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Mission



Called and sent by God to depopulate the kingdom of devil through divine instruction and revelation in writing and guidance by the power of the Holy Spirit; to open the secrets that leads to human liberation and also interceding and counselling the children of God worldwide, so as to be won back into the kingdom of the Most High God.

Dedication



I humbly dedicate this book to God, the Almighty; who is my all in all.

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Foreword



The word of God is, absolutely, the manual for life. That is why you have to invest your time, daily, to read, study and meditate on the word. God's word is a hidden treasure that can change the world; it can change a man's eternal destiny. The word can turn a person's poverty into prosperity; it can change sickness into health and sorrow into joy.

The living word of God is the only power, strong enough to discipline your flesh. It is so powerful that it transforms to the image of Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit who gives you the ability to be separated from worldliness and unholy desires, and empower you to live a victorious life in Christ. Matthew 4:4 says: "but he answered and said, it is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (KJV). This scripture shows the importance of the word of God in our daily living. In addition to being a treasure, the word of God feeds the spirit man just as the natural bread feeds

the body. When you feed on God's word, you grow in strength and faith, which affords you the opportunity to bear fruits in due season.

I have discovered in my several years of walking with the Lord by His word, that the word works wonders for everyone. It is, however, our understanding and acceptance of the word that makes the difference in our lives, for in consistency lies the power to understand the revelation in God's word. For you to discover the hidden treasures in God's word, you have to turn off the distractions of the world, and turn on the word aloud and consistently meditate upon it until it becomes a part of your being.

The book, *The Hidden Treasures*, is a must read for every believer who desires to live a victorious Christian life. This is more than a book, because Sister Owolabi has done an excellent job of pointing out not only the importance and benefit of studying God's word; but also how to surrender totally to the living word. That is why I can boldly declare that God stores up wisdom for you, it is already stored and the Lord desires for you to have it along with all other

spiritual treasures that is awaiting your seeking. These treasures are buried deep within God's word and within His presence, only those who search and keep on searching will find it.

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Preface



The word of God is not just a collection of words from God or a channel for communicating ideas. God, who is the author, impacts to it his own divine energy. It is life-filled, life-changing and dynamic as it works in us. Better than a surgeon's knife, God's word is sharper than any two-edged sword.

God's word reveals who we are and what we are not. It penetrates and covers our moral and spiritual lives. It discerns what is within us both good and evil. The word requires us to take action and not to only listen. We must allow it to sharpen our lives.

We cannot overemphasize the power and truth in the word of God, in our evaluation of the word. Rather, what should matter to us is the quality and quantity of the word of God we are able to study, retain and make use of. We need to use the word of God to amend our lives. We need to dig deep to see the treasures in the

word of God that is useful to fix and fit our present experiences in life, whether in our homes, marriages, children, careers, ministries and lots more.

I sincerely pray that as you are set to search for these precious treasures, we will see the Lord reigning in every situation of your life in the mighty name of Jesus. Amen.

The psalmist asked God to open his eyes that he might behold wondrous things out of his law (Ps. 119:18). The mind needs to be spiritually enlightened in order to behold the spiritual meaning, beauty, and excellence of the scripture. Just like the psalmist, you need to ask God to open your mind by the light of his Holy Spirit and dispel all ignorance and errors even as you behold those great and marvellous depths of divine wisdom and goodness and those profound mysteries of Christ, which is God's grace to mankind and that of an everlasting state which cannot be known but by divine illumination.

There are wondrous promises in God's law. We should acknowledge, be concerned, and covet these

wonderful promises of God as contained in His word. They could, sometimes, be strange, surprising and unexpected. They are excellent things which are to be highly esteemed and valued. They are long hidden from the wise and prudent, but are revealed unto babes.

If there are wonders in the law, how much more the gospel where Christ, whose name is wonderful, is all in all. Let us desire and show interest in the word to behold the wondrous things in the word, which even the angels longed for (1 Pet 1:12). Those that would see the wondrous things in God's law and gospel must pray for God's illumination and understanding. We are, by nature, blind to the things of God until His grace causes the scales to fall off from our eyes. Those in whose hearts God has said let there be light, have yet the need to be further enlightened by praying to God to open their eyes; more so, that rather than see men as trees, they may come to see all things clearly. This is because the more God opens our eyes, the more wonders we see in the word of God, especially things which were once hidden to us.

May you richly be blessed as you set to dig deep into these treasures from the law of the Lord in the mighty name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Chapter One



THE MYSTERY IN THE WORD OF GOD

The word of God is God. In the beginning of the creation of the heavens and the earth (Gen 1:1), the Bible says that the word was there with God. That means the word was in God for the creation of heaven and earth. The word has been since when God existed.

