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WEDNESDAY, 1ST MARCH 2023

TOPIC: HIS GREAT GOODNESS

TEXT: PSALMS 31:19

Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; Which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men! KJV

A fruitful new month to you! Can I ask how you have been so far? I have a spontaneous feeling towards you which has no strand of evil. It is the joy that resides in God's words, with the assurance that goodness and mercy are behind you all the days of your life.

The month of February was a huge blessing as we learned of the character and power of God. The miracle working one and the implication of his miraculous acts. We will continue in the same light this month but on the journey to delve into the revelation of God's goodness. I am ready to learn of God, and I know you are too.

From our text, we read of the great goodness which the Lord God laid up for certain set of people. They are described as those who fear him and trust him before the sons of men. Do you think you are part of these set of people? Those, who before men have no reservation for God. They are bold to make manifest the name of their God anytime, anyday and anywhere.

There is a great goodness that God laid up for them. This goodness is quite intangible but of course will have a tangible effect. Let's find out what this great goodness represent. It is important that we understand this goodness, inorder to be able to recognise its presence in our lives.

Also, Isaiah 54:4 gave an account of God's goodness prepared for those who love him. He said; For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him. Isaiah 64:4 KJV

Men have not heard, the heart of men fail in perception and eyes is yet to see what God prepared for those that wait for and on him. God has a plan in his goodness towards all who trust, fear, love and regard him by waiting on him. This goodness is great because of its intangible nature and the truth that the men of the world will be caught unaware by it. You, in Christ Jesus is a recipient of God's great goodness. We are on a discovery to know more about this great goodness. Follow me as I follow Christ. Happy new month once again!

PRAYER

Thank you, Jesus for a blessed beginning. You who have been my guide, will continue to preserve me in the greatness of your goodness. I rest on your faithfulness and the infallibility of your words in Jesus' name. Amen



THURSDAY, 2ND MARCH 2023

TOPIC: THE HIDDEN WISDOM

TEXT: 1CORINTHIANS 2:9

But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, Neither have entered into the heart of man, The things which God hath prepared for them that love him. KJV

Yesterday, we established that God laid up great goodness for those who fear, trust and love him; also, we read from Isaiah 64:4 that from the beginning, God has prepared what haven't been heard before, that which is big for the heart of men in this world to percieve and their eyes to behold for those who wait for him. This informed our heart of understanding that God has a plan. We know the definition of that plan as his great goodness but we are yet to fully grasp it's content.

In a similar form, Apostle Paul quoted Isaiah 64:4 to explain the mystery of God that was ordained before the world to our glory, as those who trust in the Lord. He described this mystery as the hidden wisdom of God, which is far different from the wisdom of this world nor the princes of this world that come to nothing. (1Corinthians 1:6-7)

He said none of the princes of the world was aware about this mystery; the hidden wisdom of God because God hid their eyes, ear and perception from it. This was written in Isaiah 64:4 and described as God's great goodness laid up for his people in Psalms 31:19.

So, Christ was crucified because the princes of this world knew not what was in God's plan. If they knew, they wouldn't have crucified our Lord of glory. But God hid it from them. It became his hidden wisdom, a mystery to the prince of the world but our own great goodness, ordained for our glory. Hallelujah!

You should rejoice with thanksgiving that God had in store for you and I this great goodness. This awesome mystery and wisdom. There is more icing on this cake of joy for us. God didn't leave us in doubt to his great goodness. It is ours. So, haven hid it from them and allowed the crucifixion of Jesus, he revealed it all to us. How did he achieve this? Follow me on this journey.

Keep your Bible and your pen beside you. There is so much to learn this month.

PRAYER

Thank you, Father. You who hid from the princes of the world your great goodness to me, I adore and worship you. Jesus was crucified to my glory and the defeat of the world. I rejoice in the victory established by the blood and in the name of Christ. This is my abode, my rest place and my great goodness. Amen



FRIDAY, 3RD MARCH 2023

TOPIC: THE REVEALED WISDOM

TEXT: 1CORINTHIANS 2:10

But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. KJV

God revealed his great goodness laid up for us by his Spirit. The princes of this world walked in ignorance and blindness of heart. God hid his prepared and ordained plan from them. He ensured that they performed what they taught will be a defeat to God's plan. Alas! Christ' death on the cross was our victory. The mystery hidden to their eyes, ears and heart but ordained to our glory.

God in his plan wanted us to come to the full manifestation and fufilment of his great goodness. So, haven hid it in Christ death, he revealed to us by his spirit. Therefore, The spirit of God is pivotal to our access of God's goodness. He is the door to the goodness. Just as Jesus described himself as the door to the sheepfold, which rendered all others who came before him a thief and a robber. To him the porter open the door. He went forth inside the sheepfold and call his own sheep by name. A stranger they won't give heed to for his sheep know his voice and they follow him. (John 10:1-9)

The Spirit of God is the door to the entirety of God's wisdom for us in Christ Jesus. The totality and revelation of all mysteries. With the spirit of God, nothing remain hidden to our heart. For us, our eyes sees, our ears hears and it has entered to our heart what God has prepared for us who loves him. We know everything that God has in store for us by his Spirit. He is the revealer of God's mind and pathway. With him darkness is dispelled. Nothing is permitted to remain closed or stay behind doors because of his spirit.

The spirit searches all things, the deep things of God. This is the goodness. Remember that the goodness is laid up for us. It appear that it's deep and large. But now, it's not a big deal anymore. By the spirit of God, the deep things of God is made bare to our hearts. Nothing is too deep for the spirit of God to search out. Therefore, we are in for a buffet of God's power and revelation. Glory to God!

Are you ready to turn your attention and conciousness to the spirit of God, through whom all that is of God is revealed? I am ready.

PRAYER

Thank you, Father. What a wonder you are! I am grateful for the gift of your spirit. All that I need to know and receive in you is made available by your spirit. There is no darkness or confusion in my camp. I have full access to God by his spirit in Jesus' name. Amen



SATURDAY, 4TH MARCH 2023

TOPIC: BY HIS SPIRIT

TEXT: 1CORINTHIANS 2:11

For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. KJV

This verse above established the necessity and role of God's spirit. All that God has in store for us which is beyond physical worth is unveiled by the spirit of God. Without the spirit of God, who we have learned to be the door and access to God's great goodness, that was planned and laid up for us as treasures in him, we can't receive anything or at best make maximum use of it.

How can a man receive what he knows nothing about? Or how can he make use of what he hasn't receive accurate knowledge about? The spirit of God is the knowledge of God. He provides access to all that God hid from the world, concealed to our glory, that we all may go in and possess the blessings of God; which is ours in Christ Jesus.

Now, our eyes can see, our ears can hear and it has come to our heart, to know, receive and make use of all that God has planned for us because we are now his beloved in Christ. Just as Jesus told Peter that it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God (Mathew 13:10). In the same light, it is given unto us as God's beloved, to know all of God's mysteries laid up as his great goodness for us.

Do you believe that you possess the spirit of God? Then, do not settle for the usual or for the less. Plug right in and seek for an intimate, consistent and progressive fellowship with the Spirit of God. With him, God's goodness for your life is made bare. It can only be by the Spirit of God that we as children of God, will function in the right manner God expects us to function. Thus, you must be conscious of his presence, identify that he is alive in you and seek to follow his guidance all the way.

No man knows the things of a man except the spirit of God. He searches the deep things of God and bring it to your heart because they are meant for you. The deep things doesn't mean they are ambiguous, it simply communicates the reverence and sanctity of God's dealing in and with us. The spiritual life is authentic, the most important and the best of this two worlds. Don't lose the favour of God's Spirit in and around you. There is goodness in spiritual knowledge. Great goodness.

