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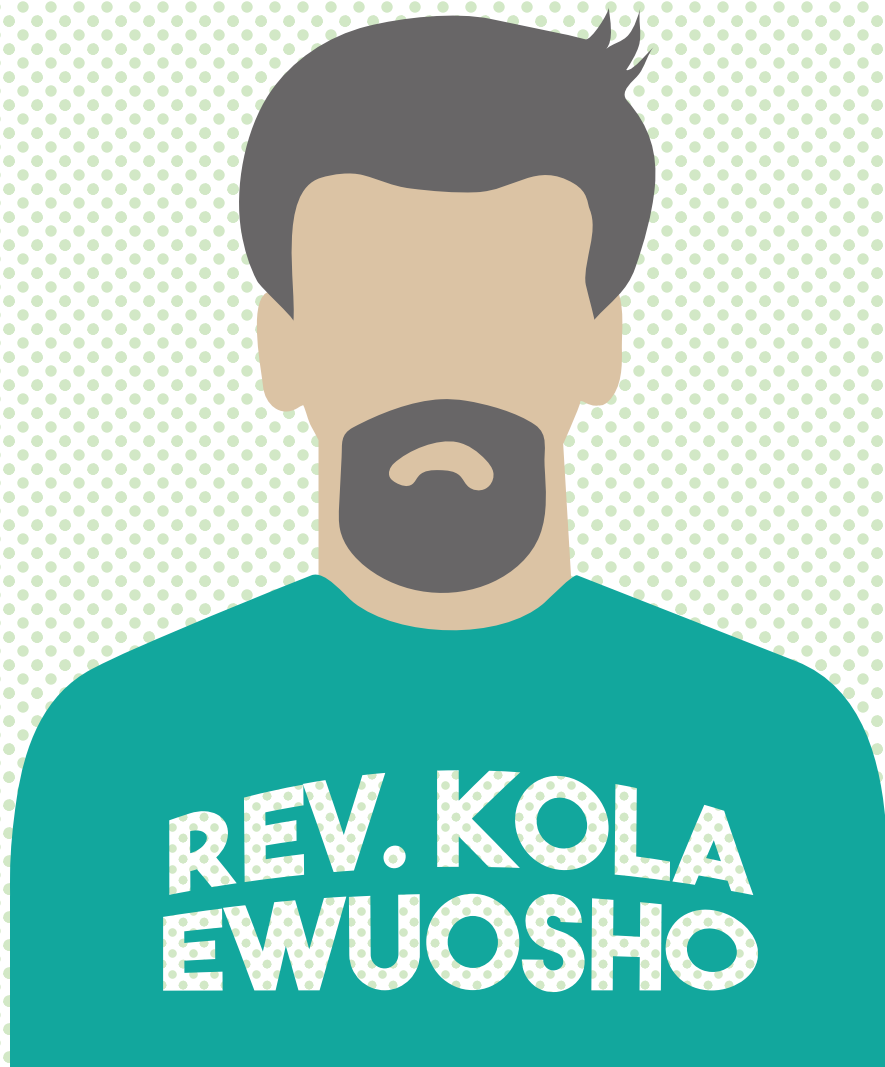
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**ACTIVATING THE
PROVISION OF**

**DIVINE
PROTECTION**





There are many benefits (provisions and blessings based on the finished work of Calvary) available to believers as a result of our relationship with God through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The blessings of Abraham are ours in Christ as Jesus bore the curse of

the law.

A lack of knowledge of these blessings and benefits has hindered many from enjoying what rightfully belongs to them. The enemy of our souls (Satan) has lied to many about how God operates and has taken advantage of their ignorance to steal from them many of the benefits they should be enjoying. Many are not enjoying these benefits and they attribute what they are experiencing to God, preventing or denying them of these benefits.

The quality of knowledge we have determines the quality of decisions we make. Our decisions affect our actions, attitudes and eventually the outcomes of our lives. The choices we make affect the outcomes of our lives. We need not only to know what is available to us, but also what we need to do to bring about these benefits becoming an experiential reality. Our study is about learning how to activate the provisions we have in Christ. In this study we shall also see how we can be prevented from enjoying our benefits and privileges in Christ.

There is a thief out there who is willing to steal, kill and destroy anything in sight. He is our enemy called Satan and he utilises things like our wrong thought processes or circumstances or evil influences around us to achieve his aim. We, on the other hand, have the God-given authority to stop, bind and resist him. God's power will be released on our behalf to see that he is stopped in his tracks when we put up resistance in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

OUR MANY BLESSINGS, PROVISIONS AND BENEFITS IN CHRIST

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Let us start with a general view of our many blessings and provisions. The book of Psalms captures many of such benefits that are available to us in God. We are the seed of Abraham so the blessings of Abraham belong to us. We have this access through our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. We have a part to play and God plays His part as we play ours.

Psalms 103:1-5 (AMP)

*BLESS (AFFECTIONATELY, gratefully praise) the Lord, O my soul; and all that is [deepest] within me, bless His holy name!
Bless (affectionately, gratefully praise) the Lord, O my soul, and forget not [one of] all His benefits— Who forgives [every one of] all your iniquities, Who heals [each one of] all your diseases, Who redeems your life from the pit and corruption, Who beautifies, dignifies, and crowns you with loving-kindness and tender mercy; Who satisfies your mouth [your necessity and desire at your personal age and situation] with good so that your youth, renewed, is like the eagle's [strong, overcoming, soaring]!*

Our benefits include forgiveness of sins, healing for all diseases, redemption from corruption and being crowned with loving kindness and tender mercy, amongst other things. Through our Lord Jesus and His sacrifice on the cross, we have access to these benefits. We however need to appropriate them into our lives and situations otherwise they will not happen automatically. 'Not to forget' means 'to remember'. In the Holy Communion, we are told to eat the bread and drink the cup in remembrance of our Lord Jesus and His sacrifice for us. What are we to remember? The benefits that are ours as a result of what He did for us. What we can remember we can re-live. As we remember these benefits we can experience them again and again.

The provisions we have in Christ include every blessing we see both in the Old Testament and the New. We are told we have a better covenant based on better promises. Christ fulfilled the requirements of the law for us so we can come into the benefits of the covenant.

In this study we want to see how we can walk in the provision of Divine Protection where we can count on God and His angels to watch over us in the light of the happenings around the world today.

THE PROVISION OF DIVINE PROTECTION

Psalms 91 (AMP)

HE WHO dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall remain stable and fixed under the shadow of the Almighty [Whose power no foe can withstand].

I will say of the Lord, He is my Refuge and my Fortress, my God; on Him I lean and rely, and in Him I [confidently] trust!

For [then] He will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.

[Then] He will cover you with His pinions, and under His wings shall you trust and find refuge; His truth and His faithfulness are a shield and a buckler.

You shall not be afraid of the terror of the night, nor of the arrow (the evil plots and slanders of the wicked) that flies by day, Nor of the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor of the destruction and sudden death that surprise and lay waste at noonday.

