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To the Late Archbishop Benson Idahosa, for his encouragement and inspiration for greater anointing in the work of the ministry.

The Commission

“The hour has come to liberate the world from all oppressions of the devil, through the preaching of the Word of Faith; and I am sending you to undertake this task.”

Introduction

The subject and person of the Holy Spirit is one of the most misunderstood and misinterpreted in the Christian faith. The Evangelicals see Him as the dormant, unannounced guest of the “inside.”

The Pentecostals see Him as the force behind speaking in tongues and the motivator of spiritual zeal. Often, His presence is heralded with great emotional display.

Then came the Charismatics, presenting the Holy Spirit to the world as the operator of signs and wonders, and diverse manifestations, like “falling under the power.”

Who Is The Holy Spirit?

He is not a feeling or a falling, nor is He a crying or a wailing. He is no emotion, He is a person. He is a personality in the order of the Godhead! He is the third person of the Trinity. He is in charge of the affairs of the kingdom of God on earth today. He is the Chief Executive of the divine programme on earth. He is the motivator, energizer and operator of every revealed plan (vision) from God. He is the revealer of the hidden treasures of the kingdom and holds the key to the inheritance of the saints. The Holy Spirit is the most valuable asset to Christian living. He is the central figure in any breakthrough in life.

"But why all the counterfeits?", you may ask. The simple answer is this: the presence of the counterfeit is a sure proof of the existence of the genuine. No other personality of the Godhead is more impersonated than the Holy Spirit. This is because He is the reality of the hour.

By virtue of my salvation background with the Evangelicals, I was biased against the Holy Spirit. In fact, for the first six years of my salvation, I did not even want to hear the subject of the person of the Holy Spirit preached. The Evangelicals believe that all saved people are filled with the Holy Spirit.

I began to find faults with those who claim to be baptized with the Holy Spirit. Little did I know that the enemy was out to steal my destiny. Today, that same Holy Spirit is my sweetest companion and greatest asset.

Come with me on an exciting adventure into the person and mission of the Holy Spirit.

Chapter One

The Holy Spirit:
His Personality

"The Holy Spirit came to reveal the sonship of the sons of God. He is the personality to lean on today, if we want to become accomplished."

His Personality

The Bible makes one thing clear: everyone lives to fulfil his name.

When Jesus called the Holy Spirit the Comforter, He automatically revealed His mission — to make men comfortable. The Holy Spirit was sent primarily to establish comfort for God's people. Jesus had some level of comfort, but He promised that with the coming of the Comforter, the comfort they previously enjoyed would fade into mere insignificance.

Let us briefly examine some names in the Bible and their relationship with the bearers.

When the angel appeared unto Joseph and said, *"...Thou shalt call his name Jesus..."*, he revealed something about the person of Jesus. The name Jesus means Saviour. His mission: to *"...save his people from their sins..."* (Matt. 1:21).

Bearing the name "Simon", which means "the reed" (one who is easily shaken), affected Simon; so Jesus changed his name from Simon, to Peter, "the rock" (stable, immovable).

Upon this rock will I build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Matthew 16:18

Then again there was a man called Nabal, of whom these words were spoken:

...As his name is, so is he; Nabal is his name, and folly is with him...

1 Samuel 25:25

Another man was called Ichabod — "the glory is departed" (1 Sam. 4:21). And so it was that when the Bible referred to the Holy Spirit as the Comforter, it

meant that the primary mission of the Holy Spirit will be to make man comfortable.

When Jesus was to be taken away, He gave His disciples a farewell message, saying:

...Now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou?

But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart.

Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

John 16:5-7

The word “expedient” means “profitable.” His going had a lot to offer them, it would make the Comforter come, to make life more comfortable for them.

Therefore, it is true that the disciples mourned after He left, but it was only for a short time, for after Him came the One that took the baton from the Bridegroom — the Comforter!

You must remember that while Jesus was with them, they enjoyed a good measure of comfort. Jesus asked them, “What went ye out into the wilderness to see?” In essence, other ministries of His day were like a wilderness compared to His own ministry. One of John’s disciples joined Him after seeing where He slept.

The same Jesus promised His disciples to send the Comforter to take His place, making them more comfortable than they had been with Him. Jesus said to His disciples:

...The works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

John 14:12

His Approach To His Mission

The first thing the Holy Spirit did when He came was to bring the disciples out of their hiding place in the upper room. They that were once fugitives became rulers in the land. He announced His arrival, broke the walls that enclosed them and dignified His people. Peter who denied his Master (even before a little girl), now proclaimed boldly, “Jesus Christ whom your fathers killed.”

The Holy Ghost came to reveal them, to bring them out of darkness and cause their light to shine from obscurity. In no time at all, the disciples became a concern to the entire province where they were living. Authorities in power held meetings because of them. They became the unbeatable winners, speaking and having what they spoke.

They took over the synagogues as though there were no high priests there previously. According to the Bible, “a great company of the priests became obedient to the faith” (Acts 6:7).

The Holy Ghost came to reveal the sonship of the sons of God. He is the personality to lean on today, if we want to be accomplished. He is the only One, to this hour, that makes the difference. His name is called the Comforter.

His Attributes

The Oil of Joy

The Holy Spirit is referred to as the oil of joy.

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.

Isaiah 61:3

In Psalm 45:7, He is referred to as the Oil of Gladness:

Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

What this means is that He is the anointing for joy and gladness. Like an injection, He injects joy and gladness into the beneficiary.

What is the significance of joy and gladness? The Bible says that *“a merry heart doeth good like medicine”* (Prov. 17:22). Joy is an instrument that makes for a healthy body. A broken spirit, however, is said to dry the bones.

Any doctor can tell you that there are some diseases that cannot be traced, yet they exist. Most health problems come from a broken heart and not necessarily any traceable disease, and are chiefly responsible for “dry bones.” The oil of joy guarantees a healthy life style; it is like medicine to the body.

Do not confuse joy with happiness. Happiness is connected with what you have, what you can see and touch; it is temporary. Joy, however, has its fountain in God. It is referred to as “joy unspeakable,” undefinable. You can’t define the reason for it, but it is there. This is one of the cardinal missions of the Spirit of God.

The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity; but a wounded spirit who can bear?

Proverbs 18:14

A wounded spirit inflicts unbearable afflictions, but when the Holy Spirit has His way, He looses the oil of gladness that puts an undeniable, unspeakable, perpetual smile on your face. The joy is such that you can’t explain or express why you are so excited on the inside. It wards off your infirmities and sustains you. This is in line with Nehemiah 8 :10:

...The joy of the Lord is your strength.

The joy of the Lord takes over your entire system and keeps it healthy, active and well. Show me a man who has escaped the realm of worries and anxiety, and I will show you a man who has the strongest immunity against all diseases and plagues. Joy easily wards them off. When you have this joy in you, people can't understand what it is that gets you so excited. It is more comfortable to be healthy than to be sick!

The Love of God

And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Romans 5:5

The Holy Spirit injects the love of God into men's hearts. Love is what determines your access to revelation, as well as the level you enjoy; because the Bible says in Matthew 22:37- 40:

...Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Except by an enabling force, it is humanly impossible to so love. The love being spoken about in the above Scripture is the proof that you love God —*"Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."* Love is the platform on which the laws and commandments function. When it is out of place, don't expect Scriptures you have accumulated to produce.

This means that the love of God cannot be acquired through human means. It is the ministry of the Holy Ghost to inject love into the hearts of men; otherwise, it will be mechanical, out of duress, by force and out of necessity, not willingly. By this act of the Holy Ghost, you come into the covenant fulfilment of Matthew 6:33:

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

What can be more comfortable than to have all the things that men are struggling for added to you just because the love of God is supreme in your heart? It is this kind of love — a gift from the Holy Ghost, that prompted Paul to ask, *"What shall separate us from the love of God?"*

There is a way you love God that blinds you totally to your needs and circumstances. I met one of our daughters in Canada sometime ago, and she tried to cast my mind back to our early days in ministry. She said, "I know how much you suffered when this church was starting." It sounded like news to me, because

I did not know that I suffered at all. Me suffer? I couldn't see what I went through as suffering.

The whole church was using my toilet. I had to have my bath at 5 a.m. and make sure my wife had hers at 5:30, otherwise, the church cleaner would soon arrive and head straight for the toilet. The bedrooms had to be locked, otherwise they would be mistaken for the office (the office was directly opposite the bedroom and the passage served as the sitting room). There was no gateman, because there was only one gate and there was no money to pay the gateman. So I had to be the gateman, ensuring that the gate was always locked after everybody else had left.

However, I couldn't see those contrary circumstances, because there was something driving me on on the inside. I would so often kneel down and thank God for giving me the privilege of serving as a worker in His vineyard. Until this daughter of mine mentioned it, I didn't know that I went through such "hardness". The Lord told me that it was because of the love I have for Him.

The love of God in the heart is a bedrock; and it is a gift from the Holy Ghost. The Bible talks about *"faith which worketh by love"* (Gal. 5:6). This means that whatever you speak, believe or act, without love it is futile; and when faith fails to work, it results in frustration.

...He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.

1 John 3:14

Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;

Hebrews 12:15

Bitterness brings trouble, hatred is death; but the love of God is the answer to all. This is provided by the Holy Spirit, Who ensures your comfort.

Everything you say would only work when the love of God, which is the platform on which God operates, is abounding in your heart. Once injected with the love of God by the Holy Ghost, you get excited and you are relaxed about doing His will.

The High Praises of God

When you are anointed with the Holy Ghost, your praise life changes. He enables you have a higher dimension of praise in the heart.

He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you.

John 16:14

At Pentecost, the Bible says that the apostles were speaking in tongues and glorifying God. This is one of the Comforter's missions — to give you a supernatural enabling to praise God qualitatively; and when this happens, God's presence is invoked.

When Jehoshaphat and the people of Judah appointed singers to sing the praises of God, the Bible says that God set ambushments against their enemies (2 Chron. 20:22). God's presence converts the battles of life to a walkover for you. The same thing happened for Paul and Silas. They began to pray and sing aloud, and there was an earthquake; the prison doors flung open and their chains fell off. It means that God arrived on the scene. Praises bring down God's glory.

The Spirit of God thus makes you have sweatless triumph over the battles of life, because you are now on a higher praise frequency with God, which brings down His presence that always results in victory.

Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a twoedged sword in their hand;

Psalm 149:6

High praises are only possible with the Holy Ghost. When we were saved, we were told that there was no Holy Ghost anywhere. So, we began to sing our own songs at our own level — singing and breaking in between the songs to share snippets and chip out information as though we were not in God's presence!

There is no possibility of high praises without the anointing of the Holy Spirit. When you enter into the Holy Ghost dimension of praise, tears sometimes roll down your cheeks as you sing of the excellency of God's name. *"The Holy Ghost shall glorify me."* When Jesus is glorified through you, you end up being glorified with Him. We have someone to lean on — the Comforter, who is the present Commander of the host of heaven.

The anointing of the Holy Ghost is not in falling or feeling; it is an experience that reveals itself in the human life style. You can always win without sweat and that can only be achieved through the instrument of praise. Praise is a fundamental requirement for making God take over your battle while you become a spectator. When the Holy Ghost is given access, He turns you on to the high praises realm, and when that happens, you begin to execute the judgement that is written. Whatever is not supposed to be on you can't be there. That is how He makes you comfortable.

...Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.

Psalm 105:15

As you begin to praise the name of the Lord in the high praises dimension, the heavens come to see who is hurting you and render the right judgement upon your enemies. Such was the case with David and his wife, Michal, Saul's daughter. David had just danced before the Lord with all his might and she condemned him for disgracing himself. She despised him in her heart and God's

judgement fell upon her. She became barren — the only woman who remained barren in the entire Scriptures (2 Sam. 6:16-23).

The high praises of God get you off the battlefield and instead, you become a reporter of your own battle; while He becomes the Combatant, dealing with your enemy. He doesn't need His fist to give you your victory; the breath of His nostrils is more than enough to take care of any and every enemy!

You are hereby introduced to the personality of all personalities, the One that makes living fulfilling and profitable —the Holy Spirit. When Jesus told His disciples that it was expedient for them that He went away, He was actually telling them that the Comforter was going to make life so much more exciting and fulfilling; indeed, He would even cause them to do greater works than He did (John 14:12).

Recently, I was in a city in Nigeria for a meeting and a specially made chair was presented to me by a man, whose business had just taken a new turn through an encounter he had with our ministry. This man had somehow got a copy of our *Weekly Faith Digest*, read it and seen my picture on it. Before then, his business had been on a long leave and everything seemed to have come to a standstill; all he had was his complimentary card! That night, he dreamt and saw me give him a letter. The following day, a contract opened up for him and before you could say "Hallelujah", so many others followed!

When this man met me in person, he could not even stand to talk to me; he was on his knees. From running an epileptic and sabbatical business, a new day had dawned in his business.

I want you to know that something is happening. The Holy Spirit is moving in a new way today, to open men up to a new facet of Christian living. You are not to be sympathized with. You are created and destined to be comfortable and become a channel through which comfort is distributed to others.

Favour

The anointing procures favour.

Because of the savour of thy good ointments thy name is as ointment poured forth, therefore do the virgins love thee.

Songs of Solomon 1:3

The word "virgins" is referring to the brides of Christ. Everyone on this earth is a candidate for salvation, because God does not wish for anyone to perish. Thus, potentially, everyone is a bride; except that everyone has the right of choice whether to accept the Bridegroom or to reject Him.

Thy name is as ointment poured forth

When you carry the anointing of the Holy Spirit, even your name is sweet and creates an expectation. You smell good and enjoy love from others. This

whole verse is talking about favour. Love from a second party is favour. The favour you command depends on the level of the anointing that operates on your life. That you are loved is not because of your looks, status, or educational background. The anointing upon you is simply what compels people to love you in spite of themselves.

When Saul was anointed king by Samuel, one of the things the anointing did for him was to procure favour for him.

And they will salute thee, and give thee two loaves of bread; which thou shalt receive of their hands.

1 Samuel 10:4

The three men he was going to meet were going to salute him (feel kindly disposed towards him) and give him gifts. That is supernatural favour. Not because he talked to them or asked for anything from them, but because he was clouded with favour by reason of the anointing.

When you carry the anointing, everywhere you turn, you are welcome. When they don't see you, they look for you. People were always looking for Jesus, He was the most significant personality in His days. It is not sonship to be turned away from every office you go to in search of a job or contract. Registered sonship is all about honour.

Anointing is not in feeling and "tonguing." It is operating in the realm of the Holy Ghost with evidence. Without it, you can be a Christian for thirty years and not have anything to show for it.

Nothing pulls a man down more than empty activities. The lamp that has no oil, has no use. What is its use in darkness? Similarly, the bulb that has no current passing through it is equally useless. Shining light attracts attention, particularly in darkness. Light does not seek to be known and recognized, because in a dark world, light is an asset. That is why you have favour when your light is shining.

Success is a function of favour. Favour from the Lord guarantees success. If in your place of work you are not well favoured, it could affect your promotion prospects negatively. Your file could be hidden or lost, making it impossible for the authority to assess your performances. But when your ointment begins to smell good, everyone will be running over themselves to please you and to do you good.

I once attended an interview, and right there in my presence, the officials were asking me to choose between two options. The gap between the two was so much, it was like the distance between the nose and the mouth. Of course, I chose the better of the two!

Check yourself carefully. If nobody seems to want to see you, it is either because you don't carry the oil or because the one you are carrying is stale. It takes only fresh oil to release unprecedented favour with God and men. Freshen up and let the fresh oil flow.

In conclusion, bearing the four outstanding functions of the Comforter in mind, I want you to pray and ask your heavenly Father to help you experience the comforting ministry of the Holy Ghost — spirit, soul and body.

The Bible says that the Spirit quickens our mortal body. So, if there is anything upside down in your life, the same Spirit has power to turn it around and make it work for your comfortable existence.

Pray, I urge you, and experience a new release from heaven. Some people still wish that Jesus were around physically, but Jesus Himself said that the level of comfort enjoyed by His disciples then would fade into mere insignificance, compared to the comfort they will enjoy from the Comforter. The Holy Spirit has so much more to offer.

A man of God once said that in his twenty years in ministry, he has not been down once. This is someone who has been chased out from about five different places at about the same period; yet he has never been down once! He has always been full of joy and praises, no wonder he still looks like a young boy. Joy is like a medicine to the body. A broken heart weakens the system, but the joy of the Lord strengthens it. It quickens the mortal body and refreshes the soul.

You have spoken in tongues, now experience His person. People who know me know that I don't carry prayer requests about. I have so much of the love of God and the fullness of His joy. I am full of His praises and walk in such measure of favour, both with Him and with men, that I don't have too many prayer requests.

Beloved, you have sweated enough, now be refreshed. The Comforter inside you is not only a tongue talker, but His ministry is also to make you comfortable by making you experience joy, love, praise and favour. Keep Him fresh in your life and you will live a practically translated life. Appreciate His ministry and release yourself for His four-fold mission. You are not designed to experience heartaches in life. Break loose and break forth. The Comforter is here. It is time to be comfortable in the hands of God. Loose that flow of joy, love, the high praises of God and procure favour from heaven. This four-fold charisma of the Holy Ghost has been longing for expression in you, give Him the opportunity to reveal His ministry of comfort in your life.

Chapter Two

The Holy Spirit:
His Significance & Ministry

"There is nothing you can say about the Holy Spirit outside the word 'power.' As many as have been baptised in the Holy Spirit have had a power seed planted in them. Without this power, Christianity becomes just an ordinary religion..."

His Significance & Ministry

The Holy Spirit is a Person that no Christian can do without, One that no other experience can substitute. He is the ever-abiding power of God available to the saint.

Today, so many believers are out of tune, because even though they are born again, baptized in the Holy Ghost and speak in tongues, they do not really know His person.

When a believer knows the Holy Ghost, it becomes easy walking with God, obeying His commandments, understanding His plans and programmes and living victoriously.

The Holy Spirit is God's seed of power in a believer. This seed is planted at baptism (of the Holy Spirit, not water baptism); and just like any seed, it grows and brings forth fruits of power.

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Acts 1:8

The power that you receive will make it possible for you to become an evidence of the Word. I want to emphasize here that the Holy Spirit is not just talking to other people about Jesus. That is not His only mission. Anybody can talk about Jesus, but what establishes you as an evidence of the Word is the Holy Spirit. You can only become an epistle by the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. He empowers the believer to live the Word, and stand for Jesus. He establishes a foundation for Him.

"Ye shall receive power after..." This is a clear proof that no Christian has a right to power before he has the Holy Spirit. Before he received that power, Peter had denied Jesus three times, even before an insignificant maid! He was powerless. Thrice, he consciously swore and denied ever knowing his beloved Master. But after receiving power, he was a transformed Peter. That was when the prophetic change of his name by Jesus became a reality. He was no more Simon (the reed, easily shaken by the wind), but he was transformed into Peter (the rock, immovable). Hear what he told his accusers when they were apprehended (himself and John):

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

Acts 4:10

And when they were finally released and charged not to preach in that name (Jesus) anymore, he responded:

...Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye.

Acts 4:19

There is nothing you can say about the Holy Spirit outside "power." As many as have been baptized into the Holy Spirit have a power seed planted in them. It is their duty to let it grow; otherwise, without this power, Christianity becomes just an ordinary religion, one other principle for survival.

It is the Holy Spirit that makes a stone out of a believer; whosoever comes against it is broken into pieces and upon whom it falls, it grinds into powder. Many people, however, don't know what they have received, so they allow the devil to toy around with them. Not so with Paul. He stopped Elymas' disturbance when he was preaching, by cursing him with blindness for a season.

Some people rightly refer to the Holy Spirit as "fire." The Bible says that Jesus will baptize us both with the "Holy Ghost and with fire." It is no ordinary fire, it is the consuming fire of God, which gives way to nothing. It rather subdues everything that comes against it. It is the presence of this fire on your inside that distinguishes you from those who are without it.

The Holy Spirit is NOT optional, if you desire a fruitful Christianity. He supplies the stamina — the enduring ability — to run the race and obtain the prize.

Ezekiel's experience at the valley of dry bones in chapter 37:1-10 gives a good understanding of the vital role of the Holy Spirit in a believer's life.

Again he said unto me, Prophesy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.

Thus saith the Lord God unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live:

And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the Lord.

So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone.

And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no breath in them.

Then said he unto me, Prophesy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord God; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.

So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.

Ezekiel 37:4-10

Let us examine each stage of this narrative bit by bit.

Bone And Sinew

The *"bone returning to his bone"* stage is the stage of repentance, when the sinner realizes his sinful state and returns to his Maker, to make peace with Him. That is what happened to the prodigal son when he repented; he came to himself.

The flesh and sinews coming upon the bones stage stands for the body being given a fair form to look upon — a form is given to what was originally scattered, so that it now has a shape, though it still lacks the power to move. Such is the state of some of the people in church today — they have a form of godliness which is completely void of the power that distinguishes the sheep from the goats.

It was so easy for Jesus' disciples to forget everything their Master had told them. When he was denying his Master, Peter couldn't remember what his Master had told him until it was fulfilled. The same Peter ran to the tomb to find out whether what he had been told was the truth. That is how Christendom is suffering today — too many professing Christians with a form of religion but completely void of the power that transforms mere religion into a relationship, a life style reflecting the life of the Master.

A Mighty Rushing Wind

The wind blowing on the lifeless bodies' stage is the stage when the Holy Ghost came upon the disciples in the upper room on the day of Pentecost. You will notice that when the prophecy came forth, ***"the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army."*** That was what happened on the day of Pentecost. Here were one hundred and twenty

fearful disciples, huddled together for fear of the authorities; and suddenly, a great, mighty rushing wind blew upon them and then rose up an exceeding great army!

Only one of them spoke and three thousand souls were won into the kingdom in one day! And the following day, five thousand more were added, and so they waxed stronger each day, until they became a concern to the government — men who were turning the world upside down!

Be not deceived about this thing at all; it takes the breath of God to bring life into a mortal being. The Holy Spirit in you and His anointing upon you takes you from the level of the natural to the level of the supernatural. Jesus' accusers were enraged at His audacious claim to forgive sins. "Who is this man that forgiveth sins?" they raged. He is the man that has been empowered and enthroned by God to stand in God's position!

