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# FRIDAY, 1ST SEPTEMBER 2023

TOPIC: CRY UNTO THE LORD I

**TEXT: PSALMS 22:4** 

Our fathers trusted in thee: They trusted, and thou didst deliver them. KJV

It's the beginning of another thirty days of God's graciousness. How have you been? And how is your relationship with the Lord? I believe strongly that the Holy Spirit, the present helper has done and he's doing a good work in your life.

Last month was a blissful experience for me. We learned the importance of prayer, how to pray rightly and the truth that God hears when we truly call on him. This month isn't an exception, we will delve into God's provision for us as we look into the path where our Fathers walked, as we read in Exodus.

Their journey is a vivid example of God's deliverance out of bondage as a result of a people who cry to him for help. Since we learn the basis of prayer and praying last month, I find it an intentional act for God to take us deeper on this subject as our eyes will be unveiled to desire more of God's mighty hand in our lives and upon all that concerns us in Jesus' name. Amen

Our text; Psalms 22:4 is a testament of what God did for the Fathers of faith. The Psalmist declared that they trusted in the Lord and he delivered them. It won't suffice to know that they trusted in the Lord God, the next verse tells us the action they took as a result of their trust in him. Let's read; they cried unto thee, and were delivered: They trusted in thee, and were not confounded. Psalm 22:5 KJV

The fruit of their trust, was a cry unto the Lord. Surely, God delivered them and they were not put to shame. Exodus 2:23 says; And it came to pass in process of time, that the king of Egypt died: and the children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage. KJV

They cried unto the Lord. They poured out their pain and affliction before the only one who is able to save them from the claws of their task masters. Their cry came to the ears of the Lord. Can I encourage you this month to cry unto the Lord like you have never done before in your entire life? The beauty of this is that you don't need to be in a negative situation to cry unto the Lord, all that is required is the sense of a longing for God's grace and mercy over your life which has nothing to do with meeting physical needs alone.

Lift your voice unto the Lord of Saboath, who hears the cry of his saints. Give him no rest until your life becomes the channel through which his kingdom continually finds expression on earth.

#### PRAYER

Lord, thank you for a new month. I am grateful for your mercies. As I journey this month, pour upon me the grace to cry unto you because my life depends on your consistent help in Jesus' name. Amen

# SATURDAY, 2ND SEPTEMBER 2023

TOPIC: CRY UNTO THE LORD II

TEXT: PSALMS 22:8

He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him: Let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him. KJV

I am certain that the Lord is ready to pour upon many of us his abundance grace and unfailing love but there is need to cry out unto him. Man is made to need help from God. You ain't created to be self-sufficient and independent. God made you to need him, it was an intentional act of his sovereignty: this makes it difficult for any man to live a successful and fulfilled life outside of his worship of God.

At this point, can I ask that if you haven't make the decision to follow God whole heartedly till the end of your living on earth, you need to do it now. For it is written; In an acceptable time have I called you, in the day of salvation I have succored you. Now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation.(1Corinthians 6:2) God's arms is open to hear your voice as you cry to him for his grace out of the bondage of sin and destruction.

Dear child, God knows you and he loves you. Read what the Psalmist wrote about the reality of your life in Psalms 22:9-10; But thou art he that took me out of the womb: Thou didst make me hope when I was upon my mother's breasts. I was cast upon thee from the womb: Thou art my God from my mother's belly. KJV

You might not know it but God has been your help from your mother's belly. He also spoke in Isaiah 45:5: I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me: KJV

He has been your gird though you haven't walked with him or come to know him as expected. Can you turn to the Lord in prayer and cry; say after me; 'Lord Jesus, I have acted and walked in rebellion, I am full of pride and arrogance. I do not consider that you have been my help since you formed me in mother's womb. Forgive my sins Lord and have mercy upon my soul. Many are the wrong things that I have done but there is provision for my many sins in the blood of your son Jesus Christ'.

'Therefore, I desire a new beginning with you. I come to you in the name of your son Jesus Christ, in him I trust and confess that henceforth he has become my Lord and saviour. I believe in his death and resurrection for my justification. Thank you Jesus as you begin to work in my life by your Holy Spirit who regenerates my spirit in Jesus' name Amen.'

I am full of joy and welcome you into Christ, the Lord of your life. You have trusted in the Lord of Saboath and you can never be put to shame. Get a Bible and begin to study, ask that the Lord open your understanding to his words. Communicate to God in prayer and ask him to lead you to a church to fellowship with other believers. I call you blessed. Amen

#### PRAYER

Lord, I thank you for my life because you redeemed me out of destruction and I rejoice with others whom you have brought into the light and you will still bring in Jesus' name. Amen

# **SUNDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER 2023**

TOPIC: CRY UNTO THE LORD III

**TEXT: PSALMS 22:16** 

For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; Neither hath he hid his face from him; But when he cried unto him, he heard. KJV

What great relief to know that when a man cry to God for help and deliverance, God will hear. We serve a God who isn't like any other God. He positioned himself to be far above and different from the other gods. We don't have to live in denial that by the power of darkness some gods exist who intend to prove that they are the real God. However, scattered in the scriptures, we see how God proved over and over again that He is not like them and can never be compared to them. He is the only living and true God.

Clearly in Psalms 115:2-8 the supremacy of God over every other ones who positioned themselves as powerful and eternal was seen. It says;

Wherefore should the heathen say, where is now their God? But our God is in the heavens: He hath done whatsoever he hath pleased. Their idols are silver and gold, The work of men's hands. They have mouths, but they speak not: Eyes have they, but they see not: They have ears, but they hear not: Noses have they, but they smell not: They have hands, but they handle not: Feet have they, but they walk not: Neither speak they through their throat. They that make them are like unto them; So is every one that trusteth in them. KJV

Our God is in heaven, he is living and alive forever more! Hallelujah! Therefore, it is spiritually sensible for us to cry unto him because we are his children and he will always hear our cry. Our main text says that God, will not despise nor abhor the affliction of the afflicted, neither hath he hid his face from him. But when he cried unto him, he heard. If you will but cry unto the Lord, you can be certain that he will hear and answer.

Again we can learn from the afflictions of the children of Israel in the land of bondage, in Egypt. Exodus 1:14 says; and they made their lives bitter with hard bondage, in morter, and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field: all their service, wherein they made them serve, was with rigour. KJV In this situation, the people cried unto God.

They had no power to fight back; and even if they had, they couldn't have resisted the powers in Egypt. But there was a steady helper, the Lord of host is his name. They cried unto him. Don't be quiet even at this time, choose to turn to him who can help. Cry unto the Lord, he hears!

# **PRAYER**

Lord God Almighty, I choose to lift my voice unto you alone who has power to redeem me from every form of affliction and trouble. You who is able to give rest round about. I know you are able to save to the uttermost for I trust in your holy name. Have your way over my life in Jesus' name. Amen

# **MONDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

# TOPIC: CRY UNTO THE LORD IV

TEXT: PSALMS 25:16

Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; For I am desolate and afflicted. KJV

The steps you take when you are faced on every side with challenges or oppositions that is bigger than your capacity at the time is crucial to your victory. Many believers choose to complain, fight the human element involved or blame others. It would have been easy for the children of Israel to blame their ancestors in person of Jacob for coming to Egypt which cause them to become a victim of bondage. Rather, they choose to remember the many testimonies they have heard about the hand of God over them.

Just as we learned at the beginning of this month from Psalms 22:4 which says, **Our Fathers trusted**, **they trusted and thou dost deliver them**: This indicates that they were acquainted with the journey of their Fathers, who had a testament of God's promise upon their life. What is your first reaction in trouble? To cry unto God for help or to become totally incapacitated to pray for his direction?

