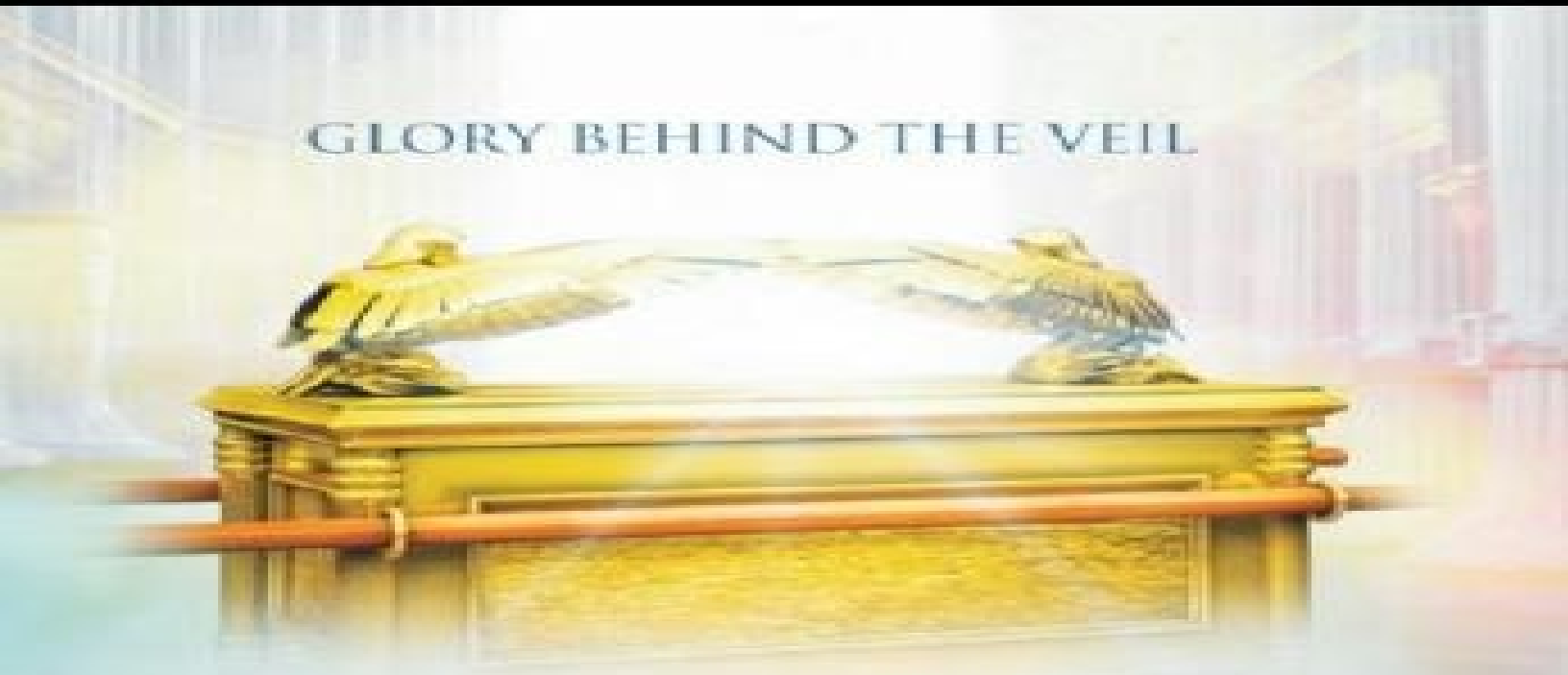
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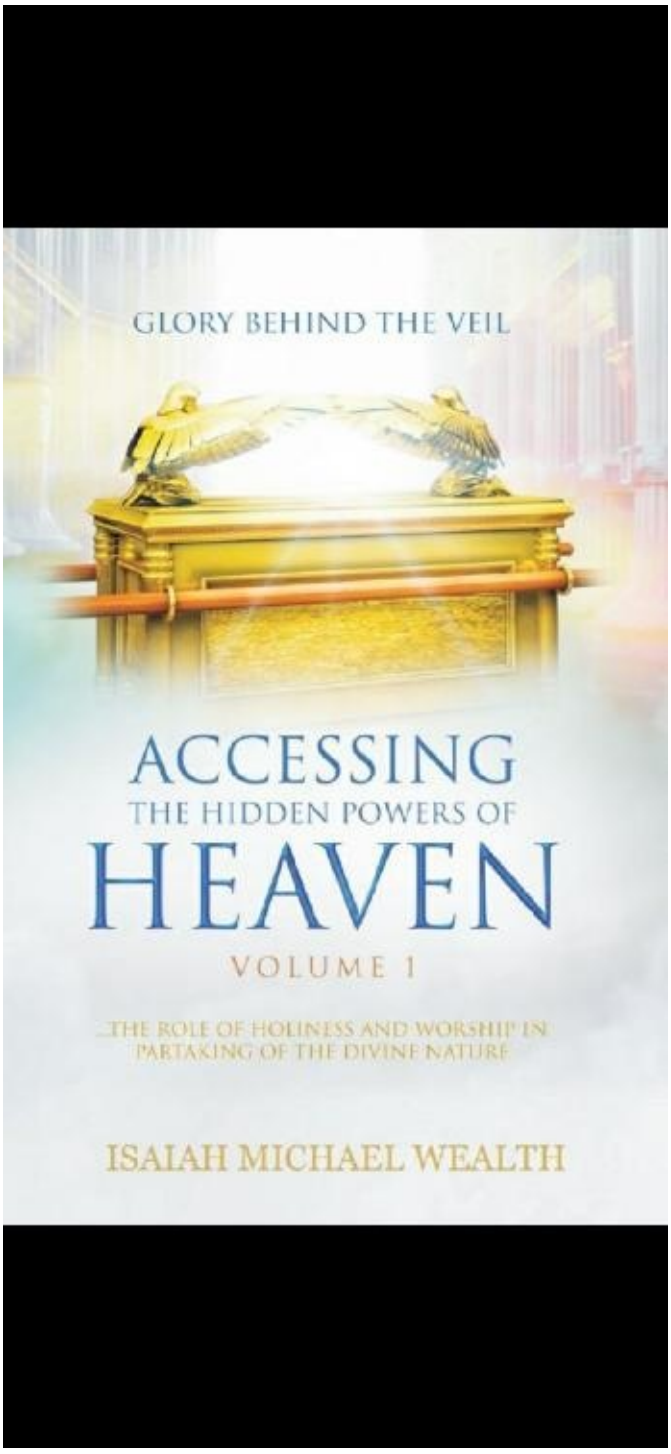


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INTRODUCTION

As my head hit the pillow, I was suddenly standing in the midst of all the healing evangelists of the past and present. I recognized some and others I could not recognize. In the midst were names like, John Alexander Dowie, Maria Woodworth Etter, to current names like Benny Hinn, with Jesus standing in their midst. Then He said to me, "the power of the healing anointing is in my hands and I have given it to you." There appeared in the middle of my palm a heavenly substance in the shape of a Table Tennis ball. After some further interactions, I woke up shocked at what just happened.

I had come to this hotel in search of a room that would enable me prepare for our upcoming conference. Earlier on, I had arrived at an hotel in Accra intending to stay together with my other pastors who had also arrived for the meeting, but there was power outage and the hotel did not have standby generators owing to the fact that electricity supply is more stable in that country than in

Nigeria where I am from. As the hotel made efforts to get an alternate power supply source, I was forced to go in search of another hotel where I eventually settled in.

Little did I know that on this trip, I was going to have this visitation. The power outage situation was God's way of setting me apart to speak to me and for me to receive supernatural power. This was proven from the fact that moments later when I called back to find out how the other pastors were doing, I was told that the power was restored the moment I left and did not go out again till the conference was over.

After I woke up from that revelation, the Lord began to teach me what I am about to share with you in this book.

The first meeting I had after this encounter was with the partners of our ministry in that location. Just as I stretched out my hands to bless them, over seventy percent of the persons in the hall were on the floor, with some getting healed, demons leaving people and so much glory. It was when this happened that I recalled what took place hours before. Ever since then, armed with the revelation in this book, I have been able to operate that power in almost every meeting I find myself, bringing God's power to heal, deliver and release breakthrough for God's people.

So as you study through this book, open up your heart for revelation. Also watch out for Volume 2 where we would be discussing on Engaging the Powers of Consecration and Spiritual Travels, and Volume 3 where we would be discussing the

Realities of Open Faculties, Open Face and Open Heavens.

As you read, I pray that you would receive supernatural visitations from above.

FOREWORD

The concept of holiness is one that I have longed to write about for a while now because the Spirit of God has put this burden in my heart. The level of misunderstanding about holiness is gross and universal, thus I believe the Lord wants to use this book to teach and move the church into greater realms of fellowship with Him and greater levels of power.

What many teachers teach and what many believe about holiness is not holiness. The word is often interchanged with words like righteousness, consecration and sanctification, but they are not all the same. Holiness is not just a character or attribute, neither is it a virtue or a set of rules. It is so much more. It is the nature and power of God.