What does that mean? It means that the Holy Ghost enthrones the believer in God's position. I like that! It is no wonder today that religious Christians still get enraged at the boldness and audacity of the great army of God that has been breathed upon by the Holy Spirit. The great army of God was accused of so many things at the time of the apostles. It is still so in our days and will continue to be until Jesus comes.

Nothing gets done by your power or might, but by the Spirit of God. The kingdom of God is not in enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power (1 Cor. 2:4). Jesus, the Son of God, could not manifest without power. After He returned from the Jordan, the Bible says He went into the wilderness and returned in the power of the Holy Spirit.

And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee...

Luke 4:14

He entered into the synagogue and they handed the books over to Him; and as He read, everybody's eyes were fixed on Him. His ministry had begun. If Jesus could not perform without the Holy Spirit, neither can you. He may have read that same passage before, but it only came alive after the power of baptism. There was a fire burning that set the words aglow, until they penetrated the spirits of men.

Some people don't even know what the Holy Spirit is up to. They are so limited in their understanding, that all they know about Him is speaking in tongues, feeling good and being a part of the movement called the "Pentecostal Movement." Far from it. The issue is the enduement of power, with the wind of God blowing upon mortal men "*and making them partakers of His divine nature.*" The Holy Spirit is God's power planted into mankind to make men operate in God's capacity. When He is not there, there can't be the manifestation

of power, just as the glory of a planted seed is only seen when its flower blossoms.

It is the wind of God's Church. It is what makes a mortal being operate divine abilities. Don't get carried away with the tongues, lay hold on the power. The Holy Ghost has come to make you a living testimony of the Word of God. That is what it means to be His witness. He makes Christianity meaningful. Without Him, it would appear as if God's Word has no relevance to our world.

After you are born again, you are entitled to the baptism of the Holy Ghost, which you receive freely with the evidence of speaking in other tongues. That same moment, the power of God becomes resident within you. When He comes in, He makes it possible for you to be pure, holy and perfect. Those who got filled with the Holy Ghost as Peter was still preaching in Cornelius' house could not have been pure, holy or perfect, but they all received the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Hindrances To His Free Flow

The reason why it looks as if you don't have the Holy Spirit is that you might have quenched or grieved Him (1 Thess. 5:19).

And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God...

Ephesians 4:30

Too many believers grieve the Holy Spirit through sinful habits and bad company. They make friends with people who scorn the Holy Ghost; thus, when they open the Bible to read, nothing happens. They kneel down to pray and nothing happens.

If you want to be right, disassociate yourself from wrong company. The Bible says:

He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.

Proverbs 13:20

Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.

1 Corinthians 15:33

The Bible also says:

...Friendship of the world is enmity with God...

James 4:4

Thus, you cannot be a friend of the world and still expect to have a sweet communion with the Holy Spirit.

It is dangerous to grieve the Holy Spirit, for you may eventually quench Him, and He will leave your life. When He leaves, you are in trouble, because *"by strength shall no man prevail"* (1 Sam. 2:9). To quench means to "put off." So you can be sure that when He leaves you and the wind of evil comes, you

have no resistance against it. The Holy Spirit is the strength of this age. Grieve Him not, or you will be left unprotected, uncovered, and your nakedness exposed. Grieve Him not, or you might not have the hope of standing in the day of redemption.

His Ministry

Let us consider just a few of the Holy Spirit's numerous ministries, in order to help us appreciate His person. It is my prayer that after reading this book you will immediately seek Him, if you have not had an encounter with this dynamic personality before. It is the best thing that could ever happen to you.

Quickens the Mortal Body

The Bible says that the Spirit that lives in you is the same Spirit that quickened the body of Jesus Christ in the grave and raised Him from the dead (Rom. 8:11). Thus, the Spirit of God in you causes your mortal body to become supernaturally alive. That means that it is illegal for any form of sickness to be in your body — you don't need to keep it, you can reject it right away if you so desire. If you are born again and filled with the Holy Spirit, then you should be a partaker of God's divine nature in every way — spirit, soul and body.

Remember we are told that Jesus baptizes with the Holy Ghost and fire:

...He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor...but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

Matthew 3:11-12

The Holy Ghost will therefore, sweep clean the floor of your being with the fan and whatever doesn't glorify God (like sickness and other sin-related problems) in your body, He will burn with unquenchable fire.

The Bible also says that you are the temple of the Holy Ghost. Thus, when He comes into you, He carries out a sanitation operation — sweeps you clean and burns off the chaff. Where He dwells, no cancer should be able to survive; no ulcer or any form of want and lack should dwell there either. After you are filled with the Holy Ghost, you become a container of God's fire and that fire is not just to keep you warm, it also burns off and consumes every chaff. The Holy Ghost guarantees your health by quickening your body and making it immune to health hazards.

Guides Into All Truth

The Holy Spirit reveals the truth contained in the Word of God to the believer. He enlightens the believer's understanding of the truth. Without Him in your life, God cannot effectively communicate with you. Jesus told His disciples:

I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come.

John 16:12-13

"All things" is not limited to spiritual matters only, but covers all spheres of life. I have enjoyed that several times in my life. The Holy Spirit teaches me what to do when I get to a crossroad and don't know what to do to go over. He just comes in like a flash and throws light on my way and thus, saves me from stumbling.

The Bible says that God's people are destroyed for lack of knowledge, that is, ignorance (Hos. 4:6). The Holy Spirit is your only insurance against the deadly and enslaving grip of ignorance. Without Him, all your fasting and prayer will amount to nothing but frustration; your interpretation of Scriptures will be distorted and misguided.

This explains why so many theologians and preachers preach heresies. You need to listen to some fellows preach before they are baptized in the Holy Spirit; they just pick one Scripture and preach off track messages, confusing everybody including themselves!

But by reason of this divine enabling personality dwelling in you, you always have a solution to every problem. He guides you into all truth.

He Shows Things To Come

He reveals secrets ahead of time, showing you things to come. Too many people today are doubtful about tomorrow. If you will engage the help of the Holy Spirit and submit yourself under His mighty hand, He will show you things to come.

He Reminds Of Things Taught

There is so much in the Word of God, making it difficult for the human brain to adequately store up everything like a computer. But at every point of need, the Holy Spirit will bring back to your remembrance, what the Word of God has spoken concerning whatever situation you are in (John 14:26).

This is why it is of utmost importance that you befriend the Word of God and even get addicted to it. It is from the much you have stored that the Holy Spirit will bring up a word for you in time of need. If Jesus had not known the Scriptures, the devil would have got Him cheaply; but, the Holy Spirit was able to draw out of the wealth of the Word stored up in Him, to raise a standard against the devices of the enemy.

The Holy Spirit means more than just the visible presence of Jesus within a believer. Jesus Himself testified to this:

Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

John 16:7

Bless God the Comforter has come, and He is right now with us and in us!

He Reproves The World Of Sin

Do you sometimes wonder why you witness to somebody using every technique you can think of, yet nothing happens? Or, you preach and everybody seem carried away, but nobody responds to your altar call?

The answer is simple. It is not by power, might or effort that people get saved. It is by the power of the Holy Spirit in you, quickening the Word you speak and giving it life, thereby convicting men of their low estate and pointing out their need of a Saviour.

You may preach hell, brimstone and fire, nobody will get saved except by the Holy Spirit convicting them; otherwise, Jesus will become a liar, because He said, *"When He is come, He will reprove the world of sin."* Thus, the Holy Spirit has the ministry of world evangelism through human vessels.

He Reproves the World Of Righteousness

By empowering men to walk in righteousness, He makes them lose interest in unhealthy things.

He Reproves Of Judgement

The Holy Spirit establishes the judgement of the world through the believer.

He Testifies Of The Truth

He bears testimony to Jesus. He testifies of the truth and establishes it. That is why you decree a thing in the name of Jesus according to the Word of God and it is established. This is because He is testifying that what you have spoken is the truth. That is why no sinner can decree a thing and it be established. In the first place, what is he decreeing without Jesus? The Holy Spirit will only back up what the carrier of Jesus says.

But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

John 15:26

By testifying of Jesus, your words will no longer be allowed to fall to the ground, but they will perform the purpose where unto they are sent. Don't miss this, because it is so crucial: you can do nothing without the Holy Spirit!

He Intercedes For The Saint

There can be no effectual intercession without the help of the Holy Spirit.

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.

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.

Romans 8:26-27

Evidence Of Baptism In The Holy Ghost

The biblical evidence of baptism in the Holy Spirit is speaking in other tongues. When the Holy Ghost first came, the Bible says that the disciples were all together in one place and in one accord, when suddenly, with the coming of the mighty rushing wind, they all got filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with new tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance (Acts 2:1-4). This is recurrent in the Book of Acts.

While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God...

Acts 10:44,46

This is the second evidence of the massive outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The Bible says that Jesus is the “chief corner stone” and the apostles are the foundation. Let everyone therefore, be careful how he builds on it. Jesus is our cardinal reference, while the apostles are our human references. Whatever you do must be based on the examples left for us by Jesus and the apostles, otherwise, you will have a lot of explanations to do.

In Acts 19:2-7, we find Paul asking the believers whether they had received the Holy Ghost since they believed, to which they replied that they had never even heard about Him. Thereafter, he laid hands on them and they began to speak in tongues and to prophesy.

Those who criticize speaking in tongues like to refer to Paul, who they claim said tongue talking is a prerogative of a few — a gift and not a general commodity. But the above Scripture clearly proves that such arguments have no basis. The Bible is our only reference and we live by the Word of God contained in it.

That Paul asked them whether they had received the baptism in the Holy Spirit is a clear indication of its importance to all believers. Somebody might say that Paul didn’t speak in tongues at his conversion. Paul speaks for himself in 1 Corinthians 14:18:

I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all:

This statement shows that speaking in tongues must have been a major part of his spiritual life. What he was actually trying to guard the believer against was the misuse of their God-given privilege, not that he was against their inheritance.

For you to resist the gift of baptism in the Holy Spirit is to forfeit a vital aspect of your inheritance. No wonder the devil is having a field day with a great number of people, who claim they are believers and yet have nothing to show for it!

Now then, what am I saying? The Acts of the Apostles, which is supposed to be our foundation, has shown us instances where the believers got baptized in the Holy Spirit and in each instance, it was evidenced by their speaking in tongues. No one can claim to be filled with the Holy Ghost if he doesn't have the evidence of speaking in tongues. Even in the world, no case in court is won without evidence; so, if you have received the baptism, prove it! We are in the acts of the latter days and we are meant to build on the foundation laid; we must not destroy it by our unbelief.

Sincerely ask the Holy Spirit Himself, in meekness, to reveal the truth to you and I assure you that He would.

The Baptism In The Holy Spirit

A number of people have become confused on the subject of the baptism in the Holy Spirit. They might have even concluded that perhaps this baptism is not for them. Often, it is not their fault, but rather a result of the unscriptural teachings the are exposed to.

First, it should be noted that God desires the Holy Ghost baptism for all who are saved. It is not a special gift for a privileged few. It is what should automatically accompany salvation. This is perhaps what motivated the men in Jerusalem to ask, *"...Men and brethren, what shall we do?"* (Acts 2:37.) To which Peter replied:

...Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Acts 2:38

The gift of the Holy Spirit is a ready companion of salvation. Jesus said, *"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?"* (Lk. 11:13) The gift is readily available and the Giver is equally ready to impart the Holy Spirit to all who ask. This makes it extraordinarily easy for the recipient to receive the Holy Ghost.

The Holy Spirit baptism is an initiation into power. Jesus, while speaking to His disciples in Luke 24:49 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.

The disciples obeyed Him and in Acts 2:4, there came a fulfilment of that promise:

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

When the apostles received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, they all spoke with new tongues. But note here that they were not clothed with tongues, but with power. This is another error in the teaching of the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Jesus never told His disciples to wait for tongues, He told them to tarry for an enduement with power. The effect of the enduement with power was evident: the shaky reed, Simon, suddenly became Peter, the rock!

As Peter addressed the Jerusalem audience, who had just recently crucified the Lord, he spoke as a thunderbolt, challenging the very fundamentals of the Jewish religion. This must have been supernatural, because as roughly as Peter spoke, no one could lay hands on him. Instead, 3,000 angry Jews surrendered to the Lordship of Jesus and got saved. Of a truth, the power had come!

Unfortunately, the power dimension of baptism in the Holy Spirit has been played down over the years by Christians, who have virtually replaced power with tongues. Seekers of the baptism are waiting, not for the power, but for the tongues. This is definitely a lopsided theology.

Imagine Peter after the death of Jesus Christ and before the day of Pentecost, when he suddenly became the celebrity of the day. He had taken the seat of the High Priest. In case the Roman Catholics are right, Peter suddenly became the Pope! The new-tongue Church had taken over the Cathedral; the pulpit had joined the pews. We are told that many of the priests in Jerusalem became obedient to the faith and as such lost their pulpits to the apostles.

The power dimension of the baptism of the Holy Spirit should be the core expectation, not the tongues. Although speaking in tongues is the biblical evidence of the baptism in the Holy Ghost, the tongues should not be mistaken for power. You must stop hiding behind closed doors with heads bowed down in shame and entangled with fear and failure; you must be baptized in the Holy Spirit. This is the giant step into the school of power.

The Baptizer

The next misconception is the source of the baptism. A woman visited my office in 1983 and told me how she had gone to many reputable and renowned ministers to be baptized in the Holy Spirit, but returned without receiving the gift. She had come to me, in essence, to make my own contribution.

When I told her that she had visited the wrong people, she was shocked, because she thought I didn't believe in the ministries of those great men of God. So I told her: "The Holy Ghost has only one source. Every great servant of God has just enough (of the Holy Ghost) for himself; so no one has extra to offer." However, John the Baptist points us to the Baptizer. In Matthew 3:11, John says:

I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

Jesus is the Baptizer. That is why Matthew 11:28 says:

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

"Come unto me..." Not unto either one of the apostles, but unto Jesus alone.

He that believeth on me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

John 7:38

The key word is *"Me"* — Jesus; not believing in any man, except Jesus.

You remember in Acts 10, where Peter was speaking in the house of Cornelius; the people believed, and the Baptizer was at hand to get His job done. We are told that they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and they spoke with new tongues. So, Peter was not the commander of that event, but Jesus the Baptizer.

After the above issues were clarified, the woman's countenance changed. This encouraged me to say confidently: "Right now as you are looking at me, you will be filled with the Holy Spirit." And she immediately bursted into tongues; and I thought to myself, "Yes, the Word works!"

I also had another exciting, yet, humbling experience when I got a letter from a young man, who is now a pastor. Contained in his missive was a testimony on how he got born again and filled with the Holy Ghost from reading one of our early books: *The Miracle Seed*. The amazing thing is that no one administered the baptism of the Holy Ghost to him. Jesus, the Baptizer, was just by him and did His job.

How To Receive The Baptism Of The Holy Ghost

In case you are not yet baptized in the Holy Spirit and would want to receive Him, the following steps will guide you:

1. Be born again.

2. Be genuinely desirous of the baptism, thirst for it.

3. Believe that the baptism is for all believers, including yourself. The baptism is for sons, not for bastards.

4. Identify the right source of the baptism of the Holy Ghost — Jesus. It is not the pastor, but Jesus that baptizes.

5. Trust Him to keep His word. Jesus said, *"He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water."*

6. Ask Him for the baptism. If you will ask right now, as a seeker, you will be filled with the Holy Spirit. That is why Jesus said:

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?

Luke 11:13

In conclusion, let me emphasize that the Holy Spirit is not for the strong, but to make the weak strong. He is not for the highly placed believers; He is the instrument that makes the lowly Christian ride high. He is not for the "perfect" Christian; but He is God's treatment for imperfection. Therefore, as long as you are born again, you are a worthy candidate for the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Right now, I command that flow to come upon you. Receive the Holy Ghost and be endued with power from on high, with the evidence of speaking in tongues, in Jesus' name!

Chapter Three

Understanding
The Anointing

"Anointing is divine enabling. Jesus emphasised that a believer can be like God in character, so also can he be like him in the demonstration of power."

Understanding The Anointing

Anointing is a divine enabling. It is an outflow of the Holy Spirit through a human vessel.

There is a difference between the baptism of the Holy Spirit and the anointing. The baptism is just the beginning of the race, it is like an initiation into spiritual depth. It is different from being anointed. Initiation brings about identification. It is in the course of identification that you receive an outflow — a higher dimension of the Holy Spirit. Here is an illustration to help you understand the different levels of the Holy Spirit.

A Well

In John 4, Jesus met a Samaritan woman at the well and asked her to give Him water to drink. The woman was astonished, because the Jews were not supposed to have anything to do with the Samaritans. As a result, Jesus tried to show her that He was more than just a Jew; He had something more to offer her that she knew not of — a well of living water flowing from inside her.

This illustration is talking about your encounter with the Holy Spirit at new birth, for no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. This experience is compared to a well of water. The level of the Holy Spirit in you at conversion is likened to a well of water.

A River

John 7:37-39 says that Jesus lifted up His voice on the great day of the feast and said:

...If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

He that believeth on me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

(But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

This is the baptism of the Holy Spirit, which is received by those who already believe. This experience is likened to a river of water.

At conversion you have a well of the Spirit, whereas at baptism, you have rivers of the Spirit. Wells are subject to climatic conditions. In the dry season, most wells dry up completely. People at this level are tossed about by the prevailing spiritual climatic conditions. When the climate is spiritually hot, they are hot, and when it is cold, they also become cold.

Those baptized in the Holy Spirit have rivers of the Spirit flowing in them. A river is also dependent on the climate. In the dry season you see children and animals walking about on the river bed. If the climate is harsh, a river reduces in volume, and the use to which you put it at this stage is limited. Boats can no longer sail on it, larger boats are stranded and fishing activities are practically brought to a standstill. This shows that the river level of the Spirit does not guarantee security.

This is where people who think that the baptism of the Holy Ghost is the end of the road miss it. The climate that will reduce the volume of a river must necessarily cause the well to be completely out of use! This is why once saved does not mean always saved, and once baptized in the Spirit does not mean always being baptized. Both of them are subject to the weather.

There is another level of the Holy Spirit, which supersedes these first two. This is the anointing level.

The Rain

The anointing is likened to rain. Rain is the live wire of the well and river. It determines their welfare and is the only way by which they are filled up. A well may always be filled with water, and at times, to the brim. But the function to which it can be put is different from that to which you can put a river. You cannot fish in a well, neither can you go boating in it, no matter how full it is.

With a river, you can generate hydro-electricity and carry out large scale fishing. The function to which a river is put is determined by the level of water it has and this level of water is dependent on rain.

Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain...

Zechariah 10:1

...For he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.

Joel 2:23

These Scriptures clearly refer to the anointing. This is the rain of God's power; the release of power from above, to increase the water level.

The anointing stands for the increase in the volume of water in your river. Even as the volume of water in a river determines the functions to which it can be put, so also does the level of anointing in a man determine the number of people he can carry along. The level of anointing determines the productivity of a man of God.

The anointing is the in-filling of the Holy Spirit. The only way you can fill up a river is when it rains.

The rain, the anointing, began to fall when the disciples prayed in Acts 4, for the infilling of the Spirit, so they could preach the Word of God with boldness. They had already received the Holy Spirit baptism at Pentecost, but they prayed for an infilling, and the Bible records that *"they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness."*

The anointing is subsequent to baptism. It is after baptism that you receive that touch. This was clearly illustrated in the ministry of Jesus. When He was baptized at the River Jordan, the Bible says that the Holy Ghost came upon Him in the form of a dove. Thereafter, He was led of the Spirit into the wilderness, from whence He returned in the power of the Spirit. He came under a strong and powerful anointing and His fame spread abroad. He read from the Scriptures:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me...

Luke 4:18

This was why He could go about doing good and healing all those that were oppressed of the devil, because God was with Him. This is the anointing. It makes it possible for the sons of God to manifest their sonship. It is the release of God's power that makes performance possible. The anointing is not a dormant issue, it is what activates your Christian stand. It enables you to stand on God's Word and to get results.

No king reigned in Israel without the anointing. Similarly, no prophet stood in his office without it. You never get to occupy your throne without the anointing of the Holy Spirit. It is the anointing that marks out a believer. It enthrones the saints of God. It distinguishes between people. This is why two people may preach the same message, but have different results. No matter your calling or area of service, the anointing of the Holy Ghost upon your life is the master key to fulfilment and accomplishment. Your enthronement is not by power or by might, but by the Spirit of the Lord.

The anointing is very important in a believer's life. Every believer requires it for sustenance, performance, success, breakthrough and fulfilment. Nothing gets

accomplished without it. It is an absolute necessity for a fruitful Christian living.

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.

Isaiah 10:27

The obstacles are cleared off, the mountains are brought low, the Red Sea paves way, all because of the anointing. Only the anointing can destroy the yoke, no matter what the yoke is.

How much breakthroughs you experience in life is determined by the level of the anointing of the Holy Spirit upon your life. Jesus charged the disciples not to go witnessing until they were endued with power from on high. The kingdom of God is not in words, but in the demonstration of the Spirit and of power. Without the anointing, the disciples were incompetent to operate in their offices, likewise the kings and prophets of old.

Anointing is for performance. No anointed man can retain the anointing without putting it to work. Lack of use results in decay, while active use results in maturity. The anointing of God upon your life will only increase as a result of use.

But strong meat belongeth to them...who by reason of use have their senses exercised...

Hebrews 5:14

If you go to sleep with the anointing of the Holy Spirit, it will also go to sleep in you. The anointing is given for a purpose. Jesus said:

He has anointed me to...

He had a task to accomplish with it. He was anointed for a mission.

Fundamental Issues Related To The Anointing

The Act Of Righteousness

Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.

Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

Psalm 45:6-7

Jesus loved righteousness and hated wickedness; that was why He never ran out of the anointing. He was anointed with the oil of gladness above His fellows. It follows therefore that anyone who will receive the anointing must love righteousness and hate iniquity. The level to which you love righteousness and hate iniquity determines the level of your anointing. The level of anointing of Jesus was higher than that of His fellows. He said of Himself, *"The prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me."* (John 14:30.)

