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DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to the glory of the Lord, my Faithful Father Who called and sent me to "Go and Take the Rudiments of the Land for Christ" Colossians 2:8-20, to Him alone be all the glory and honour forever in Jesus name, Amen.

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PREFACE

TIME TO CELEBRATE GOD is a timely material because many find it difficult to show gratitude to God in time like this. This is really a time where lives are becoming unpleasant, where taking a place for God requires spiritual ruggedness, where wisdom of different kinds emerge, and where the world refused to augur well with people of diverse categories. This generation seems to hold no respect for anyone, diverse tragedies are the order of the days, and signs of end times are not far-fetched. These and many others made ingratitude a common phenomenon among both the believers and unbelievers.

We are indeed in the perilous times, yet the scripture admonishes us to be grateful to God in and for all things. Mere meditatively flipping through the pages of the Bible, we will find out

that there is time for everything, but there is never a time when man should cease from celebrating God. This is because our God is good at all times. According to the Psalmist, He is fondly known as the One who is beautiful for all situation. This book will thus provide practical guide with which we can celebrate God in both good and bad times. He has done many marvelous things for us despite the situations at hand.

Whatever you do to God will surely be reciprocated to you. He loves those who love Him, honours those who honour Him, looks down on those who look-down on Him, and celebrates those who celebrate Him. Imagine what it takes and what we have to gain if the King of kings decides to celebrate us! Indeed the magnitude of our blessings will be of greater measure and no one will need to stir us

up to praise and thank God. If you can consider those that were once celebrated by the Kings of the earth, you will definitely count it a great privilege to see mortal beings enjoying honour from God. Mere reflecting the experiences of Mordecai, Esther, Joseph (in Egypt), Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, on how they felt after being celebrated by mortal Kings, it was a glorious moment of their lives. How much more when celebrated by the One Who enthrones and dethrones Kings, Our God? The best thing that can happen to a man is to be celebrated by God and this can only take place after such man celebrates God.

This book will thus take you through celebrating God for victory, blessings, the Oil of Joy, with a shout of praise, and for rest and quietness. These are our heritage as children of God and we must thank Him for them. I hereby

encourage you to approach this book with a heart of gratitude and respond with a shout of praise where required. It is my wholehearted prayer that the Lord will be celebrated as you devour the context here-in in Jesus name, Amen.

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CHAPTER ONE

CELEBRATING GOD FOR VICTORY



2 Chronicles 20:18-24

[18] And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem

fell before the LORD, worshipping the LORD.

[19] And the Levites, of the children of the Kohathites, and of the children of the Korhites, stood up to praise the LORD God of Israel with a loud voice on high.

[20] And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said,

Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.

[21] And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the LORD, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the LORD; for his mercy endureth for ever.

[22] And when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten.

[23] For the children of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of mount Seir, utterly to slay and destroy them: and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, every one helped to destroy another.

[24] And when Judah came toward the watch tower in the wilderness, they looked unto the multitude, and, behold, they were dead bodies fallen to the earth, and none escaped.

Victory means winning. A victorious person is such that has won a competition, an event or a battle.

To celebrate means to be joyful, be it over a competition, an event or a battle. It may also means to express joy through ceremonies or to honour someone. Hence to celebrate God for victory is all about becoming joyful in God and honouring Him for making us a winner over competitions, events and battles of the past, present and future.

2nd Chronicles 20 documents an illustration of battle that rose against a small nation named Judah. It was under the royal leadership of King Jehoshaphat. Their enemies were much in

number, great in strength and unique in techniques (verses 1&2). Out of fear, the king declared a national fasting (verse 3). They all kept beseeching God for help and reminding Him His beautiful promises (verses 14&15).

There is a word for you today, **you may be facing a very great battle, competition or an event, and you are at the verge of turning back or giving up?"***Thus says the Lord to you: Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God's" (2nd Chronicles 20:15). Don't be moved by their strength, abilities and numbers, the Lord is in charge.*

God told them that they won't need to fight, they should just keep looking and see how He saves from battles that are bigger than His children (verses 16 & 17). Every believer must adopt the response God gave the children of Judah as

stated above. From today, one must keep moving, confronting the battles, keep looking, stop fighting or employing physical strength in the battles around and ahead. God is ever prepared to show the world how He does saves His children. He told them just as He is telling you now, "*....do not be afraid, I will be with you*".

Having heard from God, the king stopped them from praying and they all worshipped the Lord. Their choristers (the Levites and kohathites) became prepared and stood up to praise God with a loud voice (Verses 18 & 19). New Living Translation says, *.....stood to praise the LORD, the God of Israel, with a very loud shout.*

Every believer is a prepared vessel and instrument of praise to God. Psalm 150 declares that everything that has breath must praise the Lord. Hence, we must praise Him with a very loud shout. Praises is no more

limited to the Levites and Kohathites, every one with the breath of life owes God ceaseless gratitude.

These people then became so bold to confront the battles ahead. They suddenly forgot about the techniques, abilities and great numbers of their enemies. They no more considered the seemingly impossible tasks ahead, but started seeing solutions, settled cases, accomplished tasks and impossibilities turned possible. This was the aftermath of hearing God for their situation. I doubt if they slept that night. They were like saying, *'end has come to our battles, how we wish we could match out to the battle field now'.*

The same words sent to them has just been relayed to you, if you are illuminated like them, you should start acting in like manner. You should at this juncture, be very eager to praise

God for victory as they did. They rose up very early on the next day and marched majestically to the battle field (verse 20). This is painting a picture of inward great faith. The battle was there waiting for them, but they believed the report and good news from the Lord and celebrated Him for victory. I encourage you not to see or think about the battles ahead of you in the seasons and journeys of life. Ephesians 5:16 teaches that, days are full of evil but there is a way out. Believe this divine Instruction and the good news here released in order to actualize the already prepared victory for the believers.

1 Corinthians 3:21-22

[21]Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours;

[22]Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or

things to come; all are yours;

Victory is already yours so far you are on the Lord's side. With this knowledge, they boldly



and joyfully sang to God, celebrated Him and talked about the beauty of His holiness.

They praised and adored Him for His manifold and everlasting mercies (verse 21). Just like this nation was confronted by three (3) mightier nations which they called great multitudes in verse 2, great battles may be awaiting us in the seasons ahead, but our confidence must be in the Lord. We have to believe the ridiculous and seemingly foolish instructions in order to achieve the already prepared victory. We must start praising Him for His holiness and mercies before and within the battles. God was with them as He

promised in verse 17, He definitely went ahead of them as they praised Him. As we celebrate God today despite whatever is ahead or around us, He will surely go behind us, with us and ahead of us from this day.

The enemies started fighting themselves until they killed one another. It was recorded that none escaped among them (verses 22 to 24). If the Faithful God, Who never failed in His promises has moved ahead of us according to His word, then who and what can be against us?