Understanding holiness is therefore paramount because it is the key to accessing the unlimited power of God and the glory realm. I believe that one of the reasons many believers are not functioning in the power of God in these last days is because they either do not understand or misunderstand holiness and how to access power by partaking in the holiness of God. If you would function with God and experience face to face encounters with Him, this book is for you. I will be giving you a totally new revelation on Holiness just as the Lord taught me, so I want you to read and meditate deeply on this book. These are the days of His mighty power, signs

and wonders and those who have this revelation can partake of His holiness. Are you ready?

Chapter 1

HOLINESS, THE SOURCE OF ALL POWER

Holiness is not an effort to do the right thing.

In many circles today, it simply refers to an attempt to be sober or solemn. What many call holiness today is not it. It is not an attempt to be solemn, grave or sober as used in popular culture today. It is different from living a consecrated life, neither does holiness refer to the good we do by walking in love.

We see in scriptures that God is love;

> ***He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.***
>
> 1John 4:8

And we have known and believed the love

that God hath to us. God is love;
and he that dwelleth in love
dwelleth in God, and God in him.

1John 4:16

Love is the nature of God that reveals the character of God. We see the details of this character in the book of 1 Corinthians chapter 13 from verse 4;

charity suffereth long, and is kind;
charity envieth not; charity vaun-
teth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth
not behave itself unseemly, seeketh
not her own, is not easily provoked,
thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in
iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;
Beareth all things, believeth all
things, hopeth all things, endureth
all things. Charity never faileth

1Corinthians 13:4-8

In love, we see the character of God revealed. He is kind, and patient, and all that we see in the scripture above. However, holiness is much more than this. So what is holiness?

What is Holiness?

Holiness is the nature of God that reveals His infallibleness, making Him the yard stick for measuring goodness, uprightness, conduct, and judgment.

To be infallible is to be incapable of making mistakes or being wrong, never failing, perfect, flawless, faultless and error free. So when we say God is holy we are not saying He has not committed fornication or has not hurt somebody's feeling like the popular definition of holiness seem to suggest. Rather, it is saying that He is the standard or model for goodness, uprightness, conduct and judgment. By this definition, nobody can be holy except God (please, before your red lights go on, kindly hold on until I am able to sufficiently prove this to you from scriptures).

I am aware that the scripture says that we should be holy, so your argument would be that why should the scriptures ask us to be holy when no one can be holy? I will sufficiently answer your questions as we proceed.

From our definition above, we can say that whatever God is, is what is good, whatever He does, is what is right and just. God does not attempt or try to be right. He is right! He is not trying or struggling not to do wrong. Whatever He does is just and right. This is why holiness is not a measurable characteristic, instead, it is the yardstick for measurement.

Just like distance can be measured in meters, yet meter cannot be measured, weight can be measured in kilogram, but kilogram cannot be measured. Force can be measured in Newton, but newton cannot be measured. There is nothing

newton does to be newton because it is the S.I. Unit. Newton never qualifies, instead it is the qualifier.

That is the way holiness is.

> *Holiness is the nature of God that reveals His infallibleness, making Him the yard stick for measuring goodness, uprightness, conduct, and judgment.*

While we try to do something good so we can be holy, the good that we try to do is the holiness, and that is the attribute of God. We know good by knowing God, therefore there cannot be good without God, making holiness an attribute of God alone.

Holiness is the nature of God. Like a programmer who writes a program, God is the writer of the program of life and existence. He determines the standard or how His software called life should work. Whatever He decides is right, is what is. If He changes His mind tomorrow, whatever He decides becomes right. That is power!!! This is why you cannot disconnect holiness from power, meaning that you cannot know power until you know holiness.

Holiness is Power

By God's holiness, He rules the whole world. He is the standard and Creator and is therefore not subject to the system as we are. He lives in a dimension by Himself. This is the dimension of holiness. So he cannot be wrong. This is what the scripture means when it says that "God is not a man that He should lie". It is just like saying God is not a software that He should malfunction.

> ***God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it?or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?***
>
> Numbers 23:19

Can a software say that the programmer is a liar? Just imagine your phone saying the programmer of the software that runs it is a liar, or your computer software saying the programme is not correct. This is impossible. How can the ink say the painter is wrong? That is how it is. God is Holy and that ability in Him is what causes everything in the whole world to respond to Him. It is a power that makes everything submit. This is why if we are not holy we cannot carry the power of God because it is when we partake of this holiness that God is that we partake of His power. I will talk more about this in chapter four of this book.

Holiness is the creator of all things

God is holiness and holiness is God. Holiness is therefore the creator of all things. By His infalli-

bility, He created all things that are and they are sustained by His holiness.

This is why I have been telling you that holiness is not a character or a virtue. Rather, it is the yardstick for measuring all characters and virtues. Does this not show you that it is not what we do that is holiness? Rather it is the one whose character determines what is good that is the holiness. This is mind-blowing!

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Holiness is a unique attribute of God and the creative nature of God by which He created all things. By His nature when God spoke, all things became;

> ***In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.***
>
> Genesis 1:1-3

He created all things and like the writer of a computer programme, He set the standard by which all things exist;

And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good.And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven. And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

Genesis 1:16-21

This emphasizes why you should understand more about the Holiness of God. Despite what has been taught about it for many decades, you need to know that holiness is more than an attitude, a look, a way of dressing or a virtue to be desired or attained. It is the very nature of God that makes Him God.

Holiness is the power or enablement of God that gives Him the authority and supremacy over all creation. Nothing and no one is above Him because of His holiness.

Only God is holy

Holiness is a unique attribute or trait of God. The word unique means a state of being one of its kind. It is to be unlike anything else, special or distinctive. This is why holiness is unattainable. For instance, what can a programme do to become a programmer? What can an alphabet do to become a pen? No matter how much an alphabet does, it remains an alphabet. If holiness were attainable by the things we do, then we would become God and possess the power to control the whole universe.

Holiness is a unique trait of God, one that only He possesses, making Him one of a kind. In other words, only God is Holy.

This is why every good attribute like love, kindness, etc and every outstanding or powerful word like awesome, creative, intelligent can be used for man. For example, we may say the president's speech was awesome or we may even refer to someone as being so kind, or lovely, gentle, etc. But we are never able to refer to anyone as being holy, and even if we do, we have never been able to refer to anyone as being holy, holy, holy. Why is this never used? It is because no man no matter how good he is can attain the status of the creator by His goodness.

Types of Holiness

While we have established that only God is holy, it is important to acknowledge that based on scriptural translations, doctrine and use of words in scriptures, we can identify three different usages of the word holiness which we can use to explain three types of holiness. These are:

1. **Holiness of Life:** This refers to the experience of salvation made possible by the finished work of Christ on the cross where He redeemed us by His blood and separated us unto God by His own death and resurrection.

> ***In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;***
>
> Ephesians 1:7

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The holiness of life is attained at salvation, where every believer is separated unto God

and imparted with righteousness, which is the nature of God.

For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

Romans 5:17-19

This however is different from the holiness that God is as we have stated before and will later see in this chapter.

2. **Holiness of Works**: This refers to the continued efforts of a believer to separate himself from the corruption and filthiness in the world.This kind of separation is ongoing as long as we remain in this filthy world as this effort will not be needed in heaven because there will be no filth to separate yourself from. Yet, in heaven, God is holy. This is the holiness that is known to many though it is different from the holiness of God.

3. **The Holiness of God:** The holiness or sanctification of man is totally different from God's nature of holiness which is not

a character but a power. When the scriptures say for a person to be holy, it

is implying that the person should attain a level of perfection in character but when we say God is holy, we are not just saying He is perfect in character. Instead, we are saying that He is the author of rightness.

There is the holiness of God, which Apostle Paul refers to as the spirit of holiness in the book of Romans;

> ***And declared to be the Son of God with power, <u>according to the spirit of holiness</u>, by the resurrection from the dead:***
>
> Romans 1:4

Did you see that? It is by the spirit of holiness that Jesus was declared the Son of God by His resurrection from the dead with power. This is not a character or virtue; this is the power of God. God's holiness is not an issue of character, right, or wrong but the power by which He exists and rules all things. The scriptures are replete with many declarations of the holiness of God. No man can share this honor with Him. He is the only holy one.

> ***Exalt ye the LORD our God, and worship at his footstool; for he is holy***
>
> Psalm 99:5

> ***Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy hill; for the LORD our God is holy.***
>
> Psalm 99:9

For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thySaviour: I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee.

Isaiah 43:3

I am the LORD, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your King.

Isaiah 43:15

Furthermore, all other attributes are often used in reference to men. For instance, if someone asked you, "how was the cinema?" You could say "Awesome" and you can also say "God is awesome" or you could say " that brother is a kind person" and also say that " God is kind ". You could also say "the president is a strong man" and yet refer to God as strong. You can thus see that almost every attribute of God can be used to describe anyone else but the only person that holiness is ascribed to is God, especially tripartite holiness.

