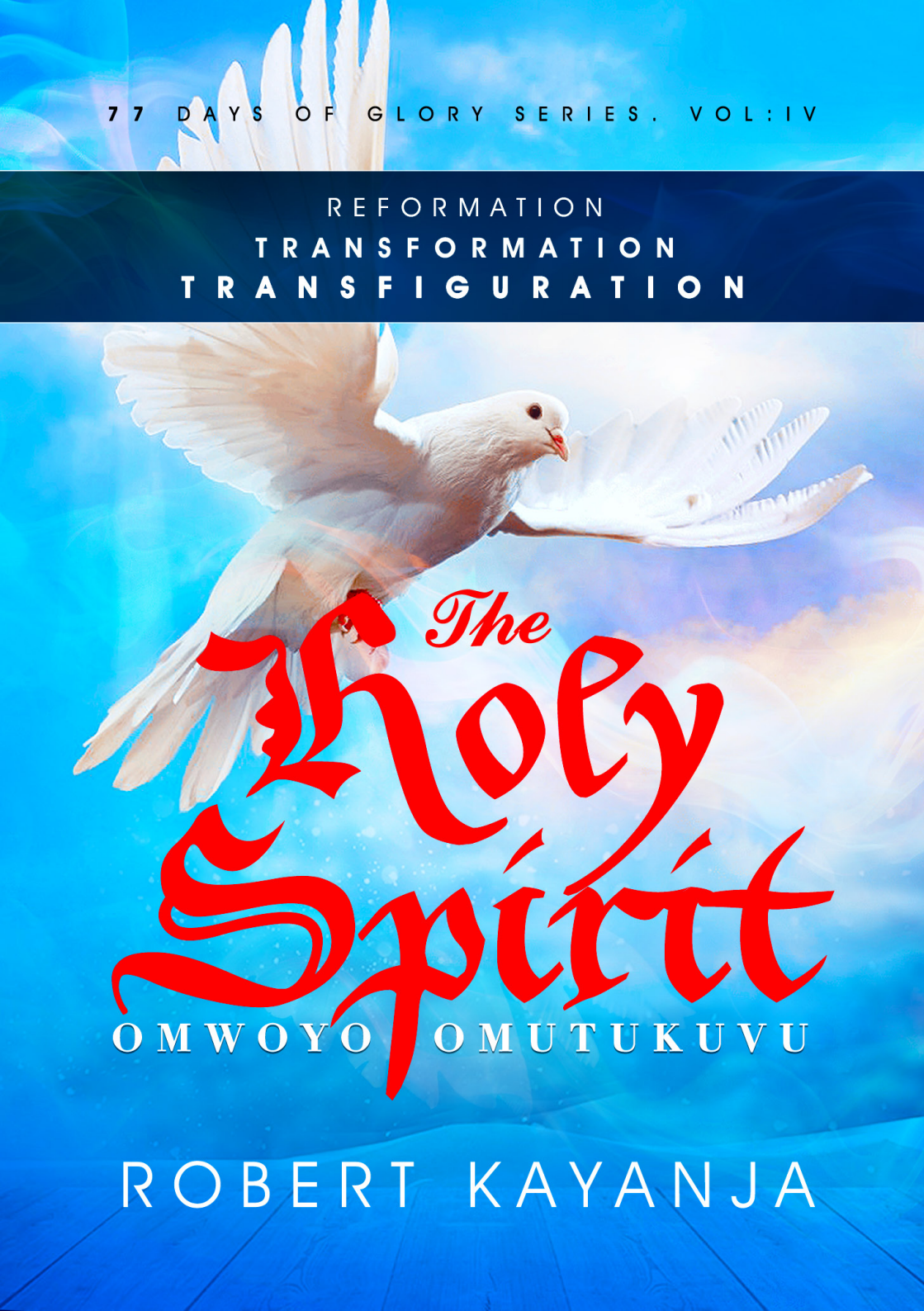
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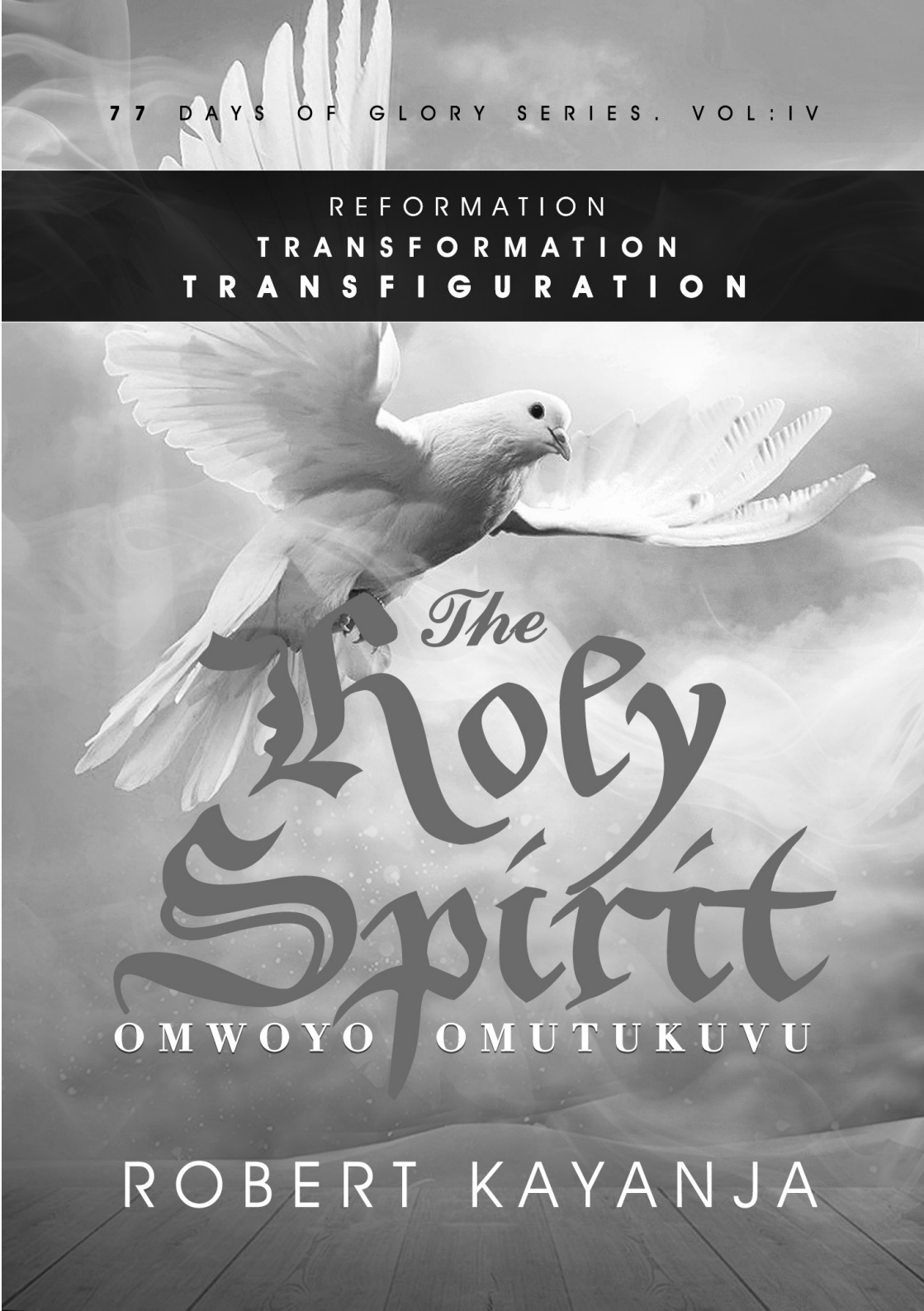
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In this dispensation of the Holy Spirit, three fundamental truths in this volume are revealed. As the body of Christ, they make all the difference in realizing the life our Lord designed for each one of us to live.

DEDICATION

To all publishers of the Word of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and to those who are lovers of His full saving gospel.

INTRODUCTION

This book number four of the Holy Spirit series is about the deeper works of God, just as the Bible says,

"Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts: all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me." -Psalms 42:7 (KJV)

The deeper things of God are what we have seen since the day of Pentecost, after Jesus died and rose again and after the Holy Ghost descended upon the disciples, ushering in the dispensation under which we now live. They were a small group of one hundred and twenty people who later transformed and impacted the whole world with the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in the book of Acts.

All the people who were called into the ministry of Jesus belonged to His generation. The Holy Spirit enabled them to accomplish such a great work in a such a short period of time.

One of the deeper things of God is His ability to do things in short periods of time, even days, that otherwise would have taken centuries to accomplish. He is not just a God of centuries; He is also a God of days. In fact, according to scripture, a day to God is like a thousand years.

2 Peter 3:8 (KJV)

But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

'These are the days of Elijah, the days of the Ezekiel, the days of the Holy Spirit'.

God created the whole heaven and earth in just six days.

Genesis 1:31 (KJV)

And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

To Him a day is what determines everything; work, results and achievements.

Genesis 1:5 (KJV)

And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. AND THE EVENING AND THE MORNING WERE THE FIRST DAY.

Genesis 1:8 (KJV)

And God called the firmament Heaven. AND THE EVENING AND THE MORNING WERE THE SECOND DAY.

We often forget that we are measured by days.

Psalms 90:12 (KJV)

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

A year is 365 days. If therefore, we put emphasis on developing daily, then we will develop faster, quicker and much better. Unfortunately, the system that many of us have been accustomed to processes things in terms of years instead of days. In formal education for example, it takes a whole year for one to graduate from one class to another. That is approximately three years in kindergarten, seven years in primary, six in secondary school and at least three at the university. By the time someone is done with their education, they are already almost through their prime years.

These are the years in which they have the most energetic and productive potentially speaking. These are the years before family commitments, work assignments or serious responsibility come in. They are spent on formal education, the reward of which is usually a bachelor's degree, which some people never get to use in life, especially in our African job market.

Resultantly, many spend most of their years in struggle. When you look at man who operates in years in comparison to God who deals in days, you realize that we are getting a raw deal for this.

If therefore, we put emphasis on developing daily, then we will develop faster, quicker and much better. We measure life in years, yet God deals in days, so we are outnumbered and lag behind by weeks and months. Resultantly, we cannot really achieve much out of our lives because about twenty-two years of our lives are invested in an education system whose emphasis is not to exploit a student's potential, but to follow a set system. Imagine having a degree in whichever discipline, yet being very broke because you are unable to use it in the current job market. Sadly, for many of the young people today, this is their present day reality.

We are not in any way discounting the value of formal education because it is priceless. In fact former U. S. President Barrack Obama said in one of his tweets, *"If you think education is expensive, wait until you see how much ignorance*

costs in the 21st century." What we are saying is that the system ought to be designed to make it relevant for the challenges of the world today.

REFORMATION, TRANSFORMATION AND TRANSFIGURATION

CHAPTER ONE

REFORMATION

Martin Luther went down in history as a major contributor to the Reformation. The Merriam Webster dictionary defines Reformation as;

- The act of reforming**:** the state of being reformed.
- A 16th century religious movement marked ultimately by rejection or modification of some Roman Catholic doctrine and practice, and establishment of the Protestant churches.

Just as it was for the Roman Catholic Church, reformation is for institutions. However, human life requires transformation and not just reformation. Regardless of the fact that Martin Luther was excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church, the Church never remained the same. It was completely affected by the Reformation, and it became a doctrinal issue, yet Martin Luther had only discovered a revelation in the scripture.

What is the greater need in our world today? Do we need reformers or the power of transfiguration? Jesus Christ never came to reform religion. As a matter of fact, He never joined the Pharisees and Sadducees. He actually warned His disciples to **"...Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees. -Matthew 16:6 (KJV)**

He did not reform them, and their institution ended up being the one that the devil used to facilitate the crucifixion of Christ. They took Jesus to the Sanhedrin, asked Him questions and when they could not find anything wrong that He had done, they sent Him to Pontius Pilate.

Jesus never interacted much with the religious establishment, save for the three days in the temple in Jerusalem when He was twelve and brought to light the fact that He had to be about the Father's business.

Luke 2:49 (NKJV)

And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?"

He even talked about His crucifixion in a parable about a father who sent his son to deal with wicked workers, which son they instead killed - talking of His own death at their hand (**Matthew 21:37-39).**

The Holy Spirit may help you to get a revelation if you are inside a system like Martin Luther was, as a priest in the Roman Catholic Church. You then can have a passion for preaching

the truth, but chances are you will be thrown out, persecuted or even killed. Religion cannot be transformed from outside. It has to take someone within the system to bring about reformation.

You cannot just jump into an institution to effect change there, in the same way a professor at Oxford University cannot reform Makerere University while still at Oxford. It is only when he comes to Makerere that he can reform it.

Reformers are just ordinary people who step up to cause change in the status quo. The Holy Spirit always touches ordinary people and turns them into servants of God, preaching the message of salvation. It is amazing that since time immemorial, the Holy Spirit has been falling on ordinary people.

He fell on Abraham, on Moses and on Joshua - ordinary people who got a revelation and chose to run with it. He may not fall on the exceptional people at the top, but whoever He comes upon, He will cause to become exceptional. Nicodemus a ruler of the Jews for example, was lower in rank than Annas and Caiaphas who were High Priests, but the Son of God revealed Himself to him and not to the high priests. The Holy Spirit always touches ordinary people and turns them into servants of God, preaching the message of salvation.

A case in point is the East African Revival; not many men of the collar participated in it apart from Bishop Festo Kivengere who was an evangelical reverend along with a few others.

The Archbishop and other high-ranking Church officials did not really get involved in the revival. The people who propagated the revival were ordinary men. Had Bishop Kivengere been the Archbishop of the Church of Uganda during that revival, the Anglican Church in Uganda would have been set on fire for God. Mary the mother of Jesus was an ordinary woman and Simon Peter was an ordinary fisherman.

Once the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you begin to cause change in your institution, then be ready to be chastised, thrown out and persecuted by those resisting the work of the Holy Spirit, which is a worthy price to pay for the work that the Lord is trying to establish through you.

Today, reformers are needed for institutions. However, those who see the need for reformation are usually lower in rank in their institutions. Many reformers did not have enough revelation to make one understand the need to move away completely from one thing into another with conviction and power.

Whatever Martin Luther presented in his thesis, targeted an institution. The other downside you find with the reformers is that as they brought scripture to light and made it available to the layperson, but they never fully exhausted it.

CHAPTER TWO

SPIRITUAL FATHERS

The issue of referring to men as *'spiritual fathers'* has a roughly 65% intention of referring to a physical covering and affiliation, yet 100% of it should be spiritual.

When someone refers to another as their spiritual father, they are looking for a spiritual covering and not a physical one. In the flesh, my son can call me father and no one can dispute that, but in the spiritual sense the flesh does not inherit the things of the Spirit **(1 Corinthians 15:50 (KJV).**

The reformers never dealt with this issue. In the Catholic Church for example, they have a system of *"fathers"* who have no authority to discipline an individual, as they should. The Protestant Church also keeps the office of the priesthood (lay readers, Reverends, Canons, Bishops, etc.) who hold similar roles. The result of these *'spiritual fathers'* is spiritual sons who are inherently rebellious, because the only interest they have in that relationship is the benefit they derive from it.

