrews 4:15). God takes record of everything that we do (1 Corinthians 9:27).

**3. Solely depend on the Holy Spirit** (Hebrews 12:4). We must be holy unto the Lord and not neglect our souls. We cannot be living in sin and expect the grace of God to abound. The altar has to be rebuilt by delightful personalities unto the Lord. The ones that God will use to cleanse the church are the people with delightful personality. God is willing to cleanse His Church and He will use delightful personalities to do so, those who have been tried and tested.

**Benefits of being a delightful personality unto God.**

**1. You will enjoy God's favour and grace** (Genesis 6:8). God found Noah in his days as a delightful personality unto Him. We must be righteous and serve God with integrity and God that called us will take good care of us. Have faith in God!

**2. God notifies you before He does anything that will be of significant consequence in your life** (Amos 3:7; Genesis 18:16-21). God whispers to your spirit what will happen If you are a delightful person unto Him.

**3. You will live a victorious Christian life** (1 John 5:4; 1 Corinthians 15:57). You will enjoy God's victory on every side when you are a delightful personality unto Him. There will be no trial or challenge you will not be able to overcome.

**Conclusion:** Surrender all to Christ, serve Him faithfully and become a delightful personality unto God.

Guest Preacher: Rev. A. A. T. Olupona



**Date:** 21 September 2025

**Topic:** The attitudes of a repented sinner (Part 1)

**Text:** Psalm 51:1-10

**Introduction:** Most scholars agreed that David wrote Psalm 51 after prophet Nathan confronted him of committing adultery with Bathsheba (2 Samuel 12:1-15). Let us examine seven attitudes of a repented sinner that David expressed in the context of his prayer for forgiveness in this text.

**1. The attitude of praying for divine compassion (verse 1).** David prayed that God should be gracious to him according to His divine lovingkindness. He understood the greatness of God's compassion. He beseeched God to use it to blot out his transgressions.

**2. The attitude of praying for cleansing and purification (verse 2 & 7).** David requested God to wash him thoroughly from his iniquity and cleanse him from his sin. He appealed to God to purify him with hyssop, and he shall be clean. We don't need hyssop for cleansing today, what we need is the blood of Jesus.

**3. The attitude of taking responsibility for your sin in prayer (verses 3-4a).** David declared that he knew his transgressions, and his sin is ever before him. He accepted that he has sinned against God and done what is evil in His sight. He recognised that sin against humanity is a sin against God.

**4. The attitude of accepting God as righteous (verse 4b).** David accepted that God is justified when He speaks and blameless when He judges anyone. Our God is a God of justice, who both desires to bring justice into the world and administers judgment.

**5. The attitude of recognising the source of your sin in prayer (verse 5).** David recognised that he was brought forth in iniquity, and his mother conceived him in sin. Theologians often refer to inherited sin as original sin.

**6. The attitude of acknowledging the holiness of God in prayer (verse 6).** David demonstrated his knowledge that God desires truth in the innermost being, and in the hidden part God will make him know wisdom (cf. Habakkuk 1:13).

**7. The attitude of praying for recovery and renewal (verses 8-10).** David called on God to make him to hear joy and gladness, so that the bones that God has broken will rejoice again. The crushed bones are about the devastating effects of sin in the life of a sinner.

**Conclusion:** The main point of this message is that your attitude before God at the place of prayer is vital. You should pray for God's compassion, cleansing and purification, and ability to take responsibility for your sin. You should accept God as a righteous judge, recognise and address the source of your sins, acknowledge the holiness of God, and pray for recovery and renewal.

Preacher: Senior Pastor – Rev. Dr. G. O. Bakare

**Psalm 51:1-2**

Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your unfailing  
love; according to your great  
compassion blot out my  
transgressions. Wash away all  
my iniquity and cleanse me from  
my sin.

**Date:** 28 September 2025

**Topic:** The attitudes of a repented sinner (Part 2)

**Text:** Psalm 51:11-19

**Introduction:** Repentance is when you stop from moving in a wrong direction and start moving towards the right direction. Let us look at another seven attitudes of a repented sinner as expressed by David in this passage.

**1. The attitude of praying for God's presence and infilling of the Holy Spirit (verse 11).** David requested that God should not cast him away from His presence. He also appealed that God should not take His Holy Spirit from him. Apostle Paul warned us not to quench or grieve the Holy Spirit (1 Thessalonians 5:19; Ephesians 4:30).

**2. The attitude of praying for the restoration of the joy of your salvation (verse 12).** David wanted God to restore him to his rightful position. He urged God to restore to him the joy of salvation and sustain him with a willing spirit. The joy of salvation is unspeakable.

**3. The attitude of testifying about God's forgiveness to others (verse 13).** David mentioned that he would teach transgressors the ways of the Lord, and sinners will be converted. He did not only ask for forgiveness; he was also willing to consider himself forgiven.

**4. The attitude of praying for total deliverance (verse 14a).** David prayed to God to deliver him from blood guiltiness. He declared God as the God of his salvation. Blood guiltiness refers to the guilt and legal or moral responsibility for shedding innocent blood.

**5. The attitude of praising God for the forgiveness received (verse 14b-15).** David gave thanks to God in his prayer of confession. He said that his tongue will joyfully sing of God's righteousness. He asked God to open his lips so that his mouth would declare God's praise.

**6. The attitude of praying for brokenness of heart (verses 16-17).** David understood that God does not take delight in the sacrifice of a sinner. God is not pleased with the burnt offering brought to the altar with sinful motive. In contrast, the sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart.