PRAYER

Thank you, Father. I am not without the understanding of your goodness for me. The Holy Spirit is the orchestrator of all things which work together for my good. He is the anchor and sustainer of your great goodness in and for me. I submit myself to him and allow him bare me up and lead me in the way everlasting in Jesus' name. Amen

MODELOLA DYENIKAL

SUNDAY, 5TH MARCH 2023

TOPIC: WHAT WE HAVE RECEIVED I

TEXT: 1CORINTHIANS 2:12

Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. KJV

Now, we have received not the spirit of the world. Then we should ask to know what spirit is of the world or belongs to the world. Ephesians 2:1-2 will help us in our quest. It says; And you [He made alive when you] were [spiritually] dead and separated from Him because of your transgressions and sins, in which you once walked. You were following the ways of this world [influenced by this present age], in accordance with the prince of the power of the air (Satan), the spirit who is now at work in the disobedient [the unbelieving, who fight against the purposes of God]. AMPV

I need you to read the verses above carefully. It described the deliverance God wrought in us in Christ which saved us from our past way of life. That which was coordinated, led and influenced by the ways of this world, in accordance with the prince of the power of the air, who is Satan. He is the spirit that is now at work in those who are disobedient against God's way of life in Christ. Therefore, the spirit of the world is the spirit of Satan, the spirit that is at work in the lives of all who are still dead in sin (spiritually dead, separated from the life of God and are disobedient to the preaching of the gospel).

In Christ Jesus, we have now received the spirit which is not of the world but the spirit which is of God (the Holy Spirit). What a great blessing! The spirit of God is what we have now because we are saved and are obedient to the gospel of Christ. We have learned that God laid for us great goodness and the spirit of God is the door to access that goodness. This, we must understand the certainty of all that God has for us. The truth that he gave us access to his spirit. Now, we have the spirit of God that enable and equip us with the knowledge of all the free things given to us by God. He who has not the spirit of God do not belong to him (Romans 8:9b)

It's indeed a great blessing to have the spirit of God. He has not hid anything from us as he did to the world. He hid his glory as in a mystery, store the details up in his Spirit, with the plan to bless us with his spirit that we might have the full understanding of all of God's plan, purposes, goodness, greatness and eternal inheritance. With the Spirit of God, there is no lack or want for the child of God. All things are communicable and made bare to our spirit (heart) by the ever abiding presence of the Holy Spirit. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Thank you, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. You have freely gave me all things in Christ Jesus. I am not ignorant of your goodness, you laid it bare by the presence of the Holy Spirit given to me in Christ Jesus. Amen



MONDAY, 6TH MARCH 2023

TOPIC: WHAT WE HAVE RECEIVED II

TEXT: HEBREWS 2:15

and deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. KJV

Romans 8:15 says; For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. KJV.

The Spirit of God is the certificate or emblem to show that we are delivered from bondage and fear. The spirit of bondage that causes us to fear is the spirit of Satan which rules the world and is presently at work in the life of all who are yet to receive the gospel. But, not so with us who have been delivered from the rulership of Satan. God set us free through Christ crucifixion and gave us the spirit of adoption, who is the self same Holy Spirit.

Hebrews 2:14-15 established that Jesus suffered death on our behalf inorder to defeat the devil, who had the power of death and deliver us who were in bondage to the fear of death.

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; and deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. KJV

It is upon this truth that God gave us his spirit to eternally display that all who trust in Christ' death and resurrection is free from bondage to sin and fear. We are now spiritually set free from sin and death. We have received of the lord his free spirit that establish our union with God in Christ, which grant us an unending access to all these goodness that we enjoy in Christ Jesus.

Indeed! God laid up for us his great goodness. Eyes have not seen before how God can make the heart of men his abode, ear haven't heard before that God can become a man to rescue his creation and it has never entered into the heart of men that God will renew the face of the earth with his life giving spirit, so that all can live eternally unto him. The best of God is his Spirit. Give praise to him for his marvelous goodness.

PRAYER

Lord, I give you praise for the gift of your spirit in me. All that pertains to life and godliness is revealed to my heart by your spirit. I am not blind, ignorant or separated from all that God has in store for all his children. I know who I am and I walk on the path of life on Jesus' name. Amen



NODELOLA OVENIKAN

TUESDAY, 7TH MARCH 2023

TOPIC: WHAT WE HAVE RECEIVED III

TEXT: 2TIMOTHY 1:7

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. KJV

Apostle Paul addressed his Son Timothy in the Lord with statements that call his heart to remember the gift of the Lord bestowed on him when He laid his hands upon him. He asks him to stir up this gift of God because through stirring in prayer, the gift is kept active as God hasn't given him the spirit of bondage to fear but of power, of love and of a sound mind. (2Timothy1:6-7)

This reality is the same for us as children of God. The gift of God which you have received is the Spirit of God whom the world cannot receive. Maybe by experience, you cannot account for a time or the other when your pastor lay hands on you, but maybe on one occasion or the other prayer must have been spoken over you and specifically, when you got born again, you received the spirit of God which identifies and mark you separate, as God's own. One who has been delivered from the power of darkness and translated into the kingdom of his son (Jesus Christ) (Colossians 1:13).

Therefore, you have God's spirit in you. You might even have experienced the baptism of the Holy Spirit either by laying on of hands or through your personal desire in prayer. You might just be like me, who received the baptism of the Holy Ghost at the Holy Communion service many years ago. Hands were laid on me and boom! I spoke out in tongues. In either way or experience, be aware that you have God's gift of the Holy Spirit in you. You must identify that God's spirit in you is not of bondage or fear: But of power (to walk in and do the miraculous), of love (agape) and of a sound mind (self-control).

This way, you can safely differentiate between you and those in the world. Are there days that it might appear you are ordinary and just like every other person? Of course! But it's just a feeling. Get on with prayer, stir it up. Call your being to the consciousness of the Holy Spirit in you. Much more, live in the light of the fruits of God's spirit, which is power, love and sound mind.

Address situation with God's power, love others as Christ had loved you, and live a disciplined-self-control life. Be on guard for the Lord. You have received the spirit of love, power and of a sound mind. Join me as we stir up the gift of God in us this morning:

PRAYER

In the name of Jesus, I stir up the power and presence of the Holy Spirit in me. I ask that there be an overwhelming and undeniable consciousness of God's power on the inside of me. I do not struggle with situations even though they seems beyond my limit. I address circumstances by the power of God as I walk in love and live a life tamed of every acts of indiscipline. Amen



NODELOLA OVENIKAN

WEDNESDAY, 8TH MARCH 2023

TOPIC: WHAT WE HAVE RECEIVED IV

TEXT: ROMANS 8:16

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: KJV

We have received the Spirit of God as believers, not the spirit of bondage to sin and fear of eternal death as those who are yet to be saved. let's read Romans 8:16 in Amplified version; it says: The Spirit Himself testifies and confirms together with our spirit [assuring us] that we [believers] are children of God. (AMP)

The spirit of God by his union and joining with our human spirit testifies with assurance in our hearts that by our faith in Jesus' death and resurrection, we are children of God. 1Corinthians 2:11 established that man has a spirit which is different from God's spirit. The things of a man is known by the spirit of that man and the things of God is only known and revealed by the spirit of God. Therefore, the believer, receives the spirit of God as a gift from God to know the things of God which is hidden from the eyes, ears and heart of the world. They are mysteries unveiled and brought to our heart with understanding by the spirit of God.

Our union with God's spirit is very vital such that a man who has not the spirit of God, can never be referred to as a child or son of God. The spirit of God in a man makes all the difference. All men in the world are alive because they are living beings. By their human spirit, they are kept alive but when such come in contact with God's power, love and grace, God's spirit indwells him and he became a new person.

2corinthians 5:17 says; "Therefore, If any man be in Christ, he is a new creation, old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new".

There is an eternal difference between the old and the new. One is dead to sin and under the lordship of the devil, having no hope and without God's spirit: the other is delivered from the lawful captive of the enemy and as a prey under the hand of the mighty, he is set free forever. He is now found in God's kingdom with the Spirit of God, which is a seal of his eternal salvation.