In my opinion, submitting to a church leader as your pastor is a lot better, because in so doing you make yourself accountable to them.

The difference between sons and servants can be seen in Gehazi and Elisha. Gehazi was a *spiritual son* to Elisha while Elisha was simply a servant to the man of God and that difference contributed very majorly to how they both turned out in the end.

Proverbs 17:2 (KJV)

A wise servant shall have rule over a son that causeth shame, and shall have part of the inheritance among the brethren.

Elisha came to serve the man of God, not to be a prophet or anything. The 'son' on the other hand comes with the attitude that they too are a prophet in their own right, after all, *man begets man, beast begets beast and prophet begets prophet.* We see this in the sons of the prophets who prophesied to Elisha as he served Elijah. That notion of a spiritual son may be true, but it could easily carry with it an attitude of arrogance, which will not allow one to go very far in the things of God.

When someone calls themselves a spiritual son, isn't it funny how they sometimes go ahead to name themselves and accord themselves titles without the knowledge of the father? Isn't it supposed to be the father naming and giving all these titles to the sons? Instead, the son comes with all these titles asking the father to accept him as he is.

It brings to mind the story of the prodigal son. When he returned home, it was his father who gave Him the robe, the ring and the shoes. Notice how he never gave Him a name. This is because he had named him long before he left. The shoes and the clothes represented image, and the ring represented covenant. Nowadays, someone will give themselves the rings, the robes, the shoes and everything and then come talking about 'I am your son.' Whose son?

In the realms of reformation and transformation people call others their spiritual fathers, but on the day of baptism, it is God Himself who spoke out saying; "This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased." - **(Luke 3:22).** He only speaks the same words at the transfiguration and on no other occasion.

Jesus teaches about fatherhood in the story of the prodigal son and when you closely study the lives of most people who use the term 'spiritual father' lightly, many were never sons in the first place! When we become sons of God, it makes God our Father and that relationship is as real as that of father and son.

John 1:12 (KJV)

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:

This is what Jesus taught and how He related to the Father. He called God His Father and taught His disciples to call God 'Our Father' in prayer. God is our Father - we are made in His image, we are His children, and we have His DNA. The blood of Jesus that redeemed us is real. It is still a reality today, and that is why at the Miracle Centre Cathedral, people still receive physical healing in His name.

We cannot relate to God in our physical bodies except through the Holy Spirit so that the physical body can relate to a spiritual God as to a Father.

God made our bodies. He does tangible things that can be seen, touched and felt. He made us to function physically, but we cannot relate to Him in our physical bodies except through the Holy Spirit. This means that the physical body can relate to a spiritual God as to a physical father. I deal with God in the physical. My devotion, my offerings, the lifting up of my hands and everything else is done physically in the body. It is this physical body that claps the hands, preaches the gospel, surrenders in worship, but it all must be done in truth and in spirit.

John 4:24 (KJV)

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Jesus is the Truth in the aforementioned scripture and the spirit is the Holy Spirit, for the Jesus Himself said, "**Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" -John 14:6.**

When the Holy Spirit comes, He unites our hearts with God's own heartbeat so that when we enter His courts, we enter with praise and thanksgiving. We are to worship God with all our might and with all that He has given us, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

God uses physical men to do spiritual things. Even when it came to writing the holy scriptures, holy men were moved upon (inspired) by the Holy Spirit to write them.

2 Peter 1:21 (KJV)

[20] Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

[21] For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

Fatherhood and Sonship

Psalm 44:1 (KJV)

We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, what work thou didst in their days, in the times of old.

There is room for fathers as long as the sons understand their position.

Malachi 4:5-6 talks about how Elijah would come and reconcile the spirit of the sons to the fathers'. In Israel, the biological father also operated in the office of the spiritual father.

In Jewish culture and religion, it is the fathers' responsibility to bless their children. It was the biological father's place to invoke and impart spiritual blessing upon his children. That is why when Jesus was of age, God, His heavenly Father said of Him, "This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased." That was God fulfilling His paternal duty to Jesus, blessing Him with the highest spiritual blessing He could give - the Holy Spirit.

We do not see Joseph bless Jesus as a father anywhere in the Bible. Perhaps he did privately, but even if he did, it would have only been ceremonial because Almighty God His heavenly Father assumed His rightful place and blessed Jesus at the River Jordan. We see the patriarchs transfer the blessing from generation to generation as Abraham blessed Isaac, then Isaac blessed his sons, Jacob blessed Joseph, his sons and brothers.

That means that the blessing is passed on from the physical-spiritual father downwards.

However, even in the instance that the physical-spiritual father either absconds from his duty of blessing his offspring or chooses to curse them, God can raise another man of God to stand in that office of a father to bless that offspring. A very good example is where Jacob chose to curse three of his sons, Reuben, Simeon and Levi when he was about to die because of their past errors.

Reuben was cursed.

Genesis 49:3-4 (KJV)

3 Reuben, thou art my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power:
4 Unstable as water, thou shalt not excel; because thou wentest up to thy father's bed; then defiledst thou it: he went up to my couch.

Simeon and Levi were also cursed by their father Jacob.

Genesis 49:5-7 (KJV)

5 Simeon and Levi are brethren; instruments of cruelty are in their habitations.
6 O my soul, come not thou into their secret; unto their assembly, mine honour, be not thou united: for in their anger they slew a man, and in their selfwill they digged down a wall.

[7] Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel: I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel.

It took another man of God, with a heavier anointing - Moses, to undo and reverse those curses, and replace them with a blessing.

In **Deuteronomy 33:1** we are told these words:

And this is the blessing, wherewith Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death.

Moses stood in the place of a spiritual father to bless the children of Israel a second time and we notice that he undid the curses that their physical-spiritual father Jacob had released on some of them.

Even in the instance where the physical-spiritual father either absconds from his duty of blessing his offspring or chooses to curse them, God can raise another man of God to stand in that office of a father to bless that offspring.

Moses blessed Reuben.

Deuteronomy 33:6 (KJV)

Let Reuben live, and not die; and let not his men be few.

Moses also blessed Levi.

Deuteronomy 33:8-11 (KJV)

[8] And of Levi he said, Let thy Thummim and thy Urim be with thy holy one, whom thou didst prove at Massah, and with whom thou didst strive at the waters of Meribah;

[9] Who said unto his father and to his mother, I have not seen him; neither did he acknowledge his brethren, nor knew his own children: for they have observed thy word, and kept thy covenant.
[10] They shall teach Jacob thy judgments, and Israel thy law: they shall put incense before thee, and whole burnt sacrifice upon thine altar.
[11] Bless, Lord, his substance, and accept the work of his hands: smite through the loins of them that rise against him, and of them that hate him, that they rise not again.

Eli and Samuel

We do not see Eli blessing his sons, Hophni and Phinehas, yet we see him bless Samuel. If the physical father does not play his role of blessing his children, God has still provided a channel of blessing through spiritual fathers. Samuel was submitted and obedient to Eli as to a father and never left the temple. Eli literally adopted Samuel.

It was Eli who taught Samuel how to listen to, and identify the voice of God **(1 Samuel 3:7-9).**

He took him in not just spiritually but physically as well, because he knew that the young man had been offered to God in his care for a reason.

The element of a spiritual father in Israel is paramount. In the book of Proverbs, the Bible emphasizes sonship and fatherhood.

Proverbs 4:1-7 (KJV)

[1] Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding.
[2] For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law.
[3] For I was my father's son, tender and only beloved in the sight of my mother.
[4] He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live.
[5] Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth.
[6] Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee.
[7] Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

Proverbs 6:20-22 (KJV)

[20] My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother:

[21] Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck.

[22] When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.

Proverbs 7:1-2 (KJV)

[1] My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee.

[2] Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye.

One may donate sperm for a child but that does not necessarily make him a father. You must nurture that child. God instructed the children of Israel concerning their children in **Deuteronomy** when he said;

"These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.

[7] Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

[8] Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads," -Deuteronomy 6:6-8 (NIV).

That means that the first person who taught children about God was not the priest or Sunday school teacher; it was the father. The father at home had the domestic mandate to spiritually groom the children.

When you feel you need a spiritual father, you must be willing to submit to and be raised by that man as a father, like a son would in a home. Failure to do so would cause you to become prodigal. God is our Father. He created us. We came from Him. He is not just a spiritual father. He is our Father in heaven.

Today, the ones to whom many attribute the office of spiritual fathers are whom I would refer to as mentors or coaches. A coach is with you for a season. A coach, trainer or mentor helps nurture your talent by identifying your areas of weakness and helping you improve. When you realize you have a talent or a gift, you go to a coach and he will use his professionalism and expertise to help you at a cost. Most of the time, it is a job for one to coach and many make their living thereby. A father is not paid to coach you. The only things you can pay a father are submission and availability.

The reason why the subject of fatherhood is so crucial is because it addresses the question of how Jezebel rose to the level that she did. Did Ahab, her husband have a father? Was there a man in Ahab's life that he had willingly submitted to, so that he could be a physical-spiritual father to him? We can see what was written about His dad, Omri.

1 Kings 16:25, 28 (KJV)

25 But Omri wrought evil in the eyes of the Lord, and did worse than all that were before him.
28 So Omri slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria: and Ahab his son reigned in his stead.

It is no wonder Ahab ended up with *a Jezebel*. He was raised by *an Omri*.

Gideon

According to **Judges 6**, Gideon lived in caves and hid his food there. Although his father was a prominent man (what would be a present day mayor) in that city, he was greatly involved in witchcraft and Baal-worship.

Judges 6:25-26 (KJV)

25 And it came to pass the same night, that the Lord said unto him, Take thy father's young bullock, even the second bullock of seven years old, and throw down the altar of Baal that thy father hath, and cut down the grove that is by it:
26 And build an altar unto the Lord thy God upon the top of this rock, in the ordered place, and take the second bullock, and offer a burnt sacrifice with the wood of the grove which thou shalt cut down.

This raises the question, who was mentoring Gideon? We presume that Gideon was mentored by the Law of Moses which was constantly being taught in the house of God every Sabbath. This helped even those whose fathers were not walking with God as was in the case of Gideon's father, to still get to know the Law of Moses and the will of God for their lives. Thus, the priesthood played a mentorship role where the physical-spiritual fathers did not.

It is no wonder Ahab ended up with a Jezebel. He was raised by an Omri and wherever there is an Ahab, there is a Jezebel.

The Seven Thousand Prophets

The seven thousand prophets of God in the days of Elijah and Elisha neither had a father nor a mentor. They were just out there finding their own way as they went along. In reality, God had provided fathers for them in Elijah and Elisha, but they never reached out to them for mentorship or fathering.

2 Kings 2:7 (KJV)

7 **And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood to view afar off: and they two stood by Jordan.**

The statement that they 'stood afar off' implies a shunning of accountability, which is inevitable whenever we get close to people.

Closeness brings vulnerability and opens us up to the other person to see certain aspects of our lives that cannot easily be detected when we keep our distance, some of which are not too pleasant. In the father-son relationship, closeness is inevitable or else that relationship will be superficial at best. The difference between the sons of the prophets and Elisha with relation to Elijah was seen in each one's willingness to pursue a close relationship with the man of God. Whereas Elisha left everything and followed Elijah and served him, washing his feet and so forth, the sons of the prophets "stood afar off."

These sons of the prophets had no spiritual authority over them to help them analyze the messages they were getting from God. The first thing one has to do with the information they get, is analyze it. Failure to do this results in failure to respond appropriately. These prophets knew by the word of God that Elijah was going to be taken from Elisha, but none of them joined themselves to him so as to tap the double portion of his spirit that he was leaving behind.

Information on its own is insufficient. There must be a breakdown of it in order for it to be put to good profitable use. This is teaching given by a father, coach or mentor.

The role of a father is to sow, grow, nurture, bless and release his sons and daughters into their destiny. If those phases are not followed through, then it will be difficult for anyone to claim son-ship of any father. This is where our foundation of transfiguration is.

Closeness brings vulnerability and opens us up to the other person to see certain aspects of our lives that cannot easily be detected when we keep our distance, some of which are not too pleasant.

When Elijah met Elisha, they were not friends. He had had another servant before Elisha; the one whom he sent to go look out, when he prayed for the rain in **1 Kings 18:42-46.** The reason why that servant did not follow Elijah anymore after that is unknown to us. Maybe he was killed in the heavy rains… no one knows, but for sure, he served a man whose spirit he had no hunger to catch. He was not looking to be transfigured to that kind of spirit like Elisha was. If he were, he would have followed him even into the wilderness and onto the mountain like Elisha did. Despite Elijah's seeming continual attempts to derail Elisha, he never turned from following him.

Elisha was looking for the transfiguration of his spirit so badly that he did not let anything distract him from following his master.

2 Kings 2:2 (KJV)

And Elijah said unto Elisha, Tarry here, I pray thee; for the Lord hath sent me to Bethel. And Elisha said unto him, As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went down to Bethel.

Elijah told Elisha that he had to see Elijah go in order for his desire to come to pass, well knowing that there would be a whirlwind to separate them, and the natural reaction - the reflex action towards a wind is for one to shut their eyes so as to protect them from the dust. Elisha had to keep his eyes open even in the whirlwind. Sure enough, he got the transfiguration of spirit that he had been longing for. He received a spirit that was double Elijah's.

2 Kings 2:11-15 (KJV)

[11] And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

[12] And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces.

[13] He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan;

14 And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is the Lord God of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over.

15 And when the sons of the prophets which were to view at Jericho saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha. And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him.

My understanding about fathers is simple. The protégé must be submissive to the mentor even to the point of abandoning everything he does.

The role of a father is to sow, grow, nurture, bless and release his sons and daughters into their destiny.

The term "spiritual father" has robbed us of the power of transfiguration.

For transformation, transfiguration and reformation to occur, there must be an existent father entity. This is where the spiritual father concept comes in. The discussion on fatherhood is an integral part of reformation, transformation and transfiguration because they kept on saying…

Psalms 22:4 (KJV)

Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them.

Psalms 44:1 (KJV)

We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, what work thou didst in their days, in the times of old.

The restoration of the presence of God that causes the transfiguration of His children is what will awaken this generation.

When people go to other countries in search of 'greener pastures' and neglect their home, they show that they have no respect for their fathers. Many a time, we do the same to Jesus. We know that His name has power and want to use it on a daily basis, yet we make no effort to feed, cultivate or develop a relationship with Him. Such people have never known how to be true sons of God and therefore end up abusing their relationship with Him.

Some of us tend to confuse the office of a father with that of an instructor; many of us 'adopt' instructors as our spiritual fathers because we know that a relationship is not prerequisite to having one as your instructor.