The Apostle Paul, talking about Him said He knew no sin (2 Cor. 5:21). So, because He knew no sin, His anointing knew no limits.

Sin places a limit on the anointing. It dams the river. The rain might fall, but a large part of the river will receive no water, because of the dam, which creates an obstacle that blocks the flow. If you hate righteousness and love iniquity, then the rain is withheld from falling on you, and as a result, you have to do without the anointing. The anointing that knows no limit is a result of righteousness that knows no bounds.

Paul was mightily anointed of God. After he appeared on the scene, he made it look as if the other apostles were non-existent. He wrote half of the New Testament. He also had this testimony:

Ye are witnesses, and God also, how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe:

1 Thessalonians 2:10

Paul had a testimony of holiness. The way up in the journey of the anointing is your love for righteousness. That is how you can be opened up to receiving the anointing. In his letter, Apostle John said:

...Let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous...

1 John 3:7

The emphasis here is on the word “doeth.” There is a “doing” involved in righteousness. Potentially, we are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus, but that potential only becomes dynamic when you engage in the acts of righteousness. This does not have so much to do with effort as it has to do with the Word. You have already overcome spiritually, so you are to carry out your victory in the physical.

Samuel was a highly anointed man of God. The Scriptures tell us:

And Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground.

1 Samuel 3:19

Whatever he said took place. This must be by reason of the anointing — the power of God at work in him. As a result, Samuel could ask the whole congregation:

Behold, here I am: witness against me before the Lord, and before his anointed: whose ox have I taken? or whose ass have I taken? or whom have I defrauded? whom have I oppressed? or of whose hand have I received any bribe to blind mine eyes therewith? and I will restore it you.

1 Samuel 12:3

This is the secret. To be full of righteousness, is to be full of power. The thrice holy God is the omnipotent God. Samuel could stand boldly, like Paul the

Apostle, to give the testimony of his walk in integrity with God. This is what brings about the anointing.

Anointing is not in the fervency of preaching, nor is it the energy expended in gesticulations; it is the power content. Every testimony of exploits in the Bible is based upon this. When you are off the track of righteousness, then you are off the track of power.

If you have found yourself being overcome again and again by sin, know that there is a way out. One of the things you do to weaken the forces of sin is to take a decision against it like Daniel did. He purposed in his heart not to defile his body, and in the age of sin, Daniel lived a sinless life. If Daniel could take a decision and uphold it, so can you also, because you operate a better covenant.

Righteousness has its price. God has paid His own price by sending His dear Son to die on the cross of calvary. You need to play your own part too, by submitting fully to His will. This will cost you something. It may cost you pleasure, relationship with others, denial of food, and other such forms of discomfort. However, the price you pay cannot be compared to the weight of glory that awaits you at the end.

Jesus emphasized that a believer can be like God. If he can live like God in character, so also can he be like Him in the demonstration of power. Tune up your life style to God's character, so that His life can find expression through you.

Many believers, as a result of carelessness in the things of the Spirit, have been dethroned even before they could realize it. The lost throne can be secured back. Our God is a merciful God. The dethronement of any Christian may be caused by many factors, ranging from the lure of money, women, drink, selfish ventures, etc. You need to fight to free yourself, to secure your throne and maintain it. Get rid of the little little foxes that spoil the vine, and have a pleasant flow into the realm of the Spirit.

The devil cannot stand your ascending the throne, so he is busy looking for ways to trap you. He can come through human agents or any situation. Spiritual dethronement is his ministry — to steal, kill and destroy.

Do not watch your throne being stolen from you. It is time to fight the good fight of faith and possess your inheritance in God. David had to spend some time in the bush after being dethroned. The devil dethroned him after luring him into an adulterous relationship with Bathsheba. His throne was taken from him through lust, but he regained it through the mercy of God. There is a throne for you. Don't die in your village as a house fellowship leader.

The latter rain answers to sanity and purity. If you are taking a trip for the anointing — the latter rain — you have to first have your bath and wash your

clothes. Clean your environment for God to have His way. The anointing is a visitation of the presence of God in manifestation. If God must come to you, you have to get ready for Him. New wine can only be stored in new wine skins. The new anointing, the latter rain, is for renewed men.

Walking In Love

All issues of life emanate from love; they all have their anchor on it. This also goes with the anointing. Anointing is basically for service. *"He has anointed Me to [do]..."* Jesus said. You will agree with me that when you are praying for someone you really love, there is a strange kind of unction on you. On the other hand, when praying for someone who is a little more distant, the fervency of your prayer is reduced. The love relationship between you and the one you are praying for determines the degree of anointing you experience in the course of prayer and ministration.

A man that will flow in the anointing and demonstrate the power of the Spirit, must be a man of love. For your ministry to have a positive effect on others, you must have love for them. Just like you cannot be more anointed than the level of your righteousness, so also you cannot be more anointed than how loving you are. Hatred, which is just as bad as unrighteousness, places a limit on your anointing.

Every time Jesus was moved with compassion, there was a release of anointing which gave birth to signs and wonders. At the grave of Lazarus, there was a cry of love from His heart. The Bible tells us He wept. Love flowed from His heart, and the flow of the anointing was released and Lazarus rose up from the dead.

Love gives the victory; it knows no defeat. It is the carrier of God's power, even as the Word of God is the carrier of faith. Every time you are moved with compassion, you set the power of God in you in motion. A man who has no compassion for the sick is not qualified for the healing anointing.

In the Songs of Solomon, we are told that love is stronger than death. Love, emanating from the heart, sets into motion a power, an anointing that knows no obstacles.

Living The Praise Life

Nothing keeps anointing down more than a life void of praise and worship. Murmuring and complaining keep anointing far away from your territory. The more you praise, the more the unction; the more the worship the more the anointing. God is fearful in praises (Ex. 15:11). He manifests Himself in an atmosphere of thanksgiving. Jesus never complained, He never murmured. He was never offended in God. It is no wonder that He never lacked the anointing.

In His greatest hour of need (when men tend to question God), He always said: *"Father, I thank You."*

Praise keeps the anointing flowing, which in turn destroys the yoke. Details on this will be discussed in chapter 11.

Chapter Four

The Journey Into
The Anointing

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The Journey Into The Anointing

We are living in the age of power, and one way by which God will prove Himself in our midst is by the demonstration of His power for:

The kingdom of God is not in word, but in power.

1 Corinthians 4:20

The kingdom of God is not in church attendance, prayer, fasting, tithing or cell membership. If all these things don't culminate in power, then they don't mean anything at all. God offers no guarantee over anybody's life outside the manifestation of His power.

Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions...and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Luke 10:19

This is possible by power only. It has nothing to do with how religious you are or how nice you look. This power is not reserved for a few individuals only; it is for all.

...As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God...

John 1:12

Power is the true identity of the saint. This power is, however, not limited to a demonstration of healings and other miracles only; it is demonstrated in every sphere of life.

The president of a nation is president wherever he goes and whatever he does. He is no less the president, no matter where he goes. Even in his sleep, he is president! That is exactly how that power is operational, it could be effectual everywhere within your jurisdiction. In Psalm 110:1-3, we read:

The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

The Lord shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.

Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.

He will sit until all His enemies have been made His footstool. The day of God's power will precede His coming and this will be made known through the Church.

The Church is always referred to as Zion. This Scripture is thus saying that God's might will find expression out of Zion, which will make her to rule in the midst of her enemies. She will rule physically, mentally and otherwise. That is you!

God has a day in mind and that day is referred to as "the day of his power."

Gateway To Power

The gateway to power is thirst. There has to be a thirst, a craving, a longing. You don't buy power with money or anything else. There has to be a longing, after the order of David:

As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

Psalm 42:1

There is no doubt that David saw and experienced the power of God for many days. How did he get it? He was constantly panting after it.

The price of the release of power is a longing in your heart, that where you are now is only good enough for now, but it will be too bad if you remain there permanently. According to Jesus, the day's trouble is enough for the day. David knew that secret quite early, so he began to pant after God's power.

So many people get so satisfied with the very little anointing they have. They feel fulfilled and accomplished after the first miracle and think they have arrived. In Isaiah 55:1, the Bible says:

Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

This verse simply reveals the secret to God's release of His power. When you ask for power, He first of all checks the condition of your heart, to see whether there is a thirst or if you are merely asking out of a religious sense, because everyone else is asking.

"Buy milk and wine without money." Money is not the currency for the milk and wine; thirst is. *"Ho, everyone that thirsteth."* Thirst is the acceptable tender

for the release of power. This thirst is the kind that was in the heart of Moses whom God made a god unto Pharaoh. This man had so many encounters with God and even spoke face to face with Him; yet, he still cried out to God to show him His way, that he may know Him (Ex. 33:12-13).

The problem with many of us is that we get satisfied so soon and allow the enemy to rob us of God's best by accepting the ordinary as the ultimate.

Thus, this power we are talking about is available only to those who recognize that they need Him everyday. Paul, a man in his own class, of whom even the devil bore this witness: "Paul I know," had a wealth of revelations (living in two worlds at the same time) by reason of his encounters and relationship with Jesus, yet he was not satisfied. He yearned for more:

That I may know him and the power of his resurrection...

Philippians 3:10

That is why in 1 Corinthians 8:2, he admonished us:

And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know.

Only a thirst for God's power will bring down the anointing. A daily recognition of the fact that what you have is not all that you can have; that what you know is not all that you can know. Do not accept local championship, refuse it vehemently. The journey is too long. Don't settle down yet, lest when you get to heaven you regret seriously when you see the accumulation of all that belonged to you, but which you missed through satisfaction with the status quo.

There is so much in reserve for you. Remember that Jesus promised we were going to do His works, and even do greater ones than He did. It simply means that you will be able, not only to operate His type of power, but even accomplish more than He did! No work is done without power. How much is done is equivalent to how much power has gone in. All you need to do now is to examine yourself and see how far you have gone in fulfilling those precious words of the Master, that is, accomplishing more than He did.

Acknowledge Your Emptiness

The key secret to receiving God's power is to constantly see your emptiness; see how much you need Him for replenishment.

Many believers see the Holy Ghost baptism as the ultimate in their Christian experience. No way! It is only the take-off point in the school of power, marking the day you were registered into kingdom service. Registration does not mean graduation; and matriculation in the power school is different from convocation! Therefore, when you take registration to mean graduation, you are saying welcome to mediocrity.

After Jesus was baptized, both by immersion and with the Holy Ghost, the Bible says He was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where He emptied self and sought after the Father. He thereafter returned in the power of the Holy Spirit. After the anointing, He still went for the infilling. When He returned to the synagogue and was given a book to read, He read: *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to..."* (Lk. 4:14-21).

His Sonship was confirmed at the initial baptism. But you cannot manifest sonship without the anointing; that was why Jesus went after it — the Holy Ghost led Him to the wilderness for forty days.

Now that you have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and do speak in tongues, have you gone out for the rain that comes from heaven, and which alone makes the difference? After Paul's conversion, for three years he was in the coast of Arabia and when he came out he was in the class of the prophets. Everyone has to seek; for it is he that seeks that finds. The anointing of the Holy Ghost is the oil from heaven that keeps the fire burning. If it is not there, the glow of the fire will wane.

This was the pitiable state of the five foolish virgins, whose oil got finished before the bridegroom arrived. By the time they returned from buying more, they were locked out of that which they had been waiting for. That is why you have to make sure that your cup is filled everyday. Don't be lost in activities, but seek a personal, spiritual renewal for yourself. Be lost in Christ, so that you may be found of Him. The path of the just shines more and more unto the perfect day. If this is not true for you, and all you can boast of is what you accomplished years back, then you have to do something. What you started doing long ago should be on the increase.

Everything will come to a standstill when you stop seeking like you used to do in the past. Men that go up in the school of power are men that constantly recognize their emptiness, so that they can have His sufficiency poured out upon them. Jesus will only come for the bride that is armed with power.

There is going to be an outward restoration of all things before Jesus will come down, and that means power. There will be a power explosion on the earth, that will command and compel everything to fall in line with God's Word before Jesus will come.

...How terrible art thou in thy works! through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee.

Psalm 66:3

If the Church will rule in the midst of her enemies before Jesus comes, it means that there will be such a terrific release of power; for, it is only through the use of power that the enemy submits. That means that Jesus is waiting for the

unleashing of this power before He comes. Out of Zion (the Church) there shall be such a release of power and glory, that the enemy won't be able to resist. You will speak a word and it will stand, because it is backed with power.

In sincerity and with a pure motive to serve God, begin to long for the infilling with this power. Everyone needs this power, not just preachers. Everyone needs the influence of the anointing to attain the plan of God for their lives. You cannot do anything effectively without the anointing. By it you wield power to affect every sphere of life, because the Bible says that the yoke shall be destroyed by the anointing. That means, wherever a yoke can be found, the anointing is needed. There are yokes against every sphere of life today — business, family, etc.

You even need the anointing to drive, otherwise you will be run into or be jammed everyday. There are certain traps laid by the enemy for you in one way or the other, but the anointing on you will destroy every yoke.

There is a place for everything — prayer, fasting, giving, etc; but when it comes to breaking of yokes, the anointing is what destroys them. All other ways could help build it up, but until they result in the anointing, no yoke will be destroyed.

The Transforming Effect

You will discover that as you advance in the Spirit, most problems around you will begin to give way on their own accord and you will begin to wonder at the glorious change, as you have turned into another person. The anointing changes you regularly and from time to time into another man. When the anointing came upon Saul, the son of Kish, he became another man.

I urge you, don't fall into the group of unfortunate people, who get satisfied too soon, who think they have made it, when they have only just begun. They think they know it all, but they know so little. Rather, seek for greater depths in Christ everyday of your life. The moment you notice a particular burden coming down, react to it by setting yourself apart and doing some special operation on yourself. In prayer and fasting, set yourself to seek the Lord, and as you do that, you will find the power of God coming down on you afresh.

I must tell you this truth: God is interested in getting you into the fullness of His stature. He wants to make a new person out of you, until even you become surprised at yourself. Get thirsty for the power. Never forget to give Him thanks for every breakthrough and continue in the race. The time to begin to see God's power afresh is here, so that everyone can constantly justify his presence in the body. If Jesus needed the anointing, much more do you need it now.

Don't get satisfied with where you are now, aspire for greater heights. We are in a race, and the race is not over yet; so, to settle down where you are now

might be very dangerous. If you want to stir yourself up, read of how much power demonstration was in Jesus' ministry, and you will see how far behind you are. This will set you in motion, causing you to reach out for greater things. Religion is vain. Your encounter with Christ is the only thing that lasts. So, I admonish you to put off the cloak of religion and put on the cloak of power; that is what marks you out as a son or daughter of God.

Fasting

Fasting is instituted for power generation. It is not a means of obtaining quick answers as some think, neither is it complementary to prayer.

It causes your light to shine forth out of darkness. Isaiah 58:6-12 tells us what it is instituted to achieve. The summary of it is power. You are not to fast when you are sick. When you fast, you are creating an atmosphere for your spirit-man to grow. If you therefore must stay in power, fasting must be a part of your life. In fact, I don't see how you can survive for weeks without a fast to ascertain the presence of God's hand upon your life. To fast a day in a week won't kill you.

A friend and I once engaged in fasting for some days, and after four days I had to go and preach somewhere. I felt so light, the way I had never felt before in my body. I couldn't tell whether I was walking or floating; it was so glorious.

Fasting also helps your spirit to gain speed. Fasting is a way of subduing the body, to exalt the spirit. It enables your spirit to control your body, granting it ascendancy over the body. Jesus' comment in Matthew 17:21 emphasizes the need for fasting —*"This kind goeth not out but by fasting and prayer."*

I am not talking about fasting for bread and butter, but fasting to get power. You can hardly find a man who does not fast and yet remain a spiritual giant. Paul said, *"In fastings often"* (2 Cor. 11:27). Moses was a fasting machine.

What really makes for a fast is largely determined by how much encounter you have with God. This kind of fast takes you out of the body and puts you right in God's presence. A fast that does not go with reading the Word of God and prayer is nothing but a hunger strike!

Finally, be assured of this: no one man has more access than another to power in the Church of God. The power that backs up what you are involved in compels it to succeed. The anointing causes you to smell good and commands favour for you from God. Every other contrary power must also respect you for it.

I leave you with this responsibility — go further in your search for more of God's power. Keep using it in order to mature in it, because maturity comes by reason of use. God sees you as capable of running your life, that is why He tells

you to *"give no place to the devil."* You are in charge of your own life. He is the owner of the building (your body) and sees you as the caretaker, well capable of keeping the enemy off your territory.

Chapter Five

Who Qualifies For The Anointing?

"The only thing that stands between you and the anointing now is yourself. Do you think of yourself as foolish, a nobody, worthless? The anointing is for anybody who cares for it as long as the conditions are met."

Who Qualifies For The Anointing?

Out of error, a great number of folks think that the anointing is a special commodity kept aside by God for a privileged set of people. But the Scriptures tells us clearly that God is no respecter of persons (Acts 10:34). He is not partial.

Like salvation, the anointing is for anybody who cares for it, as long as the conditions are met. For instance, what earns a man salvation is a repentant heart, coupled with faith in God through the acceptance of Jesus Christ, His love gift. Salvation is free, but not everybody is saved. The same is true of the anointing. It is for everybody, but not everyone can be called anointed.

What matters to God first and foremost is the state of the heart. His ways are not our ways, and this is where our problems lie — judging God's ways by our own standards. Often, you hear people say, "Naturally, I am this, I am that." They thus use natural things to draw a conclusion on the spiritual. The Bible says that when a man is in Christ, all things (old, natural tendencies) are passed away.

When Samuel went to Jesse's home to anoint a second king for Israel, he was carried away by natural looks and abilities, but God warned him against it. *"Look not on his countenance,"* He told Samuel. While man tries to assess and judge things by what he sees, God looks on the heart. Is your heart ready for God's appraisal? Who then is qualified for God's anointing?

The Unworthy

And it came to pass, when all that knew him beforetime saw that, behold, he prophesied among the prophets, then the people said one to another, What is this that is come unto the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets?

And one of the same place answered and said, But who is their father? Therefore it became a proverb, Is Saul also among the prophets?

1 Samuel 10:11-12

Saul had just been anointed king by prophet Samuel, and one of his anointing packages turned him into a new man and enabled him to prophesy with the other prophets. It is very clear from this account, that Saul was not expected (by merit and every other standard) or considered worthy to be a prophet, but the anointing did it for him.

God anoints those who do not seem to merit it in the sight of the people of the world. When they are counting those that can be used of God, these type of people are not mentioned. Such was Saul. Thus, when he began to prophesy, it became a proverb. This agrees with what Paul said in 1 Corinthians 1:26-28:

For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:

But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;

And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:

The wise are always wise in their own eyes; and as such, the wiser they think they are, the more foolish they become before God. Consequently, they tend to lose all the heavenly benefits that accrue to them. In their “wise” reasonings, it is foolishness to become born again. Thus, the little understanding they possess is working against them and causing them to miss God’s eternal values. God has chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise, the weak things to confound the things which are mighty, and the things which are despised and thought of as nothing, He has chosen to confound the things that are.

The chosen of God are the ordained of Him. They are anointed by Him; and when they stand out, they confound the things that are wise. I once met a Nigerian Judge in America and later on had another opportunity to be with him in a meeting, where we were both seated on the high table. After my address, he asked, “Where did you get that electric brain from?” “From heaven!” I replied. He admitted how he had tried unsuccessfully to imitate me. He had seen me preach a brief message of less than twenty minutes, at the end of which 120 people got saved, and that had baffled him. That is what the anointing does — through an unworthy vessel, it confounds the wisdom of the wise and turns it into foolishness.

God will anoint the foolish, the weak, the people that are no people. I happened to be such a person, until Jesus anointed me. There didn’t seem to be any hope for me at all; I was almost a recluse. Everybody was so sure that I would soon learn a lesson and turn back. But glory be to God, today they have

all learnt their lessons, because the anointing has placed me above everyone of them by every standard. Glory to God!

Who are the foolish? They are those who are not wise in their own eyes and know that whatever they do now is foolishness compared to the wisdom that God has in stock for them. They banish the ordinary and sensual wisdom, so as to secure the heavenly wisdom.

God will anoint the weak one who knows that he can do nothing by his own power or might, except by the power and might of the Holy Spirit.

Just As You Are

Yes! God wants you to come to Him just as you are, without all the trappings. He is not looking for the talented. I used to be slow of speech, but today, by reason of the anointing, I am one of the fastest talkers.

There are many ministers today who were once stammerers, but the anointing loosened their tongues to preach the gospel. Consider Moses. There were many who were his superiors in the land of Egypt, yet God fished him out — a fugitive and a stammerer!

God will only anoint the one who, having been anointed, will reveal the One who anointed him. Someone who will not put himself in the forefront. God is looking for one through whom He will radiate His glory, not one who will steal His glory or try to share it with Him. Such a person will constantly refer to Him as the One who made him what he is, without making reference to what personal efforts he has invested.

I don't care how despised you have been in life, you are just the right person God is looking for. Perhaps people have looked at you and seen only the miserable life you are living, that is the more reason why He has you in mind for the anointing! He is not looking for a wise man for the throne, He is looking for a foolish man to enthrone; so that when on the throne, there will be no doubt who put him there.

Too many people there are, that are too wise, too strong, too noble and too well established for God to use. He is looking for the humble to lift up. You may be wondering what the place of the mighty in all these is. Simple. Let the mighty submit his might under the mighty hand of God, then God shall exalt him. Let the wise also humble himself, and in due season he will be exalted.

Who will God anoint? You! Jesus said, *"As the Father hath sent Me, so send I you."* And just as the Father could not be confident in that commission until He had anointed Him, so also He cannot be confident in the commission He is placing in your hand without anointing you.

You might have been telling yourself as you read this, that you are not presentable enough. Paul was the worst man to look upon, his appearance was

weak and contemptible. He lacked charisma. Even when God saved him, he was not easily accepted by the brethren, because of his terrible reputation of the past. By all standards, he was the least candidate for approval.

God will only use those people least expect to be used. What about the set of crude, raw and unlearned team of Peter, James and John? With the anointing upon them, they shook the very foundations of the city of Jerusalem and the people marvelled at their boldness. They could not resist the wisdom with which they preached. Unlearned men, yet they were turning their world "upside down."