Romans 8:31

[31]What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

Which of our enemies can escape the wrath of God? None. Of course, if I am to present another answer to this question, I would say, it is only the enemy that is stronger than our Battle Anchor - God, of which there is none (1st

John 4:4).

There were roles that both men of Judah and God played in order to actualize their victory:

1, They prayed to God for help (verse 4). In other words, they recognized God as their Helper and acknowledged their weaknesses.

2, They heard God for the future and for their situations (verse 15)

3, They believed God for victory. In other words, they believed what He said and who He sent (verses 19 & 20).

4, They moved on by acting on God's Instructions (Verses 21 and 22). They never doubted nor questioned Him. If you believe, you will act and those who act always see the reaction of God. *'God reacts when man acts'.*

James 4:8

[8]Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.....

Luke 1:45

[45]And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.

There won't be performance or result if we fail to take a step.

5, And God did what He promised - He gave them victory.

GOD'S EXPECTATIONS FROM US

1, Play the roles of Judah and leave the rest to God

2, Be a child of God

3, Before now, you must have been praying, crying, fasting to God and relying on Him for help.

4, Hear God for that situation. He has spoken to us through this teaching. The word of prophecy to us is recorded in verses 15 to 17 among others documented in the Holy Bible.

5, Believe God for victory. Believe what He said and who He sent.

6, Act on His Instructions

His instruction for today and this season is simple and straight, He said you should celebrate Him for victory, this is because He will definitely show up in you, with you and ahead of you against every confrontation.

To round up this chapter, I would like to state that, ahead of every man are new seasons, be it new seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, and years. Yet, they don't come without difficulties (Ephesians 5:16). They are full of evils, battles, wilderness, fire, walls, gates, doors, obstacles, winds, storms, deserts, sicknesses, losses, famine, lack, curses, demons and several other confrontations. But with God by our sides, we are more than a winner (Romans 8:31 & 37). So far He has

promised us His presence, we should show gratitude to Him by celebrating/honouring Him. It is good to also note that, children of Judah were children of promise. They were children of God and it was never heard in history where nations went to battles against others with musical instruments. This is simply because those nations did not know God let alone hearing His Omnipresence promises. For every unsaved soul to praise God acceptably and be sure of His presence with and ahead of them, they must surrender their lives to Jesus and confess Him as their Lord and Personal Saviour. If you haven't done that, please don't joke with this privilege:

Say *Lord Jesus, I want to be a child of God so as to enter every season of life victoriously and to enjoy the victory You have prepared for Your children. Please have mercy on me and forgive*

me, I confess You as my Lord and Personal Saviour, I believe that You are the Son of God. Please save my soul and write my name in the book of life. Thank You for saving me, in Jesus name, Amen.

THREE(3) THANKSGIVING PRAYERS TO
CELEBRATE GOD FOR VICTORY

1, The breath of life in us is an evidence of divine victory. Our God has not changed, He can still grant victory in this present time and times to come. He is worthy to praised.

Psalms 124:1-8

[1]If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, now may Israel say;

[2]If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, when men rose up against us:

[3]Then they had swallowed us up quick, when their wrath was kindled against us:

[4]Then the waters had overwhelmed us, the

stream had gone over our soul:

[5]Then the proud waters had gone over our soul.

[6]Blessed be the LORD, who hath not given us as a prey to their teeth.

[7]Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped.

[8]Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

1 Corinthians 15:57

[57]But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Malachi 3:6

[6]For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

Hebrews 13:8

[8]Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

Say, Father, I thank You for the victory of the past and present. Thank You for the victory You have prepared for me from this day and beyond. I believe that I am already victorious over the battles and confrontations ahead. You can never change, You will never change. You are the God that gave victory to Judah over great battles, over difficult situations, You are my God. You have never changed, You can never loose, You will always be victorious. Thank you my Unchangeable Father. *(Go ahead and thank Him)*

2, There is a presence of God that gives victory and liberty. Mere considering His promises of ever abiding presence, we have to celebrate Him for these.

Matthew 28:20

[20]Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I _

am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

2 Chronicles 20:17

[17]Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: for the LORD will be with you.

Romans 8:31,37

[31]What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

[37]Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

Say, Father, thank You because You are with me, my family and all that concerns me. Thank You for You will be with me from this day onward. Thank You for moving ahead of me and against my difficult situations. You are with me, and ahead of me, confronting my battles, giving

me victory, healing my sicknesses, moving the mountains, clearing the wilderness, quenching the fiery fire, lifting the gates and doors, removing the obstacles, stopping the lions, incapacitating the demons, calming the storms, ceasing the winds, rising against lack, preventing losses, rebuking evils and ending wickedness. Thank You Father because You are with me and ahead of me to handle my situations. Thank You for You are with me, releasing victory over battles, thank You for Your presence that gives victory (*Go ahead and thank God*)

3, They praised God for who He is by talking about His Holiness and mercy. And He went ahead of them to clear off their enemies. I encourage you to take a bold step to also thank God for who He is in the face of battles and confrontations. I assure and welcome you to

the realm victory as you do so in Jesus name,
Amen.

2 Chronicles 20:21-22

***[21]And when he had consulted with the people,
he appointed singers unto the LORD, and that
should praise the beauty of holiness, as they
went out before the army, and to say, Praise the
LORD; for his mercy endureth for ever.***

***[22]And when they began to sing and to praise,
the LORD set ambushments against the
children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir,
which were come against Judah; and they were
smitten.***

Say, Father I thank You for who You are, You
are:

- Adonai
- Almighty God
- Alpha and Omega
- Ancient of days

- Author of life
- Author of peace
- Avenger
- Bishop of our soul
- Breath of life
- Captain of salvation
- Commander of Heavenly Host
- Consuming Fire
- Creator
- Counsellor
- EL Elyon - The Most High God
- El Shaddai - The God of the mountains
- Emmanuel
- Everlasting God
- Everlasting Father
- Everlasting King
- God of Possibilities
- Highest God
- Holy

- Jehovah Nissi - Our Banner
- Jehovah Rapha - Our Healer
- Jehovah Sabbaot - Lord of Host
- Jehovah Shalom - Our Peace
- Jehovah Yahweh - Our Saviour
- Living God
- Living Stone
- Living water
- Lord of all
- Lord of Lords
- Man of war
- Merciful and Gracious
- Mighty in battle
- Mighty God
- Mighty One of Israel
- Miracle Worker
- Most Upright
- My Deliverer
- Our Shield

- Our Fortress
- Our Rock
- Our Hiding Place
- Strong Tower
- Victorious God

Thank You Father for who You are, thank You because You are showing up for me and my family from this day onward in Jesus name, Amen.

HYMN: TO GOD BE THE GLORY, GREAT THINGS HE HATH DONE

"Give unto the Lord the glory." - Ps 29:2

1. To God be the glory, great things He hath done,

So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And open'd the life gate that all may go in.

CHORUS:

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son;

*And give Him the glory! great things, He hath
done!*

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

CHORUS:

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son;

*And give Him the glory! great things, He hath
done!*

3. Great things He hath taught us, great things

He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be,
Our wonder, our triumph when Jesus we see.