**7. The attitude of praying expectantly for other things (verses 18-19).** David requested that God's favour would do good to Zion and build the walls of Jerusalem. Then God will delight in righteous sacrifices, in burnt offering and whole burnt offering. The implication is that repentance gives you confidence to pray for other things.

**Conclusion:** You can learn from David by praying for God's presence and infilling of the Holy Spirit, restoration of the joy of your salvation, capacity to testify about God's forgiveness, total deliverance, ability to praise God, brokenness, and the grace to pray expectantly for other things.

Preacher: Senior Pastor – Rev. Dr. G. O. Bakare

Do not cast me from your presence,  
or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Psalm 51:11



**Date:** 5 October 2025  
**Topic:** Walking on water  
**Text:** Matthew 14:22-33

**MATTHEW 14:22-33**  
**WALKING ON WATER**

**Introduction:** To walk on water is to perform an impossible. However, Jesus walking on the water, or on the sea, is recorded as one of the miracles of Jesus recounted in three Gospels. This narrative, following the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand, tells how Jesus sent the disciples by ship back to the "other side" of the Sea of Galilee while he remained behind, alone, to pray. Night fell and the sea arose as the ship became caught in a wind storm. After rowing against the wind for most of the night, the disciples saw Jesus walking on the water.

**The disciples' fear:** Isaiah 41:10; Romans 8:31. Fear is an in-built survival mechanism in all animals, an adaptive response to perceived danger that triggers the fight-or-flight response to prepare the body to confront or escape a threat. The disciples were afraid because of many things that are fearful, the waves, violent sea, wind, foam, tides, darkness, extended storm, capsizing and a spirit. When Jesus told them not to be afraid, they were reassured. After Jesus entered the ship, the wind ceased, and they arrived at land. Jesus showed His disciples that the things they feared, were merely a set of steps for Him to come to them. Invite Jesus into your crazy, chaos-filled circumstances and He will bring calm even when we don't understand how.

**The disciples' acceptance:** Job 9:8; Isaiah 7:14; Isaiah 43:2. The disciples, caught in the storm, believed both the ship and their lives were in grave danger. Suddenly, Jesus appears, walking on the raging sea, unveiling His divine glory. With a word, He summoned Peter to leave the relative safety of the boat and walk to Him on the water. All disciples are called to join with Jesus in a supernatural lifestyle of walking with God which includes miracles, signs, and wonders. However, we have barriers in our heads or hearts, that easily prevent us from getting out of the boat in the midst of the sea. We may understand logic but not supernatural.

**The disciples' confession:** Matthew 18:16; Deuteronomy 19:15. It is significant to note that the account of Jesus walking on the water is recorded three times in the scriptures. Jesus has command of the natural elements, something only God can do. The Bible records Peter's response to the situation, and the disciples subsequent declaration of the deity of Jesus. No matter how you start, you will finish well with Jesus. He taught His disciples through the five loaves and two fishes to trust in His all-sufficient grace. Learning spiritual truth and growing in faith is a lesson we have to keep learning in many other areas of our life. We must learn to trust in Jesus through the storms when following in obedience to His will. The revelation of Jesus walking on the water that, more than any other, convinced His disciples that He was surely God's Son.

**Conclusion:** No matter where you are in your walk with Jesus, keep your eyes and ears on Him and I can assure you will be alright. Join Jesus in a supernatural lifestyle of walking with God.

Preacher: Resident Pastor – Rev. A. O. Oni

**Date:** 12 October 2025

**Topic: The distinction of Zelophehad:**

*“The daughters of Zelophehad speak right ...”*

**Text:** Numbers 27:1-11

The distinction of Zelophehad

**Numbers 27:7**

*“The daughters of Zelophehad speak right ...”*

**Introduction:** How do you stand out when compared to others? Zelophehad's distinction as described by his daughters was crucial for their plea to inherit the land of their father. Their actions led to a legal reform. Let us consider the distinction of Zelophehad;

**1. Zelophehad was not in the rebellion of Korah:** V3a. Korah, along with Dathan and Abiram, and 250 princes of the children of Israel incited a rebellion against Moses and Aaron (Numbers 16). (i) As a consequence God caused the earth to swallow Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, and their households. (ii) A fire from the LORD consumed the 250 men that were in Korah's company. (iii) A plague from the Lord consumed 14,700 of the congregation of Israel that murmured against Moses and Aaron.

**2. Zelophehad died in his own sin:** V3b. We are uncertain of Zelophehad's sin (Numbers 14:2,37, 44; 15:32-36) but '*The soul that sinneth, it shall die*' (Ezekiel 18:20) and '*... ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he ...*' (John 8:24). **One need not die in sin**, a way of escape has been provided (Ephesians 2:4-5; Jn 3:16; Romans 5:8; 1 Corinthians 15:3; 1 Timothy 2:6; Titus 2:14; Matthew 11:28). **One must die to his sin** through repentance (Romans 6:2-7; 2:4; 2 Corinthians 7:10). Accept Jesus today!

**3. Zelophehad had no sons:** V1 & V3c. In ancient Israel, a male heir was crucial for carrying on the family name and securing land inheritance. Zelophehad's daughters appealed to God's concern for preserving families and lineages.

**4. Zelophehad had wise daughters:** V2-4. The wisdom of the daughters lies in their speaking about their father's legacy at the appropriate time. (i) **They demonstrated courage and boldness to seek their inheritance.** (ii) **They demonstrated humility and respect for elders.** (iii) **They demonstrated faith and persistence:** Their request for inheritance in the wilderness before entering the promised land displayed persistent faith, acting as if God's promises were already a reality. (iv) **They demonstrated unity and collective action:** They stood together as one voice. (v) **They demonstrated that God includes and values women:** God recognises the full dignity and equality of women. (vi) **They demonstrated that challenging injustice can create a lasting impact:** Moses consulted Yahweh and God was pleased, they speak right give them a possession. Their actions reshaped the inheritance law (Numbers 5-11;36:2-12; Joshua 17:3-7).

