

JOY UNLIMITED

Scripture talked of Herod who was king of Judaea (Judah). This was the Herod who ordered that little children who were two years and below be murdered because he wanted to kill Jesus.

Herod was a joy killer; he was one who interrupted the laughter of families who were blessed with the fruit of the womb; he exchanged joy for pain; he stopped laughter abruptly.

Beloved, thus saith the Lord: your laughter will not be cut short; your increase will not stop on the way.

Your good news will not be cut short while it is still on the way.

Your progress will not be terminated prematurely.

Your joy will not end prematurely; your blessings will not be exchanged with pain.

Your laughter will not be exchanged with tears of pain and shame.

Your increase will not be exchanged with retrogression.

Any killer of joy in your destiny, I decree, the judgement of God upon them.

Let the Lord arise and judge every wicked man who has come to steal your joy.

Let the judgement of God arise against every satanic priest who wants your good news to be cut short.

Let the judgement of God arise against every exchanger of your good news.

Let the judgement of God arise against every man who wants to make you cry tears of regret.

Herod did not kill one child; he killed many children in a bid to get at Jesus. He was a messenger of widespread pain and tears.

Every messenger of widespread pain and tears, I decree divine judgement upon them.

You will not be a victim of collective pain; you will not be caught up in collective disaster; you will not be a victim of another man's wickedness.

If you have embraced Jesus, then you are connected to that same power that raised Him from the dead; and if that power lives in you, you joy will not be killed.

Psalm 71: 7 says: "I am as a wonder unto many; but thou art my strong refuge."

No power of hell shall kill your joy or make you a victim, in Jesus mighty name.

Begin to declare over your life and household that the expectations of your heart shall not be disappointed. He has protected you, provided for you, and shielded you from the desires of the enemy. He was with you through the valley of the shadow of death and through the fire and the flood. The forces of darkness could not cut you down; the hounds of hell did not hunt you down. In His faithfulness, He has been good to you all year round. God is faithfully consistent and has not failed you. You finish strong; the grace of the Lord keeps you. Might and power from His presence make the difference for you. Go forward, be fruitful, multiply, replenish the earth, and walk in dominion—the new You emerges. Walk in success; be elevated. Move from the back and be established in the front. You will forever be an amazement to those who hate you and outlast every opposition. God vindicates you in Jesus's name. Believe and say Amen

CARTOON

Mary, do you accept John as your lawfully wedded husband? If you do press [ent]. If you don't press [esc].



When you get out of bed in the morning, the first thing you should do is power up. Get your mind going in the right direction. Remind yourself: "I'm ready for this day. I am equipped. I am empowered. I have my armour on. I have my shoes of peace. I'm not going to get upset. I'm not going to let people steal my joy. I'm not going to fight battles that aren't between me and my destiny. I have my helmet of salvation. I know I am forgiven. I am redeemed. I am approved by Almighty God. I've been handpicked by the Creator of the universe. I have my shield of faith. I'm expecting great things. I have my sword of the Spirit; I'm speaking God's Word. I know every enemy is under my feet. I've been armed with strength for this battle."

What are you doing? Powering up, getting prepared for a blessed, victorious, faith-filled day.

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HUSBAND DAY CARE CENTRE

■ NEED TIME TO RELAX?
■ NEED TIME TO YOURSELF?
■ WANT TO GO SHOPPING?
LEAVE YOUR HUSBAND WITH US!
WE LOOK AFTER HIM FOR YOU!
YOU ONLY PAY FOR HIS DRINKS!



I don't trust English 🇬🇧
Why is it that "Give her her book" is correct, yet "Give him him book is incorrect"
Is English female?



When you look back on this past year, don't think of the pain you felt. Think of the strength you gained, and appreciate how far you've come. You've been through a lot, but you've grown a lot too. Give yourself credit for your resilience, and step forward again with grace.

"EVERYTHING YOU DO NOW IS FOR YOUR FUTURE"

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Real Faith

Hebrews 11:1 "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Many claim to have faith, but few do. Faith is important because it is necessary to please God.