A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand, but it shall not come near you.

Only a spectator shall you be [yourself inaccessible in the secret place of the Most High] as you witness the reward of the wicked.

Because you have made the Lord your refuge, and the Most High your dwelling place, There shall no evil befall you, nor any plague or calamity come near your tent.

For He will give His angels [especial] charge over you to accompany and defend and preserve you in all your ways [of obedience and service].

They shall bear you up on their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

You shall tread upon the lion and adder; the young lion and the serpent shall you trample underfoot.

Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore will I deliver him; I will set him on high, because he knows and understands My name [has a personal knowledge of My mercy, love, and kindness—trusts and relies on Me, knowing I will never forsake him, no, never].

He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him.

With long life will I satisfy him and show him My salvation.

Isaiah 54:17 (NKJV)

No weapon formed against you shall prosper, And every tongue which rises against you in judgment You shall condemn.

This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, And their righteousness is from Me,"

Says the Lord.

All these benefits belong to us as children of God, through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

MEDITATION, SPEAKING AND ACTING ON THE WORD

Like many provisions, we need to know and meditate on these provisions. This is the first step in appropriation of the provision.

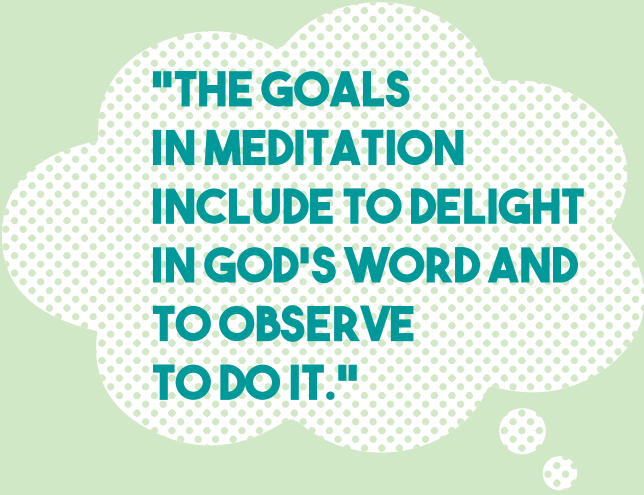
Psalms 1:1-3 (AMP)

BLESSED (HAPPY, fortunate, prosperous, and enviable) is the man who walks and lives not in the counsel of the ungodly [following their advice, their plans and purposes], nor stands [submissive and inactive] in the path where sinners walk, nor sits down [to relax and rest] where the scornful [and the mockers] gather. But his delight and desire are in the law of the Lord, and on His law (the precepts, the instructions, the teachings of God) he habitually meditates (ponders and studies) by day and by night.

And he shall be like a tree firmly planted [and tended] by the streams of water, ready to bring forth its fruit in its season; its leaf also shall not fade or wither; and everything he does shall prosper [and come to maturity].

"LIKE MANY PROVISIONS, WE NEED TO KNOW AND MEDITATE ON THESE PROVISIONS."






"THE GOALS IN MEDITATION INCLUDE TO DELIGHT IN GOD'S WORD AND TO OBSERVE TO DO IT."

Joshua 1:8 (AMP)

This Book of the Law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, that you may observe and do according to all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall deal wisely and have good success.



The goals in meditation include to delight in God's Word and to observe to do it. In the Hebrew language, it implies speaking to oneself so much so it becomes part of our imagination until it becomes a reality in our consciousness.

In studying Psalm 91 we see that we need to dwell in the secret place of the Most High and abide under the shadow of the Almighty. For us, it is dwelling in Christ.


John 15:7-8 (AMP)

If you live in Me [abide vitally united to Me] and My words remain in you and continue to live in your hearts, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you.

When you bear (produce) much fruit, My Father is honored and glorified, and you show and prove yourselves to be true followers of Mine.

Continuing our study of Psalm 91, it says "I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in Him will I trust!" We appropriate the provision by saying what the Word says about it. Words play a major role in our experience both in the spiritual and natural realms. Words are involved from our initial salvation experience to any other provision we have in Christ.

There are different dimensions of saying; the first is to say to oneself, as in meditation, and the second is to say to mountains expecting them to move. One should not take the place of the other. The more we say to ourselves, the greater confidence we shall have to say to mountains to move, and they will obey us.



1 Peter 3:9-12 (AMP)

Never return evil for evil or insult for insult (scolding, tongue-lashing, berating), but on the contrary blessing [praying for their welfare, happiness, and protection, and truly pitying and loving them]. For know that to this you have been called, that you may yourselves inherit a blessing [from God—that you may obtain a blessing as heirs, bringing welfare and happiness and protection].

For let him who wants to enjoy life and see good days [good—whether apparent or not] keep his tongue free from evil and his lips from guile (treachery, deceit).

Let him turn away from wickedness and shun it, and let him do right. Let him search for peace (harmony; undisturbedness from fears, agitating passions, and moral conflicts) and seek it eagerly. [Do not merely desire peaceful relations with God, with your fellowmen, and with yourself, but pursue, go after them!]

For the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous (those who are upright and in right standing with God), and His ears are attentive to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who practice evil [to oppose them, to frustrate, and defeat them].

Proverbs 18:20-21 (AMP)

A man's [moral] self shall be filled with the fruit of his mouth; and with the consequence of his words he must be satisfied [whether good or evil].

Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and they who indulge in it shall eat the fruit of it [for death or life].

It is not enough to just speak, which we should do regularly; what we believe in our hearts also matters. There is a heart and mouth connection in the life of faith. For example, with regard to Salvation...

Romans 10:8-10 (AMP)

But what does it say? The Word (God's message in Christ) is near you, on your lips and in your heart; that is, the Word (the message, the basis and object) of faith which we preach, Because if you acknowledge and confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and in your heart believe (adhere to, trust in, and rely on the truth) that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

For with the heart a person believes (adheres to, trusts in, and relies on Christ) and so is justified (declared righteous, acceptable to God), and with the mouth he confesses (declares openly and speaks out freely his faith) and confirms [his] salvation.

Believing with the heart is involved with the confession of the mouth for our salvation to become an experiential reality in our lives. Everything we shall appropriate by faith will involve these two aspects of our operations: i.e. believe with the heart and confess with the mouth.

MOVING MOUNTAINS

Mark 11:22-26 (AMP)

And Jesus, replying, said to them, Have faith in God [constantly].

Truly I tell you, whoever says to this mountain, Be lifted up and thrown into the sea! and does not doubt at all in his heart but believes that what he says will take place, it will be done for him.

For this reason I am telling you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe (trust and be confident) that it is granted to you, and you will [get it].

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And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him and let it drop (leave it, let it go), in order that your Father who is in heaven may also forgive you your [own] failings and shortcomings and let them drop. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your failings and shortcomings.