**Conclusion:** This story reminds us that sometimes, the simple act of raising our voices for what we believe is right can make a difference. You are invited to approach the throne of grace boldly, not demanding out of entitlement but with humility, ask with confidence in God's righteousness, stand up for justice and never incite a rebellion. Your distinction may not be noticed by others, but God keeps a record. And when it matters most, God will say 'They speak right...’

Preacher: Pastor Ore Oni



**Date:** 19 October 2025

**Topic:** The blessings of numbering our days

**Text:** Psalm 90:12

**Introduction:** Most biblical scholars agree that Moses wrote Psalm 90 during the 40 years of Israelite wandering in the wilderness. It was a difficult time full of hardships and losses for Moses and the Israelites. Moses prayed that God would help him and his people to understand that life is short and unpredictable. There are three blessings of numbering our days in this verse.

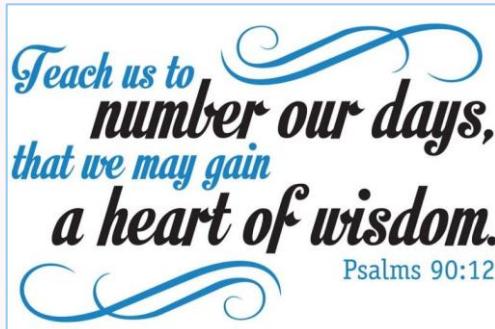
**1. The blessing of being taught by God (the first part of verse 12a).** The Bible says, 'so, teach us.' Moses appealed to God to teach him and the Israelites to number their days. Moses probably noticed that some Israelites were not numbering their days. They lived their lives recklessly without accountability. Therefore, he requested for a divine intervention. Imagine yourself in the classroom of God the greatest teacher!

**2. The blessing of learning to number our days (the second part of verse 12a).** The Bible says, 'to number our days.' This means to consciously live with the self-awareness that we are finite. As we wake up every day, we should remind ourselves that we are going to die one day in the future and our current position will be vacant. This will help us to use that understanding to live wisely and purposefully. It is the responsibility of the one being taught by God to listen with humility and follow God's instruction.

**3. The blessing of applying our hearts to wisdom (verse 12b).** The Bible says, 'that we may gain a heart of wisdom.' This is about the skills and good judgment that we use to navigate life successfully. This is the result of numbering our days. We shall gain a heart of wisdom and be wiser. This is more than just head knowledge. Are you investing your years or wasting them? Are you making your life count?

**Conclusion:** The death of a Christian is not an end but a transition to eternal and glorious life with Christ. It is being away from the physical body and being at home with the Lord. John Newton sums it up nicely when he says, 'man is made capable of three births: by nature, he enters into the present world; by grace, into spiritual light and life; by death, into glory.'

Preacher: Senior Pastor – Rev. Dr. G. O. Bakare



Date: 26 October 2025

Topic: Beware of wolves in sheep's clothing

Text: Matthew 7:15-16

Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits.

Matthew 7:15-16

**Introduction:** Christ Jesus warned of “false prophets” who inwardly are ferocious (ravenous) wolves, come in sheep’s clothing in among the flock of the LORD. His teaching is quite clear and when Christians ignore His warning, and read the writings and listen to the teachings of the false prophets of our day, they become deceived in subtle ways or in big ways.

**Wolves – spiritual predators:** Psalm 100:3; Matthew 10:16; 1 Peter 5:8. The devil and his forces have been misquoting God’s words since the beginning of time, twisting it, trying their best to manipulate the truth of the Word of God, their main goal is to deceive and lead astray.

**Old Testament references of wolves:** Ezekiel 22:27; Habakkuk 1:7-9; Zechariah 11:3. The imagery of Scriptures where wolves are mentioned could well be why Christ Jesus and the Apostle Paul referred to false prophets as wolves. The three categories of shepherds (ministers/pastors/elders) in our churches today are: the good shepherd like Christ Jesus, the hirelings who those are in ministry for the money and fame and wolves in sheep clothing.

**False teachings of wolves in sheep-clothing:** Luke 13:10-17; 1 Corinthians 1:10-17; Galatians 4:9-11; 5:2-12; Exodus 20:4-5; 2 Kings 17:24-41; 1 Kings 18:21; Joshua 24:14-15; Exodus 32:1-8. Throughout Scriptures the people of God are referred to as sheep and our Lord Jesus as the Great Shepherd (Psalm 100:3, 1 Peter 5:4). The natural enemy of the sheep is the wolf who “snatches them and scatters them” (John 10:12).

**Apostle Paul’s warning:** Acts 20:28-31. The church at Ephesus was to beware of deadly wolves within the church. False teachers were commanded to stop and end their devotion to myths.

**Christ Jesus’ warning about wolves:** Matthew 7:15. Believers must give thought and attention to what someone teaches or believes. Wolves will come dressed in church-garb, looking very much like sheep but inside they are nothing more than ravenous wolves.

**Duties of spiritual shepherds (Elders and Pastors):** 1 Timothy 1:3, 5-7, 6:3, 3:2, 5:17; Titus 1:5-9; Acts 18:24-28. The elders are appointed by the Holy Spirit with a heavy task of shepherding the flock. We as elders and pastors are to keep watch over the flock of the LORD in order to guard it against enemies’ vicious attacks and this involves being vigilant.

