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JUST BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Someone once expressed his greatest shock to me. He said, *"Pastor, you won't believe that despite my ten years of competitive experience in my field, I still don't have a good job".*

Ofcourse I would believe. Experience is not a substitute for power. Moses had experienced God in different dimensions, but he could not cross the red sea until he engaged power from God. Many people are stagnated in life, not because they are not experienced, but because they ignorantly use their experience where they should have engaged power. Many experienced employees have been laid off from their place of work, not because the company no longer cherishes their experience, but because they cannot afford to keep them any longer. Shockingly, they retain those who

although may not be as experienced, but have some level of spiritual authority.

When you have power plus experience, organizations will keep you for as long as you decide to work with them. Laban was ready to keep Jacob for as long as possible, that's why he compromised in the marriage between Jacob and his second daughter. When it was obvious that Jacob had to go, he still made efforts to keep him back by trying to manipulate his reward. If his plan was successful, Jacob would probably have no choice but to continue serving Laban until he had enough possessions. Honestly, it's a hard thing to let go a person with power and experience, even if it's a personal decision.

David's case was quite peculiar. Even before he faced Goliath, King Saul had employed him. At that time, God had put a disturbing spirit upon Saul and it was recommended that anytime that spirit comes upon him, someone should play an instrument for it to leave. Let's

read how David got into the picture from scriptures:

1 Samuel 16:

17 And Saul said to his servants, Then get me a man who is an expert player, and make him come to me.
18 Then one of the servants in answer said, I have seen a son of Jesse, the Beth-lehemite, who is expert at playing, and a strong man and a man of war; and he is wise in his words, and pleasing in looks, and the Lord is with him.
19 So Saul sent his servants to Jesse and said, Send me your son David who is with the sheep.
20 And Jesse took five cakes of bread and a skin of wine and a young goat and sent them to Saul by David.
21 And David came to Saul, waiting before him: and he became very dear to Saul, who made him his servant, giving him the care of his arms.
22 And Saul sent to Jesse saying, Let David be with me, for he is pleasing to me.

Did you notice David's CV? After all the skills that were mentioned, they added that the Lord was with Him. In other words, he had some level of spiritual authority. In verse 21, king

Saul loved David because he was truly special, and the next thing we heard was that he sent a message to David's father asking him to let David remain in the palace with him.

That's what happens when you have both power and experience. Think of Daniel and Joseph. Daniel was relevant through the reign of several kings, because of power. Joseph became second in command to Pharaoh because of the power he possessed. The reason why people with spiritual authority will always be needed is because when the organization is challenged, they'd be needed to save the day. When Goliath attacked, the same David saved the day.

I have heard testimonies of employees who were promoted even when their employer was trimming workers. That's because a light generator will never be in the list of what should be discarded. Everybody needs light, the economy notwithstanding. A time is coming when experience alone will no longer be a criterion for employment; rather, organizations

will be looking out for people with power and experience. And that's because they know that when the chips are down, the same employee will pray to his God. So after asking you how many years' experience you have, they'd also ask you about your relationship with God.

No organization would dare to release an employee who has both power and experience. In fact, they'd still retain you if you have small experience but much power. This is why I pity believers who don't develop their faith in the name of work. They'd tell you they've been too busy to pray because of work. If only they know that they need that faith to save both the job and the organization in the times to come.

The bible admonishes that we occupy till Jesus comes. In other words, occupy everywhere God puts you with the systems of the kingdom. You can't be in an organization yet there's no daily fellowship among the Christians there. You're not obeying the last command, "Occupy till I come". God didn't give you that job just to

earn a salary, but also to occupy the organization with the systems of the kingdom.

I've realized that every believer wants to walk in power, but the challenge is that they don't know how. Many of them dabble into guess works, which eventually leads to error. When it comes to the kingdom, we get results by conviction, not guess works. So even if you guessed it correctly, it still won't work because you're not convinced about it.

I've ignorantly quoted many scriptures in the past, and ofcourse they didn't work. I've also ignorantly applied some scriptural doctrines, and I'm pretty sure it's the mercies of God I've just been enjoying, because frankly speaking, if I was operating with a different revelation from what I know now, then I clearly was in error. If I was getting results in error, then that's certainly the mercy of God at work.

Each time we hear the word "power" as Christians, we often begin to think of the level of prayer and fasting that one has to subject

himself to. Well, that's not the case for this book. My desire in this book is to show you some avenues of power that every believer, young and old, is expected to operate in. Fasting will make you remain yielded to the spirit, which means you'd be more sensitive to spiritual principles and truths; that also means it would be easier to walk in power. But this doesn't mean you cannot walk in power while in a wedding party eating fried rice and a whole chicken. This doesn't mean you cannot walk in power after you just made out with your wife. Fasting gives you an advantage, and that's why I fast often, but don't let the idea of not fasting deprive you from walking in these avenues of power. Whether you're feeling spiritual or not, these avenues of power will work.

Now that we've cleared that, let me show you 3 streams of power that will change your life forever.

Stream One

THE WORD OF THE LORD AND THE NAME OF JESUS

I know that most preachers separate the word of the Lord and the name of Jesus when they preach, they talk about them independently. While that may be good, we may never come to the full knowledge of God if we continue to separate them.

The Word of the Lord isn't just the text you read in your Bible, the Word of the Lord is actually a personality, and a description of his figure is well elucidated in scriptures. Let's see how scriptures put it:

Revelation 19:
11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.
13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.
14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.
15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.
16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

Did you notice the description of the personality from verse 11? His eyes were as a flame of fire, he had many crowns on his head - which obviously meant He is King of kings as verse 16 later revealed. He was clothed with a garment dipped in blood, and his name is called "The Word of God". Asides that the armies of heaven followed him about, a sharp sword went out of his mouth, and that's what he used to subdue the nations of the earth.