Our hearts need to be influenced by the love of God as we forgive everyone who has hurt us. The offence-free heart is more productive than an unforgiving heart. The unforgiveness in the heart will not produce God's Word but will release whatever was in it in abundance i.e. offences! So the believing with the heart and saying with the mouth should include checking that the heart is free of unforgiveness. Faith works by love.

The scriptures say we can speak to mountains of problems or difficulties and they will obey us. We also engage our words in order to appropriate the provision of divine protection in our lives.

"I dwell in the secret place of the Most High, I abide under the shadow of the Almighty, I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in Him will I trust". This must be said, regularly, believing this to be true from the heart of the one who says it.

The entire psalm can be personalised when confessing it. This is easier with the New King James Version.

We start by saying "I dwell in the secret place of the most High." Then "He shall deliver me from the snare of the fowler " Then " He will set me on high, because I have known His name...He will deliver me because I have set my love on Him". The entire psalm can be so personalised as we speak it over our lives regularly. This is vital to appropriating this provision.

FELLOWSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

The final step is listening to the Holy Spirit of God who has been sent to help us in every possible way to experience all that God the Father has provided for us to be and to have.

John 16:13-15 (NKJV)

However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.

John 14:26-27 (NKJV)

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Romans 8:12-17 (NKJV)

Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

As we get more and more acquainted with God through His Word, we can understand the operations of the Holy Spirit as He wants to help us, guide us and lead us into all God has for us. He is our strengthener, stand by help, teacher and guide in this life. This starts by us recognising the inner witness at the new birth. Then through FELLOWSHIP, we recognise His voice as He speaks the things that are in harmony with God's Word. He is interested in every subject in our lives; not just our religious life. He wants to teach us about how to succeed in marriage, in parenting, in making correct choices and leading us into every provision of God including divine protection. If we cultivate the habit of listening to Him, we shall enjoy the fullness of the Provisions we have in Christ.

There have been stories of people who were impressed by the Holy Spirit to move out of a place just before calamity struck in the place. Others have heard instructions inside them that helped them avoid being destroyed by things that have happened.

Many others too who did not listen or ignored what they heard have faced calamities that were avoidable. It is vital to cultivate intimacy with God by His Spirit to the point of understanding how to respond to His prompting.

SUMMARY

We need to know what has been provided for us. From healing to prosperity, to peace of mind, to protection; all are available to us in Christ. Then we need to build this awareness into our consciousness through meditation in the Word of God i.e. speaking and by using our imagination e.g. picturing the angels watching over us, as stated in Psalm 91.

Proverbs 4:20-27 (AMP)

My son, attend to my words; consent and submit to my sayings. Let them not depart from your sight; keep them in the center of your heart.

For they are life to those who find them, healing and health to all their flesh.

Keep and guard your heart with all vigilance and above all that you guard, for out of it flow the springs of life.

Put away from you false and dishonest speech, and willful and contrary talk put far from you.

Let your eyes look right on [with fixed purpose], and let your gaze be straight before you.

Consider well the path of your feet, and let all your ways be established and ordered aright.

Turn not aside to the right hand or to the left; remove your foot from evil.

Attending to God's Word implies taking attention away from other things. Keeping it in your sight implies carrying mental images of the reality of the Word. Guarding your heart means refusing to allow anything contrary to God's Word to get a hold of your heart. Many things seek to hold people's hearts, from offences to negative thoughts; just about anything but the Word of God. Whatever is established in our hearts has a hold on our lives.

Luke 6:45 (AMP)

The upright (honorable, intrinsically good) man out of the good treasure [stored] in his heart produces what is upright (honorable and intrinsically good), and the evil man out of the evil storehouse brings forth that which is depraved (wicked and intrinsically evil); for out of the abundance (overflow) of the heart his mouth speaks.

Whatever you are experiencing day in and day out can be traced to what has been stored in your heart. Yes, your mouth will reveal what is abundant in your heart. Also whatever you keep saying will eventually register on your heart. Say what God says about you regularly (daily) and keep your heart with all diligence. Declaring the Word of God with authority also helps establish in your heart that He gives His angels charge over you. This is your part... know it, say it, think it and obey the leading of the Holy Spirit. Then leave the rest to the Father who watches over His Word to perform it.

Praying regularly opens you up to the provisions of divine protection and can result in divine intervention for you not to fall into any trap of the evil one.

God bless.

Rev. Kola Ewuosho

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The medical outreach this year, which is hosted by FOWM Ghana, was another success! We started with a street float on the 1st of July, followed by the outreach the next day. It attracted more than (300) three hundred patients with the highest medical personnel. Pharmaceutical companies responded to our call and donated several drugs. Nestlé Ghana and JM Addo & Sons were among the companies who brought their products to distribute to those who attended the outreach. Thanks to our partners who are committed to supporting the outreach work of FOWM!



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“Healed of Cancer”



I'm really glad to share this testimony of God's faithfulness to His Word! I was diagnosed of a lump in my left breast in August this year. I had been having pains in my breast but didn't know what it was until a mammogram confirmed a growth of 2.65 cm. The

test result said the growth needed further analysis as it was uncertain whether it was benign or malignant. The doctor said it may be benign but he couldn't decide and needed further investigation and follow up tests. Several thoughts ran through my mind after the test. By the way, my mum had died of cancer of the breast some years ago, so all the memories of her experiences came back to my mind in vivid colours, with the emotions surrounding her death intensified! I just kept the nagging thoughts to myself. Then I opened up to a sister in church who strengthened my faith by telling me that my case would be different and that my mum would have lived if she knew better.

I decided to build my faith by watching YouTube daily on testimonies of people who had been healed of cancer. I got scriptures on healing and confessed them on myself every morning and evening. The pains seemed to grow worse after this. I then informed Pastor Wole and my Pastor in Calabar. They encouraged me to hold on to the Word of God. Two days before Ingathering, the pains got really bad when I went to make my hair in a salon and to shop in preparation for the conference. I could barely hold my shopping bag. My left breast and left arm were in severe pain and I remember not being sure anymore if I wanted to go on confessing the Word. My favourite healing scripture was Isaiah 53 verse 5, but I was beginning to wonder if it was working.

I was out of a job by this time and I was suddenly called to be at an interview the very day Ingathering was starting. I had to ask the panel to wait for me as I had a prior engagement in church. Then they asked when I'd be available. I told them the church programme would last for a few days, so I needed a week before the interview. Strangely enough, they obliged.

As I was setting out for the journey to Ingathering, I asked God to touch me at this meeting. If there was going to be any healing, I was going to be the one person who'll receive it. If any man of God was coming out to minister healing, my case had to be prioritised. I also needed to have a very good job to make up for the unfair treatment meted to me by my last

immediate employer. I needed a push to the next season of my life. These were my requests and expectations for the meeting when I prayed.

It looked like everything about Ingathering 2016 was packaged for me! Every word spoken had a profound impact on me. Every minute counted! Every hug suddenly had a deeper meaning to me! It looked like even a smile from any of the saints could have healed me at this meeting.