**By their fruit you shall know them:** Jude calls these false prophets and teachers “brute beasts” just as Paul called them “savage wolves” (Acts 20:29) and our Lord Jesus called them “ravenous wolves” “in sheep’s clothing” (Matthew 7:15).

**Conclusion:** As we keep pressing on to know the LORD and the truth of His Word, for He is the Truth, and we set our minds on His Word, spending time there, meditating on it, eventually we become very adept in detecting the false doctrines being peddled by these wolves in sheep’s clothing.

Preacher: Rev. Emmanuel Ofori



**Date:** 2 November 2025**Topic:** Spiritual growth as a lifelong journey (Part 1)  
Biblical perspective of self-examination**Text:** Lamentations 3:40

## Introduction

Self-examination is the honest self-evaluation of your spiritual life with the intent of checking for evidence of the sins that you need to confess and identifying some specific areas for your spiritual development. The book of Lamentation reminds us about the importance of mourning over our sins and asking the Lord for forgiveness whenever we fall short of His standard. There are three important things about self-examination in this verse:

**1. The subject and object of self-examination (verse 40a).** Prophet Jeremiah understood that self-examination is an intentional act. He invited himself and the people of Judah to perform the action of self-examination on themselves. Amazingly, Jeremiah did not exonerate himself. This was a call to personal and national repentance. The implication is that we all need self-examination if we want to improve in our relationship with God.

**2. The standard for self-examination (verse 40b).** Self-examination requires a standard. We cannot search out our ways without a specific yardstick to measure or check our spiritual performance. The Scripture is our standard for self-examination. The word of God is a mirror that helps us to honestly evaluate our lives and make amendments where possible.

**3. The outcome of self-examination (verse 40c).** Prophet Jeremiah expected that the act of self-examination by himself and the people of Judah will motivate everyone involved to return to the Lord. Self-examination is a choice, and every choice has a consequence. God wants you to practice self-examination with the expectation that you would return to Him.

## Conclusion

We have highlighted three things from this passage. First, we are the subject and object of self-examination performing the action on ourselves. Second, the Bible and the attributes of God are the standards for which we must self-examine ourselves. Third, the outcome of our self-examination is returning to God after wandering away. This verse was an appeal from prophet Jeremiah to the people of Judah some thousands of years ago. The same appeal is for us today.

Preacher: Senior Pastor – Rev. Dr. G. O. Bakare



**Date:** 9 November 2025

**Topic:** Spiritual growth as a lifelong journey (Part 2)  
Growing beyond your confession of faith

**Text:** 2 Peter 1:5-10

**"Wherfore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall"**

— 2 Peter 1:10

**Introduction:** Apostle Peter wrote the epistle of 2 Peter to instruct the believers that spiritual growth is not an option, it is a necessity. Of course, confession is the foundation and first step that we are expected to take in our Christian journey. We must continue to grow upward without looking back. Peter highlighted eight additional steps in this passage that we need to take diligently in partnership with God after confessing Jesus Christ as our Lord and personal Saviour.

**1. Growing beyond confession through faith (verse 5a).** Your Christian character begins when you put your trust in God. Apart from the saving faith, you should be diligent in faithfully walking with God. This faith is based on the revealed word of God (2 Peter 1:4). This faith dictates how we behave and respond to issues.

**2. Growing beyond confession through goodness (verse 5a).** In my view, this is about doing what is right when no one is watching. It is your responsibility to behave in the right way having the right attitude towards God and fellow humans.

**3. Growing beyond confession through knowledge (verse 5b).** This is about the knowledge of sound biblical doctrine. This spiritual knowledge is about knowing the triune God and the Scripture more and more. The implication is that when Christians know the Scripture thoroughly, they will behave differently.

**4. Growing beyond confession through self-control (verse 6a).** Living a godly life requires mastering your flesh and making it your servant. You cannot be growing in Christ and be behaving badly. You cannot be growing in Christ and be controlled by self-indulgence, physical appetites, lusts, and anger etc.

**5. Growing beyond confession through perseverance (verse 6b).** Perseverance enables us to develop a frame of mind and character that persists in doing what is right even when doing so may produce difficulties, suffering, and sorrows.

**6. Growing beyond confession through godliness (verse 6c).** This is living a fruitful, obedient Christian life devoted to God. This God-centred lifestyle involves expression of inward attitude of love and reverence for God, and an outward expression of this devotion before humans through righteous actions and intentional pursuit of holiness.

**7. Growing beyond confession through brotherly kindness (verse 7a).** This is the kind of love that Christians should have for one another. We may not be blood related in the human flesh, but we are sons and daughters of God through the blood of Jesus Christ.

**8. Growing beyond confession through love (verse 7b).** The word 'love' focuses on the pure way that God loves us. This love is generous and sacrificial. You cannot claim to know God and mature in Christ without loving others.

**Conclusion (verses 8-10):** Apostle Peter mentioned that those who manifest and increase in these qualities will become useful and productive in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. The main point of this message is that God expects more from us after our regeneration.

Preacher: Senior Pastor – Rev. Dr. G. O. Bakare



**Date:** 16 November 2025

**Topic:** Spiritual growth as a lifelong journey (Part 3)

Living a victorious Christian life

**Text:** 1 Corinthians 15:57; Galatians 5:16-17

### **Introduction**

Living a victorious Christian life is a life marked by freedom from the power of sin, self, and Satan, through faith in Jesus Christ and relying totally on God's supernatural strength. Let us examine three important ways that Apostle Paul mentioned in 1 Corinthians 15:57 and Galatians 5:17 about how to live a victorious life.