Be grateful for God's Spirit. He is holy, eternal, loving, gracious and kind. He is all of God in deed and character. He indwells you to transform your life haven received the knowledge of God at salvation. He now begin to work from the inside of you to your outside. Revolving your character, beliefs, perception, attitude, desires, delight and focus. What good and blessed gift we have received of the Father. All by Jesus' death and resurrection. Join me as we pray in rejoicing!

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we rejoice in that you have become our shield and exceeding great reward. Thank you for the Holy Spirit. We are not deficient of the right way to live in this world. We are guided by your spirit daily. Amen



THURSDAY, 9TH MARCH 2023

TOPIC: WHAT WE HAVE RECEIVED V

TEXT: ROMANS 8:14

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. KJV

There is no vacuum in life. Everyone is under one spiritual governance or the other. Knowingly or unknowingly, every man in the world is directed and influenced by a spirit. By the knowledge of God's word, a child of God, haven received the gift of God is expected to be led by the Holy spirit. As many who are led by the Holy Spirit in every way and all that is to be done are children of God.

You have become a child of God by faith in Jesus' death and resurrection, thus, you have received the spirit of adoption that gives you the boldness to call God, your Father. You are not hopeless and without God in this world. You have hope and God is your hope. You have him and you have the very best of life. By the reason of this truth, God guides you by his spirit. Spiritually, you are now under the governance of God. You are led by his spirit.

When a man is being led, it shows that the one who leads is in the front and the one who is being led, stays behind. Therefore, it is important to take followership seriously. You are being led, you are expected to follow a step at a time. Pause where the leader pause and move at the pace of the leader.

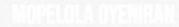
We can catch a glimpse of God's leadership by his spirit through the Isrealites journey when God led them out of the land of bondage, Egypt. The Bible recorded that he provided them with a pillar of fire by night and a pillar of cloud by day. There was no time that they were without direction, as long as they follow. Wherever the pillar stops, they stop and until it moves, they take up their journey again. The pillar by day and night became a compass through which they navigate their journey daily. (Exodus 13:21-22)

So, it was not about Moses physical leadership, it was God, who by himself was leading his people as a sheep in the wilderness. This world is likened to a wilderness, believers are likened to the children of Israel who are delivered from bondage as out of the land of Egypt. Now, we are open to God's leadership by his spirit as the pillar of fire and cloud. You cannot afford to journey in the wilderness out of the pillar. It will not only mean a blind mission but also a deviation from the will of God, who delivered you from bondage to sin.

The spirit of God is in you, not to occupy space and be dormant. He is to be active and alive, to quicken your heart and cause you to continue in the light as God is the light.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, help me to stick right behind you. Not a step behind or a step ahead, always mindful of your presence and help. I submit to your will day by day. Amen



FRIDAY, 10TH MARCH 2023

TOPIC: THE SPIRIT'S LEADING I

TEXT: EXODUS 13:21

And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night: KJV

Yesterday, we learned of God's leading in the wilderness, as it applies to the leadership of the Spirit of God in the heart of the believer today. We will continue in the same light to receive the depth of God's wisdom and strengthen ourselves to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Specifically, it was written that the Lord went before the children of Israel. He didn't appear physically, but he gave the pillar of cloud, to lead them by the way and by night, the Lord went before his people in the pillar of fire, to give them light; such that during the day and at night, he continued to lead them. The children of Israel were not without the Lord for a seconds. They stayed and walked under the presence of God. Exodus 13:22 says; he took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people. KJV

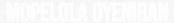
God stayed with his people, 24hrs in a day, 7days a week, 4weeks in a month and 365 days for 4oyears. What a steadfast and ever abiding God. One we can trust in his leading and rest upon his direction. Instead of the pillars, which are representatives of the reality we have received now in salvation, God's spirit resides in you as his child. Till death do you part off this world, you have an unending, unrestricted and immense access to God's spirit. He is right inside of you. You are expected to fellowship with him, stir up his abiding presence for your consciousness in the place of prayer and act on God's word as he leads you.

The pillar of fire and cloud became the salvation of the children of Israel, when the Egyptian's army pursued them and they were faced with the red sea. The Lord caused the pillar of fire to go behind them for the very first time. It has always been ahead of them. And the pillar of cloud too went backwards, inorder to keep them and change the order of season. He ensured that darkness is all that the Egyptian sees and light became the rear guide to his people. Till the children of Israel crossed the red sea, the Egyptians didn't know how near or how far they were to them. God wrought a massive victory by his presence. (Exodus 14:19-20)

The presence of God by his spirit in you is that which you cannot trade with. Treasure it above all else. Stay right being led by the spirit of the Lord. Commit yourself intentionally to him, he is enough to take care of you now and future. God is your shield and exceeding great reward.

PRAYER

In the name of Jesus, I commit myself to the spirit of God, whose presence is in me. I am conscious of his love and grace and I take advantage of his counsel daily in Jesus' name. Amen



SATURDAY, 11TH MARCH 2023

TOPIC: THE SPIRIT'S LEADING II

TEXT: DEUTERONOMY 1:33

who went in the way before you, to search you out a place to pitch your tents in , fire by night, to shew you by what way ye should go, and in a cloud by day. KJV

In Deuteronomy chapter one, Moses the servant of the Lord began to recount how God had led his people thus far. Their Exodus from Egypt, to God's dealings with them in wilderness, till they were asked to continue in their journey to the land he promised them. His speech was to remind the people of God's goodness, call their heart to the reality that God has been their leader, not him and the truth that their heart has not wholly followed the Lord.

Specifically, he mentioned that when God commanded them to go ahead and possess the land, because of the evil report of the spies, except for Caleb and Joshua whose heart was right before God, they refused to go into the land as God said. Rather, they murmured and ask for death for their souls. Moses, reminded them of his words of encouragement to them, He said;

Then I said unto you, Dread not, neither be afraid of them. The LORD your God which goeth before you, he shall fight for you, according to all that he did for you in Egypt before your eyes; and in the wilderness, where thou hast seen how that the LORD thy God bare thee, as a man doth bear his son, in all the way that ye went, until ye came into this place. Yet in this thing ye did not believe the LORD your God, who went in the way before you, to search you out a place to pitch your tents in, fire by night, to shew you by what way ye should go, and in a cloud by day. Deuteronomy 1:29-33 KJV

They didn't believe the Lord, who fought for them, bare them up as a Father would care and nurture his children and most importantly, the one who went ahead of them; to search a place for them to pitch their tent. Which means, the Lord was committed to ensure their establishment and settlement. He did this through the gift of his presence in fire by night and in the pillar of cloud by day. To show them the right way to go. What a good God!

All that the children of Israel experienced was a shadow of good things to come. Now, in Christ Jesus, we have received the gift of God's Spirit. Thus, we have such hope that does not bring us to shame as it is written in Romans 5:5. His spirit is the token of his commitment towards our life as believers. We must not act like the Israelites, where the majority of them didn't believe God. We must follow him who has called us unto his glory and virtue, knowing that he is ever present, leading us on this path of faith with an assurance of hope. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Thank you, my Lord, the one who has gone ahead of me to make every crocked paths straight and rough places, plain. I believe that the journey maybe full of challenges but God's spirit in me leads me and I receive strength to follow whole heartedly in Jesus' name. Amen



SUNDAY, 12TH MARCH 2023

TOPIC: THE SPIRIT'S LEADING III

TEXT: PSALMS 105:39

He spread a cloud for a covering; And fire to give light in the night. KJV

The act of God as he guided and led forth his people was duly accounted for in the scriptures. The writer of the book of Psalms recorded this reality in most of his writings, where their journey was recounted in the light of God's faithfulness despite Israel's disobedience. We have a similar account in Psalms 78:14, it says: In the daytime also he led them with a cloud, And all the night with a light of fire. KJV

The pillar of cloud was God's way to cover his people. And the fire was to give light. God by the gift of his presence did two things for his people. He shielded them from evil and dispel darkness out of their way. He ensured they are constantly protected and kept walking on the right path.