On the Healing Night, as soon as Rev. Kola got up to minister, he mentioned my case. Then for emphasis, he repeated it. I keyed into the moment and quickly came out to be prayed for. Pastor Wole laid hands on me and then I heard a voice say to me, "You can't get healed; if your case was that important to God, He would have asked Rev. Kola himself to lay hands on you. But see, it was Pastor Wole." I battled with this thought, and then found an answer. I said to myself, "God wants me healed. That's why He called out my case. It doesn't matter who laid hands on me. The healing power of God flows through His saints. Whether it is Pastor Wole or Rev. Kola, hands have been laid on me. And I receive my healing." I kept saying this to myself over and over and over again.

When I left Kano, I got to Lagos and bought as many books on healing as I could- books by Kenneth Copeland, Kenneth Hagin and several other authors. I spent almost the entire day (uninterrupted only by my meals) reading these books on healing and confessing scriptures on healing aloud. I did this for four days in a stretch! I was so engrossed in doing this that I didn't even realise the pains had gone. On the third day, I said to myself, 'Wow, I can't feel any pain anymore!' And on the fourth day, I got to the bathroom and felt for the usual growth. It was no longer there. My healing had manifested physically. The growth was gone. The pain was gone! God had healed me. And did I add that the panel waited for me and God favoured me above all the other candidates for the job? Well, I got the job and it came with accommodation. And it was really a restoration like I'd requested.

And to top it all, during one of the praise and worship sessions at Ingathering, the Holy Spirit had revealed to me topics to prepare for some training I'd be doing. I wrote them down and they have all been relevant to my new job.

Our God is truly wonderful!!! He is real and, even as I write this, I know that this is a miracle as I still haven't felt the pain since then.

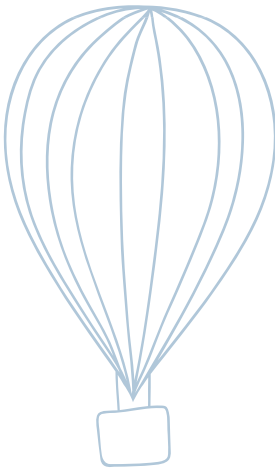
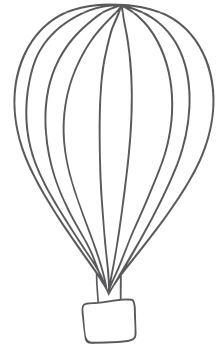
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The Power of Expectation

**“TO EXPECT MEANS TO
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COMING OF; TO LOOK FOR WITH
REASON OR JUSTIFICATION.”**



The man at the Gate Beautiful gave Peter his attention, *“expecting to receive something from them.”* (Acts 3:5). Though he was expecting to receive alms, he got more than that- he got his legs walking and leaping! A lot of people don’t get anything because they expect nothing. Though God usually goes beyond our expectations (He is able to do exceedingly abundantly above what we ask or think- Eph. 3:20), He still needs our expectations to work with. He said His thoughts towards us are of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. (Jer. 29:11).

David asked, *“What shall be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel?”* (1 Sam. 17:26). Though David fought against Goliath to remove the reproach from Israel, he looked forward to the reward also! The Bible says *“the ploughman ought to plow in hope, and the thresher ought to thresh in expectation of partaking of the harvest.”* (1 Cor. 9:9-10 AMP).

God is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. (Heb. 11:6). He said, *“I did not say to the seed of Jacob, ‘Seek Me in vain’;”* (Isa. 45:19). The Amplified

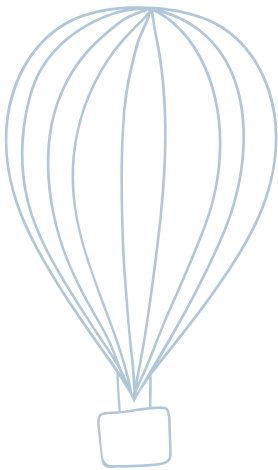
Bible is more explicit, *“I did not call the descendants of Jacob [to a fruitless service], saying, Seek Me for nothing [but I promised them a just reward].”* No wonder in Malachi 3:14, when the people said it was useless to serve God and wasn’t of any profit that they have kept His ordinance, God said their words were harsh against Him! He said He was going to make a difference between the righteous and the wicked; between one who serves Him and one who doesn’t. God has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant. (Psa. 35:27).

Through religious spirits, Satan has lied to people that there are no benefits in serving God and that it’s wrong to serve God expecting benefits; but nothing could be further from the truth than that! The Bible says, *“Because you did not serve the Lord your God with joy and gladness of heart, for the abundance of everything, therefore you shall serve your enemies,”* (Deut. 28:47-48). The NLT says, *“If you do not serve the Lord your God with joy and enthusiasm for the abundant benefits you have received.”*

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On the one hand, this seems to explain why some people have lost their joy and enthusiasm in their service to God; they have no expectations of any benefits from Him. It also infers that God, indeed, has and does give benefits! The psalmist told his soul not to forget God's benefits and he went on to list them: *"Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's."* (Psa. 103:3-5). Also, *"So you shall serve the Lord your God, and He will bless your bread and your water. And I will take sickness away from the midst of you. No one shall suffer miscarriage or be barren in your land; I will fulfill the number of your days."* (Exo. 23:25-26). And, *"But in that coming day no weapon turned against you will succeed. You will silence every voice raised up to accuse you. These benefits are enjoyed by the servants of the Lord; their vindication will come from Me. I, the Lord, have spoken!"* (Isa. 54:17 NLT).

When we serve or seek God, we can therefore expect these and other benefits He promised us.

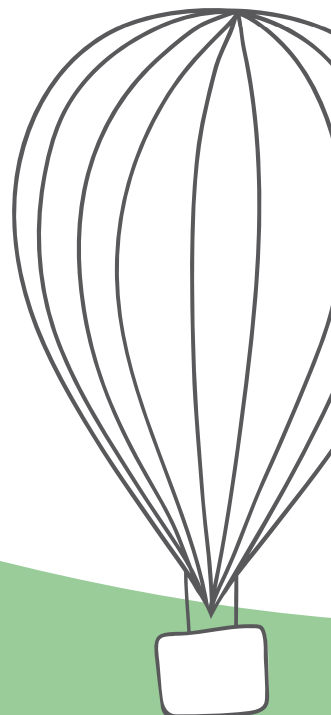
Jesus said when we give, fast and pray, (as we should), and our Father who sees in secret will reward us openly. (Matt. 6:1-4,6,17-18). Truly, God didn't ask us to seek Him in vain! Cornelius was a devout

and God-fearing man who gave alms generously and prayed to God always. He was told by an angel in a vision that his prayers and alms have come up for a memorial before God. (Acts 10:1-4). The prayers of the saints are offered as incense before His throne (Revelations 5:8;8:3-4), so, they can't be forgotten. The Bible says, *"The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results."* (Jas 5:16c NIV).