Your stature does not have anything to do with this anointing at all, neither does your educational background. Smith Wigglesworth, the acclaimed Apostle of faith, was a plumber. D. L. Moody was a shoemaker. What you are now is not a disqualifier. The only thing that stands between you and the anointing now is yourself.

Do you think of yourself as foolish, a nobody, worthless? Gideon thought so of himself too when the angel of the Lord visited him with his commission. He tried using his inadequacies to prove to God that he was not a suitable candidate for the great challenge, but these points did not stop God from using him. This is what God is saying to you today. You are just the person He is looking for to anoint. Are you wondering how this could be? God says: *"I knew you before you were born, I called you by name while you were still in your mother's womb"* (Jer. 1:5).

So, God knows what He is saying. You are the one He is looking for. You only need to submit to Him, so that through you He will be glorified. Nobody thought of David the shepherd boy, out there in the field with the sheep, as a suitable candidate for the throne. But he was the one that was chosen and anointed king. You don't have to look it. Many people in it today never looked it before they got it.

As human beings, we get so wise in our own sight, that we miss the hidden treasure of God's wisdom. No matter what you have and what you are, Jesus said that you cannot do anything without Him (John 15:5). If you are not born again, you are not a member of the family of God, so you are not qualified for it. Give your life to Christ, become a member of His family and get ready to enjoy the heritage of the heirs of God!

Chapter Six

Anointing For Battle

"Battles are real to life but triumphs are even more real to the believer. With the anointing, you will not need to struggle and fight any battle to gain entrance into your possession."

Anointing For Battle

Many people hate to hear the word *"battle"* mentioned for any reason. Whether you like it or not, whether you are conscious of it or not, battles are a part of our existence. We are all involved in warfare, we are born into it.

The believer, however, does not have any cause to worry. Our victory is assured. Battles are real, friend, but much more real is our victory and triumph in the faith.

Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place

2 Corinthians 2:14

"Always" means all ways. That means that our victory in every battle is guaranteed in all ways and in every place. Interestingly, we are not the force behind this victory; God is. He causes the triumph. So, we are only instruments in His hands, that He uses to fight against His arch-enemy.

We are called into warfare, and thank God, we are at the same time, called into triumph. Battles are real to life, salvation notwithstanding. That you have battles does not mean that you have missed God, it only means you are on the path of destiny.

The heaven that we are going to is the home of overcomers, so if there are no battles we cannot be sure that we have a place there. The identity of everyone that will make heaven is, *"He that overcometh."* Jesus fought every inch of the way. He started fighting from birth, when Herod wanted to kill Him and His parents had to flee with Him to Egypt. Was that a sign that Jesus missed God? No! He never missed Him once, but He fought every inch of the way. Thank God, He also won every inch of the way!

Battles are a necessary rung on the ladder leading to where you are going. The Bible says that, *"Whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world."* If there are no barriers, what is he overcoming?

The word "overcome" shows that there are obstacles he has to cross over. Uncomfortable, yes, but unavoidable, just as in the hurdles race. Each hurdle the runner jumps over takes him closer to the mark, but he must cross all in order to be declared a winner.

Battles are real to life, but triumphs are even more real to the believer. What is on the inside determines the degree of triumph.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

Psalm 24:7-8

It is that might that I want to introduce you to here. Everyone faces battles, but not everyone has to bang on the door to have the gates of the enemy open for them. There is a might needed in battle, and when that might comes in a measure, you don't have to struggle; the barriers sense your approach and of their own accord, they give way. It is that might (the anointing) for battle that makes them give way.

With that anointing, you will not need to struggle and fight any battle to gain entrance into your possession; the oil in you will compel every closed gate to open. The Lord is strong and mighty in battle and when He comes in His might, the earth trembles. He makes every opposition become too cheap to cause any concern.

There is a switch that turns this might on. We want to find out what that switch is and how to operate it, so that we can always have all-round triumph.

This is the day that will mark a turning point in your spiritual life and put you in charge of your life, because His Word is settled in heaven and He is the One who causes us to triumph in all ways. You must get it deep into your consciousness that all-round triumph is available and obtainable to whosoever believes. With this understanding, you will cease to struggle against those obstacles that lift up their heads against you.

How To Turn Might Loose

Let us examine a few issues that turn God's strength for battle loose.

The Knowledge Of The Word Of God:

This is the principal source of strength. People have thought that the Holy Spirit on His own fights the battle, but it is not so. The Holy Spirit resting upon

the Word of God that is operational inside you is what brings your enemy under your feet.

...But the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.

Daniel 11:32

The word “exploits” means that they shall perform feats, they shall accomplish the humanly unaccomplishable and obtain the naturally unobtainable. They will triumph when the mighty and strong collapse. The Holy Spirit came to reveal God.

...For the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

1 Corinthians 2:10

The Holy Spirit reveals God, and the revelation of God is what induces strength, which guarantees triumph in battle.

There are many Spirit-filled, tongue-speaking believers who never win any battle, because they lack the Word. The Holy Spirit can only act on the Word you have in you to effect the might and strength for victory, not outside of it. Have you not heard?

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

John 8:32

The Holy Spirit is there, but there is no evidence of His presence, because they are either not winning or they have partial freedom; for whosoever the knowledge of the truth shall make free, shall be free indeed. The Word says:

How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;

Hebrews 2:3

What this means is: How shall we escape, triumph or overcome, if we neglect what the Lord has spoken? This then establishes the fact that our principal way of escape has its root in what the Lord has spoken. It is the Word of God that reveals to you that there is someone dwelling in you.

...Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

1 John 4:4

The One that is inside you is strong and mighty. He is the Lord, mighty in battle, against whom no gate of hell can prevail. This should give you confidence on your inside when you are confronted in your exclusive privacy, when the enemy is saying that there is no way out for you. That knowledge causes confidence to rise and as it rises, you get on the offensive and confront the enemy.

The Word says:

...Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

Matthew 28:20

It is time to stop having fun and start doing the real thing. The Word is the real thing that causes every enemy to bow and gives you the triumph you desire.

A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength.

Proverbs 24:5

We increase strength by knowledge, and this, by the Holy Spirit, who makes the knowledge available. It is your job to allow the Holy Spirit take you through the school of the Bible, where you can know more.

Has your business come to a standstill and everybody told you it is finished? Perhaps you have even dreamt dreams of doom, depicting your misfortune. Yes, maybe professional prophets have prophesied deep into your pocket. All you need do is to ask the Holy Spirit to teach you the mind of God regarding the works of His hands. Let Him show you what belongs to you as a heritage in the covenant. You must be ready to obey every instruction He gives from the Word and this will ensure your victory.

Until the knowledge of God penetrates, freedom is not in view. I have seen this fact revealed over and over again. There was a bad case of sickle cell anaemia that I was confronted with. After finding out the relevant facts as revealed by the Holy Spirit, I went to see the case in question. The boy was lying down and both the father and mother were worried. As the Word began to come, the boy's face began to change. It's been over nine years now, and the boy is still totally delivered. Sickle cell has become normal cell!

All I am trying to reveal to you is that the anointing for battle has its root in the revelation of God in His Word. Get the revelation in the Word first, and then speak in tongues to transmit your message to heaven, so that the enemy will not understand what you are saying.

I have suffered diverse attacks, which compelled me to study how to launch counter attacks. Even when you wake me up in the night, I am an attacker. I have discovered after much studies, that it is not wise to remain a defender, you must also engage in attacking the enemy.

All cases will answer to those who do know their God. That is how David overcame Goliath, the three Hebrew boys defied Nebuchadnezzar and Daniel survived the lions' den. The basis of their courage lay in their knowledge of their God. Knowledge induces strength and strength guarantees triumph, which makes you do the unusual. It makes you reign when others fail.

By the knowledge of the truth, the anointing raises a standard against the enemy. It was knowledge that made Paul and Silas to sing in the face of trial. Beaten and jailed, knowledge made them crazy enough to rejoice in the Almighty, the Lord mighty in battle; and when He arrived, the earth trembled

and shook and the prison gates were flung opened! Their not running away immediately proves how much of their God they knew. They knew that those gates would open for them over and over again, so they did not have to rush out and put the jailer in trouble.

It takes an unusual fanaticism to start singing when faced with obvious death. But they did, in response to the revelation of God they had and the strength of heaven came to them. Hallelujah! The battles of life have a standard, only the stronger can bind the opposition.

When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace:

But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils.

Luke 11:21-22

It takes the stronger to overcome. No natural man can be stronger than the devil; and a man without Christ is subject to the devil, the power that rules the children of disobedience. The devil is the ruler and the subject cannot be stronger than the ruler. But, when you are in Christ, you have access to strength that makes you stronger. You cannot deal with a force that is higher than you, you can only deal with a force that you are higher than.

Be determined this day to get back whatever thing that belongs to you that the enemy has kept in his palace. Your strength is in the Word of God. You know, *"wisdom is better than strength."* God's Word induces wisdom. Wisdom is better than weapons of war, it makes your enemy a cheap captive in battle. Get through the Word and see which battle will resist your authority. When that Word comes and you believe it, you become a registered overcomer.

For by it the elders obtained a good report.

Hebrews 11:2

They escaped the edge of the sword, they turned the fiery furnace into a cool room. By faith they acquired that knowledge and believed it, and that knowledge dictated their actions. All the men mentioned in Hebrews 11 became heroes of faith in battle by the Word of God.

Confidence

What the enemy attacks in his opposition is the individual's confidence. If he can get you to bow down and sag, then he has overcome you. That is why there is always an exaggeration of strength in battles, to weaken the enemy. If you have watched a wrestling match before, then you know what I mean. The wrestlers do all manner of things and speak great boastings, all with one objective — to weaken the opposition. If you can weaken the morale of your opponent, then he is finished.

Lack of confidence has made victims of many Christians. He gathers information against himself from all over the place, and the devil uses this to attack him and to cause defeat. When asked about his business, he says a dry, “Praise the Lord.” He has sagged! It is better he withdraws, because he will fall. The Bible says:

They that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever.

Psalm 125:1

Thus, confidence establishes your throne in victory, that cannot be removed forever.

Man naturally becomes a victim of what he fears. Anything you fear holds you captive. The fear of man brings into a snare, and confidence is the only remedy.

For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me.

Job 3:25

Everyone that fears failure will end up a failure. Everyone that fears death ends up in its bondage.

...Through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

Hebrews 2:15

Whatever you fear becomes your master; because, a servant feareth his master, and a servant is not greater than his master. Confidence is the only treatment against fear. Find out your root in confidence. Show me a man (in Christ) who is genuinely positive about life, triumphs and victory, and I will show you a man who will not be a victim in battle. He has overcome failure and defeat.

Confidence triggers the anointing in battle, whereas fear makes a captive of a destined winner. Don’t cast away your confidence.

Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward.

Hebrews 10:35

Confidence does not make men lose; rather, it makes them win. It does not bring defeat, it brings victory. The enemy speaks great words to wear you out. The moment you listen to him, you are finished. He shows you x-rays to shake your faith. You may have been told that there is no hope for you. No matter what x-rays he shows you, don’t get scared. Don’t allow anybody turn you around. If the enemy can scare you, then he has made away with your victory. Like Paul, you must be able to say:

But none of these things move me...

Acts 20:24

And in nothing terrified by your adversaries...

Philippians 1:28

If you refuse to be terrified, your enemies are bound to be destroyed, their size and intensity notwithstanding. When you refuse to be terrified or moved, your immovability becomes their destruction. When you refuse to be moved, heavens come down to your defence, and there will be an evidence of escape for you and destruction for them. David refused to be moved by Goliath's outbursts and that was the end of his harassment of God's army.

When you refuse to be moved, the obstacles will move; you cannot burn when you refuse to turn back. Confidence is lacking today in the Church because we have not been able to trace the root of our confidence in God.

Our confidence has its root in: Righteousness

The moment you are in doubt of your righteousness, your confidence is out of place. Proverbs 28:1 says:

The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion.

...That we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

2 Corinthians 5:21

Our confidence in Christ has its root in our righteousness. The moment you allow the enemy to know that you are suffering because God is punishing you, he will sit on your neck and break it. This is the reason why the perfectionist theory ends up in suffering, humiliation and victimization. They are always looking for a sin-cause to every problem. This is why its preachers and their congregation are perpetual failures, because the confidence required for the anointing for battle is not there. Let this Scripture humble your perfectionist attitude.

If thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?

Psalm 130:3

Your past is not relevant to God. When it comes to deliverance, God overlooks your error, to first of all set you free. Many of those in the perfectionist circles never attract favour or fortune. They always look miserable, downtrodden and battered. Even their own people don't like to associate with them, because the enemy has held them captive through a sin-consciousness that breaks the backbone of confidence. Only righteousness-conscious people can operate in the realm of confidence in battle.

There be three things which go well, yea, four are comely in going:

A lion which is strongest among beasts, and turneth not away for any;

Proverbs 30:29-30

Every battle appears very cheap for the lion, and the Bible says only the righteous are as bold as the lion. Righteousness-consciousness induces practical righteousness. When you allow the words, “I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus” sink into your spirit-man, and you mean it and believe it, it will begin to deal with every work of darkness around you. This is because you now know that it is not you that will make it, but He that has made you. With that, you now release yourself to the Maker of men to make that man come out of you.

Today, people try to find explanations for virtually everything that happens to a believer, and such explanations are invariably false. Every time they are afflicted, the afflicter of men sits on their necks and gives it to them. Righteousness-consciousness induces the strength of a lion that makes you go well. The lion does not turn away for any. Don’t turn away for any situation, face it and it will bow.

When assassins attacked me in a town I went for a crusade, I had that boldness of a lion, so I was unmoved. With my hands akimbo, I looked at them right in the face and cried out, “In the name of Jesus!” and the anointing from heaven came and sent them falling backward, as though a wind pushed them down. They began to scream, “He has a gun!” as they took to their heels.

Understand also that your confidence is the devil’s target in battle. He will say all manner of things to you. This is what Rabshakeh, the king of Assyria’s representative tried to do to Israel under Hezekiah. He spoke great words to instil fear into them and destroy their faith in their king and God:

Thus saith the king, Let not Hezekiah deceive you: for he shall not be able to deliver you.

Isaiah 36:14

Do not let any man turn you around. Whatever Jesus cannot do, no one else can! Don’t allow any fake prophet prophesy you out of your destiny. Don’t let the marauders, in the name of ministry, make you a captive. Don’t allow any negative dream turn you around (for instance, you dream that you have failed and when you wake up, you start preparing for failure). Don’t allow anything turn you around. Use the name of Jesus and compel every knee of the enemy to bow.

Ever-abiding Presence Of God

The Father’s presence offers covering for the child, that is why he can afford to be rude to another child when his father is around. He knows quite well that the other will not be able to do anything about it. All that the other child can do is wish for an opportune time to catch him alone and take his revenge. We also

have the wonderful assurance of our Father's ever-abiding presence, so we can spite the devil.

...Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

Matthew 28:20

You can attack Satan anyhow, knowing that in your Father's presence, he is handicapped and thus, powerless and ineffective.

The Name Of Jesus

The name of Jesus means Saviour. Not just from sin alone, but also from every harassment of life. There is an anointing that is in the name. When it is invoked in faith, authority is established and the enemy is taken ransom.

The name of Jesus is above every name. At the mention of it, every knee bows and every tongue confesses that He is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. This shows that every trouble has a name and there is a name that brings them under — JESUS! The Bible says that His name is as ointment poured forth.

Because of the savour of thy good ointments thy name is as ointment poured forth...

Songs Of Solomon 1:3

A hefty man was involved in the worst aviation accident in human history. When the fire started, he invoked that name: "In the name of JESUS!" and was lifted up and thrown out through a tiny hole, to safety. That was how he escaped death. The name of Jesus is above accidents!

If you want to know just how much the name of Jesus is above every other name, recall the rod of Moses and that of the Egyptian magicians. Moses' rod turned into a serpent and swallowed up all the other serpents of the Egyptians! The name of Jesus is a strong tower, the righteous run into it and are saved (Prov. 18:10).

If you want to see the anointing for battle in action, acknowledge the place of the name in battle. When you pray and call on the name of Jesus, you are establishing a strong tower, you are hiding in the hollow of His hand. That way, you have in your hand the rod that swallows all other rods. It is the all-purpose name in battle, performing whatever is needed.

You can turn the anointing for battle on by invoking the name of Jesus in faith and the impossible tasks will be accomplished; the fearful battles will be won.

The name of Jesus has proved itself again and again as strong and mighty in battle. There is something in that name. A man had stroke and when we got there, the Lord told me to just sing the praise of His name. As we began to sing that wonderful name, the glory of God came down and he was delivered!

God is still here today to bring the power in that name into full effect in your personal life. It answers in every battle and in every place. I want you to reason with the Holy Spirit; when He reveals God, that revelation induces exploits which makes you accomplish the naturally unaccomplishable, attain the humanly unattainable and receive the unusual.

The Voice of God

The Lord led the Israelites by the way of the wilderness through the Red Sea, and because He led them, the unction for triumph was all over them. The sea saw them and fled! When God leads, the anointing to accomplish the goal is released, the obstacles notwithstanding. That is why Psalm 29:5 says:

The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedars; yea, the Lord breaketh the cedars of Lebanon.

The hardest of trees are broken by the voice of the Lord when heeded by man. Thus, whatever the Lord tells you to do, do it in spite of the opposition; because the anointing for battle is already on you. The Bible says that the sheep know the voice of the shepherd and will not follow the voice of the stranger. The word “voice” is always connected with direction.

Every impossible task gets done at the instance of God’s leading, like it was for the children of Israel when mountains skipped and the sea fled (Ps. 114). If you desire the anointing for battle, then it is absolutely necessary for you to heed the voice of the Lord. When Lazarus died, Jesus did not go to see Mary and Martha immediately. He acted only by the leading of the Father. So, when He finally arrived at the tomb, the voice of the Lord broke the cedars and he that was dead and was four days in the grave was raised back to life!

Be determined to heed the voice of the Lord. No matter how great the obstacle or the strength of the enemy, do what He asks you to do. Even if the instruction seems foolish, simply obey and you will see the result. The anointing for battle is in heeding the voice of the Lord. Remember, “What saith the Lord?” was what Israel used to win all her battles. They always enquired of the Lord before undertaking any battle.

In conclusion, let us do a recapitulation of all we have been discussing. You have the knowledge of God (which induces strength) and confidence (that makes strength to work). You have the name (a multi-purpose name that makes the enemy to bow). You also have the voice of the Lord, that breaks the cedars.

These four ways of turning loose the might of God stirs up and sparks off the anointing for battle, which makes for triumphs. May your ears be opened to hear the voice of the Lord, and your heart be willing to obey.

Chapter Seven

Anointing For Conquest

"Conquerors are made by God. They are men who know no defeat. They are men with the hand of the Lord upon them. This is the power back-up of God. This is the Spirit of the Lord. This is the anointing."

Anointing For Conquest

Conquest is the act of conquering. The word invokes a picture of battle. That one is involved in a battle does not make him a conqueror. That he is a winner does not make him a conqueror either. The conqueror is one who consistently wins in battles. A conqueror is he who is permanently registered on the winning side.

Consistent conquest has its roots in God. This is why the Bible categorically states that He has made us more than conquerors.

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

Romans 8:37

Conquerors are made by God. They are men who consistently win in battles through the backing of God. They are men who know no defeat. They are men that can only be defeated when it becomes possible to defeat God. They are men with the hand of the Lord upon them. This is the power backup of God. This is the Spirit of the Lord. This is the anointing. As long as the hand of the Lord is upon you, your conquering is established.

Every time Samson conquered, it was always preceded by the phrase, *"And the Spirit of the Lord came upon him."* (Judg. 14:19.)

As long as the anointing was upon him, he prevailed. There is an anointing that makes battles cheap. There is a power that makes conquerors out of ordinary men.

There are two people in the Bible that lived a conquering life style. They are David, the man after God's heart, and Jesus, the First begotten of the Father.

David — The Man After God's Heart

I like to refer to David as the Field Marshal of the Bible. You will recall that he never lost any battle. If ever there was a man constantly at war against the enemy, it was David. There is no other king in Israel who engaged in battles as he did; yet, he never lost any, neither did he sustain any injury. He was a true man of war.

He was first heard of when Samuel went to anoint him king in Bethlehem. He was the least among his brethren. He was the despised one, yet the Spirit of the Lord singled him out.

The anointing for conquest does not fall on the strong. Your self-acclaimed strength is the reason for your defeat. God has chosen to use the weak things of this world to manifest His strength. He has chosen the foolish things to spread abroad His wisdom. The anointing for conquest is for the weak, not the lazy.

David was anointed and the Spirit of the Lord came upon him from that day:

Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward...

1 Samuel 16:13

The historic king of Israel was anointed. The man after God's heart was anointed and a conqueror was born. His stature did not change. He was still a youth of seventeen. He was yet to step on his first battle ground, but he was already a man of war, anointed to deliver the people of God from their enemies and to establish the boundaries of the nation of Israel.

Manifesting The Anointing

The anointing is never recognized without proven results. There was a need for the anointing upon the life of every king in Israel to be made manifest to his subjects. Then at a time, there was war against the Philistines and Goliath defied God and the armies of Israel. The anointing upon David went into action and he stepped out. He conquered the giant and that was the beginning of a life of conquest.

Everywhere he turned, he conquered. With six hundred men (his followers during his flight from Saul), he ransacked the cities of the Philistines. Kings paid him tribute. Nations became his servants. David, the mighty conqueror of the tribe of Judah, prevailed over the enemies of the Lord in his lifetime. He was an established conqueror, feared all over the land of Canaan and abroad.

Jesus — The First Begotten Of The Father

David conquered for Israel, but Jesus Christ conquered for the whole world. His mission was to destroy the works of Satan.

...For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

1 John 3:8

Jesus, the Son of God, came to the world, not to show that He is God, not to earn respect for Himself and the Father; but He came to fight a battle. He came for conquest. He came to put an end to the reign of the kingdom of darkness on earth. The battle was fierce, but He faced it with a conqueror's stance.