Specifically, God had an intention for leading the children of Israel through the path of wilderness and not by the land of the Philistines. The first is longer and full of uncertainties, while the latter is shorter with the possibility to find their way back to where they are coming from. It was a cut out path, where God's direction might not be needed. God wanted his people to rest on him as their shepherd. To prove that even when the destination isn't clear, he can lead to the purposed end if they will trust, obey and follow him.

Exodus 13:17-18 says; And it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God led them not through the way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for God said, Lest peradventure the people repent when they see war, and they return to Egypt: but God led the people about, through the way of the wilderness of the Red sea: and the children of Israel went up harnessed out of the land of Egypt. KJV

God had a clear cut purpose at heart while he led them to go into his place for them. He didn't want them to find their way back to Egypt. He want them out of bondage forever. What a good and intentional God we serve. You can be certain that God's spirit in you is for your own good. Whatever God does for his people, is first and foremost for their benefit not His. He always want to pay the sacrifice, he always want to give, he always want to pour himself out to his people.

While he does this, he expect trust from his people, loyalty and obedience. Will you from today become conscious of God's leading and guidance over your life? His Spirit is in you, become committed to the Holy Spirit more than before.

PRAYER

Dear Spirit of God, thank you for residing in me. I am sorry for every step I have taken out of your direction and will for my life. Empower me to be more consistent and faithful to your voice in Jesus' name. Amen



MONDAY, 13TH MARCH 2023

TOPIC: THE SPIRIT'S LEADING IV

TEXT: NEHEMIAH 9:19

yet thou in thy manifold mercies forsookest them not in the wilderness: the pillar of the cloud departed not from them by day, to lead them in the way; neither the pillar of fire by night, to shew them light, and the way wherein they should go. KJV

The leadership of God wasn't veil to the people of God. They knew God was in their midst. Regardless, they were faced with the challenge to trust God's leading. The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night became part of their journey. God stayed with them through this means as he continually direct Moses his servant.

They disobeyed and did not believed his words in many instances. Specifically, they asked Aaron to make them a calf inorder for it to represent the God who brought them out of the land of Egypt. They asked to go back to the land of bondage. Yet, in all these, God forsook them not.

Nehemiah 9:16-17 says; But they and our fathers dealt proudly, and hardened their necks, and hearkened not to thy commandments, and refused to obey, neither were mindful of thy wonders that thou didst among them; but hardened their necks, and in their rebellion appointed a captain to return to their bondage: but thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and forsookest them not.

What can we compare with God's faithfulness, truthfulness and loyalty to our lives as his children? All that God did with the Israelites is for our learning that we might through the comfort of the scriptures exercise hope. If he didn't forsake the children of Israel despite their gross disobedience and unbelief, how can he forsake us now, who believed in his righteousness and have expressed our faith in him?

God didn't forsake his people neither did he took his presence by the pillar. But he gave them his good spirit to teach them to follow him. Thou gavest also thy good spirit to instruct them, and withheldest not thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst. Nehemiah 9:20 KJV

This is the express responsibility of God's spirit in you. It is to instruct and teach you for the purpose of God's glory on earth. You are God's handiwork in Christ Jesus. You are to show the praises of him who has called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. In his light, you see light.

PRAYER

Thank you, Father for your integrity, constancy and firmness. I can safely trust that you will not abandon me therefore, I fear not what men will do unto me. For my redeemer liveth and he is faithful to perfect that which concerns me in Jesus' name. Amen



TUESDAY, 14TH MARCH 2023

TOPIC: THE SPIRIT'S LEADING V

TEXT: EXODUS 24:8

And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them. KJV

God's dealings with the children of Israel was clearly a manifestation of his love and purpose. Three months after their exodus, they got to mount Sinai, where God decided to appear to his people, inorder to reveal his intention of intimacy and a closer walk with them (Exodus 19:1-6)

God eventually appeared in a pillar of glory which look like fire before the eyes of the people on the mount. There, he gave the Ten Commandments and other rules to help the people live in peace among themselves and have a sense of relationship with him. But God for the first time, ask the people to give an offering willingly. Not of money, but of items needed to build a sanctuary. (Exodus 25:1-9)

Specifically, in verse 8&9, he said; And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them. According to all that I shew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it. Exodus 25:8-9 KJV

God longs for more than his appearance before the eyes of the people. His desire is to dwell among them. He commanded that they build a physical structure called the sanctuary, inorder for him to dwell in their midst. The sanctuary is to be built after the pattern he showed his servant Moses while he was with him on the Mount Sinai for 40days.

By a clearer understanding and revelation, 2Corinthians 6:16 tells us that we are the temple of the living God, just as it is written that God will dwell among us and be in us. The only means for the children of Israel to accommodate God's presence then, was to build a physical sanctuary because his Spirit hasn't been given. The physical sanctuary was to speak in figure the truth to come of the reality that God will dwell among his people.

Now, in Christ Jesus, our bodies is the temple of the Holy Spirit. God lives in us, dwells in us. When we come together to fellowship, God dwell among us. Individually, each one of us is a bearer of God's presence and together his manifest presence envelop our meetings and fellowship.

What beauty to see the blessings of God. The Holy Spirit is the reality of God in man. God leads his children by dwelling in each one of them. Don't despise God's presence in you.

PRAYER

Thank you, Father. I am a carrier of God's presence by the Holy Spirit which is given to me. I do not live my life by chance and guess. My walk with God is intentional and I am led by God's spirit in Jesus' name.

Amen

WEDNESDAY, 15TH MARCH 2023

TOPIC: THE SPIRIT'S LEADING VI

TEXT: JOHN 15:26

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

Jesus did not fail to give a proper description about the person of the Holy Spirit which his Father will send in his name. He spoke and gave his disciples major definition about the role the Holy Spirit will take up in their lives and how they can identify his presence.

He gave such description in John 14:16&17, he said; And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. KJV

First, the spirit will abide with us forever. He is the spirit of truth, the world (unbeliever) cannot receive him because they are blind to his presence and person. They lack knowledge of his identity but the believer can identify and he's equipped with the knowledge of God's spirit. He dwells in us and shall be in us.

When Jesus gave this information about the person of the Holy Spirit, he was yet to come upon them. It was after Jesus' ascension that the Holy Spirit came. Yet, Jesus spoke about the presence of the Holy Spirit in them as a present reality. He said you know him, for he dwells in you and shall be in you. Jesus' words was backed with the revelation of God's desire from the Old Testament. He knew that in him, God's desire is to be fulfilled, which is the essence of his death and resurrection. That God may dwell in the heart of his children, to make their body a living sanctuary.

Philippians 3:3 says: For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh. KJV

The believer in Christ Jesus is circumcised through Christ death to worship God in Spirit because he has now received the reality and desire of God to dwell among his people. Our confidence is not in the flesh (that is not of physical monument or worldly sanctuary neither of sacrifices or atonement). Our confidence is in Christ, whose body has been sacrificed for us that we might draw near to God with boldness. Therefore, live your life daily with full assurance that you are now one with the Father, in his son, Jesus Christ, by the presence of his Holy Spirit in you.

PRAYER

Thank you, Father. I am not alone, my life is backed up by your abiding presence and indwelling power. The Holy Spirit is my steadfast inheritance in Christ. Amen

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THURSDAY, 16TH MARCH 2023

TOPIC: THE SPIRIT'S LEADING VII

TEXT: EXODUS 40:34

Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. KJV

Can I ask you to study through the book of Exodus even as we have gleaned on God's word as regards the understanding of his dealing with his people? When you read from chapter fifteen through the last chapter which is thirty and four, just as God commanded them to build him a sanctuary that he might dwell among them, these chapters explained in detail how they built according to the pattern that God showed Moses on the mount.