I believe strongly that the content of their prayer was similar, if not in exact manner as the Psalmist declared in Psalms 34:16-20 saying;

Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; For I am desolate and afflicted. The troubles of my heart are enlarged: O bring thou me out of my distresses. Look upon mine affliction and my pain; And forgive all my sins. Consider mine enemies; for they are many; And they hate me with cruel hatred. O keep my soul, and deliver me: Let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in thee. Psalm 25:16-20 KJV

You can put these same words of prayer in your mouth as you seek the face of the Lord for his mercies and grace over your life and all that concerns you. God is faithful, he is able to fight your battles and give you victory beyond your understanding. If he has done it in the past, he will do it again. Remember that you are not wrestling against flesh and blood but against principalities and powers, the darkness of the world, spiritual wickedness in high places. The force of God is a strong army that is readily available to leap to action at your cry for help and deliverance.

Act in the understanding of who your Father is, He is a man of war, mighty to save and deliver. Cry unto him, he hears the affliction of the afflicted.

#### **PRAYER**

Father, you are the one who knows the end from the beginning, you call those things that be not as though they were. I rise in the understanding of your power and grace, asking that your presence overshadow my present experience. Give me victory in your name beyond description in Jesus' name.



# **TUESDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

TOPIC: CRY UNTO THE LORD V

**TEXT: PSALMS 34:4** 

I sought the LORD, and he heard me, And delivered me from all my fears. KJV

When we declare that our God is Omnipotent (all powerful), we are simply saying his power is above all. There are powers from other gods but the power of our God is beyond all. Therefore, we are not ignorant of the devices of the enemy. Don't live in the denial that when trouble comes there is a power to save and deliver.

You might find this too hard to believe but God delights in deliverance. Can you kindly read our text again? The simple truth from it is that, when you seek God for help, he will surely come through. When God recounted the afflictions and pain of the children of Israel before Moses, whom he called to be a conduit of salvation, who led them out of Egypt, He said;

And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows; and I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites Exodus 3:7-8 KJV

He said **I** know their sorrows and **I** have come to deliver. God is different from other gods. They can't utter this kind of statement which reveals a deep understanding of the situation. It's an eternal blessing to have a God who knows beyond what words can explain or describe. Therefore, he is not just omnipotent, he is omniscient (the all-knowing God). However, in his ability to know there is a provision for your willingness to seek him even though he knows because he created you with a \*will power\*. You have the ability to either choose him to be your deliverer or decide to shut him out of the process when you fail to cry to him.

Therefore, put your will in submission to his power. Seek him while he is near, call upon him while he may be found. When you seek him with all your heart, you will surely find him. There is no one who yearns for God's help in sincerity that God shut out to him not even an unbeliever. At the point that such a person acknowledge that he need the true God and began to cry to him for help, God will show up. Our heart knows when we truly seek the true God and his awesome power. We serve a living God, allow him prove his mightiness in your life every day.

# **PRAYER**

Thank you Father. For in you, I live, I move and I have my being. For all power in heaven and earth belongs to you therefore, I put my trust in you. I choose your name and the comfort of your presence, I cry out Lord, help me, and deliver me from all my fears in Jesus' name. Amen

# WEDNESDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER 2023

# TOPIC: CRY UNTO THE LORD VI

**TEXT: PSALMS 34:6** 

This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, And saved him out of all his troubles. KJV

The phrase **this poor man** doesn't connote a lack of financial strength. Biblical view of a poor man is different from its natural interpretation. This poor man means the man who has no help outside God. The one who has cast all his trust in the Lord. They one who is lowly and humble and in his affliction or trouble will choose to seek God's help.

When such poor man cry, the Lord will hear and deliver him from all his troubles. Pharaoh and his system of governance was an adversary or trouble to the children of Israel. A kind of trouble that is beyond their spiritual capacity. An adversary that proved himself in every sense to be a strong opposition to their progress both spiritually and physically. He was a terror to the extent of his commandment to have the Israelites male children killed. He went farther to multiply their task beyond that which is necessary. He was a god who feasted on the lives of the people.

However, they had a God who is bigger than Pharaoh. The one who is the kings of kings and the Lord of Lords. Mighty to save from destruction and able to deliver from fears, afflictions and trouble. All they needed to do is to cry to him. They did and was helped by the Lord of heavens armies. Regardless of your situation, God is able to come through beyond your imagination.

The Psalmist declared in Psalms 3:1-4 saying; LORD, how are they increased that trouble me! Many are they that rise up against me. Many there be which say of my soul, There is no help for him in God. But thou, O LORD, art a shield for me; My glory, and the lifter up of mine head. I cried unto the LORD with my voice, And he heard me out of his holy hill. KJV

Remember, humans in themselves are not your enemies. Whenever you are faced with challenges and it appear that it's as a result of a person's influence or the other, please, don't buy the physical package, there is an unseen hand. Plug into your spiritual eye sight to behold the real enemy. We have but an adversary; the devil, who walketh about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. He is always the enemy. His forces are influence over men who either by omission or commission make themselves available for his usage.

Therefore, pitch a tent with the enemy in the name of the Lord God of heaven. Cry to him and rebuke the works of darkness. Lay a demand on his mightiness and commit the victory to his hands. He will deliver you from all your fears and you will be glad you cry unto the Lord in sincerity.

# **PRAYER**

In the name of Jesus, I rebuke every hand work of the enemy over my life and all that is mine. I cast out every evil forces. There is no room for unwholesome influence around me and all that is mine. I declare that the angel of the Lord encamp around me with fire and I am shielded in God's mercies in Jesus' name. Amen

# THURSDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER 2023

TOPIC: CRY UNTO THE LORD VII

TEXT: PSALMS 34:15

The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, And his ears are open unto their cry. KJV

The face of the LORD is against them that do evil, To cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. Psalm 34:16 KJV

God expressed himself as a Savior and Deliverer whenever he is been called upon by his people. His eyes are upon the righteous and his ears are open to their cry. And his face is against them who do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. This statement was fulfilled on the Egyptians who were Israel's arch enemy.

Moses the man of God, referred to this mighty deliverance in Deuteronomy 24:6-8, saying;

and the Egyptians evil entreated us, and afflicted us, and laid upon us hard bondage: and when we cried unto the LORD God of our fathers, the LORD heard our voice, and looked on our affliction, and our labour, and our oppression: and the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great terribleness, and with signs, and with wonders: KJV

The testimony was that with mighty hand, outstretched arm, great terribleness, signs and with wonders, did God brought the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt. These adjectives qualified the manner at which God in his awesomeness dealt with the evil ones against his righteous ones. Truly, he cut off their remembrance out of the earth. It was a battle against his lordship and worship, God displayed that beside him there is no other.

Do not entertain fear when you are afflicted for a righteous cause. Rejoice, for your salvation draw near. God sees it and will come through speedily. He is the righteous defense for his people, a stable and abiding shield that cannot be penetrated by the wiles of the wicked. But be certain it is for a righteous cause that you are being afflicted not for a selfish or earthly strive that do not profit the kingdom of God.

You should cry to him, his ears are open to hear you and his eyes are upon you to recompense double to all who afflicts you.

#### **PRAYER**

Thank you Father. You are my defender and the strength of my life. I rest upon your unchanging grace and the power of your love. I commit my days before you, asking that you fight all my battles and express yourself as the mighty terrible one over my life in Jesus' name. Amen

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# FRIDAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER 2023

TOPIC: THE DELIVERER I

**TEXT: PSALMS 34:19** 

Many are the afflictions of the righteous: But the LORD delivereth him out of them all. KJV

He keepeth all his bones: Not one of them is broken. Psalm 34:20 KJV

The word of God established that as a righteous man (the man who is saved) your afflictions will be many. I am convinced that the man of God, Apostle Paul got the understanding of his declaration in 2Timothy 3:12 to describe his afflictions and challenges as he went about living in the honour of God from the book of Psalms, he said;

Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.2 Timothy 3:12 KJV

With godliness comes affliction and persecution. If you are truly living for God, expect many afflictions. Since it has been established by God's words, it is bound to take place, you can't avoid it. It might differ one from another but surely, you will face one difficult situation or the other because you are named with the name of Christ and are standing for his will on earth.