Recall that according to John chapter 1, this same Word of God was in the beginning with God and all things were made by Him. We've all thought that The Word of God must have been like the literal word of a person, but the scriptures we just read clearly reveals that The Word of God actually had the figure of an independent being. He was a being whose name was called "The Word of God". He was in charge of ruling the nations. Hebrews 1:3 further confirms that God controls all things by His Word. This means that anytime you engage the word of God, you should understand that you're engaging a controlling power that the world cannot resist. You can even paint the picture of that being each time you declare the Word - whether from the written or spoken word.

Now that I think about it, there are many more scriptures that clearly reveals that The Word of God has a figure or personality. An example will be 1 John 5:7, it says, "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the

Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one". Did you see that? The Word of God is also part of those who took records of the events that happen in the world.

If you understand what I've shared so far, then you'd understand John 1:14. It says, "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth". The Word was made flesh! That personality that was described in Revelations was made flesh and dwelt among humans. (I'd talk about why He had to become flesh in the next avenue of power).

Asides the fact that He became flesh to redeem man from sin and Satan, He also made that sacrifice to give man a name that no devil can resist, and that's the name of Jesus. Before he became flesh, sin and Satan had a field day in oppressing believers. But after He gave believers His name, even the devil was put under subjection. The disciples of Jesus

confirmed this in Mark 16:20; they said "even the devil was subject to us in your name".

You have to understand that believers had the written word of God before Jesus came, but they couldn't exercise real power until the name of Jesus was given to them. In Mark 16, Jesus specifically told them that believers could cast out devils, heal the sick, and be delivered from harm, all in his name. You'd recall that it was the name of Jesus that Peter used to heal that scrippled man at the Gate called Beautiful. He didn't preach a long sermon, neither did he declare scriptures on the crippled man.

When they summoned them for questioning to know what power or name they used to do the things they did, Peter didn't hesitate to tell them that it was the name of Jesus. Let's see how scriptures put it:

Acts 4:
7 And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?

10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

Did you notice the question? By what power or by what name have you done this? That's another revelation on its own. Which means there are two ways by which you get things done in this world, either by power or by a name. Peter could have used financial power to assist that crippled man, but he decided to use a name.

So verse 10 is where Peter expressly told them that it was by the name of Jesus that he did the miracles.

Let me explain scripture by scripture to give you a more solid understanding.

SCRIPTURE 1:

John 1:

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
2 The same was in the beginning with God.
3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.
4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.
5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.
14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.
15 John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.
16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.
17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

Having revealed the personality called "The Word of God" in Revelations chapter 19, John further establishes His personality.

So verse 1 and 2 tells us that in the beginning of times, The Word was there. We were not told if The Word was created by God; rather, we are

told that The Word was with God and The Word was God. In other words, although The Word was God, there were two entities - The Word and God. You could literally see them side by side.

It's important that we establish that the capital "G" used for God is not necessarily to differentiate Him from other idols or deities. God" is actually one of His names. In the original Hebrew language, god is god; they only used "God" when His name is actually mentioned. If I'm to put that in a sentence, I'd say "God is a good god". Using capital "G" for the god in that sentence will be tautology. Just as I can't say "Anslem is a good Anslem", I can't "God is a good God". The right thing to say would be "Anslem is a good man".

The significant thing about gods is that they have names. You can't just say "god" and expect any supernatural influence, just as you can't just say "man" and expect to get response. Nobody's name is "man", a man is expected to have a name through which he'd

be identified. But when we deal with our God, that's actually His name. It's why you always get a response each time you call His name in faith. Just as you call "Jesus" and He answers, the name "God" also answers.

So when John said The Word was "God", he was revealing that The Word had the same authority of God. Everything God could do, The Word could do as well. For lack of a better word, The Word was an exact replica of God in authority. They certainly didn't have the same look, but they had the same authority.

Verse 2 and 3 continues by saying the same Word was in the beginning with God and all things were made by Him. Look at that, The Word actually created the earth. All things were made by The Word, the same personality we described in Revelations chapter 19. Without Him, anything that was made stands the risk of being unmade. If you understand this, then the devil is wasting his time making life hard for you, because whatever he makes can be unmade by The Word.

I guess you're wondering how to engage The Word. Every time we act in accordance to the written word, The Word of God as a person is engaged. If you act based on a king's instruction, only people who have authority greater than that king's authority can challenge you. Otherwise, nothing can challenge you. The bible says "where the word of a king is, there is power - the power of the king". The moment you're executing the word of a king, the power of the king backs you up. Any one that contends with you is contending with the king, not you. That's what happens when we act in faith in God's word; the power of The Word is released to back up our faith.

So when you see the devil making unpleasant situations around your life, don't panic, just engage your faith in the written word, and God will unmake that situation.

The equation changed in verse 14, The Word was made flesh. The Word left the heavens as that spiritual being and became man. But just

because He became man doesn't mean He lost His former glory, that scripture says that he had the glory of the first begotten of the Father, and He was full of grace and truth. Verse 15 to 17 reveals that the man that The Word became was Jesus Christ.

Imagine that personality, the one that was the King of kings and the Lord of lords, the one that had fire in his eyes and wore a cloth that was dipped in blood, it's that personality that became Jesus Christ. So each time you call the name of Jesus, you should have an idea of the level of authority you've invoked. Let me show you more scriptures.