1 Corinthians 4:14-16 (KJV)

**14 I write not these things to shame you,
but as my beloved sons I warn you.
15 For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ,
yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have
begotten you through the gospel.
16 Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me.**

Psalm 127:3-5 (KJV)

**3 Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit
of the womb is his reward.
4 As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are
children of the youth.
5 Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them:
they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the
enemies in the gate.**

However, having many sons with whom you have no relationship is not a blessing either. They cease being arrows in your quiver and become straws draining your resources. Such people are opportunists who are only out for what they can get. True sons are never in a relationship merely for selfish interests - they are motivated by a higher ideal, which is to fulfill their fathers' dreams. Paul had one such son called Timothy, whom he commends in his epistle to the Philippians.

Philippians 2:19-23 (NIV)

19 I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered when I receive news about you.
20 I have no one else like him, who will show genuine concern for your welfare.
21 For everyone looks out for their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ.
22 But you know that Timothy has proved himself, because as a son with his father he has served with me in the work of the gospel.
23 I hope, therefore, to send him as soon as I see how things go with me.

Simon Peter did everything Jesus did; he walked on water, caught fish with Jesus, and caught the revelation from the Father that Jesus was the son of God, but Jehovah never publicly announced that he was His beloved son. Spiritual sonship is deeper than we think and the misunderstanding of it has robbed the Church of the true manifestation of the glory of God.

The Church has become weak, confused and entertains all kinds of messages for that reason. I believe if Timothy had stood to preach, he would not have deviated from how Paul preached, because the thing about a father is that he literally transfers the spirit upon him onto the son.

When Elisha was sick to death and the king came to him and called him 'my father, my father…' he arose because he had found a son. By discovering the son, he realized that what God had told him of the destruction of the Assyrians, had drawn near. So when Elisha awoke, he put his hand on the king's hand as a way of telling him to finish the work. He laid his anointing on him and all the king had to do was to keep on shooting, but he stopped and Elisha withdrew his hand **(2 Kings 13:14-16, 17-20)**

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True fathers rejoice when they see their sons achieving what they were unable to do, and accomplishing more than they ever dreamed. True fathers do not have what I call the *old prophet syndrome,* which is a spirit that does not wish to see the young generation surpass the older generations' achievements. We see this spirit operational in the life of king Saul when he was provoked to jealousy after he heard the women of the city praising David more than him, after David slew Goliath. As a result, he spent the last thirteen years of his life trying to kill David, who had been anointed king in his stead **(1 Samuel 18:6-8).**

Another instance is of a young man of God who was deliberately misguided by an old prophet in the city of Bethel to disobey the word of the Lord, leading to the young man of God's premature death. This was after the young man was used mightily, right in the old prophet's backyard in the days of Jeroboam the son of Nebat. **(**See **1 Kings 13:1-33**)

We should be careful never to use the name, title or office of father casually because it carries with it power.

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CHAPTER THREE

TRANSFORMATION

Romans 12:2 (KJV)

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Transformation is for the individual's mind. Religion causes one to fight the very thing that he is in. It causes one to set the hut on fire yet he is still inside it just like suicide bombers. The reason why God did not raise anybody else with an anointing like that of Samson is because at the end of the day, Samson turned himself into a suicide bomber, yet that had never been God's mission for him from the start. God's mission is to impact the life of one individual so that the whole world gets to salvation by that one person, not to death with that very person.

We face a global security crisis today with the emergence of religiously-inspired suicide bombers who have been taught that it is service to God to die with those who do not believe like they do. Nothing could be further from the truth. The living God, the God of Abraham does not rejoice in the death of a sinner, but desires that every sinner comes to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. The Father does not want anyone to die in sin.

2 Peter 3:9 (KJV)

[9] The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Transformation is individual and key to knowing the will of God. Most people do not know the will of God for their lives because they have not renewed their minds and been transformed. When you are transformed, you know the will of God for your life.

The prerequisite for transformation is repentance and surrender to the Holy Spirit, and then you will have God supernaturally transform you into a new creature. Transformation requires a partnership between God and man. Both God and man have a part to play. In reformation, God anoints you to do the whole work. He enables you to write, study, do research and communicate.

God Himself would have come out and written these things spiritually like He did the Ten Commandments, but He chose to inspire men to write them. Has anyone discovered grace and salvation through the Commandments? Once you hold onto the Ten Commandments, which by-the-way, God wrote with His own finger, then you will end up being legalistic and self-righteous, which righteousness God calls filthy rags (**Isaiah 64:6)**.

For this reason, God wants us to understand the season in which we are. It is also important to remember that you cannot reform an institution from the outside. John was told to write letters to the angels of the seven churches instead of the members of the churches themselves. Why was that? John was not a member of those churches and therefore could not directly influence them. The Lord told him to write to the angels of the churches, because they were a part of the churches and therefore had more authority and ability to cause the change that He desired to see therein.

The prerequisite for transformation is repentance and surrender to the Holy Spirit,

Religious institutions are based on doctrines and creeds - what they believe in, so that it is very difficult to break away from them. If one had power from the top, it would be much easier to effect change within the institution.

The reason why most people choose to totally abscond and bring about a reformation is because they do not have this connection to those at the top, or they at the top are simply not hearing what those at the bottom are saying.

Reformation is to institutions that have the ability to grow but have been stifled by poor management, causing one who desires change to need to throw everything away and begin something new.

CHAPTER FOUR

TRANSFIGURATION

With transfiguration however, you do not have to do anything, because the glory of the Lord does everything for and in you. In fact all you have to do is rest in Him. The entire body and mind is subject to the will of God in transfiguration.

Luke 9:29-36 (KJV)

[29] And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistering.

[30] And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias:
[31] Who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem.
[32] But Peter and they that were with him were heavy with sleep: and when they were awake, they saw his glory, and the two men that stood with him.

[33] And it came to pass, as they departed from him, Peter said unto Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias: not knowing what he said.
[34] While he thus spake, there came a cloud, and overshadowed them: and they feared as they entered into the cloud.
[35] And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him.
[36] And when the voice was past, Jesus was found alone. And they kept it close, and told no man in those days any of those things which they had seen.

When Jesus was on the mountain of transfiguration the Bible talks about how Moses and Elijah came to talk to Him. He took His disciples but they slept off on the mountain while He prayed. The glory in the place was so intense that their physical bodies could not take it. When the anointing of the Holy Ghost - the glory of God descends heavily, the physical body cannot withstand it. That is why people fall under the power. Peter, James and John literally fell under the power, but since the experience had yet been unheard of, they thought they were asleep.

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When they awoke, they saw Elijah and Moses right there talking to Jesus with His body transfigured before them. There was not much distance between the one being transfigured and the ones watching. Transfiguration causes the figure and the looks to change. It is the transportation of the physical body into another realm. The Bible says Jesus' clothes also became dazzling white like the sun. I also believe transfiguration is the reason why the Roman soldiers gambled for His clothes and the reason why Joseph of Arimathea came to claim the body. The clothes and body were the ones most affected at His transfiguration.

When Jesus came to the earth, He was a hundred percent man and a hundred percent God, but on the day of transfiguration, Jesus' body took on the form and glory that Adam's body had before the fall.

1 Corinthians 15:45 (KJV)

And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.

At the transfiguration is where He became the Last Adam to win the victory for all who were affected by the first Adam's fall. The promise after all, was made to Adam and Eve, that the seed of the woman would crush the serpent's head, destroying the devil's scheme.

When Adam sinned, the glory disappeared from his body but when Jesus, the Last Adam walked in faith, the glory came back upon His body on the mountain.

Jesus was acting on our behalf as the Last Adam, becoming the seed of the woman to crush the enemy's head. That is why transfiguration is what we need today in our generation. Adam had that garment that made Him radiant and protected.

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Jesus' temptation in the wilderness shows us something very interesting. First of all, Satan tempted Jesus concerning food, which is the oldest trick he has used on everyone from Adam and Eve to Esau and to the children of Israel. Then he took Jesus to a high mountain to show Him that the first Adam failed to fulfill the assignment he had to subdue and have dominion over the earth. Satan showed Him the many kingdoms he had control over, which he claimed were in his power to give to whomsoever he pleased. His intention was to intimidate Jesus with the notion that even though He was anointed and was the last Adam, He could not do anything against a devil who had *acquired* such power! **(Luke 4:1-13)**

That is the challenge that Satan is throwing to every Christian today. He tells us, *'Look at those people who are serving me; they are getting promoted and making it in life, but look at you…'* He keeps using the same old tricks.

Satan then told Jesus to jump from the pinnacle of the temple; to actually commit suicide just like Samson did. The Bible says Jesus rebuked Him and he left Him for a while, and then the angels came and ministered to Him. Jesus was able to overcome all of the devil's temptations.

Jesus had an experience on the mountain of transfiguration where even His garments were changed by the glory of God.

Matthew 17:1-2 (KJV)

[1] And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, [2] And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.

That experience is what we desperately need in our time. At transfiguration, it does not only stop at God saying, "**This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased**" **(Matthew 3:17)** as He did at Jesus' baptism. At the transfiguration, there is manifested glory. This is the same thing God wants to be able to say for all His children, pastors and all gospel ministers in general. When God is pleased with any man or ministry, He comes to abide.

John 14:23 (KJV)

Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

When God abides, amazing things happen. This is what we have witnessed here at the Miracle Centre Cathedral ever since we handed over the keys of this ministry to the Holy Spirit on September, 18, 2016. We have seen astounding miracles every single day; the lame walk, the blind see, wounds are healed and cancer disappears without a trace, not to mention the thousands that have given their lives to Christ both at the church and over the airwaves.

People from over sixty nations of the world have flown in to experience first hand what God is doing in the revival and over 60 million people are following the revival on social media from around the world, at the moment of this writing.

What is left now for us is the need to have a transfiguration; God has to remove from us the other figure of religion and shape us after the Holy Spirit. When Jesus was transfigured, His clothes became dazzling white. We too have to get to that extent of transfiguration, where what is on the inside of us permeates through to the outside, that the glory of the Lord inside of us may be visible even on the very clothes we wear.

I long for a transfiguration effect that is so vivid that believers will sit in a vehicle from a prayer meeting and everybody in the vehicle will break out speaking in tongues and be filled with the Holy Spirit instantly. I want to see believers go to a restaurant to get something to eat and people fall under the power of the Holy Ghost in the restaurant. We need to go beyond the transformation of our minds; beyond just living and thinking positive, following the ten-steps-to-this or the nine-steps-to-

that. We need to encounter such a physical manifestation that even the people around us become witnesses of the power of God.

Acts 5:14-16 (KJV)

[14] And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.
[15] Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.
[16] There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed EVERY ONE.

Transformers and reformers may do a wonderful job but the Church today needs transfiguration. Our figure must change. Our appearance before the world must change. Just as we would note the extreme transfiguration when someone who was a size 28 becomes a size 6, the fact that we have encountered God must be obvious even to the natural eye.

John had baptized thousands of people including the Son of God. The Church must desire to go beyond just helping with transforming peoples' lives because religion has already been doing just that. They have been telling them what to say, what to do and how to do it, but with scanty results.

However, when the Holy Spirit comes, there must be a difference in every single aspect of our lives.

Peter made a powerful statement after the transfiguration of Jesus when he said, **"...it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles…" (Luke 9:33).** As God was building him into a tabernacle, he had enough faith built within to build three tabernacles, yet he was not even a tent maker. This goes to show that as a result of transfiguration, people receive faith to build things that they had never attempted before.

We need to go beyond... following the ten-steps-to-this or the nine-steps-to-that... to encounter such a physical manifestation that even the people around us are witnesses of the power of God.

In the Old Testament, there were prophets you would not mess around with such as Moses, Elijah and Elisha because they had experienced transfiguration. Moses subdued the most powerful nation of the earth-Egypt, and delivered two million people out of bondage. Elijah called fire from heaven, turned an entire backslidden nation to God and destroyed the prophets of Baal in one day. Elisha raised the dead, multiplied oil, caused a sunken axe-head to float, blinded an entire army, kept on revealing the secret plans of enemy forces and cursed children who had mocked him and two bears killed forty two of them in a day!

There is a strong connection between the Acts of the Apostles and the transfiguration. When Peter and John were before the elders of Israel in **Acts** chapter **4**, the elders threatened them not to speak in Jesus' name but Peter being filled with the Spirit said,

"For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." Acts 4:20 (KJV)

If you compare the boldness of Peter saying those words and the timidity of Peter who had denied Jesus three times, you will notice evidence of a transfigured life. This transfigured Peter just walked into Samaria and people were filled with the Holy Spirit **(Acts 8:14-17).**

When a transfigured person arrives, he carries with him enough glory that it would seem as though it were Jesus Himself. However, we have rarely experienced that in our day. When we look at Moses and Elijah who showed up at Jesus' transfiguration, wherever they walked, there God also walked. After Moses met God on the mountain, he returned to Egypt as a god to Pharaoh. Paul was also transfigured after he saw Jesus in broad daylight and the miracles he performed made people desire to seek God.

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I remember in the wake of Dr. T.L. Osborn's visit to Uganda in 1985 with a powerful crusade at the Lugogo Stadium, many pastors realized that they had never even attempted to scratch the surface in the things of God. The following week, all the pastors and servants of God in town were in closets, bushes and mountains, seeking God. God used T.L Osborn in such a powerful way that many miracles were performed, and when we went to clean up Lugogo stadium after the campaign, there were so many crutches left behind; so many witchcraft items were left on the grounds and under the pulpit by those who had been healed, delivered and had given their lives to Christ.

It was a scene so glorious that I cannot describe to you in words. It was evident to us all, that this man had met God. He had been transfigured. Transfiguration affects the mind - how you process, believe and do things. It also affects the physical - what people see. It even affects the clothes you wear and your character. Transfiguration is what the Church of Jesus Christ needs.

When Jesus met the woman at the well, I presume that as they discussed, He was renewing her mind **(John 4:7-30)**. The woman ran and told the city **"Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?" (John 4:29).** As a result, the inhabitants came out to see Jesus. Now, while the woman was affected by her encounter with Christ, the inhabitants of the city that came were never transformed, because when Philip went there only a few years later, the city had been taken over by a witch.

Acts 8:9-11 (KJV)

9 But there was a certain man, called Simon, which before time in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one: 10 To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God. 11 And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries.

Transformation affects individuals but not necessarily the multitudes. Society can only be changed by people that have been transfigured and it is only Jesus who can bring you to a transfigured state.

The problem with people today is that they have familiarized Jesus so much to the extent that it is casual for someone to come up and say *God told me to do this and that* whether it is true or not. Jesus must always be ahead of us and if we do not put Him in His rightful place or are arrogant towards Him, the Holy Spirit cannot anoint us.

As the disciples followed Jesus, they encountered His glory and were afraid **(Mark 10:32).** The problem today is that we lack that reverence that the Person we are walking with (Jesus Christ) is the Creator of heaven and earth. We want to walk ahead of Him and talk while He is talking. We pay no attention to His works and are easily deceived to think that we have arrived when we see Him using us. These are some of the very reasons hindering the transfiguration of the Church today.

The best that man has done so far is come to the level of transformation. If we want to have a transfiguration, we really need to seek God and be filled with the Holy Spirit.