But the good news is that **The Lord delivers him out of them all, he keeps his bone, not one of them his broken.** What a privilege and a blessed life to be a righteous one. Irrespective of the intensity which makes up the affliction, the Lord will deliver. Therefore, as children of God, we aren't expected to fear affliction but rather focus our heart on the truth that our God delivers from affliction and he's able to keep us unscratched.

Apostle Paul testified to the deliverance of God, he said **But thou hast fully known my doctrine**, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me. 2 Timothy 3:10-11 KJV

Afflictions will arise as long as you serve God in all sincerity but the Lord will deliver. He is faithful to his children. He never forsake his elect, his people whom he purchased with his own blood. He is the everlasting Father, whose right arm is mighty to deliver. Therefore, in affliction, we should cry and lift our voice to him, just as he heard the cry of the Israelites in bondage, he will hear and come to save at the right time and in his own wisdom.

#### **PRAYER**

Thank you Lord. For you are mighty to save, my God is mighty to save. Forever, you are the author of salvation, I declare that you rose and conquer the grave, Jesus you won the victory and with this my life is a testament that you are alive forever. I receive strength to face trial, temptations and afflictions for your sake. For you will save me out of them all in Jesus' name. Amen.

# SATURDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER 2023

TOPIC: THE DELIVERER II

TEXT: PSALMS 37:10

For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: Yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be. KJV

Indeed God delivered the children of Israel out of Egypt with a mighty hand. Before this took place, he spoke through Moses to the children of Israel, while they were still under bondage:

Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments: and I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God: and ye shall know that I am the LORD your God, which bringeth you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. Exodus 6:6-7 KJV

You can refer to God as one who is mighty to save and deliver from bondage, siege, toil, trouble, and many other works of sin and darkness. He was willing and ready to save Israel, his people from the rulership of Pharaoh. The same way he is ever willing to deliver you from every form of oppression waging war against his reign over your spirit, soul and body. God will fight against whoever and whatever that seeks to take his Lordship over your life.

Pharaoh made himself a god over the children of Israel. He made their life bitter through the influence of the task master and increased their pain. The people cried unto the one who is able to save them from the wicked. God heard their cry and appear to their deliverance.

While the children of Israel was under bondage, they failed to listen to Moses. Their pain blindfolded their sight. They couldn't see salvation before them. All they saw was a multiplied process of pain. Exodus 6:9 says; And Moses spake so unto the children of Israel: but they hearkened not unto Moses for anguish of spirit, and for cruel bondage. KJV

When you get to the threshold where the word of God with his myraid promises become insignificant to you, be aware that you have allowed your pain to rule over your spirit. This will hinder you from beholding the way of salvation before you. Rise up and get back in faith. Speak to that challenge and affliction that your God is mighty to save.

Keep praying God's word and don't stop praying till you saturate your heart again with the awareness of God's power and presence. Challenges are examinations to promotions for the believer. It's not to break you but to mold you.

#### **PRAYER**

Thank you Lord because you are able to fight my battle and take charge of everything contrary to your will upon my life. I lift up my voice in faith, declaring that the plot of the wicked will not stand in my life and in the life of those around me in Jesus' name. Amen

# **SUNDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

TOPIC: THE DELIVERER III

TEXT: PSALMS 37:12

The wicked plotteth against the just, And gnasheth upon him with his teeth. KJV

Pharaoh believed that by increasing the burden of the children of Israel, he had successfully dissuade them from been able to listen to Moses and his message of salvation. But God was wiser. He is always a step ahead of the enemy. He had his plans intact thus he spoke to Moses in Exodus 6:1 when he complained that despite his appearance before Pharaoh with the message to let the people go, he has only succeeded in multiplying their pain.

Then the LORD said unto Moses, Now shalt thou see what I will do to Pharaoh: for with a strong hand shall he let them go, and with a strong hand shall he drive them out of his land. KJV

The Lord refused to make the process a quick fix. That won't be the best. He was willing to display his mightiness knowing that Pharaoh will let them go in a hurry after they had exonerate himself as the only living God above all the gods in the land of Egypt. Theologians accounted that each miracle stood for the name of each god/idol in the land of Egypt. Thus, the living God was committed to deliver his people with the message that he is the only living God, to be served and worshipped.

Thus, Psalms 37:12-15 described God's view about the Egyptians that the children of Israel didn't understood at first. Let's read;

The wicked plotteth against the just, And gnasheth upon him with his teeth. The Lord shall laugh at him: For he seeth that his day is coming. The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, To cast down the poor and needy, and to slay such as be of upright conversation. Their sword shall enter into their own heart, And their bows shall be broken. KJV

It might seems that God is taking longer than your expectation, can you trust that your Father will never come late. His plans are too perfect to become irrelevant to the times and seasons of this world. The world is nothing compared to God's overwhelming grace and mercy. The Lord will fight for you and you will hold your peace. Allow God to teach you the act of patience, perseverance: the ability to pray and fellowship with him outside a quick fix of material needs being met. Allow him to work his perfect will in your life in this season. He will not just come through to meet your desire but will show up to solidify your walk and relationship with him.

#### **PRAYER**

Thank you Father. I choose to trust your plan and purpose for my life. I might not understand clearly yet I choose to believe that you who knows the end from the beginning and calls those things that be not as though they were is more than able to settle all that seems confusing to my heart. I walk by faith and rest in your grace, now and ever in Jesus' name. Amen

# **MONDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

**TOPIC: THE DELIVERER IV** 

**TEXT: PSALMS 37:20** 

But the wicked shall perish, And the enemies of the LORD shall be as the fat of lambs: They shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away. KJV

The Egyptians did consume away like a smoke before the children of Israel. The Lord spoke to Moses in Exodus 14:1-4 of his plan to cause Pharaoh to follow after them down into the red sea that He might earn his glory over him. Verse 3&4 says;

For Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel, They are entangled in the land, the wilderness hath shut them in. And I will harden Pharaoh's heart that he shall follow after them; and I will be honoured upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host; that the Egyptians may know that I am the LORD. And they did so.

God fought for his people in order to establish himself as the only God that is above every other gods. He said that I might get me honor upon Pharaoh, and upon his host, that the Egyptians may know that I am the LORD. Thus, it's not just a physical battle, it's spiritual. It's a fight of 'who is the true God and LORD'. This is why all the plagues were important, God commanded Moses to perform each miracle as a display of lordship over the gods in Egypt with the message of salvation going forth. Before any plague, Moses would have appeared before Pharaoh and said to him. The God of Israel said let my people go that they might worship me

Therefore, it's a spiritual battle wherein God exonerate himself as the supreme deliverer of his people and the one who is above every other gods, for beside him there is no one else. Hence, the Egyptians followed after the children of Israel to the red sea, they sank as lead in the water. They were consumed like smoke for Moses spoke to the children of Israel with a word of assurance from the Lord saying;

...Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you today: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever. The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace. Exodus 14:13-14 KJV

Vengeance belongs to the Lord and he will recompense. Stop fighting and struggling with challenges alone. Let your heart turn to the Lord in sincerity. Allow him handle the situation as he deem fit. Turn it over to the Lord. Cast your burdens on the Lord for he will sustain you. It is a burden because you have no strength of your own to dissolve it. Let God help you, allow him!

# **PRAYER**

My Lord and my God, I quit fighting by my strength and power. My strategies have all failed. I come to the end of myself and cry out that you help me. I roll away this burden unto you, make the very best out of this situation. Appear to my deliverance and make haste to help me. Forsake me not oh God of my salvation. Render a recompense speedily in righteousness. Amen

# **TUESDAY, 12TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

TOPIC: THE DELIVERER V

**TEXT: EXODUS 14:18** 

And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten me honour upon Pharaoh, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen. KJV

The Lord does not fight a battle against his will on earth. It was imperative for God to supernaturally display his power and mightiness before Pharaoh and his host with his gods in the land of Egypt. It's a figure of salvation from the hold of sin, deliverance from bondage and freedom out of slave hood to serve the only living God. Thus, it's beyond the stories, it is a supernatural war with spiritual connotations.