SCRIPTURE 2:

Philippians 2:
5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:
6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:
7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.
9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:
10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth
11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Apostle Paul further clarifies that Jesus had the form of God, and it wouldn't be out of place if He decided to remain equal with God. However, He made himself of no reputation and took upon himself the form of a servant and was made in form of a man. Look at that, first he had to make himself a servant, so that he could be made in the likeness of a man. God couldn't make The Word like a man until The Word first made himself a servant. Remember that all things were made by Him. The moment He made Himself a servant, God now had the absolute authority to make Him a man.

When He found himself looking like a man, he humbled himself and was obedient to the will of God. The Maker Whom His creation obeyed became subjected to the things He created. He now had to depend on God's authority and judgement to make things happen.

Verse 9 to 11 are products of Jesus's submission to the will of God here on earth. That scripture says, "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father".

You may be wondering why God didn't just give any random man that name, I'd reveal that to you when I'm discussing the next stream of power.

So now believers have a name that is above any other name that is named both in heaven, in earth, and under the earth. At the mention of the name of Jesus, every knee must bow and confess that He is Lord. No name or authority can refuse the bow to the Lordship of Jesus once His name is engaged or declared, not the devil or any demon. Now you'd understand why demons were tormented the moment they saw Jesus coming. Let's see an example from scriptures:

Matthew 8:

28 And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way.

29 And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?

30 And there was a good way off from them an herd of many swine feeding.

31 So the devils besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine.

32 And he said unto them, Go. And when they were come out, they went into the herd of swine:

and, behold, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea, and perished in the waters.

Notice that they were pleading with Jesus to be merciful to them. Demons don't negotiate with you once you engage that name, they take off. As a matter of fact, they fear those who are in possession of a revelation of the name of Jesus.

SCRIPTURE 3:

John 1:
12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.

One of the things that the name of Jesus does is that it translates us from being servants of God to being sons of God. In the old testament, people who walked with God were mostly called servants. By reason of relationship, one could grow to become a friend of God. Abraham became a friend of God. The

disciples of Jesus became his friends. In John 15:15, he specifically said, "Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you". So they became friends because they had the revelation of God. As Christians, Christ lives in us, and that makes us sons or joint heirs with Christ.

Think of all the miracles the disciples did before Jesus resurrected and compare to the miracles they did after He resurrected and sent the Holy Spirit. There's no comparing the authority between a son of God and a friend of God. The son of a god can only be a god, but the friend of a god can't be a god by relationship. He may enjoy godly virtues here and there, but he's not a god.

So the moment you receive Jesus, you immediately receive power to become a son of God - because you believe in the authority that has been placed on His name by God. A son of

God cannot be oppressed by the devil. Jesus already gave us a template of how a son of God should live.

The name of Jesus is our access code to sonship. Servants and friends may be punished and restrained when they transgress, but there's a mercy system that is available for sons. It's why the father of the prodigal son enbraced him after his son returned. Let's read from scriptures:

Luke 15:

10 Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

11 And he said, A certain man had two sons:

12 And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living.

13 And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.

14 And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.

15 And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.
16 And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him.
17 And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!
18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee
19 And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.
20 And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.
21 And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.
22 But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:
23 And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry:

24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.
25 Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard musick and dancing.
26 And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant. 27 And he said unto him, Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound.
28 And he was angry, and would not go in: therefore came his father out, and intreated him.
29 And he answering said to his father, Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends:
30 But as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf.
31 And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine.
32 It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found.

Did you notice that it was an attempt to compare himself to a servant that made him decide to go back to his father's house? Servants were doing better than he was doing as a strayed prodigal son. He had in mind to return and be taken as a servant, fortunately, sons have a system of mercy and compassion that doesn't allow them to be degraded to being a servant, instead, they'd be reinstated if they return.

Also, notice verse 31, as a son of God, everything that God has is yours, it's only a lack of understanding that would make a believer in Christ to live like the servant of the law. As servants, we're rewarded for our service; as sons, we have an inheritance with God. If you want to have a full understanding of how God handles His sons, study about Isreal in the bible. In Exodus 4:22-23, God specifically said that Isreal is His son. That scripture says, "And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel is my son, even my firstborn. And I say unto thee, Let my son go, that he may

serve me: and if thou refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay thy son, even thy firstborn".

Think of how God related with the children of Isreal in comparison to others. The present nation of Isreal may not be in line with God's current agenda, but God has a prophetic strategy to reconcile them back to Him.

In other to understand the power of sonship, let me show you a bit about the current nation of Israel. As Christians, we are spiritual Israelites, the sacrifice of Christ made that happen. However, you may not understand the extent of your sonship until you understand a bit about the current nation of Israel.

ISRAEL'S UNBELIEF

Romans 9:
30 What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith.

31 But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness.
32 Wherefore? Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumblingstone
33 As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

So the story was that the Israelites felt offended when righteousness by faith was introduced, they wanted to stick to righteousness by law that Moses introduced. They didn't agree with the idea of being righteous in Christ. The Gentiles that didn't know God suddenly accepted the gospel of righteousness by faith. That gospel was a rock of offence to them and it has remained a stumbling block in their walk with God, even till date.

They stumbled because they would not receive righteousness by faith. In the current systems of God, righteousness can no longer be by law, but by faith. Now that I think about it, this is what is happening to many Christians. They get

so used to religious doctrines that revelation of the scripture offends them. So what should bring them blessings offends them instead. If revelation offends your religious ways, then it will become a stumbling block to you. You'd be affected by your refusal to yield.

It was so serious that Apostle Paul was praying that Israel should be saved. Let's read Romans chapter 10.

