

**Rev Dare Oluwaniyi. THE BELIEVER'S VALLEY EXPERIENCES**

### Psalm 23

Have you ever had heartache so deep or hardship so difficult that it's almost impossible to stand? Like a giant wave crashing on the shore, some trials threaten to overwhelm us.

We all experience valleys in life. They might be of our own making—for instance, when we choose to disobey God and our fellowship with Him grows cold. Or perhaps other people cause our suffering, in situations such as job termination, marital infidelity, or betrayal by a friend. And sometimes our heavenly Father Himself leads us into the valley. Although He could steer us around suffering, He chooses not to because He has a specific purpose in mind.

Psalm 23 uses four words to describe these valley experiences: *shadow, death, fear, and evil*. These terms evoke images of oppressive circumstances, grievous affliction, and deep discomfort, and there is no way to hurry through them. That's because both the depth and length of the trial are determined by the Lord.

Thankfully, God promises to be with us and to use every valley—even those of our own making—for our benefit (Rom. 8:28). It is our job to walk steadily, attuned to His presence and trusting in His promises.

### AS YOU OBSERVE THE GOVERNMENT RULES, ALSO TRY TO OBSERVE HEAVENLY RULES AS WELL.\*

- ◆ Wash your heart with Christ's blood. (Psalm 73:1)
- ◆ Keep a social distance from evil. (Job 28:28)
- ◆ Avoid the crowd of wickedness and wicked men. (Psalm 1:1)
- ◆ Cover your mind from being infected from the sneeze of sin and hatred. (Lev 19:17)
- ◆ Do not shake hands with abomination. (Deut 25:16)
- ◆ Do not hug or embrace hearsay and false teachings. (2 Pet.2:1)
- ◆ Be safe so that you will be saved. (Jer 17:14)
- ◆ Sanitize your life with the Word of God. (Psalm 1:2).
- ◆ In case you notice any symptoms of sin, call the helpline of Christ in PRAYER. (Jer 33:3)
- ◆ Always remember to boost your spiritual immunity with Faith and the Power of the Holy Spirit.

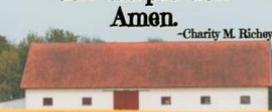
The same water where Peter experienced Shame was the same water where he was Openly Rewarded with a net- breaking catch of fish because the Lord sent His Word! Today, I boldly declare, His Word will keep you from shame and Tragedy of any kind. His mercy will judge your mockers. His WALL OF FIRE will preserve you and your loved ones in Jesus name.

Although many of us are still ordered to stay in place, let's thank God we have a home, we have each other and our basic needs are being met. If I've learned anything during these trying times, I've learned it's the simple things that bring me the most joy. Thank you Lord, for a breath of fresh air, a walk outside and another day to live.  
—Shelby Conda



Stay safe  
take care  
God bless

Be safe, be calm and keep hope in your heart. Yes, we are going through difficult times, but God is with us. He knows what we need and He will provide.  
Amen.  
—Charity M. Richey-Bi



May God Bless You

Stop listening to every dysfunctional thought. Tell your mind to align its thoughts with the Word of God and to dwell on what He says about you. You were made by a King. You are loved. You are of great worth.  
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### CARTOON



### LEVITY-CUS

Behind every successful man there is a woman  
- Fact



Oh Lord Keep me Under Your warm embrace  
When the Problems of the world absorbs me  
Oh Lord too many people look like snakes.  
Too many human-like animals

Oh Lord don't put the key of my life in the  
hand of humans.  
Oh Lord I only know those I love I don't know  
those who love me  
Oh Lord the key of my Life don't give it to  
humans for manipulation

The complexities of the world Oh Lord is too  
grave  
Only him who God favours can survive it  
Oh Lord Please keep me under your warm  
embrace

A Baby Chicken doesn't know the Hawk  
It is the mother Hen that recognises the Eagle.

Therefore oh Lord as I look ahead to a bright  
future  
Hide me under your warm embrace  
In you I trust Oh Lord...

Battles are not won in the open field. Battles  
are won in the secret place of prayer.  
So engage and guard your secret place jealousy  
because the revelation for winning is revealed  
in the secret place

For more grace to remain focused, engage and  
contend in your secret place of prayer.  
You will triumph gallantly and your testimony  
shall be heard in the open field in Jesus name.