And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

Revelations 4:8

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God's holiness is tripartite

There are many attributes ascribed to God that we see in scriptures. The scriptures call Him a consuming fire,

> ***For the LORD thy God is a consuming fire, even a jealous God.***
>
> Deuteronomy 4:24

The scriptures say that He is light;

> ***This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.***
>
> 1John 1:5

The scriptures also say that He is faithful;

> ***God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.***
>
> 1Corinthians 1:9

> ***There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able;***
>
> 1Corinthians 10:13

These attributes and more are used to describe the nature of God, but none of these are duplicated or triplicated in reference to God. However, when it comes to holiness, the scriptures describe God as holy, holy, holy!

> ***And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.***
>
> Isaiah 6:3

> ***And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.***
>
> Revelation 4:8

I want you to notice that the angels and the elders around the throne cry out holy three times.Why three times? This is because the number three (3) prophetically stands for completion. Thus we can say that God is completely holy or He is the perfection. This is very significant because that is the only attribute that the bible says God is three times. The angels that are in the presence of God do not declare any other thing apart from declaring the tripartite nature of His holiness. Thus you cannot mistake Him for the president, governor or person in high authority? When you say HOLY! HOLY!! HOLY!!! Only one person has that title. He

is God. No one else can look and say "maybe that's me" Only God is holy! holy! holy!

The holiness of God is not in being pure or right and wrong: it is the core fabric of God's nature. It is what makes Him who He is.

God is not just holy, He is holy! holy! holy! When the angels cried holy, holy, holy, were they trying to say 'you do not lie', 'you do not steal', or 'you do not keep malice', or 'you do not talk too much', or 'you do not smoke cigarettes' which is true of every angel in heaven? No...a big no! They are referring to His power. If this were the case, then they are as holy as God. However this holiness we see here is not based on works but on the power that He possesses.

We can therefore see that the concept of holiness is not just about the experience of salvation, which we refer here to as holiness of life, nor the efforts of a man to cleanse or separate himself from sin, which we refer to as holiness of works, as these are only forms of sanctification as we shall expose from scriptures in the next chapter. The holiness of God is not in being pure or right and wrong; it is the core fabric of God's nature. It is what makes Him who He is. This revelation is the foundation required for understanding true holiness and accessing the power that it represents.

Chapter 2

SANCTIFICATION AND HOLINESS

As we have earlier discussed in chapter one, sanctification is not holiness, rather what many people call holiness today is actually sanctification.

Sanctification is more of a separation to empower.

> ***But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:***
>
> John 1:12

Whereas, holiness is more of a power that separates.

> ***If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour,***

sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

2Timothy 2:21

So, we would not have been sanctified without the holiness of God in the first place! It is the holiness of God that makes the sanctification of man possible.

To understand more about sanctification, we need to grasp the definition of the word. To sanctify is set apart, separate, consecrate or declare holy. It is also to hallow or separate one from another. So sanctification simply means to be separated from a group or to be set apart from others for a specific purpose. Sanctification is the act of making something hallowed and separate. It is to be separated or the act of separation unto God. However, there are three stages or levels of sanctification.

Stages of Sanctification

1. **Redemption:** This is finished sanctification. It is what was accomplished by the Lord Jesus by His sacrifice on the cross. By this, He bought us and separated us from the world. Therefore, in a sense, such that have been separated from the world are referred to as holy.

For ye are bought with a price: .....

1 Corinthians 6:20

Ye are bought with a price;

1 Corinthians 7:23

He redeemed us and separated us unto Himself;

Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

Hebrews 9:12

In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

Ephesians 1:7

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word.

Ephesians 5:26

Thus, we are sanctified and separated unto God.

Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:

1 Corinthians 1:2

Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

1Corinthians 6:10-11

Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called:

Jude 1:1

At this stage or point, we are imparted with the righteous nature of God.

For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.) Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

Romans 5:17-19

What is Righteousness?

Righteousness is the justification of a man's soul that gives Him authority to speak to God and from God as God and get the necessary compliance. It is a nature imparted into a believer at the point of salvation.

> ***For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.***
>
> 2Corinthians 5:21

Anyone who believes and confesses Christ is translated from the kingdom of darkness and separated unto God, and is therefore sanctified from the world and declared righteous before God.

> ***Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:***
>
> Colossians 1:13-14

This is what makes you a child of God. Jesus Himself accomplished this once and for all on the cross.

> ***By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of***

Jesus Christ once for all. Hebrews 10:10

Some teachers teach that by virtue of this separation and redemption, we are holy, and they back this up with scriptures that refer to believers generally as holy brethren.

> ***Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;*** Hebrews 3:1

> ***I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read unto all the holy brethren.***
>
> 1Thessalonians 5:27

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So according to scripture, such teaching is correct but incomplete. Incomplete in the sense that the holiness being referred to here generically is a sanctification as there is no requirement by the people being called holy other than the fact that they are part of the body of Christ by salvation. Because of these scriptures, many have gone on to teach that since we are already holy, what we do does not matter, how we live does not count because God already sees us as holy. This is dangerous teaching, yet it is prevailing as the scriptures above tend

to give the support to such kind of thinking.

Remember that no scripture is of private interpretation. It is important to compare scripture with scripture. If we must be balanced in our Christianity, we must do this. If this teaching is true, then why again does Paul write...?

> ***But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;*** 1 Peter 1:15

Let's proceed.

2. **Consecration:** This is an ongoing sanctification. In the finished or redemption stage which I explained above, Jesus separated us unto Himself, but we still have to separate ourselves from the world and consecrate ourselves for His service. This is also called the ongoing sanctification. Based on redemption, we are sanctified already with nothing more to add. A believer is referred to as sanctified, but based on consecration, we are being sanctified and are sanctified by what we do, not what Christ has already done.The scriptures affirm this when it says to, come out from among them and be separate.

> ***Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.***
>
> 2Corinthians 6:17

I want you to see that the scripture does not say to pray for God to bring you out from among them. Even though you have been brought out and separated unto God by the death and burial and resurrection of Jesus, now you have to consecrate yourself and come out from among them.

I also want you to notice that the scripture above is from the New Testament and was written to those who are evidently Christians washed in the blood of Jesus Christ. There are some teachers who claim that this is a doctrine of the Old Testament or a part of the old covenant. This is not true. You can see clearly that this is an admonition of the New Testament, showing us that although we have been sanctified by the finished work of Christ, we still need to separate or sanctify ourselves from the world.

Apostle Paul writing in 1Corinthians chapter 6verse 20 reminds us that though we have been bought with a price we have to glorify God in our bodies;

> ***For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.***
>
> 1Corinthians 6:20

Also the Apostle John, the same one who wrote about our new life of victory in Christ, reminds

us to purify ourselves because of our hope in the coming of Christ.

> ***Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.***
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> 1John 3:2-3

Did you see that? We are to purify ourselves even as Christ is pure. This is not the work of Christ. It is the work of the believer. If Christ has done this, why does the apostle tell us to do it again? We need to consecrate ourselves to come to another level of fellowship with God. There is a separation Jesus did for you but there is the separation you must do by yourself.

For instance, if you take a man out of a pit, you have separated him from the pit, he however has to go wash himself to separate himself from the dirt that came from his long stay in the pit. Can you see that? We have been separated from the world and have been given the righteousness of God, but we have to allow righteousness to work in us. This stage of sanctification which many erroneously regard as holiness is actually the work of righteousness or the holiness of works as referred to in the last chapter. It is your responsibility to work it out.

The next question then is how do we consecrate or sanctify ourselves?

How to sanctify yourself

The Word: the reason some Christians may struggle with sin is because they are far away from the word. The word of God which we access in the bible has the ability to purify and sanctify you;

> ***That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word***
>
> Ephesians 5:26

> ***Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.***
>
> John 15:3

You also need to spend time to meditate on the word. As you set your mind on it, your mind is cleansed. God's number one reason for giving you His word is the cleansing of your mind, spirit, soul and body. When you read and meditate on the word you are been cleansed from all impurity and struggles and you learn how to overcome the wiles and tricks of Satan.

Discipline: to sanctify yourself, you should know how to control your body by the Spirit. It is the will of God that you sanctify yourself from all forms of sexual impurity and possess your body in sanctification and honor.

For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from

fornication:

1Thessalonians 4:3

That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;

1Thessalonians 4:4

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy (sanctified), acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Romans 12:2 (Emphasis Added)

Did you see that? If Christ has already done this for us, why are we being instructed to do this? This is our responsibility, one we must do by ourselves because Christ has already finished His part.

God's number one reason for giving you His word is the cleansing of your mind, spirit, soul and body.

You should also be able to discipline yourself in fasting. Fasting is the training or control of the human appetite and desires. The body or flesh wants to always be in control but you can control it by fasting. However one of the most beneficial types of fast apart from food fast

is the fast of the tongue. This is sanctifying yourself from talking too much and speaking only the right words. This is important because the bible says he that can control his tongue can control his whole body.

> ***For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.***
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> James 3:2

Confession: the confessions of a man can either sanctify or defile him. Jesus shows us this in the book of Mark chapter 7 verse 15;

> ***There is nothing from without a man, that entering into him can defile him: but the things which come out of him, those are they that defile the man.***
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> Mark 7:15

So, what you confess is very vital in your sanctification and cleansing. You therefore need to spend time speaking or confessing the word of God with your mouth. It is not enough to believe in your heart, confession translates you into the reality of your faith.