On the mountain of transfiguration, Jesus did something that we must take note of if we are going to experience transfiguration in our lives-He prayed. While He prayed, the fashion of His countenance was altered and his clothes became white and were glistering. Prayer is power. There is nothing that you can get from God without prayer. Prayer is the foundation for anything that God will do in a person's life. People talk *prayer*, *promise prayer* and *plan prayer*, but they just never *pray*. The Holy Spirit does not go to a place without prayer.

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The apostles were in the upper room waiting and praying after Jesus had left and on the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit filled them. When Jesus was baptized, He prayed and the heavens opened and the Holy Spirit descended.

Luke 3:21 (KJV)

21 **Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened**.

Elijah went to heaven with his body in a chariot of fire because God wanted to preserve his body. God knew that he had to return in that body to Jesus' transfiguration and the only place it could be preserved that long was in the presence of God - in the heavenly environment. Transfiguration reveals to us that nothing in God dies. When you see Elijah and Moses show up hundreds of years after they walked on the earth, then you realize the preserving ability of the presence of God. If Jesus decides that He will preserve someone until the day He returns, He can do so, yet God does not use preservatives; He keeps you fresh because in Him is life.

Prayer is power.

Nicodemus

A very good example again is of Nicodemus. He came to Jesus at night because he wanted to reform.

John 3:1-2 (KJV)

There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

You can see it in his approach when He called Jesus a teacher from God. He realized that they had run out of lessons to teach and he went to Jesus concerning "the Kingdom of God," a new topic that religion never discussed. Sadly however, even when Nicodemus got the full teaching of the kingdom, he never changed from a religious to a Kingdom-minded attitude. He even attended and participated in Jesus' funeral. I do not know whether Nicodemus was among the hundred and twenty in the upper room. We do not know whether he became a disciple afterwards, but one thing we know, we cannot be trapped in reformation. We have to long for transfiguration.

There is nothing that you can get from God without prayer.

Reformers are needed to reform institutions, but when you are working on a timeline and God is about to pour out His Spirit, you must quickly move from reformation to transformation and to the place of transfiguration. It is very sad that Nicodemus met Jesus and even attended His funeral, but he never surfaced much after the resurrection. He never consented to those who killed Jesus, but neither did he challenge them. He came in to defend the disciples of Jesus, but never took a firm stand for Him to declare himself a follower of Christ. He did not go too far because he never wanted to wreck the institution. Good people in every Christian religion want the power, the Spirit and miracles of God, but the problem is that they never go far

enough. Nicodemus was in the same council that put guards to watch the tomb of Jesus.

People talk prayer, promise prayer and plan prayer, but they just never pray.

Reformers want their institutions at par with what is on God's agenda, but they never want to "rock the boat." I know people who are very good and serious with God, but are stuck in religious establishments. They love their institutions and the Lord, but they do not go far enough to cause a transformation in the lives of those around them.

Nicodemus was a reformer because he himself was transformed, but he was not transfigured as Paul was. Paul clearly states after his Damascus road encounter with Jesus, and after being rejected by the Jewish establishment that he turned to the Gentiles. Now for a Pharisee to abandon his religion is way beyond transformation. His writings would go on to become the doctrinal foundation for the New Testament Church. Reformers only see what is wrong, whereas transformers change what seems right.

Take for example, the electricity transformer. It turns high power loads to low consumable voltage to suit the needs of the end user.

If the transformer supplies to a domestic user, then it will have to tone down the power, while if it is supplying a factory, it has to release the full three-phase power.

Transfiguration on the other hand never tones down for the small consumer. It instead pumps the weak and enables them to take on heavy power loads in order to accomplish incredible feats without destroying them.

On the mountain of transfiguration, three things happened and these are the reasons why we need transfiguration more than transformation.

1. The disciples that followed Jesus were able to see those who had died, alive again (Moses). Transfiguration reenacts the miracles of the past. In a transfigured state, we would be able to see what the apostles saw.

2. They were engulfed by the cloud of glory. They were in the same cloud that covers heaven. There is preservation in the glory of God. It is what kept the manna fresh in the temple, and is what caused Aaron's rod to bud. We need to experience the glory, and thirdly,

3. They heard the voice of God.

These three things are very crucial in the world in which we live today. People must see the God of the heaven who answers by fire and delivers by might. They must have a smell, a feel and a taste of heaven while we are here. They must hear the voice of Jehovah, not just coming through the mouth of a prophet

or preacher, but His real voice, like Moses and Elijah heard. All these cannot happen in transformation or reformation, they can only in transfiguration.

Today with all the advancement in technology and human gimmicks, there is an urgent need for people to experience the tangible glory of God. There must be an obvious difference.

The Kingdom of Heaven

Matthew 6:9-10 (KJV)

9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. 10 Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

What is the Father's kingdom Jesus was referring to when He said, "Thy Kingdom come?" The kingdom of God is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost **(Romans 14:17).**

In the prayer that the Lord taught His disciples, He was welcoming the anointing of the Holy Spirit when He said "Thy kingdom come."

The Bible also tells us that Kingdom of God suffers violence. **(Matthew 11:12)** The word 'suffers' is in some contexts synonymous with 'to allow." Therefore, one can say that the kingdom of God allows violence and the violent take it by force.

Where there are no sons, the kingdom of God has no choice but to allow violence. In the very beginning, God was the One doing things for us. After Jesus came, we see God doing things through us. That is why the angel told Cornelius to send for Simon Peter. The angel could have gone directly to Peter and told him to go to Cornelius. The angel could have come and laid hands on Cornelius and he would have been filled with the Holy Spirit, but God did not permit that. Instead, He wanted to work through man.

Acts 10:3-6 (KJV)

3 He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius.
4 And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God.
5 And now send men to Joppa, and call for one Simon, whose surname is Peter:
6 He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side: he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do.

A transfigured life inspires others to be like it. In the book of Revelation, John met an angel who looked so much like Jesus that John bowed down to worship him **(Revelation 19:10).**

This means that a transfigured life convicts and inspires all it comes in contact with. Is transfiguration an event that has a long term effect or a life time process?

The suffix *"tion"* in the English language means a progressive process. When we shoot for transfiguration, we are aiming for continually being conformed to that image that He made us to be.

Of the three people at the transfiguration; Jesus, Elijah and Moses, Jesus was the only one with a physical body. The extreme power under which Moses operated, so that he was known to be a god to Pharaoh, and that which Elijah operated in as the voice of God to Israel, had all been consolidated and so much more of it in the son of God, Jesus Christ.

The glory that was on Moses when he came down from Mount Sinai caused people to run away from him as Adam did from God because they were sinful and he had no remedy for their sin **(Exodus 34:29-30)**.

In contrast, the glory that Jesus had on the mount of transfiguration was greater, but caused those who were present; Peter, James and John to want to stay, in-spite of their sin nature. This is because Jesus was the remedy for sin; He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. The Father's intention is to transfigure us and cause multitudes to be drawn to Him through us.

CHAPTER FIVE

THE WORD OF GOD

The story of creation in **Genesis 1** shows us the power of the spoken Word of God. Everything that was created was made entirely from the Word of God. The life giving power of the Word of God can only stem from the fact that the Word itself is alive.

John 1:1-4 (KJV)

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 anything made that was made.
4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

From the natural viewpoint, it is very difficult to understand the power of the Word of God. It is easy to recognize its greatness and relevance, but to really grasp the fact that it is alive, takes revelation. God is a Spirit and spirits do not communicate as flesh does.

Man is also a spirit being because He came from God, who is a Spirit **(John 4:24)** and **(Genesis 1:26).**

God is not dead. He is alive as is His word and all life picks its very existence from the life of God through His word. If a person has near drowned, the recommended first aid after they are pulled out of the water is cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) to save this person's life. First, they check for a pulse and breath. These are the signs that show that a person is alive; not whether they can talk or hear, but the fact that they have breath and a heartbeat.

God is not dead.

The breath of God is His way of speaking to us. It is in the voice with which the Holy Spirit speaks. He tells us more about God and with every word He speaks we can feel His breath. That is how His Word is able to create faith in us. It is as powerful as a live wire and when you casually touch it, there will be effects; either you will be electrocuted or you will catch a blessing from His word.

When you put your hand near your mouth and speak, you can clearly feel the breath that comes from your mouth and that is exactly what happens when God speaks - you feel the impact of His word in your life. When you get closer to hear God's voice, the breath you feel is not carbon dioxide or oxygen; it

is the very life of God. It is important for us to discover, to study and to understand the breath of God. It is what God has been using ever since the days of Noah to John the Baptist and to-date. It is His breath through the whole Bible that gives us understanding.

Whether spoken or written, the Word still carries the breath of God with it and when you activate the written word in the Bible by your faith, you get the same results as the prophets and disciples who wrote the books in it did. The same Word of God that was applicable for Abraham, David, Peter, and T.L Osborn while they were here is applicable to you as well, moreover with the same power available. The word of God is still alive where there is faith.

Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV)

12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit., and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

The only way we benefit from the power of life in the Word is by getting closer to the Word of God. Therefore, READ YOUR BIBLE!

2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV)

15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

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The book of prophet Ezekiel gives us deeper insight regarding the workings of the Spirit of God and the breath of God. In chapter thirty seven, Ezekiel starts out talking about the Spirit of God, but then begins to emphasize the breath of God **(Ezekiel 37:1-10).**

The miracle of mass-resurrection in **Ezekiel 37** needed the breath of God; the same breath that made Adam a living soul. For every work in God to be accomplished, you need the breath of God which when Jesus was raised from the dead, breathed upon the disciples and said, **"Receive the Holy Spirit" (John 20:22).**

The reason as to why we are not experiencing the extraordinary miracles we are supposed to see today is because we only stop at hearing the Word of God, yet we are supposed to feel His breath as well. That is how faith is really generated. The breath of God riding on His word is what creates faith to surmount any situation. Again, when you speak a word, your flesh will feel the warm air but at the same time your ear will hear the word, causing explosive faith. That is why wherever there is teaching and preaching of faith, there should also be reverence of the Holy Spirit.

People of faith believe in the Holy Ghost faster than those in religion. Great teachers of the Word are always talking about the Holy Spirit and honoring Him because the breath of God gives more discernment and understanding.

Job 32:8 (NKJV)

But there is a spirit in man, And the breath of the Almighty gives him understanding.

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The breath of God activates our faith for results. When Jesus went to the temple after His baptism and wilderness temptation, He was given the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. It was no accident that He was not given the scroll of prophet Nehemiah or the book of Lamentations. The prophet Isaiah prophesied most about the coming and life of Jesus Christ and as such, the Spirit in Jesus had to cause Him to read from his scroll. Immediately, He opened the portion where it says **'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me…' (Luke 4:18-19).** Jesus delights so much in the Holy Spirit that His first sermon was about Him.

In the line of transfiguration, what we need to hear is the Word of God spoken by the Spirit. The preacher must hear from God before he tells us anything because whatever he says must have life.

There is a life that we have that is different from plant or animal life and until you come to God, you can never fully live the life that you were created to live. The world is in the state it is because we were never taught about living.

You can only be of good service to any generation if you understand the power of your connection with God and that comes through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. We really are not taught how to live. The Bible say that in His presence there is the fullness of joy **(Psalm 16:11).** So until I am in His presence, I cannot know how to live.

The breath of God is what transfigures us when the Word of God ignites us. When Jesus rose from the dead, He spoke to the disciples and said,

"And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." -Luke 24:49 (KJV)

They had to wait until they were filled with the Holy Ghost and on the day of Pentecost, the Holy Ghost came from heaven and filled the people that had paid heed to Jesus' word. All of a sudden they could feel His presence and could utter out words in languages they never knew.

Acts 2:1-4 (KJV)

[1] And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
[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.

It is the Holy Spirit who made us **(Job 33:4).**

When we decide to live without the Holy Spirit, we have chosen a life of rebellion. Rebellion is not necessarily lifting up your fist in the face of God; it is ignoring the Holy Spirit. Ignoring the Holy Spirit will lead to rebellion even against your own will and desire. If for example you are practicing basketball and your finger gets injured or you tear a tendon, then that is your own body waging war against your intention to play basketball.

So what are we supposed to do? We ought never to harden our hearts towards the Holy Spirit because hardened hearts cannot pump blood. Yet remember, the life of a person is in the blood. Our salvation, redemption, purchase and everything are all in the blood, which can only be pumped by a good heart. If therefore the heart is hardened, it cannot pump the message of salvation.

Hebrews 3:15 (KJV)

While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.

Ezekiel 11:19 (KJV)

And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh

The thing with the heart is that once it is hardened, you cannot soften it up with a massage or anything like that. The only thing God can do to a hardened heart is replace it with a new one. The problem, however, with heart transplants is that whatever heart they put inside must be of the same blood type, otherwise the recipient body will reject it, and that is the root of the spirit of rejection. It comes right from having a hardened heart towards the Holy Spirit.

Most of the challenges faced by man can be dealt with if we begin to be more attentive and not ignore the Holy Spirit because it is He that takes us from glory to glory **(2 Corinthians 3:17-18).**

Hardened hearts cannot pump blood

In order to operate with the breath of God, we must pay attention to and hear Him. We need to be extra sensitive to the things of the Spirit, because He controls everything; preaching,

giving, education and so much more. In not paying attention to the Holy Spirit, I am disrespecting Him.

Revelation 3:6 (KJV)

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

We must believe the word for what it says; we must trust God because His Word is alive. You can only worship God when you are alive with Him because the dead do not praise Him. We must;

- Believe that God is alive and that what He says will come to pass.
- Esteem the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives because He is here to stay. We should give Him our mind, body and soul - our all.
- Invite Him into our lives. The Holy Spirit was given to us as a Partner and Helper. If He is not invited, He will not come to play the part we need Him to play in our lives.

The Holy Spirit is not like parasites - those who are just looking to use you to their advantage so you can take them to another level. On the contrary, the Holy Spirit will not come until you tell Him what you want Him to do. So we need to have rapport with Him.

To do all the above, it requires obedience.
Obed - Edom, an uncircumcised Philistine took the Ark of the Covenant into his house and was able to keep it because of his obedience. It is very important that we are obedient.

When I think about it, the **77 DAYS OF GLORY** started long time ago when I was called to ministry at the age of seventeen. God told me that if I would obey Him and take on the journey, it would lead me to where I was supposed to go.

Saul's becoming king of Israel did not start when he met Samuel. It started when he obeyed his father and went out looking for his father's donkeys **(1 Samuel 9:1-20)**. He was operating in the fifth commandment which says,

"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you" -Exodus 20:12 (NKJV)

As Saul kept looking, he reached the place where he expected the donkeys to be but alas, they were not. Instead, in that place, he met the prophet Samuel. The key to Saul's rise was obedience and indeed, the reason for his fall was disobedience. Saul never had any known adulterous relations as was the case with David, he never killed a man for his wife like David, but it was disobedience that killed him. He had been brought in by obedience and was to be sustained thereby.

The door that enters into the chamber of the Holy Spirit is obedience. It is one of the gates to heaven.

The gate of heaven is not silver or gold; there are actually several gates on the city of heaven but the main gate is called obedience.