*The heart that loves  
is always healthy.  
The heart that serves  
is always happy.  
The heart that cares  
is always strong.  
And I Pray that  
God Keeps you  
healthy, happy & strong!*



**\*Nothing really belongs to us except our deeds.\***  
**\*Nothing will accompany us to the grave except our deeds.**  
**So it's a warning for us to change.\***  
**\*May the Almighty God increase our good deeds and forgive our sins.\***

Good, good morning dearest friends in Christ Jesus. How are and your family? Work and business. Not to worry, all will be well. Let's keep our focus on God Almighty because he is ever faithful and ever sure. What does life mean to you and me? What are our life values? Enduring or ephemeral? Let's think deep! "What matters about one, is one's view of the universe ", says G. k Chesterton (1874 –1936) The happiness of our lives depend on the quality of our thoughts. Think before you leap, is an age old saying indispensable for a meaningful life. We all need a philosophy of life, a guiding principle for a meaningful holistic life, embracing the corporal and spiritual. Let us act now and don't procrastinate. Procrastination for me is demonic. Let us pray for enlightenment on the way to follow. May God Almighty help us all. Have a blessed day in his presence. God bless you and God bless.

### **\*How a Pastor Stole a \$25,000.00 Open Bank Cheque During Dinner in Member's House\***

A Successful Nigerian couple invited the Pastor of their church for dinner in their home in California, United States of America.

After the Pastor left, the couple realized their cheque had disappeared. The man said to his wife; "I think the Pastor has stolen the \$25,000.00 open bank check that I kept here on the table of which I had the intention to give to him".

Angrily his wife exclaimed; "HmMMM! All of them are just the same. If they are not fake, they are thieves. There is no need to invite him again, we shall henceforth attend another Church".

#### Two Months Later

The woman met the Pastor in a certain street and was courageous enough to face him and said: "Good morning Pastor, you have surely realised that we no longer attend Church, this is because we're angry with you. The day you ate in our house, there was a \$25,000.00 open bank cheque on the table but unfortunately it disappeared while we were eating. You were the only Person who visited our house at that time".

The Pastor said to her, "Yes, I took the cheque. I put it in your Bible to avoid spilling the sauce on it". The woman got so confused and asked the Pastor to forgive her. Back in her house, she took up the Bible and found the bank cheque which had been there for two months.

#### \*NB\*

- 1) For two months, she had not opened her bible to reflect on the Word of God.
  - 2) For two months she and her husband falsely accused the innocent pastor.
  - 3) For two months the incident had tortured them. If you're reading this story now and you're not at Peace with yourself for any reason whatsoever, ask yourself whether it's because you have not opened your Bible for a long time
  - 4) Do not accuse and conclude with only a side of the story against anybody (fallacy of hasty generalisation)
  - 5) There's always two sides to a story.
- It is called, balanced reportage in Journalism

#### \*NB\*:

This blessed me so I decided to put it up for you my beloved. But I know that the guilty amongst us wouldn't want to repent and make a simple restitution. Stay safe.



Life is a  
Miracle and every  
Breath we take  
is a Gift from  
God.

**PRAY**  
because God listens  
and He will answer



# **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**TOPIC:** GOD REVEALED HIMSELF TO ISRAEL AS THE ONLY TRUE GOD VI

**TEXT:** Genesis 45:1-28

**MEMORY VERSE:** Genesis 46:3-4 KJVS

[3] And he said, I am God, the God of thy father: fear not to go down into Egypt; for I will there make of thee a great nation: [4] I will go down with thee into Egypt; and I will also surely bring thee up again: and Joseph shall put his hand upon thine eyes.

**INTRODUCTION:** After Jacob returned from Padanaram with his wives and children, he reconciled with Esau and then settled in Bethel as God directed him. After a while there was a famine over the land and Jacob sent his sons to buy corn from Egypt, there they met Joseph whom they had earlier sold and reported dead to their father. He, has God elevated to prominence in Egypt, he made himself known to them on their second journey and also sent for their father to come to Egypt. All these were divine arrangements as chronicled in Psalms 105. How he got to Egypt and what happened there are what we shall be examining in these lessons.