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> ***For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.***
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> Romans 10:10

Make these declarations over your life. "I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus, so Sin shall not have dominion over me. I have the dominion over sin, I am holy and sanctified unto the Lord." Such declarations of the word of God sanctify and separate you unto the Lord.

Examination: It is important that you learn how to examine yourself. To examine is to scrutinize or inspect thoroughly to determine the nature or condition of a person or thing. It is to probe, consider, weigh, analyze and appraise in other to correct or adjust. This is something we should learn to do.

> ***Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?***
>
> 2Corinthians 13:5

I want you to notice that this is the Apostle Paul speaking to us. The same apostle, who wrote about the redemption, grace and our sanctification in Christ reminds us that it is possible to be out of the faith, hence the necessity of constantly examining ourselves. This is why I do not

understand teachers of the word who say that after you have been sanctified by Christ, you do not need to do any other thing neither does it matter how you live your life. This is a false doctrine that will lead many to hell. After we are sanctified in Christ, we still have work to do. We need to constantly scrutinize and consider the state of our hearts and ensure that we sanctify or separate ourselves from the world. We need to sit down in the presence of the Holy Spirit and consider our ways. As we do this, we begin to see where we need to make adjustments and where total changes are necessary. This is another way to sanctify ourselves

Yielding to the discipline of God: the purpose of discipline is to cause us to examine ourselves. Therefore as God disciplines you, you need to heed His discipline with change.

> ***And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?***
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> Hebrews 12:5 7

As you walk with God, there are seasons He will chasten or

discipline you.You should be sensitive to these times and yield to it because by your discipline you will be cleansed and made to partake of greater levels or dimensions in God.

We need to constantly scrutinize and consider the state of our hearts and ensure that we sanctify or separate ourselves from the world.

But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

Hebrews 12:8

When you were born again, you were sanctified. By your daily walk with God, you are being sanctified. You are not to live like the Gentiles who do not know God. Your life style must be different. It is not enough to be born again or redeemed and sanctified by the blood of Jesus. There is a way that we ought to live. We ought to possess our bodies in sanctification and honour

That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;

1Thessalonians 4:4

Walking in the light: We can also sanctify ourselves by

walking in the light.

> ***But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.***
>
> 1John 1:7

When we walk in the light, we have fellowship with God, and the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin. But what does it mean to walk in the light?

> ***He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him. But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.***
>
> 1John 2:9-11

The scripture above shows us that if you hate your brother, you are in darkness and walk in darkness. The opposite of darkness is light and the opposite of hate is love. So we can say that he that loves his brother walks in the light. To walk in the light is therefore to walk in love. We see the characteristics of love in 1 Corinthians chapter 13 from verse 4;

charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth.

1Corinthians 13:4-8

When we walk in all these, the blood of Jesus cleanses and purifies us from all sin. This is what I call the "automatic deployment" of the blood of Jesus.

3. **Holiness:** In this stage, we partake of God's holiness. To partake is to share in, to participate in or to have a part of something, to drink into and to submerge. We can partake of God's holiness. This does not refer to us sanctifying ourselves, but partaking of His holiness because we cannot do enough good to become holy. We can drink into God's holiness which is a power; power to control, create and rule all things. We can partake of the supreme power of God to rule in our own sphere of influence. This is supernatural! We will focus on this in chapter 4 of this book.

Chapter 3

THE CREATOR'S POWER

In the previous chapters, I have attempted to distinguish between the holiness of life, the holiness of works, and the holiness of God, and to establish the fact that holiness is more than a character but a unique attribute of God and the power of God. But in this chapter I would love to introduce another concept – "The beauty of holiness". This concept is repeated severally in scriptures as we see below;

> ***Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.***
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> 1Chronicles 16:29

And when he had consulted with the

people, he appointed singers unto the LORD, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the LORD; for his mercy endurethfor ever.

2Chronicles 20:21

Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness

Psalm 29:2

O worship the LORD in the beauty of Holiness: fear before him, all the earth.

Psalm 96:9

These scriptures teach us to worship and praise God in the beauty of holiness, thus it is often used in worship and praise to God but many do not understand what it means. So what is the beauty of holiness?

What is the beauty of Holiness?

The beauty of holiness is the orderliness, the serenity and the perfection of all things according to God's holy standard and plan. This is the orderliness of God's holiness which appropriates the will of God. When the holiness of God is present the will of God is automatic.

When the holiness of God is revealed, everything automatically aligns with God's holy standard. When His holiness enters your life it will order everything. That is the power of holiness and the key to the miraculous.

The beauty of holiness is the response of the created to the presence of the creator revealed in transformation, excellence and worship. When God created all things, He said it was good.

> ***And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.***
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> ***And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.***
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> ***So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.***
>
> ***And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of***

the sea, and over the fowl of the air,
and over every

living thing that

moveth upon the

earth. Genesis

1:25-28

But when man sinned, death came into this world by sin.This is why things deteriorate and people die.

> ***Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:***
>
> Romans 5:12

The world fell short of the beauty of holiness as a result of sin and that is the difference between heaven and earth today. Heaven still exists in the beauty of God's holiness because there is no sin there.

> ***For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;***
>
> Romans 3:23

Earth is the after effect of the withdrawal of God's Holy standard. This is why Jesus in teaching His disciples to pray said thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

> ***After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.***
>
> Matthew 6:9-10

This can only become a reality if God were to relocate to the earth because in His presence, that is the presence of His majesty, everything returns to His original standard. This is the reason why miracles happen when we worship because worship brings a degree of God's presence that reinstates the beauty of holiness. I will talk more about this as we proceed.

The beauty of holiness is the orderliness, the serenity and the perfection of all things according to God's holy standard and plan. This is the orderliness of God's holiness which appropriates the will of God.

Beauty as defined by Holiness

In the beauty of God's holiness, all creation responds the way they were created to be. This is why there is no sin or death in heaven. His holiness fills the atmosphere. The plants we have here on earth grow and need to be groomed to remain orderly. Who trims the grass in heaven? Nobody! In heaven the plants know their height and they do not grow beyond it. They do not die, and they know when to produce fruit and they do so in perfection. This is because of the holiness of God.

The holiness of God sets a standard which we refer to as beautiful. Whatever is not the perfect will of God is

not the standard of God and is therefore not beautiful in His sight. This is why holiness is not a character; it is the power of God that accomplishes the will of God, which is what is beautiful in His sight.

In the beauty of God's holiness, all creature responds the way they were created to be. This is why there is no sin or death in heaven. His holiness fills the atmosphere.

Sickness, poverty, failure etc. are not His will. This is why they are not beautiful to us, neither are they to Him. In God's presence, His power which is His holiness forces everything to abide by His will. Even your nails will know when to stop growing in the presence of His holiness . Your clothes know that they should not get dirty. This is the reason they do not wash in heaven neither do they have gardeners trimming the flowers. No robber can rob in His presence, this is why you cannot even insult God in His presence. Your tongue knows not to; your knees will buckle, your body will fall flat before Him even if you had come with the intent to do the opposite.

God does not argue, he does not compete, He does not struggle. His holiness makes everything the way they should be. This is why you cannot even ask Him the wrong question in His presence. Many have said, when I see the Lord, I will say so and so, but when they

eventually do, they found out that they were not able to say what they wanted to say because in the presence of His majesty, His holiness animates everything so that the created responds to its creator in alliance with the will of His majesty.

Moses was with God forty days and forty nights without food and water so that the people thought he was dead. Ask a medical doctor and he will tell you it is impossible, but Moses did not die neither was he weary. He was in the presence of God's holiness.

...holiness is not a character; it is the power of God that accomplishes the will of God, which is what is beautiful in His sight.

And the sight of the glory of the LORD was like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel. And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and gat him up into the mount: and Moses was in the mount forty days and forty nights.

Exodus 24:17-18

The children of Israel journeyed in the wilderness for 40 years and their clothes did not wear out, their feet did not swell neither did their shoes wear out. The presence of His holiness was with them.

And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live. Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee, neither did thy foot swell, these forty years.

Deuteronomy 8:3-4

And I have led you forty years in the wilderness: your clothes are not waxen old upon you, and thy shoe is not waxen old upon thy foot.

Deuteronomy 29:5

In the absence of the holiness of God, things die, animals and plants rebel, the rivers exceed their boundaries, the mountains erupt. There is utter chaos which is what the world is experiencing today, But when the holiness of God comes, everyone and everything knows how to behave as every created thing has intelligence. They comply in the presence of His holiness.

And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.

Luke 19:40

Hair that could not grow begins to grow in the presence of His holiness. Missing or dysfunctional organs are replaced in the presence of His holiness. Everything returns to its original place and design. The supernatural is a norm in the presence of God's holiness. This is the secret of signs, wonders and miracles. It therefore means to move in miracles, we must be able to bring in the holiness of God, and just by bringing in the holiness of God or transporting the congregation into the presence of His holiness, we can get body parts to behave correctly and people to be healed.