CHORUS:

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son;

*And give Him the glory! great things, He hath
done!*

*Keep singing unto the Lord in spirit and in
understanding.*

CHAPTER TWO

CELEBRATING GOD FOR BLESSINGS



2 Chronicles 20:24-25

[24]And when Judah came toward the watch tower in the wilderness, they looked unto the multitude, and, behold, they were dead

bodies fallen to the earth, and none escaped.

[25]And when Jehoshaphat and his people came to take away the spoil of them, they found among them in abundance both riches with the dead bodies, and precious jewels, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away: and they were three days in gathering of the spoil, it was so much.

Blessings means divine rewards and favour. We all know that to celebrate means to honour, hence to celebrate God for blessings means to give honour to God for His rewards and favour in the past, present and future. It is my prayer that these blessings will never cease in Jesus name, Amen.

God decided to fight for His children and went further to reward them for the battle they never fought (verse 24 & 25). There are indeed great rewards for praising and celebrating God in the battle front. There are numerous rewards for thanking God during an unpleasant situation. For the fact that God was involved, their strengths were renewed and yet were of no importance. Divine involvement makes a man to neither exhaust his strength nor make use of it in the face of difficulties, however, he gets handsome rewards after gaining victory. When

God is involved, your labour won't be needed rather you will receive favour from Him. He favoured the children of Judah even though they never laboured in the battle front, they only believed and acted what He said.

Favour of God is the commensurate reward for faith in God. He fought for them, gave them victory and rewarded them greatly. Don't only expect victory from today, but further expect blessings and believe that they are already acquired. We are all enjoying this not because of our labour, efforts or righteousness, but because of God's mercy. We will also remain victorious from this day not because of who we are, our effective prayers and fasting, giving, intellect and other heavenly provoking services but because of His mercy. We are believing God for blessings, and great rewards from this day as we celebrate Him. These blessings are not

rewards for the past quality seeds sown, nor because we are qualified but because we have received mercy in the place of gratitude.

1 Corinthians 3:6-7

[6]I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

[7]So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.

Some may exert different efforts on different ventures but increase only comes from God. The progress, increase, growth and blessings of the Lord is not a function of human efforts. It is never your savings, business techniques and strategies, nor your locations that determine your blessings but God. We can learn a lot from Patriarch Isaac in Genesis 26:1-4, who was blessed in a land where there was a very great famine. Everything about fruitfulness and

blessings was against that land but because of the Divine presence that brings increase and productivity, he was greatly blessed.

Genesis 26:1-4, 12-14

[1]And there was a famine in the land, beside the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went unto Abimelech king of the Philistines unto Gerar.

[2]And the LORD appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of:

[3]Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I sware unto Abraham thy father;

[4]And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the

nations of the earth be blessed;

[12]Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the LORD blessed him.

[13]And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great:

[14]For he had possession of flocks, and possession of herds, and great store of servants: and the Philistines envied him.

True blessing comes from God and doesn't require human labour. It was God that made available to you every blessing you have enjoyed till now even though you made some moves and investments. Only Him gives increase.

John 3:27 NLT

John replied, "No one can receive anything unless God gives it from heaven.

James 1:17 NLT

Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow.

1st Corinthians 4:7 NLT

For what gives you the right to make such a judgment? What do you have that God hasn't given you? And if everything you have is from God, why boast as though it were not a gift?

You wouldn't have gotten those blessings (true blessings) if not for God. He gave the children of Judah great blessings without sweat. All they did was to believe. This is not to encourage laziness or idleness, but to stir up total trust in God for blessings and never on our experiences, hard work and labour. Whatever a man does will only bring blessings when God is in it. Without God there won't be results (Luke 1:37, Matthew

19:26, John 15:5). He gave them blessings beyond their strengths and expectations. This was enough to make them honour God for the rest of their lives. Such blessing is prepared for us in this season and beyond in Jesus name, Amen.

There are blessings only God can give, these make history of humanity and lead to testimonies of God's mercies. Psalm 126:1-3 teach that the world can amazingly talk about our God as a doer of great things when restoration comes like a dream. Just as the children of Judah had to use three days to pack the blessings (Verse 25). It is only those who can obey the Instructions of God like the children of Judah that will enjoy this kind of blessings, that is, blessings beyond measure.

Divine blessings precede obedience to Divine Instructions. He once gave Instructions on

tithes in order to release blessings beyond measure (Malachi 3:10). He also promised a running over blessing to every one that gives (Luke 6:38).

Today, in addition to the already laid down principles to getting blessed, He specifically promised to release blessings beyond measure if men celebrate Him (2nd Chronicles 20;15-17). If you can believe and act on this Instruction like the children of Judah who got it first-hand, you will end up getting blessed beyond expectations and measures.

Effortless miracle of provision, that is, provision without sweat is not an abandoned gospel. When men have played their parts, just like taking godly steps to get blessed, blessings do come to them effortlessly and without their sweat. Jesus can still multiply five loaves and two fishes (Matthew 14:17-21). He can still

bring out something from nothing, thereby restoring lost hope. He caused a great catch for Peter after all night toiling (Luke 5:4-6). He can still increase the pot of oil and turn a poor person to a blessing (2nd Kings 4:2-7). He can still make special provisions in time of famine (1st Kings 17:14-16). He can lift a man from nobody to somebody, I mean to an influential man (2nd Samuel 6:10-12).

God is still in the business of making men to fly from where they are to a higher and greater level of glory. So far you are one of His children and will keep obeying His Instructions, you will definitely fly out of lack to abundance, failure to success, want and scarcity to availability.

Those yet to receive Jesus should explore this wonderful moment by saying these prayers:

Lord Jesus, thank You for giving me opportunity to surrender to You. I am a sinner, I am not

worthy to call on You. Please have mercy on me and forgive me. Wash me with Your blood, I confess You as my Lord and Personal Saviour, and believe that You are the Son of God, please save my soul and write my name in the book of life, so that I may keep enjoying Your effortless blessings in Jesus name, Amen.

Let's celebrate God for blessings:

Psalms 23:1-6

[1] The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

[2]He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

[3]He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

[4]Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

[5]Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my

head with oil; my cup runneth over.

*[6]Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the
house of the LORD for ever.*

Ephesians 1:3

*[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:*

Say, Father thank You for the blessings of the past, present and future. Thank You for the rewards and favour You have made available for me and my family from this day onward. Thank You for being my Shepherd, I will not want, You have taken me into green pastures, You are providing for me, meeting my needs, releasing Your blessings, restoring my losses, renewing my strength and anointing me with overflowing blessings. Thank You my Shepherd, the Source of true blessings in Jesus name, Amen.*(Keep*

thanking Him)

2, The best way to show that You believe it is done is to praise God for it. The people of Judah started celebrating God as soon as they heard from Him. This paints a picture of faith despite the fact that the battle was still waiting for them the next day. They became established and prosperous for believing in the possibility power of God and in His faithfulness to His promises (2nd Chronicles 20:19 & 20).