**1. Living a victorious Christian life by receiving God's provision of victory (1 Corinthians 15:57a).** The Bible says, 'but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory.' Apostle Paul boldly declared that God the Father is the giver of the victory. This victory is unique and exceptional. God the Father planned and arranged this victory. You have a responsibility to position yourself to receive all the victories that the hands of God can give.

**2. Living a victorious Christian life by standing in Christ (1 Corinthians 15:57b).** The Bible says, 'through our Lord Jesus Christ.' Apostle Paul observed that Jesus Christ is the instrument or medium of our victory. Jesus accomplished the victory through His death and resurrection. No other victory can be achieved outside the cross of Christ. Therefore, you should continue to stand in Christ without wavering or walking away from Him.

**3. Living a victorious Christian life by walking in the Spirit (Galatians 5:16-17).** Apostle Paul encouraged the Galatians and ultimately all Christians throughout the ages to walk by the Spirit if they don't want to carry out the desire of their flesh. What Paul is saying here is that the Holy Spirit is the sustainer of our victory.

### **Conclusion**

We can see the trinitarian involvement in our victory in the two passages we have examined. First, God the Father is the giver of our victory. Second, God the Son is the instrument or medium of our victory. Third, God the Holy Spirit is the sustainer of our victory. Living a victorious life is the will of God for your life, not a defeated life.

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**Date:** 23 November 2025

**Topic:** No peace for the wicked

**Text:** Isaiah 48:22; Isaiah 57:21



**Introduction:** Psalm 73:3–12

This statement is repeated in Isaiah. In both cases, the declaration follows the Lord's denunciations of evil nations and wicked practices. In the film *Hidden figures* is the phrase "There were initially no coloured bathrooms in a building". The assertion that the wicked have no peace seems to go against our observation as many ungodly people lead lives of ease and pleasure. At least externally, the wicked often appear to have a measure of peace.

**The stench of false religion: 1 Corinthians 10:20**

Humanity's false religion is inwardly a sham. Outwardly, they can adorn themselves with scents and ointments to disguise the stench of their hypocrisy. False religion is used to control, manipulate and exploit the powers of this world. Yet, there is no joy gained or peace thereby. Indulging in sin wearies the wicked and brings no satisfaction. God says no peace for the wicked.

**The show of good deeds**

People say It feels good to do good, try to earn God's favour with good deeds. Cain offered sacrifices (Genesis 4:3–5) as a means to obtain peace. But it did not come. King Saul also tried to use sacrifice to ensure God's peace but failed (1 Samuel 13:8–14). Likewise, many people today think that moral activities, or good deeds will guarantee the peace they seek, but they are disappointed. They worship God with their lips, but their hearts are far from Him (Isaiah 29:13; Matthew 15:8). God says Repent first, The sacrifices of God are a contrite spirit: a contrite and a broken heart, O God, thou wilt not despise, Psalm 51:17.

**The semblance of external peace**

Those who possess only external peace must exhaust themselves continually to maintain it. Their efforts to maintain personal peace often require them to impinge upon the peace of others, which results in more wickedness. As long as we believe we are responsible for creating our own peace, we can justify the means we use to obtain it. We will attempt to justify adultery, riots, thefts, murders, injustices, rape, lies, destruction to obtain the peace we desire. God is not mocked, He says there is no peace for the wicked.

**The shield of God's peace: John 14:27**

God's abiding peace is only possible when we are in right relationship with Him. Only true faith in Jesus Christ will suffice. Jesus' blood speaks of something better; forgiveness and reconciliation.

**Conclusion:** Wicked people have no way of ensuring peace on their own (Eph 2:1–3). But God sent Jesus, the Prince of Peace (Isa 9:6), to reconcile the world to Himself. Those who trust in Him find that Jesus indeed came "to guide our feet into the path of peace" (Luke 1:79). God's peace guards the hearts and minds of His children, it "transcends all understanding" (Phil 4:7).

**Date:** 30 November 2025

**Topic: The Secret things belong to the LORD our God**

**Text:** Deuteronomy 29:29

**Introduction:** Deuteronomy means "second law" because it re-explains and repeats the laws given earlier in the Pentateuch. It is the final words of Moses to the Israelites before they enter the promised land. This verse comes after the Israelites renewed the Mosaic Covenant and its laws before the Lord. The Bible directs and encourages us to diligently seek into that which God has made known. We are to do all the words of this law, and be blessed in our deeds.

**The things reveal by God:** Psalm 90:2; Jeremiah 29:11; Proverbs 15:3; Colossians 1:16; Amos 3:7. When the scriptures say the secret things belong to the Lord, it means that there are some things only God Almighty knows. He is omniscient, omnipotent, and omnipresent. He is also eternal, knows the future, and sees all things. Unlike God, humans are finite and limited in our knowledge, we cannot fully or completely know everything about God or His purposes. So the "secret things" that belong to the Lord are those things that only He knows as the Sovereign, Creator and Sustainer over all His creation. For the Lord God does nothing without revealing his secret to his servants the prophets.

**The things revealed by His Son:** Proverbs 30:4; 2 Timothy 3:16,17; 2 Peter 1:20,21; Deuteronomy 4:34; Matthew 11:28,30. The fact that the secret things belong to the Lord does not mean that humans cannot know anything about God. In fact, it also speaks of "things revealed." We can know a great deal about who God is and what He's doing because He has chosen to reveal Himself to humanity through His Word, Old and New testament. More specifically, God has chosen to make Himself known to us through His Son, Jesus (John 1:14; Hebrews 1:1-3) who is God's Word. God wants us to learn and know more about Him as we live our lives.