Sickness and disease submit to His holiness

When His holiness is present, sickness disappears, demons cannot stay, cancerous and malignant growths die. When the holiness of God enters a room, bones that were short or deformed will become normal. This is because it was not created or ordained so in the beginning.

When any cancereous organ enters the presence of His holiness, the organ worships God by returning to the original intent for which God created it. Even finances will correct itself, meaning in the presence of God's Holiness, we can bring ourselves into His purpose and cause everything around us to behave the way God designed them to behave. This is power!

All creature responds in submission and worship and in

the presence of His holiness, worship is automatic. You do not have to be told to worship in the presence of His holiness. You fall before Him. Everything in you begins to worship. Your eyes begin to cry, and your hands are up. This is why I have repeatedly told you that the holiness of God is a power, not a character. Whatever the devil has placed in your life will submit in the presence of His holiness, saying 'we are sorry, we were not supposed to be here.'

When His holiness is present, sickness disappears, demons cannot stay, cancerous and malignant growths die. When the holiness of God enters a room, bones that were short or deformed will become normal.

Guns submit to His holiness

In the presence of His holiness guns submit, even the bullet will not obey the trigger because everything synchronizes with what the will of God is. Some years ago, armed robbers shot at me at point blank range, and the bullet did not enter. It was deflected by the presence of His holiness.

I believe that a man who partakes in the holiness of God cannot die before his time because everything will submit itself. They took Jesus to throw Him down from

the cliff, the holiness of God manifested and the bible says He passed through the midst of them

> ***And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong.***
> ***But he passing through the midst of them went his way,***
> Luke 4:29-30

Did you see that? A multitude gathered to throw Him off the cliff, but suddenly when the power of God manifested, I believe everyone began to say, 'what are we doing here?' They behaved themselves and thus, Jesus walked away unhurt. That is the beauty of holiness! This happened because it was not the will of God for Him to die at that time.

In the presence of His holiness guns submit, even the bullet will not obey the trigger because everything synchronizes with what the will of God is.

Everything turns around in the presence of God's holiness; everything takes its ordained place when you bring in the holiness of God into your life. This is why you should seek to stand in the presence of His holiness because your life will align automatically with God's

plans.

Your enemies will submit to His holiness

In the presence of God's holiness, your enemies will submit to God's purpose for you. Money, people, circumstance, even the weather and government, natural resources, etc will all align themselves with God's plans for your life when you stand in the presence of His majesty for just one second.

In 2Chronicles chapter 20 verse 21, when the children of Israel were troubled by their enemies, they praised God in the beauty of His holiness.

> ***And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the LORD, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the LORD; for his mercy endurethfor ever.***
>
> 2Chronicles 20:21

I want you to watch what happened after they praised God and activated the beauty of holiness;

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

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

2Chronicles 20:22-23

My God! When the holiness of God came, the people that came to fight began to fight one another; three nations in all. The bible goes on to say they helped to kill one another. This is what the beauty, serenity and orderliness of God's holiness can do. It appropriates the will of God.

There is no atheist that can argue with God in the presence of His holiness.The scientist can say "there is no God", or that "God is weak" because they have not seen or experienced the holiness of God. In that dimension, there is no talk, only worship.

Money, people, circumstance, even the weather and government, natural resources, etc will all align themselves with God's plans for your life when you stand in the presence of His majesty for just one second.

Nature submits to His Holiness

There is no argument in the presence of His holiness. We see this in Psalm chapter 114. The sea runs and the Jordan is driven back, the mountains skipped and the little hill run like lambs. Nature and creature submits!

> ***The sea saw it, and fled: Jordan was driven back. The mountains skipped like rams, and the little hills like lambs.***
>
> Psalm 114:3 – 4

But in verse 5 and 6, the psalmist asks the reason for this;

> ***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?***
>
> Psalm 114:5-6

We see the answer in verse 7;

> ***Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob; Which turned the rock intoa standing water, the flint into a fountain of waters.***
>
> Psalm 114:7 – 8

They tremble and surrender to the presence of His

holiness. In the presence of God everything is animated. Even stones know God, trees know Him, the sea know Him. They all worship and do His bidding in His presence. I want you to also see that in chapter 8, the presence of God turned the rock into standing water. This happened because that was the will of God. God does not speak to the rock to become water, NO! If it His will, when His holiness comes, the rock becomes a standing water.

This is so because the whole creation is connected to God as the creator, so He does not need to start telling them what to do. They respond to His holiness. That is power!

When the children of Israel met the river Jordan and the Red Sea, they both gave up and the children of Israel walked on dry ground. This is the authority of His holiness over all of creature.

> ***And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided.***
> ***And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.***
>
> Exodus 14:21-22

That the waters which came down from above stood and rose up upon an heap very far from the city Adam, that is beside Zaretan: and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, even the salt sea, failed, and were cut off: and the people passed over right against Jericho.
And the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jordan, and all the Israelites passed over on dry ground, until all the people were passed clean over Jordan.

Joshua 3:16-17

You too can begin to enjoy the beauty of holiness and get everything in your life into order when you partake of the holiness of God. When you get into that holiness and partake of it, everything works, no door can be shut and no enemy can stop you. That is why you need to understand how to partake of the holiness of God.

Understanding God's call to Holiness

God wants us to partake and to carry His holiness everywhere we go and things and people will begin to respond as they would respond to God Himself. So, while we are here on earth we can partake and operate the holiness of God. This is why He calls for us to be holy. God's call for us to be holy is not about doing good

works. Many people have turned God's call to holiness into ugly dressing, unkempt hair, poverty, bent over walking style, etc. in the name of holiness because they did not understand God's call to holiness.

God wants us to partake and to carry His holiness everywhere we go and things and people will begin to respond as they would respond to God Himself.

God's call to holiness is not a call for character reformation, though it includes it by way of process. Instead, it is a call to operate in the beauty of holiness where power is released to establish God's plans and purposes in line with His will in our lives and in the lives of people around us.

From the next chapter, I will begin to show you how we ought to participate in God's holiness, thereby releasing His power.

Chapter 4

PARTAKING OF GOD'S POWER

Today, so many believers are powerless though they serve a God of power. God is not powerful, He Himself is power. Every power on earth, above the earth and beneath the earth all proceed from Him.

> ***Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.***
>
> Matthew 26:64

Did you notice that? Jesus did not refer to God as Jehovah or my father or any other name that we have always known Him as. He calls Him power because all

power; power of the engine, power in the cells, power of government etc proceed from Him.

Science has proven that the smallest particle of every matter is light, that means every powerful thing has light in it. And what does the Bible say about God?

> ***This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.***
>
> 1 John 1:5

So when God spoke creation into being, He released light to function. If these little lights can generate energy and power, and can be said to be powerful, imagine the one who spoke them, who is the true light that lights all lights.

> ***That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.***
>
> John 1:9

Therefore, having understood the magnificence, beauty and power of God's holiness, the next step is to understand how to partake of this holiness. Like I said before, we cannot be holy, we can only partake of God's holiness. The holiness of God which is the true holiness beautifies and empowers. Thus when I am talking about partaking of the holiness of God, I am talking about

partaking of power; a power that makes everything submit and controls all things. And you can only partake of the holiness of God through worship.

Worship, praise and thanksgiving are totally different aspects of adoration.Worship requires praise, and praise requires thanksgiving, meaning that praise and thanksgiving are elements of propelling oneself into worship.

Understanding Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is focused on what God has done. In thanksgiving, you remember what God has done for you in the past and you thank Him for them. God has a gate and it is thanksgiving that gives you access into that gate.

> ***Enter into hisgates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.***
>
> Psalm 100:4

God is everywhere but He is not accessible to everyone because He has a gate. But wherever you are, you can enter into the gate of God with thanksgiving. When you thank God you have accessed another dimension. Thanksgiving works and effects wholeness and completion in your life. God perfects what he has already begun when you engage in thanksgiving.

And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.
And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.

Luke 17:17-19

However, thanksgiving prepares you for praise.

Understanding praise

What God has done in thanksgiving prepares your heart to see what God can do. In praise your focus is on what God can do. Praise is a heart of gladness and joyfulness that can be expressed in a song. The main characteristics of praise are gladness, loudness and dancing. Praise releases your faith and triggers the power of God on your behalf. When you access the gate of God with thanksgiving, there is a court you need to enter that can only be accessed through praise.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

Psalm 100:4

This is very easy to understand. Accessing a gate does not necessarily mean accessing the occupant of the house. Even if you go through the gate, you still have

to enter into the living room and maybe the bedroom to gain access to the occupant. It is the same way in the presence of God. Thanksgiving gives you access through the gates but praise is what gives you access into His presence. But sadly many people only go through the gates, they never access the courts where God resides so they never encounter Him. God only lives in praises not in thanksgiving.

> ***But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.***
>
> Psalm 22:3

So when you praise you can enter into His court. This does not mean every time you want to worship you must start with praise. As long as His praise is continually in your mouth and in your heart you can stay in God's court.

> ***I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.***
>
> Psalm 34:1

However, there is yet another level, this is the level of worship.