Everywhere He turned, the outcome was the same — He conquered. At His appearance, the hosts of hell would flee, screaming:

...What have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us?...

Mark 1:24

No form of oppression was too serious to deal with. This was the reason why He came. This was the reason for which He was anointed. He was anointed to conquer Satan. He was anointed to destroy the works of the enemy. The storm was no barrier to Him; a command from Him was all it needed to be still. A touch, a word, and it was enough; demons obeyed, blindness disappeared, paralysis was put to shame. Of Him it was said:

...What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!

Matthew 8:27

Even death, the greatest enemy of mankind and which has kept man in bondage, was a plaything to Him. Death recognized His superiority and gave way. To the widow's dead son being taken away for burial, He said, *"...Young man, I say unto thee, Arise"* (Lk. 7:14). To Lazarus who had been buried four days, He said, *"...Lazarus, come forth"* (Jn. 11:43).

Here is an encounter between Jesus and His assailants: Judas had led a group of armed men to arrest Jesus. The natural reaction of any natural man facing a possible attack is to search out an escape route. Jesus, however, maintained His superiority even in the face of attack. He went forth to meet His assailants and asked them, *"Whom seek ye?"*

Apparently, they were not sure of the identity of the man they wanted and needed a reliable confirmation. At their reply, Jesus said: *"I am he."* This was enough to send all of them on their backs (Jn. 18:3-6).

What an amazing manifestation of power! A conqueror indeed! He is the mighty One from the root of Jesse! He is called the Son of David from Bethlehem, a tribe in Judah.

The Conqueror's Root In Judah

Who are the conquerors? Where do they have their root? Our covenant father, Jacob, was about to be "gathered to his people." He called all his sons, to tell them their future.

And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days.

Genesis 49:1

From him we were told what was to happen to each of the tribes thousands of years to come. The prophecy about the tribe of Judah is worthy of note.

Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise: thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before thee.

Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up?

The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.

Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes:

His eyes shall be red with wine, and his teeth white with milk.

Genesis 49:8-12

Judah is the conquerors' tribe. It is the tribe of the kings. It is the tribe that has dominion over all the other tribes. This is the tribe from which kings are destined to arise. These kings were to be mighty conquerors. Their hands would always be on the necks of their enemies. This signifies the conqueror's victory over his enemies.

Judah is a lion who knows no defeat. He always goes straight before him, no matter the foe confronting him. He turns aside for no one. His eyes shall be red with wine. Wine signifies the anointing. The anointing for conquest rests on the tribe of Judah.

Anointing never flows upwards. It flows downwards, from the head down to the feet. So also anointing flows from the king's tribe to the other tribes.

Judah is the conquerors' tribe. No wonder when the Israelites asked the Lord about the tribe that should go first into battle against the Canaanites, the Lord named Judah.

Now after the death of Joshua it came to pass, that the children of Israel asked the Lord, saying, Who shall go up for us against the Canaanites first, to fight against them?

And the Lord said, Judah shall go up: behold, I have delivered the land into his hand.

Judges 1:1-2

The prophecy of Jacob concerning Judah was fulfilled at the ascent of David to the throne of Israel. David manifested his conqueror's anointing throughout his lifetime. His eyes were red with wine. The anointing for conquest was upon him and he gave it full expression. No wonder then it was sung of him while still in his youth, "David hath slain his ten thousand."

The Lord Jesus Christ is called the Son of David. He is the Branch that grew from the tribe of Judah. He is the King of kings, Conqueror of conquerors. The Bible calls Him the Lion of the tribe of Judah.

Every born again believer belongs to Jesus. They belong to the conquerors' tribe. Jesus is the head and the anointing must flow down to everyone who is a member of His body. You have the potentials of a conqueror in you. This is why apostle Paul cautions us in Ephesians 5:18:

And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

Jesus Christ, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, Who has prevailed on our behalf, has brought us together into the conquerors' tribe and made us one with Him. He is the One who gives us the triumph always, not some times only.

Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ...

2 Corinthians 2:14

Christ in you makes you a conqueror. You are part of the body of the Lion of the tribe of Judah. You have your root in Him, even as He has His root in David.

Two Weapons For Conquering

Conquerors are men with the heart of a lion. They turn aside from no foe. Their attitude towards every obstacle in life is positive. To them, there is only one end to every challenge — triumph and conquest. They, however, do not rely on themselves, but on divine forces for winning. They have their backbone, which when removed, they crumble like every other natural man. What is the conqueror's backbone? The conqueror has two major weapons for conquering:

Fearlessness

We live in a world where the fearless reign and the fearful live as slaves. Fear is a thief and a robber. It robs great men of their great destinies. It brings a glorious future to nought. It holds kings captives. The man who will conquer is the one who will not be afraid. The man who will walk on the water and not sink is the one who will give no place to fear. The man who will not be burnt by the fire is he who knows no fear. If you will not fear, you will not sink. If you will not fear, you will not burn. If you will not fear, you will conquer. Fearlessness is the conqueror's backbone for exploits and achievements.

Elijah was a great man of God. He was known for his fearlessness. He stood before the king and said, *"There will be no rain for three years, except by my word."* He confronted the king and the nation of Israel with their idolatrous practices. He knew no fear. He single-handedly slew four hundred prophets of Baal. But then Jezebel arose against him and the devil came and instilled fear in him. Unfortunately, he accepted the devil's lies and ministration, he forgot who he was and the God he served. His confidence was broken and the great man of God sought for death.

Fear leads to destruction. It takes one to the depths of hardship and frustration. A fearful believer is powerless against Satan. King David was a fearless warrior. He knew no fear and he conquered. Goliath and the host of the Philistines fell into his hands because of his fearless stance against them.

Jesus Christ knew no defeat. He was fearless in the face of every situation. He was told, *"The child is dead, do not bother to come."* But He replied, *"Fear not, only believe."* He was told that Lazarus had been buried four days, and again, He said, *"Fear not, if you will believe, you will see the glory of the Lord"* (Jn. 11:40). Only the fearless are able to bring down the glory of God.

Fear is a spirit. Resist it and you will prevail in every circumstance of life. *"Fear not"*, *"Be not afraid"* and *"Thou shalt not fear"* are paramount orders to warriors. Heed them. When fear comes knocking at your door, send it fleeing in the name of Jesus.

Cure For Fear

It is not enough to resist fear. Resisting fear without knowing the basis for your resistance is an exercise in futility. All matters have to be attacked from the root, to ensure permanent deliverance. What then is our basis for fearlessness? What is the root of fear and what is the cure for it?

The Presence Of God

Have you noticed that whenever you are afraid, it is because you are not really sure of the presence of God? It happens mostly when you have fallen into an unconfessed sin. You might even have confessed it, but sin-conscious makes you doubt that God could be with you.

Remember Adam in the garden of Eden. He knew no fear until he fell into sin. Sin came and with it fear. He hid from God in fear. He hid from the animals in fear. Fear comes when one is not sure of the presence of God. It therefore follows that the presence of God drives away fear. But you are assured of the presence of God! He has said:

...I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

Hebrews 13:5

Jesus re-emphasized this by saying:

...lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

Matthew 28:20

The Lord is with you and ready to act on your behalf when you call on Him. When Jesus was sending forth His disciples after His resurrection, the first thing He told them was:

...All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Go ye therefore...

...Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

Matthew 28:18-20

The reason the disciples then and we now can go forth and conquer is because He is with us. And the reason we rely on His presence is because all power is in His hands. Just like John puts it:

...Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

1 John 4:4

Only those who are conscious of God's presence with them and the power He wields will conquer. They are the strong ones who will do exploits.

David knew His God and was constantly conscious of His presence with him. This eliminated fear from him. He spoke out boldly:

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me...

Psalm 23:4

The valley of the shadow of death is one place greatly feared by men. The fear of death sends many to their graves long before their time. But hear this man of God. He does not fear death; not because he is more powerful than others, but because God is with him! No wonder Goliath was brought down. A man who does not fear death will not fear the Goliaths of this world; all because God is with him.

It takes a lion's heart to be a conqueror. *"I shall fear no evil, for God is with me."* This is the conqueror's slogan. God with you is the basis of fearlessness.

Apostle Paul in emphasizing this point asks:

...If God be for us, who can be against us?

Romans 8:31

With the Lord on your side, victory is sure; so stand firm and stand strong! Jesus stood strong. He was fearless in every situation. Why? God was with Him. He said:

And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone...

John 8:29

The Father was always with Him, so He knew no fear. This He constantly told anyone within earshot. He would always say, *"Whosoever has seen me has seen the Father", "The Father is in me and I am in the Father", "I and the Father are one."*

Jesus knew His Father was with Him. He was in constant fellowship with Him, so fear was foreign to Him. He knew that with God, He was on the winning side. Just like Dr. T. L. Osborn rightly said, *"You and God make an unbeatable team!"* Friend, you carry an unbeatable life force on your inside. God is in you and God is with you!

Ensuring God's Presence

One way to ensure God's presence with you always is to live a life of praise. David was a praising king. His delight was in going to the temple of God. He said:

For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Psalm 84:10

Also in Psalm 122:1 he said:

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.

David practically lived in the temple of God, because the Bible tells us he goes there to pray three times a day and to praise seven times a day. He praised more than he prayed.

Seven times a day do I praise thee...

Psalm 119:164

He was given to praises, an act that draws God's attention.

...O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.

Psalm 22:3

Praise ushers the presence of God into a situation. David doubtlessly carried God's presence with Him. If you likewise desire the presence of God, then you must desire praises. Praise Him and He will come down! The presence of God with you is a cure for fear.

Divine Instructions

Divine instructions are very vital in the accomplishment of any task. The man that will conquer is he who asks for and receives instructions from God. Listening to the voice of God leads to enthronement. One of the greatest secrets for David's outstanding success was his reliance on divine instruction. Every step he took was based on instructions he received from God. He was a master at making enquiries. He took nothing for granted. All through the books of 1st and 2nd Samuel, we often read: *"And David enquired of the Lord."* He never took any step outside God's instructions. No wonder he excelled.

In His ministry also, Jesus always listened to and obeyed the voice of the Father. He never did anything by Himself. At Cana in Galilee, when He was told to do something about the finished wine, He replied, *"...Mine hour is not yet come."* (Jn. 2:4.)

He operated on divine signals. He knew the power of God is only manifested when one follows God's signals. This was why He did not rush to Bethany to heal Lazarus when He was told he was sick. He waited for God's instructions and the power of God was made manifest. He said:

...I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.

John 8:28

He acted on God's instructions, no wonder He was the Conqueror of conquerors. The anointing of God follows His instructions. Speaking to Gideon, God said:

Go in this thy might...have not I sent thee?

Judges 6:14

There is a strength that goes with heeding divine instructions in getting tasks accomplished. This is the anointing of the Holy Ghost. This is the anointing that makes conquerors out of ordinary men. It is available to you as a member of the body of Christ. You can register yourself with the conquerors today!

Chapter Eight

Anointing For Wealth

"Wealth is acquired, not received. Wealth not honestly acquired guarantees no future for its holder. In the covenant, supernatural forces have to go into operation for wealth to be released or acquired."

Anointing For Wealth

Every man was born naked. Not even from the richest family was any child born with dresses and trinkets on. No, every child was simply born naked! Man's possessions are acquired here. He brought nothing into this world and surely, he will take nothing out. It means that possessions are essentially for use on earth.

However, there is no genuine comfort without possession. If someone is cold and has no money to buy a sweater or a cardigan he will not be comfortable. If you are hungry and have no food to eat, you cannot be comfortable. It is more comfortable to get a ride than to attempt trekking a 50-kilometre distance. A ride definitely will cost money. Think of it: a comfortable house will definitely cost more than just any ordinary building.

It is clear that the more means man has, the more comfortable he becomes. Comfort is not relevant in heaven, it is the eternal home of comfort. The Holy Spirit, therefore, has a great mission to the inhabitants of the earth, because this is where comfort is really needed.

God also agrees that the good things of life are needed by believers. Jesus said:

...For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

Matthew 6:32

What do the Gentiles seek after today? More comfort, more fulfilment, more means. Food and drink are essential to existence, while clothing is essential to living and comfort. Jesus said our heavenly Father doesn't only want us to exist, but to be comfortable as well.

It is true that life does not consist in the abundance of the things which a man possesses, but in a person not in things.

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

John 3:36

Life consists of the indwelling Christ, whereas living consists of the spiritual, mental, material and physical influences of Christ in the believer.

Today, the ministry of Christ on earth has been duly and completely handed over to the person of the Holy Spirit. Going by His name, as discussed in chapter 1, the Holy Spirit has a job of making His beneficiaries comfortable. The anointing of the Holy Spirit has outstanding effects on the spiritual, mental, physical and material well-being of God's people.

Wealth is acquired, not received. Wealth not honestly acquired guarantees no future for its holder, because:

Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished: but he that gathereth by labour shall increase.

Proverbs 13:11

Acquisition Of Wealth

Every material miracle draws from available materials at hand:

1. Change of water to wine — pots and water.
2. Feeding of 5,000 — five loaves of bread and two fishes
3. Unceasing flow of oil — a cruse of oil.

Think of it: there is no material miracle without material involvement and investment. It's a case of using what you have to get what you need! Smart investment of available resources to secure anticipated increase.

The Release Of Power For Wealth

In the natural, no object changes position without the engagement of certain forces. So, for a poor man today to become a wealthy man tomorrow, some force has to be in operation — mental, financial, physical, etc. So also in the covenant, supernatural forces have to go into operation for wealth to be released or acquired. As it is written:

But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.

Deuteronomy 8:18

It is abundantly clear that "thy Fathers" talked about above refers to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. That verse also explains the force behind their

wealth, that it is not just a product of their natural abilities, but a combination of natural and spiritual resources.

The covenant power for wealth is available to all who belong to the stock of Abraham, that is, the Israelites. But thank God, that through the cross, the whole human family can now partake in this powerful grace of election and supernatural access to wealth. Galatians 3:13-14 says:

Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

He gave them not the land by their own strength or power. Golden accomplishment for covenant people is not possible by power or by might, but by the Spirit of God (Zech. 4:6).

It is also clear from the Bible that the power of God is fully represented in the Holy Spirit. He is the carrier, the conveyor and the channel through which the power of God is released to man. He is the embodiment of the power of the Almighty God.

The following Scriptures clearly define the power-nature of the Holy Spirit: In Acts 2:4, the Bible says:

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost...

This is in fulfilment of Acts 1:8:

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Power is the essence of the Holy Ghost upon a believer, not tongues, even though tongues is the essential evidence of Holy Ghost baptism.

Therefore, Deuteronomy 8:18 can be safely reframed thus: “But thou shall remember that it is God that giveth thee the Holy Spirit (power) to get wealth”, or in another words, “It is God that giveth thee the anointing to get wealth.”

The anointing is the rain dimension of the Holy Spirit. The whole human race can tap into this great covenant through Jesus Christ.

To Be A Witness

There is a very familiar Scripture that I believe has been given a very narrow definition and interpretation than it actually means. It is Acts 1:8:

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

The word “witness” does not only mean speaking for, but also means standing in for — to speak and stand in for a person or a cause. It also means to

represent the person and interest or venture of such a person.

The Holy Ghost is not given to make man only speak for God, but also to make man stand in for Him. That means we are not expected to be mere speaking witnesses, but also standing in witnesses, His representatives.

This is the crux of Paul's message in 2 Corinthians 5:20:

Now then we are ambassadors for Christ...

The Holy Ghost empowers the believer to represent Christ in totality, just like He totally represented the Father. Jesus asserted in John 14:9-10:

...He that hath seen me hath seen the Father (personality semblance)...

...The words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works (Speech semblance).

He was a true witness of the Father. The disciples also fully represented Him in their earthly walk. Peter, in his witness to the people at Pentecost said:

But ye denied the Holy One...

And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.

Acts 3:14-15

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

Acts 4:13

The "Poor" Jesus

So many people make excuses for their poverty today, holding on to the error that Jesus was "poor" while on earth. How erroneous! The "poor" Jesus had a treasurer, had a bed in His ship or at least enjoyed a first class cabin, where He had a pillow on which to rest His head. He hired the upper room in Jerusalem when He went there for a feast. He had a coat that the Roman Army Officers fought among themselves to possess. Yet the Bible says of Him:

For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

2 Corinthians 8:9

The question now is: How do we represent the wealth of the covenant He cut for us at the cross, when we are yet to match His poverty!

How The Anointing Paves The Way To Wealth

Breaks The Yoke Of Selfishness

The anointing breaks the yoke of selfishness in the believer. The most immediate effect of the fall is selfishness. When God called out to Adam in the garden of Eden after that bitter bite of the fruit of disobedience, Adam had

“divorced” his wife, each one to his tent, they had parted. It became a battle of self-defence.

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.

And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

Genesis 3:9-13

You will notice that every accused person engaged a self-defence strategy, not minding what happened to the other party. This is selfishness. It is holding onto your own alone.

From the fall onward, man has occupied the first place in his thoughts and actions. “I alone and no one else. I first and nobody else, I and I.” The rich fool did not for once mention his wife or his children in his entire dialogue — “I and I, and no one else, but I.”

When Jesus told a man in the Bible to go sell off all his goods and give to the poor, so he could gain the kingdom of God, the Bible says, *“And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions.”* (Mk. 10:17-23.) Man’s selfishness is of such magnitude that he will prefer to miss heaven than to losing his possessions. That is how selfish and self-centred the unregenerate soul is.

Abundance will always respond to scattering, which is only possible after the old nature is subdued and overcome.

There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty.

Proverbs 11:24

Jesus said:

...It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Acts 20:35

Without love, giving will be done under duress:

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son...

John 3:16

The old nature is loaded with self, while the new nature is love. Because selfishness breeds poverty, it is a yoke of bondage that must be broken. Until the yoke of selfishness is broken, free-will giving is impossible.

For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me.

1 Corinthians 9:17

Giving must be accompanied with joy in order for it to produce results.

Because thou servedst not the Lord thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all things;

Therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies which the Lord shall send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all things: and he shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he have destroyed thee.

Deuteronomy 28:47-48

For giving to be done with joy, the yoke of selfishness must be broken.

The Grace Of Giving

The Macedonian Church had a special grace for giving. Paul in writing to the Corinthians, used the Macedonians in charging them to give.

Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia;

How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.

For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves;

Praying us with much entreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.

And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.

Insomuch that we desired Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also finish in you the same grace also.

Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also.

2 Corinthians 8:1-7

It takes grace to give. But to give beyond your power must require greater grace. To give *"your own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God"* must be a work of grace. The above statement implies putting God and the course of the gospel first.

In verse seven, Paul said, *"See that ye abound in this grace also."* The grace is to abound, increase and multiply, for greater ease in giving to be achieved.

While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

Genesis 8:22

Abundance will respond to biblical giving. Giving is the gateway to wealth.

Faith

The grace of God is available to all, but not all enjoy it. Speaking on the great subject of salvation, Paul said:

For by grace are ye saved through faith...

Ephesians 2:8

The grace for salvation is released in response to the faith of the recipient. Grace answers to faith. Believe God, to receive the grace for giving and you will receive it. After all, we are admonished to covet earnestly the best gifts (1 Cor. 12:31).

See the giving-grace flowing through father Abraham. See him running after strangers to refresh them, see him give all the tithe to Melchizedek (Gen. 14:20), see him tie and bind his only son, Isaac, for a burnt offering to God (Gen. 22:9-10). This must be grace.

See Solomon give a thousand burnt offerings, just to worship God (1 Kgs. 3:3-4). See David set to build the house of God "with all his might." He said, "I have set my affection to the house of my God" (1 Chron. 29:2-5).

Prayer

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:16

You can pray to build up the giving grace in you.

Knowledge Of The Word

Peter said:

Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord.

2 Peter 1:2

You can cause the grace of God to abound, increase and multiply through the knowledge of the truth.

Receive that grace now, in Jesus' name!

Chapter Nine

How To Release The Anointing For Wealth

"The journey to abundance begins with faith. What is too much for your faith is too much for your reach, for it is to you according to your faith. Believe that wealth is part of your heritage in God."

How To Release The Anointing For Wealth

By Faith

You release the anointing for wealth by first believing that wealth is part of your heritage in God. Jesus became poor to make you rich. He came down to take you up. Abraham's possession had its root in faith. If you are Abraham's children, then you will do the works of Abraham. If he believed to possess, you also have to believe to possess.

The journey to abundance begins with faith. What is too much for your faith is too much for your reach, for it is to you according to your faith. If you cannot see abundance, then you cannot possess it. In the Abrahamic covenant, it is only what you can see that shall be given unto you. This is the underlying rule, and is a fundamental law of possession.

The anointing helps you to understand God. It is written:

...But as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie...

1 John 2:27

When the Holy Ghost taught the Ethiopian Eunuch through Philip, understanding came to him and he was converted. When the Holy Ghost teaches a man, light comes, which begets faith. Jesus said:

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.

John 14:26

The Holy Spirit is the illuminator of the truth. With faith concerning abundance in your heart, you have opened up for the anointing to flow in that direction, and performance is sure to follow.

Giving

And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden...

Genesis 2:8

God did not wish a garden, He did not speak a garden into existence; rather, He planted it. And, in Genesis 8:22, the Scripture says:

While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest ...shall not cease.

When you give an acceptable offering, heaven opens to pour down rain (Mal. 3:10-12). Money does not pour out from heaven. It is rain. In Genesis 8, when heaven's windows opened for the first time, it was rain that poured out. You will never see materials like automobiles, electronic gadgets, clothing, food, furniture, etc. pouring out from heaven. Rain is what pours out; and this rain stands for the anointing of the Holy Spirit, which enables believers to enter into the realm of abundance. It is the power to get wealth.

There is an outstanding relationship between rain and abundance in Joel 2:23-24:

Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.

And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

Abundance is sequel to rain. This is the order even in the natural. Giving is the key that opens up the windows of heaven for rain. Just as abundance is sequel to rain, so is giving a prerequisite for rain to fall. The system is a straight line equation — Giving = Rain = Abundance.