Isaiah 1:19 (KJV)

If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:

Everything that God makes by His Spirit is in contention with the flesh and the flesh is contrary to the Spirit **(Galatians 5:17).** The flesh refuses to obey the Spirit and that is why we must bring the flesh in subjection to the things of the Spirit.

1 Corinthians 9:27 (AMPC)

But [like a boxer] I buffet my body [handle it roughly, discipline it by hardships] and subdue it, for fear that after proclaiming to others the Gospel and things pertaining to it, I myself should become unfit [not stand the test, be unapproved and rejected as a counterfeit].

Angel Gabriel told Mary that the Spirit of God was to come upon her and whatever she was to conceive would be holy; the child of the living God who would save His people from sin **(Luke 1:30-32)**.

During Jesus' conception, the Holy Spirit was fully involved. Later, Caesar called for a census and registration all over the empire and Joseph took Mary to his home town to be registered. When they got there and time came for Mary to

deliver the baby, there was no room to be used as a labor ward. I believe this happened because Joseph took over the mission-leadership yet he was not filled with the Holy Spirit. When man leads you, no matter how righteous and upstanding he is, there is scarcity, because abundant supply is only guaranteed in the Holy Spirit.

Time went by and Jesus began to hear the voice of God. He began to see Himself preaching in the temple and discussing with the doctors of the law, but just then, we again see His parents, Mary and Joseph come to take Him home.

People may be righteous, religious and well-intentioned, but still not be led by the Holy Spirit. We know that Mary and Joseph were not filled with the Holy Spirit yet, because Mary was among those who were filled in the upper room on the day of Pentecost. The Spirit had not filled her as yet because she still needed the Savior to save her **(Acts 1:14).**

They took Jesus and kept Him in Nazareth for another eighteen years until He got Himself out of Nazareth to John at the Jordan where the Holy Spirit finally came upon Him. There is quite a notable difference between those that are filled with the Holy Spirit and those who are not. After Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit began to lead Him.

Matthew 4:1 (KJV)

Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

The Holy Spirit took over. When the Holy Spirit leads, you begin to see definite tangible results just like we see when He filled the disciples in the upper room.

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

Acts 2:41 (KJV)

[41] Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

The word of God is alive.

The challenge that we are presented with is in how to make the Bible pages come to life. We do so by being filled with the Holy Spirit first and reading the Word of God. Diligent study of the Word of God and prayer in the Spirit will cause the

words on the pages of the Bible to come to life in our lives.

Acts 6:4 (NKJV)

but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word.

When you read the Bible without being filled with the Holy Spirit, it makes you susceptible to religious tendencies that can prove dangerous.

I know the Word of God is alive because I have stood, used it and have witrnessed its results. It is the breath of God that reveals the life embedded in the word of God.

Prayer in the Spirit and studying the Word of God will cause the words on pages come to life in our lives.

CHAPTER SIX

GOD'S THOUGHTS

God created man in His image. Man is His design and thought. Now, how fast is the speed of God's thoughts? You can never see human thoughts unless you give them time. If I imagine something, I have to draw it, manufacture and produce it. This is the process through which my thoughts are materialized.

An example is of Steve Jobs, co-founder of Apple Inc. It could take a whole year for the world to weigh His thoughts, so that we could know what he was thinking about a year or so ago. He could work on a phone or computer model design for longer than a year, while the world had nothing to do but wait for the release of the product. The observation here, is it took longer than a year for the thoughts of the likes of Steve Jobs and some of the smartest and fastest minds in our day to materialize. While the speed of thought is faster than that of light, it takes that long to see the thoughts of man materialize.

Do we know the speed of the thoughts of God? To give you an example of what I am saying, God says in His word that before you even finish praying, He will answer you.

Isaiah 65:24 (KJV)

And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

This is the speed at which God wants to handle your situations, in that before you even finish thinking it, the product is already there. The ability and power of our God is faster than the human thought process. The thought process of God is way above ours.

Isaiah 55:8-9 (KJV)

8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.
9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

When we think about something great, even in the industrialized countries, it takes us years to produce quality products. We have seen the scripture express that we can be so intimate with the Lord that even before we call upon Him in prayer, He hears and answers. How comes then that not only do we experience delayed answers to prayer, we also have many prayers that have never received answers? What is wrong? Yet when God wanted to deal with darkness, He simply said, "Let there be light," and

light was. It was instantaneous. The Bible shades some light on why our prayers may take long to get answered or why some may never get answers at all.

One of the reasons is praying amiss or with wrong motives.

James 4:3 (KJV)

Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.

Another reason may be disobedience in other areas of our lives such as not treating our spouses right.

1 Peter 3:7 (KJV)

Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

Also in **Isaiah 58:1-11** the Spirit of the Lord uses the prophet Isaiah to reveal another reason why prayers and fasts go unanswered and what we must do to turn that around**.**

The thought process of God is way above ours.

Before the fall of Adam and Eve, there was no need for prophets; there was direct distribution right from the factory to Adam's doorstep. But after man's fall, he started depending on third and fourth parties to carry him messages, packages and deliveries from the Father. That is when verses like **Amos 3:7** became necessary.

Amos 3:7 (KJV)

Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.

God's servant was Adam. When he needed a wife God put him to sleep, his rib was taken out and from it, Eve was formed and brought to him. **(Genesis 2:18, 21-23)**

When we do not comply with God's systems and the ways He put in place, we delay our own deliverance and the world's salvation.

That was the original speed at which God wanted to solve the earth's problems, but because of sin which separated man from God, God had to use third parties to deliver even the simplest and slightest of miracles. That is why even after prayer from a powerfully anointed man of God, a person can still succumb to simple curable diseases. The "powerfully anointed man of God" is just a third party, a middle-man and it is this middleman process that has slowed down the speed of the

materialization of God's thoughts, through which He wants to deliver nations.

Another example of this is where God wanted to deliver the children of Israel out of Egypt. He told Abraham that his children were going to be under slavery for 400 years, but they stayed there for 430 years. The thirty extra years were not necessary **(Genesis 15:13).**

Exodus 12:40 (KJV)

Now the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, was four hundred and thirty years.

When we do not comply with God's systems and the ways He put in place, we delay our own deliverance and the world's salvation.

God has ways in which He deals with this renegade earth. The earth at first rejected the ways of God and we see this in its response in that while it was in place, it was without form and it was void. God had to speak things into the earth again to enforce His way. The earth is therefore ordered by the word of God to behave. That is why God requires that we live in obedience to Him and there are dire consequences to disobedience. If man had not disobeyed God, we would not be in this fallen state.

Obedience but with unwillingness is still equal to stubbornness and noncompliance. When all was set in place on the earth, then God enabled reproduction for the sake of posterity.

Now man with humanistic, political and philosophical ways of how to deal with the earth, begs it to produce for him. Instead of commanding and speaking the Word of God to it with authority, we try to sweet-talk, manipulate and present to it something that is user-friendly.

When you deal with anything on planet earth, negotiation cannot be left out. Remember, the speed of God's thought is to deliver a miracle before you even finish praying. The scripture tells us that God is and in His presence, there is the fullness of joy. According to the Bible, everything in God is already provided for. However, on this earth, some things ought to be forced, enforced and reinforced in that even when the Son of God Himself came here, He fasted for forty days and nights.

The Egyptians were pursuing the children of Israel with horses and chariots while the children of Israel fled on foot. God moved the Israelites through the Red Sea faster than the chariots could deliver the Egyptians. When God told Moses to speak to the water, it was divided faster than Pharaoh could divide his army. We see that His desire is that before you even tell God that your enemy is hunting you down, deliverance is already provided; that's the speed of the thoughts of God. The thoughts of God are faster than the fastest ability man has. That is the way God wants to solve problems.

Everything that was created on the earth was done within six days. God solved the whole problem of creation in less than a week. The eco system, gravity, convection, winds, volcanicity and everything that has a role to play in the

sustenance and running of the earth was in place and fully functional in less than a week from scratch. Everything we now consider to be great was done within less than a week.

God's way is that when He speaks, we hear sound and feel His breath. He speaks a word and sound and matter come out of it at the same time. It is that powerful!

Genesis 1:3 (KJV)

And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

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Every time God gives us an assignment, we should do it His way, not ours: remember God is Spirit. He is His breath, so whenever we do not follow the Holy Spirit, we prolong our wait for the fulfillment of the divine vision. Wherever there is divine vision; there is divine provision. But we prolong suffering and work on a project for a longer period of time than necessary because we like to do things our own way.

God clearly says that His ways are not our ways. His way is the way of glory and transfiguration; a way of turning you into another man. **(Isaiah 55:8-9)**

It is important to note that the Holy Spirit is a gift

Matthew 6:33 (KJV)

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

What is the righteousness He was referring to? We know that the Kingdom of God is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost **(Romans 14:17)**. So if righteousness is already included here, then why righteousness again? We all know **r**ighteousness is what was given to Abraham when he believed God. He was given this one thing and that is what made him everything he became.

Peace is what heaven gave us when Jesus came as the angels sang, "Glory to God in the highest and on the earth, peace, goodwill towards men". He is the Prince of Peace.

Joy is in the Holy Ghost.
Jesus' birth brought joy to the world. We have joy and peace with God.

Righteousness made Abraham what he was and peace made the apostles who they were. For us, it is joy that will give us everything, for it is our strength.

God's thoughts are seen herein. We are to seek His righteousness.

In addition to seeking righteousness, Jesus, the Prince of peace said in **John 14:27** these words:

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

Then, **Nehemiah 8:10** says: **"….for the joy of the Lord is your strength."**

According to the scriptures, all three elements come from Him. It is His righteousness, His peace and His joy. If we surrender to Him and receive them as a gift, His thoughts for us will materialize faster than ever before, because we will be operating in His kingdom.

Righteousness works hand in hand with grace and faith because Abraham received righteousness by faith. It is not enough to only have righteousness while you ignore grace and faith, because righteousness came to Abraham by faith.

Genesis 15:6 (KJV)
And he believed in the Lord; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

Peace came through Jesus Christ by grace, whereas joy came by the baptism of the Holy Spirit. You need to have all three in one capsule.

I believe the gifts God brought down to give us were inclusive of the Holy Spirit Himself, because Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as a Gift in Luke 11:13.

Luke 11:13 (KJV)

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

Revelation 5:11-12 (KJV)

11 **And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;**

12 Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

In the great worship of heaven, there is such prophetic revelation as is mentioned in that scripture above. The elders, the beasts and all in heaven declared that the Lamb of God that sits upon the throne is worthy to receive the following; blessing, honor, glory, power, wisdom, riches and strength. Then they made a powerful declaration when they said, **"Blessing and honor and glory and power be unto Him that sits upon the throne."** Notice that from the earlier list were removed some items namely; riches, wisdom and strength.

If the other four be unto the Lord who sits upon the throne, then to whom do the remaining three belong?

They belong to us! God left us with riches, wisdom and strength. We have so many gifts; the fivefold ministry, wisdom, riches, strength, salvation and redemption which came to us by Christ Jesus, and the Holy Spirit who provides us with power. As a believer, you realize that wisdom, riches and strength are provided in the fivefold ministry. This is what perfects the saints in the fivefold ministry. There can be no 'perfecting of the saints' without the gift of a Savior and power of the Holy Spirit. You must be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego

God's ways of solving problems here on earth are faster than man's. It is amazing that four Hebrew youths, Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, became governors of Babylon at such a tender age. This was highly unusual given the fact that they were so young and living in a foreign land where they had been taken as captives. This could only be possible by divine power – the power of the Holy Spirit. So we have no choice, but to go back to His ways - the way of the Holy Spirit and the power of God.

Daniel 1:17-21 (KJV)

17 **As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.**

18 Now at the end of the days that the king had said he should bring them in, then the prince of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar.

19 And the king communed with them; and among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: therefore stood they before the king.

20 And in all matters of wisdom and understanding, that the king enquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that were in all his realm.

21 And Daniel continued even unto the first year of king Cyrus.

Daniel 2:48-49 (KJV)

48 Then the king made Daniel a great man, and gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief of the governors over all the wise men of Babylon. 49 Then Daniel requested of the king, and he set Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, over the affairs of the province of Babylon: but Daniel sat in the gate of the king.

If we are to solve the problems of this world, whether political or religious, we must return to God's ways of doing things, which is the way of the Holy Spirit.

There were no 'middle men' in God's original plan for man, but the fall of Adam caused the need for mediators; prophets and others. The purpose of our transfiguration is to eliminate these

"middle men," by introducing the Church - the body of Christ, by which we are one with Him; a part of Him **(Mathew16:18).**

The world keeps attempting to establish what God is trying to eliminate. We are emphasizing the offices that God was trying to do away with from the very beginning. God's way is the way of instruction. Jesus never started His ministry until the Holy Spirit came upon Him. He Himself said He does nothing except what He saw His Father do **(John 5:19).**

So how do you know God's way? The 'GPS' of God's way is His will.

Part of the prayer that the Lord Jesus taught His disciples to pray, talked about the will of God.

Matthew 6:9-10 (KJV)

After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. 10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Once we know God's will, His ways will be clear for us to walk in. And once His ways are revealed, people will see His works. The disciples asked Jesus what they could do in order to do the works of the God. And they were told to believe in Him **(John 6:28-29).**

Jesus yielded to the Holy Spirit in everything He did **(John 4:34).**

If you yield to God's way, knowing His will, you will be able to release a blessing that everybody will enjoy.

God's speech is always so fast that it actually takes you a while to translate or write down. His thoughts are even faster. That is why any work under the Holy Spirit takes a very short time.

CHAPTER SEVEN

THE BREATH OF GOD

In order to understand the breath of God you need to go after God's own heart. God is a Person. He has a heart just like all people and His heart is holiness, righteousness, peace, family and the list goes on. The heart of God is the Holy Spirit. When you look at what differentiates Him from all the other gods, you realize that it is simply because He is a God of family. He is God the Father. It is even emphasized in the scripture that when you believe Him He gives you the power to become a son of God - family.

John 1:12 (KJV)

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:

He is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob - the God of generations. When He chooses a family, even when the members miss it, He does everything possible to bring them back to Himself.

Look at Israel, God did everything possible to restore them and to bring them back to Himself whenever they strayed from Him. He sent them prophets and many books were written all in an effort to bring them back to Him.

God does not desire alienation from man. He desires the restoration of our relationship with Him because we are His family. Even when Jesus looked at Jerusalem, He cried, **"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!"(Matthew 23:37).**

The difference between our heavenly Father and the other gods of this world is that no one can stand to call them father; not witchcraft, not Satan, none of the other gods is referred to as a father by their worshippers. That is a significant difference between Him and them. Ours is a living God. He is a Father, even to the fatherless and a defender of the widows.

Psalms 68:5 (KJV)
5 A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, is God in his holy habitation.

The Bible says the other gods are all idols, man-made, but our God is the living God. And as a living God, like all living things, He breathes **(Psalms 18:15-17).**

The Bible tells us that God blew the Sea with the breath of His nostrils. A normal person was designed to breathe through the nostrils.