Romans 10:

1 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.
2 For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.
3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.
4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.
5 For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them.
6 But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall

ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:)
7 Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)
8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach
9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.
10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.
11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.
12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.
13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.
14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?
15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of

them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!
16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?
17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.
18 But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.
19 But I say, Did not Israel know? First Moses saith, I will provoke you to jealousy by them that are no people, and by a foolish nation I will anger you.
20 But Esaias is very bold, and saith, I was found of them that sought me not; I was made manifest unto them that asked not after me.
21 But to Israel he saith, All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people.

Did you see that? They loved God, but not according to the current revelation. They rejected the Christ. So for that reason, the apostle desired to intercede on their behalf. Ofcourse they've been facing the consequences of their ignorance, but God still loves His son, His first born. He still has a plan

to reconcile them back to Himself. It's important that we understand that the reason why the world could be reconciled with God is because the natural Israel rejected the Christ. God used their rejection to reconcile the Gentiles back to Himself, this was clearly stated in Romans chapter 11. Let's read a few verses.

Romans 11:

1 I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

2 God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying

3 Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life.

4 But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal.

5 Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.

6 And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of

works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.
7 What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded
8 (According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day.
11 I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy.
12 Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness?
14 If by any means I may provoke to emulation them which are my flesh, and might save some of them.
15 For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead?
16 For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches.
17 And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert graffed in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree

18 Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee.
19 Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be graffed in.
20 Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear:
21 For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee.
22 Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.
23 And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be graffed in: for God is able to graff them in again.
24 For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert graffed contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be graffed into their own olive tree?
25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:
27 For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.
28 As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes.
29 For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.
30 For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief:
31 Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy.
32 For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all.
33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!
34 For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counseller?
35 Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again?
36 For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

Look at that, God is making plans and eagerly waiting for the natural Israel to be reconciled with Him, just as the father of the prodigal son was eagerly waiting to receive his son. Although we are spiritual Israelites, which also means that the promises of Abraham are accrued to us, but we must understand the things that were written in the bible about Israelites were primarily for the natural Israelites. God's agenda to reconcile the earth to Himself will not be complete until the natural Israel is redeemed. Notice verse 32, God permitted their unbelief so that He could leverage on that to save the world.

In the beginning, the natural Israelites were the only group of people that believed and served God's, other parts of the world didn't believe in the God of Israel. Israelites were "The Nation" that served the Lord, while the Gentiles are the other nations that didn't serve the Lord. A gentile is translated to a spiritual Jew or a spiritual Israelite when he receives Jesus. A gentile has no business receiving the blessings of Abraham, but through salvation in Christ, the

blessings of Abraham came upon the gentiles. Galatians 3:13-14 says, "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree. That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith". Verse 30 of Romans 11 clearly says "For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief". Verse 29 says "the gifts and calling of God are without repentance", which means God is not going to change His mind about the natural Israelites. This promise of the Spirit was originally to the natural Israel, but through salvation in Christ, we who didn't know the Lord have become first partakers of it. The natural Isreal will also partake of this.

Look at verse 25, it says, "For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in". The natural Israel is currently blind, and it

will remain like that until all the nations of the earth have been reconciled to God. Once all the nations are reconciled, then the natural Israel which was the first son of the Lord will be reconciled. At that time, God will not only be the God of Israel, but the God of the whole earth.

Notice verse 26-28, it says, "And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: for this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins. As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes". The natural Israel shall be saved, God will not neglect His son. They're only enemies of the gospel for the sakes of the gentiles. But God has a covenant with them, when the fullness comes, He will take away their sins and reconcile them back to Himself.

I can only imagine how difficult it will be for God to save the Gentiles if the Israelites accepted the Christ. They were very personal about their

God. Recall when God told Apostle Peter to visit Cornelius and pray for him, Peter reacted because their traditions don't mix. Israel was traditional about their God, but God dealt with them beyond tradition. I believe this is why God blinded their eyes from the gospel. It was far easier to allow one nation to go astray while He redeems every other nation than keep one traditional nation while struggling to redeem the world.

I had to explain all of that to help you understand the connectivity between God and His sons. But learn from the experience of Israel, Satan may not be able to attack you, but you'd be suffering a stumbling block if you're too traditional about your Christian experience. You should be able to tell when God has moved from a previous revelation to something updated. Sticking to the old may cause you to stumble. The danger of stumbling is that those who receive the new move of God will be prospering with the new move, and you'd most likely be fighting it. Israel rejected Christ, but

the gentiles have been prospering by the same Christ.

So back to our discussion, don't forget that what brought us here is that the name of Jesus brings us into sonship with God. And as a son, you can't suffer the restrictions and limitations that servants suffer. Demons cannot oppress sons. However, sons can stumble if they're too traditional about the move of God. The prodigal son thought that his father had to die before he could gain access to his inheritance, if only he knew that all that his father had was also his. He was impatient and probably offended, he demanded for his inheritance and left his father's house. When you encounter truth that offends your present ideas, be patient enough to understand if it's from God. If it is, then adjust your ways to fit into the new system, instead of getting offended by it. Also, stop living on a knowledge that is half-baked, you may be offended when you hear the actual thing.

Just to be sure you didn't miss the point, the name of Jesus brings us into sonship with God. Now, let's go to the next scripture.

SCRIPTURE 4:

Mark 16:
17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;
18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.
19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.
20 And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

It's important that we understand that God never gave man dominion over spirits in the beginning, He gave man dominion over physical things. If man had dominion over spirit, Adam would have casted out the serpent from that garden in the beginning. After Adam, man

continued to endure Satan's torment because there was no enduring way through which man could veto Satan's operations. That's exactly why Jesus came, to give us a name through which we can cast out devils. This was not a possibility before Jesus came, but after he came, devils were tormented by His name.