The word was in God and the word is God (John1:1).

The world is from the beginning but the word was in the beginning.

The word had been before the world at the beginning. He that was in the beginning never began and therefore, He was ever without the beginning of time. The world was from God, as it was created by him but the word was with God as ever with him,

therefore, the word was God (John 1:1c). The word is a distinct person or substance, 'for he was with God' that is, he is of the same substance with God. 'He was God' (Heb. 1:3). The word of God is the wisdom of God (Provs. 8:22-23). The word of God, which is the wisdom of God, was with God at the beginning before any creation whatsoever. The word of God is as old as God because the word of God is God Himself. He has been established from everlasting, from the beginning before there was ever an earth.

The Bible says that even God possessed his wisdom, and that was the word which was with Him before He(God) decided to create anything. God did not create even the heaven and the earth until He put in Himself, His word i.e. his wisdom. This means that God does every creation by His word in Himself and by His wisdom. Oh! The word of God is the wisdom of God and is God Himself. Hallelujah.

The word of God, (the wisdom of God) was with God in the creation. It features in whatsoever God created. Nothing was created without God's word.

“When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no fountains abiding with waters. Before the hills I was brought forth: while as yet He had not made the earth or the fields or the primal dust of the world. When He prepared the heavens I was there, when He drew a circle on the face of the deep, when He established the clouds above. When He strengthened the fountains of the deep, When He assigned to sea its limit, so that the waters would not transgress His command, When He marked out the fountains of the earth, then I was beside Him as a master craftsman (Pr. 8:24-30)”.

This means that the word of God had been before the devil and his host. He had been before the existence of your enemy. I congratulate you because what you will use against the enemy of your life, success and breakthrough is older than him. It has been before his creation. I am talking about the word of God. Take heed and use it against the devil (your enemy). When the devil realizes that you now know the hidden secrets in the word of God, as well as its

wisdom and applications, he, automatically, will run away from you. He cannot and can never withstand the authority and power in the word of God spoken in faith and boldness with pure heart.

“The same was in the beginning with God” John 1:2.

The second verse of John chapter one was a repetition of what was said in the first verse. It was stated again so that we may know that it is the word that was with God in the beginning before the creation and the statement wasn't a mistake.

The Creation Power

The Bible says all things were created by him and without Him was not anything made that was made (John 1: 3). If all things were made by the word of God, it means that there is a word of God that can recreate and reshape your life; it can remould your marriage, career and future.

I am so sure that there is a word of God for you to experience joy in abundance over all that concerns

you. If only you will be prepared from this moment to search and dig deep into the Bible (word of God), you will find the hidden treasure which is the secret to your victory, breakthrough and success in life. The grace to follow the leadings of the Holy Spirit is released now into your being in Jesus mighty name. Your inner man is strengthened now in Jesus mighty name. Amen (Eph. 3:16).

It is real that you can find whatsoever that is missing in your life whether spiritual or physical. You can turn the abnormal to normal by the word of God. With the word of God, a new womb can be created, a lost child can be found; hopes can be renewed and come alive, you can become a spiritual and material billionaire, and create an atmosphere of peace for yourself. Your snatched joy can be recovered; your child can once again come back to his senses and a broken heart healed just by the word of God. Remember, the word of God is life, it is a being and it is God.

The word of God has the supernatural ability to create, recreate, mould, remould, shape and reshape

all things. It can do beyond human reasoning and understanding.

Note the “b” part of John 1:3, without Him was not anything made that was made. This means nothing in heaven and on earth was made without the word of God and nothing can be made without it, not one thing. Therefore, your reluctance or lack of understanding in using the word may be delaying your blessings. You can create your desire and make all that concerns you according to His purpose for your life a reality.

The more you delay to start this journey in search for the treasures you desire, the more you permit the devil to cheat you, for he only makes use of the opportunity released to him, he has no power of his own, he only capitalizes on your weaknesses and loopholes. The grace to wake from your slumber is released to you right now in Jesus mighty name. Amen.

You can use the word of God to create whatsoever, even when such is never in existence.

The Bible says whatso ever you ask in my name, that, will I do. 'Whatsoever,' whether in existence or not. This means that our Lord has given us a divine open cheque to ask and to create whatsoever we desire as long as it is to the glory of His name (John 14:13-14).

The Bible says greater works shall ye also do more than Jesus has done (John 14:12). The Lord has, through this verse, given another open cheque to do greater than Jesus has done once you operate in faith through His word.

“By the word of God were the heavens made and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth”.