**The things revealed by His Spirit:** 1 Timothy 4:1-5; 1 Corinthians 2:10.

Through God's Spirit, believers receive spiritual understanding, including the ability to discern truth, comprehend God's gifts, and receive guidance into God's will. This can be revealed through visions, dreams, and direct communication, which illuminates deep and hidden things and transforms a person's character to become more like Christ. God has revealed those things to us by His Spirit. The Spirit searches everything, especially the deep things of God and gives the ability to understand spiritual truths that are foolishness to those without the Spirit, allowing believers to discern truth from lies and good from evil.

**Conclusion:** So, even though people can never gain knowledge of "the secret things that belong to the Lord," believers do have access to what is clearly revealed in His Word about who He is and how He wants them to live. Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would guide people into all truth and show them things to come, acting as a Comforter, John 14:22.

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DEUTERONOMY 29:29 KJV

*The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.*

**Date:** 7 December 2025

**Topic:** The prophecy about the virgin birth

**Text:** Isaiah 7:14



**Introduction (verse 14a):** The Bible says, 'therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign.' Isaiah 7:14 has been a subject of debate among many Jewish and Christian scholars. My view is that this verse may have meant something during the time of king Ahaz, but it is ultimately a reference to Jesus Christ. Isaiah prophesied three things about Jesus Christ in this verse.

**1. Isaiah prophesied about the conception of the virgin (first part of verse 14b).** The Bible says, 'the virgin will conceive.' This is direct and emphatic. Isaiah prophesied that a virgin would give birth. Only Jesus Christ was born by a virgin. In my view, this is a messianic prophecy fulfilled in Jesus Christ. It is more than a sign relevant only for the immediate historical context of prophet Isaiah, king Ahaz, and the entire people of Judah. The conception of the virgin implies that the impossibility shall be made possible.

**2. Isaiah prophesied about the arrival of a son (second part of verse 14b).** The Bible says, 'and give birth to a son.' This is precise. Isaiah prophesied that the child will be a son. The same Isaiah prophesied that, 'for to us a child is born, to us a son is given' (Isaiah 9:6). These prophecies were fulfilled during the first Christmas. Mary gave birth to a son. There is something peculiar about the birth of this son. God gave us His 'only begotten son' (John 3:16). All these are not coincidences, they all pointed to the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. In other words, the birth of Jesus Christ gave us hope in our hopeless situation.

**3. Isaiah prophesied about the name Immanuel (third part of verse 14b).** The Bible says, 'and will call him Immanuel.' Isaiah specifically mentioned the name of the child in advance. The biblical narrator also confirmed that an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream before the first Christmas that the name of Mary's baby shall be called 'Immanuel' (Matthew 1:23). Immanuel is one of the covenant names of Jesus which means 'God with us.' The gift of Jesus Christ is the best thing that God the Father has ever given to us. **Conclusion:** Isaiah prophesied three specific things in this verse. First is the conception of the virgin. Second is the arrival of a son. Third is the name Immanuel. The ultimate fulfilment of these prophecies took place in the first century during the first Christmas. The virgin Mary conceived, gave birth to a son, and the name of her son was called Immanuel.

**Preacher:** Senior Pastor – Rev. Dr. G. O. Bakare



**Title:** The power of joy and rejoicing as a facilitator of thanksgiving **Text:** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

**Introduction:** Thanksgiving is for everyone. We should reflect on our lives and make it an attitude to praise God. We need to praise God always, whatever the circumstance we are facing. Joy and rejoicing are ingredients of thanksgiving.

**How to keep rejoicing always** (1) Joy is connected to the spirit. Happiness is connected to when you receive something but joy is the fruit of the spirit. (2) Joy strengthens the spirit. A weak heart cannot praise God. Nehemiah 8:10 (3) Joy helps us to see God in every situation.

**Why is joy before thanksgiving?** (1) A joyful believer produces an attitude of gratitude. (2) Joy illuminates divinity around us. Isaiah 61:3 (3) Joy keeps the heart strengthened. (4) Joy breaks the spirit of heaviness. (5) Joy is a great lubricant. **Those that overcame heaviness with thanksgiving:**

**Habakkuk** encouraged unconditional praise and joy in God, regardless of circumstances, God is the ultimate source of strength and salvation. Habakkuk 3:17-18. In a time of great distress, **David** found strength and courage by relying on God, 1 Samuel 30:6. **Paul and Silas** despite their arrest, severe flogging, and imprisonment in Philippi, demonstrated unwavering faith and praised God, Acts 16:25. In 1 Samuel 2, **Hannah** prayed and rejoiced in the Lord despite her barrenness. **How joy helps believers to overcome sadness** (1) Joy brings healing. (2) Joy shifts problems to God, it brings light and redemption. (3) Joy creates a new atmosphere of comfort, Joel 1:10-12. Lack of joy is the destroyer of harvest. **Conclusion:** Be encouraged that God is a good God. If you have lost anything remember that God is the reason you have not lost everything. John 16:23.

**How to improve your joy level** (1) Stay filled with the spirit. (2) Engage in daily praise and thanksgiving. (3) Practice thanksgiving intentionally. (4) Always feed yourself with the Word of God, Jeremiah 15:16. (5) Stay in fellowship with God and fellow believers.