The people gave generously and willingly for the construction of the building and God poured his wisdom on certain persons whom he committed the building of the sanctuary into their hands has directed by Moses his servant (Exodus 36:1-5). God kept guiding as regards the pattern of the building such that all details were duly fashioned according to his will.

Now, let's call our imagination back to the truth, knowing the reason for the building is that God might dwell among his people. The intention is beyond the sanctuary and tabernacle: but for that time, that is as much that God can come close to his people. The reality we have now received in Christ Jesus. God dwells in us by His spirit. His desire is fulfilled in Christ. Hallelujah!

Regardless, after the building was completed, the glory of the Lord descended upon it while they dedicated it to God in a cloud. Do you still remember the pillar of fire and the pillar of cloud that led the people? God came down in the pillar of cloud, his glory abode on the tabernacle such that no one could enter the tabernacle. God kept his purpose intact; his glory filled the life of anyone who bears his Spirit.

God continued to lead his people by the pillar of cloud and of his glory. Exodus 40:36-38 says; And when the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the children of Israel went onward in all their journeys: but if the cloud were not taken up, then they journeyed not till the day that it was taken up. For the cloud of the LORD was upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys. KJV

Their journey was wholly subjected to the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night. Without God's direction and glory, they were restricted in their journey. A believer cannot lead his life outside the leadership of God's spirit. It's unprofitable and frustrating.

PRAYER

Thank you, Lord. I ask that you rid me of any attempt to become disloyal to your spirit in me and begin to walk in my ways. Keep me stable, firm, and strong under your leadership in Jesus' name. Amen

FRIDAY, 17TH MARCH 2023

TOPIC: THE OUTPOUR I

TEXT: JOEL 2:28

And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: KJV

The Spirit of God is the manifestation of God as the initiator of the existence of man. We have learned how God leads by his Spirit and all that God will do is only sustained and directed by his spirit. A child of God is identified by the presence of the spirit of God in him. He that has not the spirit of Christ is none of his (Romans 8:9). God's desire to dwell in the midst of his people was clearly seen in his relationship with the children of Israel.

He commanded them to build him a sanctuary to dwell in and covered the tabernacle with his glory inorder to come to a range that is close to his people. This was his way to pass the message that he will live amidst them but much more by His spirit in the heart of men.

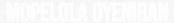
God fulfilled his desire in Christ Jesus. He took away the sin that create an eternal vacuum in man and gave his Spirit as he has purposed. Jesus knew the reason why he came to die for the sins of the world. Even before his death, John 7:37-38 recorded that he cried out and said; He who is thirsty should come to the waters and drink, for the scripture has established that out of Christ's belly shall flow rivers of living waters. The interpretation of this declaration was given in verse 37, it says: (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.) KJV

The goal is the ability to pour out God's spirit upon all flesh through his death. Sin was dealt with; death was judged to come to an end and a legal ground for God's spirit to be received by all men was established. Such that, when the Holy Ghost came upon the disciples, Peter stood in the midst of the people and interpreted the strange utterances and happening that took place amidst the people of God.

He said these aren't drunken men but the fulfillment of God's desire to pour out his spirit upon all flesh, and the outward manifestation will be prophecy, visions, and dreams. With the removal of all disparity, leaving the identification of a man with God by His spirit. God's spirit is available to all.

PRAYER

Thank you, Father for the outpour of your spirit. You gave yourself to all men that we might come to you and know you by faith. I call you my Lord and saviour, my Father in whom I trust and whose Spirit lives in me. I asked that I am overwhelmed by your palpable presence in Jesus' name. Amen



SATURDAY, 18TH MARCH 2023

TOPIC: THE OUTPOUR II

TEXT: JOEL 2:29

and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. KJV

Our faith in Christ Jesus' death and resurrection is an eternal union of all who believed in him the baptism into one body by the spirit of God. 1Corinthians 12:13 says; For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. KJV

The baptism into one body which is the body of Christ explain that which took place when we believed with our heart the Lord Jesus and confess with our mouth that God raised him from the dead. All who did this as a measure of their faith in Christ, are baptised into his body and become part of one big family, where it's not about your natural descent but a spiritual reality, uphold by God and sustained by his eternal spirit.

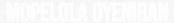
God's way of removing the veil in the heart of man is through the gift and outpour of his spirit. Peter learnt this move of God through a vision, which is one of the manifestations of the spirit of God poured out upon a man. God spoke to him in an open vision, to pass the message that he has made all men clean by his Spirit and no one is exempted from baptism into one body of Christ by faith. Upon this revelation, Peter was led to the house of Cornelius, the centurion. Before he was done preaching, the Spirit of God fell upon all who were in the house listening and they heard them speak in other tongues and prophesy, magnifying the name of the Lord. (Please read Acts chapter 10).

The Spirit of God is that identity poured out upon all who have opened their heart to receive salvation by faith in Christ Jesus. The promise of the Holy Spirit is unto all who are near and far off. The manifestation of the Holy Spirit is to display the power of God, the oneness of his body, the eternal reality of the life in Christ and the truth that God is alive in the hearts of all who are born again.

Are you saved? You have the spirit of God. But do you prophesy and communicate in the spirit language? If not, I will like to tell you that there are signs that should accomplish your belief. In my name they shall speak with new tongues... Don't be satisfied, it's rivers of living water. Drink to overflow from Christ, the source and speak out as a man who is drunk of wine.

PRAYER

In the name of Jesus, I receive the outpour of God's spirit with no reservation. I prophesy, see visions, speak in other tongues, cast out demons, lay my hands on the sick and preach the word of salvation with all boldness. I walk in the manifestation of the fullness of God's power in my life in Jesus' name. Amen



SUNDAY, 19TH MARCH 2023

TOPIC: HIS SPIRIT, HIS NEARNESS I

TEXT: EXODUS 19:18

And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly. KJV

It amazes me how the book of Exodus gave a detailed account of all the benefits embedded in the Lord. More than all that are what we have now received in Christ Jesus. These details of God's appearances in figure and acts solidify the blessing of his Spirit as a gift and the intent of God for all men in Christ Jesus. We learned that three months after they left Egypt, they encamped at Mount Sinai.

The mount was quite a significant place for the children of Israel, because there the Lord visited the people in appearance of fire and smoke upon the mount and gave the Ten Commandments with other rules to guide his relationship with the people. There were certain conditions that guided his appearance on the mount. The people are to be sanctified for three days, they must not come close to the mount except Moses and the priest and they must remain in a distance, if not, they will meet with sudden death. (Exodus 19:9-15)

God wanted to visit his people and establish the reality of his everlasting presence, his voice of words as a true God and his character as a good God but there are still limitations. He couldn't come near than what they experienced. They couldn't reach out to him than to stay afar. The ability to come close to him isn't available yet. God gave a foretaste of his desire but in Christ, we are made nigh by the blood of Christ. We are joined to the Lord and have become one Spirit with him. (Exodus 19:16-25, Ephesians 2:13)

The people couldn't endure to keep listening to the voice of God that spoke out of the midst of the fire, they asked Moses to become their go between God. Their God had visited them but they don't want to hear him any longer. They prefer an intermediary. The relationship wasn't intimate. But not so in Christ, Jesus brought us and presented us before God. He flung the door of intimacy open and we are born right before the presence of the Father. With boldness, we approach the throne of God to obtain mercy and find grace in time of need. (Exodus 20:19, Hebrews 4:16)

What a great blessing we have in Christ by the Spirit of God! Do not live a day without fanning to flame your communion in the spirit with the Lord. God look forward to this day, where you have a free and unhindered access to him. Here and now you have it all in Christ. Maximize it.