Source of Life and Revelations

In Him was life (John 1:4a) implies that the word gave life to everything that was created. Life comes from the word. The word is the source of All Life. He is the foundation of life to every living thing. The word of God has life in itself; hence, it's a fountain from whence life flows to all men. This further proves that He is God. Death could not hold Him because in Him

is life. It could also be said that by His force and working power, all life came into existence.

It is very important to note that the word of God in your mouth has the capacity to produce life. No dead situation can withstand the word of God without receiving life. When the word of God is spoken to a dead life (spiritually or physically) it resuscitates and receives life.

A careful examination of the verses of the scripture below makes us to understand that Jesus is the life and light of men.

..... **And the life was the light of men.** John 1:4b.

.....**As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.** John 9:5.

.....**Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world, he that follow me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life.** John 8:12.

..... When ye have light believe in the light, that ye may be children of light. These things spake Jesus and departed and did hide himself from them. John 12:36.

.....I am come as a light into the world that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. John 12:46.

This means that the source of all life which is in the word of God is Jesus Christ. For the eternal life which God has given to us is in his son. Our life is only secured in Jesus. No life; except in Jesus Christ. Therefore, when you live any life outside of Jesus Christ, you actually have no life. You are not secured in any form. If the life of Jesus Christ is not in you, then you are dead, you are not alive in the real sense, for Jesus only is the fountain of all life.

The Bible says the life was the light of men. Jesus is life. Jesus is the light of men because the life is the light of men. As long as the world exists, Jesus

remains the light of the world. There is no other person, power or authority other than his. He is the solution to any problem either on earth, in heaven, below the earth, on the sea, in the sky or in the firmament. There is no salvation or safety in any other name except in the name of Jesus. Therefore, your search for solution to your life's challenges outside of Christ will amount to a waste of time, resources and life.

Jesus is the true light which lighted every man that cometh into the world (John. 1:9). He is the light of God that brings about revelations. It is very important and necessary that you follow Him who is the light so that you will not walk in darkness because He is the light that will lead you to life. What does it mean to follow Christ? As a soldier follows his captain, so should we follow Christ our commander. As we follow the advice of a trusted counsellor, so should we follow Jesus' commandment written in the scripture. As we follow the laws of our nation, so should we follow the laws of the kingdom of heaven.

The word of God is the light and life of men absolutely; since every kind of light and life comes from him. All that is in men such as knowledge, integrity, intelligence, subjection to God, love to God and fellow creatures, wisdom, purity, holy joy, and rational happiness which could be referred to as 'light of men' has its fountain in the word of God (1John 1:57).

If the word of God in 1 John. 1:5 says God is light, it means in summary that God is the word. The word is life (John 1:4a). God is life (John 5:26). His life is the light of men (John. 1:4b). Jesus is life (John 5:26). Jesus said- I and my father are one (Jh10:30).Therefore, Jesus is God and Jesus is the light of men (1Jh1:5, John 8: 12).God is light (1John 1:5). His word is the light of men (John 1:4). Succinctly, the word is life and it is the light of the world. The word is Jesus and at the same time the word is God.

Jesus (the word) is the fountain of wisdom, holiness and happiness. When you are obedient to

the leadings of Christ in His word, you will obtain the wisdom to have and experience joy and happiness in your life.

When you read, meditate, speak and apply the word of God, it brings light, direction, guidance, leadings, comfort and peace into your life. It is real; as you apply it from now henceforth, it will surely work for you in Jesus name. Amen.

The word of God has light and where there is light, darkness will surely have no place of existence. This means that the word of God that you speak and meditate upon will take away from you fear, sorrow, panic, terror, loneliness and weeping. People will come around you for good; there will be salvation for your soul through the word of God. The devil will have no power over you any longer.

The light shines in the darkness and the darkness can never extinguish it (John 1:5).

Chapter Two



THE SUPERNATURAL ABILITY OF THE WORD OF GOD

The word of God is not simply a collection of words from God or a vehicle for communicating ideas. God, the author, impacts to it His own divine energy. It is very important that we observe diligently the wordings and the revelation of God about His word. Hebrew 4:12-13.

“For the word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart” (KJV).

Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in His sight; but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do (accountable).

There are six keys/features in the above word of God. These are:

- ★ Quick and powerful.
- ★ Sharper than any two edged sword.
- ★ Piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and of marrows.
- ★ Discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.
- ★ Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in His sight.
- ★ But all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do. (Accountable).

Quick:

The word of God is quick, it is fast, and it can run beyond human understanding and knowledge to do that which it is sent to do. it is lively and active. It lives and is not dead. It's faster than any human being on earth or in heaven, under the sea and in the firmament. The words that I speak unto you, they are

spirit and they are life. John 6 :63 (KJV). It is energetic and active.