Though, we have learn to read it literally like God killing people. It's more than that, it is God avenging for his redeemed ones and establishing his power to save and deliver from bondage. This reality is that which we have by faith in Christ Jesus. The Lord has fought against the hold of sin for everyone who believes in the death and resurrection of his only begotten son Jesus Christ. Such, is brought into freedom from the rulership of sin and death. And we can boldly say that God has fought for us against the enemy of our soul and we are bought by the precious blood of the lamb, without blemish and spot. Hallelujah!

However, before the children of Israel, being spiritually insensitive to the eternal work of God, they only perceived the physical reality of this deliverance. They saw the red sea parted by God's power, saw the Egyptians covered by the great water and rejoiced in God's salvation. They rejoiced in his love, grace and mercies towards them.

It is important that we recognize from the declaration of the Egyptians that God was the one who fought against them. This depicts that God took hold of his Lordship without been assisted by anyone. He proved himself as the Lord over all. Let's read;

And it came to pass, that in the morning watch the LORD looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians, and took off their chariot wheels, that they drave them heavily: so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the LORD fighteth for them against the Egyptians. Exodus 14:24-25 KJV

The Lord fought and he will not cease to fight when his people cry unto him in accordance to his will. Against whatsoever that might want to gain mastery over his lordship in your life, God will fight. He is not committed to fight for your selfish desires but for his honour and glory especially as touching salvation of souls. God fights!

# **PRAYER**

Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered. Let those who despise him be put to shame. Let his power and might be expressed as the only true God who make man after the counsel of his will. Arise oh God and express your victory over the souls of men. Let there be deliverance from sin and destruction, let prison doors be opened and let captives be set free. Arise oh God and let your enemies be scattered in Jesus' name. Amen

# WEDNESDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER 2023

**TOPIC: THE DELIVERER VI** 

**TEXT: PSALMS 94:16** 

Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? Or who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity? KJV

Allow me to rephrase the text above. Who can defend you and take your side when all things are against you? What help do you have? The Psalmist gave response to the question asked with a perfect knowledge. Verse 17 says;

Unless the LORD had been my help, My soul had almost dwelt in silence. KJV

It is only the living God who is a sure and steadfast help that can deliver you. If God had not save the children of Israel from the hand of the task master, who could have save them? If God didn't discomfit the chariots and horses of the Egyptians amidst the red sea, such that they cried out **Let us flee from the face of Israel, for God fights for them,** who could have plead the cause of his people in this manner? May God fight for you! May you never be helpless all the days of your life.

The Israelites were powerless and helpless congregation without God who rose up as their help. He heard their cry in the midst of their affliction and came to save his people from the hand of Pharaoh and his host. He stood as the mighty man of war and wrought wonders in Egypt, with strong arm and outstretched arm did he brought his people out of bondage. He was their help.

The victory was mind blowing that they sang and rejoice before the Lord. The lyrics of their songs, further established the might and help of God. Let's read;

Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the LORD, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously: The horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea. The LORD is my strength and song, And he is become my salvation: He is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; My father's God, and I will exalt him. **The LORD is a man of war: The LORD is his name**. Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea: His chosen captains also are drowned in the Red sea. The depths have covered them: They sank into the bottom as a stone. Exodus 15:1-5 KJV

Isreal recognised the only help they had when the enemy rose up against them. The Lord who is the man of war, his name is LORD. He is above all other gods. Will you recognise and turn to him as the only help for your life? Look not unto another. The Lord is a man of war!

#### **PRAYER**

Lord, I have no help elsewhere, if you do not plead my cause, no one will. I recognise you as my help that cannot get tired or weary. You are a man of war, fight for me in accordance to your will against all odds and hindrances to the glory of your name in Jesus' name. Amen

# THURSDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER 2023

**TOPIC: THE DELIVERER VII** 

TEXT: PSALMS 94:21

They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, And condemn the innocent blood. KJV

Confidence is built with the assurance that there is a help beyond the reason to fear. Do you remember that the children of Israel murmured against Moses when they saw the Egyptians coming after them and were faced with the red sea ahead of them? They said to Moses, isn't it better for us to die in Egypt than for you to bring us to perish in the sea. They were yet to discover the help ahead of them. I pray for you, may your eyes be open to see God's provision of help for your life in Jesus' name.

Moses turned to the Lord and he said to him; "....Wherefore criest thou unto me? Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward:" Exodus 14:15 KJV

The red sea has become a dry land before the Lord yet the people haven't seen it. What they saw was the host of Egypt that was gathered against them. Psalms 94:22-23 says;

But the LORD is my defence; And my God is the rock of my refuge. And he shall bring upon them their own iniquity, and shall cut them off in their own wickedness; Yea , the LORD our God shall cut them off. KJV

The Children of Israel at this point, failed to recognise God as their defence who will bring upon the Egyptians their iniquity and cut them off. However, by the end of that day, their song changed and they could declare that the Lord is their strength and song, He is become their salvation. They boldly referred to him as the man of war and that he is truly a deliverer.

What are your declaration and confession about God? Do you know that he is a man of war and he's mighty to save even when the situation appears hopeless and deteriorated physically? Look not on what can be seen but on what is unseen. See God and his faithfulness to show up in his time. Simply trust in him and refuse to consider those who gathered against his will for your life.

God fights in accordance to his plans and purposes. He won't engage in selfish battles, he fight that his glory might be proclaimed and his Lordship might be accepted before men. Trust in him who is the Lord and the man of war.

#### **PRAYER**

Thank you Father because you plead the cause of the helpless and render a recompense to the enemy of their soul. I am not without help for you are able to bring me to a place of rest against all odd. I ask that you display your mightiness over the situation that contend with your lordship over my life in Jesus' name. Amen

# FRIDAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER 2023

**TOPIC: THE DELIVERER VIII** 

**TEXT: PSALMS 37:34** 

# The wicked watcheth the righteous, And seeketh to slay him. Psalm 37:32 KJV

The LORD will not leave him in his hand, Nor condemn him when he is judged. Psalm 37:33 KJV

The wickedness of Pharaoh and his host perished with them. Their intention to overthrow the camp of the children of Israel (God's righteous ones) was defeated through the mighty hand of God, who troubled their chariot in the midst of the sea. Two days ago, we studied the lyrics of the song of deliverance, and can truly point out that the people understood the hand of God upon them as the one who is mighty to save and as the living God who fought their battle. They declare that **The Lord is a man of war: the Lord is his name (**Exodus 15:3)

In the same light, as they sang unto the Lord and rejoiced for his victory, they acknowledged that it is the Lord who slay the Egyptians and ensured that they were overthrown in the red sea let's read Exodus 15:4-6;

Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea: His chosen captains also are drowned in the Red sea. The depths have covered them: They sank into the bottom as a stone. Thy right hand, O LORD, is become glorious in power: Thy right hand, O LORD, hath dashed in pieces the enemy. Exodus 15:4-6 KJV They ascribed their victory over the wickedness of the wicked as the instrumentation of God's right hand. Thus, they sang boldly saying "Thy right hand oh Lord hath dashed the enemies in pieces" Their submission was that God's right hand fought for them and dashed the enemy (Pharaoh and his chariots) in pieces.

Exodus 15:7-8 revealed the depth of their understanding. The Children of Israel knew that the battle is not all about them but God, who expressed his excellency and displayed the eternal truth that He is the Lord above all God. Thus, it was God fighting against his enemies, not theirs. Let's read;

And in the greatness of thine excellency thou hast overthrown them that rose up against thee: Thou sentest forth thy wrath, which consumed them as stubble. And with the blast of thy nostrils the waters were gathered together, The floods stood upright as an heap, And the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea. Exodus 15:7-8 KJV

The victory was theirs but was given by God who overthrown them who stood up against him. The redemption was the Lord, who with his right hand brought forth his people from bondage to the rulership of other gods. You can trust his right hand which is glorious in power to arise for your deliverance from whatever that seems to put your soul in captivity. God will fight for your deliverance and your heart will become peaceful with songs of victory.