Mark 11:24

[24]Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Luke 1:45

[45]And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.

Say, Father thank You for Your presence that

brings blessings. Thank You because You are with me and ahead to bless me from this day. I believe and thank You for Your blessings beyond measure, blessings beyond my expectations, blessings beyond my efforts and labour. I celebrate You for Your presence that blesses me, my family and everything that concerns me. I thank You for Your joyful rewards and favour, thank You for Your blessings in my marriage, homes, spiritual, physical, mental, emotional and financial life. Thank You for blessing my body, soul and spirit. Thank You for opening the heavens upon me for showers of blessings. Thank You for shaking the heavens, the earth, the sea and everything You created, to release blessings on me from this day. Thank You for the blessings I deserve and don't deserve which will forever make me celebrate You. I thank You in Jesus name,

Amen.

3, God instructed them to celebrate Him and they obeyed by praising Him for who He is - Holy and Merciful, then He rewarded them greatly (2nd Chronicles 20:21-22). Wisdom teaches one to follow suit in such a way that if He is to manifest as such, our blessings will be greatly released.

2nd Chronicles 20:25

[25]And when Jehoshaphat and his people came to take away the spoil of them, they found among them in abundance both riches with the dead bodies, and precious jewels, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away: and they were three days in gathering of the spoil, it was so much.

Father, I thank You for who You are. You are:

- Alpha and Omega
- All in all

- All sufficient
- Author and Finisher of our faith
- Chief Shepherd
- Crown of beauty
- Day spring
- Desire of all nation
- Excellent
- Faithful Father
- Father of light
- Father to the fatherless
- Glory of the Lord
- Glorious Lord
- God of the Abraham
- God of Isaac
- God of Jacob
- God of the living
- God of the whole earth
- God over all
- Higher than the highest

- Hope
- Helper
- I am that I am
- Jehovah Jireh - my Provider
- Jehovah Rohi - my Shepherd
- King of glory
- King of Kings
- King of saints
- Lord of all
- Lord of Glory
- Majesty on high
- Maker
- Merciful and Gracious
- Messiah
- Miracle worker
- Omnipotent
- Omnipresent
- Omniscient
- Prince of life

- Prince of peace
- Rewarder
- Rose of Sharon
- Same Yesterday, Today and Forever
- Son of David
- Son of Joseph
- Son of the Blessed
- Son of Highest
- Son of the Living God
- Son of the Most High
- Source
- Spirit of Grace
- Spirit of truth
- Spirit of wisdom
- Strength to the poor
- Strength of Israel
- Wonderful

Thank You for who You are and numerous ways
You have and can show up to bless.

HYMN: GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

"They are new every morning: great is Thy faithfulness." - Lam 3:23

1. "Great is Thy faithfulness,"

O God my Father!

There is no shadow of turning with Thee:

Thou changest not, Thy compassion, they fail
not,

As Thou has been Thou forever wilt be.

CHORUS:

"Great is Thy faithfulness!"

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see.

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided

'Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

2. Summer and winter, and spring time and
harvest

Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,

Join with all nature in manifold witness

To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

CHORUS:

"Great is Thy faithfulness!"

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see.

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided

'Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth

Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide!

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow.

Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

CHORUS:

"Great is Thy faithfulness!"

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see.

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided

'Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

**Keep singing unto the Lord in spirit and in
understanding.**

CHAPTER THREE

CELEBRATING GOD

FOR HIS OIL OF JOY



2 Chronicles 20:14-18

[14] Then upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, came the Spirit of the LORD in the midst of the congregation;

[15] And he said, Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the LORD unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great

multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's.

[16]To morrow go ye down against them: behold, they come up by the cliff of Ziz; and ye shall find them at the end of the brook, before the wilderness of Jeruel.

[17]Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: for the LORD will be with you.

[18]And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell before the LORD, worshipping the LORD.

Naturally, oil is a liquid fat. It is often used as a lubricant. But Spiritually, it signifies the medium through which one is being empowered and filled with the Holy Spirit. It lubricates, softens, eases every difficult, negative or disagreeing

situation. When the oil, the anointing of God, the Holy Spirit comes upon a man, every form of resistance, disunity, clash, conflict, hardship, and other unpleasant situations turn around. You need the oil to enjoy the blessings of every season of life. Every life that lacks fresh anointing, fresh infilling of the Holy Spirit or fresh oil will definitely conflict with virtually everything. And there is never joy or peace wherever there is confusion. 1st Corinthians 14:33 says, *for God is not the author of confusion, but of peace.....* This indicates that if the Holy Ghost is there, confusion, mourning, pains, struggle *inter-alia* won't be there.

2nd Chronicles 20: 1-13 paint a clear picture of what happens at the absence of the Holy Spirit. They saw the great multitudes, great problems and challenges ahead, then became so fearful and kept crying to God for help, coupled with a

lot of questions. I can just summarily say, they kept querying God from their embittered hearts. They had no single reason to celebrate God. Without the Oil of Joy - the Holy Spirit, no one will trust or see the Great God in the face of great situations.

The Holy Ghost came into their midst with good news. He thus assured them of God's presence, strengthen their fainting hearts, exposed the secret of their enemies, assured them of victory without fight and effortless rewards (2nd Chronicles 20:14-17).

The Holy Spirit spoke through Jahazael just as He is speaking through this volume right now. You need a fresh oil, fresh flow of the Holy Spirit, fresh anointing to experience the turn around your life deserves.

Children of God has on many occasion received and testified of fresh or renewed anointing of

God in their lives. A very good example was King David;

Psalms 23:5

[5]Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over

Psalms 92:10

[10]But my horn shalt thou exalt like the horn of an unicorn: I shall be anointed with fresh oil .



The physical oil is not the Holy Spirit, but the Spiritual which flows from the head to all other parts of human – *spirit, soul and body* .

Psalms 133:2

[2]It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;

This is the anointing that destroys yokes and lifts burdens (Isaiah 10:27), places a mark of touch not, trouble not, fight not, sought not, and challenge not upon the bearer.

Galatians 6:17

[17]From henceforth let no man trouble me: for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.

Isaiah 62:12

[12]And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the LORD: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken .

Joshua 1:5

[5]There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

Psalms 105:12-15

[12]When they were but a few men in number; yea, very few, and strangers in it.

*[13]When they went from one nation to another,
from one kingdom to another people;*

*[14]He suffered no man to do them wrong: yea,
he reprov'd kings for their sakes;*

*[15]Saying, Touch not mine anointed, and do my
prophets no harm.*

As children of God, we are very few and are strangers here on earth. We will also need to move about and perhaps be confronted by the great and small, yet by the reason of the Anointing - the Holy Ghost, we are rejoicing over them all. You have to celebrate God for His Oil of Joy - the Holy Spirit that is already in you as His child. And as you do that today, whoever mocks and seeks you will be like:

- The forty-two children that mocked Elisha (2nd Kings 2:23-24),
- Pennina that mocked Hannah (1st Samuel 1:6, 2:5)

- Shimei that mocked David (1st Kings 2:8,9, 36-46).

