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What a marvellous things to know that I don't need to bear my burden by myself anymore in as much am looking unto him for help and he is able to do so. We have an express and authoritative assurance that God caries our loads of burden. This means I need not get worried over anything anymore.in fact, his word in psalm 55:22 is not a mere admonition, it is a command.in it he says: "Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved". God is always willing to help men, but men do not always avail themselves of God's unfailing ability to help like no other can. Rather, they prefer to bear their burdens all by themselves; thus, many get crushed under their burden. For instance, man cannot by himself get free from the burden laid on him by the devil. This is why Jesus came to undo the burden of sin for man. The burden of sin is the greatest of all burdens.no one should think that mere religious observance can set him free from this burden, no it can't! **"And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken**

away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing".

Beloved, what is that burden of sickness, unpaid rent, mortgages, debt or wayward child, let the lord know that you are releasing the burden to him now and see what he will do. The lord sent the same word as the scripture above through peter in 1peter 5:7.this time, he says that we should cast all our care upon him. Note that he says "all".

All means everything without any left. The trouble is that many of his children do not think God really means what he said. God is not frivolous like men. Many children of God, rather than bring their burdens to God, they like rushing to fellow human beings who themselves need assistance. Woman, who for 12 years had been bleeding without any remedy, spent all her living seeking help from men. They were merely living off her; they could not lift this terrible burden off her life.in desperation, she brought this burden to Jesus as her last resort. immediately, her fountain of blood dried instantly (Mark 5:25-29).Do as this

woman did, trust in him, look unto him and come to Jesus with your burden today, but only let it be in faith.

Looking unto Jesus means surrendering all to him and also trusting him for what is capable of doing. Commit thy way unto the lord, trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.it is imperative to know that God has a plan for your life. This plan takes into consideration your personality, talents, needs, potential and environment (Ephesians 2:10).God has ordained certain specific tasks for each individual Christian (Hebrews 12:1).Paul knew this and was able to say “I have finished my course”, only after he had fulfilled his ministry and his work was completed (2timothy 4:7). I pray that you will fulfill your ministry and complete your task in Jesus’ name. God’s plan for you is very personal.it is just for you. The plan is very detailed with everything worked out step by step (psalm 37:23).God might not reveal the distant future, but his guidance will be continuous (Isaiah 58:11).God is always ready to reveal the next step to you but as usual you need to ask before you can receive (Psalm 143:8).one thing you can

be sure of is that God's will for you is always good and perfect (Jeremiah 29:11).You must also realize that you are incapable of planning your own life (Jeremiah 10:23).looking unto Jesus allows you to surrender all to him and also trusting in his abilities. **"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones".** Only God knows the future and he is the only one capable of choosing our vocation, life partner and overall path.

All the plans of God have certain things in common. For example, separation from sin to holiness is always in any divine plan (1 Thessalonians 4: 3).also, God's will always leads to doing good deeds (1 peter 2:15).You may ask, " what must I do to be guided by God?" first, you must trust in the lord (Psalm 37:3). You can only be guided by someone you trust. Secondly, you must commit everything to him and him alone. Do not choose first and then ask him to ratify.

Thirdly, rest in him and be patient (Psalm 37:7).God is a king, the king of kings, therefore honour him and do not try to hasten him.

Fourthly, surrender to the will of God. When God finally reveals his will to you, abide by it.in revealing his will to his children, God deals with each person differently. However, he often guides through portions of scriptures that keep nudging the mind (Psalm 119:105).He also uses inner conviction which is given by the holy spirit.in addition, you can experience special revelations, dreams, visions or angelic visitations. You however need certain guidelines to help you identify the will of God. First, no will of contradicts his word. Whatever guidance he gives must agree with his word.

Hebrews 12:1-2; **“Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and**

is set down at the right hand of the throne of God".

Human beings have been in search of the way back to their Maker since after the fall. The soul of man pants after the peace that only his Maker can provide. This is the reason man invented means of getting along with God in the name of religion. Unfortunately, man was unable to adequately reach out to his Maker until God in His mercies revealed Himself to us through His Son, Jesus Christ. Genesis 3:9-10 **"And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.**

Adam was sent out of the Garden of Eden and he became a wanderer and a destitute of the peace that he once had with his Maker. After many dispensations, God decided to reveal part of Himself to some people who sincerely sought to know Him. He related to Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses and the prophets to mention just a few. They did not only benefit form God's self-

revelation; they also helped their generation by pointing them to the Almighty God. Yet, the perfect relationship was not in view then. When the fullness of time came, God became man and lived among men in the person of Jesus Christ. When one of the disciples asked Him to reveal God the Father to them, Jesus said: **"…Have I been so long time with you and yet hast thou not know me, Philip? He that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father? Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me..."John 14:9-10.** Jesus Christ is the perfect revelation of God, the father. He came to reveal the Father to us so that we may know how best to worship Him. It was through His teaching that we know that God is a Spirit and whoever wants to worship Him must worship Him in Spirit. He told us that unless we are born-again, we cannot see the Kingdom of God. Religious activities are exercise in futility without this experience. Not until He came, even Doctors of the Jewish religious laws were ignorant of these principles of God's Kingdom. Therefore we must always look unto Jesus for direction if we want to

make it back to the One who created us in His own image. Our text says to look up unto Jesus because He is the author and finisher of our faith.

The phrase ‘Looking unto Jesus’ contains three very important words of salvation, encouragement and direction for daily Christian living. Nicodemus, in his search for the true God and eternal life every human being, approached Jesus for possible understanding. Jesus made the new birth very plain by using an Old Testament illustration of the fiery serpents of brass put on a pole for the Israelites to look upon as recorded in the book of Numbers 21:8-9. **“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.” John 3:14-15.**

As looking unto the brass serpent on a pole in faith brought healing to the children of Israel in the wilderness, so also, whosoever shall look unto the crucified Christ as the Messiah and the Saviour of the world by faith, shall

receive forgiveness of sins and be born again. From time to time in the rigorous journeys of life, we sometimes find ourselves in a state of tiredness and confusion.

At such times, Apostle Paul in Hebrews 12:1-2 admonishes us to run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith for encouragement. We are not to look into Jesus for encouragement only; we are also to look into Jesus as our perfect example, so as to follow in His footsteps. **"For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously"1st Peter 2:21-23.**

Looking unto other gods for deliverance, healing and salvation has brought untold hardship and loss to many, while looking unto great men and women that

are successful in life and ministry has resulted in great disappointment, sorrow and pain. As a matter of fact, this has been a major cause of failure in life, but there is no failure or disappointment in Jesus. Looking unto Jesus can only increase your faith and lead to physical and spiritual upliftment. We are to look unto Jesus in our daily Christian living as the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the End, who provides us with direction through His word. This also brings us in contact with the divine knowledge, wisdom and power of God. An ordinary person therefore, becomes equipped to do exploit of supernatural dimensions. I pray the lord will give us the grace to always look unto him for everything we need in life.