#### **PRAYER**

Lord, in your mightiness stand against whatever power that might want to rule over me or my family against your will for our lives. Plead our cause and judge the works of wickedness in and around me in Jesus' name. Amen

# SATURDAY, 16TH SEPTEMBER 2023

**TOPIC: THE DELIVERER IX** 

**TEXT: PSALMS 37:35** 

I have seen the wicked in great power, And spreading himself like a green bay tree. Psalm 37:35 KJV

Yet he passed away, and, lo, he was not: Yea, I sought him, but he could not be found. Psalm 37:36 KJV

The above text is definitely the testimony of the children of Isreal even as they sang the song of victory. Pharaoh and his host are like the wicked who seems to spread like a green bay tree, alas! just in a day, they passed away and was not. They sought them and they could not be found. Just as Moses declared before the people at the sea, saying;

....Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you today: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever. Exodus 14:13 KJV

Truly, they saw them no more. They were conglead in the sea and sank as lead in the water. Contrary to the thoughts of Pharoah and his Chariots, they intend to overthrow the Israelites and bring them back to captivity as seen in Exodus 15:9, let's read; The enemy said, I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; My lust shall be satisfied upon them; I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them. KJV

However, the children of Israel through the song of deliverance also established that their thoughts to pursue and overtake was upturn by the Lord, who fought for them. Let's read; Thou didst blow with thy wind, the sea covered them: They sank as lead in the mighty waters. Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like thee, glorious in holiness, Fearful in praises, doing wonders? Thou stretchedst out thy right hand, The earth swallowed them. Exodus 15:10-12 KJV

The declaration in verse 11 is the peak of the revelation that God indeed expressed that there is none like him among other gods and he is able to do wonders. Thus, the battle was about Him and other gods. God truly differentiated between himself and his supremacy over other gods. He redeemed his people out of submission to other gods.

God does wonders. He has not stop doing wonders to express that beside him there is no other. You can ask him to do wonders in your life by sustaining your life and that of many others in his mightiness and praise of his holiness.

#### **PRAYER**

Lord, I ask that you do wonders in my life by the power of your holiness, that I will in turn teach men that God is fearful in praises and none is to be compared like unto him. That with my lips I will tell of your wondrous works before the sons of men in Jesus' name. Amen

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# SUNDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER 2023

TOPIC: THE DELIVERER X

**TEXT: PSALMS 37:38** 

But the transgressors shall be destroyed together: The end of the wicked shall be cut off. KJV

But the salvation of the righteous is of the LORD: He is their strength in the time of trouble. And the LORD shall help them, and deliver them: He shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him. Psalm 37:39-40 KJV

I need you to patiently read the texts above and meditate upon it. You will agree with those words spoken by the inspiration of God through the mouth of the Psalmist that it was indeed the experience of the children of Israel. The wicked (Pharaoh and his host) were cut off and on the other hand, God became the song and salvation of the children of Israel. In their trouble the Lord God of their Fathers was their strength.

He helped them and saved them out of the hand of him who was too strong for them. He delivered them from the hands of their enemy, he did this because they trusted in him. While Moses ministered before the people, to fear not but to stand still and behold the salvation of God, they hearkened unto his voice, he parted the sea by God's mighty power and they walked in the midst of the sea on the dry land by faith in God's mightiness, who work the great wonder for them.

God is a deliverer. By now your heart should be clear of every form of doubt. His deliverance cut across the invisible world and against the power that your physical eyes cannot see. The power of the Lord beyond the physical representation of Pharaoh and his host, is the hidden and sealed agenda which makes it important for God to work his mightiness in the land of Egypt even to the death of their first born.

The Lord God displayed that He is the God above all other gods. Just as they sang "Who is like unto thee oh Lord? Among the gods, who is like thee? Glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders". We all can faithfully answer the question in this song that no one is like unto our God, who is fearful in praises and does great wonders that is beyond comprehension.

Your God, my Lord, is a wonder working Father. He delights in doing wonders that will silence the works of the darkness. Give no rest to any work of the wicked around you. Call upon the Lord, who delivers with his outstretched arm. He will displace the wicked and enthrone his supremacy without fail.

#### **PRAYER**

I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised and so shall I be saved from my enemies. The Lord reigneth, blessed is my rock and the horn of my salvation is exalted. With my mouth will I speak of your great works among the children of men in Jesus' name. Amen

# **MONDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

TOPIC: HE REDEEMED HIS PEOPLE

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

In the words of the song of victory, sang by the children of Israel as led by Moses and Miriam; they referred to all that took place as God's redemption. They call it God's power that led them out of the land of bondage, haven redeemed them from the hands of the wicked. And it didn't end with this, they understood that He by his strength led them out and redeemed them to lead them into his holy habitation.

Thus, they knew what journey lies ahead of them, though not all of them have this understanding and not in totality. For when they were about to leave Egypt in haste, some others who were not the children of Israel joined themselves with them. Let's read Exodus 12:38; And a mixed multitude went up also with them; and flocks, and herds, even very much cattle. Exodus 12:38 KJV

A mixed multitude went out with them. These were the set of people who influenced most of the rebellion that took place within the children of Israel against God and Moses his servant. However, this doesn't stop the work that God had done and that which he did even as he led them forth in the way in the wilderness.

Isaiah 48:17 declared the thoughts of God towards his people, saying; Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go. KJV

He redeemed and led them to a holy habitation. Therefore, the journey that is ahead can only be done by his direction and leadership. Their submission to him determine the extent at which their journey will be successful. Of course, we have the knowledge that many of them were overthrown in the wilderness, they did abominable things and their hearts went backwards to slavehood and time spent in Egypt so much that they demanded Aaron to make them another God and declared that it is their God who brought them out of the land of Egypt.

We cannot afford to follow their steps in this manner as the redeemed of the Lord. The word of the Lord instruct that we go forward in strength and grace even as we are made his habitation. In Christ Jesus, we are built up as a holy habitation by the Spirit of God. (Ephesians 2:22) Therefore, I say to you remain steadfast and follow the good shepherd. He is your redeemer, the mighty one of Jacob.

#### **PRAYER**

Thank you my Lord and my God. I walk in your light as you are the Light. I follow your direction as you are my shepherd and your voice I will listen to. Help me and uphold me with your right hand of righteousness in Jesus' name. Amen

# **TUESDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

TOPIC: IN HIS REDEMPTION I

**TEXT: PSALMS 81:8** 

Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee: O Israel, if thou wilt hearken unto me; Psalm 81:8 KJV

We learned yesterday that God redeemed his people to lead them into his holy habitation. There is a specific purpose for their redemption. God desires to have a people who are his, in whom he will be their Lord, and God. Israel was acknowledged as God's first born. While God spoke to Moses to meet with Pharaoh before they were consumed in the sea, his message was clear; let's read;

And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel is my son, even my firstborn: and I say unto thee, Let my son go, that he may serve me: and if thou refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay thy son, even thy firstborn. Exodus 4:22-23 KJV

Israel have a special place before the Lord and He indeed stood as their redeemer. However, his instructions while they came out of Egypt was to serve him even as he led them in the way that they should go. However, Israel struggled with following God whole heartedly. Specifically, the Lord warned them against idols and the worship of other gods as it will turn their hearts away from him. Yet, the people mixed with other nations and began to live contrary to the will of God.

Psalms 81:8-10 established God's instruction towards his people. He demanded that they worship no other God beside him. Let's read; Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee: O Israel, if thou wilt hearken unto me; there shall no strange god be in thee; Neither shalt thou worship any strange god. I am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: Open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it. Psalm 81:8-10 KJV

Thus in their redemption is the need to hearken unto the Lord who redeemed them from bondage and follow him wholeheartedly. Their obedience to his instruction is important and their separation unto him as a holy people, sanctified by the mighty God was a keen instruction that they shouldn't joke with. Why did the Lord gave these instruction to his people haven redeemed them?

The Lord knew what is ahead and would save them from being afflicted by the enemy. Thus, he gave them instruction to keep them under his everlasting arms. I will like you to know that the same instruction surrounds our worship of God in Christ Jesus. Apostle Paul declared as an instruction in Ephesians 5:1 saying "Be ye therefore followers of God as dear children". The redeemed of the Lord must continue to follow God, who saved them for himself. How are you following the Lord, your God? In obedience or disobedience?