Whoever challenges, fights, and troubles you will be like:

- King Saul that troubled David (1st Samuel 19 & 20, 31:5-6)
- Haman that troubled the anointed Jews (Esther 7:9-10, 9:10ff)
- Bear, Lion and Goliath that challenged and fought David (1st Samuel 17:34-36, 40-55).

On a final note, Isaiah 61:1-3 teach different kinds of turnaround experiences from negative to positive of which Oil of Joy replaces mourning. It make it clear that it is only through the Spirit of Joy, that is the Holy Spirit that a man can obtain the Oil of Joy.

Isaiah 61:1,3

[1]The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me;

because the LORD hath anointed me..... [3]To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

He must be celebrated for this. The children of Judah responded to the Holy Spirit, the Oil of Joy by worshipping God (2nd Chronicles 20:18). Our part today is to celebrate Him and remain His children for His Oil to keep flowing. You need to abide in God in order to experience a ceaseless flow of His oil and anointing of joy.

Those who are not in Christ can't have the Oil of Joy. The Holy Spirit came to glorify Jesus, hence the oil won't do them good if they reject Jesus Christ today.

It will be good for people in that category to say,

Lord Jesus, I am a sinner, I am not worthy to receive the oil of Joy because there is no joy for sinners, please have mercy on me and forgive me. I believe You are the Son of God, please save my soul and write my name in the book of life so that from this day, Your oil of Joy will keep flowing in me, and through me to my generation in Jesus name, Amen.

LET'S CELEBRATE GOD

1, The Holy Spirit is this Anointing. Hence you can proceed to thank God for the Holy Spirit, Who is the Oil of Joy in and around you.

Say, Father I thank You for the privilege to receive the Oil of Joy. Thank You for the Holy Spirit. Thank You for the Oil that flows over every situation. I celebrate and honour You for Your fresh oil, fresh fire, fresh joy that flows over every situation and area of my life.

2, Let's celebrate God for who He is when it

comes to the Holy Spirit, the Anointing.

Say, Father, I thank You for the Holy Spirit You gave me, thank You for who You are, You are The:

- Anointing
- Author of Joy
- Bright and Morning Star
- Chosen One
- Cloven Tongues of fire
- Comforter
- Consolation of Israel
- Eternal Spirit
- Fountain of living waters
- Gentle Whisper
- High Tower
- Purifier
- Quickening Spirit
- Spirit of Adoption
- Spirit of Christ

- Spirit of Grace
- Spirit of God
- Spirit of Holiness
- Spirit of Life
- Spirit of Truth
- Spirit of Wisdom
- Sun of Righteousness
- Rushing Mighty Wind
- Trinity
- True witness
- Truth
- Wall of fire
- Witness

Holy Spirit, I thank You for who You are in Jesus name, Amen.

HYMN: O LORD MY GOD

1. O Lord my God!

When I in awesome wonder,

Consider all

The worlds Thy hands hath made
I see the stars,
I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow'r thro'out
The universe displayed.

CHORUS:

*Then sings my soul,
My Saviour God to Thee;
How great Thou art!
How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul,
My Saviour God to Thee;
How great Thou art,
How great Thou art!*

2. When through the woods
And forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds
Sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down

From lofty mountain grandeur

And hear the brook

And feel the gentle breeze;

CHORUS:

Then sings my soul,

My Saviour God to Thee;

How great Thou art!

How great Thou art!

Then sings my soul,

My Saviour God to Thee;

How great Thou art,

How great Thou art!

3. And when I think

That God, His Son not sparing

Sent Him to die,

I scarce can take it in;

That on the cross,

My burden gladly bearing,

He bled and died

To take away my sin.

CHORUS:

Then sings my soul,

My Saviour God to Thee;

How great Thou art!

How great Thou art!

Then sings my soul,

My Saviour God to Thee;

How great Thou art,

How great Thou art!

4. When Christ shall come

With shout of acclamation,

And take me home

What joy shall fill my heart!

Then I shall bow

In humble adoration

And there proclaim,

My God, how great Thou art!

CHORUS:

Then sings my soul,

My Saviour God to Thee;

How great Thou art!

How great Thou art!

Then sings my soul,

My Saviour God to Thee;

How great Thou art,

How great Thou art!

**Keep singing unto the Lord in spirit and in
understanding.**

CHAPTER FOUR

CELEBRATING GOD WITH A SHOUT OF PRAISE

2 Chronicles 20:18-19, 22

*[18] And Jehoshaphat
bowed his head with his
face to the ground: and all
Judah and the inhabitants*

*of Jerusalem fell before the LORD, worshipping
the LORD.*

*[19] And the Levites, of the children of the
Kohathites, and of the children of the Korhites,
stood up to praise the LORD God of Israel with a
loud voice on high.*

[22] And when they began to sing and to praise,



the LORD set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten .

A shout is a loud burst of voice or voices. It is usually made by multitudes that are expressing joy, triumph, exultation or celebration. It is often made to attract attention of a person. A place of mourning is always quiet. No one renders shout of praise in such arena. Even if they want to observe the biblical injunction that encourages men to thank God in and for all things (1st Thessalonians 5:17), they won't do it with a shout. Hence, one of the best way to celebrate God is to offer Him a shout of praise.

It is recorded in Ecclesiastes 4:9 that, *two are better than one* More so, Psalms 133:1-3 and Matthew 18:19-20 teach that there is enormous power in unity. Based on these Words, it won't

be out of point to register that every shout of praise from united gatherings goes a long way.



Mere going by human and physical judgement, unanimous shouts of several people sound better and louder, it encourages others to shout more. It also stirs up faith within them and attracts quick divine attention. The power of shout of praise can be unfolded after considering how God responded to the cry of nations like Israel, Nineveh and lots more, even though it wasn't a shout of praise, but was a reflection of urgency as if everything will be over if they failed to receive divine response that same moment.

When you think of God's goodness in the past, no one will teach you that He deserves a shout.

(You can do well to shout hallelujah!) I have written this today to stir you up to start celebrating God with a shout of praise. Oftentimes in the Church, basically because of the sophisticated musical instruments and highly educated environment, some follow the worship and praise session with their minds. If we will sincerely evaluate ourselves, we will discover that a good number of us don't open mouth to celebrate God let alone shouting in praises. But why does God requests a shout and honour? I believe He must have done things that deserves loud praises. I pray that may we experience more of God that will cause us to offer a loud shout of praise to Him in Jesus name, Amen.

WHAT BRINGS A SHOUT?

The knowledge of the following will make us to thank and celebrate God well as they take place

in our lives.

1, Shout of praise takes place when Jesus comes.