Only in extreme conditions does He breathe through the mouth - when sick, having the flu, sinuses or some sort of nasal congestion. Under normal circumstances, the breath from the nostrils cannot even light a fire, but the breath from God's nostrils parted the Red Sea, making a way where there seemed to be no way.

In all plant and animal life, living things breathe for their own survival, but God breathes, not for His survival, but to make a way where there is none. His breath alone makes every hindrance go away and that is what sets Him apart from all other gods. Just His breath helped over two million people cross the Red Sea.

The breath of God defines Him and shows us His ability to lead us. It is a risk to follow someone whose leadership ability is unproven. If you have a weak leader, then you daily stand the risk of being surrendered to the enemy. However, with a strong leader, your victory is assured. Though God told Moses to be a god unto Pharaoh, there were times when Moses failed and God intervened to fulfill that word.

Pharaoh finally came to the conclusion that that there is a living God, after witnessing the mighty power of the God of Israel from the time Moses started demanding that Pharaoh let the people of God to go, to the time he actually freed them.

Pharaoh realized that his gods were weak and dead. He had never witnessed anything like that before; talk about a stick being raised over the Nile and all the waters turning into blood, to the time where he lost all the firstborns of Egypt, including his own. He realized that once God is on your side, you can defeat any super power even without weapons **(Exodus 12:29-33).**

The parting of the Red Sea with only the breath of His nostrils shows us that God can deal with any situation that concerns us as long as we stay obedient. The Israelites should have felt the wind, which signifies the Holy Spirit, but even if they did not, the waters definitely did. The wind of the Holy Spirit held the waters back as long as the children of Israel crossed. Water is very hard to hold, more so, the amount in a sea. It is hard enough to contain the water of lakes and rivers or even the rain, but this was a sea held back for the Israelites to walk on a dry seabed. That is the power behind the breath of God. By the Holy Spirit, we shall be able to do wonders.

In the world today where religion has nothing more to show apart from what man's natural abilities and sheer common sense have done, where the best solution that a church can come up with for the people of God is to make religion *'better'* by opening up banks of their own and saving unions in an effort to "help the poor" but all void of the power of God, humanity is at a disadvantage. The world needs to experience the breath of God as the Red Sea did.

The methods of religious conversion and evangelism have changed since the 19th century. For example, a young man may be offered a scholarship, a lady's hand in marriage or actual cash for the sole purpose of convincing him to follow a particular religion or worship a certain god. The Christian evangelistic approach of conversion followed by teaching and discipleship and then commissioning to go preach and start institutions, is being challenged. Exotic religions fly into a country and in a very short time have already built a temple for their god and alongside it a factory to employ their members and followers. Some of the buildings they have built display such great affluence that they bring to mind the times when Joseph moved into Potiphar's house.

Egypt was the world's super-power at that time and Joseph's boss, Potiphar, was one of Pharaoh's righthand men, having his own estates and business empire. The cultural shock that Joseph must have experienced when he first entered Potiphar's house must have been immense! He most probably faced the temptation to choose whether to abandon his God for that of his master, or to bring perfection to everything he did, Potiphar's household would see that his God was with him **(Genesis 39:1-5).**

Religions have come up with smart-sounding seemingly holistic messages targeting the spiritual, economic and mental affairs of man, but void of the power of God.

Whether we like it or not, preachers of the gospel have to demonstrate the power of the Holy Spirit with ability that surpasses that of magicians and false prophets, who have sneaked into the Church as was foretold, and have introduced strange doctrines that have led many astray.

1 Timothy 4:1-2 (KJV)

[1] Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;
[2] Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

The antidote to this is the authentic power of God.

1 Corinthians 2:4-5 (KJV)

[4] And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:
[5] That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

How can you compete with a man who worships Dubai or New York? A practical example is: If someone in Uganda is ill but the country lacks the medical capacity to handle their illness, they are referred to various countries abroad. Even though many have been helped, many still have not. The moment these doctors say there is nothing left to do and all hope is lost, they immediately turn to God.

This statement has been made countless times in such predicaments, *All we can do now is pray.*

That is why we so desperately need the breath of God in the Church of Jesus Christ today. It is what will cause a revival in the lives of believers and in turn, awaken the world to the reality that there is a solution in God to every problem they face, so that they will no longer wait to turn to God as a last resort, but always put Him first.

We need to see a divine healing explosion which cannot be compared to human gimmicks. It will make a way where there is no way and opens prison doors. Potiphar realized that God was with Joseph. The Spirit of God was with Joseph, enabling him as a young man to run away from the seductress, Mrs. Potiphar **(Genesis 39:7-12).**

The Spirit of God on Joseph enabled him to tell Pharaoh's servants their dreams and the one who was to be restored, to remember him because he knew that he would be needed **(Genesis 40:12-14).**

Joseph became a great blessing in the house of Potiphar because the Spirit of God was with him. The blessing upon his life was too big to be contained by Canaan or hidden by Potiphar. He was destined to be a blessing to the whole world.

Genesis 41:57 (NASB)

The people of all the earth came to Egypt to buy grain from Joseph, because the famine was severe in all the earth.

The Lord always makes a way, even when we do not know how it will all work out. In the end, even Joseph confessed to his brothers that it was the working of the Lord who had brought him there to prepare a place for them.

Genesis 45:7-8 (KJV)

7 And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.
8 So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God: and he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

The Blessing

We all need the Spirit - the breath and blessing of the Lord. For the blessing of the Lord makes rich **(Proverbs 10:22)**. Jabez yearned for it. He said 'Lord, bless me.' Jabez was an honorable man, but something was missing. He had a territory, but it was not big enough. He had enemies, but no protection and he knew that all these shortcomings would be covered in the blessing of the Lord.

1 Chronicles 4:9-10 (NKJV)

9 Now Jabez was more honorable than his brothers, and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, "Because I bore him in pain."
10 And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, "Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my

territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!" So God granted him what he requested.

The fight between Jacob and Esau for the blessing begun in their mother's womb **(Genesis 25:22)**. When they were born, the blessing was their number one quest. When Jacob wrestled with God, Jacob refused to let go until he received a blessing **(Genesis 32:26)**. God is Spirit and His blessing is spiritual, emanating from the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 1:3 (KJV)

[3] Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

There is general confusion in the world about the things of the Spirit vis-à-vis human success. Whenever you mention the Spirit of God, people tend to think you are old fashioned, out of touch and narrowminded. They think you are being religious and that you hate success, prosperity and wealth because you associate more with things of the Spirit of God. That is very far from the truth. Our God is interested in the prosperity of His servants - His family.

Psalms 35:27 (KJV)

Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the Lord be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.

We have a natural tendency to intellectually shun the spiritual. We think when a person talks of being in the spirit like John was on the day of the Lord, that all they will do is lose time that could have been used productively, so that there will be no schools built, computers made or serious issues discussed, because people are just praying. That is a lie from the pit of hell. You never lose time by being in the spirit. On the contrary, time is gained. In the spirit, like John, you can better prepare for a certain future that could only have been revealed to you by the Holy Spirit.

The United States of America for example was built by Puritans. These were praying, God-loving and spiritually sensitive people who came together and built a nation as great as the United States of America.

We should desire that the Holy Spirit breathes on us again as a nation; as a people and as a generation.

The breath of God will open our eyes to a quicker and more effective way of building our national economies, family fortunes and individual wealth. We should desire that the Holy Spirit breathes on us again as a nation; as a people and as a generation.

Let us not take lightly the things of the Spirit. Man is deceived to think he can solve his problems without God. Jesus told us

quite bluntly,

"I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing." - John 15:5 (KJV).

I have seen people who are not very 'spiritual' but yet very materially wealthy, while on the other hand, I have seen people who seem very sensitive to the things of God living undesirably. It would seem that serving God or being faithful to Him is a waste of time. This feeling has beset many a child of God. David himself more than once was perplexed when he saw the wicked prosper in their schemes. It took divine revelation for him to understand that in actual fact, they were no better than the righteous and that their latter end would be destruction.

Psalms 73:2-3, 11-19 (KJV)

2 But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped.
3 For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked...

11 And they say, How doth God know? and is there knowledge in the most High?
12 Behold, these are the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase in riches.
13 Verily I have cleansed my heart in vain, and washed my hands in innocency.

14 For all the day long have I been plagued, and chastened every morning.
15 If I say, I will speak thus; behold, I should offend against the generation of thy children.
16 When I thought to know this, it was too painful for me;
17 Until I went into the sanctuary of God; then understood I their end.
18 Surely thou didst set them in slippery places: thou castedst them down into destruction.
19 How are they brought into desolation, as in a moment! they are utterly consumed with terrors.

Those who know the secret of the kingdom of God, which is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost, and seek this and His righteousness, the Bible assures them that all things shall be added unto them **(Matthew 6:33)**. They begin to experience what David was talking about. We should realize that righteousness is not what we do, but a gift from God.

It is my strong belief that developing countries should adopt a quicker and better way to overcome poverty, disease and ignorance, than what was used by the developed world. How are we going to change the world? It has to be by the supernatural, because we are supernatural beings; something many do not understand. We are not just natural. It is the reason why we come up with the craziest ideas, yet still see them to fruition. Animals are natural, chickens are natural, trees are natural, rivers are natural; we are not just natural, but supernatural beings who need to depend on the spirit

of God to work in us, both to will and to do of His good pleasure. **(Philippians 2:13).**

People tend to ignore this fact of our being supernatural and religion makes it worse by getting them to depend on basic psychology and human philosophy. We cannot build our faith on these foundations. The word of God never tells us to study the mind; it tells us to renew our minds.

Romans 12:2 (KJV)

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

The way I thought yesterday must be refreshed today. I cannot keep on thinking and dreaming in the same way that I did yesterday and expect different results today, especially if my thinking is all wrong. Renew your mind with the word of God daily. Jesus when teaching His disciples how to pray said we should ask the heavenly Father to give us our daily bread **(Matthew 6:11).**

CHAPTER EIGHT

BEARING FRUIT

Genesis 4:1-5 (KJV)

1 And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the Lord.

2 And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

3 And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord.

4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering:

5 But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

There are so many scriptures in Bible that attribute fruit to the Holy Spirit. Unlike animal sacrifices which were usually burnt offerings, fruits have always had an attachment to the spirit, and they have roots.

Before you see a fruit, there are roots, a stem, and the branches and leaves.

Jesus said, **"I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing." - John 15:5 (KJV)**

It is the branches that bear fruit.

Cain and Abel's Sacrifice

The problem with Cain's offering was not that it comprised of fruit. As we have already established, fruit is of the Spirit. The problem was that Cain brought fruit that had bitter roots. The man himself was bitter. It was not just the fruit that he brought that God did not like, it was the heart of the giver. The fruit revealed Cain's heart.

The Bible tells us to guard our hearts because out of them flow waters of life.

Proverbs 4:23 (ESV)

Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.

Unfortunately, the bitterness had contaminated the *water* in Cain's heart, such that the springs of life had become springs of bitterness. The other problem is that Cain's presentation made God seem unjust.

The branches cannot bear fruit if they are detached from the stem and root. As the first human born, he should have had a very close connection to God. His roots were supposed to be in Him. Adam and Eve were just created, but they fell from glory. However, even in man's fallen state, he still had some divine roots, for the scripture says there is a spirit in man.

Job 32:8 (ESV)

But it is the spirit in man, the breath of the Almighty, that makes him understand

If this were not so, Abel would not have known how to give a more excellent offering than his brother **(Hebrews 11:4).**

Instead of Cain pushing his roots deeper in God, the sin nature he inherited from his parents took root in him so deeply that he took such drastic action against his brother without cause. Nobody had offended him. Abel did not attack him nor did he take anything from him. Abel just chose to raise sheep and Cain decided to till the earth.

Jesus the Son God who died for our sins gave His blood as a sacrifice. The fruit which Cain brought was supposed to be the result of cooperation between the Cain and the Trinity. It was supposed to display the true picture, where fruit is of the Spirit which stems from Christ, whose root is God. Cain was bearing the wrong fruit, and misrepresenting his root and stem thus, misrepresenting God by making Him seem like an accessory to murder.

God is interested in our fruit; the fruit of salvation, of righteousness, of joy, and of peace. He is interested in the fruit of the Spirit. When God looked at Cain's fruit offering, he did not just see the physical fruits that trees bore, but was also seeing the giver's heart and the fruit it would bear.

Matthew 7:20 (KJV)
Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

The shame and fear of what the world has to say is one of the things that shift most people's roots from God. The world was clapping for Abel and God was pleased with his offering. Cain as a first born believed his should have been better and could not stand hearing the world applaud someone else. What started out as slight jealousy, grew into bitterness to the point that Cain killed his brother. We need to take heed that we do not substitute God as our root for bitterness.

It is so important that we pay attention to our roots because it is the root that feeds the stem, which feeds the branches so that they bear fruit. If the water I drink is religious, full of sectarianism or any sort of evil, then my fruit will not be different.

Love of Money

1 Timothy 6:10 (KJV)

For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

In the scripture about the love of money, the evil root will supply its energy into that money to do no good. Money is not evil, but the love of it is evil. That is why we need to rediscover our root, which is Jehovah God. With Him as our root, He can pump life through the stem to us so that our fruit will be great. The fruit is the work of the Holy Spirit and to bear it, you must be rooted in God.

Mathew 12:33 (KJV)

Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit.

A tree comes from the root and a good tree must have a good root before it can bear good fruit. Whatever is in the branch is because of what is in root. If the roots are bitter, the fruit will come out bitter.

Romans 11:16 (KJV)

For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches.

How do you tell that the root is not good? It is in the ground. We do not see it. We only see the stem, the branches and the fruit. So how do we know whether the root is good or not? Simple! We do that by tasting the fruit. When our fruit is tasted, it is supposed to be obvious that our roots are in the living God. When they taste our fruit and find that it is good, they praise our Father.

Needless to say, the reverse is also true. If they taste our fruit and it is not good, they will shun our God.

Matthew 5:16 (KJV)
Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

God cursed Cain because He made his root look bad and today, there are many preachers who have made God seem bitter.

Whatever we do is a fruit of the spirit at work in us. Jesus said that we would know them or that they would know us by our fruit. We can tell that someone has a jealous or murderous spirit because of the fruit they produce. We need to safeguard our hearts. There is no other way you can protect yourself from evil people if you have not seen their fruit or been told by someone about it. Some people can look at a fruit and know that there is a worm in it. Having such people around you can prove quite advantageous, but no one is more accurate about that than the Holy Spirit.

However, if someone is hungry for success, they will ignore the Holy Spirit's prompting and go ahead and unknowingly eat the worm in the fruit because it looks good on the outside. Like the old English saying goes, *Not all that glitters is gold*

During Jesus' temptation, Satan took Jesus to the pinnacle of the temple. Could you imagine that? Satan was on the pinnacle of the temple.

Oftentimes, we have brought things into the Church that have nothing to do with Jesus. Nowadays, men's doctrines are more believed than the Bible itself. The only remedy for this is the Holy Spirit. Only the Holy Spirit will help us bear excellent fruit because again, fruit is of the Holy Spirit.