God gave His only begotten Son and after He was glorified, the rain fell on the day of Pentecost; and now He has many sons! He gave Him away on the cross, where the Son cried, *"My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"* Yes, away, He gave Him, even unto death.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

John 12:24

For any seed to multiply or increase, it must first be given away to die. Let the seed die, stop mourning it. The seed must die before the fruit can come alive. Thank God, Jesus was not given away to waste. In due season, the rain fell and the fruit came out! That is the order. After the seed planting comes the rain and there after, the harvest.

Giving, therefore, opens you up for the rain, which brings in the abundant harvest. After Abraham appeared on Mount Moriah to sacrifice his only son, Isaac, he had abundance of rain! And God said:

...By myself have I sworn, saith the Lord, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son:

That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;

And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed...

Genesis 22:16-18

The rain responded to Abraham's sacrifice. The man Job, a grand son of Abraham, also enjoyed the rain of abundance through giving.

And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all... Thus did Job continually.

Job 1:5

One thing stands out very clearly here: Job offered burnt offerings continually and that was how he came by the rain of abundance *"...So that this man was the greatest of all the men of the east."* (Job 1:3.)

How did King David come about his abundance? We are told in 1 Chronicles 29:2-3:

Now I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God the gold for things to be made of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and the brass for things of brass...and all manner of precious stones, and marble stones in abundance.

Moreover, because I have set my affection to the house of my God, I have of mine own proper good, of gold and silver, which I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house,

This is the private picture of the man David. All his might was invested in the house and things of God. His life was more or less a seed and so the rain fell for him. What David gave was enough proof of his wealth. The Living Bible puts his personal contribution (seed) towards the building of the temple to be over 100 million dollars! He did not get at wealth by accident. If you want the rain, plant the seed first. Remember king David said:

...Neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing...

2 Samuel 24:24

King Solomon must also necessarily be mentioned whenever God-given wealth is being discussed. His journey to wealth began on Mount Gibeon, where

he offered a thousand burnt offerings to the Lord. The rain fell, the heavens opened up, and released upon him the power to get wealth!

And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there; for that was the great high place: a thousand burnt offerings did Solomon offer upon that altar.

In Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee.

And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honour: so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days.

1 Kings 3:4-5,13

This is how he got the rain, the foundation for his wealth, the secret of his abundance. Remember what the Bible says in Romans 15:4: *"For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning."* Let us learn, so we can also obtain. God is no respecter of persons.

Diligence

The Bible is very clear on the issue of personal input in order to taste the grapes of comfort.

And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;

That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing.

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12

In the Scriptures, lack is usually associated with idleness and folding of hands.

The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.

Proverbs 13:4

The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tribute.

Proverbs 12:24

Much food is in the tillage of the poor: but there is that is destroyed for want of judgment.

Proverbs 13:23

These Scriptures establish the fact that every one's ground has what it takes to get him accomplished, fulfilled and successful in life, if only he will "till" it. This truth is established in yet another Scripture:

He that tilleth his land shall be satisfied with bread: but he that followeth vain persons is void of understanding.

Proverbs 12:11

Jesus also said:

I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

John 9:4

Again, He said, *"My Father worketh hitherto, and I work."* Since the servant is not greater than his Master, if Jesus is working, we cannot afford to fold our hands. Increases respond to our personal inputs as covenant people. Apostle Paul said:

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

1 Corinthians 3:6

It could be illustrated this way: the seed sown can be interpreted as the watering, after which God gives the increase. The prosperity of the giver is via *"whatsoever he doeth"* (Ps. 1:3). Having believed and given precious seeds severally, the returns promised are channelled through the works of our hands.

Beginning with Abraham, all the blessed patriarchs were hard working people. At age 75, Abraham was a cattle rearer.

And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold.

Genesis 13:2

Isaac was an established farmer. *"And Isaac sowed in that land."* He was a tiller of ground! The covenant pattern son had to till the ground to obtain the blessings of the covenant. No idle man has a part in this covenant.

Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the Lord blessed him.

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

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

Genesis 26:12-14

Jacob was a blessed man, but not without strong personal inputs. A specialist farmer he was. He had this testimony at the end:

And the man increased exceedingly, and had much cattle, and maidservants, and menservants, and camels, and asses.

Genesis 30:43

The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is still a covenant-keeping God, who responds with blessings to the diligent inputs of His people. Abraham was still a worker when he was past the age of 75. Jacob laboured in the house of Laban as a slave and Isaac cultivated in the days of drought. If these patriarchs could work, no one has an excuse to be idle.

He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap.

Ecclesiastes 11:4

Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men.

Proverbs 22:29

The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing.

Proverbs 20:4

We must work to prosper because:

In all labour there is profit: but the talk of the lips tendeth only to penury.

Proverbs 14:23

We have to work, not just to prosper, but also to maintain the prosperity.

Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished: but he that gathereth by labour shall increase.

Proverbs 13:11

It is obvious from the Lord's parable in Matthew 20:1-18 that though He had enough to distribute, He refused to give them anything they had not laboured for. *"Why stand ye here all the day idle?"* He asked. These fellows were complete with two hands, two legs, two eyes and each with one great head. He said, "Go and work." Idleness never earns a man a living. In verse 8, He said:

...Call the labourers, and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first.

Jesus is still challenging idleness today. Go and work, if you want to increase and multiply.

With these three buttons in operation in your life — faith, giving and diligence, the anointing for wealth will keep flowing.

Chapter Ten

Anointing For Enthronement

"We are all eligible for the throne but only the anointed ones will reign. We are all potential kings, but it takes the anointing for enthronement to manifest. The anointing oil is the seal of that enthronement."

Anointing For Enthronement

The picture painted in the Book of Ecclesiastes 10:5-7 is really an eye sore.

There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, as an error which proceedeth from the ruler:

Folly is set in great dignity, and the rich sit in low place.

I have seen servants upon horses, and princes walking as servants upon the earth.

Unfortunately, that is the state of things in Christendom today. God calls that state an evil. Even in the natural world, people don't appreciate things that are below standard. Much more so in the kingdom of God, where by reason of the work of redemption, we are so loaded with redemptive packages. Our failure to manifest our redemption constitutes an "evil".

The Bible says Jesus, by His finished work:

...Hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

Revelation 5:10

Until there is an awareness and a consciousness of our birthright, the evil will not cease. The enemy will continue to take advantage of the ignorance of God's people to their birthright.

One major function of the anointing is to distinguish the beneficiary; to enable him stand in the office of his calling. The calling of God upon our lives is that we have been redeemed unto God and called out as priests and kings, to reign on the earth.

We have been redeemed, not given a new title. We were rescued from the background of death and brought out into priesthood and royalty at the same

time. We represent men before God as priests and reign as kings on the earth.

The anointing for enthronement refers to the Holy Spirit enabling for the saints of God to enjoy their royalty. Royalty in its fullest is impossible without the outpouring of oil, because in Israel, no king reigned without being consecrated by the pouring of oil upon his head. What establishes royalty is the pouring of oil on the one being enthroned. You can trace that in Scriptures.

When Samuel anointed Saul the son of Kish with the anointing oil for his enthronement as king and captain over God's people, he said:

...Is it not because the Lord hath anointed thee to be captain over his inheritance?

1 Samuel 10:1

After Saul failed as king, it was necessary for another vessel to be anointed in his place. So God spoke to Samuel:

...How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons.

Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward...

1 Samuel 16:1,13

The prophet Elijah also had the special assignment of anointing three men with oil, to establish their enthronement:

And the Lord said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria:

And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room.

1 Kings 19:15-16

Then take the box of oil, and pour it on his head, and say, Thus saith the Lord, I have anointed thee king over Israel. Then open the door, and flee, and tarry not.

And he arose, and went into the house; and he poured the oil on his head, and said unto him, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, I have anointed thee king over the people of the Lord, even over Israel.

And they said, It is false; tell us now. And he said, Thus and thus spake he to me, saying, Thus saith the Lord, I have anointed thee king over Israel.

2 Kings 9:3,6,12

And he brought forth the king's son, and put the crown upon him, and gave him the testimony; and they made him king, and anointed him; and they clapped their hands, and said, God save the king.

2 Kings 11:12

In all these Scriptures, we see that God is the One who does the anointing. We are also told of how our Lord Jesus Christ Himself anointed the sick with oil.

And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them.

Mark 6:13

If God anointed men for the throne in times past, He has not changed. He is still very much in the business of anointing His saints for their enthronement today. Nothing gets done by power or might, but by the Spirit of the Lord.

Who Is Eligible?

We are all eligible for the throne, but only the anointed ones will reign. We are all potential kings, but it takes the anointing for enthronement to manifest. Note that not all princes in the natural ever sit on the throne; the ones that do get there by appointment. But in the kingdom of God, it is by anointing. The anointing oil is the seal of that enthronement.

Ordination, however, is not in title carrying. What really matters is that you manifest your sonship of the kingdom. For instance, you are meant to be the head and not the tail in whichever area of life God has placed you. As a righteous businessman, you should prevail in every venture you undertake. Your brain is meant to work as the Creator's brain does, as a partaker of His divine nature. At no point at all should you be confused and not know what to do in any given situation.

When the anointing comes upon you, the wisdom of God spoken of in Proverbs 8:15 is instantly infused.

By me kings reign, and princes decree justice.

This will cause your brain to start working at such creative dimensions of reasoning, that will surprise even you. The Word says:

Where the word of a king is, there is power...

Ecclesiastes 8:4

It is the oil that upgrades the authority of your tongue and makes your words effective when you speak, causing the things you declare to come to pass. I thank God for showing me the oil ministry. It has blessed thousands of people around the world today, because it is sealed by the Holy Spirit.

The purpose of oil is to keep the fire burning. It makes a world of difference when you know the reason for doing what you are doing. What ever is not done in faith is a sin. Thus, no matter what the oil contains, only your faith establishes its operation. It will be to you only according to your faith.

Do you know the reason why many so called believers take the Holy Communion and still remain sickly and some even die? It is simply because they

don’t take it in faith. For too many, the Holy Communion is purely a religious rite which must be carried out. Similarly, if not applied in faith, the anointing oil can be taken just as ordinary olive oil bought from the market and not the oil of the Holy Spirit, which is meant to keep the fire burning.

My wife is a witness to the fact that you can’t keep me quiet at home, abroad or anywhere. I wanted to travel somewhere and was told that there was no seat for me in the plane, as my name was not on the computer. I told the man there to make sure I got a seat, as I needed to make that journey. He started shaking. He even told me that the plane was going to leave at a particular time, but I told him that it was going to wait for me. That was how I got into the plane and made my journey.

What was the source of my stance? The anointing of the Holy Spirit! Royalty destroys inferiority complex. No king is inferior in his domain. Some folks become as jittery as jelly in a bowl at the sight of challenges and they start running around.

Begging must cease in the area where God has called you. It is time to manifest the royal blood flowing through your veins. The priests, having been ordained, are separated and consecrated to stand in the priest’s office. The oil enabled them to get their job done. It is amazing how there are many title-carriers today without the prerequisite impact.

Get this right: we are not talking about titles, but about impact and manifestation. I faced multitudes of challenges and overcame all before I was ordained as a Bishop. You don’t use titles to fight, it is impact that speaks for itself. Royalty is not in a title, it is in the manifestation of redemption privileges.

The interesting thing about this royal family is that all the kings reign at the same time; that is why Jesus is called King of kings and Lord of lords. We are not princes, we are kings. He is the only Prince who become King of kings, because He did not give birth to princes. He came here to become the King of kings and not king of princes.

Many of those songs we used to sing that always promise calm, rest and abundance only in the hereafter merely portray ignorance, because we are meant to start reigning here on earth. The times in which we live are times to demonstrate the value and worth of His death and resurrection, not to leave it till tomorrow or when He comes.

By the oil, you receive a new name. Jesus never reacted against being called the Son of David, He identified with the royal address. You also know that David’s royalty was as a result of his being anointed with oil. And Jesus said, *“As my Father hath sent me, so send I you.”* The oil has a place of enthroning

the saints, and by the presence of the Holy Ghost, their slavery is broken, the yoke of poverty is destroyed.

The purpose of the anointing is to clear all barriers along life's way. If you have faith, as you read this book, the anointing will break every bondage that has been holding you captive since you came to Jesus. The slavery to foolishness and stupidity that makes even sinners see you as stupid will go off, by reason of the anointing.

Have you ever heard of when a king fought with his wife and then went to his subjects for settlement? Where do you take a king to? Subjects are brought before the king for judgement and not the other way round. When I received the light in Revelation 5:10, I promised myself that till I die, my wife and I will never have any argument, because kings don't condescend so low; rather, they help others to sort out issues.

We have been married for over ten years now and have not had even one occasion to argue. Whether she is a dummy or not, you only need to take a look at her to know that she isn't. Life is just rosy. I have not yet found a cudgel with which to make my children obey my voice! They don't fight over trivial matters in a royal family. Instead, you are reminded that because you are of royal blood, such behaviour is not expected of you.

Your behaviour from this moment will carry royalty along with it in Jesus' name. You will keep reminding yourself that a king doesn't behave carelessly.

When you realize that you are royal, you won't feel free anymore to misbehave or lose your temper and speak all manner of wrong things. From this day on, the noise of fighting and misbehaviour will not be heard in your household, not for any reason under the sun.

When you carry that royalty consciousness, it moderates your behaviour and even affects your dressing. You don't walk out with bathroom slippers and put on a funny-looking hat, like a guy from some odd place! Even kings in the village won't do that. We are talking about royalty, that is, belonging to the heavenly royal family. The oil coming on you is the end-time royal enthronement, when the kings of the earth will emerge and administer the peace of the world. It will make things happen as though God were here on earth in person. Jesus could not be intimidated. The oil of anointing is an unction that is steadfast, based on truth, not subject to intimidation of any kind. Jesus said:

Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy...

Luke 10:19

You cannot intimidate a king in his domain (and our domain is the earth), for the Scripture says, *"...You shall reign on the earth"*, not in a village. There are

forces of royalty in you (through Jesus Christ), that will not allow you to be trodden upon or treated carelessly. Your royalty has no boundary, because you are meant to reign on the earth. I am conscious of this, so I am comfortable anywhere I am, whether at home or abroad.

Authority is not in a title, it is inside a person. God is not a gentleman that is just walking about. No! One that sits upon the circles of the earth doing what He pleases cannot be a weakling. From today, when the devil sees your image, he will run because wherever the word of a king is, there is power. A king with a closed mouth is a weakling! It is his word that releases his power. If he has nothing to say, he has no one to surrender to him. All he needs to do is to say he wants somebody and they will go right to his father's house to get him, and that, without the least delay.

Releasing Your Royal Authority

Refuse to mess up your royalty, don't frustrate the grace of God. Release your royalty by speaking, for there is power in the words of a king, which you are in Christ. After David got his anointing, every word he spoke to Goliath was confirmed, causing him to prevail.

I want to draw a line for you. There are prophets, and among the prophets, there are prophets. There are kings, and among the kings, there are kings. That is why every one born to a royal family has potentials for the throne, no matter his age. A one-day old infant is just as much a prince as a fifty-eight year old man in the same family. Joseph knew he was a king and his eyes were perpetually on the throne, but he did not get there overnight.

His kingship was sure, it was there and he was living as one, though he had not literally ascended the throne. His royalty manifested in prison and in the house of Potiphar. Everything in the house was handed over to him except his master's wife. He was the commander of the house where he was a slave. Even the son of the house must have needed his permission to take the car keys!

Just make sure it is God lifting you from one phase of glory to the other, otherwise you can break yourself by struggling to rise. I am glad to let you know that the seal of your royalty comes upon you as you read this book. What is happening is that your words have become the words of a king and your heart, a king's heart. Your brain is now that of a king and your behaviour, a king's behaviour, in the mighty name of Jesus.

Kings that are worth their thrones don't gossip, they don't backbite; neither are they found in wrong places. The location of a king is always known. Royalty forbids that the king be looked for and not be found. His itinerary always shows where he is at any given time. When you don't want your wife to know where you are coming from is irresponsibility! It is unkingly! Royalty stands for

dominion, having the final say in all affairs in your domain. You are even able to control sickness, turn troubles away and decide what should hang around you and what should not.

After reading this book, you will be a surprise to even yourself. You will no longer stagger at some Scriptures. The things you never understood will become very plain. Whatever it is that has caused a block in the brain and which has affected the mind will give way. The mind is the eye of the spirit and it is the target of the devil. He has blinded the minds of them that believe not, lest they should see the glorious gospel and be saved.

It is possible to hear something and not see it. For instance, you can hear several messages on prosperity and abundance, but as long as the mind is blocked, you will still wallow in abject poverty. The anointing for royalty will loose your mind from mental decadence.

Life cannot remain the same with you because the things you can't see are the reason why you are being punished. Some people pray and fast for money and yet don't experience any financial breakthrough. This is because they don't have the key. They pray and fast for it secretly, but condemn it in the open. God says, as you have spoken in My ears, so shall it be unto you, you won't enter the Canaan of prosperity.

The devil is mad about your mind and that is why Paul tells you to have the mind of Christ. You have the potential in you to see. It is what Jesus saw that made Him not to give up:

...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.

Hebrews 12:2

The mind is the passage route of God's blessings into the spirit man. It is needed to make faith work. What the mind cannot catch, faith cannot bring. One of the criteria for putting a man on the throne is wealth. Wealth is synonymous with enthronement. Poverty and the throne don't dwell together. They are not compatible by any standard. The mind must be made to open up to receive what it takes to have a breakthrough.

Loose your mind and receive the Word and move forward. We need a new beginning. This is what the world is waiting for. We will begin to administer peace and justice and shall reign in the earth. So, from now on, whatever you do, do it as a royalty and not as a commoner. By reason of the anointing, you will know what to do at every crossroad. You have the answer!

Finally, remember that Jesus completed the work for our lifting two thousand years ago. We can't afford to die in slavery. I command everything about you to move up to the royal realm. Take charge and reign!

Chapter Eleven

Stirring Up The Anointing

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Stirring Up The Anointing

Every born again and spirit-filled believer has got some oil, but not everyone has fresh oil. It is a well known fact that the engine oil in a car doesn't last for a lifetime. It requires a change every now and again, otherwise, it will weaken the engine (and render it ineffective), or when too short, cause the engine to "knock." Thus, a sensible person checks the engine oil gauge every morning, to ensure it is not too black or the level too short. Amends are made immediately, depending on the state of the oil.

Imagine what would happen if you prided yourself on your Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering and refused to change the oil when it was due. You would soon, most certainly, find yourself driving your certificate in place of your car! When the oil is new, the engine is empowered and moves smoothly. The same is true of the fresh oil in the believer. It makes for great speed and brings him victory.

How To Stir Up The Anointing

How then do I get the oil fresh? you wonder. Psalm 92:1,10-15 sheds some light on it.

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High:

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

Mine eye also shall see my desire on mine enemies, and mine ears shall hear my desire of the wicked that rise up against me.

The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.

They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing;

To show that the Lord is upright: he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

If you want to see your desire on your enemies, then fresh oil is the answer. It is the key; it will make you hear your desire on your enemies that rise up against you.

Give Thanks And Sing Praises

Psalm 92:1 tells us that it is a good thing to give thanks and to praise the name of the Most High. Thanksgiving is an attitude of appreciation and gratitude for something received from God or what He has done. Praise, on the other hand, has to do with praising Him for His person. Your high rating of Him causes praise to ooze forth from you. You just appreciate His person and adore Him for who He is. It is good to give thanks unto the Lord, because the giving of thanks brings you into the anointing.

In some other place, the Bible talks about *"giving thanks in ALL things, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.*" According to the Bible, you are bound to obtain the promise after having done the will of God (Heb. 10:36). Giving thanks unto the Lord brings you into a new realm with Him. As you give Him thanks, shower praises also on Him.

Praise is the natural habitat of God. Just like fish can't survive outside water, so also is praise vital to God. He cannot survive a praiseless environment, because it is contrary to the law of His natural habitat.

But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.

Psalm 22:3

Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a twoedged sword in their hand;

To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people;

To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron;

To execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all his saints. Praise ye the Lord.

Psalm 149:6-9

If high praises will make you bind the kings of the earth with iron, it means that high praises grant you an entrance into a fresh anointing. If you see a believer who is always fresh, then you have seen a believer who is addicted to praises and thanksgiving, his circumstances notwithstanding. But a highly tensed person, with a long and drawn face, looking fearful and embarrassing everybody (including himself) is sure to be defeated by the enemy.

You hear some people, including believers say, “Naturally, I don’t smile.” Spiritually, if you don’t smile, you are defeated, because the secret of strength is in your rejoicing — *“the joy of the Lord is your strength”* (Neh. 8:10). Thus, if you are desirous of strength, the provision for it is in being joyful. You need strength to be an overcomer. If you must have strength, you must be joyful. Paul revealed one of his secrets to us — *“Rejoice, and again I say, rejoice.”* He means to say you should “rejoice evermore.”

In our perfect example, Jesus Christ, we find an eternal attitude of thanksgiving, even in the face of challenges of life. You always hear Him say, *“Father, I thank You,”* and always, the fresh oil comes upon Him and produces the required miracle. How we need that today!

Thanksgiving will take over the place of your prayer requests and God will take over your responsibilities. At the grave side of Lazarus, Jesus wouldn’t have needed to say anything, but in order not to be thought of as a magician, He gave thanks:

...Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.

John 11:41

He did not have to pray a long religious prayer; the moment He gave thanks, that anointing came upon Him and the impossible became a cheap possibility.

If you want to experience a life style that is clouded with the fresh oil (anointing), then be addicted to thanksgiving and praises. Give thanks to God at every point of your life, even where it does not apply (when circumstances run contrary to your expectation); be able to say, “Father, I thank you.” Say it, and mean it from right inside you.

Reasons For Thanksgiving

God’s Abiding Presence

Each time you praise God and give Him thanks, His presence comes down to back up the anointing. God will not be where there is no praise and thanksgiving. What His presence does is to effect the victory. His presence is your licence for triumph. See what the Bible says in Psalm 114:2-7:

Judah was his sanctuary, and Israel his dominion.

The sea saw it, and fled: Jordan was driven back.

The mountains skipped like rams, and the little hills like lambs.

What ailed thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest? thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back?

Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams; and ye little hills, like lambs?

Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob;

Mark you, I don't mean praising God in church as a mere church programme. I mean praising God as a life style. It invokes the presence of Jehovah God and establishes His ever abiding presence with you.