Hannah prayed and made a vow asking for a male child from the Lord *"and the Lord remembered her."* In the process of time she conceived and bore a son whom she named Samuel, saying, *"Because I have asked for him from the Lord."* (1 Sam. 1:19-20). Zacharias was told by the angel that his prayer was heard and his wife Elizabeth was going to have a son that will be named John. (Lk 1:13-14). God never forgets our prayers and our gifts, or anything we do in service to Him, even when we or others have long forgotten; because they are before Him for a memorial!

The Bible says, by faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, and through it he being dead still speaks. (Heb. 11:4). Paul said the gift the Philippians sent to him was a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God. *"And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."* (Php.4:18-19).

Hope (expectation) is the cornerstone of Christianity. The Bible has a lot to say about our spiritual hope which, most unfortunately, many have lost sight of! (1 Cor. 15:19). First and foremost is the





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hope of spending eternity with the Lord! (1 Thess. 4:17). We were saved in the hope of the redemption of our body. (Rom. 8:23-24). The Bible says we shall be changed in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. (1 Cor. 15:51-52). As children of God, we have the hope that we shall be like Him when He is revealed, for we shall see Him as He is. This hope has the power to purify us, if we would retain it in us. (1 Jn.1:2-3). We were born *“again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven”* for us. (1 Pet. 1:3-4). Apostle Paul prayed for the Ephesians that the eyes of their understanding being enlightened; may know what is the hope of God’s calling. (Eph. 1:17-18).

The Bible says when we were without Christ, we were also without hope and without God in the world, but, praise God, we now have Christ. (Eph. 2:11-13). This implies we now have hope and are with God in this world! Hope in Christ isn’t therefore, only in the life to come, that is, in the sweet by and by; but also in this present life. The Bible says *“training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come.”* (1 Tim. 4:8b NLT). The righteous shall also be rewarded on earth. (Prov. 11:31). *“The blessing of the Lord makes a person rich, and He adds no sorrow with it.”* (Prov. 10:22 NLT). The man who fears the Lord and walks in His ways is blessed; and those blessings are also here in this life! (Psa. 112, 128).

The word translated as hope in the Old Testament means: expectation; something yearned for and anticipated eagerly; something for which one waits. It comes from the verb meaning “to wait for” or “to look hopefully” in a particular direction.

Its original meaning was “to stretch like a rope.” In Joshua 2:18,21, it’s translated “line” or “cord” where Rahab was instructed to tie a scarlet (cord or rope) in her window as her HOPE for rescue.

In Hosea 2:15, God’s blessing on His land will transform the Valley of Achor (“trouble”) into the “door of hope.” The psalmist said, *“When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dreamed. Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them.”* (Psa. 126:1,6 NIV).

I. THE BASIS OF OUR EXPECTATION

Every expectation must have a basis, a foundation, a reason or reasons. You can’t just randomly expect something from someone or something to happen; there has to be a basis for your expectation. In the New Testament ‘hope’ is not in the sense of an optimistic outlook or wishful thinking without any foundation, but in the sense of “confident expectation based on solid certainty.” Biblical hope or expectation is, therefore, based or founded on certain factors:

1. God’s Word and Promises:

The psalmist said, *“You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in Your word.”* (Psa. 119:114). The expectation of a brighter tomorrow, of good health, of a long and prosperous life etc is based on God’s precious promises. And through those promises, we have become partakers of His divine nature and have escaped the corruption that is in the world. (2 Pet. 1:3-4).

We expect answers to our prayers because they are based on the Word of God. Jesus said, *“If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.”* (Jn. 15:7). The Word of God reveals His will to us and we have the confidence in Him that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us and we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him. (1 Jn. 5:14-15). Note that it didn’t say, ‘we think’ or ‘wish’; rather it says, “we know”! The Word of God moves us from the realm of uncertainty, insecurity, doubt and fear into the realm of certainty, assurance, security and faith. Abraham was fully convinced that God was able to perform what He had promised. (Rom. 4:21).

God didn’t only promise but also bound Himself with an oath, so that those who received the promise could be perfectly sure that He would never change His mind.

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I GOT HEALED AT THE INGATHERING CONFERENCE!

I want to share this testimony with you regarding my healing as it stemmed from the conference.

Sometime in July, I noticed a rash on my back and arms, which later spread all around my body except my face. I went to see a doctor who said it was only prickly heat and prescribed calamine lotion to be used for three days. After the three days the lotion hadn't worked, rather the rash had grown worse. I was examined by another doctor who diagnosed a viral infection based on an allergy. I was given some drugs, including antibiotics and steroids, to be taken for seven days. Thankfully, it all cleared by the 30th of July.

However, a week after, I noticed that it had reappeared. This time around (as we were preparing for the Ingathering Conference) I said to myself, "I'm going to trust God for my healing". I looked forward to coming to the conference. During the conference, on 'Power Night', Rev. Kola had some words of knowledge covering a number of cases. As soon as he said someone with a skin disease was being healed, I jumped up and began to thank God. I went to check my body for confirmation as he said, but when I did I saw the rash was still there! And I said "Look, I have been healed. It will all disappear." I also recalled that night Rev. Funke coming up to add that the fact you haven't seen anything doesn't mean the healing hasn't taken place; simply give God thanks. I held on to that as well. So each day after we returned from the conference, I kept thanking God and speaking to my body, "Hear the word of the Lord. Be healed!".

On the morning of the 27th August, I heard specifically in my spirit, "Pray in tongues all through to the office as you drive. All the rash will disappear by Saturday." As soon as we got into the car, I began to pray in tongues and at some point some scriptures were quickened in my heart. Based on those examples, the Holy Spirit began to explain that Jesus heals in diverse forms. We can't put Him in a box with regards to how He works. Some of Jesus' healings were instant whilst others weren't but the people were healed. With this understanding (and recalling what was said), I began to thank God for my healing and to say to my body "Be healed!" I woke up on Saturday morning and behold my skin was like a baby's. All the rash disappeared with no trace of mark and it's now been two weeks! I sent the pictures to Rev. Kola and Rev. Mrs Funke Ewuosho. I've been made whole; God be praised! I also learnt that there is power in thanksgiving.

Thank you Sir and Ma'am for being used of God. God bless you both and strengthen the works of your hands; every word spoken will not return void.

Regards, Caleb Izedonmi



A LOOK BACK AT...

INGATHERING 2016

MY HEALING TESTIMONY...

There was a growth that manifested sometime last year, which started increasing in size as the months went by. I was to go for a medical check up to ensure it was benign but I just never got round to booking a check-up. I started praying about it. Just as we were preparing to come for the Ingathering conference, my husband encouraged me to book an appointment for my check-up once we return back.