#### **PRAYER**

Lord, thank you for redeeming me from sin and destruction. Though the sorrow of deaths and ungodly men compassed me about but you have delivered me out of them all. Please, help me to follow you wholeheartedly, without any reservations in Jesus' name. Amen

# WEDNESDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER 2023

#### TOPIC: IN HIS REDEMPTION II

TEXT: PSALMS 81:11

# But my people would not hearken to my voice; And Israel would none of me. KJV

So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lust: And they walked in their own counsels. Psalm 81:12 KJV

The Lord testified against his people that their obedience to him and followership was incomplete. They didn't listen to the Lord who hath saved them. They disregarded him and lived as though they were never saved. The Lord gave them up to the lust of their heart and they walked in their own counsel. This simply means that God withheld his hand to lead and his spirit to direct. They became helpless and began to live under the direction and leadership of the flesh.

Therefore, we can safely say that sin began to rule them even though they were physically delivered from affliction and oppression. However, within them, their lives was out of God's will and direction. What a pitiable state to live in! May you not walk outside God's help and his will for your life in Jesus' name. Why are we studying Israel's walk with the Lord? 1Corinthians 10:11 says; now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. KJV

Their walk with God is for our examples, that we will learn how not to walk with the Lord and how to walk with him in truthfulness. Apostle Paul with this knowledge acknowledged in Galatians 5:16 saying; This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. Galatians 5:16 KJV

He was simply saying that it takes the direction of the Holy Spirit for the man who is redeemed to live a successful life and live outside the rulership of the flesh (the flesh here is not your physical body, but desires, thoughts, system and influences that are independent of God's will, his words and commandment). Israel failed to hearken to the Lord and he left them alone. They became a prey to their desires and lust without the ability to say no to evil. They committed every form of sin and abomination you can think of. When a man refuses to listen to God's instruction written in his word for his life, he will eventually become a prey to the enemy.

Don't live a life outside the rulership of God's spirit and instructions. In your redemption is a life that cannot function outside God's will. Apostle Paul declared; I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless, I live; yet not I but Christ liveth in me: **The life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me** (Galatians 2:20). You must recognise that you are incapable to direct your redeemed life in Christ Jesus. It is not of you but of him. Submit and hearken to God wholeheartedly.

#### **PRAYER**

Lord, help me to walk in the Spirit daily, in all my endeavors and interaction. I ask that you empower me to be conscious that my life in you is wholly yours and can only be directed by your help. May I not live independent of your power and grace in Jesus' name. Amen

# THURSDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER 2023

TOPIC: IN HIS REDEMPTION III

**TEXT: PSALMS 81:13** 

Oh that my people had hearkened unto me, And Israel had walked in my ways! KJV

Haven broken the gates of brass and cut his people's iron in sunder, they failed to walked before the Lord, who redeemed them out of destruction in absolute obedience. The heart cry of God towards his people is to have them hearken to his instruction. Just as a Father, the Lord God exclaimed that his people failed to give heed to his voice.

The Prophet Isaiah spoke of Israel's short comings before the Lord, who saved them from destruction in chapter 48:18; O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea: KJV

God can not lie! If Israel had walked in the way he expected them to follow him, there would have been no need for such record which span through the words of the scriptures. Yet, we must realise that God's outcry and desire has not change. His marvelous hands his always hindered and rendered ineffective when the people who are named by his name failed to give heed to his words and ways.

There is a way to walk and please the Lord and believers must not only recognise this truth, but must seek to learn this way and live in submission to God. The Lord testified that if his people had hearkened to his commandment haven redeemed them from the house of bondage and the hand of the enemies, then they would have had peace like a river and experience the righteousness that comes from the Lord which is liken to the waves of the sea. In simple terms, He was saying that redemption is only the basic work of his hands, the call to follow and learn of his commandment afterwards is germane. It ensures eternal peace and abundant righteousness.

Psalms 81:14 also affirmed this truth, it says; I should soon have subdued their enemies, And turned my hand against their adversaries. KJV. This indicates that the adversary is still around the corner, if Isreal had hearkened to the Lord, their God, he will utterly subdue their enemies. And we can testify that after the victory at the red sea, there was still a land of Canaan to possess, wherein lies different nations whom they fought with on their way to possess the land. And even in the land, were children of Anak, whom they described as giants.

Apostle Peter wrote in the same light saying; **Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.** The believer can only preserve the victory of his redemption as he walk in obedience with God. He also said, we can defeat the adversary, when we resist him steadfast in the faith. Faith is a result of God's words and his words is only potent on the lips of the man who lives in submission to it. (1Peter 5:8-9) How is your walk with the Lord?

#### PRAYER

Lord, I cry out for your help, please help me to live in submission and obedience to your will at all times. Teach me how to walk in the light of your word by the power of your spirit in Jesus' name. Amen

# FRIDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER 2023

TOPIC: IN HIS REDEMPTION IV

**TEXT: 1THESSALONIANS 4:1** 

Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more. KJV

The consistency on the need to learn how to walk with the Lord in the way that please him spans through God's words and the Apostles did not fail to upbraid the Church of God regarding this truth. The Congregation of the children of Israel in the wilderness as they journeyed under the leadership of Moses can be likened to the Church or body of redeemed People, with whom God gave his commandments inorder that they might learn to know him and inherit the land which he promised them. Thus, just as the children of Israel, the believer is God's own redeemed people, whom he bought with the incorruptible and precious blood of the Christ. (1Peter 1:18-19)

God's desire towards Israel is still his instruction for us. That we will hearken to his voice and learn to live as it is pleasing in his sight. Let's read through Apostle Paul exhortation to the church in Thessalonica as he spoke to them, affirming that they have taught them how they ought to walk and please the Lord. Read carefully; For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, even your sanctification that ye should abstain from fornication: that every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God: 1 Thessalonians 4:2-5 KJV

That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified. For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness. He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit. 1Thessalonians 4:6-8 KJV

Apostle Paul established that through the knowledge of the Lord Jesus and his words, his commandment stands perfect. The Church is to walk in holiness as it is the calling of God. Holiness which cut across their interaction with men, not involving in sexual immorality and also their dealing with their brethren. God called his people in holiness and none is expected to despise this instruction because he gave the Church (every believer) his Holy Spirit that we might live a life pleasing before his sight.

Therefore, we can establish that the way to walk and please the Lord is to walk in holiness by the power of the Holy Spirit which is given to us as the redeemed of the Lord. Holiness is first our calling in Christ before we are empowered to bear its fruits as a way of life and character. Thus, it will be a misappropriation of order when we seek to live out the fruits of holiness without acknowledging and submitting to the power of God's spirit by whom we are called into God's holiness.

# **PRAYER**

Lord, I acknowledge that outside the help of your Spirit, I am but a sinful man, whose step is racing down to hell. Help me to acknowledge that it is only by the power of the Holy Spirit that I can bear the fruits of righteousness before you, who has called me into your holiness in Jesus' name. Amen

# SATURDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER 2023

#### TOPIC: IN HIS REDEMPTION V

**TEXT: LEVETICUS 19:2** 

Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy: for I the LORD your God am holy. KJV

Yesterday, we established from the knowledge of God's words that there is a defined and distinct path laid down by God for his children to walk and please him. This established pattern of how to live and please the Lord was instituted with the children of Israel since the Lord called Abraham (the Father of faith) and gave him a promise whilst he made a covenant with him that span through the generation after him (the children of Israel). This promise is written in Genesis 17:7; And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. KJV

Therefore, there is a commitment on the part of God towards the seed of Abraham to be their God. An everlasting covenant to lead and guide everyone who follow in the steps of the faith of Abraham (all believers not just the children of Israel) was made by God. Thus, when God led the children of Israel out of Egypt to lead them to the Promised Land, he began to tend them as his sheep. He led them in the way that they should go and taught them the essence of their identity in him. He commanded them not to behave like other nations, not to have an inter marriage with them, not to serve their God of stones and wood, not to defile themselves with mankind and sexual immorality as other nation because they are people of covenant, separated unto him from the loins of their Fathers.