Hebrews 11:6 "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

Examples of Faith:

- That the best of Abel's flock and sacrificing his future was better than an easy gift.
Hebrews 1:4 "By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh."
- That Noah heard God and knew that God's promise would come true.
Hebrews 11:7 "By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith."
- That God would honour Abraham's faith.
Hebrews 11:17 "By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,"
- That God would honour Jacob's desire.
Hebrews 11:21 "By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff."
- That God would keep his promise to Joseph.
Hebrews 11:22 "By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones."

You need faith to:

- Be saved
- Be faithful – to keep reading your Bible, going to church, praying, soul-winning, serving – because there APPEARS to be no one making you do so and there is not always an immediate response.
- Be obedient – There APPEARS to be no one making you do right.
- Be confident of your future – It takes faith to believe there is a future with God in Heaven or to know that Christians are the victors.
- Be confident that the past is the past – that God made the Earth) and that our sins are under the blood if we are saved.

Joy with Jesus this year!

A new year can bring a mix of emotions. Excitement about upcoming plans; sadness for a year without a loved one; anticipation about school or work (hope for a year without a world pandemic?!).

Whatever we're feeling, let's work from a base of joy this New Year, in the good times and the challenging.

Joy is one of the fruits of the Spirit (see Galatians 5:22-23), and is something that's grown and developed in us by and through the Holy Spirit. And joy provides us with motivation to carry on: 'Do not grieve; for the joy of the Lord is your strength' (Nehemiah 8:10 NIV).

Jesus himself was motivated by joy, even though facing the reality of a horrible death: 'for the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.' (Hebrews 12:2 GWT).

One of the things Satan will attack is our joy. If he can get us questioning God's goodness and keeping our eyes on our circumstances, he knows we'll struggle and lose hope. But when our eyes are on God, we'll be led with joy because of who he is and what he has done for us.

Whatever is ahead for us this year, let's look to God. He knows what's to come, promises to be with us, and wants to help us let go of any heaviness from last year.

So what now? In 2021, keep your eyes fixed on Jesus - he is your joy, therefore you will have a blessed new year! Happy New year once again to you and your Family.



Believe in it

until it manifests for you. Don't overthink how it will happen. Don't worry about when it will happen. Just believe in it. Believe in yourself.

A BEND IN THE ROAD

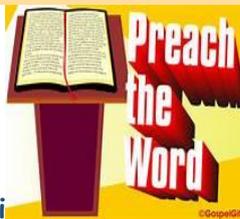
Sometimes we come to life's crossroads And we view what we think is the end. But God has a much wider vision And he knows that it's only a bend-

The road will go on and get smoother And after we've stopped for a rest, The path that lies hidden beyond us Is often the path that is best.

So rest and relax and grow stronger; Let go and let God share your load And have faith in a brighter tomorrow- You've just come to a bend in the road.



Rev Dare Oluwaniyi



THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF BELIEVERS

To get the most out of this devotion, set aside time to read the Scripture referenced throughout.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus made a statement His listeners probably found shocking— He said they wouldn't enter the kingdom of heaven unless their righteousness "surpass[ed] that of the scribes and Pharisees" (Matt. 5:20).

The Pharisees were considered the definition of righteous: They were the religious elite, who often elevated their own self-worth and standing in the community. Frankly, the righteousness they projected would have seemed tough to surpass.

Thankfully, Jesus wasn't saying to beat them at their own game; He was pointing to a different standard altogether. Godliness isn't attained by pursuing perfection, dressing a certain way, or by holding positions of influence in society. Rather, we become righteous by making oneness with God the focus and substance of our daily life, and boasting only in Him. (See 1 Corinthians 1:18-31.)

Think about it

- As we pursue godliness, people may respond to us with persecution and hate or interest and conversion. How can you prepare to respond in either situation?
- Jesus challenged the Pharisees because their motives were wrong. What motivates you to be righteous?

Birthdays

Hannah Abiding Agboluaje.	1st Jan.
Br Dele Gordon.	3rd Jan
Kemi Oshinfodunrin	7th Jan
Tobi Odusami.	8th Jan
Rereloluwa Olubunmi.	8th Jan
Akindele Mormah.	8th Jan
Miguel Daniel.	9th Jan
Rele Olumide.	11th Jan
Sis Loiose	12 th Jan
Abisola Oladapo.	23 rd Jan
Dare Oluwaniyi	25th Jan
Olalekan Saida.	26th Jan
Victoria Uwhowho.	29th Jan

Wedding Anniversaries:

NIL

If your name is not included and your birthday or wedding anniversary is soon, see the pastor.