At the power night during the conference, Rev. Kola gave a word of revelation that, 'growths would disappear'! I quickly held onto it and received it. When I got home, I saw that nothing had changed; but I quickly rose up within me and said, 'no! This growth is just like the fig tree that Jesus cursed; outwardly it still looks alive but it has died from the roots so this growth has also died from its roots.' I believed it was only a matter of time and the physical manifestation of my healing will be evident. Every day I kept confessing that it was just like the fig tree, and I believed that the physical manifestation of my healing would come to pass. Two weeks after the Ingathering conference, I noticed that the size of the growth had started shrinking. I couldn't hide my excitement from my husband! He couldn't believe it. There was no going back. It continued shrinking as the days went by. To God be the glory, the growth has completely disappeared!

Thanks

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MY INGATHERING EXPERIENCE...

Travelling from Warri-Kano was an amazing journey for me; meeting Rev. Kola and Rev. Funke Ewuosho and listening to them preach and teach the Word. I would travel a thousand miles just to hear such teachings - especially about balancing of the Old-School character and the New-School revelation of the Word.

During the course of the conference, we had our Youth Gathering where I took part in the social media challenge: I was given 1 minute (equivalent to 59 seconds for an Instagram video) to tell the congregation about the Gospel. It was such a great deal for me as it gave me the opportunity to put into practice what I've been learning.

HAVE FUN IN KANO, NIGERIA!

Travelling to Kano for the first time was not only an amazing time spiritually, but it was also amazing because I visited a zoo for the first time!

A big thank you to our leaders and the Word of Faith Campus Fellowship, Abraka, for making this an amazing and successful trip.

More blessings await us!

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The Power of Expectation

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"These two things are unchangeable because it is impossible for God to lie. Therefore, we who have fled to Him for refuge can have great confidence as we hold to the hope that lies before us. This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls." (Heb. 6:17-19a NLT). The hope we derive from God's promises and oath to us can be relied on for support, stability, security and mainstay, in times of trouble or contrary circumstances. Jesus said we will have troubles in the world; but we should be of good cheer, because He has overcome the world. (Jn. 16:33).

2. God's Character:

God is just. *"For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister."* (Heb. 6:10). It would amount to injustice on God's part to forget our labour in Him! The Bible says it shall be well with the righteous, and they shall eat the fruit of their doing (Isa. 3:10); they will also be rewarded on earth; not only the hereafter! (Prov. 11:31). *"But the godly will flourish like palm trees and grow strong like the cedars of Lebanon. For they are transplanted to the Lord's own house. They flourish in the courts of our God. Even in old age they will still produce fruit; they will remain vital and green. They will declare, 'The Lord is just! He is my rock! There is no evil in Him!'"* (Psa. 92:12c-15 NLT).

It is God's justice that ensures people reap what they sow; either good or bad! *"Don't be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant."* (Gal. 6:7 NLT).

God is also faithful, so we expect Him to do just what He says! *"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful."* (Heb. 10:23). The NLT says, *"for God can be trusted to keep His promise."*

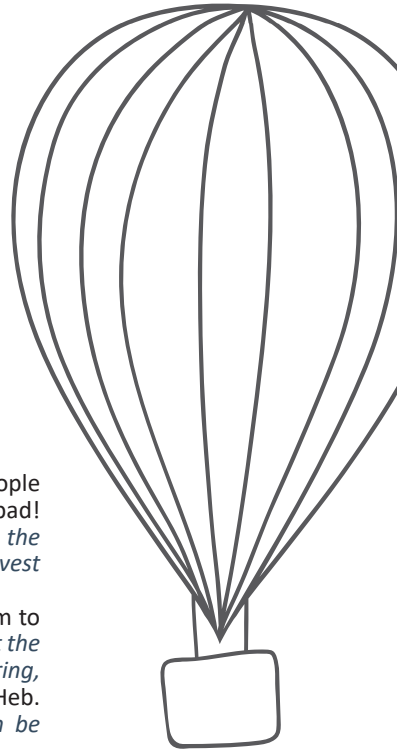
If we confess our sins, we expect God to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness, because He is faithful and just. (1 Jn. 1:9). We can always count on God's faithfulness at any time to do what He says; knowing that *"He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it."* (1 Thess. 5:24).

Moses attested to God's character saying, *"He is the Rock, His work is perfect, for all His ways are law and justice. A God of faithfulness without breach or deviation, just and right is He."* (Deut. 32:4 AMP).

3. God's Love For Us:

Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. (Rom. 5:5). The NLT says, *"And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us,"* God's love is unfailing; it never ends. God's love is unconditional; it's not based on our own goodness, but on His! We can always count on His goodness; the psalmist said, *"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;"* (Psa. 23:6b).

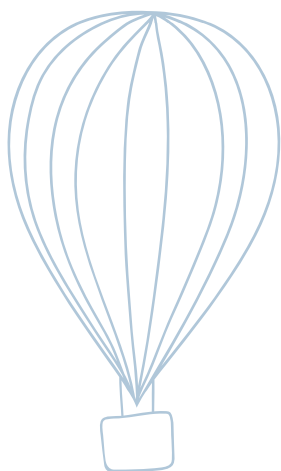
Another word for love is mercy or compassion. Blind Bartimaeus cried out, asking Jesus to have mercy on him and Jesus healed him of his blindness. (Mk. 10:46-47).



“IF WE WOULD BASE OUR EXPECTATIONS ON THE SACRIFICE OF JESUS FOR US, INSTEAD OF ON OUR OWN POWER OR HOLINESS, THEN WE COULD BE SURE OF ALWAYS BEING VICTORIOUS. “

Paul, speaking about Epaphroditus said, *“For indeed he was sick almost unto death; but God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.”* (Php. 2:27).

People often come to God based on their own goodness or some come asking for ‘justice’ or their ‘rights’, when they should be asking for mercy! If God would mark iniquity, the Bible says nobody will stand; but thank God mercy triumphs over judgment. God gave Jesus to the world- not because we deserve Him but because He loved the world. (Jn. 3:16). We are more than conquerors, through Him who loved us. (Rom. 8:37). It is through His mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions don’t fail. (Lam. 3:22). The multitudes who had come against Judah were all defeated as the singers began to sing and to praise saying: *“Praise the Lord, For His mercy endures forever.”* (2 Chron. 20:21-22). Judah spent three days gathering the spoil because there was so much; there was an abundance of valuables and precious jewellery, more than they could carry away! The Bible says, *“He takes no pleasure in the strength of a horse or in human might. No, the Lord’s delight is in those who fear Him, those who put their hope in His unfailing love.”* (Psa. 147:10-11 NLT). We are told to come boldly to the throne of grace, expecting to obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (Heb. 4:16).



4. The Sacrifice of Christ For Us:

“Surely He has borne our griefs (sicknesses, weaknesses, and distresses) and carried our sorrows and pains [of punishment], yet we [ignorantly] considered Him stricken, smitten, and afflicted by God [as if with leprosy]. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our guilt and iniquities; the chastisement [needful to obtain] peace and well-being for us was upon Him, and with the stripes [that wounded] Him we are healed and made whole.” (Isa. 53:4-5 AMP).