PRAYER

Thank you, Father. I have Christ, I have you. I love Christ, I love you. I am in Christ, I am found right in you. For I am dead and my real life is hid in Christ with God. I am grateful because I have God the Father and the Son residing in me by the Holy Spirit. I am God's best. Amen

MONDAY, 20TH MARCH 2023

TOPIC: HIS SPIRIT, HIS NEARNESS II

TEXT: HEBREWS 12:18

For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest, KJV

By revelation, the writer of the book of Hebrews in his persuasion established the intimacy that all who have come to God through his Son Jesus Christ enjoy. The Father in his Son, has called every man to himself in his holiness, aweness and everlasting abode. Now, we can hear the voice of God and not quake under it. There is no darkness and tempest, we are sanctified, purified and justified in the name of our God and by the blood of Jesus.

There is no barrier. God gave us the gift of his Spirit on the account of the glorification of Jesus Christ. We have not come to Mount Sinai but to Mount Sion. Hebrews 12:18-21 gave a detailed account of the experience at the mount compared to what we have now in Christ Jesus. Not a physical building or mountain but an eternal reality within us and we know it, having full assurance of these truth and accurate knowledge by the spirit of God.

but ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, (This is our mountain) Hebrews 12:22

to the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, (what we have now is the church, born and sustained by the Holy Spirit) Vs 23

and to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel. (Finally, we are in Him. They couldn't come near, we are this close in the son, Jesus, the blood that speaks better things made the difference) Hallelujah! Vs 24

Therefore, you have no further excuse to remain layback and relaxed in your walk with the Lord. Understand that you are in a living communion with the Spirit. The realities of your being in Christ resides not on the surface of things but within you. The kingdom of God is on the inside of you. That which is not of meat and drink but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. Know where you are now and what you have in Christ Jesus. The mountain is now different, it's Mount Zion, where unhindered access is made available not Mount Sinai, where God is far to his people.

PRAYER

In the name of Jesus I declare that I have a sure and steadfast hope in Christ Jesus. The God I serve isn't far from me, I know him and testify that he lives right inside of me. I am his dwelling place and He is my strong refuge. I make my boast in the Lord, whose Spirit is in me. I live in his fear and reverential worship all the days of my life. Amen

TUESDAY, 21ST MARCH 2023

TOPIC: HIS SPIRIT, HIS NEARNESS III

TEXT: EXODUS 20:22

And the LORD said unto Moses, Thus thou shalt say unto the children of Israel, Ye have seen that I have talked with you from heaven. KJV

The experience at Mount Sinai was quite important before God. Though, his ultimate desire is better than what took place but he was glad to visit the people and speak with them. The Lord spoke before Moses and said, "tell my people to be mindful of my visitation and not forget how I spoke to them from heaven".

The beauty of this statement was reported by prophet Ezra in Nehemiah 9:13. I was glad to learn that God spoke to his people from heaven with the aim to guide them in leading a life worthy of his goodness. Read with me;

Thou camest down also upon mount Sinai, and spakest with them from heaven, and gavest them right judgments, and true laws, good statutes and commandments: Nehemiah 9:13 KJV

The prophet by revelation testified that through God's appearance before his people, he was able to give them right judgements, true laws, good statutes and commandment. The ten commandment which was accompanied by other guiding rules was for the good of the people. He appeared to express his attitude of communion inorder for the people to follow him and obey his voice without coercion.

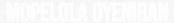
God did what a Father would do. He spoke to his children and gave them precepts that will guide them inorder to keep the enemy at an extreme end, far from their reach. He spoke, they heard his voice even though they resisted to continue listening.

Jesus said, my sheep hear my voice and follow me. The voice of the stranger will they not heed. God has a culture of speaking to his children, Jesus testified to this and we can experience the same by the presence of the Holy Spirit in us.

God speaks through His spirit. We must learn not to resist listening to him as the children of Israel did. We are not of Mount Sinai but Mount Zion were perfect obedience is accomplished through Christ blood. Now that we are near, his voice isn't unto us as a terror but a still small voice that require utmost attention and prompt obedience. Are you listening because God is speaking?

PRAYER

Thank you, Father, for the privilege to hear your voice. I repent from every form of distraction that has hindered me to give attention to your words. I spend time to study and to you hear you speak to me from your words. I do not resist but act on your direction and guidiance in Jesus' name. Amen



WEDNESDAY, 22ND MARCH 2023

TOPIC: HIS SPIRIT, HIS NEARNESS VI

TEXT: EXODUS 24:1

And he said unto Moses, Come up unto the LORD, thou, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel; and worship ye afar off. KJV

It was at Mount Sinai that God asked Moses to come along with Aaron, his two sons and seventy of the elders of Israel with a clear-cut instruction. Moses alone was to come to a close distance while others must worship afar off. Exodus 24:2 says;

And Moses alone shall come near the LORD: but they shall not come nigh; neither shall the people go up with him. KJV

They (Aaron, his sons Natan and Abihu with the seventy elders of Israel) or the people, must not come near but worship at a distance. This was the instruction from God. And this took place after he had instructed Moses about the Ten Commandments, all other laws and precepts to guide the people and he had appeared in the likeness of a flame of fire on the mount which the people resisted. They specifically demanded that Moses should listen to God on their behalf. This was the experience at the foot of the mount.

The book of Hebrews 12:22-24 established that in Christ Jesus, we have not come to such mountain that cannot be touched and the voice of words that cannot be endured. We have come to a spiritual reality where we don't only touch and listen to God's voice. We are the reality that God's presence and power is tangible. Hallelujah!

There is no distance worship for us. We are God's worship. 1Peter 2:5 says; ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. KJV

Our bodies and ultimately the whole of our being is God's living sacrifice. We have become one with God by his Spirit, such that we are all, that is being given to God as a sacrifice just as Christ gave himself for us as a sacrifice; an offering of a sweet smelling savour unto God. God has not only bid us to come close, He commanded that we should come boldly to the throne of Grace. Hallelujah! By his Spirit, we are married to one God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER

Thank you, Father. For you removed every barrier, obstacles and limitation to approach you with a perfect heart free from guilt and unworthiness. Here, I am, full of assurance that I am loved, acceptable and helped by your Spirit. There is no emptiness or vacuum in my life. There is no void that the power of your Spirit cannot fill. Fill me with your love to the overflow in Jesus' name. Amen

THURSDAY, 23RD MARCH 2023

TOPIC: THE BLOOD AND THE SPIRIT I

TEXT: HEBREWS 9:19

For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people, KJV

Moses, as commanded by God went up to the mountain, came back and declared God's commandment and precepts he received and had written in the book to the people. He went ahead and did something significant. Exodus 24:4-8 recorded that he built an altar at the foot of the mountain with twelve pillars, asked that the men should kill bulls and goats for meat and peace offering unto the Lord.

He took the blood of the animals, divided it into two. He put some on the altar that was built, and some in the basons. He read the words of the book again, the people responded that all that was written they will obey. Then, he sprinkled the book with the blood and on the people with this declaration: "Behold the blood of the covenant, which the Lord hath made with you concerning all these words".

The blood became the connection between God and the people. They are to obey all that was written as they agreed and were sanctified by the blood. From this point, God made a covenant with the people. After this, another significant event took place.

Then Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel climbed up the mountain. There they saw the God of Israel. Under his feet there seemed to be a surface of brilliant blue lapis lazuli, as clear as the sky itself. And though these nobles of Israel gazed upon God, he did not destroy them. In fact, they ate a covenant meal, eating and drinking in his presence! Exodus 24:9-11 NLT

Do you remember that God asked them to worship afar except Moses? But after the sprinkling of the blood, they went up. Not just Moses now, Aaron, Nadan, Abihu and seventy of the elders of Israel. The limitation was put off. They gazed on the Lord, nothing happened. They are and drank in his presence. The blood took care of the limitation. Glory!

Under this first covenant established by the blood of bulls and goats, the people were privileged to move closer to God and He didn't break out on them. The blood and the Spirit makes the difference. And for us in Christ Jesus, we are established upon the new covenant with better promises.