Before His birth in Luke 1:41-42, Mary visited Elizabeth while she was carrying John in her womb. Her babe leaped for joy, she became filled with the Holy Ghost and spoke with a loud voice.

At His birth in Luke 2:13-14, multitudes of Heavenly choirs kept praising God because the Saviour was born and peace with glad tidings has come to the earth. These heavenly hosts are very much and has a very loud voice - voices like many waters (Revelation 5:11 & 12).

During His earthly ministry in Matthew 21:8 & 9, He triumphantly entered Jerusalem with multitudes shouting and crying before Him saying *Hosanna to the Son of David,.... Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord,*

Hosanna in the highest.

At His crucifixion in Matthew 27:45-53, everywhere became dark for three hours (from 12pm to 3pm), then He cried with a loud voice and died. The veil covering the temple tore, the earth quaked, the rocks rent, and the graves opened. Everything on earth (both animate and inanimate) made a shout of praise to God, none of them was an hidden occurrence.

At His resurrection in Matthew 28:2-4, there was a great earthquake, the big stone was rolled away, and the great soldiers who were keeping the tomb fainted at the sight of this incredible event. This wasn't a quiet incident.

At His second coming according to 1st Thessalonians 4:16, He shall come with a shout from Heaven.

1 Thessalonians 4:16

[16]For the Lord himself shall descend from

heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

Everything about Jesus deserves a shout of praise and none of them has ever been an hidden event. He demands your shout of praise to celebrate Him because He has come to stay with us (2nd Chronicles 20:15-17, Matthew 28:20).

Say: Father, I celebrate You for the presence of Jesus Christ. Thank You Jesus (7 times).

Celebrate Jesus with a shout of hallelujah!



2, Shout of praise takes place when the Holy Spirit comes. On the day of Pentecost in Acts 2:2-4,13 the disciples spoke with loud voice till people said they were drunk. The Holy Spirit Himself came like a rushing mighty wind. On

another occasion, the place of prayer shook when Holy Spirit came and the people of God kept praying aloud and on another time spoke aloud with boldness. Mere considering this, God requests our shout of praise because He has sent the Holy Ghost ahead of us and with us. If truly the Holy Spirit is with you, either by faith or experience, it will be visible in your shout of praise. Every one that is filled with the Holy Spirit is like a drunkard (Ephesians 5:18-19). If you believe that the Holy Spirit is moving with you and is already with you, say;

Father, I thank You, I celebrate You for the Holy Spirit that has been released to my life, home, family, future and all that concerns me. Thank You for the Holy Spirit (7 times) ***Celebrate God with a shout of hallelujah!***

3, Shout takes place when God intervenes.

2nd Chronicles chapter 20 verse 15 to 17

document God's intervention in the fearful situation of the children of Judah. Then in verses 18 & 19, they responded with worship and a very loud shout unto the Lord.

2nd Chronicles 20:18 & 19

18Then King Jehoshaphat bowed low with his face to the ground. And all the people of Judah and Jerusalem did the same, worshiping the LORD.

19Then the Levites from the clans of Kohath and Korah stood to praise the LORD, the God of Israel, with a very loud shout.

In another time, God intervened in a great famine that befell Samaria and their enemies fled overnight simply because they heard a noise of chariots, horses and of great hosts. In the next day, the children of God only needed to enjoy abundant blessings which was an unbelievable turn around. This story can be

found in 2nd Kings 7:1-15.

More so, the book of Judges chapter 7 verse 15 to 22 express how God intervened in the terrific situation of the Israelites against Midianites. God had to reduce the 32,000 soldiers of Gideon to 300 and promised to save them from their wicked, mighty and numerous enemies - Midianites. At night, Gideon with his few army being backed up by God, blew their trumpets and their great enemies cried aloud and fled for their lives. Divine intervention brought a loud shout of praise and a few army pursued a great host. Indeed, a shout of praise makes one stronger and mightier than the enemies.

We can find another instance in Joshua chapter 6 when God recommended a shout of praise for the fall of the great and ancient wall of Jericho. I learnt here that, a great shout is the commensurate instrument of victory over a

great and ancient challenge, just as many shouts are required when facing many challenges. Such a big wall fell flat at the shouts of praise and the children of God took the City.

The story of Paul the Apostle and Silas is also relevant in this point. They were kept in the innermost prison in a mission field. At night, they started singing aloud to the extent that the other prisoners heard them while the jailer could not. He was drunken with sleep throughout, even when God decided to acknowledge the shouts of praise with an earthquake and loosed the bondages, chains and padlocks on their hands, legs, and doors, the noisy events couldn't wake the jailer (Acts 16:24-26). The moral lesson one can draw from this event is that, shout of praise is so powerful to the extent of loosing both spiritual and

physical chains or fetters, while in addition, render powerless the adversaries.

Among other points that clarify how Divine intervention brings a shout of praise is the case of the grateful leper (Luke 17:15,19). This young man knew what it meant to once be in the association of lepers. He was cleansed alongside nine after having an encounter with Jesus Christ. But only him turned back from their way to the priest and kept glorifying Jesus with a loud voice. Without doubt, it was his shout of praise through Divine intervention that made him whole. In other words, he received greater and durable testimony through his loud shout.

Say: Father thank You because You have intervened in my situation. I celebrate You.

Thank You Father (7 times) ***Celebrate God with a shout of hallelujah!***

To draw the cotton on this subject matter, it is wise to state that, the shouting side is the winning side. The shout of praise is the joyful noise God requires of every believer (Psalm 100:1). I assure you that the Trinity is with us in every journey of life and our best response to this should be a shout of praise, a joyful noise, a loud hallelujah that will trouble the enemies, give birth to new testimonies, fall the walls that are against marriages, homes, businesses, ministries, academics, spiritual, physical and financial aspects of life. The past has been characterized by troubles and victories, blessings and failures, rising and falling, stagnancy and progress, sickness and healing, negative and positive situations. However, one must make possible corrections and align with God who doesn't listen to the cries and shouts of unbelievers (Isaiah 59:1&2). He is always

angry with them everyday (Psalm 7:11). All He wants from them is repentance (Ezekiel 33:11).

For the sake of those who just got touched by the Holy Spirit and want to genuinely respond to His call, please say the following:

Lord Jesus thank You for the opportunity given to me, I am a sinner, I turn to You today, please have mercy on me, forgive me. I confess You as my Lord and Personal Saviour. I believe You are the Son of God. Please save my soul and write my name in the book of life, in Jesus name, Amen.

I have good news for someone who has been blessed reading this chapter, at your shouts of praise and hallelujah, this teaching shall be your testimonies from this moment in Jesus name. What I meant by this prayer is that, at your shout of praise

✓ The Trinity will be with you every day and

every time

- ✓ Just like the children of Judah, you will have every reason to offer a great shout of praise to God
- ✓ Mere throwing back at the incident at the gate of Samaria, the four lepers couldn't hide the miracle. Even if you choose to hide those testimonies, they will speak up themselves
- ✓ Just like the Midianites and Syrian, your enemies will forever hear a sound of war and flee from you
- ✓ As Gideon enjoyed the support of God, you will always pursue your enemies and forever overcome them
- ✓ Those mighty and ancient walls like that of Jericho are falling flat forever. Whatever stopped you in the past seasons are lifted forever

- ✓ Mere considering the grateful leper, new testimonies are flowing in and will last forever in Jesus name.