**Guest Preacher:** Pastor Joseph Ajayi



**Date:** 14 December 2025

**Topic:** The prophecy about the birthplace of Jesus Christ

**Text:** Micah 5:2



**Introduction:** Biblical prophecy is the communication of God's divine message or will to the people through a prophet. This usually include foretelling future events or conveying specific messages of moral and spiritual significance. Prophet Micah gave the prophecy in this verse that Bethlehem would become the birthplace of the Messiah about 700 years before Jesus was born. He mentioned three things in this verse.

**1. Micah specifically mentioned Bethlehem (first part of verse 2a).**

Biblical scholars have noted that Ephrathah was ancient name for the town of Bethlehem within the tribe of Judah. They insist that prophet Micah put the two names together for emphasis to distinguish this town from any other. In addition, Ephrathah was also the name of a clan within the tribe of Judah. King David was born to this clan in Bethlehem (1 Samuel 17:12). Bethlehem means house of bread.

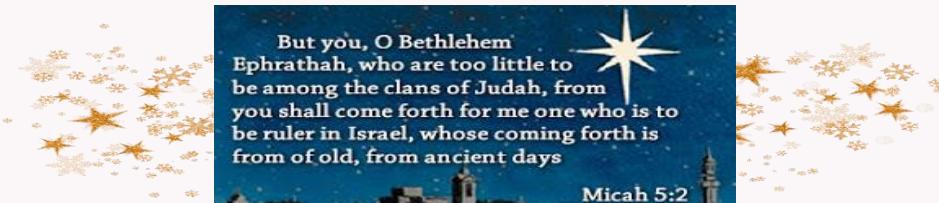
**2. Micah mentioned the status of Bethlehem (second part of verse 2a).**

Bethlehem is about 7 miles or 12 kilometres southwest of Jerusalem. Indeed, Bethlehem was a small village at that time. It was a tiny and insignificant town. It wasn't listed among the prominent towns in Joshua 15 and Nehemiah 11. Humanly speaking, one would expect the holy city of Jerusalem to be the birthplace of Jesus Christ. However, God selected Bethlehem, and the King of Kings was born there. The fulfilment of this messianic prophecy in Micah 5:2 can be found in Matthew 2:1-6.

**3. Micah mentioned the identity of the One that will come out of Bethlehem (verse 2b & c).** Micah mentioned two things about the identity of the great One that will emerge from Bethlehem. First, He will be ruler over Israel. Second, His origin is from of old, from ancient times. Biblical scholars have suggested that Bethlehem was the place where lambs were raised for temple sacrifice. David raised sheep in Bethlehem before he became king. In fact, Bethlehem was the home of many shepherds (Luke 2:8-18). It is not coincident that Jesus Christ 'the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world' (John 1:29) was born in the same Bethlehem.

**Conclusion:** The biblical prophecies about Bethlehem as the birthplace of Jesus was accurate. First, Micah specifically mentioned Bethlehem. Second, he mentioned the status of Bethlehem. Third, he mentioned the identity of the One that will come out of Bethlehem. Jesus Christ is no longer in Bethlehem. He is currently at the right hand of God the Father in heaven. He will come back again.

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**Date:** 21 December 2025

**Topic:** The prophecy about the titles of Jesus Christ

**Text:** Isaiah 9:6-7

**Introduction:** The Bible revealed that Jesus Christ has many titles. In this teaching, we shall explore seven of the covenant titles of Jesus Christ as highlighted in Isaiah 9:6-7.

**1. Jesus Christ is the promised 'Son' (verse 6a).** This points to the incarnation of Jesus Christ. He was fully human and fully God. The phrase 'to us' reminds us of God's generous offer to humans.

**2. Jesus Christ is the promised 'Leader' of leaders (verse 6b).** This draws our attention to the ultimate authority of Jesus Christ. Most biblical scholars agree that this is a statement of divine kingship and assurance.

**3. Jesus Christ is the promised 'Wonderful Counsellor' (verse 6c).** The adjective 'wonderful' describes the uniqueness of Jesus. There are many wise and competent counsellors in the world, but Jesus Christ is the only extraordinary, incredible, and remarkable 'Wonderful Counsellor.'

**4. Jesus Christ is the promised 'Mighty God' (verse 6c).** This is an affirmation of Jesus' deity. He is God and He is mighty. The adjective 'Mighty' lays emphasis of His immense power, strength, and authority.

**5. Jesus Christ is the promised 'Everlasting Father' (verse 6d).** This is a reference to the eternal nature of Jesus Christ. Some biblical scholars agree that this is about fatherly care and kindness. Jesus Christ is from everlasting to everlasting.

**6. Jesus Christ is the promised 'Prince of Peace' (verse 6d).** This is about the peace that Jesus Christ brings to our souls, relationships, community, and the world at large.

**7. Jesus Christ is the promised 'King' with a kingdom forever (verse 7).** Jesus Christ is the King in the line of David, and He will rule the people. His birth was the beginning of the fulfilment of this prophecy.

**Conclusion:** Great titles come and go, but the titles of Jesus Christ remain forever. His covenant titles help us to reflect on His identity. He is the promised 'Son,' 'Leader' of leaders, 'Wonderful Counsellor,' 'Mighty God,' 'Everlasting Father,' 'Prince of Peace,' and 'King' with a kingdom forever.

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For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder:  
and his name shall be called

*Wonderful Counsellor,  
THE MIGHTY GOD,  
The everlasting Father,  
The Prince of Peace.*

Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be  
no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom,  
to order it, and to establish it with judgment  
and with justice from henceforth even for ever.