## **LESSON**

**GOD SEPARATED ISRAEL IN THE LAND OF EGYPT FOR THE PURPOSE OF SERVING HIM ALONE I**

- For the third and last time according to Bible records, God again spoke to Israel on his way to Egypt in Genesis 46:1-6
  1. Why did Israel (Jacob) offer sacrifice to the God of his fathers in Beersheba before taking on his journey to Egypt?
  2. Why did God appear to him again in the above passage?
- Based on Genesis 46:28-34 and 47:1-6, the children of Israel decided to dwell in Goshen, therefore, they requested for and got Pharaoh's permission to dwell in the land of Goshen.
  1. Why do you think so?
- According to Genesis 47:11-12:27, the land of Goshen is the best of the land in Egypt, Yes/No?
- According to Genesis 43:32 and 46:34, why is it that every shepherd is an abomination to the Egyptians?
- "So now it was not you that sent me hither but God..." (Genesis 45:8). Do you agree with Joseph? Explain.
- According to Genesis 45:10-11, how many reasons did Joseph give for wanting the children of Israel to dwell in Goshen?
- "And ye shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt and of all..." (Genesis 45:13). Can you measure the glory? To what extent can divine glory take you?
- When his children told him all that transpired in Egypt, how did Jacob react? Read verses 26 and 27.
- The difference between the first and second reaction is unbelief and belief, what turned unbelief to belief in the mind of Israel?
- According to John 11:40, what can faith do in your life?
- Do you believe that God can turn things around for you? Pray and mention that particular thing you want God to turn around in your life?

**CONCLUSION:** Lord God Almighty is in control of the affairs of all mankind, that is why all we need to do is to surrender our lives and living to him. Let Him lead while we follow. May God help us. Amen.

One mistake you should never make in life, is to allow yourself to be recruited by someone, to hate another person who hasn't wronged you. Hear this: "We must avoid making hasty conclusion because of what others are saying about someone else..."

What people say about others, says a lot about them. I am repeating this more directly: The things you say about others, says a lot about you! I can tell a lot about a person by what they choose to see in others.

CHARACTER ASSASSINATION is a pervasive and destructive phenomenon that is found everywhere. You find it in families, political arena, places of worship, organizations, WORK places, etc.

CHARACTER ASSASSINATION is the deliberate, malicious, unjustified and sustained effort to damage the reputation or credibility of an individual.

CHARACTER ASSASSINATION is the slandering of a person usually with the intention of destroying public confidence in that person.

CHARACTER ASSASSINATION is the act of lowering one's character in a bid to ruin the character of others.

There are people that take maximum delight in ruining other's reputation. This set of people have what I will like to call 'Destructive Tendencies'. They oil their own ego by pulling other people down. PhD (pull him/her down). False allegations are the most chronic form of mental abuse. When people can't kill your dreams and purpose, they will try to assassinate your character. There are some people that your spirit will always irritate their demons! Once they realize hating isn't working they start telling and spreading lies about you. People are assassinated once but 'Character Assassination' kills daily! Character assassination is a form of emotional violence against others.

Someone once said, "A friend of my enemy is my enemy." One of the things that hinders us from living a fulfilling and inclusive life is bringing past bias and sentiments into present relationships. A friend of your enemy is not necessarily your enemy; it all depends on intentions and contributions. God can use your enemy's friend to bless you!

### 7 critical 'DON'Ts' that you really need to guard yourself against.

"REFUSING to getting TRAPPED in them will help you live a more PRODUCTIVE, FULFILLING and UNBIASED life. They are:

1. Don't conclude about people because of what others say about them: Never draw up conclusions based on what others tell you about someone. It is lack of social intelligence that makes people draw conclusions on others based on what other people say about them. I know you've heard about emotional and financial intelligence, but there is something called social intelligence. This is the kind of intelligence that keeps you sane even when others are trying to pollute your mind against someone else until you have thoroughly confirmed the veracity of the claims before you. Judges are trained to have this kind of intelligence in order to avoid biased judgments.
2. Don't inherit other people's enemy: It is total lack of education and enlightenment when you automatically make your friend's enemies your own. Don't make people your enemies just because they are not in good terms with your friends.
3. Don't use your children as weapons of war: God can use your enemies to bless your children Stop using them to fight those you don't like. Your children will need to discern their enemies for themselves; never use your parental influence to make your children hate others. You may often need to guard them with their choice of friends but never plant the seed of discord in the heart of your children against someone else.
4. Don't gang up with others to hate someone: Don't join the majority to hate someone – you may realize that the person has no offence. Someone said, "If you don't see it with your own eyes, or hear it with your own ears. Don't invent it with your small mind and share it with your big mouth". Never join the multitude to hate someone else.
5. Don't be used as weapon in other people's battle: It is not every battle that you must involve yourself in. Refuse to be used as weapons in other people's battle. When people fight dirty, refuse to take sides. Observe deeply before concluding finally.
6. Don't hate people just because they don't behave like you: That someone is not your tribe doesn't make them your enemy. It is a waste of education if the only people you like are those that are like you. The greatest proof of our education is in how we respond to people whose opinions are different from ours. People who think their opinions are superior to others are most prone to overestimating their relevant knowledge and ignoring chances to learn more. The people who don't think like you are your greatest source of enlightenment. It is normally people that are not like us that help us grow the most. Companies that had maximized growth are really those that value diversity and inclusion.
7. Don't judge people until you know the whole story: Someone once said, "Beware of the half-truth. You may have gotten hold of the wrong half". Don't judge other people's choices without understanding their reasons. If people say something bad about you or judge you as if they know you, don't easily get affected. Remember this, dogs bark if they don't know the person. People who are intimidated by you talk about you with hopes that others won't find you so appealing.

Stay away from people who talk bad about others daily; this kind of people carry a negative spirit, and a negative spirit is contagious. The real problem is not that they are unhappy about others, but they are unhappy with themselves.

Stop the destructive habit of talking about people behind their back. Talking badly about someone else while they aren't there to defend themselves says more about you than the person you're talking about. When you have issues with people, try and discuss it with them. Stop discussing it with others. Someone once said, "Don't talk about me until you have talked to me". Stop spreading false information and rumours about others.

Rumours are carried by haters! Stop creating walls of contention, rather help build bridges of understanding among people. Avoid ENVY and JEALOUSY. Everyone has a different destiny. LIVE A HEALTHY LIFE THIS 2021 AND DESIST FROM ASSASSINATING OTHERS. Thank you.

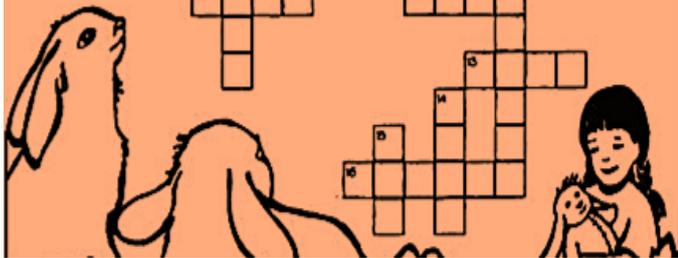
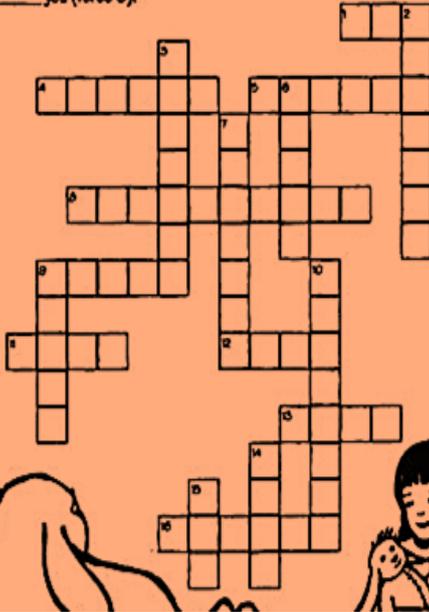
Jesus taught us how to pray. He wants our prayers to be humble, meaningful, and sincerely addressed to God in heaven. Pray a quiet prayer asking God to guide your life. Read Matthew 6:5-15 and do the crossword puzzle.

Across

1. God the Father knows what you need before you \_\_\_\_\_ him (verse 8).
4. Pray to God our heavenly \_\_\_\_\_ (verse 6).
5. Our Father is in \_\_\_\_\_ (verse 9).
8. We should not be like the \_\_\_\_\_ (verse 5).
9. Forgive us our \_\_\_\_\_ (verse 12).
11. Pray that God's \_\_\_\_\_ be done (verse 10).
12. Deliver us from \_\_\_\_\_ (verse 13).
13. When praying, go into your room and shut the \_\_\_\_\_ (verse 6).
16. God the Father will \_\_\_\_\_ you (verse 6).