A.S.A.P.
always say a prayer

I pray for you today that the resurrection power of the Lord Almighty will come upon you and raise up anything that is dead in your life. Make everything that is impossible possible for you now. In the Mighty Name of Jesus. I speak to you...before it's quarter to shame, MAY GOD SHOW UP FOR YOU IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST. Just when the desire of the wicked seem to find expression, by the intelligence and mercy of God...MAY GOD RAISE HELP FOR YOU IN THE MIGHTY NAME OF JESUS. I pray for you today that the blood of Jesus that Satan cannot stand will speak for you and give you all round victories over every powers of darkness, now and forever. In Jesus Mighty Name. Amen.

"Spiritual joy is not an attitude dependent on chance or circumstances. It is a deep and abiding confidence that, regardless of one's circumstances in life, all is well between the believer and the Lord. No matter what difficulty, pain, disappointment, failure, rejection, or other challenge one is facing, genuine joy remains because of that eternal well-being established by God's grace in salvation."

There is no need for us to worry about our situation. God is patient, sympathetic, and compassionate, and He will take the time to make us mature. Every believer, whether presently weak or strong, will be in the New Jerusalem, and everyone there will be mature. Whether we seek God diligently or only a little, God has a way to make Christ our righteousness, our redemption, our life, our life law, and our life capacity so that we can be matured. Every real believer in Christ will reach maturity and be in the New Jerusalem. Thus, we should not be dismayed or discouraged. Rather, we should be encouraged.

Trust the timing of your life.

Some people will never like you. Because your spirit irritates their demons.

I know a retired police man, a devout Christian. While in service, they nicknamed him "Pastor", he suffered bad posting for about 34yrs...He rose from constable to DSP. His popular name was "HE DOESN'T GIVE, HE DOESN'T TAKE"... Meaning he doesn't give bribe to get good posting neither does he takes bribe from civilians...

Most people he worked with never liked him because they saw him as a spoiler...He was posted from one bad posting to another, he was never posted anywhere there was any reasonable allowance. Anywhere genuine money dey, he will not be posted there because they disliked him generally for his stand ...He stood for righteousness and never liked cheating innocent people... So some big men didn't like him. If anyone did anything evil in his presence he would expose them and make them face the wrath of the law. From one State to another, he was transferred and he kept moving.

This was how he moved about for 34yrs and 5months...For all of the years he worked, he had no land talk more of a house, but he managed to train his four children in school with his meagre salary and petty trading his wife was doing to support the family. He had about 7months to retire from service when he was posted to the Police Force Headquarters Abuja on standby duty. He was in charge of standby men at the Force Headquarters.

So one day, things turned around for the better in his life. During the enforcement of the Abuja master plan of 2006, the government needed to do some demolition within the Abuja metropolis. The Minister drove to police headquarters and requested for some policemen to be attached to the Task Force in charge of demolition. So this DSP in charge of Standby Duties, an old man, was asked to lead the men. They went to carry out the duty assigned to them by the honourable minister without any hassles.

After about two days of working, the minister picked interest in the DSP because of his commitment to duty... And asked him, "Officer how are you?" u?" Fine sir he replied the minister... El-rufai then asked him, "do you have a car?" The man responded, "I have one push and start Volvo", of cause he had a Volvo of 1992 model which he stopped using anything there was nobody to help him to push it because there was no money to buy a battery.

And that was all he had as property in his over thirty-four years of serving his country. The Minister asked one of his aids to bring a key to a brand new Prado jeep parked at the secretariat and handed over the key of the car to the dutiful DSP. The old man was surprised. The Minister said, "this is now your new car, I just like you." Wow...The man couldn't believe his ears and what just happened. Was he dreaming?