The Bible says that Israel did not get the land by their own strength; they did not work for it. Their enemies had laboured for all their arms and ammunition, but all that Israel did was to gather the spoil! The presence of God causes your enemies to bow before you. Remember what happened when Paul and Silas began to sing praises in the prison. The Almighty came and there was an earthquake. You can bring God's presence down in the midst of your crossroads. With God in your company, your enemies are compelled to bow, establishing your freedom.

...If God be for us, who can be against us?

Romans 8:31

When Jehoshaphat and the army of Judah sang the praises of the Most High, He stepped in and took over the battle (2 Chron. 20). As they began to sing and to praise, God set an ambushment against their enemies and that was how they spoilt their enemies that day. Praises and thanksgiving always bring down God's presence.

You have prayed hard enough, now begin to sing and praise Jehovah. His ears are not deaf nor are His hands short. Sing and praise Him into acting on your behalf. When praise becomes your life style, before you reach the battle front, it would have been won. Yield yourself to God, so you can enjoy His ever-abiding presence. Your destiny is not in any man's hand, it is in your own hands. What people say for, or against you does not determine whether you win or lose. Settle down and begin to appreciate the ways of God.

The Anointing Of The Holy Spirit

Praise releases the fresh oil, which makes for the new anointing. Jesus took charge in every situation. He had dominion, exercised authority and had His way, by reason of the presence of God and the fresh oil He carried.

...I shall be anointed with fresh oil.

Psalm 92:10

And immediately after that verse, we read:

Mine eye also shall see my desire on mine enemies, and mine ears shall hear my desire of the wicked that rise up against me.

When you sing praises and give thanks from your heart and don't just pay lip-service, you command the flow of the fresh oil. There is no man that will keep the flow of oil fresh in his life without a solid connection with thanksgiving and praise. Praise retains the freshness of the oil. Without it, the oil becomes stale, happenings become stale and the testimonies turn to testings.

Revelations

When you sing and praise God, the fresh oil comes to bring you revelations from the deep. The fresh oil comes to illuminate your spirit-man to the mysteries of the kingdom of God. First John 2:27 states:

But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

Also, 1 Corinthians 2:11,10 says:

For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

When the anointing comes, it takes you on an adventure into the deep; and when you get there your sweating ceases. If your life will ever reflect God's eternal purpose, the deep (revelation) holds your destiny; and you only gain entrance there by the Spirit of God. What are you doing in the shallow waters? There are barriers standing on your way, but the Spirit of God will take you into the deep for outstanding solutions.

Praise begets revelations and revelations beget revolutions; revolutions are forceful turn-arounds, they have no regard for natural laws, they just cause to happen.

One day the Lord took Kenneth Hagin to Mark 11:23, and from that day, statements that seem ordinary became life and fire to him. His worthless and withered body came alive and paralysis parted from him 55 years ago! What medical science could not do, revelation brought it to pass.

When you stop waking up into anxieties and burdens, but rather start waking up into praise and adoration, you will open the windows of revelations; and because revelations bring about revolutions, you will go from glory to glory. When the minstrels began to sing, the cloud over Elijah's head lifted and his eyes saw the things that were difficult to utter:

...Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain...

2 King 3:17

The barrier-clouds to your revelations are lifted when you sing praises. It is praise that releases the anointing, which releases the revelations, which in turn produce revolution. Revelations don't come from Bible concordances or cross references; they come only as given by the Spirit of God and can only be invoked through praise and thanksgiving.

You Flourish

The anointing is also the oil of gladness. It is for the glad, not for the mournful, accusers, sorrowful or the offended.

The dictionary definition of “flourish” is “growth in a healthy manner; be well and active; prosper.” Anyone who enjoys the fresh oil is bound to flourish.

The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.

Psalm 92:12-13

This is so because the anointing breaks yokes. It suppresses the opposition of the enemy. We are agents of success, that is why Jesus came. He came to raise us up unto glory. But we get laden with so much by the enemy, who is bent on planting in our lives what the Lord has not planted. Praise God, when the anointing comes on you, it makes the enemy surrender and bow out of your situation.

The anointing shall make you see your desire upon your enemies. Whatever operates around you that God has not put there is an enemy. Your desire over your enemies is always that they give way to you, and that is what the anointing does. You find yourself floating in divine favour with men. Where hitherto nobody had wanted to see you, you suddenly become desirable. The cedar is the tallest of all trees, thus, with the anointing you can attain unto supernatural heights. It is also the hardest to break, thus the anointing breaks the hardest of yokes, thereby establishing your liberty.

In the early days of this ministry, because of the joy of the Lord that possessed us, coupled with the positive reports of the faithfulness of God always oozing out of our lips, one of our friends in ministry thought we were “making it” and therefore, must have much cash. One day he asked for a loan of an amount, a quarter of which I had never seen put together before! Our joy was so much that he could not see our lack. There is a position you occupy in life that the world is unable to determine your true state. You always carry a radiance, that opens you up for the Holy Spirit to promote you.

In conclusion, I want to suggest to you to be thankful to God and bless Him in spite of your circumstances. For instance, are you looking for a job? Thank Him that you are alive; for, what would have happened if you were dead or if you did not have a certificate at all? What would you have done if you had no feet? You see, the moment you begin to thank God for the certificate He has given you, He will add a job to it, so that you can have something more to thank Him for.

There are people that have jobs now, but who don't value them enough to thank God for them, until they lose their place. The Israelites were always grumbling and complaining about everything. As a result, they could only enjoy God's acts and not His ways. If you must enjoy the privilege of God showing you His ways, you must be a thankful person, always singing His high praises and testifying of His faithfulness.

I commend you to God for a life style of praise, that will make the challenges of this life become like toys and make all your mountains plains. Enter into the rest of God, enjoying a sweatless and effortless triumph in life over all the Philistines, Egyptians, Goliaths and walls of Jericho.

Testify To God's Faithfulness

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony...

Revelation 12:11

To show forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night,

Psalm 92:2

To "show forth" means to testify. If you want to maintain a continuous flow of the anointing, then you must be a testifier — testifying of the goodness of the Lord in your life. Tell everyone how much God loves you. That is my life style. Everywhere I go or come back from, you cannot hear any report from my mouth except that which glorifies God. What this does for me is that each time I testify of His faithfulness, He increases me more and more, causing me to improve on my former state. This is so because as I sing His praise, the fresh oil to get better results is released.

After Joshua and Caleb gave their report, they were going to be stoned, but the anointing came upon them like a cloud and the people could not do them harm. Good reports command the flow of the oil and keeps the oil fresh. When your oil is fresh, your eyes will begin to see what has become of your enemies and your ears will hear what has become of the wicked that rise up against you.

When He says that your eyes will SEE, it means that you will enjoy the privilege of watching the effect of the oil on your enemies. Every unwanted issue in your life is an enemy — sickness, sorrow, shame, failure, barrenness, depression, every state of lack, etc. The fresh oil will deal with all of them on your behalf and then you will begin to flourish.

How The Oil Works

...When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him.

Isaiah 59:19

The anointing of the Holy Ghost, the freshness of the oil compels the enemy to surrender. Winning without sweat is an impossibility without the oil, for it is never accomplished by might; it is only possible by the Spirit of God.

If Jesus the Son of God needed the anointing, there is no one that can accomplish any feat against the enemy without the anointing. If He needed the oil, how much more do we need it today. For thirty years without the oil, He was practically inactive, unknown and unrecognized. All His spiritual credentials amounted to zero in the absence of the oil. But when the oil came, what had no shape or form for thirty years was accomplished in three and a half short years! The fresh oil seals your triumph in life's battles.

Note this Scripture in Isaiah 8:20:

To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

If you want to retain the light of God, then you must be a testifier of His goodness. For every one negative report that is brought to you, supply the reporter with twenty other good reports, to counter the evil one. This will keep you on.

There are so many people today who naturally just don't talk to anybody. I tell you the truth, it is not safe for you to be like that. I do not mean that you are not saved, but it is not safe for you to be that way. You cannot be like that and be glad in the Lord and if you are not glad, you cannot sing. *"Is any man merry? Let him sing."* It is almost impossible to sing without a merry heart.

When you sing and testify of the Lord's goodness, your enemies will no longer count, because God Himself will exalt your horn like that of an unicorn. This means that your strength will be rejuvenated and you will be strengthened by the Spirit of God in your inner man. When this happens, you are set for exploits.

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power...

Acts 10:38

This shows that it is God that anoints people. So, if you want to approach Him for the anointing, you have to do so with thanksgiving. What the psalmist is saying is that if you can gain access into His presence, you are entitled to strength. He supplies that strength by pouring fresh oil on your head. If you are desirous to come into His presence for the anointing, then you must come with praise and thanksgiving; that's the only way to gain access. As you arrive, let Him also hear the sound of your testimony and He will acknowledge you as a registered overcomer and release the fresh oil for your next battle.

Many have been baptized in the Holy Spirit for several years now but have nothing to show for it; its freshness has disappeared, even the tongues they speak

have become dry, the syllables have vanished and the refreshing in the spirit is gone. This is so because the oil is no longer fresh and the engine is about to "knock"! You must let go of the old oil and open up for the fresh. It is the best way to live. I know a dear man of God who is one of the many saints enjoying this fresh anointing in our days. This does not mean that he has not been faced with adversities, he has.

One time, the devil attacked his wife with cancer, but it didn't keep him down. You could never tell from his face what he was going through. He knew the secret of the fresh oil; and glory to God, today, she is well and up on her feet, strengthened by the Spirit of God in the inner man!

On the other hand, there are some people who look twenty years older than their real age. For ordinarily missing a taxi they hoped to catch, they get so worked up and can't get over it for hours. Some people lose all the joy of heaven for a mere flat tyre! Too many people get upset by every minor thing that ordinarily should not matter, and this accounts for the absence of fresh oil in their lives. Paul said *"none of these things moved me."* People who get easily moved never emerge as overcomers.

You need to realize that the only thing the devil recognizes and always bows to in the life of the believer is the fresh oil. It is the answer. You need fresh oil for each new day. Be glad at the work of God's hand, get excited about everything. There is always something to thank God for. Thank Him for your salvation and the joy in your heart since you met the Saviour.

Somebody once came to me and complained that God had not been faithful to him, and he really meant it from his heart. I pitied him, because Jesus had already spoken about such — *"Blessed is the man whosoever is not offended in Me."* Some people test God and turn back to accuse Him of unfaithfulness. But the Bible warns, *"Tempt not the Lord your God."* If you will only look around, there are a thousand and one things to testify of God's goodness. So, stop accusing Him, because accusers of God have no future. Rather, start praising Him and testifying of His faithfulness; and you will begin to experience the fresh oil that makes for a new beginning.

I was once asked whether I ever have problems. The fact is that I have been so busy thanking God for everything, that I have not been able to see the problems. I like everything I have — my face, my height, my office, my wife and children — therefore I am not able to covet another man's. There are people who never like what they have; rather, they prefer everything others have. Even in church, they are busy comparing themselves with others in the congregation and seeing more reasons why God has not been faithful to them.

I like giving good reports, even in contrary situations. It does me good. In 1984, in the early days of the ministry, my wife came to visit me. At the end of the first service she attended, she could not believe service had started when it ended! This was because of the total number of people in attendance that day. It didn't quite match with the kind of reports she had been hearing from me.

Those were days when each person had a whole pew to himself and the one in front for his Bible! Except the babies in the womb, every other person was accounted for in the attendance register. Why was I doing this? Because, there is nothing that brightens a tomorrow more than the good report of today.

Fasting

Fasting has a vital role to play in sustaining the anointing. It is one of the vital spiritual exercises designed as part of our Christian experience. It is designed for the release of the anointing. God's ordained fast helps to loosen the chains of wickedness. It also helps to undo the heavy burden. It helps to set free the oppressed and to break every yoke. Fasting is essentially ordained by God, for power building and to cause the rain to fall.

All great men in God's kingdom made it because this vital key of fasting was in operation. Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world, also engaged in it. It is on record that Jesus returned from His 40 day fast in the power of the Spirit. When all other factors are in place, and you engage in a fast, you are bound to return in the power of the Spirit. For God to increase, you have to decrease. Fasting is giving God the place that food had occupied, a separation from food unto God.

Fasting without the study of the Bible and communication with God through prayers, however, is an exercise in futility. It is no longer a fast, but a hunger strike! Fasting is in good shape when natural pleasures give way to spiritual values. In Isaiah 58:6-7, we see the kind of fast that God appreciates.

Fasting done in love brings an unusual flow of God's anointing. You move from the realm of the ordinary to the extraordinary. When your motives are in line with God's Word, you will be lifted, your understanding will be sharpened and your inside will be brightened, as God's glory reflects on your life. Your light will break forth, as revealed in Isaiah 58:8-9.

I have experienced an outburst of God's power through fasting. It has brought about glorious transformations in the lives of people I came in contact with. You too can witness the flow of the anointing in your life! All that God wants from you is purity and sincerity in everything you do.

Some years ago, I had just engaged in a unique fellowship with heaven, after which I visited some people and was asked to bless the food. As I prayed, the glory of God was so visible that no one could eat. God's presence was felt in such a glorious way that the ordinary man could not explain.

For twenty-six months, men prayed and fasted for the outburst of God's power and a release of an unusual anointing before our ministry started. This has brought about tremendous breakthroughs in every sphere and phase of the ministry.

Learn to say "no" to food when you sense the leading of the Spirit to engage in a fast. Don't sell your birthright for a morsel of meat, like Esau did. There is more to Christianity than meets the ordinary eye, so engage yourself in this vital force of fasting. It is a regular means by which God renews the strength of His people. It is for consistent power building and release of power. It brings you into a brighter revelation of God. It is a principal way of spiritual upliftment.

The Place Of The Word

Another vital force that you need to keep the flow of God's anointing in your life is the Word. You need to tap into God's power through His Word. God's Word is relevant to the building up of the saints. It is the carrier of God's power.

Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.

Zechariah 4:6

The Spirit stands for the anointing of the Holy Ghost. The Word that brings about light is the ANOINTING. God's Word has an in-built anointing in it. It is the only source of incorruptible power. If your fasting is void of light, darkness can manifest itself there. The Word of God is the light that wards off darkness. An encounter with God's Word brings about the release of God's power. The revelation of God's Word shoots you up from one level of glory to another. The Word of God delivers, heals, and prospers. It sets every believer free from the bondage of death. The Word brings about the breaking of every yoke.

Allow the Holy Spirit to give you tremendous insight into the Word of God; it will no doubt result in a testimony, a complete transformation in every area of your life.

Read the Word of God with great expectations. The Word is the principal source for power building. It is the carrier of the yoke-breaking anointing. Apply the Word in every area of your life — business, health, finance, spiritual life, etc, and watch the anointing therein destroy every yoke.

Chapter Twelve

Anointing For Restoration

"The rain represents the anointing of the Holy Ghost. To enjoy the wonders of restoration, we must have the showers of the rain."

Anointing For Restoration

Is Israel a servant? is he a homeborn slave? why is he spoiled?

The young lions roared upon him, and yelled, and they made his land waste: his cities are burned without inhabitant.

Also the children of Noph and Tahapanes have broken the crown of thy head.

Hast thou not procured this unto thyself, in that thou hast forsaken the Lord thy God, when he led thee by the way?

Jeremiah 2:14-17

Above is a powerful prophetic picture of the Church today. Truly, the Church has been grossly spoilt, her land made wastes, her cities burned and the crown of her head broken. The city set upon the mountain can no longer be seen, she has gone down the valley. The head has become the tail. Yes, this is a people robbed and spoiled.

But this is a people robbed and spoiled; they are all of them snared in holes, and they are hid in prison houses: they are for a prey, and none delivereth; for a spoil, and none saith, Restore.

Isaiah 42:22

Despite this, God's intention and programme for restoration is very plain:

Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.

And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil.

And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.

And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed.

Joel 2:23-26

God's intention is very clear: to restore to you all that has been stolen. His programme is also clear: to cause the rain to come down. That is, the rain will effect the restoration! To enjoy the wonders of restoration, we must have the showers of rain.

How The Anointing Effects Restoration

As mentioned in earlier chapters, the rain represents the anointing of the Holy Ghost. But how does the anointing enhance restoration?

Discover The Thief

Men do not despise a thief, if he steal to satisfy his soul when he is hungry;

But if he be found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the substance of his house.

Proverbs 6:30-31

The first step to restoration is to discover the thief, the robber. Until the thief is caught, the stolen goods cannot be recovered.

Who is this thief? And what is his mission? The thief is Satan, the devil. He is that same old serpent in the garden of Eden. He is still the subtle serpent, he has not repented.

The Apostle Paul experienced a great deal of his tricks, which he documented in the epistles, inspired by the Holy Ghost. In 2 Corinthians 11:3, he said:

But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

The devil's strategy is to play down on the virility and relevance of the gospel as it affects the very complex problems of life. It was the same trick he used in the garden of Eden. He played down on God's instruction to man and man became a victim of his wickedness.

As simple as God's Word is, it is dependable and operational. This simple gospel is still the carrier of God's power unto salvation. This same "simple gospel" holds the entire creation in place. All things visible and invisible, physical and spiritual are controlled by the Word.

...And upholding all things by the word of his power...

Hebrews 1:3

A simple gospel, yet it holds the destiny of man in trust! The devil knows that *"when your obedience (to the simple gospel) is fulfilled, you will avenge all disobedience"* (2 Cor. 10:6). He dreads your total obedience to the gospel, that is

why he deliberately and calculatedly waters down and presents it as irrelevant to the complex problems of today. Beware, do not be a victim. Canaan is yours by the simple word of promise — the gospel.

Opens Understanding

In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

2 Corinthians 4:4

The thief is after the minds of people. He wants to block them from the light. He is afraid of the weapon of faith. He would rather blind the mind than the physical eyes! The devil can stand your sight, but he cannot stand your faith! Many suffer from this yoke of mental blindness. It takes the anointing of the Holy Ghost to have that yoke destroyed. Remember the Word says:

Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

Ephesians 6:16

With faith in place, all the fiery darts of the devil will be turned into toy darts. This is why the devil is all out to get man and puncture his faith! He is absolutely helpless when faith is in operation. He realizes that to stop faith, he must block its source — the Word; because, *"faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God"* (Rom. 10:17).

But thank God that the anointing provides an eternal access to the Word. It makes men of quick understanding. Quite a number of people read the Word, but it never registers. Remember the Ethiopian Eunuch in Acts 8. Perhaps, he had been reading that particular passage for over ten years. But it made no meaning to him until the Holy Ghost, through Philip, opened his understanding. Here was a celebrity, well educated, but unable to decipher the things of God, because:

...The things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

1 Corinthians 2:11

The anointing teaches and provides an automatic access into the Word, which produces faith.

One of the principal weapons the thief often uses is doubt. If he can succeed in puncturing your faith, then you are already a victim. Until you lose faith, you remain a winner. Unbelief is a work of evil aimed at robbing the believer of his inheritance. In Hebrews 3:12, we are warned to take heed lest there be in any of us an *"evil heart of unbelief."* Unbelief is evil, it is the work of the devil to keep his captives fastened down in chains. The Word says:

But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering...

A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

James 1:6,8

You see, we are defenceless without faith, we are exposed to all manner of evil and wickedness. We have no access to God in prayer that moves mountains. We are cut off from the blessings of our heritage. Little wonder then that the devil devotes his time, energy and resources in stopping faith from coming! He wants you to keep your mountains, he wants to make your barriers stand permanently. Jesus said:

For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

Mark 11:23

This is why he hates the Word of faith. He will keep attacking it unto eternity. Faith is the worst enemy of the devil. The smell of faith is poisonous to him, and the operation of faith is very devastating to his kingdom.

Thank God, the anointing is here right now, to guarantee automatic breakthrough into the Word from where faith comes. Receive that anointing now.

Destroys Fear

Also, the devil introduces the weapon of fear against his target victim; but thank God, we have the victory. The Bible says:

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

2 Timothy 1:7

Fear is not just a state of mind, it is a spirit. There is an invisible force responsible for it. Job's experience is a most relevant illustration of the serious effect of fear.

And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually.

Job 1:5

If you cannot stop your fears, your fears will stop you. The spirit of fear breeds bondage, it imprisons, it makes a victim of saints. Look at what happened to Job:

For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me.

Job 3:25

But I have good news for you! The anointing destroys fear!

For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

Romans 8:15

From the two references above, it becomes abundantly clear that fear begets bondage. The apostles had the Word, but fear kept them bound. Peter had the Word, but fear made him a victim of denial. The apostles had what the world needed, but they could not reach their world until the yoke and bondage of fear was broken by the anointing on the day of Pentecost. Boldness became their girdle after the Holy Ghost came.

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled...

Acts 4:13

The chains of fear had been broken! The same Peter who swore and denied any knowledge of his master was turned into a rock, who began speaking boldly. The anointing is the remedy for fear.

Chapter Thirteen

The Anointing Oil

"The anointing oil is not a symbol. It is not a religious rite or doctrine. Through the medium of the anointing oil, the beneficiary can enjoy the supernatural ministry of the Holy Spirit."

The Anointing Oil

Where does the anointing oil come in, in these days of the great anointings of the Holy Spirit? Does it still hold any relevance today? Was it, perhaps, done away with in the Old Testament? What is the place of the anointing oil in the manifestation of the power of God in these end-times?

Though the subject of the anointing oil is seemingly unpopular, it is a powerful instrument and is very relevant in our days. In the book of Exodus, God took time to describe the components that should be put together for the anointing oil. He took just as much time to describe in detail what the tabernacle was to look like. He was particular and detailed. God said to Moses:

Take thou also unto thee principal spices, of pure myrrh five hundred shekels, and of sweet cinnamon half so much, even two hundred and fifty shekels, and of sweet calamus two hundred and fifty shekels,

And of cassia five hundred shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, and of oil olive an hin:

And thou shalt make it an oil of holy ointment, an ointment compound after the art of the apothecary: it shall be an holy anointing oil.

And thou shalt anoint Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office.

And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, This shall be an holy anointing oil unto me throughout your generations.

Exodus 30:23-25,30-31

This detailed description shows that God must have had a spectacular reason for introducing the ministry of the anointing oil.