Powerful:

The word of God is powerful. It convinces powerfully, converts powerfully and comforts powerfully. It is so powerful that it can pull down the strongholds of your enemies (2. Cor.10:4-5), raise the dead, make the deaf to hear, the blind to see, the dumb to speak, and the lame to walk. It is powerful to pull down Satan's kingdom and set up the Kingdom of Christ. The word of God is so powerful that it can contend with your contender, it is more powerful and mightier than any of your enemy's weapons or instruments of warfare.

By using the word of God, you will be able to contend with those that contend with you over all that concerns you. Also, you will be able to know that of a truth, the one in you is greater than those with your enemies (1 John. 4: 4). The power of your enemy is not commensurate to the power in the word of God rightly put in use. The word of God is powerful enough to subdue all things under himself (Phil 3:21).

When you speak the word of God into your situation, you are indirectly speaking God, you are speaking Jesus into such situation and when God steps in, sorrows, problems, disappointments, failures, predicaments, etc., will all disappear. Apply it now and see that it is real. If you have been using it and you've not been seeing or experiencing divine results as quick as expected or to the level I'm talking about, then it's you. The problem remains with you. You need to sincerely check yourself; don't be deceived; do not over pamper yourself in the spiritual things so as not to be affected by the devil. I pray that it will be well with you in Jesus Christ's mighty name. Amen.

Sharper than any two edged sword:

This means that the word of God has the ability to cut ways, whatever is the wanted element. It is the sword of the spirit (Eph.6:17). It comes out of the mouth of Jesus (Rev.1:16). It will enter where no other sword can, and make a critical dissection. By having the word of God as your weapon of warfare, you become

more equipped than your enemies/oppositions because the word of God in your mouth and heart will penetrate as a sword deeper and wider than that of your enemy's weapon. For sure, when you use the word of God, your victory is ascertained and your success is incontestable in Jesus mighty name Amen.

`It cuts keenly in all directions, working in your favour and against your enemies. It could direct the minds of your loved ones back to God their creator or remould them for a meaningful and glorious life. It could even re-sharpen your life and future.

`The Lord has made your mouth like a sharpened sword (Isaiah.49: 2). Therefore, speak the word of God out into every situation and circumstance of your life. And you will surely experience the wonders hidden in the word of God.

`Piercing even to the dividing asunder of souls and spirit and of the joints and marrow.

`The word of God can be used to penetrate into every mind, soul and spirit. You can use it in that

unwanted situation about your spouse and children for the glory of God to be made manifest in their situation. By the word of God, your manipulators will lose their power and authority over all that concerns you. The word of authority can be used to influence the decisions of others to favour you if your intention is only to the glory of God with a pure and genuine heart under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

It is important to note that your soul is the seat of emotion while the "spirit" is the mind.

The word of God is so powerful that it enters even to the deepest most inward and secret parts of the heart; fatally wounding the stubborn and openly reviving the believers.

I can practically tell you that no matter how stubborn and uncooperative the people around you may be, the word of God will surely penetrate into the deepest part of their souls and spirits, humble them, make them meek and obedient. The most secretive and intimate parts of your body can be visited just by the word of God that comes out of your mouth. The

word can cut off the lusts of the flesh as well as the lusts of the mind and make men willing to undergo the sharpest operation for the mortification of sin.

It has the power to destroy the stronghold of sin in the life of a sinner, putting him or her under conviction as well as piercing their hearts.

It is also very important for you to know that the word of God will reveal a man to himself (Rom.7:7). No one can escape the memory of God. All insincerity, unbelief, hypocrisy will be detected by Him. Since your heart is perfectly open before Him, you should be sincere, and not attempt to deceive Him. The fact is that the word of God is all penetrating and searching. The real thoughts and intents of the heart will be brought to light. As regarding insincerity and self-deception, there is no hope of escape.

The word of God is a discerner of thoughts and the intents of the heart.

The word of God does not only know the thoughts, but also the intentions. It knows what you

have in mind to do either for good or evil. It detects whatsoever anyone has in mind for or against you. It is a discerner; it can see beyond normal knowledge, it is supernatural because the word of God is God Himself. Our faith, therefore, must be healthy, active and persevering, otherwise we would miss His promise of rest.

Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in His sight, but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.

It is very important to know that there is no CREATURE visible or invisible either on earth, in heaven, under the earth, in the sea or oceans, inside the hills or mountains, in the firmaments, wheresoever that is hidden from God. Remember, He (God) created the heaven and the earth and all its fullness (Gen.2:1).