They went out that day on their routine duty of providing security for the Task Force. When they returned same day, the minister called the DSP, now his friend, and asked if he has a land. The man said, "Sir apart from this jeep you gave me and my push and start Volvo, I have nothing else on earth", he said and stood at attention. "How long have you been in service?" The Minister asked. He said, "I have 7 months to retire sir!" He responded and gave a salute.

The Minister was moved with compassion and handed over documents of a plot of land to him located at Asokoro, a choice area in Abuja. The man was dazzled with what was happening, and while still looking with bewilderment, the Minister asked his aid to take him to one of the duplexes at Wuse phase 2 and handed over the house to him as his new property. The man collapsed....out of joy...The news went viral to force headquarters...The man who posted him there just to punish him didn't know he was pushing him to his recovery of many years. It pays to serve God brothers and sisters.

Not too long from then, the Minister travelled abroad and the DCP in charge of operation at the Force Headquarters who posted the DSP for the assignment was very bitter upon hearing what happened. He quickly used signal to remove him from there to report back on standby at the Force Headquarters. The man returned and the DCP posted his own brother to go and take over the special duty.

When the DSP got to office, the DCP told him that whatever he was given was a proceed of the special duty and he needs to sell those things so that they can share the money for everyone who took part in the duty. The DSP told the DCP that he was given those things and they were for him because they were given to him and not the team. But the DCP threatened him and insisted that the last orders should be obeyed!

So the DSP said, "no wahala sir if u want to take everything take it sir". While they were still on the matter, the Minister returned from his trip abroad and asked, "where is my friend, the DSP"? They told him he has been changed and the ASP here is the new officer in charge. Furious, the minister called the IGP and asked him to return his friend to him. The IGP called the DIG Operations and ordered him to post the man back, that he was not aware of any change! The DIG asked the DCP who removed the man out of envy to use his own official Hilux to return the man to the Honourable Minister and should personally hand him over to the Minister and give report back to him with immediate effect!

Voom, this is a case of Haman and Mordecai...The DCP out of shame but must obey the last order, took the DSP in his Hilux, with escorts and drove straight to the secretariat, handed over the DSP to the Minister. The DSP while narrating the story later said the Minister gave the DCP 100dollars and asked him never to remove his friend until the special duty was over! El-rufai a Muslim, the DSP a Christian, but God can use anyone to bless you. This was how the DCP left in shame. The DSP remained there till he retired. El-rufai personally called his friends and hosted a banquet to celebrate the DSP on his retirement. (Continued on the next page)

IT TRULY PAY TO SERVE GOD* (Continued)

On that day of his retirement, the Minister gave him a cheque of 10 million naira. His friends donated several millions and handed it over to the man. One of the friends of the Minister at the event gave him a plot of land inside Abuja Central Business District that was worth 200million naira if sold!

This was how God blessed him in less than 7months to his retirement. Everything he lost, he gained in many folds and he had well brought up children to continue where he stopped his service without a blemish. He retired as a millionaire, two plots of lands valued about N400m if sold, a duplex well-furnished and one other car aside the Prado jeep. Indeed righteousness exalts a people, but sin is a reproach.

In all you are doing, remember that heaven is taking records, he knows how to reward his faithful servants... The man's poverty ended just like that. But he did not compromise his stand for truth and righteousness. For those 35 years in a police job that was labelled the most corrupt profession in the country.

A true story to tell to encourage anyone who might want to give up his commitment to duty because of the frustrations he is facing on the job. Look into this New Year with some bright hope. Your reward might actually not be in terms of property or cash that you cannot count but in greater intangible things that we all take for granted.

KING MAKERS DON'T LOOK LIKE KINGS.

A friend told me this personal story of his. I'm sure he will remember if he comes across this post because he is on my friend's list.

His words..... Many years ago I was working as a clerk at a faculty in one popular university in Nigeria. I saw an advert for NDA (Nigeria Defence Academy), I had always wanted to go to the NDA. I applied, and was called for examination. I had to travel to Kaduna from my state. I had a distant uncle living there then. I wrote a letter (no telephone) to him that I was coming for an exam and will love to stay in his house. I didn't get a reply even as my departure date was approaching. I became so worried because I needed to go anyway.

As I was talking to a colleague about my fear of where to stay, our cleaner who was a Hausa man overheard us and in his broken English interjected that he knows someone right inside NDA.