Down

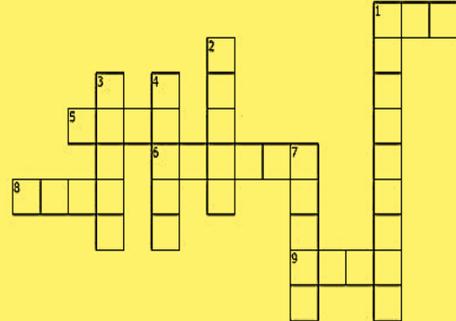
2. God's \_\_\_\_\_ come (verse 10).
3. We need to forgive our \_\_\_\_\_ (verse 12).
6. On \_\_\_\_\_ as it is in heaven (verse 10).
7. If you do not \_\_\_\_\_ men, God the Father will not forgive your sins (verse 15).
9. Give us our \_\_\_\_\_ bread (verse 11).
10. God's name should be revered and \_\_\_\_\_ (verse 9).
14. Do not repeat useless phrases and words when you \_\_\_\_\_ (verse 7).
15. Forgive \_\_\_\_\_ when they do wrong (verse 14).



Peace! Be Still!

When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Silence! Be still!" Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm. Mark 4:39 (NLT)

Based on Mark 4:26-29 (NIV)



ACROSS

1. A period of twenty-four hours
5. A body of water that is surrounded by land
6. To have a feeling of fear
8. A relatively small craft which travels on water
9. A raised movement of water rolling across the surface of the sea

DOWN

1. The original followers of Jesus
2. A violent weather condition with strong winds and heavy rain
3. A high degree of trust or confidence in someone
4. To be calm, without much activity
7. To die by being under water and unable to breathe

PEACE    STORM    DAY    DROWN    AFRAID  
DISCIPLES    LAKE    BOAT    WAVE    FAITH

**Bible Quiz**  
Isaac & Rebekah



Match the question with the answer on the right.

- \_\_\_\_ Who was the father of Isaac?
- \_\_\_\_ How old was Sarah when Isaac was born?
- \_\_\_\_ To which land did YHWH send Abraham to sacrifice Isaac?
- \_\_\_\_ Where did Abraham send his servant to find a wife for Isaac?
- \_\_\_\_ How many camels did the servant take with him?
- \_\_\_\_ Where did the servant find Rebekah?
- \_\_\_\_ What jewelry did the servant give Rebekah?
- \_\_\_\_ What did Rebekah do when she first saw Isaac?
- \_\_\_\_ How old was Isaac when he married Rebekah?
- \_\_\_\_ What were the names of Isaac and Rebekah's two sons?

1. Mesopotamia
2. By a spring
3. A gold ring and two bracelets
4. Covered herself with a veil
5. Moriah
6. 40 years old
7. Ten
8. 90 years old
9. Abraham
10. Jacob and Esau



- ABRAHAM
- AHAB
- BAAL
- BLOOD
- BROOK
- BULLOCK
- BURNT
- CARMEL
- CAVE
- CHILDREN
- CLOUD
- CUT
- DRESSED
- ELIJAH
- ESCAPE
- FORSAKEN
- FOUR
- GATHERED
- GROVES
- COMMANDMENTS
- ANSWERETH
- HUNDRED
- ISAAC
- ISRAEL
- JEZEBEL
- JOURNEY
- KINGDOM
- KISHON
- KNIVES
- LEAPED
- LORD
- MOCKED
- OBADIAH
- PROPHETS
- RAIN
- SACRIFICE
- SERVANT
- SPIRIT
- TRENCH
- WATER

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

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\_\_\_\_\_ Psalm 9

## Birthdays

Sr Yinka	3rd February
Oluwakemi Oke	8th February
Toby Ukwu	18th February
Sarah Oke	19th February
VICTORIA Ehioghae	19th February
Renee Gbadamosi	23rd February
Sr Temi	27th February.
Sr Veronica	28th February.

## Wedding Anniversaries:

Rev & Pst (Mrs) Oluwaniyi 17th Feb.