There is nothing, I say nothing! That can be concealed from God.

God sees men as they are, and will treat them according to their works. If you are meek and lowly,

God knows, if you are weak and hated, God knows. Whatsoever you might be or claim to be, God knows for He searcheth you out of His word. If you're His true child, He knows. He knows the mind of your enemy and He knows how to judge them all and lead you into your victory. Hell and destruction are before the Lord, how much more the hearts of the children of men (Provs. 15:11).

Take note! All the deeds and thoughts of all creatures, visible and invisible are open to His eyes. Your enemies can be arrested by God if He is so pleased. If your ways please your creator, He will replace your life with your enemies'.

When you use the word of God, it turns around the situation of your life because the word can understand all situations, and there is no situation or circumstances that are hidden from Him.

Chapter Three



THE SECRET OF GREAT SUCCESS

Total Obedience to the Word of God:

It is an important secret to know that your success in life is hidden in your knowledge of the word of God and its application. Your prosperity and good success is determined by your application of the word of God to your situation.

The book of Joshua 1:8d says

....."thou shall make thy way prosperous and thou shall have good success."

Many people think that prosperity and success come from achieving power, influence, personal contacts, and a relentless desire to get ahead. But biblically, the strategy for gaining prosperity as God taught Joshua, goes against such criteria. He said that to succeed, Joshua must:

1. Be strong and courageous because the task ahead would not be easy.
2. Obey God's law.
3. Constantly read and study the book of instruction (God's word).

If you, however, wish to be prosperous and have good success, you must do the three major things listed above.

To be successful, you must follow God's criteria given to Joshua. You may not succeed by the world's standards, but you will be a success in God's eyes – and His opinion is most important.

It's in your being strong and courageous that you can be able to observe to do according to all the law which God commanded you. It's in God's plans that you become prosperous wherever you go, provided you won't turn away from His instruction either to the left or to the right in order to suit your own purpose.

True prosperity is in obedience to the word of God; it makes your prosperity to be ascertained anywhere,

everywhere, anytime and at all costs. I pray that even as you are determined to diligently obey His instruction, you will prosper beyond the imagination of any human reasoning in your ministry, marriage, career and all endeavours in Christ Jesus. Amen.

This book of law shall not depart out from your mouth, but thou shall meditate therein, day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein, for then thou shall make your ways prosperous, then you shall have good success”.

The book of law which is the word of God shall not leave your mouth.

- ★ You should always say it.
- ★ You should always pronounce it.
- ★ You should always claim it.
- ★ You should meditate therein day and night. i.e. read it day and night diligently and constantly. Day means when things are good, while night represents the time of afflictions when you comfort yourself with God's promises.

- ★ Be ready to create much of your time for the word of God.
- ★ Your study time has to be very effective and qualitative.
- ★ It is in your meditation that you can be able to observe that which you read before you can do according to the content of the law.
- ★ Observing to do according to all that is written therein is very important to the fulfilment of God's promises of success for your life.

Note these and say it to yourself:

My careful observance of the requirement will make my way prosperous.

- Anywhere I go, I will prosper.
- When I go into business, I will prosper.
- When I go into marriage, I will prosper.
- When I go into ministry, I will prosper.
- When I go abroad, I will prosper.
- When I am in my country, I will prosper.

“And then thou shall have good success.”

- I will have good success.
- I will be greatly successful.
- My success will be supernatural.

When you delight in the law of the Lord and you read, meditate and observe them day and night, then shall you be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth its fruit in his season, your leaves shall not wither, and whatsoever you do, shall prosper (Psalm 1:2-3).

Moses' face was radiant after he spent time with God. The people could clearly see God's presence on him. How often do you spend time alone with God? Although your face may not light up a room, the time spent in prayers, reading the Bible and meditating would have such an effect on your life that people will know that you have been with God (Ex. 34:28-35).

God doesn't judge people on the basis of race, sex, and nationality. But He judges them on the basis of their faith in Him and their response to His revealed

will. Those who diligently try to obey God's will are blessed. They are like healthy, fruit bearing trees planted along a river bank with strong roots (Jeremiah.17:7-8). And God promises to watch over them. God's wisdom guides their lives. In contrast, those who don't trust and obey God, have meaningless lives that blow away like dust.

Only two paths of life lay before us- Gods way of obedience or the way of rebellion and destruction. Be sure to choose God's path because the path you choose, determines how and where you will spend your eternity.