SHOUT: My Father, thank You. I celebrate You with shouts of praise.

Hallelujah - victory is mine

Hallelujah - solution has come

Hallelujah - joy is mine

Hallelujah - blessings have come

Hallelujah - I celebrate God

Hallelujah - my new season has come

Hallelujah - it is time to celebrate God

Hallelujah - enemies are crying

Hallelujah - enemies are running

Hallelujah - shouts of praise and joyful noise will forever flow from my mouth

***Please go ahead and give
God continuous shouts of***



praise, joyful noise, and shout of hallelujah

**HYMN: PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY, THE
KING OF CREATION**

"I will bless the Lord at all times." - Ps. 34:1

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of
creation;

O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and
salvation;

All ye who hear,

Brothers and sisters draw near,

Praise Him in glad adoration.

2. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work
and defend thee;

Surely His goodness and mercy here daily
attend thee;

Ponder anew

What the Almighty can do,

If with His love He befriend thee.

3. Praise to the Lord, who when tempest their

warfare are waging,
Who, when the elements madly around thee are
raging,
Biddeth them cease,
Turneth their fury to peace,
Whirlwinds and waters assuaging.

4. Praise to the Lord, who, when darkness and
sin is abounding

Who, when the godless do triumph, all virtue
confounding,

Sheddeth His light,

Chaseth the horrors of night,

Saints with His mercy surrounding.

5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore
Him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with
praises before Him!

Let the Amen

Sound from His people again:

Gladly for aye we adore Him.

Keep singing unto the Lord in spirit and in understanding.

CHAPTER FIVE

CELEBRATING GOD FOR REST AND QUIETNESS

2 Chronicles 20:26-30

[26] And on the fourth day they assembled



themselves in the
valley of Berachah;
for there they
blessed the LORD:
therefore the name

of the same place was called, The valley of
Berachah, unto this day.

[27] Then they returned, every man of Judah
and Jerusalem, and Jehoshaphat in the
forefront of them, to go again to Jerusalem with

joy; for the LORD had made them to rejoice over their enemies.

[28]And they came to Jerusalem with psalteries and harps and trumpets unto the house of the LORD.

[29]And the fear of God was on all the kingdoms of those countries, when they had heard that the LORD fought against the enemies of Israel.

[30]So the realm of Jehoshaphat was quiet: for his God gave him rest round about.

Rest is a relief from work or activity. It is also a state of completion and settlement. It is a state of quietness, peace, freedom from worry, freedom from anxiety and freedom from annoyance.

There are seasons and times for everything in life. Even though this present season is filled with unforeseen tragedies and circumstances, for the fact that you have been celebrating God

with us for some moments till now, I welcome you to a new season of rest and quietness. You will understand better what a season of rest and quietness entails when you give a succinct look at Leviticus 25:5, which talks about a year of rest to the land. During the law, a year of rest is also known as the Sabbath year which continued every seventh year till the forty ninth year. While the fiftieth year was then named - the year of jubilee. However, through the advent of Jesus Christ, every believer were called out of troubles and labour to rest and quietness. I call this a sabbatical life. Christian life is indeed a sabbatical life.

Matthew 11:28-30

[28]Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

[29]Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find

rest unto your souls.

[30]For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Sabbatical life which is a labour and stress free life became achievable in Christ because of Our Helper, the Holy Spirit and Jesus Christ our Intercessor. What else should we trouble ourselves for? Why the labour when the Divinity is helping me? Little wonder, the Patriarchs of old strongly desired to witness a time of rest and quietness like this.

Luke 10:24

[24]For I tell you, that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.

Hebrews 11:13

[13]These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced

them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

Rest and quietness is our heritage in Christ Jesus, more so, it is meant for every believer that can celebrate God.

2nd Chronicles 20:30 tells more about this by showing how Jehoshaphat and the entire realm of Judah enjoyed rest and quietness after celebrating God. The grateful leper also enjoyed rest and quietness by being made whole (Luke 17:19). In like manner, Paul and Silas got their freedom, claimed their rights, entered the prison again and requested their enemies to come and release them in an honourable way (Acts 16:26, 37-39). Similarly, King David celebrated God with his entire being as recorded in 2nd Samuel 6:13-23 and the next thing we could read about him is all-round rest from his enemies (2nd Samuel 7:1). These

points won't be complete if I fail to make mention of King Solomon, who God named a man of rest (1st Chronicles 22:9). One of his secrets for obtaining this was his high quality and quantity offerings, thanksgiving and gratitude to God. In 1st Kings 3:3-15, he offered a thousand burnt offerings to God. On another occasion, he offered twenty-two thousand oxen, one hundred and twenty thousand sheep for burnt offerings to God. All these were heavenly provoking sacrifices that opened him up to a life of rest and quietness. Indeed, rest and quietness is God's major reward for celebrating Him. If you have or will keep celebrating God, be prepared to keep living a sabbatical life, that is, a life of rest and quietness.

FOUR CHARACTERISTICS OF A SABBATICAL LIFE

Knowledge of these will help us to examine ourselves whether we are really enjoying rest

and quietness as we explore this new season of life. It will also help us to celebrate God better.

The features are:

FREEDOM FROM BATTLES

A man of rest and quietness doesn't fight battle, he only sees victory and his realm is always quiet. For example, a once troubled land rested for eighty years (Judges 3:30), Israelites rested after getting to the promised Land (Exodus 33:14), King Solomon never fought a battle all his life (1st Chronicles 22:9,10,18), Jews had rest in the strange land after overcoming their oppressors (Esther 9:16), Israelites under the leadership of Gideon enjoyed forty years rest after conquering the Midianites (Judges 8:28). Rest and quietness is experienced where there is freedom from battles (Deuteronomy 12:10, 2nd Chronicles 20:29 & 30).

STARTING AND COMPLETING NEW AND OLD PROJECTS.

God said Solomon, a man of rest shall build house for Him and he surely started and finished the project (1st Chronicles 22:10, 2nd Chronicles 5:1). Every one enjoying rest and quietness be it by fresh knowledge or coming to Christ, always start and complete new projects. They also continue and complete every abandoned projects.

ALWAYS SPECIAL TO GOD

King Solomon became so special to God. He was the greatest among all the Kings that reigned before and after him.

1 Chronicles 22:10

[10]He shall build an house for my name; and he shall be my son, and I will be his father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel for ever.

STRENGTH TO DO ALL THINGS

There is strength in confidence and quietness (Isaiah 30:15). Moreover, all things are possible through the strength of Jesus Christ (Philippians 4:13). Every life of rest and quietness always receive strength to worship God and to enjoy divine provisions (Deuteronomy 12:8-9, Leviticus 25:4-8, Deuteronomy 15:2).