> ***Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.***
>
> Psalm 100:4

Understanding worship

After noticing what God has done in thanksgiving, it becomes easier to project our minds to see what God can do, which puts you in a realm of praise. Yet, though God inhabits the praises of His people, His throne is only revealed in worship. A king may live in a palatial building, doesn't mean his throne is in every room in that building. There is a throne room in the building where the king resides. The essence of praise is to give me access to worship. Once I see what God can do, I begin to project myself into seeing who he is. A man who can treat you, check your temperature, diagnose your situation is most likely a doctor. A man who can draw the building plan of your house, lay the foundation and build the house is most likely an engineer. A man who can arrest you, put you in prison and shoot you if your resist is most likely a police officer. What a man can do helps me to know who he may be. Therefore, praise prepares me to see who God is, which leads me into worship.

> *It is one thing to come through His gates, another to enter His courts but it takes worship to partake of Him.*

One of the cardinal differences between praise and worship is that in praise, our ene-

mies are destroyed; but in worship, our ene-
mies submit. The enemies that

remain after praise submit in worship.

The realm of worship is the realm or the room where God's throne is.

Worship is focused on who God is. This is how you partake of His holiness. It is one thing to come through His gates, another to enter His courts but it takes worship to partake of Him. In the presence of His holiness only worship occurs. Worship brings you into the presence of His majesty. The revelation of who He is is a sign that you have entered the throne room, and that revelation multiplies worship in you until worship becomes automatic.

Giving God Adoration

Relating with God whether in the outer court, in the inner court or in the throne room requires adoration. Although there are three realms of adoration which are thanksgiving, praise and worship, in reality, there are thirteen dimensions that exist within these three realms in adoration to God. Our focus here is going to be worship, but I intend to introduce to you these realms to help you understand the place of worship and the inter-relationship between the realms that are around the realm of worship which is our subject of study.

Our experience of God and how we are able to partake of His likeness is based on which of these realms we

inhabit. To partake of God's holiness, it is necessary to enter the thirteenth realm, which is the realm of core worship. However, in every realm of adoration, we partake of an aspect of God.

Let us consider these realms.

13 Dimensions of Adoration

In the realm of thanksgiving, there are three dimensions. These are;

- Thanksgiving that focuses on praise: This is thanking God for what He can do.
- Thanksgiving that focuses on worship: This is when we thank God for who He is.
- Total thanksgiving: This is when we thank God for what He has done.

In the realm of praise, there are four dimensions. These are:

- Praise that focuses on thanksgiving: This is when we praise God for what He has done.
- Praise that focuses on worship: This is when we praise God for who He is.
- Praise mixed withThanksgiving: This is praising God for what He has

done and for what He can do at the same time.

- Total praise: This is praising God in anticipation of what He can do.

In the realm of worship, there are six dimensions

- Worship that focuses on thanksgiving: This is worshipping God for what He has done.
- Worship that focuses on praise: This is worshipping God for what He will do.
- Worship mixed with thanksgiving: This is worshipping God for who He is and what He has done at the same time.
- Worship mixed with Praise: This is worshiping God for who He is and what He can do at the same time.
- Worship mixed with thanksgiving and praise: This is worshipping God for what He has done, what He can do and who He is.
- Total worship: This is worshiping God for who He is.

However our focus in this chapter is total worship because it is the standard requirement for partaking of the holiness of God. Total worship is the required energy to attract and sustain the presence of His Holiness.

What is worship?

Worship is the heart and posture of God's presence. This means that this is the only thing that is permitted in the presence of God. Worship is the necessary or the required condition for God's presence. For God to dwell in a place and to share of Himself, worship must be present. Worship is the standard requirement to host and sustain God's presence. When you have that standard, then you can host God, but if you do not have that standard even if you invite Him he would not come. Can you invite the president of the United States to Nigeria without an airport? No! He cannot come. You may say can he not drive or come by road? No! He would not come. No matter how much he loves your country, he cannot come by bus or by ship. There is a standard and requirements you must meet to host him.

Likewise, to host God, worship must be present. There are two major elements that go together to produce true worship; the heart of worship and the posture of worship.

The heart of worship: Many times in worship, we are busy about the sound and have forgotten about the heart of worship. There are 3 things you have to know about the heart of worship:

- The attitude of worship
- The mode of worship

- The focus of worship

These three aspects of the heart of worship is revealed in the book of Isaiah chapter 6 verse 2;

> ***Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.***
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> Isaiah 6:2

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From the above scriptures, I want you to notice the words, feet, face and fly. These are significant in understanding the attitude, mode and focus of worship

The Attitude of Worship

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We see in the scripture above that the seraphim around the throne of God covered their face. This signifies reverence. They cover their face in reverence. This is the attitude required in worship.

There is no worship without reverence. You are wasting your time in worship if you lack the attitude of worship. We see another example of reverence in the book of 1Kings chapter 16;

> ***And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice. And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold,***
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> 1Kings 19:12 – 13

Watch this! When the presence of God came, he took a mantle and covered his face. In the presence of God, your face must be covered which is indicative of reverence. If we will worship God and partake of His holiness, we must reverence His presence. Reverence is characterized by soberness, sincerity, deference, genuine adoration and honour.

The Mode of Worship

> ***Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face,***

and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

Isaiah 6:2

The mode of worship is surrender. We see also in Isaiah chapter 6 verse 2 that the seraphim covered his feet. This signifies surrender. The covering of the feet is symbolic. It is a declaration that you have no legs hence you have surrendered to God. If you have your own legs, you go where you like. But if you have no legs, you have to depend on another for your mobility. Thus your surrender is a declaration to God that you cannot do things on your own and that you depend on Him. This is very necessary in worship. To surrender is to submit, to crumble, yield, and to give up a person, right or possession. This is required in worship. We would need to give up all the Lord requires of us as we worship.

The Focus of Worship

Above it stood the Seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

Isaiah 6:2

The focus of worship is service. We see also in the scripture above that the angel did fly with two wings. This refers to service. You are really not worshipping God if you are not dedicated to His service. Worship is more

than the song or the sound we make in worship, its focus must be on the service of God. When we worship God, our hearts should be open to His service. You should not just worship because you were created to worship or because God deserves to be worshipped. Yes! God deserves to be worshipped and you were created to worship Him but your thought in worship should also be "Lord what do you want me to do? Where do you want me to go? In what ways can I serve you more"This should be the focus of worship.

When we worship, we must have the right attitude, the right mode and focus. For instance, if you put on the air conditioner and do not put it in the right mode or right temperature it can be on but it might not work. The air conditioner can be on but not be cooling. You then have to take the remote and reset the AC. In the same way,

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it is possible to be singing but not worshipping. Thus for worship to be that which can attract and sustain the presence of God, the worship must be in the right mode which is surrender, with the right attitude which is reverence and with the right focus which is service.

Therefore when you worship, worship in reverence, in

surrender, and prepared to serve. We cannot just bring in the presence of His holiness acting the way we like.

For example, someone is crying in worship but is not willing to do what God wants Him to do. He is not worshipping though he is singing and crying. So it is important to surrender and be in obedience in terms of service to God. If you would not serve God with your money and you claim to be worshipping; or if you would not serve God with your time, gift and resources, then your worship is not perfected. All the three elements of the heart of worship is what acts together to generate worship.

The posture of worship: The posture of worship is the means by which the worship generated in our hearts is released unto God. It is the transportation of the element of adoration from our hearts to God. It also includes the worship of silence.

Although silence is the absence of words and music, yet it does not exclude the posture of worship. There might be no words or music, this does not mean there is no worship. There are higher dimensions of sound beyond voice. I will explain this further subsequently in the posture of worship.

Many go to church and sing to the Lord but go back home the same way they came without any change in their lives. This may be because they have the posture of

worship but not the heart of worship. This may also be why many churches and believers today never experience the presence of His holiness. Apart from church services, every believer ought to partake of the presence of His Holiness everyday but sadly most do not. It is therefore possible that we are doing the activities and not engaging the heart of worship.

For worship to bring in the presence of His holiness, it must contain the heart and posture of worship. The heart without the posture is not acceptable to the Lord. So also, the posture without the heart is unacceptable to God.

> ***This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.***
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> Matthew 15:8

Though the people described in the scripture above had the posture of worship, their worship could not be received because it was not accompanied by the heart of worship.

The foundational requirement for worship

Furthermore, many church people find it hard to worship. You see this in their attitude during worship. Others cannot sustain worship during their private worship times. This may be because they lack an understanding or revelation of who God is. You cannot truly worship

without an understanding of the power and might of God. You cannot worship beyond your level of revelation and understanding of God. Your heart of worship will not change without this revelation. My worship life changed when the Lord began to open my eyes to see Him. The lacklustre or lackadaisical attitude people put up or display during worship is often a sign that they do not know what they are doing and who they are worshipping. When you have a revelation of who God is, your worship life will change. Every time of worship will be valuable to you.

The relegation of worship to the background is an indication of the lack of understanding of who God is.

In some churches today, the worship session is often the least attended. Afterwards the crowd flocks in for the word or message of the day. This is wrong! The worship of every service is the most important part of the service. The relegation of worship to the background is an indication of the lack of understanding of who God is. Having a revelation of God is the foundational requirement for true worship. So who is God?