The phrase, "they prosper in all they do" does not mean immunity to failure or difficulties; neither does it guarantee good health, wealth and/or happiness. What the Bible means by prosperity is that by applying God's wisdom, the fruits (results or by products) we will bear, will be good and will definitely receive God's approval. Just like a tree soaked up in water, bears luscious fruits, we also are to be soaked up in God's word, producing actions and attitudes that

honour God. To achieve anything worthwhile, we must have God's word in our heart.

The Lord's Command

Be strong and be of good courage:

The Lord your God commands you not to be afraid, neither be thou dismayed for He thy Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest. The highest and noblest courage is shown by those who faithfully discharge their duty. It is very important that you do not entertain fear in carrying out all that the Lord has commanded you to do.

Benefits of searching through the word of God and obeying them

1. It reveals the will of life.

He will show you the path of life, for in His presence there is fullness of joy; at His right hand there are pleasures for evermore (Ps.16:11).

Your constant meditation of the word of God will show you the path to follow and the best decision to

take for every aspect of your life. You can never take the wrong direction if truly you obey and follow Him diligently.

Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord (Ps. 119:1). You cannot walk in the way of the Lord and not be blessed. You will surely be blessed. You will also be a blessing to your generation.

2. It prevents you from being ashamed (Ps. 119:6)

“Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments. Those who have respect to all God's commandments have the approbation of conscience, and their hope shall never be dashed. In having respect as in hearty affection, diligent study, and constant practice to all God's words so as not to allow yourself in any known sin, or in the neglect of any known duty. You will not be shamed, and you will rejoice in the prospects of being free from shame. Sin brings shame, and when sin is gone, the reason for being ashamed is banished. What a deliverance it is, because to some, death is preferable to shame!

3. It saves and delivers one from affliction (Ps. 119:92).

You will not perish in your affliction. You cannot delight in the law of the Lord and yet perish in your affliction.

The Bible says in the world, you cannot but see affliction but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.

“...unless thy law had been my delights, I should then have perished in mine affliction (Ps.119:92).

That word, which has preserved the heaven and earth, also preserves the people of God in their time of trial. We could have felt ready to lie down and die for our grieves if the spiritual comforts of God's words had not uplifted us. By its sustaining influence, we were borne above all the depressions and despairs, which naturally grow out of severe affliction. Some of us can set our seal to this statement. Our affliction, if it had not been divine grace, would have crushed us out of existence, so that we should have perished.

4. It makes God to respect you.

God will have respect for you. Obedience, makes you fruitful, and multiplies you, and makes God to establish His covenant with you (Lev. 26:9). God had respect unto the children of Israel, when He remembered his covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob- those who had walked diligently in His will and purpose. He will obey His word in your mouth.

5. It ensures you great peace.

"Great peace have they which love your law (Ps. 119:165)." Great peace will you have when you love His law and nothing shall offend you. Your conscience assures you that you please Him. Obedience to God's law is the only way to earn peace and safety. You may be in great trouble, 'without' and yet enjoy great peace 'within'. There shall be abundance of internal light, because Christ who is the light of the world dwells and abides in you.

This great peace dwells not only with those who perfectly keep the law, but also with those who love it,

whose hearts and hands are made to square with its precepts and demands. These men are ever striving with all their hearts, to walk in obedience to the law. Though, they are often persecuted yet they have peace. Yes, a great peace, for they have learnt the secret of the reconciling blood. They felt the power of the comforting spirit and they stand before the Father as men accepted. The Lord has given them to feel his peace which passes all understanding. They may have troubles and are likely to be persecuted by the proud, but their usual condition is that of deep calm- a peace too great for this little world to break.

TOTAL OBEDIENCE TO THE WORD OF GOD IS REQUIRED

This means that there is the need for total obedience to the leadings and directives of God. That is, obeying all the commandments of God.

"...and Samuel said, Has the Lord great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice,

and to hearken than the fat of rams for rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord He has also rejected you from being king.” And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment of the Lord, and thy words, because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice”(1Sam.15:22-24).

It is important that we note these two words:

- ★ Obeying
 - ★ Harkening
1. Total obedience and not partial obedience to the word of the Lord is better than your offerings, special numbers, sacrifices, denying of your time to serve God, giving always and many others.
 2. To hearken/submit is better than the fat of rams. We must obey God's voice and be submissive to it. The Bible is not saying that your sacrifices and offerings are not good, in fact, the Bible says “the Lord loves a cheerful giver.”

Implication

1. When you disobey God, it means that you are rebelling against God, and the Bible says rebellion is like witchcraft. It means you have sinned, for rebellion is a sin.
2. When you disobey God's voice/word, it means you are stubborn and the Bible likened stubbornness to iniquity and idolatry.
3. It means you fear people to the detriment of God's word. Most of our disobedience is based on what people will say or see, that is, the reaction of people.