Verse 17 of that scripture clearly tells us the possibilities that are available to those who believe and engage the name of Jesus. The first on the list is that they'd cast out devils, and then it didn't fail to say they'd take up serpents. That couldn't have been a coincidence; the same serpent that deceived Adam. Imagine that Eve called the name of Jesus when the serpent was attempting to deceive her, the serpent would have fled.

Isn't this a beautiful thing, that God had to die just so that He could give us authority over devils? Now you can lay your hands on your siblings or friends who may be sick and command them to be well in the name of

Jesus. That's right! In that name, you will lay your hands on the sick and they'd recover.

It also says we can speak in new tongues in His name. That's a very deep mystery right there.

Tongues in scriptures simple means languages or communication. Many people don't mind their language when they talk. They pray for one thing and then use their mouth to destroy the blessing that should come from their prayer. Minding our language is a big deal with God, and that's why speaking in tongues is part of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Speaking in tongues also means speaking in languages. Apostle Paul reveals two types of tongues in 1 Corinthians 13:1, it says, "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal". Clearly, the tongues that the disciples of Jesus spoke on the day of Pentecost were tongues of men. I don't expect a mortal man to hear or understand the tongues of angels. The tongue of angels is

most likely that which is communicated to God directly.

So whenever the Holy Spirit wants us to speak right, He gives us tongues. Sometimes we may not know how to pray as we ought to, but the bible says the Holy Spirit makes intercession for us with groaning that cannot be uttered. Sometimes when we pray in our understanding, we may pray away the will of God, but not when the Holy Spirit is the one giving us the tongues. He ensures that the right information is being communicated. Tongues are powerful! Asides the gift of tongues by the Holy Spirit, you can also speak in new tongues by engaging the name of Jesus. Just in case you don't like how lowly you're speaking, you can engage the name of Jesus to speak strong words. A simple application of that is, "In the name of Jesus, I speak in new tongues concerning my career". Suddenly you'd find your words change from saying things are hard to things are great. That name can enforce a change in the words that come out of your mouth.

Note that speaking in tongues doesn't necessarily mean speaking in an unknown language, it just means speaking what is right and in the will of God for your life. While the gift of the Holy Spirit may operate it with unknown languages, it doesn't mean a change in your language or vocabulary has to be a mysterious language.

SCRIPTURE 5:

Luke 10:

16 He that heareth you heareth me; and he that despiseth you despiseth me; and he that despiseth me despiseth him that sent me.
17 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.
18 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.
19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

20 Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

Notice verse 17, it further validates that Jesus came to give us dominion over devils. This was something we didn't have in the beginning. His disciples gave the report of their experience as they went to preach in His name, "even the devils are subject unto us through your name". Imagine the devil who is supposed to be the god of this world being subjected in the same world.

Jesus confirmed that as long as they engaged His name, the devil has to be subjected to them, He saw him fall like lightening during his first fall. Note that Jesus spoke of the time when he was still The Word of God. If Satan couldn't stand Him back then but fell, Satan cannot stand Him even now. His name is literal power to thread upon serpents and scorpions and over all the powers of the enemy, and nothing can by any means hurt us. This means that if anything is hurting you, just engage the

name of Jesus to come out of that hurt. Nothing shall by any means hurt you!

Verse 20 reveals something even deeper. It says, "Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven". Your joy shouldn't be that spirits are now subject to you; your joy should be that you're now a citizen of the kingdom of heaven. The sacrifice of Jesus gave us access into the kingdom of heaven, a kingdom where the devil cannot touch us. That should get you excited!

SCRIPTURE 6:

Acts 4:
1 And as they spake unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them
2 Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead.
3 And they laid hands on them, and put them in hold unto the next day: for it was now eventide.

4 Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand.
5 And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers, and elders, and scribes
6 And Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem.
7 And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?
8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel
9 If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole
10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

So the disciples were captured for preaching and healing the man and the beautiful gate. When they brought them out for questioning, notice the very powerful question they were asked; "By what power or by what name have

you done this thing?". In other words, it takes power or a name to get certain things done. If you don't have power of your own, at least have a name. Peter didn't hesitate to tell them that it was the name of Jesus that they used to heal the man. Let's read that episode from scriptures.

Acts 3:

1 Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour.
2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple
3 Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.
4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.
5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.
6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.
7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ancle bones received strength.

8 And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

Look at that! Peter acknowledged that he didn't have money to give the lame beggar, but he had something that was far better. He had the name of Jesus. You can have the name of Jesus just as you have money. When you're counting your assets, the name of Jesus should be part of what you count.

He said, "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk". You know the rest of the story; the man began to walk.

Don't allow your life to be limited just because you don't have the natural resources required to act, you also have the name of Jesus. The name of Jesus can do even better than what the natural resources would have done. I'm not encouraging laziness and irresponsibility; rather, I'm teaching you how to never accept

defeat just because you lack the necessity to meet your needs. You have the name of Jesus!

The day I understood this, I went to a meeting and asked everyone who was sick to lay their hands wherever they were hurting, and I simply declared their healing in the name of Jesus. It was one simple sentence; but by the next day, all those who were sick came back testifying. While they were all in awe, I told them I would have been surprised if they were not healed. I gave them what I have and they accepted it. None of them said they were not going to receive it, so why wouldn't they return with testimonies? I have the name of Jesus!

SCRIPTURE 8

John 14:
12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.
13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

This was the scripture that boosted my confidence the more. I knew that there was nothing good that I'd ask in the name of Jesus that would not be manifested. If I pray for you in that name, then I'd start waiting for the testimony, and it must come without fail.

Stream Two

THE BLOOD OF JESUS

We understand from scriptures that blood has a voice in the realm of the spirit. When Cain unjustly killed his brother Abel, God told Cain that his brother's blood was crying to Him for vengeance, and God had to avenge Abel.