PRAYER

Thank you, Jesus for your sacrifice. Yours is the kingdom, glory, power, honor and majesty, forever and ever. Amen



FRIDAY, 24TH MARCH 2023

TOPIC: THE BLOOD AND THE SPIRIT II

TEXT: HEBREWS 9:22

And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. KJV

All things are purged with the blood by the law under the first covenant, which has now become the old covenant. By our study, we have realised that the first covenant came into play, so that the people can come close to God in worship and relationship. But they can't because of sin. But after the blood was sprinkled and the people agreed to do as commanded, they could go close to God.

The blood remit sin and when sin is removed, access to God is ensured. However, the people failed to hold unto their side of agreement under the first covenant. They didn't obey the words written in the book and the laws of God. They bridge the contract and God couldn't continue with it. Something else took place instead;

For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second. For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, When I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers In the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; Because they continued not in my covenant, And I regarded them not, saith the Lord. Hebrews 8: 7-9

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel After those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, And write them in their hearts: And I will be to them a God, And they shall be to me a people: And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, And every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: For all shall know me, From the least to the greatest. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, And their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more. In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away. Vs 10-13

God made a new covenant as the conditions of the first wasn't upheld by the people. He allowed that system to work for that time as a shadow of the real thing to come in Christ Jesus, where he would be able to put his law right in the hearts of men and not just in a book. And also, where it won't be by the ability of the individual to obey God's words, but by his capacity in them. He will teach everyone from the least to the greatest to know him. The blood of the new covenant make a huge difference. Be grateful for the blood of Christ Jesus.

PRAYER

Thank you, Jesus for your blood through which I have received the new covenant. Amen

SATURDAY, 25TH MARCH 2023

TOPIC: HIS BLOOD AND HIS SPIRIT

TEXT: HEBREWS 9:13

For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: KJV

how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? Hebrews 9:14 KJV

Hebrews 9:13 was a summary of the manner of cleansing God gave to Moses and Aaron. He described in Numbers chapter nineteen, how the people were to keep themselves clean through the water of purification and blood of animals. Anyone who is under sin or commit any transgression, inorder to come close and worship God again, must by the law be sprinkled with water and blood.

The writer of Hebrew pointed to this act under the law which preserve and cover the sin of the people as God's way to receive them for that time, which is the figure of the real thing to come. Now, how much more shall the blood of Christ purge the conscience of everyone who believes in God from dead works to serve him without fear of sin and condemnation?

The comparison is to reveal that if the blood of goat can cover sin for a while, then the blood of Jesus will do much more than just to cover sin. It takes away sin, remove the conscience of sin and purge the heart towards the service of God. Therefore, the blood of Christ with the Spirit of God are in union to establish the eternal work of God on earth.

Christ offered himself to God, through the eternal Spirit. The blood cannot be separated from the Spirit of God. Now you can safely draw a link between Christ' blood as a sacrifice for the sin of men and God's Spirit as the gift for all who receive and are under the new covenant.

He who is saved by the blood, is led by the Spirit. The blood of the New Testament is the Spirit of the new man under the New Testament. His blood and His Spirit are the identity of God's presence and power in the new man. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Thank you, Father. You split the sea so I can walk right through it and my feet are planted in perfect love. You rescued me, so I can stand and declare, that I am a child of God. Saved by your blood, renewed by your Spirit; led forth by the ever-abiding presence of the Holy Spirit. I am blood washed and spirit empowered. Amen



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SUNDAY, 26TH MARCH 2023

TOPIC: HIS ABIDING PRESENCE I

TEXT: HEBREWS 8:2

A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man. KJV

I will like to bring to your remembrance one of our study few days ago which centered on God's instruction to Moses and the people of Israel in building a sanctuary in order for him to dwell among them (Exodus 24:8). We established the desire of God to have a living relationship with the temple, which led to the instruction of the building. The sanctuary or tabernacle represented God's place to bare his presence as we study that the pillar of cloud and fire with the glory of God rested on the tabernacle.

The people approached the tabernacle with the attitude to meet with God. The building accommodated the presence of God. But before Moses and the people built the sanctuary, God gave a detailed description of how it should be built. Moses received an image of the building from God on the mount. God had the original image at heart, which Moses represented with a physical building on earth. (Exodus 25:40)

The true tabernacle will be that of God not the one Moses and the people built. Hebrews chapter nine explained the truth that the first tabernacle though, built with different partitions and elements to communicate the image of an heavenly tabernacle which was yet to manifest; it was to establish that the way to the Holiest of all has not yet manifest. But after Christ offering of his blood, He went right into the heavenly tabernacle not the earthly one built by Moses, where the people go to every year to make remission for their sins, the way to the holiest was flung opened.

Through Christ blood the real tabernacle was manifested. The presence of God moved out of the sanctuary that was built on earth. When Jesus died on the cross, the veil covering the holies of holies was torn which signify a new beginning. The blood of Christ is a new beginning where God sanctuary is not a physical building but in the heart of all men by His spirit. Our churches are a place of worship because we gather together in service to God. Each one of us are the church, the body of Christ. Thus, we do not despise our gathering.

Our gathering, is the manifestation of God's desire to build a sanctuary in order to dwell among his people. We are the reality of God's desire. Therefore, forsake not the assembly of the brethren. The church is the most powerful force on earth. By the spirit of God, we bear the ever-abiding presence of Jehovah. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Thank you, Jesus for your sacrifice. I am part of the body which is of God on earth. What a blessing to be a Christian. I am named with the name of Christ with all dignity and sanctity. Amen

MONDAY, 27TH MARCH 2023

TOPIC: HIS ABIDING PRESENCE II

TEXT: MATHEW 26:28

for this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. KJV

We have learned that there was an old covenant and a new was established because God find fault with the old. The old was ratified by blood because without the death of a testator, the testament can not hold. God instructed Moses to kill a goat, build an altar and sacrificed the animal on it. He sprinkled the book of the law with the blood of the animal in the basin and sprinkled the people with the blood as well. This was the blood of the Old Testament that stood as God's covenant with the people. And Moses declared these words saying;

And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD hath made with you concerning all these words. Exodus 24:8 KJV

The covenant came to force and effect by blood. In the same light, before Jesus died on the cross, he typified the essence of his blood at the Passover table. He took the bread and declared that it was his body broken for all likewise, he took the cup and declared it as the blood of the New Testament which was shed for many for the remission of sins. Remember, he was yet to be crucified, while he made these declarations. He established the New Testament effectiveness on his blood and death. His body was the embodiment of the sacrifice just as the lamb was killed under the first covenant.

Remember, that the cup and the bread was used by Jesus to interpret the essence of the Passover which the Israelites celebrated as instituted under the law and also to communicate a future event that will take place which is his death. So, the table is not where the power his but, in his death, and resurrection. His blood, which literally we didn't drink and his flesh that no one has ever eaten before are but an ensign of the spiritual force that we believed in.

When you declare Jesus as your Lord and saviour and believed in your heart that God raised him from the dead; spiritually, you have eaten the flesh of Jesus and drank his blood. Just as Jesus described in John 6:41-58. He is the living bread, and all who drink his blood and feed on his flesh has received eternal life and shall live forever. The mystery of that table is Christ death. We receive this reality by faith in Him. Hallelujah

PRAYER

Thank you, Jesus because your presence is ever in me. I stand by faith in all you have done, completed and perfected by your blood. My life is made new by the blood of the New Testament. This is the covenant with which I am joined to the only living God. I am saved and redeemed forever. Amen



TUESDAY, 28TH MARCH 2023

TOPIC: THE PASSOVER I

TEXT: EXODUS 12:11

And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the LORD 's passover. KJV

Yesterday, we learned that Jesus declared the new covenant based on his blood while he was yet alive. He changed the ordinance from the old covenant to a new one in his blood. Which hold a strong significance towards his death and resurrection. However, a very significant point we must note is the occasion that brought about the table where Jesus and his disciples took bread and cup.