Thus, they are holy (separated, sanctified, choosen to serve the Lord God of heaven), they can't behave like other nations. This is the basis of holiness and sanctification which led to the instruction of what to do and not to do. Therefore, holiness is hinge on God and his identity that become that of a man before it is communicated as a way of life. This understanding back up the written commandment **Be holy, for I the Lord, your God is holy.** It means walk as I have chosen you to be. Live by your identity in me. Follow me because I am the Lord your God and you have been separated unto me. My nature is holiness, the same I have given to you to live as I am.

The Apostle Paul understood this revelation and was bold to instruct the believers as we learned in 1Thessalonians 4:2-8 that everyone must know how to possess his vessels in sanctification and honour. Abstaining from fornication and not just this, anything that defiles our relationship with God. You and I are a people saved in God's holiness, we have his nature and by this we live in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life. It's a life to live because we are born of a God who is holy. Dear redeemed of the Lord, be holy, for the Lord our God is holy.

# **PRAYER**

Heavenly Father, help me to live not in a lie. I am born of you which means that I have your nature in me. As it is not hard for a fish to swim in the river, it can't be hard for me to live in holiness because it is my natural habitat. Regardless of the deceit and gimmicks of the devil, I walk in the supernatural strength and enablement by the Spirit of God to live a holy life in Jesus' name. Amen

# **SUNDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

TOPIC: IN HIS REDEMPTION VI

**TEXT: EPHESIANS 1:4** 

According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: KJV

There is a definite understanding we must possess as believers towards our sanctified life in Christ Jesus. We must learn that sanctification is first our position in the Lord before it become a consistent way of life. The same it is for holiness. We are called God's holy people first, as an identity and a position in the Lord before it become a way of life to be followed and lived daily as we continue to walk with the lord. Which will mean that if we haven't been chosen by God, who is holy, we can't simply be commanded to live a holy life. Also, if we have not been separated (sanctified) unto God who choose us and called us in Christ Jesus, we can't receive the instruction to live a separated life unto him.

I love the expression of this understanding by Apostle Paul as he wrote to the church in Ephesus. Please read carefully; "Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus: grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: according as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will" Ephesians 1:1-5 KJV

It is God who choose us in Christ Jesus to be holy and without blame as we stand before him in Christ Jesus. He predestined everyone who expresses their faith in Christ to be adopted as his children which is in accordance to the good pleasure of his will. Therefore, God's will and plan is to adopt everyone outside the children of Israel by Christ Jesus through faith as holy and without blame (sin). This was the same promise he made to the children of Israel through Moses in Exodus 19:5-6 saying;

Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: and ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

A holy nation and a kingdom of priest was God's will for everyone who will bear his name and come under his lordship. Therefore, God is bold to say to you be holy for I am holy because he has redeemed you with a will to be his holy people. A kingdom of priest in his righteousness.

#### **PRAYER**

Thank you Father, for I know who I am. I am saved, redeemed, bought with the precious blood of the lamb, called a holy nation, a peculiar people and a kingdom of priest. Choosen before the foundation of the world to live in holiness and without blame before you in love. I am empowered to live in the light of my identity in Christ Jesus. Amen

# **MONDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

#### **TOPIC: IN HIS REDEMPTION VII**

**TEXT: 1PETER 1:14** 

as obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: KJV

But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy. 1Peter 1:15-16 KJV

It is of a truth that the reality of our identity in redemption in accordance to the personality of God, spans through the scriptures. Apostle Peter just as Apostle Paul, also wrote to the saints in the church to live in the light of their identity.

He said; "as obedient children (which means children of God, who have become new creation, born by the working of the Holy Spirit, having faith in Christ Jesus and have put on the new man who is renewed in the image of him that created him. Who have become obedient to the gospel and are living even as they continue to learn to walk in the truth of God's words), do not live any longer or pattern your life in lust as you were, when you knew nothing about God (ignorance of the way of life and truth)".

But as God, the Holy one, who called you into his grace by his son Jesus and has also called you with a holy calling; become separated unto him in every aspect of your life because it is written, Be holy; for I am holy.

Therefore, the command to be holy is given as a result of God's holiness. Your ability to live a holy life is anchored on God, who redeemed you from all sin and iniquity unto himself. Thus, you bear his image and likeness. Becoming as holy as he is. Holiness is first your nature in the God who is holy. It is upon this reality that you are empowered by the power of his spirit to order your life and conversation in holiness.

Which leads us to the truth that in deeds that shows holiness, you won't be perfect. You will make mistakes, commit errors and sins. Yet, this doesn't change the truth that you have been separated unto God. It only shows that you are yet to be matured. Like a child you must grow up. Many has failed to understand this simple difference and are quick to judge their actions as same as their identity in the Lord.

Just as Apostle Paul addressed certain brethren in the Corinthian Church, who have been saved and are saints (holy), but their actions towards one another present them as carnal (people who are babies in actions and are living as though they have not been saved) 1 Corinthians 3:1. You are holy because God is holy however, by learning how to walk and please the Lord, you begin to live out the character that is separated unto the lord, which requires growth and maturity over time.

#### **PRAYER**

Thank you Father. I am separated as holy unto you. Because You, who have called me is holy, therefore, I am holy. Teach me to live as one whose life is indeed delivered from the disobedience in this world. Help me to follow the instructions on how to live and interact with others daily in your word in Jesus' name. Amen

# **TUESDAY, 26TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

**TOPIC: IN HIS REDEMPTION VIII** 

**TEXT: LEVETICUS 11:44** 

For I am the LORD your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I am holy: neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. KJV

The Lord spoke through Moses to the children of Israel against certain things that will physically pollute their outward consecration to him as other nations have done, who has either make these things a form of idol worship or a god to them. The Lord established that the Israelites are separate people with a holy covenant: who have a living God as their Savior, by leading them with certain instruction which put a difference between their belief, their way of worship, their dealings with each other and their daily conduct.

When you read the text above carefully, you will realise that the Lord asked them to separate themselves and walk in holiness because he is holy not because they were holy. Thus, whatever they will do outwardly is as a result of their God. The Lord God, who saved them from destruction is the primary determinant of their outward actions. Then, the Lord said, they should not defile themselves with any manner of creeping things because he who called them is holy and they are to walk or live in his holiness.

Therefore, the outward expression of holiness in character, habit, mindset, decision, thoughts, interaction and a daily walk with the Lord has its root in the Lord not in ourselves. The moment the attention is shifted from God to ourselves, our piety is defeated.

This is when we begin to exonerate ourselves above others and will be bold to point to others as unholy in actions while we see ourselves as the most holy. This isn't the purpose of an outward separation to God, which is beyond dressing in a manner of way but the expression of love, kindness, goodness, patience, self-control and many of such fruits of the Spirit. (Galatians 5:22)

Holiness in action is to express God in living. It is to exemplify characters that give room for the will of God in relationships and decisions. It is to cultivate a mindset that truly depict the things that pleases God, such as oneness, unity, togetherness, love for others, forgiveness and many more. In holiness, God is the focus, not you. This is the pillar for growth instead of walking in carnality even while you are a saint (one who is separated unto the Lord, who is saved and called as holy). I say unto you who have been redeemed, seek to mature in your walk with the Lord. This is holiness in action.

# **PRAYER**

Thank you Lord for you are the reason for my living. I draw strength, wisdom, grace and love from you daily as I learn to walk and live in matters of spiritual maturity in Jesus' name. Amen

# WEDNESDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER 2023

**TOPIC: DEEDS OF HOLINESS** 

**TEXT: COLOSSIANS 1:12** 

Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; KJV

Haven systematically laid the foundation of our identity as people called of God, holy (separated unto him or set aside to his name), we shall proceed to learn of God's words as regards the fruits or character that we are commanded to imbibe as people, who are committed to live in accordance to the will of God and the power of his consecration.