John 15:1-2 (KJV)

[1]I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. [2] Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

If we intend to bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit, we must be ready for Him to take some things out of our lives. We should surrender to Him fully and trust that whatever He does with us is all intended to help us bear more excellent fruit.

In light of bearing fruit, the Lord will prune some of the branches from your life. Trust Him. He will take the pride and arrogance, the anger and bitterness and all these factors that hinder us from bearing His fruit. He sometimes will even goes as far as pruning some people out of our life. Let Him do it. Trust God because you know He does all that to get you to bear more excellent fruit.

Listen to the Holy Spirit. Hold on to what He tells you to hold on to, and let go of what He tells you to let go of. You will not be like Cain, holding on to bitterness and such, that will instead contaminate the springs of living water in your heart. Listen to the Holy Spirit.

If we determine to be fruitful in God, we will be a shelter to many as a tree is, providing food for the hungry, shade for the weary and nesting for birds. From the tree we got the cross for our salvation, the lintels and the doorpost onto which the blood was smeared to prevent the angel of death and for deliverance from bondage, the table at which the Master sat at the Last Supper and so much more.

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However, a good tree does not attract only good things as mentioned earlier, it also has the risk of attracting snakes. A snake can climb a tree looking for eggs that have been laid there, and not for fruit. We should bear fruit, not lay eggs because snakes are interested in eggs while God is interested in fruit.

If a tree or person has evil roots, there is very little that you can do to help that situation. The corrupt root corrupts the whole tree. However, there is such a thing as grafting. Remember, **John 15** has told us that the Lord is the gardener. If you are attached to roots that you do not like, He has the ability to cut you from those roots of sin and to graft you into His Son, Jesus, so that you may bear good fruit.

We Gentiles were grafted into the commonwealth of Israel which had good roots.

Romans 11:24 (KJV)

For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?

Whenever you are blossoming, you are a partaker of the roots. Therefore, it is the roots in the ground which need the most care. If the roots are good, then whoever receives from them will become sweeter.

If Cain had stayed rooted in God, he would have been more compassionate and loving. Jesus chose us to bear fruit so that we may show off the God in us. When David realized that he had not borne the fruit he was supposed to, he asked God not to take the Holy Spirit from him.

Psalm 51:10-12

[10] Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.
[11] Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.
[12] Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

David realized that his shortcoming could only be made up for by the Holy Spirit. His sin, the evil fruit he bore, could only be dealt with by the Holy Spirit. He realized that the fruit he was beginning to bear was not of the Holy Spirit and immediately returned to his roots, God.

Most of the time, emphasis is put on the fruit of the Spirit than the root, but we should never forget that our root is God.

Transfiguration is like being grafted into a tree for the purpose of producing better fruit. We will not remain at transformation. We must be transfigured to the point that even our leaves change.

Genesis 1:11 (KJV)

And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after its kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

Every fruit has its own seed within and the seed is for the multiplication of the fruit. For this reason, we ought to be certain that we bear good fruit of the Holy Spirit because the fruit we bear has in it seed that can be planted to produce another tree. If the fruit is not good, how can we expect from it a good seed? And if the seed is not good, how can we expect from it a good tree? We need to bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

Even though Cain repented for killing Abel, the sin of murder never stopped with him, because as a fruit, it had within it seed that was planted, causing it to multiply.

The seed and the blood both have power to multiply and to speak. They work faster and speak louder because they both are of the spirit.

Exposing ourselves to the Holy Spirit and cultivating a relationship with Him will preserve us. Even the dead come to life in the presence of God.

Aaron's Rod Buds

Numbers 17:2,5-8 (KJV)

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and take of every one of them a rod according to the house of their fathers, of all their princes according to the house of their fathers twelve rods: write thou every man's name upon his rod...

5 And it shall come to pass, that the man's rod, whom I shall choose, shall blossom: and I will make to cease from me the murmurings of the children of Israel, whereby they murmur against you.
6 And Moses spake unto the children of Israel, and every one of their princes gave him a rod apiece, for each prince one, according to their fathers' houses, even twelve rods: and the rod of Aaron was among their rods.
7 And Moses laid up the rods before the Lord in the tabernacle of witness.
8 And it came to pass, that on the morrow Moses went into the tabernacle of witness; and, behold, the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi was budded, and brought forth buds, and bloomed blossoms, and yielded almonds.

For as long as Aaron held his staff, it was dead, but the moment he put it in the presence of God, it became alive within just twelve hours. It did not take days for Aaron's rod to bear fruit. God does not want to do great miracles for His children every once in a while. The scripture tells us that He daily loads us with benefits **(Psalm 68:19)**. The rod of Aaron budded the very day that it was placed in the presence of God, yet they were in the wilderness. Jesus wants us to bear fruit that will remain just like the rod of Aaron did **(John 15:16).**

The best way to preach to rebellious people is by living a life that bears tangible fruit. They must desire our lifestyle. We must dominate and be in leadership. We have to be ablaze for Jesus. We must come to that level.

The miracle of Aaron's rod sorted out a structural fault that was bordering on rebellion. When everyone saw Moses use the rod to do wonders, they went back to their camp and cut out rods for themselves, thinking the power was in the rod. Then before they knew it, the *rod doctrine* begun and the only way God would shut them up and protect the priesthood was to cause Aaron's rod to blossom and bear fruit.

As the rod of Aaron budded and remained in that state in the presence of God, we too can be sure that as long as we remain in the presence of God, we shall be safe and preserved. That rod of Aaron was transfigured in the presence of God in that it became alive again and begun to fulfill a destiny it had not been able to fulfill before. In the presence of God, everything that is rooted in Him lives on and on and leaves a legacy.

If a dead stick can bud within twelve hours, then in the presence of God our lives will be transformed.

In His presence, we have assurance of perpetual favor. If we learn to humbly lay bare before Him withholding nothing, then we shall become everything we ever dreamed of and even more. We shall begin to realize the role of the Holy Spirit in everything we do and discover that He knows us best. Our bearing fruit will shut the mouth of the devil - the accuser of the brethren. The proof of reformation is in structures. The proof of transformation is relocation and for a transfigured life, the proof is in the visitation.

When Martin Luther and other reformers were touched by God to do what they did, they ended up building structures. Reformers do not go too far in demolishing what was already there, yet we cannot to put new wine in old wineskins. We are not told what to do with the old wine skins, but we know that if we have something new, it is unwise to put it in something old.

There is more for the individual in transformation than in reformation. The reformers played a vital part in opening the eyes of the world to the truth, that scripture is alive and that the Holy Spirit is available to give us what the disciples got on the day of the Pentecost. Only 120 people were in the upper room, but they impacted the whole world with the gospel - the power of God.

Transformation comes after you renew your mind with the word of God. The Word you receive affects you to the point that you become a new person on the inside.

Transfiguration is all of the above, but it is so powerful that even the clothes we wear are completely changed. In transfiguration, the Jesus you have on the inside is evidently seen on the outside. Many of us do not know how to behave in the presence of God - to wait for it and enjoy it when He comes.

A young man from the kingdom of Mitego, Democratic Republic of Congo came to the revival purposely to be prayed for to receive the Holy Spirit. He commented that on the pulpit I am somebody different from person I am off the pulpit. When he said that, the first thing that came to my mind was transfiguration.

The Holy Spirit's work is to prove that Jesus Christ (the Word of God) is true. He takes everything from Jesus and gives it to us. Even the things we did not know about Jesus, we now know by the Holy Spirit.

As the Holy Spirit continues to reveal Jesus to us, we must beware of familiarity. In order to be transfigured, we must choose to be led by Jesus Christ. We should never lead ourselves. I believe that the disciples knew where the mountain was, but they let Jesus lead them. He led them in the direction of the transfiguration because He is the way.

CHAPTER NINE

RELATIONSHIP

Relationship is the reason why God wrote the Bible and why He created heaven and earth. It is the reason why God created man and stuck with Him even after he sinned in eating of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Relationship was His purpose in bringing His own Son to die on the cross, and in sending the Holy Spirit. Relationship is the reason for building a new heaven and new earth. God is so much into relationships that they are the reason for everything He does.

The scripture does not show us a plan that God put up to take all the animals to heaven, yet Jesus told us that He went to heaven to prepare a place for us; not for the animals, birds or fish, but for man. God is interested in an eternal relationship with man. As a matter of fact, one can safely say that God created man for relationship.

John 15:15 (KJV)

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.

In the English language, there are many words that can be derived from the word 'relationship,' the most significant of which are *relation* and *ship*. A ship moves on water and water is a type of the spirit. Therefore, relationships are spiritual. Take for example the scripture that says;

For the love of money is the root of all evil -1 Timothy 6:10 (KJV)

The word evil is usually closely associated with spirits. God is love and yet He is a Spirit. Therefore love is a spirit. If we relate with people from the spiritual standpoint, we will no longer have the nerve-wrecking relationships we usually suffer.

After His baptism, Jesus Christ went to the wilderness and was there with the wild beasts for forty days and nights. The reason why none of them turned Him into a snack was because His relationship with them was a good one just like Daniel's.

The same goes for money matters; when you have a poor relationship with money, you become poor.

You can extract several words from this *relate-ship* such as; *late, relate, ate, real, at, etal, tear, tears, later, reel, hip, sip, ship, heat, pit, lit,*

tip, rip, reap, rest, rat, haste and so many more. Once the *relate-ship* is on the ocean, you cannot jump off easily. You have to remain on board until you reach your destination. Like a ship sailing through waves, sharks, icebergs and so much more on the ocean, all relationships go through different situations and conditions. However, we must remember that relationships are either destroyed or nurtured by the situations they go through.

God promised never to leave us nor forsake us **(Hebrews 13:5).** This brings into remembrance the story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego as the perfect representation of this. God fulfilled His promise because of the relationship He had with these three. Therefore, a strong relationship with God may not stop the enemy from trying to destroy us, but it gives us an assurance of victory in the end.

The Holy Spirit is the Master of relationships. Once He gets into a relationship with a people, He will never run away from it. He will be there convicting, persuading and leading us to the hands of God. A relationship does not work as a one-off – thus reason for the prefix, 're.' You have to keep going at it again and again.

The Holy Spirit is the Master of relationships.

A ship's manual is the guide that determines the safe passage of the ship on the waters, and the same applies to relationships. The Titanic sank because of several reasons, but the most outstanding of these is the fact that the sailors were not paying attention. They did not pay attention to the warnings and to the fact that they were sailing through an ice-field.

The Bible tells us to put off every weight and the sin that easily besets us because it is such weights that hinder or slow down our movement to our destination **(Hebrews 12:1).** Humility is key to overcoming every situation in a relationship.

The Person who has mastered the art of relationships most is the Holy Spirit. He knows how to remain in relationships. In the darkness at the beginning of creation, He was there. Even when Jesus, the Light of the world came, He was still there. He knows how to hold on to His assignment because He was sent here more than two thousand years ago, but has never quit on His assignment. When it comes to God and man, it is a purely spiritual relationship, but just like any other relationship, it cannot move on to the next level without the Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is the Master of relationships. Once He gets into a relationship with a people, He will never run away from it. In relationships, unity is a very important aspect. The Bible tells us that there is even such a thing as unity of the spirit **(Ephesians 4:1-3).**

There cannot be unity without the Spirit of God. This spiritual unity is applicable especially in marriage.

A good marriage cannot be just a physical union; the union must have its roots in the Spirit of God in order for the people involved to have a strong marriage. Man responds best when the Holy Spirit is involved and we need to learn from the Holy Spirit how to handle relationships.

Humility is key to overcoming every situation in a relationship.

Everybody who has encountered and been used of God has at a certain point been required to put work into improving their relationship with God and those around them. Relationships which have been taken for granted have not ended well. On the other hand, those who developed their relationships and took them to another level always finished strong. Abraham's relationship with God grew so fast that he was called the friend of God. He had such a relationship with God that he was willing to offer his son as a burnt sacrifice at God's instruction, just like God offered His Son for us **(Genesis 22:1-18)**

Jesus said, "**For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Matthew 11:30 (KJV)** Darkness and light cannot be yoked together and neither can witchcraft and the Holy Spirit. I believe the development of relationship is one of the things we ought to work at most.

When Jesus was raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit, He stayed on earth for forty days demonstrating His power before His disciples with infallible proofs. Why would He stay where He was crucified and where did He reside those forty days? Anyway, the important thing is that He stayed here for forty days. I believe it is because He was looking to establish and solidify God's relationship with man.

Relationships which have been taken for granted have not ended well.

Our relationship with God is much more important than our relationships with people. Whereas God is innately looking out for our best interest, most human relationships are motivated by self-interest. God wants to empower what is good in us. When Peter and John met the crippled man at the beautiful gate of the temple, they took him by the right hand (not the wrong hand) and he got up. He was strengthened and was able to run, leap and walk.

Often times when the topic of relationships is discussed, it is usually misunderstood. We tend to focus on weaknesses (wrong hand) rather than strengths (right hand) and that is why many relationships do not last, yet relationships are very important for us to master. I believe marriages will last longer if they start in the Spirit of God because it is only God who **'... knew you before you were in your mother's womb...' - Jeremiah 1:5**

Relationships that are born of the Spirit of God, will enhance our relationship with fellow men, with resources and with this planet earth, and will enable us to experience heaven on earth. How can someone relate with the God of signs, wonders and miracles and be suffocated by demonic oppression? It is only possible if the relationship is weak.

Just like we come to church to worship, go to stadiums to watch sports, or go to the hospital to be treated and to the bank because we need money, we come to the Holy Spirit to have a fruitful relationship. The place of the Holy Spirit is a place of relationship.

The statement, **"I will never leave thee nor forsake thee" (Hebrews 13:5)** is a relationship statement. You cannot say that to someone you are not in relationship with. That is why God's intention is to restore the hearts of fathers to sons and sons to fathers **(Malachi 4:6).**

Relationships are so powerful that even witches who have got a concrete relationship with the devil are used mightily of him. Why some relationships fail is because the parties therein do not involve the Holy Spirit. When you do not have the Holy Spirit in a relationship, you only talk about ordinary carnal things. And since the relationship is not firm in the spirit, those carnal things can shake it and even cause it to collapse.

Instead of relating with a person, many of us relate with the person's title. For example, there was a young ruler who called Jesus Rabbi. He was relating to a title. When Jesus told

him to go sell his property and give the money to the poor, and follow (relate with) Him as person, he was saddened and walked away.

Mark 10:21-22 (KJV)

21 Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.

22 And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions.

I believe relationships will reveal the hearts of men; those who are really for you and those who are against you. Relationship control and govern this world. Relationships are the basis of systems; the world is sustained because of the way the eco system, solar system and other systems relate. Relationships are all about systems and that is why people do not usually understand them. King Solomon in all his wisdom said, 'I do not understand the love between a man and a maid.'

Proverbs 30:18-19 (KJV)

18 There be three things which are too wonderful for me, yea, four which I know not:
19 The way of an eagle in the air; the way of a serpent upon a rock; the way of a ship in the midst of the sea; and the way of a man with a maid.

No person is an expert on relationships; it is only the Holy Spirit that understands them best.