Permit me to conclude this chapter by stating that, rest is in Jesus. We have peace in Christ (John 16:33). Even though the world is troubled, confusion may be everywhere, but because our God cares for us and all things are working together for our good, we have rest and quietness in Christ. What men called evil may be good in God's sight, since our thoughts are not the same as His. Only the unsaved or sinful ones should be troubled while the believers and

grateful ones should remain bold like a lion and fear nothing (Proverbs 28:1, Psalms 23:4). It should be clearly registered within us that, there is no more special season for rest like the Sabbath years of old. Our Lord Jesus Christ is the fulfilment of Sabbath, the fulfilment of the law. Hence having Him is tantamount to enjoying eternal rest.

Matthew 12:6,8

[6]But I say unto you, That in this place is one greater than the temple.

[8]For the Son of man is Lord even of the Sabbath day.

Colossians 2:16-17

[16]Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the Sabbath days:

[17]Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.

Anyone who moves out of Christ is definitely trading his/her rest for trouble. The unsaved should come to Jesus as He invites them today,

Matthew 11:28

[28]Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.



You can say yes to Him by praying this prayer:

LORD JESUS, I AM A
SINNER, PLEASE
HAVE MERCY ON ME

AND FORGIVE ME. I BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE THE SON OF GOD AND CONFESS YOU AS MY LORD AND PERSONAL SAVIOUR. PLEASE SAVE MY SOUL AND WRITE MY NAME IN THE BOOK OF LIFE IN JESUS NAME, AMEN.

Let's keep thanking God for rest and quietness.

Say,

- ✓ Father I thank You for bringing me into a life of rest and quietness.
- ✓ Thank You for giving me rest on every facet of life.
- ✓ Thank You for rest from worries, anxieties and annoyances.
- ✓ Thank You for freedom from battles and for starting, continuing, and completing projects for me.
- ✓ Father, I have peace, I have joy, I have rest, I have quietness in Jesus Christ.
- ✓ Father, You have given rest to people in the past, for 40 years, 80years and several decades. Thank You because You are Unchangeable. Thank You because from this day I am enjoying eternal rest both here on earth and in heaven.

- ✓ Father thank You for making me special,
making me unique and making me Your
Child.
- ✓ Thank You Father because You have
given me strength to do all things,
strength for all-round possibilities.

I thank You for who You are, You are:

- Burden Lifter
- God of the Sabbath
- Jehovah Shalom
- Maker of all things
- Mountain Mover
- My Father
- Storm Stiller
- The Giver of Peace
- The Prince of Peace
- Way Maker
- Yoke destroyer

I thank You for rest and quietness.

HYMN: LET US WITH A GLADSOME MIND

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting." - Ps 103:17

1. Let us with a gladsome mind

Praise the Lord for He is kind;

CHORUS: *For His mercies shall endure
Ever faithful, ever sure.*

2. Let us sound His name abroad,

For of gods He is the God;

CHORUS: *For His mercies shall endure
Ever faithful, ever sure.*

3. He, with all-commanding might,

Filled the new-made world with light;

CHORUS: *For His mercies shall endure
Ever faithful, ever sure.*

4. All things living He doth feed,

His full hand supplies their need;

CHORUS: *For His mercies shall endure
Ever faithful, ever sure.*

5. He His chosen race did bless

In the wasteful wilderness;

CHORUS: *For His mercies shall endure*

Ever faithful, ever sure .

6. He hath with a piteous eye

Looked upon our misery;

CHORUS *For His mercies shall endure*

Ever faithful, ever sure.

7. Let us then with gladsome mind

Praise the Lord, for He is kind.

CHORUS: *For His mercies shall endure*

Ever faithful, ever sure.

***Keep singing unto the Lord in spirit and in
understanding.***

FINAL CHARGE

LIVING FOR JESUS

Celebrating God is not limited to singing praises, observing the principles of worship, expressing gratitude through thanksgiving offerings *inter-alia* . It is best expressed when we are living for Jesus. I can boldly declare that the best way to celebrate God is by living for Him.

2nd Corinthians 3:1-3 NLT

- 1. Are we beginning to praise ourselves again? Are we like others, who need to bring you letters of recommendation, or who ask you to write such letters on their behalf? Surely not!***
- 2. The only letter of recommendation we need is you yourselves. Your lives are a letter written in our hearts; everyone can read it and recognize our good work among you.***

3. Clearly, you are a letter from Christ showing the result of our ministry among you. This "letter" is written not with pen and ink, but with the Spirit of the living God. It is carved not on tablets of stone, but on human hearts.

Every saved soul is a letter that reflects Christ. Many new converts were brought to Christ not because of a well tailored sermon but convicted through someone's testimony and lifestyle. When you live for Christ by reflecting the teachings of the Bible, God will be celebrated in your generation.

We may be in this world, but are not of it. This resonates a warning against earthly exuberance. It may cost us fleeing from defilements and living a different life in a strange and polluted land. The aftermath of every decision to live for Christ has always been a shout of praise and supreme worship to our God from both us and

the residents. God will only be praised through clean and sanctified vessels because He can only be seen in them. Please, meditatively consider the lives of Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego, Esther, Mordecai, Joseph in Egypt among others, to see how living for Jesus can change the worship of a whole nation from idols, man or self to God. These ones were not only living to celebrate God but were celebrated in return. Whoever celebrate God will be celebrated. God is still in the business of loving those who love Him, honouring those who honour Him, lifting those who lift Him, giving to those who give to Him and celebrating those who celebrate Him.

Our generation is waiting to see who we honour. They also want to see us celebrated (Romans 8:19). It is high time to become more serious with God and stop living hypocritical life.

Romans 2:21-24

[21]Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal?

[22]Thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery, dost thou commit adultery? thou that abhorrest idols, dost thou commit sacrilege?

[23]Thou that makest thy boast of the law, through breaking the law dishonourest thou God?

[24]For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you, as it is written.

Let us continue to live for Jesus irrespective of conflicting circumstances. It will all end in celebration as we live to celebrate God in Jesus name. Have peace in Christ, and keep celebrating till you reach



the glorious home where celebration never
cease. SHOUT HALLELUJAH!!!

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TIME TO CELEBRATE GOD sounds a wake up call for this generation to practically respond to the scriptural injunction of showing gratitude to God at all times. It is a timely material and a practical guide which aims at rekindling the fire on your altar of praise, worship and thanksgiving.

We all knew that this is the end time which is filled with several unpleasant incidents, yet it is imperative for us never to neglect showing wholehearted appreciation to God. Irrespective of what you are going through, God expects and deserves a quality gratitude from you, if possible more than you would do when He blesses you. The end time which is also known as the perilous time is also the time to celebrate God. As you take time to practically explore the context of this scripture-prepared material, you will find out that you can live a life of gratitude to God.

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