Mathew 28:17-28, gave us the picture that occasioned the table. It was the celebration of unleavened bread which is carried out during the Passover. The table consist of the elements used in celebrating the feast during the Passover. Which is the unleavened bread with bitter herbs. The advent of the Passover is largely seen via the exodus of the children of Israel. A lamb was killed, and it's blood was sprinkled on the lintel to protect the children of Israel. But the Passover must go hand in hand with the eating of unleavened bread and bitter herbs as the drink. It is the Lord's Passover.

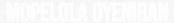
Specifically, Exodus 12:12-14 says; For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD. And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt. And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance forever. KJV

Just as they were commanded to keep the Passover ceremony and the feat of unleavened forever from one generation to another, Jesus observed the same command with his disciples in accordance with the law. But, during the feast, he gave meaning to the table. The unleavened bread signifies his body that will be broken for many and the cup is the blood of the New Testament that will be shed for the remission of the sins of many.

The lamb that was killed, whose blood became a protective garget for the children of Israel was to signify an all-encompassing and massive protection by the blood of the lamb of God. Jesus' blood is God's abiding presence to save from eternal destruction. Are you washed in the blood of the lamb?

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, I believe in the blood of the new covenant in your name shed for the remission of my sins. I confess you as my Lord and saviour. I am saved by the blood and God's presence and protection is over my life from now onward. Amen



WEDNESDAY, 29TH MARCH 2023

TOPIC: THE PASSOVER II

TEXT: EXODUS 13:9

And it shall be for a sign unto thee upon thine hand, and for a memorial between thine eyes, that the LORD's law may be in thy mouth: for with a strong hand hath the LORD brought thee out of Egypt. KJV

The lamb for the Passover was killed once, but the feast of the unleavened bread became an ordinance for the children of Israel to observe throughout their generation. It was an important and sacred feast. Strangers were not to partake except they be circumcised. They are to eat the bread for seven days with bitter herbs to celebrate the occasion of their exodus and the hand of God who ensured that death passed over them. (Exodus 12:43-48)

The bread must not be leaven, whoever eats a leaven bread will be put to death. The nature of the bread has so much significance, that the children of Israel obeyed it throughout their generation. It was sacred and holy. (Exodus 12:15) However, we learned that Jesus revealed that the bread and drink was all about him. The Passover in the blood was what he would do and become not just for the Israelites but the world at large. One of the revelation John, the Baptist gave about Jesus was the phrase "the Lamb of God, that take away the sins of the world' (John 1:29).

Isn't the plan of God and his purpose full of wisdom? He instituted an eternal sacrifice with a physical lamb through a set of people whom he chooses and separated with a covenant? The children of Israel were commanded to observe the feast and when their children demand for the significance of the feast, this must be their response:....It is the sacrifice of the LORD 's passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped. Exodus 12:27 KJV

The significance and message was their deliverance. They are to tell their children the message of salvation. They must narrate the miraculous act of God, who saved them from 430yrs of slavehood, dealt with their enemies and covered them from evil by the blood.

How do you regard your salvation in Christ Jesus? He is the Passover lamb, his body has been broken for you and his blood shed. The feast is about him. He died for you and rose to establish an eternal victory over sin and death. You are free from slave hood to the devil and sin forever. How much is this sacrifice of importance to you?

PRAYER

Jesus, thank you for your body and blood. My life is of no importance without you. I am eternally grateful for salvation. Amen

THURSDAY, 30TH MARCH 2023

TOPIC: CHRIST, OUR PASSOVER

TEXT: 1CORINTHIANS 5:7

Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: KJV

Christ is the Passover lamb. He has been sacrificed for us thus there is change of priesthood, a change of covenant and a different approach to the table. Yes, many still observe the communion literally, with bread and wine. It is fine if you eat with understanding of what it signifies. The reason with which the table was instituted has been fulfilled already. So, whether you eat a literal bread or not, that's insignificant. Christ' body is the bread and the cup is the blood of the new covenant. Which has been fulfilled in his death.

Therefore, the table is in his death, done and dusted. Every man is opened to receive the perfection of the finished work in his death and resurrection by faith. Such already partook of the table spiritually and eternally even if he never eat any physical communion as we celebrate in many churches. So, there is no offense in eating and there isn't when you don't eat. You as much a believer as the one who eats. Christ is the significance. His death and resurrection is the power!

However, something unheard happened between the Corinthians brethren. A brother took his father's wife. He committed such kind of fornication, and they never rebuked him. Apostle Paul came on board and gave a sharp rebuke with certain revelation in relation with the believer as an unleavened bread who must purge himself of every form of the old leaven that he might be a new lump.

I Corinthians 5:7-8 says: Purge out therefore the old leaven that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: therefore, let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. KJV

So, we can see the relationship and lifestyle that we as believers are expected to uphold by the reason of Christ, our Passover. We are to keep the feast of unleavened bread with our attitude of sincerity and truth. For all works of the flesh are old leaven. Our lives and conversation are the expression of the sacrifice of Christ. Therefore, let us live in honour unto Christ, our Passover who was sacrificed for us. Let us purge out every old leaven of wickedness and wrong behaviour. This is the real communion table. Your heart and attitude.

PRAYER

Thank you, Father. I ask that you help and uphold me to live in honour unto the sacrifice of Christ, my Passover in the way I coordinate my life and relate with others. I hold in high esteem the precepts of the Lord according to his words in Jesus' name. Amen

FRIDAY, 31ST MARCH 2023

TOPIC: ETERNAL REDEMPTION

TEXT: EXODUS 15:13

Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people which thou hast redeemed: Thou hast guided them in thy strength unto thy holy habitation. KJV

God delivered the children of Israel from the oppression of the Egyptians once and for all, never to return to Egypt. He led them through the wilderness in order to ensure that they do not find their way back to the land of bondage (Exodus 13:17-18). He redeemed their life from destruction and bare them up on the eagle's wing to inherit the land he promised to their Fathers. With all thoughtfulness and by the help of the Holy Spirit, we have learned the import of salvation and the leading of God's spirit through his acts with the children of Israel.

God led his people by his Spirit and he still does, especially, now, that we are in Christ Jesus. Remember, that the leading of God is of salvation, rest, and peace. The path might be gloomy but God has an intention. For the children of Israel, the wilderness is longer and full of challenges but God led them through that path, for their good. He met every of their desires, watched over them day and night and bring them to the land he promised.

Just as he did with them, our pillar of cloud and fire is the Spirit of God in us. He is our watch and guide till the end of time. Our advocate, comforter, counselor, stand by, intercessors and teacher. With the Holy Spirit's leading, we cannot miss out on all that God has prepared for us in Christ Jesus. But while he leads, we have the responsibility to follow, a step at a time.

Therefore, as we continue to fan to flame our relationship with the Lord in study and prayer, let us remember that we are in a lifelong project with eternal realities which transcend this world. Don't lose sight of who you are and what you have in Christ Jesus. Christ is our life and when he shall appear we shall appear with him in glory. (Colossians 3:3)

God led the children of Israel to his holy habitation, and we are God's own house, his building, his habitation. Jesus is the corner stone and by the spirit of God all believers are builded together as an holy habitation and a living temple in the Lord. We are the realities of the Israelites experience. In us, God's will is fulfilled. "It is finished'

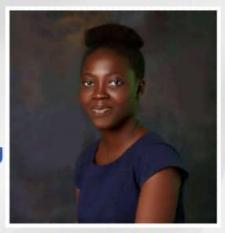
PRAYER

Thank you, Father. You redeemed and brought to peace in you. I have found Christ Jesus, my eternal redemption, life and peace. Here, I am, rejoicing in your promises and unfailing grace. For Christ has gone ahead of me, sitted at the right hand of the Father, making intercession for me. I look for him and I will see him as he is. Amen

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