The Amplified version did justice to our text above. It communicate in details the background of the biblical meaning of holiness. Let's read;

**So, as God's own chosen people, who are holy [set apart, sanctified for His purpose**] and well-beloved [by God Himself], put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience [which has the power to endure whatever injustice or unpleasantness comes, with good temper]; Colossians 3:12 AMP

You are holy is simply to inform you that you have been sanctified or set apart unto God. Since you have this identity, the Lord is able to ask you to live a life that outwardly by attitude and character profess or express who you are. Again, I will like to affirm that you are not holy by good character. This isn't the starting point for believers. You are holy first, by God's power who set you apart unto himself. He is holy, therefore you are holy.

After which, God who has sanctified you to himself, now empower you to be able to live a life that truly depicts his glory. Thus, you draw the strength of your character from him as a child of God not from any other thing. In Colossians 1:12, the Lord instructed and asked that because you are his own, you should put on a heart that is filled with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. This is simply referring to the fruits of the Spirit. The instruction says **to put on**, which means they are character to take upon oneself in Christ Jesus.

It takes the help of the Holy Spirit to live a life full of his deeds. And since God is the one who set you aside unto himself, he is able to work in you all that is pleasing in his sight. Put your trust in God's words and readily receive his instructions. You have been commanded to put on these characters, which means you have the ability to do it. Then, set it before your eyes, note each of the character in your Spirit and begin to pray over them as a reality in your life. You don't become perfect as you start out, you will probably react ungodly, this doesn't mean you have fallen out of grace. Rise up, and keep walking in the light of God's word. This is how you build holiness in character. It is by God's strength and renewing of your mind with God's words daily. You are holy because God who called you is holy.

#### PRAYER

Thank you Father. In the name of Jesus, I am holy therefore, I put on the bowels of compassion that is in Christ Jesus my Savior. I walk in kindness, humility, gentleness and patience towards others. Daily, I walk by the power of the Holy Spirit in holy living and strong Christian virtues in Jesus' name. Amen

# THURSDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER 2023

TOPIC: THE DEEDS OF HOLINESS II

**TEXT: COLOSSIANS 3:13** 

forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. KJV

The word of God is not void of godly attitudes. These instructions are given because of your identity, being saved and set apart unto the Lord. Many go through the Bible and come across these instruction on how to live daily, and begin to feel incapacitated. You don't have to allow that feeling or brood over it in your heart. It's a lie from the devil to keep you under his deceit.

The word of God sets free from every lies and deception of the devil. The plan of the enemy in deception is to make you belief that you are unholy by listing out many things you have done wrongly. You should debunk this thought by establishing that holiness has its foundation in God not in your character. This understanding is your first deliverance.

Also, remind the devil that you are not recognised by God in your power but in his calling upon your life and God has called you a holy nation. Furthermore, tell the devil that you are not giving up on yourself to continue living by your own strength but by God's ability in you to outwardly live out the character of kindness, humility, patience, endurance, forgiveness and forbearance.

Remind him that you might fall short of this as you live daily but the Spirit of God is with you. It's a lifelong process, not a designed destination to reach and feel I have accomplish a task. Christian living is not a task in itself but a life of God's power and grace.

You have all the right to silence the enemy by the knowledge of God's word. And in the same light, you have all the right to ensure that your character on a daily basis is full of goodness and righteousness as you renew your mind with God's words and walk in the light of it. Don't give up and do not back down. Be kind to someone today, tomorrow and the next day. Be patient with someone today, tomorrow and the next. Forgive someone today, tomorrow and the next. Just keep at it and pray the truth of God's words over your life. Character is built by consistency.

#### **PRAYER**

Thank you Father. I believe in your word that I am not alone. I live my life daily by the power of your spirit through your help and strength. My desire is unto you Lord and in you alone I found joy. Therefore, I put on as a holy one, the bowels of mercies, compassion, forgiveness, gentleness, patience, kindness, truthfulness and the best of God to men in Jesus' name. Amen



# FRIDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER 2023

TOPIC: DEEDS OF HOLINESS III

**TEXT: COLOSSIANS 3:14** 

And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. KJV

The character or attitude that sums up a holy living is love. It is referred to as the bond of perfectness, which means the height of perfection or the best way to live a perfect life. Jesus gave an instruction in Mathew 5:48; he said **Be you perfect as your Father in heaven his perfect**. He directed our heart to perfection as the nature of God. He demanded that we as the children of God live in accordance to God's nature.

And just as we have earlier established, we are able to live in accordance to the nature of God because he gave us his nature which is holiness. Thus, Jesus in the same understanding lay a command on God's personality and identity in us, as God's children. Holiness describes the personality of God, which is the height of perfection.

Also it is imperative to note that in Mathew 4:43-47, before the commandment to be perfect in verse 48, Jesus taught about the ability of a child of God to love his enemies, bless those who curse him, do good to them that hate him and pray for them who despitefully use him and persecute him. He affirmed that these characters and attitudes constitute God's nature. He send his rain on the just and the unjust and does good to the kind and unkind.

God's love is perfection. It is holiness from which a man is able to birth the right and acceptable character. Thus, without God who is holy and have called us unto himself in holiness, it is impossible to live holy and would be wrong to demand holiness in character from men. The scripture established that all the righteousness of a man is like a filthy rag. Which depicts that man in himself has no righteousness and cannot live righteously. No matter the level of good conduct learnt and exhibits, without God and before him it is filthiness.

Why is this so? No man in the flesh can please the Lord.(Romans 8:8) Nothing in the strength of a man is pleasing to God not until he breathe on it by his Spirit, man is himself unacceptable before God in character and nature.

But thanks be to God, we are saved; therefore are not in the flesh. (Romans 8:9) The Spirit of God lives in us and the breath of the Almighty has changed us to his own, full of his grace and mercy. Thus, because he is holy, we are holy. Separate unto him through which we live acceptably before him in deeds and thoughts. Hallelujah!

#### PRAYER

Thank you Father. I belong to you and my expectations are from you. I live acceptably unto you because you have separate me unto you. I live holy, righteous and perfect in love towards others in Jesus' name. Amen

# SATURDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023

TOPIC: THE DEEDS OF HOLINESS IV

**TEXT: COLOSSIANS 3:15** 

And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. KJV

The peace of God has its root in God's nature which is holiness and righteousness. God's peace is an holy state of existence where his will prevail in turmoil and trouble. Jesus still the storm while his disciples called on him. All he said was "Peace be still!" (Mark 4:39) There is a peace that still the rage of this world and the trouble in the hearts of men. Peace is a godly character that cannot be found in the world.

Jesus established in another conversation towards the end of his ministry to the disciples, he said; In this world you will have tribulations, but in me, you will have peace, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world (John 16:33). This kind of peace is beyond this world, it is of the Spirit. It is a holy living. Holiness in character is living at peace with others and being at peace with oneself. Strife comes from contention as a result of dissatisfaction and discontentment over the contents and element of this world, and this is not of God.

The will of God is to live a selfless and a life of service unto others. Such that, you are not so fixated on this worlds goods and find yourself in strife or contention with others. Rather, you will choose to let go and choose peace. You will decide to be a fool for Christ and live in peace. You will decide to trust God because you have his Spirit and keep your heart out of the troubles in this world.

As much as it lieth in you, live in peace with all men (Romans 12:18). Seek peace and pursue it (Psalms 34:14). Let the peace of God which passes all understanding be the anchor of your soul such that you live and remain in peace consistently. It's a godly character of holiness to be a peaceful person, who has peace, enjoys peace and can give peace to others.

Holiness is God's peace! Therefore, live a life of peace because you are holy (separated unto God). Hallelujah! See you next month in God's strength and overwhelming grace. I love you dearly.

# **PRAYER**

Thank you Father for peace like a river. I am holy therefore I choose to live in peace with all men and be at peace with myself. I refuse to be perturb and moved by the inconsistency that appear in this world, I set my heart on you my Lord and my peace. I allow for peace in my heart and life in Jesus' name. Amen



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