Who could he know there, is it not a cleaner like himself, I unintentionally said it out to his hearing.

"Oga no o, it's the commandant of the NDA. He is my classmate and my friend". In his bad handwriting, he scribbled the commandant's name on a piece of paper. "Just mention my name to him and he'll help you".

I reluctantly collected the paper from him, not because I intended to use it but because I didn't want him to feel bad.

The next day I set out on this long journey by train. I got to Kaduna in the evening. I went straight to my uncle's house only to discover that he had relocated and no one knew his new address. I was stranded and it was getting late. Around 7pm, I made up my mind to give my cleaner's contact a shot. I got to the gate of NDA and mentioned the name. To my utmost surprise, everyone recognized the name and one person was promptly detailed to take me to his office.

I gave the paper where kabiru wrote his name and that of his friend to the secretary. On seeing the paper, the commandant shouted from the office and came out to usher me in. "where do you know kabiru?

He's my colleague in the office sir," I answered. Where is he, how is he, hope he's doing well? This man was asking me many questions in an obvious excitement.

The look on his face confirmed to me that kabiru was his beloved friend. He asked me what I came to do in Kaduna and I said it was for the NDA exams. Wow, do you have where to sleep? No, sir. He immediately called someone to take me to his house where I was lavishly entertained. This man came late in the night and he woke me up and tutored me for the exams. After the exams he personally drove me to the park the next day.

When I got back to the campus, I began to look at kabiru differently. How on earth could this man know such a powerful person? Needless to say that my name was number four on the list when the results came out.

Friends, I put it to you today that relationship is a currency. Every man needs another man to move up and that man could be the neighbour you look down on; may be the taxi driver you so despise; or even the house help you think is a nobody today. Relationship is a stream of income. Everything in life actually reproduces on the basis of relationship. Those we know in life matter. Most of us are talented but we need a cup bearer that will tell pharaoh that there's a Joseph that can interpret dreams.

There are some heights you may never get to in life until someone tells someone about you. So shut the door of relationships gently, you may need to use it tomorrow.

As we continue this new year of fresh beginning and promises, let us endeavour to take our relationships seriously, even if you meet online. Don't look down on anyone. You never can tell which of the relationships is your own key to success.

The Quiz Master

1. Hebrews 10:31 speaks of a fearful thing to happen to a person. What is this fearful thing?
2. What was the sign of Jonah? (Matthew 12:39-40)
3. In Psalm 112:1 we are encouraged to delight in what we fear. Explain.
4. In John 6:39, What does Jesus say he will do with all that God has given him?
5. Psalm 133:1 says that something is good and pleasant. What?
6. In 2Kings 20:8-11, which king saw a shadow shifting backwards?
7. Who is the last named prophet in the Old Testament? (Malachi 4:5)
8. James 4:12 says there is one Lawgiver and Judge. It mentions two contrasting things our Judge is able to do. What are they?
9. Why were the ancient gates and doors to lift up their heads? (Psalm 24:7-10)
10. John 3:5 mentions water. In what connection?

Match the question with the answer on the right.

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| ___ Which animal saved Balaam's life? | 1. Samson |
| ___ When the 12 spies visited the land of Canaan, which animal did they compare themselves to? | 2. Cows |
| ___ What animal swallowed Jonah? | 3. A giant fish |
| ___ What animals appeared in Pharaoh's dreams? | 4. Solomon |
| ___ Which king of Israel imported peacocks? | 5. A young donkey |
| ___ Who killed a lion with his bare hands? | 6. Frogs |
| ___ Who was Yeshua only sent to help? | 7. Grasshoppers |
| ___ After Yeshua's birth, what two birds did Mary and Joseph offer as a sacrifice at the temple? | 8. A donkey |
| ___ Which animals appeared in the second plague of Egypt? | 9. Two young pigeons |
| ___ Before the Feast of Unleavened Bread, which animal did Yeshua ride on into Jerusalem? | 10. The lost sheep of the house of Israel (Mat 15:24) |

Bible Wordsearch

Wordsearch 254

Matt.10:34-11:3

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Jesus the Teacher

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After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

Quiz answers.

1. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.
- (2) As he was three days and nights in the belly of the fish, so Christ would be in the tomb.
- (3) Blessed is the one who fears the Lord, who delights greatly in his commandments.
- (4) ...of all the Father has given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day.
- (5) For brethren to dwell together in unity.
- (6) Hezekiah.
- (7) Elijah
- (8) There is one Lawgiver and Judge, the One who is able to save and to destroy...
- (9) To let the King of Glory in.
- (10) Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.



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Phrase = Surely His salvation is near Psm.85:9 niv

THE FOUNTAIN YOUTHS

OVERCOMERS



What was Adam like when he was created?

He was perfect. Adam was no hairy, ape-like creature of low intelligence. He was created in the image of God, and that means that he was perfect.

"Well, if man was perfect when he was created, something must have happened to him, because he sure isn't perfect now."

You got that right! Something *did* happen to man. The theologians call it "*the fall of man.*" Actually, there were *two* falls. One happened long before man was created, and this involved the angels. It is important that we know about it.



As you probably know, angels are spirit beings. They do not have bodies; therefore, we cannot see them. Nevertheless, they are very real beings.

God created the angels to be His messengers or servants, and evidently He created an innumerable number of them. Among the angels created by God, one was especially honoured.

Apparently, he was in charge of all the angels. His name was Lucifer which means *Light-bearer*. Lucifer was the wisest, the most beautiful, and the most powerful of all the angels.

It seems that, for some time after he was created, this mighty angel loved God and served Him perfectly. But one day pride entered Lucifer's heart. He began to admire himself and to think how beautiful and wonderful he was.

Lucifer decided that he should be worshipped instead of God. He said in his heart, "*I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God...*" (Isaiah 14:13)



This marked the beginning of sin in the universe. Where did sin begin? It began in Lucifer's heart. Lucifer took God off the throne of his heart and put Self there. A creature of God had rebelled against his great and loving Creator.

Lucifer's name was changed to **Satan**, which means *Adversary*. Thus Satan began his career of hating God and attempting to overthrow the throne of God. Other angels—possibly one-third of all the angels in heaven—followed Satan in his rebellion against God. These fallen angels we know as evil spirits or demons, and they cause plenty of trouble in the world.

TURN BACK TO GOD

As In The Mirror

I used to see a **worthless** person in the mirror.

BUT JESUS . . .

. . . all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

-2 Corinthians 3:18



"You light a smile to shine on my face, you inspire a song with Your warm embrace"

Everyone on this earth has experience of seeing their beautiful self on a mirror. We check our get-up, mono act, imitate, mimic and what not? Right from before Christ, mirrors are ancient devices for enhancing beauty. As we browse the Bible, we get a clear vision of what it means to stand in front of a mirror.

Seeing Ourselves In The Mirror, In The Physical Realm

"For if anyone is a hearer of the Word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror." [James 1:23] When we stand in front of the mirror, we see ourselves. The moment we go from there we lose that image of us. It just vanishes. Thus when we hear God's Word, we realise the rich essence of it and relish the nourishment it gives us. The moment we close the Bible, everything goes out of sight, out of mind and we fall back into our mundane routine; mere hearers of the Word of God ending up in vanity!

Seeing Ourselves In The Mirror, In The Spiritual Realm

"But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit." [2 Corinthians 3:18] When we allow the Word to work in us, transform our life situations, repent, forgive, exercise charity, spread love and hope always, this brings tremendous power, joy and growth in spirituality, thereby when we see our face in the mirror in the spiritual realm we see Christ in us. Amen. Beholding the Glory of God by the power of the true living, moving and powerful HOLY SPIRIT; as Thomas Kempis send a final call to all of us to become Imitations of Christ.

Becoming The Image Of God

"For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known." [1 Corinthians 13:12] When we build this relationship with God we get direct access with Him as He spoke to so many, so many saints who had direct rendezvous with God in their daily lives. We begin to understand all the hidden mysteries of our creation, purpose and mission.

We become living saints, moving around, rendering helping hand to the needy in constant prayer and communication with God. Remember every saint that the church canonized was an ordinary person like you and me. They worked for sainthood by taking the Word of God seriously and surrendered their lives to the will of God.