DANGERS OF NOT OBEYING THE WORD (COMMAND) OF GOD

1. The hand of the Lord shall be against you (1Sam.12:15).
2. Curses may have space in your life (Deut.28:15).
3. If you forsake the Lord and serve strange gods, then, He will turn and do you hurt, and consume you, after He hath done you good (Josh. 24:20).

4. You might be sold into the hands of your enemies (1 Sam.12:9).
5. You might perish and not fulfil your days upon your land (Deut. 30:18).
6. The Lord may choose to appoint over you terror, consumption, and the burning plague that shall consume the eyes and cause sorrow of heart, and you shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it (Lev. 26:16).

Consequences of disobedience or rejection of God's word/voice.

The Bible says that “you are a royal priesthood.” you should know that you are a king in the kingdom of God. You reign in the palace of the most high God. You must obey the commands of the Commander-in-Chief of the whole universe. You must know that for you to be a commander over the things that happen around you, you must be in obedience to /agreement with the word of God.

“.... because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He has also rejected you for being king.”

Disobedience could earn you dethronement from kingship, from being a royal priesthood, from being a child of God because if you don't obey God, it means you are not doing God's will. You cannot do your self-will and expect a godly result. The result of self-will or disobedience is God's anger.

Chapter Four



THE PURPOSE OF GOD

For as the rain cometh down and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater.

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the things where to I sent it..." Isaiah 55:10-11 (KJV)

The purpose of God is that His word which He has spoken concerning you be fulfilled. To us, rain might be a loss when it falls on a desert, but it fulfils the purpose of God. So the word of God which you've spoken under a convinced heart will quicken more than you expected and do that which it's intended. His promises and plans (words) are as sure for fulfilment as the rain and snow.

All the increase of life within His love comes by His word, as our human response gives place for the blessing. When received, God's word of promises will never be barren. The power of His Word will always fulfilment of the promise of His Word. We don't ever need to wonder how faith is developed or how fruitfulness is realized. Faith cometh by "hearing" God's word (Rom.10:17).

That is by receiving the word of God wholeheartedly and humbly. Fruitfulness is guaranteed either for the salvation of a lost soul or the provision of a disciple's need. God's word cannot be barren or fruitless. His own life-power is within it. Congratulations, that means you can no longer be a servant to your mates; the Bible says; You shall be the head and not the tail (Deut 28:13).

The word of God says that the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the Lord hath spoken it (Isa. 40:4). This means that His glory will surely be revealed in your life for the world at large to see.

Even when you are weak, the Bible says He giveth power to the faint and to them that have no might, He increaseth strength (Isa. 40:29). So receive your strength in the Lord through His word.

As you wait on the Lord in the reading of, and meditation on His word, believe that according to His word, your strength shall be renewed. The Bible says "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, they shall walk and not faint" (Isa.40:31).

This means that your ability shall be renewed. You will begin to do exploits for the Lord in all ramifications of life. Your spiritual and physical life will be stronger. Your prayer life shall be more effective. Praise the Lord!

"When thou hast been forsaken and hated, so that no man went through you, the Lord will make you an eternal Excellency, a joy of many generation, says the Lord (Isa. 60:15). Believe in it and you shall see everything turning around for His glory in your life.

You will see people who had once refused and rejected your proposal calling you back for acceptance. The Lord is saying to you that even though you have been despised, now you shall be honoured.

The Lord promised to preserve you from all evil; He said He will preserve your soul. So why worry even when the gates of hell surround you with evil, surely they shall lose their power over you in Jesus Christ's mighty name (Ps. 121: 7). Amen.

He promised to preserve your going out and coming in from this time forth, even for evermore. So why do you still, out of fear of accident or threat from man, seek powers of protection from the devil and his agents (Ps. 121:8).

"The Lord is on my side, I shall not fear, what can man do unto me?" Have you ever come across this word of the Lord and yet you are full of fear to say the mind of the Lord concerning any issue? Would you say that what God says does not really matter when it goes contrary to what people around you accept? You

don't need to be afraid of people around you especially when they are not thinking the mind of God concerning an issue. Be bold to declare His word and mind. He will surely deliver you from the wicked (Ps.118:6).

Trust in the Lord and in His word, for it is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man and princes (Ps.118:8-9).

You can claim and obtain victory, joy and salvation for you and your household just by claiming this portion of His word "the voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacle of the righteous, the right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly" (Ps.118:15).

When death encompasses you round, you can use this portion against the devices of the devil to cut short your life spiritually or physically. "I shall not die but live and declare the works of the Lord" (Ps.118:17).