*If your name is not included and your birthday or wedding anniversary is soon,*

## PRAYER POINTS

1. By the power and authority in the word of God, I command anything that has died or collapsed in my life to be revived and nourished again, in Jesus name.
2. Any ploy of the devil to strip me of the word of God; fail woefully, in Jesus name.
3. Lord, do not let me be lukewarm. Help me to serve you with complete fidelity.
4. Any feeling of pride and false sense of having arrived occupying my heart; be ousted by the Holy Ghost fire, in Jesus name.
5. Lord, give me a broken spirit and a contrite heart to walk with you, in Jesus name.
6. Any spirit behind non-achievement in my life; be ousted by the Holy Ghost fire, in Jesus name.
7. Any mysterious curse operating in my life; be broken by the power and authority in the name of Jesus Christ.
8. Any curse I brought upon my life through sin; by the power in the blood; be invalidated, in Jesus name.
9. Any power assigned to truncate my relationship with God; be overthrown by the Holy Ghost fire, in Jesus name.
10. By the reason of what Jesus accomplished on the cross, I receive fresh grace for God's righteousness, in Jesus name.
11. By God's righteousness through Jesus Christ, I command every closed door against my blessings to open by fire, in Jesus name.

Your bills..... Give it to God.  
Your health..... Give it to God.  
Your career..... Give it to God.  
Your family..... Give it to God.  
Every night go to bed empty  
so you can wake up full...  
Full of hope, peace, and favor.  
In Jesus' name. Amen.

**LET  
US  
PRAY**

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

We thank God Almighty particularly for the miracle of sleeping and waking because many slept last night but are no more today.

"Your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel." The Holy One of Israel will help you, as He has promised. He will allay all your fears. Joy and gladness will overtake you. Sorrow and sighing shall flee from you and your household forever. The Lord will fight your battles and ensure your victory. You will flourish. The Lord Almighty will put a new song in your mouth and you will sing and people will hear and rejoice with you. In Jesus Mighty Name

*Dear God,*

Thank you for the strength, wisdom, joy, and peace You give. When life gets full of stress, may I be quick to remember You are in control of all things and turn to you in prayer!

I'm walking in the favor of God, His grace and mercy has brought me this far. I will believe all that His word says about me; lack and poverty, is not my destiny. I'm walking, I'm living, in the favor of GOD.

## **THE FOUNTAIN YOUTHS OVERCOMERS**



**The Lord Jesus is the Vine.** We are the branches. Just as the branches are in the vine, so we are in Christ.

### **How did we get into Christ?**

We did not put ourselves into Christ. Indeed, there was no way we could do this. We could not make ourselves branches, and we could not join ourselves to the Lord Jesus. No man could do this for us.

What we could not do for ourselves, God did for us when we trusted Christ as our Saviour. The Bible says, *"It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus..."* (1 Corinthians 1:30)

**We are IN CHRIST!** Say to yourself again and again, *"I am in Christ."* This is not something we are to hope for, it is something which God has already done for us. Regardless of how we feel, the fact is that God has put us in Christ, and we must let our faith rest on God's facts.

**Perhaps you have wondered** how a sinner can hope to be accepted and welcomed by a holy, righteous God. The answer is—IN CHRIST. God sees us in Christ, and He accepts us completely because we are in His beloved Son. The Bible says we *"belong to his dearly loved Son."* (Ephesians 1:6 The Living Bible) We are in Christ and the Bible says that *"in him we might become the righteousness of God."* (2 Corinthians 5:21) As our representative He stands before the Father, and we are accepted in Him.

**In the parable** of the Vine and the Branches, not only is the branch in the vine, but the vine is in the branch. The same life-giving sap that flows through the roots and the vine flows also through the branches. Without this flow of life, the branches would soon wither and die. This illustrates another wonderful truth: not only are we in Christ, but **Christ is in us!**

There are two aspects of our union with Christ which can be expressed in two simple statements. First, **I am in Christ.** Second, **Christ is in me.** Because I am in Christ, I am **accepted** by God in Heaven. Because Christ is in me, I have **power** to live the Christian life here on earth. Christ is all my righteousness before God in Heaven, and He is all my power to live a godly life here on earth.

## READERS' DIGEST.

### **I NEED HELP OOO! URGENT HELP PLEASE**

I was just goofing around on Facebook, saw one pretty sister and that was how the Casanova spirit inside me pushed me to send her friend request which she accepted after two days.

Some days after, I sent her that hand wave on Facebook messenger and she responded that was how it all started. something in me was saying take it easy but this spirit of Casanova was really prepared to deal with me.

After pressure she accepted and she even told me she does not want any unserious fellow but I kept assuring her I was different and that my love is here to stay but deep inside me I came for the tithe and offering. Last weekend she visited me in her Rav-4 and we spent the weekend together.