The reason why so many children are rebellious today is because they do not have a relationship with their parents. In this world, whatever business you are going to be involved in, you must learn to relate.

If we understand the relationship God wants to have with us and how much we need Him, we will work on our relationship with Him. Some of the oils that lubricate the machine called relationship are **repentance, humility** and **encouragement.** Where encouragement is, the glory of the Lord fills the earth and we are totally overwhelmed by His provisions and presence. When we are in right relationship with people, they will be able to strengthen us to go through whatever challenges we encounter, quickly. It is very important that we understand the power of relationship in the eyes of the Holy Spirit.

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Relationships require agreement in order to be sustained as prophet Amos reveals

Amos 3:3 (KJV)

Can two walk together, except they be agreed?

The keyword in this verse is "agree". When there is agreement, people can walk together. You cannot agree unless the Holy Spirit is there because He is the Master negotiator.

We should pursue the Holy Spirit and invite Him into our relationships. We should hand the key of our relationships over to Him and seek to please Him. That is how our relationships will begin to head in the right direction.

Benefits of Relationship

1. It creates relatives.
2. It creates adversaries and where adversaries are, you discover loyalty.
3. You are never alone with relationships. You do not rejoice, die or live alone.
4. Relationships defend, protect and expose.
5. You learn new ways to deal with situations because of the people you are related to.

When God wrote the sixty six books of the Bible, He wanted us to be in relationship with Him.

We have to be in relationship with the written Word of God and the Spirit of God. That is why God calls us partners. We are in relationship with God who is not just a Spirit, but a Spirit who is a Partner.

One of the stories that exemplifies the difference between true and false relationships is the story of Magic Johnson and Larry Bird. Earvin 'Magic' Johnson of the Los Angelles Lakers had a bitter rivalry with Boston Celtic's Larry Bird that defined both their carriers, and both of them were probably the best basketball players of their era. In 1991 however, when Magic made it public that he had contracted HIV/AIDS, that is when he found out who his true friends were. And one of his truest friends was Larry Bird.

Larry Bird called Magic and told him that he had got to know and had been devastated by the news. This brought Magic to tears because he realized that this man really cared deeply about him. They had been arch rivals in sports. Larry was an introvert while Magic was an open person. One year after Magic retired from the NBA, Larry Bird quit as well because he had no other motivation to keep playing - the only person who was his driving force to keep playing had quit the game. People started marginalizing Magic so much that he could no longer even play basketball for the L.A Lakers because some of his teammates did not want to get close to him fearing that they could contract the disease by playing with him.

In 1992 when it was discovered that Magic could still play basketball without infecting his teammates, he was called up to play for the U.S Olympic team, "the Dream Team". Bird was also called out of retirement and drafted on to the team and they had a chance to play together one more time, this time on the same team. They are still friends to this day after all these years.

CHAPTER TEN

GOVERNMENT

Isaiah 9:6-7 (KJV)

6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

When Jesus was baptized, the Holy Spirit came upon Him in the form of a dove and rested upon His shoulder. God is a King and believes in government. However, God's system of government is unlike our earthly systems. In God's government, there is no prime minister, no minister of finance or any such title.

We are all worshippers and the Holy Spirit is the over all in-charge. He Himself is the government of God.

Ignoring the Holy Spirit is the reason why we have been struggling in life, trying everything with nothing working. If you ran around in this country searching for oil, diamonds or other minerals available for exploration, you would struggle to make headway until you go to the government. With connections in the government, you can get any resources available in a country. The same principle is applicable in the Kingdom of God with relation to the Holy Spirit.

Isaiah had been in the kingdom of Uzziah and it was the most magnificent he had seen. But when king Uzziah died, Isaiah saw the Lord lifted on high and His train filled the temple.

Isaiah 6:1-2 (KJV)

[1] In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple [2] Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

Our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit and He is the glory of God that fills us. Jesus comes into our heart, but it is the Holy Spirit who fills us.

Isaiah said that His name shall be called **Wonderful**,**Counsellor**, **The mighty God**, **The everlasting Father**, **The Prince of Peace**.

However, it is interesting that rarely do we refer to Jesus by these names.

We actually just call Him Jesus Christ. Jesus is God. That is why in His name, new eyes can be created and legs can grow. In His name, miracles happen and this is all by the power of the Holy Spirit, who is the government of God. It is absurd that we have no idea how the government of God works.

It is very easy to think that progressive governments are run on a one-man show, especially during election season. That myth is debunked when you are trying to process something big with the government and fail to proceed without the signature of a seemingly insignificant person. You cannot operate a government without a connection to the grass-roots. Jesus said 'whatever you shall bind on earth shall also be bound in heaven' **(Matthew 18:18).** He transferred the power to bind and loose in heaven to the earth. So when you go to heaven asking for something to be loosed, you are referred back to the earth where ordinary servants of God are.

While Cornelius was praying, he was instructed by an angel to send for Peter at Simon the Tanner's house in Joppa. The angel who spoke to him could have laid hands on him to receive the Holy Spirit and the issue would have been settled, but the things of God do not work that way, he referred him to a man of God **(Acts 10:1-6).**

The Bible says, **'believe God and you shall be established and believe His prophets and you shall prosper.' -2 Chronicles 20:20**

The government of God is run by the Holy Spirit, therefore, if a man is not anointed by the Holy Spirit, then it is a waste of time going to him for anything from God. He will not solve your problem. The best he will do is refer you to another man. The government of God and all its power is delegated in the Holy Spirit; His presence can solve all of your problems.

Jesus was on the earth for thirty years, yet we do not see the devil show up to tempt or attack Him. Demons tried to have Him killed when He was still a baby, but Satan himself never showed up. The moment the devil saw the government of God – the Holy Spirit descend upon Him, he showed up himself.

Luke 4:1-2 (KJV)

[1] And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, [2] Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered.

The real enemy of Satan is not man. On the contrary, he actually wants to work with man because he knows man's potential. He realizes that we are the image of God, so he thinks that if he woos man over to his side, then he can use man as a bargaining chip with God. The devil cannot build his kingdom nor can he make progress without man.

So the battle is not about us, but the Holy Spirit. Satan's greatest enemy is the Holy Spirit.

In fact Satan came to the garden purposely to distort, kill and destroy what the Holy Spirit had set. He did not have an initial quarrel against man per se, instead he came trailing where the Holy Spirit had gone. To illustrate this point, when Jesus Christ was conceived in His mother's womb, the devil did not know it, thus he never attacked Him until the heavenly host music broke out in song. He followed where it was and when he saw the baby Jesus, he entered into Herod and millions of babies died as a result.

Matthew 2:16 (KJV)

Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men.

Massive destruction by Satan is always his methodology in trying to eliminate one Holy Ghost individual. When he came in the garden he realized that it was the man and the woman who had the Holy Spirit, the breath of God and because iniquity is in him, a direct war started. Initially, he did not even know that man had been created and given authority over planet earth. Remember, he just fell from heaven.

Luke 10:18 (KJV)

And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

Likewise, though the Hebrews had been in bondage for 430 years, mistreated and denied of their rights, they were not denied their right to worship. They had a high priest and prophetess. They maintained their culture, for you cannot be a Jew, whether slave or free, without keeping your traditions. However, all of them including their leaders were nominal Jews, none of them were Spirit-filled until one of them (Moses) returned from Mount Sinai with the Holy Ghost. Pharaoh was willing to let them go as long as he kept their property and children, because at that time Egypt was profiteering by keeping them alive instead of killing their babies, as had been the case when Moses was born.

Therefore, Satan only follows, attacks and wages war where the breath of God, the Holy Spirit is. He knows that where the breath of God is, there is God's construction; His temple, His people, His Church that has been given power not just to fend off hell but to prevail against it.

Matthew 16:18 (KJV)

And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

The following are some of the reasons why the devil does pre-emptive attacks wherever the Holy Spirit is located.

1. The Holy Spirit gives life while the devil kills life.

2. The Holy Spirit resurrects while the devil destroys.

3. The Holy Spirit reforms, while Satan stagnates.

4. The Holy Spirit transforms, renews and makes new the old. On the contrary, Satan uses tradition and old ways to keep man bound in them.

5. The Holy Spirit through grace sets a higher standard of righteousness when the devil floods nations.

6. The Holy Spirit counteracts the three stages of satanic attacks which are to steal, kill and destroy, with reformation, transformation and transfiguration.

7. The Holy Spirit transfigures man by turning him into another man.

It is important that you understand that man without the breath of God will merely exist but not live. Satan hates the breath of God, the Holy Spirit. By default, we are counted by demons - enemies of his state because we have accepted the Holy Spirit.

2 Corinthians 4:8-12 (KJV)

[8] We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;

[9] Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;

[10] Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.

[11] For we which live are alway delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh. [12] So then death worketh in us, but life in you.

So the choice is yours to either stay lukewarm and be spewed out of the mouth of God or to join the noble war with the Holy Spirit and take the real fire to the enemy's camp. The enemy of the Holy Spirit naturally, physically, economically, spiritually and in all aspects of life is your enemy and has declared war on you, and on all inhabitants of the earth.

Revelation 12:10-12 (KJV)

[10] And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.
[11] And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their

lives unto the death.
12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabiters of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

The greatest comfort we have in all this is **Joel 2:28** which says,

"28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:
29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.
30 And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.
31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the Lord come.
32 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call."

Joel 2:28-32 (KJV)

Let us fight and win.

Idi Amin never banned religion in Uganda. As a matter of fact, he visited different religious establishments regularly and donated charitably to them, but he banned spirit-filled churches. The story of many people before getting saved is that they have a certain religious background. They were never hated or persecuted while they were in their religion, but the moment they gave their lives to Christ and were filled with the Holy Spirit, they began to be hated and persecuted, some even by their own families. There was no reason for them to be hated because they are still the same people, but because the real enemy of the devil is the Holy Spirit, the devil stirred up hatred toward them. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth **(John 14:16-17)** and the devil is the father of lies and was a lair from the very beginning **(John 8:44)**. The Spirit of Truth reveals the lies of the devil and exposes iniquity.

The Holy Spirit is the government of God. It is the government's responsibility to protect its people, provide for them opportunities and keep them and their properties safe, but the government of God - the Holy Spirit - is more than that.

The Holy Spirit brings to remembrance the things that God has spoken.

In the book of Exodus we get an understanding that God was made to remember His covenant with the children of Israel.

Exodus 2:24-25 (KJV)

24 **And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.**

[25] And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God had respect unto them.

Exodus 6:5 (KJV)

And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage; and I have remembered my covenant.

The fact that God had to remember implies that He can forget.

Isaiah 43:25 (KJV)

I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

God actually tells His people to remind Him!

Isaiah 43:26 (KJV)

Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified.

It is the Holy Spirit who brings things to remembrance.

John 14:26 (KJV)

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.

For thirty years, God had not publicly acknowledged His Son, but when the Holy Spirit came upon Him when He was baptized in the River Jordan, God publicly did so. The Holy Spirit causes remembrance.

The Holy Spirit is also the Spirit of prayer, and true prayer is by the Holy Spirit without whom we cannot even pray effectively.

Romans 8:26-27 (KJV)

[26] Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.
[27] And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

The Holy Spirit is the one who helps us pray according to the will of God. Without Him, we pray amiss.

Galatians 4:6 (KJV)

...God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

It is not we who cry out, but the Holy Spirit in us who cries out in prayer. Until He prays in you, you do not have prayer but a ritual. When you analyze the prayer which the Lord taught His disciples to pray, you will realize that it was the Holy Spirit praying. The Bible says that

we do not even know how to pray and that is why we pray amiss, but the Spirit of God in us cries out 'Abba Father'. So the real issue about prayer is in getting Him to pray my prayer. He should talk to the Father about me.

When John the Baptist was announcing the coming of Jesus, he said that He who was coming after him would baptize with the Holy Ghost and fire. So the coming of Jesus brought those two things – The Holy Ghost and Fire

Luke 3:16 (KJV)

John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:

John was filled with the Holy Ghost in the womb of His mother and that is why he could baptize Jesus. When Jesus was being baptized, the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in the form of a dove and rested upon His shoulder to fulfill the prophecy of Isaiah. Since it had been prophesied that Jesus would baptize with the Holy Ghost and with fire, the Holy Spirit had to come upon Him so that He would be able to do so.

That is why we can never succeed in our lives as believers without going beyond our new birth experience. Jesus not only brings us to repentance, He also is the Baptizer in the Holy Ghost and fire.

We therefore must go beyond Calvary (Salvation from sin), to the Upper Room (Pentecost - where the Holy Spirit and fire falls upon our lives and causes us to be transfigured.) For this very reason, Jesus commanded His disciples not to depart from Jerusalem, but to tarry until they were endued with power from on high.

Luke 24:49 (KJV)

And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

It is this Holy Spirit and fire bunch of unlearned men that shook the entire known world in just a few years!

Acts 8:4-8 (KJV)

4 Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word.
5 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.
6 And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.
7 For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.
8 And there was great joy in that city.

Acts 17:6 (KJV)

And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also;

John baptized the people knowing for sure that the Savior was coming to save them. It was the Holy Spirit in John that preached repentance and it is the Holy Spirit Himself who sets the world on fire.

It is this Holy Spirit and fire bunch of unlearned men that shook the entire known world in just a few years!

It is in the Upper Room that the government of God (the Holy Spirit) takes over your life. That is why a people who started out confessing "Silver and gold have I none" in **Act 3:6**, were the same experiencing such abundance that money was being laid at their feet in **Acts 4**.

Acts 4:33-35 (KJV)

[33] And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

[34] Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, [35] And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.

Lack is the result of ignoring the government of God - the Holy Spirit.

When something that is supposed to take one month takes twenty years to be accomplished, the enemy rejoices over our apparent failure, but that only happens because we have ignored the most important Person-the Holy Spirit.

Jesus Christ would not go anywhere without the Holy Spirit. He talked with Nicodemus of being born again but Nicodemus, a teacher of the law could no comprehend what was being said **(John 3:1-13).** The difference between Jesus and Nicodemus was that Jesus was a teacher filled with the Holy Spirit whereas Nicodemus was a teacher filled with religion.

Lack is the result of ignoring the government of God - the Holy Spirit.

Once the Holy Spirit is involved, we cease to just deal with Him as a Person and begin to deal with the government of God and that is how miracles begin to happen. Jesus promised

to send us the Holy Spirit said, "I am going away but I will send you the Holy Spirit - the government of God."

John 14:16 (KJV)

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever;

When dealing with the Holy Spirit, we are dealing with the government of God.

I hope you have been blessed by this fourth book of the Holy Spirit. I pray that it helps you get to know the Holy Spirit better.

Finally, if you have not given your life to Christ yet, I hereby extend this opportunity to you. It is as easy as saying the simple prayer below, but said from the bottom of your heart, it could be the most important decision of your life.

Dear Lord Jesus

I know I am a sinner.
I come before you asking that you forgive me of my sin and be my personal Lord and Savior.
I surrender my all to you, I denounce the ways and works of the devil
And I will follow you all my days
Holy Spirit, fill me
That my life will never again remain the same.
From today, I AM BORN AGAIN AND GOD IS MY FATHER.

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