Some Attributes of God

God is eternal: this means that God has no beginning and end. He is one without father, mother or descent and He exists undiminished.

	The eternal God is thy refuge, and
	underneath are the everlasting arms: and
	he shall thrust out the enemy from before
	thee; and shall say, Destroy them
	. Deuteronomy 33:27



Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

Psalm 90:2

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

1Timothy 1:17

To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace;Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually.

Hebrews 7:2-3

God is self-existent: God is self – existent as He does not depend on anyone or anything

for existence. Men depend on oxygen for existence. In fact every other

creature depends on another for existence. But God is God all by Himself and is the substratum of all existence, meaning that everything that exist came from Him and depend on Him to continue to exist while He Himself depends on nothing to exist.

> ***And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.***
>
> Exodus 3:14

> ***For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;***
>
> John 5:26

> ***Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.***
>
> Psalm 90:2

> ***Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is***

before all things, and by him all things consist.

Colossians 1:15-17

The human mind cannot fathom this because it does not know any example of such.So it takes revelation in your spirit man to see and know the person of God.

God is sovereign: God's sovereignty means that He has control over everything. There is nothing and no one in this world and beyond that is outside His control. He rules all of creation and is free to do as He wills.

And he blessed him, and said, Blessedbe Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth:

Genesis 14:19

Now I know that the LORD is greater than all gods: for in the thing wherein they dealt proudly he was above them.

Exodus 18:11

But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.

Psalm 115:3

Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father.

Matthew 10:29

For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.

Romans 9:15

God is omnipotent: To be omnipotent is to be all powerful or to possess unlimited power. God is all powerful and possesses unlimited and unrestricted power. This means that He can do anything.

For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

Romans 11:36

In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

Ephesians 1:11

Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

Hebrews 1:3

Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee:

Jeremiah 32:17

God is omnipresent: God is omnipresent because He is present everywhere in His fullness. He sees all things thus no man and nothing can be hid from Him.

Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

Psalm 139:7-10

Am I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not a God afar off? Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD.

Jeremiah 23:23-24

But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this

house that I have builded?

1Kings 8:27

God is omniscient: God is omniscient because He is the wise and all knowing God. He is the source of all knowledge, wisdom and understanding. He possesses perfect wisdom and His knowledge is infinite.

Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite.

Psalm 147:5

And the Spirit of the LORD fell upon me, and said unto me, Speak; Thus saith the LORD; Thus have ye said, O house of Israel: for I know the things that come into your mind, every one of them.

Ezekiel 11:5

For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.

1John 3:20

In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.

Romans 2:16

These are just a few attributes that should open your eyes to see that you are not dealing with a man, but a

sovereign, eternal, all powerful and all-knowing God, One who created all things, people and spirits that exist, including yourself. So worship to Him is not something to be taken casually or lightly. It requires what I call the posture of worship.

The posture of worship

The posture of worship refers to the approach, behavior, words, frame of mind, and attitude of worship. It also refers to the position or pose which a worshipper must take in the presence of His majesty. I will address ten different postures of worship below;

1. **Saying:** What we say is very important in worship. Worship is focused on who God is, so our words in worship should be focused on declaring who He is. We see an example of what to say in worship in the book of Revelation chapter 4 verse 10;

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The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord,

to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

Revelation 4:10-11

Can you see that? These are the kind of words we are to use in worship because they declare the glory, honor and power of God. We see some other sayings of worship in the books of psalm.

A Song and Psalm for the sons of Korah. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.

Psalm48:1

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable.

Psalm145:3

Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite.

Psalm147:5

A Psalmof David. Bless the LORD,O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Psalm103:1

The LORD is righteous in all his ways,

and holyin all his works.

Psalm145:17

The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.

Psalm 145:9

For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

Psalm 100:5

2. Singing: Singing is another posture in worship. God loves it when we make melody unto Him with our voices

All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee; they shall sing to thy name. Selah.

Psalm 66:4

3. Offering: Our offerings to God is another important posture of worship. True worship is always accompanied with an offering

Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

1Chronicles 16:29

Then the king Nebuchadnezzar fell upon

his face, and worshipped Daniel, and commanded that they should offer an oblation and sweet odours unto him.

Daniel 2:46

4. **Bowing of the knee**: It is also very important that you learn to bow your knees when it is time to worship. Bowing the knees is another sign or show of reverence and submission to God

And they smote him on the head with a reed, and did spit upon him, and bowing their knees worshipped him.

Mark 15:19

Although they were mocking Jesus in the scripture above, we see that the word worship could not have been used without the action of bowing of the knees.

For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

Ephesians 3:14-15

5. **Standing:** God is a King so you cannot sit and worship Him. Throughout scriptures we never see a place where anyone sat during worship. Standing is therefore a very important posture of worship.

And Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven: And he said, LORD God of Israel, there is no God like thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, who keepest covenant and mercy with thy servants that walk before thee with all their heart:

1Kings 8:22-23

In the book of Leviticus chapter 19 verse 32, the Lord instructs the people to rise or stand before the old man as a sign of honor.

Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man, and fear thy God: I am the LORD.

Leviticus 19:32

If that should be done to the old man, what should we do to the LORD Himself, who is the ancient of days?

I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.

Daniel 7:9

It is an error to sit and worship God. You do not even sit to welcome your nation's president who is just a man. What about God? I believe this is one of the reasons many churches do not see a manifestation of the glory of God. While some are worshipping with the right posture, others are just sitting watching. In our church, our worship leaders ensure and insist that during worship sessions everyone is standing. This is a show of honor and deference to the Lord.

However, when sitting is necessary for instance in pregnancy or out of weariness, it is important that the one worshipping lifts up his or her hands.

6. **Kneeling down**: Kneeling down is another posture that expresses true worship to God. It is different from bowing the knees. Bowing the knee is simply squatting or bending the knees, while in kneeling down, the knees touch the ground in worship to the Lord.

Throughout scriptures we never see a place where anyone sat during worship. Standing is therefore a very important posture of worship.

O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker. For he is our God; and we are the people of his

pasture, and the sheep of his hand.
Psalm 95:6-7

God is not a man; he is our maker and we need to kneel down and worship Him.

7. **Lifting up of the hands**: we can also express or declare worship by the lifting up of the hands. This also is a declaration of surrender to the Lord.

And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God. And all the people answered, Amen, Amen, with lifting up their hands: and they bowed their heads, and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground.
Nehemiah 8:6

Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name.
Psalm 63:4

8. **Bowing down**: Bowing down is also very important in worship. We see severally in scriptures that when the people worshiped, they bowed their heads,

And the man bowed down his head, and worshipped the LORD.
Genesis 24:26

O come, let us worship and bow down:

let us kneel before the LORD our maker. For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Psalm 95:6-7

9. **Falling to the ground:** This posture of worship is very significant. In Matthew chapter 4 when Satan tempted Jesus, I want you to see his words;

Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

Matthew 4:8-9

Did you see that? Falling to the ground is one of the highest postures of worship because this posture surrenders everything. Your head is down, your feet is down, your hands are down, all in surrender. This is why Satan wanted it so badly. He told Jesus to fall down and worship because he knows that falling to the ground is a sign of total submission and surrender.In fact, falling down is the posture of death and there is no posture of surrender greater than death. So when we fall down and worship God, we are declaring our submission and total surrender to Him.

And he said, Nay; but as captain of the

host of the LORD am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his servant?

Joshua 5:14

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10. Silence: Silence is one of the most powerful postures of worship. In the worship of silence , though we are not speaking, our hearts are fixed in worship and adoration of Him.

But the LORD is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.

Habakkuk 2:20

Sometimes in the presence of His holiness words are not sufficient. At such a time, when God comes, you receive Him in silence. In silence, we have heart to heart communications. Just like Bluetooth and infrared, these are more advanced communication means other than communications via cables.

And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in

heaven about the space of half an hour.

Revelation 8:1

This is significant because your silence is a declaration that only Him deserves to be seen, heard, revered and magnified. It is also a submission for moderation. When I am silent, I let the moderator determine when speaking should resume. Therefore, by itself, silence is an act of submission and sacrifice.

These 10 postures of worship I have highlighted are necessary for true worship. When we all come together to worship, everyone should assume or take a posture of worship. One lifting up hands, others bowing down, many more falling to their faces and some others kneeling down. This is the way a church can experience the presence of God in the beauty of His holiness in corporate worship.

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We have thus concluded that to partake of God's holiness we have to worship, combining the heart of worship together with the posture of worship in order to host and sustain God's presence. This is how you access God's power.

Chapter 5

CAPACITY FOR POWER

It is impossible to worship in the presence of God and be powerless. As I was preparing to minister on day seven of our event, Seven Days of Glory in Accra, Ghana, I could not sense the presence of God, so I began to connect to Him in worship. I put in a worship music, laid prostrate on the ground and began to sing along and connect in worship. As I was worshipping, suddenly, I was caught up to the throne of God where I found myself holding on to a naked cable carrying voltage of

power. This is the best way I can explain it.