On Sunday morning she asked me to go drop her which I obliged. We drove close to Artillery Barrack, she pointed to the Army gate and asked me to drive in. I thought she was joking but she was not.

We got to the gate hmmm the soldiers at the gate were saluting her. At that point I don't know if the car's AC went off or I was the one that put it off but I began to sweat.

Luckily she did not notice. I dropped her and she pecked me and told me to go with the car and use it as she will come to my place after service. I managed to drive out of the gate.

Later in the day she came as promised and asked if she surprised me... I said not really that I was proud of her... Meanwhile I had already peed like 200times. Just this morning she fully introduced herself as Major Esther, her only two brothers are Lt Colonels in the Army and she is the only girl of her father who is a retired General...

I know I am dead but I don't know how dead I am. My wife and kids are due to return next week... Please I need help. What Can I do?

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Hello, good morning brethren. Trust you had a restful night and hope you're keeping all safety protocols. We shall overcome by his grace.

Today I woke up at 2am and reflected on prayer. It is often defined as lifting up of our hearts to God Like the child opening arms for upliftment and embrace, Yet it is often limited in practice to petitions. Someone once defined prayer as a shield to the soul, a sacrifice to God, and a spear to scourge Satan. However, prayer is better said when one offers self to God to be used according to his will.

Master Jesus taught us in his agony in the garden, 'not my will but your will be done' in praying to his father. Next is to wait in silence to hear what God has to say, for his will is always our peace. End of story.

Uncles, Aunties, brothers, mums, dads, and my people: is your prayer style twisting God's hand or getting hold of God's hand?

Today and always, let us make a prayer for the realization of God's will in our lives.

## **TURN BACK TO GOD**

### **My Words Are Spirit And Life**



[John 6:63]

Bible can be understood in three frames, rather three levels. Information, Knowledge and Wisdom.

Let us take an example. In the parable of the Good Samaritan, when asked "Who is my neighbour?" the instantaneous reply would be "the good Samaritan". There we also come to know of the many characters like:

1. Traveller
2. Robbers
3. Priest
4. Levite
5. Good Samaritan

#### **Information (Senses)**

When we read and re-read again and again, even memorizing and we recall the story, we are actually just hitting vanity, surfing the surface, doing a study, browsing everywhere, as we do with any other text-book. We are gaining information.

#### **Knowledge (Mind)**

"Some (with knowledge) have missed the mark as regards the faith" [1 Timothy 6:21]

When we read the Bible from the mind, we tend to ask questions like: Where is Samaria? What kind of bandits? Who is a Levite? What is the work of a Priest? How costly is a stay in the inn? We do research spending all the time and even our whole life just like those "cerebral theologians" to get updates. Still our endeavour is futile, beating round the bush, we have not come anywhere near the purpose of this magnificent book "GOSPEL", the good news of salvation. We are gaining only empty knowledge, degrees, awards and rewards too.

#### **Wisdom (Soul, Heart, Spirit)**

We must do exactly what Mary did. First be filled with the Holy Spirit. Read the Bible from the Heart; the seat of Love, the seat of compassion, the seat of GOD Almighty. Be silent and meditate in-depth. Let the word of God permeate every cell, spirit, soul and every tissue in your body. And then see what happens. So many mysteries will unveil. Who is my neighbour? Surely the Good Samaritan. Sure? Are you so sure? If so, you are in the I or II level.

#### **Look deeper into The Good Samaritan Parable**

1. This parable is your life journey in this world.
2. Every person we meet, however good or bad they are to us, is our neighbour. "Love your enemies, do good, bless those who curse you, pray for those who persecute you" [Luke 6:27-28]
3. We must love all of them equally, be it a robber, a priest or a Samaritan. They are all characters in your life put by God himself to make you fit for eternal life.
4. Everybody sees "Jesus in the Good Samaritan", but "Jesus is actually the traveller" who was beaten. The priests are the Apostles who ran away, the Levites are his disciples to be found nowhere, the robbers are the soldiers who beat and plundered his garments. The good people like Mary, Veronica, Simon and Mary Magdalene who took part in his agony are the Samaritans.
5. High up on the cross the same Jesus says "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do" [Luke 23:34] for He understood their role in his life and mission.