"GOD'S WILL, NOTHING MORE, NOTHING LESS, NOTHING ELSE" goes the saying. In this year of Mercy, let us all aspire to see the visible face of the invisible father as Jesus spoke to the Samaritan woman, understand God in fullness, completeness, wholesome, perfection which will help us to have a glorious finish, as we enter the gates of heavenly abode. Amen!

LAST WORD

MERCY AT IT AGAIN!

Thank God that we are among those God has preserved till this day. Many lost their lives in the most chaotic year of the century- 2020.

Nevertheless, God has deemed it worthy to preserve us. It really has nothing to do with how well we have fared. The truth is that some of those that have gone were even better than us in many ways.

So, being alive today is not because of our righteousness. Instead, it is by God's mercy and compassions which are renewed every day in your life.

God performs His faithfulness with amazing consistency. Remember, the same road you travelled many times this year, some others passed through and ended up terribly bad. While you enjoy good health, many are not. It's all by His mercies, which have proved to be abundant. It's true that some of your desires are still pending. But it is obvious that God who enabled you to get to where you are today will also bring them to pass. So, do not complain about those things you do not have. Instead, give God the glory for what you've received. Remember, in spite of those things you lack, you are still alive to see this day. If you'd died, those things you long for and the ones you have, will not serve you any purpose after death.

So, begin to appreciate God and praise Him for His grace and faithfulness. Sing songs of praises unto Him; worship and magnify His name.

2021 is our year of "New Beginning". The light of God has come to replace the darkness of the devil. There shall be peace, direction and revelation of open heavens. God shall announce through your destiny, His power of liberty and transformation. We shall never experience the void and darkness of 2020 again in our lives, in Jesus name. Let there be light.....as 2021 is your year of New Beginning and HIS MERCY!!! Amen.

Where ever your name is mentioned Grace will speak for you.

It will be an awesome year:

- A year of Newness.
- A year of peace and tranquillity.
- A year of sound health.
- A year of new and exciting opportunities.
- A year of blessings and favours.
- A year of Restorations and recoveries.
- A year of Divine upliftment.
- A year of Faith and Good Testimonies.
- A year of conversion and true Faith in Almighty God.
- A year of Thanksgiving and mutual love, happiness and Trust.

May our Resolutions and Prayers receive Divine attention and approval in the name of the Almighty God.

PRAYER POINTS 1.

1. O God my Father, I thank you once again for letting me see 2021 and for not allowing the enemy to rejoice over my life, in Jesus name.
2. Thank you for your mercy and for not allowing shame and disgrace to be my portion, in Jesus name.
3. O God, may your blessings find expression in my life this year, in Jesus name.
4. Father, give me the grace to praise You like never before and fill my life with great testimonies this year.
5. Lord, give me fresh anointing and understanding. Renew my strength for greater exploits this year in Jesus' name.
6. Father, please don't let me struggle this year. Let Your favour distinguish me in the mighty name of Jesus.
7. Father, please let everything I lost in the past year be restored.
8. Father, please help me to live a life of holiness. By Your mercy, please keep me far from sin.
9. Ancient of days, go before me and destroy any pharaoh of my ending.
10. Any evil seed growing in my life, be uprooted by fire in Jesus' Name.

CARTOON



Yes, work towards a degree and work towards earthly friendships, but do so in His name. Chase the author of love and One who created you first. How are you supposed to figure out your purpose in this world if you don't first follow the One who created your purpose? Try your best. Study for the test. Do some squats. But focus fully on His name. And in your weariness, brokenness, and on days when you are overwhelmed, breathe in-and-out. Then, look at where your feet are planted. God put you where you are for a reason. He's gotten you this far. Why don't you trust Him with your tomorrow?

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No matter how stormy life gets, never let it bring you down. Always smile and be thankful because God woke you up today and every day is a blessing

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20 years ago we had Johnny Cash, Bob Hope & Steve Jobs



Today we have no Cash, no Hope and no Jobs!

Prayer for the week ahead.

DOORS OF GOODNESS AND MERCY WILL NOT BE SHUT AGAINST YOU THIS WEEK

AMEN