The phrase, *"throughout your generations"* is worth noting. This is where we come in, seeing that we belong to the generation of Israel through the death

of Jesus Christ (Gal. 3:14). The oil is as relevant in our days as it was then.

That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Galatians 3:14

By this arrangement, we come into the generation of Israel, where the ministry of the anointing oil has been ordained for the release of power. The oil has divine abilities and power. The oil is a divine enabler, that assists man to perform supernatural feats. It is the carrier of power. For instance, so great was the power that was flowing inside Aaron after the anointing that the staff he was carrying budded.

Release Through Praise

How do you release the presence of the most High God? Simple — through praise. Every time God's people get into anointed praise and worship, God's presence is invoked.

God's Word says that He inhabits the praises of His people. Likewise, each time the anointing oil is applied in faith, it releases the presence and person of the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost is the power arm of the Almighty God. The oil is NOT the Holy Spirit, neither is it a symbol. It is a medium through which the Holy Spirit is released into operation. When applied, the Holy Spirit goes into manifestation.

Both in the Old Testament and the New Testament, the oil is known as an instrument of extraordinary and divine performance. Let us see whether Jesus, our chief example, had anything to do with the anointing oil in the New Testament or not.

When He was sending His disciples to go and preach, He told them what to preach, where to go and what to do. This include healing the sick. The Bible reports that assignment thus:

And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them.

Mark 6:13

According to the Bible, the healing ministry is part of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. What happened was that as the oil was being applied to the sick, the Holy Spirit was working through it to heal them.

The anointing oil is not a symbol. It is not a religious rite or doctrine. Through the medium of the anointing oil, the beneficiary can enjoy the supernatural ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Diverse Wonders

A sister in the church anointed her runaway brother in-law's shoes, and the man returned home the following day! He had deserted her sister.

Ignorance of the significance of the oil and its overwhelming effect can cause people to take it for granted, taking it as an ordinary ointment that makes the face to shine. There is bound to be great times of excitement and amazement for those who appropriate its significance and uses, as they watch the finger of God move supernaturally in their affairs and that of others.

A brother took his anointing oil home and anointed a letter he had received from his office, decreeing for himself a promotion and increase in allowances. This was not a natural thing to do, in view of the fact that he had only been promoted six months earlier. But children of the kingdom are not ordinary men and cannot be subjected to natural laws. This brother had that revelation established in his heart as he anointed the letter. The following day, he was called by his superior and informed of his promotion and increase in salary.

In Ghana, a pastor caught the revelation of the oil, and on arriving home, anointed his TV set that had stopped working. To the astonishment of members of his family, he turned on the switch and a programme came on the screen! The TV began functioning perfectly!

The anointing oil is a channel through which the finger of God is brought to bear on our human limitations. A man who had been afflicted for quite sometime was brought to the church in Sokoto, where he was prayed for and anointed with oil. As soon as the oil touched his head, a strange object came out of his shoulder.

Another brother in Kaduna upon arriving home, anointed all his clothes and other major items in his room, while his friends mocked and jeered at him. Shortly afterwards, thieves came to their quarters and raided the entire area, but not even a needle was taken from this brother’s room. The following morning, he became the biblical “lender, and not borrower”, as his friends came to borrow his clothes to wear to their offices! That is what the oil does; it distinguishes the saints from the crowd.

Things and situations which otherwise would have posed a problem are cheaply accomplished, as the oil paves a way for the manifestation of the finger of God. Some brethren were travelling in a car back home after attending our ministers’ congress in 1991. The car suddenly developed a fault, the gear system was faulty. One of them had to go for a mechanic in a nearby village. However, while he was gone, they remembered the anointing oil which had been blessed during the anointing night, they brought it out and anointed the car; and that was it! The car was back on the road! The gear system began to work perfectly and they went on their way, picking up the man who had gone for the mechanic on the way!

The reason why many are sceptical about the anointing oil is not far-fetched — the enemy has blocked their minds and blinded them, lest they discover the truth that will set them free and make them become a threat to him (2 Cor. 4:4). The glorious gospel of our Lord Jesus is a simple one. It is so simple that it seems impossible for many to believe. The devil is fighting tooth and nail, to ensure that the minds of the simple are corrupted against its simplicity.

There are some, on the other hand, who are too natural to enjoy supernatural blessings. Due to mental inaction, they are unable to rouse themselves from the natural level to ascend the heights of the supernatural. You must not allow your mind to be blocked to Biblical truths. If you desire the supernatural in your life, you must cease from limiting yourself to natural situations. You only need to believe God that the oil has absolute potentials to make living worthwhile and meaningful.

Know this very well: the presence of the Holy Spirit of God does a lot of good for the recipient. Since I discovered the power in the anointing oil, it has done me a world of good. Even children today know the blessing of the anointing oil. They apply it for various issues and it is living up to their expectations.

There is no situation that is above the oil, otherwise it would be above the Holy Spirit; and that, we know, can never be. When confusion sets in, put the oil on your head and claim light and direction. The Bible is very clear about the ministry of the Holy Spirit — He will guide into all truth and bring to remembrance whatsoever has been taught.

A pastor in Magongo, Kogi State, got saved and baptized in the Holy Ghost while reading our book *The Miracle Seed*. This same pastor attended one of our ministers' confrences and went back with a bottle of oil. Being led by the Holy Spirit, he anointed his pulpit at night and the following day, the Holy Spirit's purpose for making him anoint the pulpit was revealed. The pastor called on every sick person to touch the pulpit and various outstanding testimonies of divine intervention were recorded.

One day, a sister's husband suddenly decided that the sister was too old for him, and decided to look for a younger woman. All at once, she found herself leaving her room for the younger wife, while she moved to the boys' quarters. Blessed be God for the day she attended the anointing service.

Armed with the lethal weapon against the kingdom of darkness (the anointing oil), the hour of opportunity came when the adulterous couple went out to have fun. The sister tiptoed to their bedroom, found the door unlocked, so she entered and anointed the bed. That was the end of their adulterous union!

When they got back that night, a serious quarrel ensued and the intruder left and the legal wife was reinstated in her rightful place!

The Holy Spirit is the organizer of men's lives. He wants to help you have a breakthrough in every endeavour you undertake in life. One of the major functions of the oil is for enthronement. Just as in the natural world, only an appointed prince ends up becoming a king; so also in the kingdom, only an anointed saint ends up becoming a king — we have been made unto our God priests and kings to reign on the earth (Rev. 5:10).

The Anointing Is For You

In Israel, no king reigned nor priest stood in the priestly office without being anointed with oil by God's chosen vessels. We are still the generation of Israel today, so what applied to them still applies to us. No saint is established to reign as king or serve as priest without first being anointed with oil.

In the account of David's anointing, we are told that the moment he was anointed, the Spirit of the Lord came upon him. Who is a king? A king is one who is in a position of authority in his domain. Thus, when the oil comes upon a person, it brings down the unction which puts him in authority and disallows the devil from misbehaving in the environment.

Everything about you is made to experience the majestic presence of the Lord. The anointing of the Holy Spirit, when transmitted through the oil, makes a new beginning for the recipient. Only the previous evening, David was a rugged shepherd boy; but the following day, he was an anointed king. The anointing catapulted him from the sheepcote to the throne!

Why many are suffering in Christendom today can be traced to their failure, a lack of enthronement by the application of the oil. It is the oil that enables the priest to stand in his office to minister before God and man. It enables the king to be enthroned and establishes the enthronement of the saints of God above depression and oppression.

If you will have a proper understanding of the place of the anointing oil and release your faith into it, you will soon realize that you were not born again to become a prayer project, with everybody praying for you for one thing or the other! Priests are not prayed for, they stand in their office and pray for others. Priests are not meant to become prayer concerns, they look out for the concerns of others.

If at this time you are still a prayer project, when are you going to start acting in your priestly office? Making yourself a prayer project, therefore, is an abuse of redemption. Redemption is for showing forth, not for shame and reproach.

In conclusion, use the oil to break the yoke of slavery and get established on your throne. The oil has the power to get you to the top and guarantee your freedom. Have faith in it. If Jesus recommended the use of the oil for the healing of the sick, then it must be genuine.

James also mentioned it in chapter 5:14. He understood what Jesus taught them when He was with them, and he taught the same to the Church as well. If you want to see the Holy Spirit intervene in the realm of deliverance, anoint the sick with the oil, in the name of the Lord and they will be raised up. Use the oil to receive the strength to stand in your office and be what God wants you to be.

It is neither a symbol nor a mere religious doctrine; it is God's plan and ordination to bring you and I into the reality of power in the days in which we live in.

When the Holy Spirit is invoked, He goes all out to prove that He's the finger of God. It is absolutely necessary that you have faith, otherwise nothing will work for you. Believe that you belong to the order of strange happenings. Good things are happening, release yourself to be brought into the realm of fulfilment.

Just as the tabernacle accommodates the presence of God, so you are the temple of the person of the Holy Spirit, who is the power of God. It is this power of God that makes the difference in the lives of people.

Chapter Fourteen

Transference Of Anointing

"Anointing can be received through another vessel. The basic requirement for transference of anointing is that you recognise your superiors in ministry."

Transference Of Anointing

The anointing is transferable. It can be received through another anointed vessel. It is, however, unfortunate that there is so much unexploited anointing floating in the earth today. One thing that so easily deprives God's people of the rich benefits of the anointing is pride.

There is a group of people who, by reason of their walk with God, have been lifted very high and operate under enviable anointing of the Holy Spirit. The meek at heart recognize such vessels and aspire to get close to them, so they can tap from their rich resources. The proud and haughty, on the other hand, do not consider that there is anybody fit or worthy to be emulated. These are they which miss out on God's best for them.

...I will take of the spirit which is upon thee, and will put it upon them...

Numbers 11:17

God, the One Who tansfers the anointing, says He will transfer the anointing from Moses to the other seventy men. This proves the lie of those who claim that they cannot see God's hand upon the earth today. Such people must be blind of course, otherwise, there are great servants of God whom He has lifted all over the nations. Their acts are the acts of God and must be appreciated as such.

Once this is done, the next thing is then to desire and covet their gifts. It is not a sin to covet spiritual gifts. It is, however, wrong and sinful to covet material things, because they do not lead to edifying, but to envy and strife.

In the incidence of Elijah and Elisha, Elisha asked for a double portion of his master's power, and when he fulfilled the conditions, he got it.

And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.

2 Kings 2:9

Elisha’s desire was steadfast. Nothing could distract him, not even the fire and chariots from heaven. Jesus also transferred His power to His disciples and with that, His disciples took upon them His nature and image. Likewise, Paul also transferred his anointing to Timothy.

Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.

1 Timothy 4:14

In all cases cited, the anointing is usually transferred from the master to the servant, and master to disciple. The basic requirement for the transference of anointing is that you recognize your superiors in ministry. Until you do that, you cannot receive from them.

You also need to have faith in the prophet of God. It has to be at his instance. You must believe in the hand of God upon his life. If you don’t believe his integrity, don’t make any attempt to receive his anointing, because it could hurt you.

...Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.

2 Chronicles 20:20

Don’t curse God’s anointed. You have to follow them to the end, without any reservations.

Ways Of Transference

Personal Contact

This is the most magnetic form of impartation. It is when one is privileged to stay with any of God’s anointed servants, with the sole purpose of receiving the same anointing he is operating in. This is interaction with purpose. Remember the Bible says that the expectation of the righteous shall not be cut off. The purpose for which you seek an association with anointed servants of God will determine the degree to which their gift is imparted upon you.

On one occasion, I had the privilege of sleeping on a bed which I was told, a great man of God had once slept on. In the night, I saw a vision of a decaying hand, as though it was being eaten up by worms. And God told me I was entering a new realm of anointing, one in which I would be used in restoring life to dead and decaying issues. It was also on that day that the anointing for financial breakthrough came upon me. I entered into this great man of God’s spectacular anointing, because I believed in him and still do.

Audio-Visuals

Hearing God’s Word via His anointed servant can cause the anointing upon him to be transferred to you. I learnt of a man of God, who at the age of fourteen, got his call from God by watching Oral Robert on television.

One night, I settled down to watch a video film of an anointed minister. As I watched, I broke down and started crying. Could a man reach this magnitude of people? I wondered. With this thought on my mind, I slept off. I felt a stirring in my spirit at 4.30 a.m., so I got out of bed, walked into the sitting room and sat down. As I sat down, I heard the gentle footfalls of a man in the room, and he took a seat. Though I could not see Him, He spoke such terrific things to me.

That day, He lavished on me a fresh anointing for healing. As a result, there were so many instantaneous healings at the Sunday worship service the following morning. It was so glorious, as God's glory came down and there was a breaking forth of God's anointing.

Master-servant Relationship

A clear biblical example is that of Elijah and Elisha. The whole land knew that Elisha was Elijah's servant. Elisha never claimed to be Elijah's colleague. He was never ashamed to be called a servant. He fully identified with both his master's popularity and his defamation.

Colleagues can never receive impartation or transference of anointing from one another. It must always take a lower person to bend the knees to receive from the superior. Colleagues are ever too familiar to appreciate one another's gifts, talkless of coveting such gifts. If you must receive transference of anointing, you must necessarily believe in the person you are receiving it from as being above you.

The sons of the prophets who jeered at Elisha when his master was to be taken up could never be like their masters, because they had a haughty disposition and saw their masters as colleagues.

Laying on of Hands

Joshua is a good example. The Bible says the spirit of wisdom rested upon him because Moses had laid hands upon him. That is to say Moses transferred to him the Spirit that was operating in his own life.

And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom; for Moses had laid his hands upon him: and the children of Israel hearkened unto him, and did as the Lord commanded Moses.

Deuteronomy 34:9

Anointing With Oil

Examples of this have been cited earlier on, particularly in the life of David as king over Israel. The release of the oil upon a man signifies the release of the anointing. The oil is not just a mere symbol, it is a medium of transference.

And thou shalt anoint Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office.

Exodus 30:30

Prophecy Of The One Transferring The Anointing

Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.

1 Timothy 4:14

Anointed words spoken by servants of God carry enough unction to impart the anointing. Like Jesus said:

...The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

John 6:63

Anointed Materials

This can be through dresses, handkerchiefs and other such things. A member of our church took his anointed handkerchief for evangelism and met a man that was mentally deranged. He brought out his handkerchief and waved it in front of the possessed man and that was the end of that madness, the mad man regained his sanity!

And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul:

So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.

Acts 19:11-12

Chapter Fifteen

Encounters With
The Anointing

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When a man testifies of the doing of the Lord in his life, a number of things happen. One of such things is that those who hear the testimony are encouraged and their faith is provoked to hold unto God when faced with similar circumstances. Many times, such testimonies offer instructions and give light to some who are likewise held captive.

For the testifier, the testimony puts a seal on the deed done and ensures that nothing tampers with the miracle received. Also, it opens the door for more triumphs and victories; and above all, God the doer is glorified.

Since the anointing oil was discovered, testimonies of its effectiveness abound. It is working like wild fire. In every assembly where this mystery has been revealed, the anointing oil has become an essential commodity to its saints. Everything and everyone it touches receives a supernatural touch. It's like magic, but so much more better and the results are more real and tangible; because, although invisible, the proof of God's reality is so real and sweet.

In September 1991, a mother's heart nearly broke with the shocking discovery that her two-year old daughter had sickle cell anaemia. In shock and disbelief, she went to other hospitals for a second opinion. The result was the same — sickle cell anaemia.

What hope was there for her child? The answer came for her during our anointing service, where I shared my personal testimony of how I got cured of tuberculosis. Yes, to her joy, she learnt that there is hope because there is God.

Thus, in the course of the anointing service, anointed handkerchiefs were passed round for everyone to place on their head. When it got to her turn, she placed it on her forehead like every other person. As soon as she arrived home,

she placed her hand on her daughter's forehead and prayed for her, and that was it! Since that day, they have carried out tests in four reputable diagnostic centres and the results have been the same — no sickle cell anaemia!

In another instance, a graduate of our Word of Faith Bible Institute one night started having acute stomach pains. He was rushed to the hospital when the pain became unbearable. Tests were done and the final result proved that he needed an appendectomy.

The next day he met one of his doctor friends and they prayed together. The following day I had the Anointing Class at the Institute, where they were all anointed with the oil, as is the usual practice. That marked the end of that appendicitis, because it disappeared. Till date, there has not been any negative reports from him.

Amazing as it may seem, the anointing has placed a baby in the womb of one that was called barren. This woman works in the same office with a sister in our congregation. She explained her plight to the sister, mentioning how that her case was so severe that she had been advised to go to herbalists, who were advocated to be the best solution to her problem. This, however, did not appeal to her. The Holy Spirit took control when the sister, who always carried a bottle of the anointing oil with her, brought it forth and anointed her. That month marked the end of her misery, as she became pregnant!

Even terrible diseases like chicken pox have had to bow to the effect of the anointing oil. No matter at what age it is contacted, chicken pox causes a lot of discomfort and takes its toll on its victims. Such was the plight of the young niece to one of the sisters in church. Once she realized what was happening, she quickly brought out the bottle she normally kept in the car and anointed the young girl. By the following morning, it was an excited niece that woke her aunt up from sleep. She was ready for school — healed, hale and hearty!

A member brought her mother to one of our anointing services and she was delivered that night. A growth in her mother's eye disappeared after she was anointed with oil. Their joy knew no end, as they were spared the optician's exorbitant charge for an operation whose success could not be guaranteed.

Testimonies of healings received through the application of the anointing oil have become common place now. It's so vital and real. Evil bows to it like fire bows to water.

It is true that every knee must bow at the mention of the name of Jesus. It does not matter what it is, whether living or non-living, it bows. Situations and circumstances bow. How? Because His *"name is as ointment poured forth"* (Songs of Solomon 1:3). This signifies the anointing. That is to say that the name

of Jesus carries with it the anointing that breaks every yoke. Therefore, it is not strange that we have had diverse testimonies from its application.

A family got the first taste of the effectiveness of the anointing oil, when at one of our *Victory Celebrations*, under the powerful unction of the Holy Spirit, I anointed the *agbada* (a big flowing gown) I had on, which was a present from my wife. The gown was passed around, with the instruction that everyone that desired a "big bang" miracle should touch their foreheads with it.

A couple not only touched their foreheads with it, they also touched their young boy's head. Born prematurely, and almost a year later, he had not made any attempt to stand. To the glory of God, when they arrived their home after the service, their little boy not only stood, but also took steps, and to their astonishment, he started running!

In another instance, a brother who is a chemical engineer had tried unsuccessfully to get a paper converter company to accept his glue sample for supplies. He was worried about this outright rejection of the product, which he believed was of a good quality. He resorted to waiting on the Lord in a fast and two weeks later, his wife suggested that he stirred some anointing oil into the glue. According to him, "It worked like fire! I am currently executing the first order, and unbelievably, the glue is still as effective as ever. I know God's hand is definitely upon this business."

Will the oil work for anything at all? Without a doubt, yes! A sister was about to go out in her family car, but it wouldn't start. In desperation, she got her bottle of oil and in holy anger, anointed the engine and commanded the car to start, in Jesus' name. The car responded immediately!

At every Ministers' Conference we hold, a night is always set aside for the anointing. Testimonies abound at such times, as many people have various encounters with the Lord. A sister went home with her anointing oil after one such service and anointed her six-year old son and ten-year old daughter, who both bed-wets. According to her, ever since then, they both ceased to bed-wet and now she is eternally grateful to God.

One of my cousins attended one of our anointing services, and by the unction of the Holy Spirit, upon getting home she anointed a picture of one of her sisters in a far away place, who had been found with a lump in her breast and was expected to undergo an operation. The next time that aunt went to the hospital, every test and X-ray showed that there was nothing wrong with her. The very night her picture was anointed, the lump disappeared. No, there is no restricting or limiting the Holy Spirit!

What about the alarm clock that stopped working? It only needed a touch of the oil, and the Holy Spirit took over. It began to work perfectly!

A set of doctors in one of the hospitals in the city experienced something which hitherto had defied medical science. All doctors know that a ruptured appendix is a lost case. True in the natural, but not where the Almighty's presence is, by His Holy Spirit. One of our members was used by God to prove that the knowledge of the creature must always be necessarily limited to that of the creator, which is limitless. She was rushed to hospital with a ruptured appendix. The doctors outrightly refused to admit her. What was the point admitting someone that was expected to die that very day?

So, she was left unattended to for three days, but the oil had already been applied, to break the yoke of death the night she was brought into the hospital. In resignation, she was operated upon on the third day. Hear what one of the doctors told her when she tried to find out what happened: "Your God is truly living."

We are not without our own share of persecutions, and as such, quite a number of people who would have been blessed of God through us have missed out on such privileges. One young man, however, preferred to continue with the so-called "worldly church" than to remain in religion. At an anointing service, I told the congregation to anoint their entrances and properties when they got home.

When this brother started anointing his property, he seemed like an absolute joker to his friends who were all wondering at his "madness." A few days later, thieves broke into their compound and made away with everything belonging to the other four boys living with him, but of his own things, not even a needle was touched. I believe that the angels must have been there to warn the thieves, "Touch not mine anointed (nor his property) and do my prophet no harm." The next day, all his mates had to borrow his clothes to wear to the office!

When death came to threaten one of our pastors, it was vanquished by this weapon — the oil. A few days earlier, by the leading of the Holy Spirit, I had ordered everyone that had a vehicle to bring them to the church for anointing. Perhaps the devil didn't know about it when he decided to strike. He had just dropped his children off at school and was on his way to his office, when suddenly, out of nowhere, another car emerged and thereon, it was like a film show.

There was nothing the devil could do, as the Holy Spirit got the angels of God to bear him and the car up in their arms. When the car, which had lost control, finally stopped, there was not a scratch, either on his body or on the car, to the amazement of onlookers! The saint of God drove his car to the office, where he resumed work unruffled.

There is no end to the testimonies that keep pouring in from people who have had encounters with the anointing oil. Let it suffice to say that if you will have faith in God and in His wonderful and diverse provisions to meet His people's needs, you will most certainly join the group of overcomers. The oil is not magic or a talisman; it is a medium through which the presence of the Holy Spirit is invoked to take control of every situation in a believer's life.

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