Thus reading the Bible like a text says the Good Samaritan is the neighbour, but with wisdom filled and guided by the Holy Spirit, we conclude **every human being we meet, put in our life with a plan and purpose for our prosperity which only God can understand, is our neighbour.**

The word of God is full of life, full of truth, a real story of unfathomable love. One drop is greater than the deepest ocean. Amen.

# LAST WORD

If one day, we all are allowed to put our problems on a table and exchange them, I'm sure that after few minutes, everyone would silently take back their own & leave the table. There is no such thing like a perfect life, nobody has it all together. Just as our faces are different, so are our problems.

Never be envious of what someone else has. You don't know the price they paid to get it and the price they are paying to keep it. You don't own half of the problems in this world. While you are discreetly wishing to be like the other person, someone else is seriously praying for that life you take for granted. Sometimes the people you envy, are actually wishing they could have the life you live.

Be contented and cherish what you have. You can be anything you want, just don't be ungrateful.

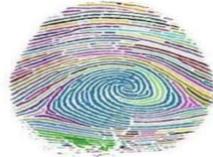
Child of God, if there is anytime our eyes need to be opened, it is now. Opportunities to solve problems and provide solutions abound daily but only the discerning can see it. If you look at the scriptures, you will notice that it is filled with people who were able to see and discern what others could not. Consequently, what gave them the impetus and spiritual energy to go on was their ability to see what was available to them even in the midst of bad situations.

Jephthah was a man who had everything working against him because of the circumstances surrounding his birth. He was driven out of town but rather than call a pity party, he decided to look inwards. He went on to develop his God-given talents and abilities to the extent that the news of his skills filtered back home. Can you imagine that when the news got back to his people, they had no choice but to call on him to lead them to battle? They looked for him and he led them on his terms. Can you imagine getting a job where you fix your salary and entitlement? That was what happened to Jephthah, and I pray that they would look for you as well. I know that God is daily placing ideas in your heart but they may not look like it for now. Don't discard them simply because they look unrealistic right now but understand they could turn out to be the key to your breakthrough.

Jeremiah 33:3 says "call upon me and I will answer thee and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not" (KJV). There are great and mighty things waiting for you. So, I challenge you to go to God in prayer because in His presence, mysteries are dissolved.

A lot of people are broken inside but still manage to smile.

To everyone under secret pains, God will wipe away your tears  
Amen!!



God gave you a fingerprint that no one else has, so you can leave an imprint that no one else can.

## A MESSAGE FROM GOD

You have an enemy, understand this. It's not fair or fun, but it is a fact. I need you to understand, he's going to try and get under your skin, ruin your life, ANYTHING to keep you from me and fulfilling your destiny. Resist him, as soon as you do I will step in and help you. It is a fight we will win together.

*Are You In?*

## GOD SAID:

I need you to get excited again. I need you to remember you're not in this thing alone. I'm working on your challenges, I've already assigned angels to you. So let go of the stress & just trust Me; I've got a pretty incredible ending in store. In fact, that's why you need to get excited again... because the happy ending I've got coming, is going to ROCK. YOUR. WORLD.

Like Solomon, i have never asked GOD to make me rich, famous, or be better than anyone-i'm not insecure, & i'm not in competition with anyone.  
I asked for WISDOM, for knowledge is POWER, and i hate

mediocrity, i like to be relevant;  
So i say, THANK YOU GOD!!!  
DO STRENGTHEN YOUR HEDGE OF PROTECTION AROUND me and mine, IJMN AMEN

We may not have all that we want, but when we check closely we realize that God has given us exactly what we need.

## CARTOON



## LAUGHTER'S THE BEST

The Devil tempts men most when they have money, Women are tempted most when they don't have money, For us to keep the devil away, when you get some money give everything to your wife to keep so that while you walk without money, she walks with money and the devil is kept away.....!!!!!!

Wisdom is profitable to direct...



A man tells a Rabbi: "I have a strong desire to live forever. What can I do?"  
"Get married," replies the Rabbi.  
"And will I live forever?"  
"No, but the desire will disappear."

## Prayer for the week ahead.

This week and beyond, May the Lord direct you in the path of his commands where to find happiness, joy and peace in the mighty name of Jesus.

May God grant you strength & wisdom to face whatever comes your way.  
God Bless You

Wishing you a fulfilled time in His presence today while you stay safe

Have a Lovely Week  
AMEN

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