You can also claim and receive this portion of His covenant for your children and yet to be born generation. "His seed shall be mighty upon the earth,

the generation of the upright shall be blessed" once you strive to live a righteous life, you can click into the plans of God to make your seed great and mighty and also to bless your generation (Ps.112:2).

Do you lack strength to achieve greatness? Here is a word for you today. "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me" (Phil.4:13). I can tell you that before you know it, you will accomplish that which looks impossible to the glory of His mighty name. Amen. Congratulations once again, for I strongly believe that your life can no longer remain the same for the Lord Almighty will teach your hand to war to the usage of His word in Jesus Christ's mighty name. Amen.

Chapter Five



CONCLUSION

MAKE YOUR CHOICE

Making choices is as important as life itself. Your choice can make and build you up. The nature of choice you make can also destroy and bring you low. Choice-making is very essential in every part of our daily lives. Life choices; whether in marriage, dwelling location, career, purchase of vehicles and many others, affect directly or indirectly our convenience or otherwise in life. Choice-making is majorly a personal issue or decision, for which little or no influence of the third party is required. So also is our choice of who to serve. Remember that God is God and He is supreme. He cannot be mocked nor deceived. Are you choosing to serve God who has kept you thus far in life? Who still has great plans for your present and future? Who has rescued you from

the traps of your enemies who planned to take your life? Or will you choose to serve the devil, that deceiver, who mostly presents himself to the children of God who are not firm in the true word of God as an alternative means of success and breakthrough in life? It's your choice, the decision is all yours to make.

It has been revealed to you the treasures in God's words which were formerly hidden unto you. There are numerous benefits when you labour and dig deep to find the relevant words for every situation in your life. You derive great benefits when you diligently seek to do according to His commandment. It has also been revealed to you the supernatural ability of the word of God even as revealed to us by His spirit.

More so, it has been revealed to us the danger we are exposed to if we neglect this great calling of the Lord to do against all that He has commanded us to do. God wouldn't mind to release us into the hands of our enemies and He will allow the strangers to take up our land. I pray that this shall not be our portion in Jesus Christ's mighty name. Amen.

Still, it's an individual choice. "...choose ye this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land ye dwell, but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord (Josh. 24:15). Serving the Lord requires doing His will and keeping His commandments wholeheartedly in truth and in sincerity.

Can the Lord speak of you as He spoke of Abraham to command your children and your household after you, to keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment?

True religion is a matter of choice with those who wholeheartedly embrace it, and no man has ever done the will of God or served God in spirit and in truth without choosing to do so. Doing the will of God is so highly reasonable, necessary and beneficial while the service of idols is so absurd, vain and pernicious; and if it were left free for all men to make their choices, every man will rightfully choose the service of God.

By His grace, I strongly believe that you are choosing to serve the Lord by doing all His will. If so,

then it's a serious affair. You cannot without renouncing all idols (impurity and unrighteousness).

"No man can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will hold on to one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (Matt. 6:2)."

To those whose choice is otherwise, failure awaits them. The slaves of mammon will obey mammon while pretending to obey God. The end of this is eternal doom. It's impossible to serve two masters whose interests are different and conflicting. When two masters are subordinate, and their commands subservient each to the other, the difficulty of serving both is not a big deal, but where the commands interfere and the interest clashes, it is impossible. No man can serve God and the world.

You must love God with all your affections and obey His command. You cannot also rely on your power to achieve this, it requires the power of the Holy Spirit. As this God is holy, it is impossible and unacceptable to serve Him without becoming Holy. As the case of holiness in man is the influence of the Holy

Spirit, you should feel the need of this and sincerely and heartily seek it.

“For this command which He commands you this day, it is not hidden from thee, neither is it far off. It is not in Heaven, that thou shouldest say, who shall go up for us to Heaven and bring it unto us, that we may hear it and do it? Neither is it beyond the sea, that thou shouldest say, who shall go over the sea for us and bring it unto us that we may hear, and do it? But the word is very nigh unto you, in your mouth, and in your heart, that you may do it. See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil.”

In that I command you this day to love the Lord your God, to walk in His ways and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgement, that thou may live and multiply, and the Lord your God shall bless you in the land whither thou goest and to possess it (Deut. 30:11-6).

Facts:

1. Your prayer life can only be strengthened, if you read and meditate on the word of God day and night.

2. If you find out that you cannot really pray as usual, it may be an attack from the gate of Hell. Just read the word of God with understanding, you will be amazed that you will burst into prayer.
3. Your prayers cannot be effective if your reading of and meditation on the word of God are not effective.

Congratulations!