One moment, I was in my hotel room worshipping, another moment, I was holding on to this cable. And as I did, I felt a surge of power going through my body just as you would feel if you were to hold a naked cable carrying a 33KVA power. I shook and vibrated until I

found myself shaking on the floor where I had been worshipping. Power was transferred to me from God in worship that day. I later got up, dressed up and was picked up to the meeting. During the ministration, as I stretched that hand over the people, that power manifested and people began to get healed and delivered from the oppression of the devil. There was so much power in that meeting that day coming from that encounter in worship.

Now, someone may say, but I am always worshipping, how come I do not have power? Singing a worship song does not guarantee your worshipping God. To worship God, it is important that we consecrate ourselves to create the capacity to withstand His presence. God's presence will not open up to us if we do not have the capacity to contain it. This is why before we worship God, it is important we consecrate ourselves, purify ourselves and ready ourselves to partake of His holiness, which is what worship does.

> ***And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Thou shalt also make a laver of brass, and his foot also of brass, to wash withal: and thou shalt put it between the tabernacle of the congregation and the altar, and thou shalt put water therein. For Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet thereat: When they go into the tabernacle of the congregation, they shall wash with***

water, that they die not; or when they come near to the altar to minister, to burn offering made by fire unto the LORD: So they shall wash their hands and their feet, that they die not: and it shall be a statute for ever to them, even to him and to his seed throughout their generations.

Exodus 30:17-21

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Today, the priesthood has moved from the Levitical to that of Melchizedek which we partake of through Jesus Christ.

If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron?

For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law.

Hebrews 7:11

By Christ's sacrifice, scripture shows that we have been made kings and priests unto God,

> ***And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.***
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> Revelations 1:6

Therefore, we have access to serve in the true tabernacle of heaven just like the Levitical priests served in the tabernacle of Moses which was a shadow of the true Tabernacle of Heaven.

> ***For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law: Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount.***
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> Hebrews 8:4-5

> ***In the tabernacle of Moses, the Priests were admonished to make animal sacrifice by which blood they were to make atonement. Moreso, the priests were to wash themselves before entering the holy courts of God, lest they died.***

For Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet thereat: When they go into the tabernacle of the congregation, they shall wash with water, that they die not; or when they come near to the altar to minister, to burn offering made by fire unto the LORD: So they shall wash their hands and their feet, that they die not: and it shall be a statute for ever to them, even to him and to his seed throughout their generations.

Exodus 30:19-21

Just like they were to wash before entering in lest they die, we as believers who have been made Priests unto God are also to wash and cleanse ourselves. The difference is in their case, they needed to wash before entering, but in our case if we are not washed, the doors of the tabernacle will not open unto us, leaving us as worshippers in the outer court of the tabernacle.

How to wash ourselves

Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

Psalm 24:3-4

> ***And havingan high priest over the house of God; Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water***
>
> Hebrews 10:21-22

This means that to wash ourselves we need to sprinkle our hearts or conscience and wash our bodies.

Sprinkling our Hearts

The sprinkling of our hearts is done with the blood of Jesus, as the scripture below shows.

> ***And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.***
>
> Hebrews 12:24

The blood of Jesus, though shed for us has been provided but the provision and utilization of the blood are two different things. It is our duty to use the blood to cleanse our hearts in prayers.

Washing our bodies

When Jesus died on the cross, a soldier pierced His side, and the bible testifies that blood and water came

out of His side.

> ***But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.***
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> John 19:34

So the water is not apart from the blood. In the Old Testament, apart from using the blood for cleansing, God instructed them to make a water of purification which was made by burning;

1. Cedar wood
2. Hyssop
3. Scarlet
4. In the midst of a burning heifer to ashes
5. These ashes is then put into a vessel together with running water.

The sprinkling of this water was used to clean an unclean person or a tent.

> ***And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, This is the ordinance of the law which the LORD hath commanded, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring thee a red heifer without spot, wherein is no blemish, and upon which never came yoke: And ye shall give***

her unto Eleazar the priest, that he may bring her forth without the camp, and one shall slay her before his face: And Eleazar the priest shall take of her blood with his finger, and sprinkle of her blood directly before the tabernacle of the congregation seven times: And one shall burn the heifer in his sight; her skin, and her flesh, and her blood, with her dung, shall he burn: And the priest shall take cedar wood, and hyssop, and scarlet, and cast it into the midst of the burning of the heifer. Then the priest shall wash his clothes, and he shall bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp, and the priest shall be unclean until the even. And he that burneth her shall wash his clothes in water, and bathe his flesh in water, and shall be unclean until the even. And a man that is clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer, and lay them up without the camp in a clean place, and it shall be kept for the congregation of the children of Israel for a water of separation: it is a purification for sin.

Numbers 19:1-9

In the same way, when Jesus died, blood and water came forth, both coming from His sacrificial work. Paul, intending to show us how that the old Testament is a

shadow of the new, meaning that whatever you see in the Old Testament is still in the New, but in a different form, as the shadow of a man cannot proceed from a woman, nor the shadow of a table from a chair. If blood and water were sprinkled for cleansing the priests in the Old Testament, we surely do need both in the New.

So the sacrificial work of Christ made blood and water available for our cleansing. The target of the blood is our heart, while the water targets our body.

This is why I am showing you this scripture;

> ***But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.***
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> **John 19:34**

So the sacrificial work of Christ made blood and water available for our cleansing. The target of the blood is our heart, while the water targets our body. This cleansing using the water of purification was always carried out by a clean person on an unclean person which signifies the Holy Spirit purifying us from every uncleanliness. So in stepping into the courts of God, it is important that we ask the Lord that our hearts be cleansed with the blood, and our bodies be washed with that pure

water of purification that came out of Jesus when the blood came forth.

> ***Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.***
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> 2 Corintians 7:1

...to live a consecrated life, it is important that we cleanse ourselves from all unrighteousness, confessing our sins before God and ask for the Holy Spirit to cleanse our hearts, because there might even be sins we do not know that may be in our hearts.

This cleansing or consecration readies us to step into the presence of God, sometimes, body, soul and spirit. At other times, our spirit alone may ascend into the presence of the Father, and even at other times, our soul or soul and spirit may ascend as the spirit wills.

Living a consecrated life

Living a consecrated life is a daily commitment to be like Jesus. Essentially, it is making a;

1. Daily commitment to doing things God's way, at God's time and according to His will.
2. Daily commitment to seek His face, to listen to Him, to obey His voice and His leading.
3. Daily commitment to fulfilling God's plan and purpose for your life.
4. Daily commitment to present your body as a living sacrifice.
5. Daily commitment to worshipping God in the beauty of holiness.

Also, to live a consecrated life, it is important that we cleanse ourselves from all unrighteousness, confessing our sins before God and ask for the Holy Spirit to cleanse our hearts, because there might even be sins we do not know that may be in our hearts. And just like oil stains, dust also is a stain. So sin is a stain but our presence on this earth is also a stain.

> ***" And delivered just Lot, vexed with the <u>filthy conversation of the wicked:</u> (For that righteous man dwelling among them, <u>in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day</u> with their unlawful deeds;)***
>
> 2 Peter 2:7-8

We therefore need God to cleanse our minds and cleanse

our garments so that we may be able to stand in His presence and worship, in the beauty of His holiness, and thus partake of His power.

Automatic Ascension

> ***After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.***
>
> Revelation 4:1

However, we may remain in the courts of God or have automatic or sudden ascensions into the courts of God when we learn to live a consecrated life. It is one thing to consecrate yourself to God every time before worshipping so that you may gain access. Please let me state here that no matter what you have done and no matter how you feel, each time you use the blood, it is efficient and efficacious to give you access into the presence of God's holiness. But what is needed is for us to learn how to live a life of consecration. When we do, our whole life becomes a constant worship in the presence of God. Though we live on earth, our spirits can stay in the heavenlies making every action or words we do or say in obedience to the spirit a worship that has access by virtue of our spiritual position. This is a way to multiply power in your life, causing everything around

you to begin to respond effortlessly to God's plan and design. This is a level of power we find in people like Wigglesworth and Charles Finney who have several records of walking into places, or sometimes even passing through certain areas, and everyone becoming aware of their sins suddenly breaking down and repenting without anybody preaching. That is the power of holiness. Because they have so consecrated themselves, their consecration became a conduit between heaven and earth or between their spirits and their bodies, positioned in two locations from the power source to the delivery place so that power flowed constantly through their lives, bringing men constant healing and deliverance.

This is the level where even your materials or your picture can bring healing and deliverance to people. Even your voice can send demons out. I experienced this a lot and lately, we have a testimony from a brother who had put a flyer which had my picture on it on someone who had not been able to walk, and suddenly he began to walk. This is power.

Even through text messages, the power of God can be released to break yokes and bring healing. For instance, a lady with a situation which could not be diagnosed by the doctors received a text message from our meeting in which was written HEALING, and thereafter, she passed out in her urine ten stones which the doctors earlier could not detect.

It is impossible to visit a King without leaving with a present. That is how it is impossible to visit God through worship and consecration and not partake of His power that upholds the whole universe. This is what you must now begin to practice because God holds His power for your use.

Watch out for volume 2 in this series where I would discuss more about consecration and spiritual travel.