Just as the law court judges a matter by human witnesses, part of the witnesses that God uses to judge matters on earth is blood. Let's see how scriptures put it:

1 John 5:
8 And there are three that bear witness in earth, the spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.

Did you see that? It's impossible for those three things to bear false witness. For instance, we're

told from scriptures that no man can know the secrets of a man except the man's spirit. Which means if you can tap into the man's spirit, then you can know what he's hiding.

So God uses these 3 witnesses on earth, which includes the blood. And to be candid, He doesn't joke with blood. Scripture tells us how God warned Ezekiel that the blood of the wicked might be upon his head if he doesn't give them a warning from Him. Let's read from scriptures;

Ezekiel 33:8 (NIV)
When I say to the wicked, 'You wicked person, you will surely die,' and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die for their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood.

God would always respond and judge matters using the blood. In the Old Testament, we read that the blood of animals was often used as an atonement for sin. Which means blood does not only speak vengeance, it could also speak

forgiveness or a replacement. So the punishment that should go to the people who sinned would be recorded for the animal.

Ofcourse it worked, except that its effect wasn't long lasting. Which meant that they had to revisit that sacrifice occasionally. Jesus died as the Lamb of God that took away the sins of the world. And we are told that there's no more sacrifice for the remission of sin. Jesus's blood doesn't just cover for one sin or one moment, it covers till eternity, and His blood speaks forgiveness and atonement.

To atone means to restore a broken relationship. We know that sin naturally breaks or influences our relationship with God, and once our relationship is influenced by sin, our possibilities as Christians and in the kingdom would be limited. The bible tells us that sin can literally separate us from seeing the hand of God.

The moment you receive Jesus, the blood becomes your access card to advance in any

area of your life. That's right! No more limitations. You should not be able to use the resources or provisions of the kingdom as long as you're in sin, but the moment you plead the blood of Jesus, the blood covers for your limitations and grants you access.

This means that saying "I cover myself with the blood of Jesus" isn't the right declaration. You can't cover yourself with the blood of Jesus. You should simply say "I am covered by the blood of Jesus" or "I plead the blood of Jesus". That's a wiser way to engage the blood. Remember that God Judges matters by the blood.

If you understand this, you'd be engaging the blood every day. Perhaps you've been struggling to gain admission into school, it may be sin that is causing that struggle. And if that's the case, you just need to plead the blood of Jesus. The blood of Jesus isn't just for protection, it's for atonement, which means it restores your relationship with God. As long as you are with God, nothing shall be impossible.

So as you step out in the morning, plead the blood of Jesus. And if the enemy threatens to come against you, let them know that the blood covers protection in your going out and coming in. I may not qualify for protection due to sin, but the blood has covered for me. It's like enjoying protection because you're under the covering of the president. You may be a terrible citizen that deserves to be punished, but as long as you're under the covering of the president, nobody can touch you. That's how powerful the blood covering is.

Now you'd understand why Jesus had to die, a blood that speaks lasting redemption and atonement had to be shed to redeem God's creation, without the speaking of that blood from earth, redeeming the world from sin and Satan would have been a struggle. That's how God created the earth, there had to be a blood witness. Hebrews 9:12 says, "He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by

his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption".

His blood became the stronghold for believers to break through all forms of limitations. Although our sins should incur God's wrath, we should experience demonic interference every single day, but because of our consciousness of the speakings of the blood of Jesus, we have unhindered access to the blessings of God. I may not deserve this great sacrifice, but that's what God did for me.

So the next time you want to step out of your house, plead the blood of Jesus over your going out and coming out. And when you are about to go to bed at night, plead the blood of Jesus over your life. When your children are about to go to school, plead the blood of Jesus over their lives. When you're about to start a project, plead the blood of Jesus over it. No matter what any demon or blood is speaking against you, the blood of Jesus is a superior blood, and it speaks better things.

When you're about to enter a church service, plead the blood of Jesus so that the word can have a free cause in your life. Even as you read this, I plead the blood of Jesus over you so that you'd find value for this. Since I understood this mystery, I've not ceased to plead the blood of Jesus.

Let me show you a few scriptures:

SCRIPTURE 1:

Hebrews 9:

13 For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh:
14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?
15 And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.
16 For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator.

17 For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth.
18 Whereupon neither the first testament was dedicated without blood.
19 For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people
20 Saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you.
21 Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry.
22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

Since the devil has been cast out of heaven, one of the strategies he engages in fighting believers is deception. If he can win the battle in your mind, then he can introduce fear into your life. And once you're in fear, just anything evil can be planted into your life. If you recall, the blood of Jesus was one of the weapons that Michael and his angels used to defeat Satan and cast him out of heaven. If the angels

needed the blood to be victorious, then it means you'd need the blood if you want to win any mind battle with Satan. Mind battles are not won by declaring scriptures alone; they overcame Satan first by the blood, and then by the word of their testimony.

So as verse 14 says, you can purge your mind and conscience by the blood of Jesus. Every time you plead the blood of Jesus over your mind, the suggestions and deceptions of the devil are neutralized. That's how powerful the blood of Jesus is.

Verse 15 reveals one of the things that the blood of Jesus speaks, "Eternal Inheritance". This means that no demon in hell can stop you from enjoying the blessings of God. Demons may be speaking disfavour, but as long as the blood of Jesus is speaking access to inheritance, then nothing can stop you.

Notice from verse 17, it was impossible for God's speaking of righteousness to be

implemented without blood. That's why Jesus had to die.

SCRIPTURE 2:

Luke 22:
19 And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.
20 Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.