Jesus took our place on the cross; He became as we were, so we can become as He is! He became sick, that we might be well. (1 Pet. 2:24). He was broken, that we might be made whole. He became sin, that we might be made righteous. (2 Cor. 5:21). He bore our shame, that we may share His glory. (Col. 1:27). He was rejected, that we might be accepted in the beloved. (Eph. 1:6). He became poor, that we, through His poverty, might be made rich. (2 Cor. 8:9). He became a curse that we might be blessed. (Gal. 3:13-14). The curse of the law is threefold; spiritual death, sicknesses / diseases, and poverty; and Jesus bore them all for us on His cross.

If we would base our expectations on the sacrifice of Jesus for us, instead of on our own power or holiness, then we could be sure of always being victorious. We can always overcome the devil and his cohorts by the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ! (Rev. 12:11).

II. THE FOCUS OF OUR EXPECTATION

The focus of our expectation is as important as the basis or every other thing. If your focus is wrong, you can't hit the right target. Jesus, for the joy set before Him, endured the cross, despised the shame; and is now seated at the right hand of the Father! The Bible says we should consider Him *"who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls."* (Heb. 12:2-3).

Our focus determines our strength; if you focus on the wrong thing, you are going to become weary and then give up. Satan knows that if you don't give up, you will win- as long as you are standing on a solid ground. So he, being the god of this world, manipulates things in the natural, including people, just to make you give up! Jesus said people ought to pray and not to give up. (Lk. 18:1). We are told not to grow weary while doing good, because we shall reap in due time if we do not lose heart. (Gal. 6:9). Abraham's faith wasn't weakened because he didn't consider the deadness of his body or of Sarah's womb. Rather, Abraham considered the promise of God; and he grew strong in faith, giving glory to God.

When it comes to biblical expectation, our focus must be God Himself and His Word because He is the source of every good and perfect gift. The psalmist said, *"My soul, wait silently for God alone, For my expectation is from Him. He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be moved. In God is my salvation and my glory; The rock of my strength, And my refuge, is in God."* (Psa. 62:5-7).

If God isn't your focus, you will be moved by the negative and discouraging things around you. The psalmist said, *"I have set the Lord always before me; Because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved."* (Psa. 16:8)

Our focus also influences and governs our motives- *"And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. And whatever you*

do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ." (Col. 3:17, 23-24).

If your focus is success, fame, money, etc then you will be driven and motivated by those things. This explains why some folk's motivation doesn't last!

We must rather be driven by the love of God (2 Cor. 5:14)- and not by the love of money! The Bible says the LOVE of money is the root of all evil. God was Abraham's focus. He also saw God as his source. He said to the king of Sodom, *"I have raised my hand to the Lord, God Most High, the Possessor of heaven and earth,"* and he refused to take anything of his, saying, *"lest you should say, 'I have made Abram rich'"* (Gen. 14:22-23). And the Bible says, *"AFTER THESE things, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram, I am your Shield, your abundant compensation, and your reward shall be exceedingly great."* (Gen. 15:1 AMP).

The Scriptures say he who believes in, trusts in and relies on Jesus- the chief Cornerstone, shall never be disappointed or put to shame. (1 Pet. 2:6).

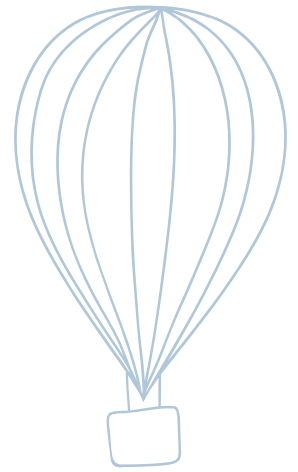
III. REALISING OUR EXPECTATIONS

"Hope deferred makes the heart sick, But when the desire comes, it is a tree of life." (Prov. 13:12). Truly delay is not denial; but after a long time of waiting and unrelenting disappointment, we all need that good break that can turn our lives around!

What then do we need to do or how do we position ourselves, to make our expectations become realities?

a. Affirm the Certainty of your Expectations:

"Let not your heart envy sinners, but continue in the reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord all the day long. For surely there is a latter end [a future and a reward], and your hope and expectation shall not be cut off." (Prov. 23:17-18 AMP).



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The Bible says those who plant in tears will harvest with shouts of joy. (Psa 126:5).

As long as the earth remains, planting and harvest shall not cease; and whatever a man sows, that also shall he reap! (Gen. 8:22; Gal. 6:7). The Bible says it shall be well with the righteous; because he shall eat the fruit of his doings. (Isa. 3:10).

b. Stay in Faith:

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. (Heb. 11:1). The NLT says, it is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen!

We don't hope for what is seen, but for what is unseen; and hope that is seen isn't hope. (Rom. 8:24). And because what we hope for hasn't yet materialised, we must walk by faith and not by sight. (2 Cor. 5:7). To actualise what we hope for, we must stay believing. *"But if we look forward to something we don't yet have, we must wait patiently and confidently."* (Rom. 8:25 NLT)

Faith and patience go hand in hand; faith opens the door and patience keeps it open! *"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise:"* (Heb. 10:23,35-36). It is through faith and patience that we inherit the promise. (Heb. 6:12).

c. Maintain the Right Focus:

"Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal." (2 Cor. 4:16-18). We must keep looking at the unseen and we mustn't give up. Moses endured because he saw Him who is invisible! Christ, for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame. (Heb. 12:2).

The Word of God is unseen. The Bible

says, *"the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible."* (Heb. 11:3c). We must, therefore, focus on God's Word- rather than the contrary evidence around us, if our hope is to be a reality.

Proverbs 4:20-23 says, *"My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart; For they are life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh. Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life."* To keep our heart, we must watch what we constantly look at, who we constantly fellowship with and the teachings (or words) we constantly listen to because those things govern our thought-life, and our thoughts influence our outcome in life! God told Joshua,

"This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success." (Josh. 1:8).

d. Learn To Maintain Your Joy:

Understand the powerful connection between hope and joy!

"not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer;" (Rom. 12:11-12). The MSG says, *"cheerfully expectant. Don't quit in hard times;"* The secret of not quitting is to maintain your joy. As long as we maintain our joy, no matter what trials we may face, we will abound in hope, instead of giving up! (Rom. 15:13). Joy keeps our hope alive and as long as our hope is alive, we will not be disappointed- *"and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint,"* (Romans 5:2c-5a). Rather, we will become mature and complete, lacking nothing. (Jas 1:2-4). Amen!

God bless you.

Rev. Funke Ewuosho



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YOUTH

The Youths Inspired for Christ are meeting every last Sunday of the month to fellowship among themselves and share about issues that are found in the midst of youths. This is done under the supervision of the youth leader and a deacon in church. In this fellowship, the youths are encouraged to express their various gifts and talents for the glory of the King of kings.

They have two retreats per year (May and September) where they come together to pray, to be prepared for their various exams, and above all to increase their faith and commitment to God. They are times of refreshing, meditation etc... Every 11th February, we celebrate the National Youth day in Cameroon. It is therefore an occasion for them to go out and evangelise and we organise an interdenominational programme where competitions are made: bible quiz, memorisation of Bible verses, general knowledge, sports quiz, special numbers, dance, poetry etc...