Isaiah 9:6-7  
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**Date:** 25 December 2025

**Title:** Life is beautiful but puzzling

**Text:** Ecclesiastes 3:9-11



**Introduction:** A beautiful flower blooms, but it is only beautiful for a little while, not always. Even though things are beautiful and in an overall sense, meaning life is beautiful, it is perplexing because we cannot figure out what God is doing.

### **God's design**

We desire to understand the beginning from the end. We like to know how things are going to work out and what lies ahead in the future for us. But we cannot know, the future as it relates to the present and what we are experiencing, so life perplexes us. This has a beautiful purpose in it; God designed it so. He has not told us everything. Why?

**God's will.** 1 Timothy 2:4 : Ezekiel 18:23, 32; John 3:17.

God wants His children to live by faith. We cannot control everything and must rely, not in our wisdom, abilities, intelligence, power, or money, but in Somebody who is really in control of these things. **God's will is for everyone to obey His Word and trust Him.** This was His perfect will from the beginning made known to Adam. God wants **all men** to be **saved**.

**God's salvation.** Romans 1:16; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4.

The Lord does not desire to control every decision we make. He has given us talents, desires, and personalities on purpose, and often, instead of giving us specific direction, he lets us choose. God does not want us to get the choice of salvation wrong and ensured provision for it. The good news or gospel message is about Jesus Christ, His Son. God's rescue plan for humanity through His life, sacrificial death on the cross for sins, and resurrection, offering forgiveness, new life, and the promise of God's coming Kingdom to all who believe and follow Him.

**Conclusion:** The will of God is **to repent of our sin and trust in Christ.** If we have not taken that first step, then we have not yet accepted God's will. Today is the day of celebration of Jesus Christ, the Messiah's birth. Indeed, the right time is now. **Today is the day of salvation.**

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### **The God-Given Task - Ecclesiastes 3:9-11**

<sup>9</sup>What profit has the worker from that in which he labors? <sup>10</sup>I have seen the God-given task with which the sons of men are to be occupied. <sup>11</sup>He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end.



**Date:** 28 December 2025

**Title:** Hope laid up in heaven

**Text:** Colossians 1: 5

**Introduction:** Faith, hope, and love, are the three principal graces in the Christian life, and proper matter for prayer and thanksgiving. Hope is not just a feeling, but a confident assurance of future blessings and eternal life with God. The more we fix our hopes on the reward in the other world, the more free shall we be in doing good with our earthly treasure.

**Hope laid up in heaven:** The hope of eternal life is reserved and waiting for believers in heaven, not something to be earned or achieved on earth. It was treasured up for them, no enemy could deprive them of it, it is **safe, secure, sure**. No man need ever fear about his future when his hope is laid up in heaven. God's love in Christ gives us **hope in the blessed future reunion with our Saviour** and in His return. Our hope is certain **and** includes no condemnation, due to forgiveness of sins, a dwelling in Christ's kingdom and an inheritance in light. **The hope is only for citizens**, saints clothe in Christ's righteousness; Those who have His Lordship confessed.

**Hope based on the Word: John 1:1**

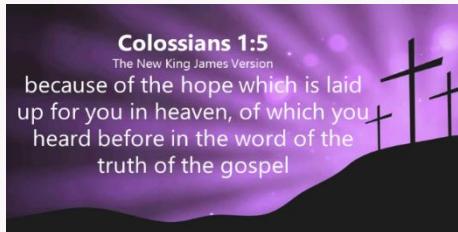
The hope is based on the Word, Jesus Christ. The message of truth is found in Jesus' gospel, which reveals God's plan for salvation and eternal life. The gospel is the good news about Jesus Christ, His life, death, burial, and resurrection. We may safely venture our souls upon it. This message is considered to be the ultimate truth about God's love and plan for humanity's salvation. Believing and accepting the Gospel is seen as essential for receiving God's grace and experiencing new life in Christ.

**Hope not seen, but certain: John 3:16**

This hope is not yet visible, but it is certain because it is based on faith in God's promises, His Word. This heavenly hope contrasts with earthly hopes that are often uncertain and temporary. It's a hope that is unshakeable and eternal. While believers have not yet physically witnessed or received these promised blessings, their faith in God's word and promises provides a firm foundation for their hope. **Hebrews 11:1** connects faith and hope, suggesting that faith gives substance and evidence to what is hoped for, even if it's not yet visible. The hope is connected to God's love, Jesus' gospel and His promises which are Yes and Amen.

**Conclusion:** Hope encourages believers to look beyond earthly concerns and focus on the glorious future that awaits them in God's presence. It reminds that our faith is not in vain, and our future is secure in Christ.

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## 2025 Crossover Watchnight Message

**Date:** 31 December 2025

**Topic:** My Year of extraordinary turning point

**Text:** Psalm 30:11

### Introduction

Our watchword for 2026 is 'my year of extraordinary turning point.' I want us to discuss two things. First is the meaning of turning point. Second is the importance of turning point.

**1. The meaning of turning point.** A turning point is the act of God whereby your life and things around you begin to positively move toward the climax, the most important or most exciting part. This is usually a decisive, defining, and pivotal moment.

**2. The importance of turning point.** A turning point for a Christian is important for at least three reasons: First, it demonstrates God's power and faithfulness. Second, it glorifies God. Third, it is a testimony to the world.

### Conclusion

Our God is a faithful promiser. We have assurance of turning point because the mouth of the Lord has spoken. A turning point is vital because it is the moment that marks a shift in direction.

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### *My Year of Extraordinary Turning Point*

Lord, You who turn our mourning into dancing and clothe us with joy, let Your transforming grace shape our steps throughout 2026. May this year be marked by renewed hope, restored strength, and a deep awareness of Your faithful presence in every season.



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