Look at that! His blood was shed for you. Anybody trying to shed blood against you is wasting his time, a greater blood has already been shed for you. Nothing can shed your blood because the blood of Jesus has already been shed for you.

SCRIPTURE 3:

Hebrews 12:24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

Notice that blood speaks. Recall that God told Cain that the blood of his brother was crying to Him from the ground.

SCRIPTURE 4:

Revelation 1:
5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood

Notice the words "faithful witness", that's what His blood is. Recall that there are three that bear witness on earth, the water, the blood and the Spirit. Blood can bear witness for or against a person just as Abel's blood bore witness against Cain. The blood of Jesus is a faithful witness; it speaks of great things for us.

Stream Three

BEING FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT

We may never really have a full grasp of the spirit life until we understand what really happens at salvation. So, let me begin by explaining what really happens when we get saved.

We live in a time and age where a lot of young folks want to relocate in search of greener pastures. While some have met their end because they tried to relocate without proper documentations, others have succeeded by acquiring the necessary documents to both travel and live abroad. Those who took the back door and eventually broke-in are compelled to live as though they are not living at all. Many of them even wish they never left their country.

This is relative to how things work in the realm of the spirit. You can't travel and live in the spirit without the Holy Spirit. And the Holy Spirit cannot come inside you until you receive Jesus. Salvation isn't just about redeeming man from sin and Satan, it also includes reconciling man to God by activating his spirit. Remember that relationship Adam had with God, the very one that Adam could hear God's voice without restrain? Yes, salvation brings us back into that relationship. A relationship where man can live in the spirit, not flesh. God is a Spirit, and we can only communicate with Him in the spirit. If your spirit is not alive, how then can you reach God?

This lack of connectivity to God is actually the cause of ninety percent of man's limitations. Limitation is something that was introduced into this world after the first man sinned against God. Prior to that time, man was unlimited as far as his dominion in this world is concerned. Man had supernatural intelligence; he never went to school, yet he gave names to all the animals that existed at that time.

Man could operate with unrestricted divine abilities because God had breathed His Spirit into man. Genesis 2:7 made that clear when it said, “And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul”. The word “Breathe” was the same word used by Jesus the first time He gave the Holy Ghost to His disciples. John 20:22 says, “And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Ghost”. This validates that the breathe Adam received was the Holy Ghost.

When sin became more prevalent, one of the things that God withdrew from man was His Eternal Spirit. Let’s see how scriptures put it:

Genesis 6:

1 And after a time, when men were increasing on the earth, and had daughters

2 The sons of God saw that the daughters of men were fair; and they took wives for themselves from those who were pleasing to them.

3 And the Lord said, My spirit will not be in man for ever, for he is only flesh; so the days of his life will be a hundred and twenty years.
5 And the Lord saw that the sin of man was great on the earth, and that all the thoughts of his heart were evil.
6 And the Lord had sorrow because he had made man on the earth, and grief was in his heart.
7 And the Lord said, I will take away man, whom I have made, from the face of the earth, even man and beast and that which goes on the earth and every bird of the air; for I have sorrow for having made them.
8 But Noah had grace in the eyes of God.

Did you notice verse 3? God decided to withdraw His Eternal Spirit from man because man's flesh was naturally subject to sin. What that means is that sin could now limit the operation or possibilities of man. The more man sinned, the less of God man saw.

The cure for sin is the manifestation of the Spirit of God. When man had the fullness of God's Spirit, man had no limitations, but as sin continued to gain dominion, limitations began to set in. If long life could be shortened by sin,

then it means length of days is possible by a conscious effort to walk in the spirit. Possibilities will be endless for a man that lives a spirit life.

After Adam, the next person that operated with supernatural intelligence is Jesus. Let's read from scriptures:

John 7:
14 Now about the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and taught.
15 And the Jews marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?
16 Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.
17 If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.
18 He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him.

Did you see that? They knew that Jesus didn't go to school, so they wondered how he had

knowledge of what he was teaching. You'd recall that prior to this time, the Holy Ghost had already descended upon Jesus. Jesus didn't even hesitate to tell them that the knowledge he was sharing was coming directly from the God that sent him.

The Holy Spirit is truly the cure for the limitations of man. Speaking about the coming of the Holy Ghost, Jesus reveals that the Holy Ghost will teach us all things. Let's see how scriptures put it:

John 14:
16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever
26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

I remember how I was told to stand in for a senior colleague in a computer school I worked with years ago. At that time, I had only taught the Basic Class of that course while the

Advance Class was reserved for a senior colleague. But since the senior colleague wasn't around, I had to save the day. After much perambulating, I had to ask the Holy Spirit to teach me. I went into that class after that short prayer, and I was amazed by what happened. I taught the entire course within 2 hours. The course was a 3 weeks course, yet I completed it in one class. The Holy Spirit gave me supernatural intelligence that day, and it was so beautiful.

You need the Spirit of God to deal with the limitations in this world. He's the only personality that can teach you all things. Now you'd understand what Apostle Paul meant when he said "I can do all things through Christ that strengthens me". The strength of Christ to believers is the Holy Ghost. So I can do all things through the strengthening of the Holy Spirit - which also is the Spirit of Christ. I can buy a house, buy a car, start a family, run a business, pursue my purpose, advance the kingdom, I can do all things through the strengthening of the Holy Spirit.

As a sinner, attempting to live a spirit life is like wanting to travel without documents. According to scriptures, a sinner cannot live in the spirit because he's dead to the spirit realm. His visa is his spirit which unfortunately is dead. The only way a person can gain access to the spirit realm is if he receives Christ. Once he receives Christ, the Holy Spirit comes into him and activates his spirit - which is more like giving him a traveling visa. Let me show you a few scriptures:

Ephesians 2:1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins

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

Colossians 2:13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses

Romans 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you.

Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.
10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

Ephesians 1:13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

1 Corinthians 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

The Holy Spirit is like the office that grants the spirit or visa to live in the spirit realm. It's more like saying the American Embassy gives you visa to live in America. Without a visa, you can't live there.

This also means that every born again believer has the Holy Spirit working inside of him. It is the Holy Spirit that gives us a spirit that witnesses to us that we are sons of God. Without this, salvation is not complete.

Now that we've settled that, it's important that I mention that being born again or living in the spirit is just the foundational or entry level of functionality in the realms of the spirit. When a child is born, although he is born with all he needs to function in life, he has to be nourished to develop that capacity that is already resident in him. This means that living in the spirit is not enough, you need to be filled with the Spirit.

The disciples of Jesus were the first set of people to receive Jesus as Lord and Saviour, yet He didn't allow them to witness Him to the world until they were filled with the Holy Spirit. Remember how He told them to wait in Jerusalem until they received the promise of the Spirit? The aftermath of their obedience to that instruction is stated in Acts of the Apostles:

Acts 2:
2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.
3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

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

Earlier in John 20:22, Jesus gave them the Holy Ghost, the same measure that every born again Christian receives. But in Acts, they were filled with the same Holy Spirit, and the first sign that showed that they were filled is that they began to speak in other tongues, as the same Holy Spirit gave them utterance.

That's the very first time speaking in tongues was mentioned in scriptures. The first time Jesus gave them the Holy Ghost, they didn't speak in tongues. As a matter of fact, they still had doubt and fear in them. They still hid themselves, they couldn't manifest their full spiritual potential as they did in Acts, and that's clearly because they were not filled with the Spirit.

If we're to consider the law of first mention and the subsequent times this happened, then we can make that a doctrine. If you claim to be

filled with the Holy Ghost, then you should speak in tongues. Personally, I've noticed that anytime my spirit is really charged, I just burst into tongues. Have you ever been in a situation where you suddenly received a revelation to something and your reaction was in tongues? If you have, then you'd understand what I mean. Speaking in tongues is a proof that one is filled with the Holy Ghost.

If you spoke in tongues after the paragraph you just read, then I congratulate you, because you've just been filled. If you also had a strange sensation coming up from your belly to your throat but somehow you restrained it, I encourage you to let it out, that's the infilling at work. It's a spiritual thing, stop trying to make sense of it. The more you try to make sense of it, the longer it takes for you to eventually speak in tongues.

You may be living in the Spirit, but not filled with the Spirit. You may be able to hear God and even talk to God, yet not be filled with the Spirit. The second time an infilling was

mentioned again was when Apostle Paul met with some disciples in Acts 19. They believed in Jesus, but they had not received the Holy Ghost. In verse 6, after he had laid his hands on them, they spake with tongues and prophesied.

So no, not speaking in tongues does not mean you have not received the Holy Spirit, it only means you are not filled with the Holy Spirit. And if you are not filled, your spiritual possibilities will be limited.

Asides speaking in tongues, there are many other things that can happen once a person is filled with The Holy Spirit; just understand that what happens when you are filled is entirely up to the Holy Spirit. And that's what makes it a stream of power for the believer.

Once a believer is filled with the Holy Spirit, anything can be achieved by the power of the Spirit. Bishop David Oyedepo has often told us how some men and his former landlord conspired to move the church out of the

neighborhood. According to him as soon as he got the letter, it was as though a spirit took over his being; he grabbed the letter, went straight to the landlord's office, grabbed his hand, and declared that both him and all that conspired against him would be gone in seven days. Lo and behold, they were all gone in 7 days.

Now think about it, there was no way the bishop would have known that people conspired against him, let alone react to it. It was clearly a product of an infilling. The Holy Spirit took over his being and executed that task. Let me show you a few scriptural examples:

MARY AND ELIZABETH

Luke 1:

39 And Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda;
40 And entered into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth.
41 And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her

womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost:
42 And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.
43 And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?
44 For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy.
45 And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.

Mary had just been visited by an angel who delivered a news that she was going to give birth to the Saviour even as a virgin. Even though the angel had guaranteed her that nothing was impossible with God, she still had to travel to confirm if her cousin Elizabeth had truly gotten pregnant as the angel said. So in verse 41, as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's salutation, the baby in her womb leaped, and she was filled with the Holy Spirit. I'm guessing that took you by surprise, you thought the

disciples were the first to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Verse 42 to 45 reveals the product of her infilling at that moment. If you notice, the things Elizabeth said were not things she pre-conceived. They were clearly an intelligence sponsored by the Spirit of God. If Elizabeth was saying things she never knew by the infilling, then it means we can have supernatural intelligence to anything by the infilling.

STEPHEN

Acts 7:
54 When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth.
55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God
56 And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

Stephen had just delivered a convicting speech to the Sanhedrin's, and for some reason, it got them very agitated. Clearly, Stephen could see their unfriendly faces, and one would think that he'd extricate himself from there. But the agenda of the Holy Spirit was different. Verse 55 tells us that Stephen continued to say more provoking things because he was filled with the Holy Spirit. Although it led to his death, but that encounter gave birth to one of the greatest apostles that ever lived, the Apostle Paul himself.

While you can ask Jesus to fill you up with the Spirit, it's far better to live a life that is ready for the infilling. Pray and fast often, study the Word of the Lord and live by His principles. It's easier for people who are in the spirit to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

I'm really glad that you read this book. As your testimonies begin to arrive, please do not hesitate to share them with me. Remain ever blessed!



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