Of course the Word is ministered to them and it is a great opportunity to share the Gospel to the young ones.

NEWS FROM OUR CAMEROON CHURCH

OUR 10TH ANNIVERSARY

celebration ran from the 26th to the 29th of May and we had the opportunity to have our father, the founder and visionary of this ministry, Rev Kola Ewuosho. The theme of the programme was victory on every side. We had a session on Friday evening and a Ministers' conference on Saturday morning where many other pastors from other churches attended and Sunday evening was a couple's dinner. Reverend Kola emphasised on the fact that it is our faith that gives us victory (1John 5:4) by sharing his experience with meditating on the Word of God and confessing it. He talked about his early days of ministry in Kano and how, from nothing, God began to show up because he was committed to believing and confessing the Word of God. Very soon, it began to act in his life and the ministry. People were blessed and challenged by these practical life experiences. It was really a time of going back to the roots of our belief and remaking our commitment to believe and confess the Word come what may, because God is only committed to His Word!

MINISTRY NEWS

SHEKINAH PRAISE

The programme was organized by the Wisdom Chapel choir with the aim of giving praise to God and using it as a tool to reach out to the lost. We had other churches and choirs participate. More than four hundred people gathered. It was a great time in the presence of God!

NEWS FROM OUR GHANA CHURCH





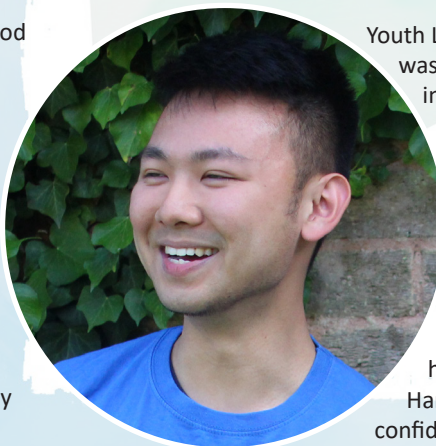
SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENT MINISTRY - UK -

- IGNITE CELL TESTIMONY -

As I write a short column on how God provided me a family away from home, I pray that every word blesses those who read it. As an upcoming student coming in from an island, Taiwan, I had many fears, aspirations, goals and excitement to what I was going to accomplish in a new country. As soon as I landed, I stayed near Oxford Street and got lost many, many times around the tube and the bus routes. In a place where I didn't know anyone, I chose God as my refuge by His grace.

Many things were demanding my life and attention, whether it be the wild raving parties that new upcoming freshmen were raving about, the new friends that were living life on the edge with drugs, the women down the block, the bright lights of the city, and even the IMAX Odeon Cinema that never rested – all were crying out “Come! We have a place for you and will take care of you!” Now was the time to do it all! Why not? In a foreign country, I need to look after myself and get around too, right? Everything in my flesh was saying ‘yes’. But thank God, He knew me from the very beginning, formed me, ordered my steps and had a grand plan. He knew me from the very beginning as well.

Stepping into Royal Holloway campus a few weeks after landing, I found myself taking a photo for my ID card on registration day. It was then that I met a lady who seemed really happy and jolly, upon which I thought, “Wow! This campus is feeling pretty good”. It passed my mind shortly after. I forget if it was a few days later, or on the same day, but on one of the days on a Thursday evening, I decided to go to the Christian Union meeting. It was everything I expected it to be until I met a group of three ladies chatting away and having fun amongst themselves. I spilled a drink on one of my dear friend's shoes and would later know her to be my



Youth Leader of the Student Ministry, IGNITE. It was then that I saw the lady who also instilled inside of me what it means to serve the LORD with every part of your being. It was not long before I realised that all three ladies attended the same church! Harvestime! What?! I remember going home and praying for a church to grow and develop in and friends who would sharpen me. I told the Lord- ‘If I was going to go all out for you LORD, I’m going to need a lot of help.’ And looking back at my three years at Harvestime church, I can smile to myself and confidently say that God provided the Daniels, the Shadrachs, the Meshachs, and the Abednegos; tough men and women who wouldn't even think of bowing for a single second to the world, not a chance; who were steadfast, loyal and would be there for you at your lowest point. All in, these people are all out for God.

I am grateful to be a part of the IGNITE ministry under Harvestime church. It is a platform that allows young people to cultivate a lifestyle built entirely on God's Word. Through regular fellowship with fellow Christian believers, we can connect back to our Creator and bring God's government into this earth, standing out no matter the challenge or obstacle. The world and the temporary “fun” of sin promises life through death, demands everything of your being and returns absolutely nothing. God promises life through His Son Jesus Christ, He demands everything of your being, and returns absolutely more than we could ever ask or even think about! Ignite Students meet on Mondays at 7pm near Royal Holloway University, for weekly bible study and support. Join us at Harvestime Church in Virginia Water, Surrey, Sundays at 10.30am and Wednesdays at 7pm. Everyone is welcome!

Mark – Student Ministry Group Leader

I've got my Joy Back!

TESTIMONY

"I had just gone through a massive change in my life with a lot of mixed feelings and emotions. The enemy would try hard on a daily basis to bombard my mind with fear, anxiety and hopelessness. And every day I would counter the devil's lies with God's Word and promises concerning my situation.

On my journey to emotional restoration, I decided to immerse myself in hearing the Word and I started looking for a message that I felt related to me.

As I searched the FOWM store library, my eyes stumbled on 'How to Maintain Your Joy', but I took my eyes away to keep looking for a specific message that I had thought would really speak to me at that particular time. After a few seconds, I went back to this message and thought 'well, it's a message on Joy- I need it right now, so let me give it a listen'. After I listened to the first ten minutes of the message, my spirit literally lifted! Like Elizabeth in the Bible, when Mary went to visit her, she felt her baby leap on her inside. Every second of this message was like an explosion of joy and hope. How could a message that was preached almost ten years ago speak to me in such a PERFECT and TIMELY way? For the next three weeks, I would literally listen to this three part message every single day and every moment possible. I gained hope, unspeakable joy, and I became a spiritual giant against my situation! I would repeat words in the message over me and I would feel strengthened on my inside. Rev. Funke shared so many liberating truths on 'How to Maintain Your Joy'; it is in MY power to maintain my joy, and that God's Word truly has life-giving, joy-giving power! Today I stand, full of thanksgiving to God that I am where I am today only because of God and His promises to me. In His mercy, he has connected me to the truth that sets me free! And there is so much more to come for me! I am forever grateful to my mum for labouring to bring this Word of God - and to think that a decade later, it is speaking directly to me. I pray that God continues to bless her just as she continues to bless the body of Christ."

K.E



To purchase 'How to Maintain your Joy' and other life-changing messages by Rev. Kola and Funke Ewuosho, visit www.fowm.org/store or call one of our offices.

