Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.  
1 Peter 2:2-3

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Welcome to “My weekly milk”, where one can be fed with the milk of the word of God, be stirred up in the spirit and endued with spiritual strength to face the challenges one might encounter during the week and come out victorious. One can pass on or forward this “My weekly milk” to as many people as he thinks it might bless. The bible has the final authority, therefore brethren whatever you read in this letter, be like the Christians of Berea who went back and checked in the scriptures if it was so.
This “My weekly milk” is presented to you by M.M. Gery, but everybody calls me G.

Application of the Perfect Redemption Plan 3

1. Act on the word of God

Jesus says: Therefore whosoever hears these sayings of mine, and does them, I will liken him unto a wise man, who built his house upon a rock. And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. (Matthew 7:24-25). Many Christians are always waiting for a phone call from their Father in heaven, when He has already sent them a letter. Do we receive phone calls from heaven? The answer is yes! God said: Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know (Jeremiah 33:3). So we need to have a personal relationship with the Godhead. Jesus says: My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me (John 10:27).

So do not go away thinking that Gery told you, that you do not need to hear from the Lord anymore, I never said that! If you cannot hear the voice of God, you will not be able to walk in faith; for faith comes by hearing and hearing the Rhema word of God, the word God directly spoke into your situation (Romans 10:17). What we are discussing in this section is, learning to act on the counsel of the written word of God; for God does everything according to the counsel of His own will, even the counsel of the written word (Ephesians 1:11, Isaiah 44:26).

Priests and kings of Israel were supposed to have a copy of the Holy Scriptures, and read it all the days of their life, so that they might know what the counsel of the will of God is, and identify what the enemies of God are, and deal with them (Deuteronomy 17:18-20). You and I are children of God, kings and priests, God expects us to have a copy of the bible, and to read it, to discover what the counsel of
the will of God is. Moses told us the secret of walking with God, saying: You shall therefore obey the voice of the Lord Jehovah your God, and do, observe and accomplish His commandments and His statutes, which I command you today (Deuteronomy 27:10). So the first thing is to hear the Rhema word of God, or the voice of God, please read the bible study on “Divine Guidance”. If God does not give you a Rhema word; act on the counsel of the written word of God, that addresses your particular request to God.

Jesus Himself rebuked his disciples for not believing and acting on the counsel of the written word of God, spoken by the prophets of old, saying: O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken. Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, He expounded unto them in all the scriptures, the things concerning Himself (Luke 24:25-27). For had you believed Moses, you would have believed Me: for he wrote of Me. But if you do not believe his writings, how shall you believe My words (John 5:46-47)?

Paul only spoke and taught in accordance with Old Testament. He says: Therefore having obtained help from God, I stand until this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying no other things than those which the prophets [Joshua to Malachi] and Moses [Genesis to Deuteronomy] said was going to happen (Acts 26:22). Some Christian leaders, who do not know how to rightly divide the scriptures, as Paul instructed us in 2Timothy 2:15, tell their followers not to pay attention to the Old Testament and to the four gospels either; that their followers should only read in the gospels the scriptures after the resurrection of Jesus, and then only read the epistles. They are greatly misleading the people of God; Jesus says they are fools!

They are advocating a revolution, instead of a reformation from the Old Covenant to the New Covenant. But we know Paul taught us, that it is a reformation from the Old Covenant to the New Covenant. Paul tells us: Now when these things were ordained in this way, the priests always went into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God. But once in the year into the second, the high priest goes alone, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the errors of the people the Holy Spirit signifying by this, that the way into the Holiest of all, was not yet made manifest while the first tabernacle was still standing. For it was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices that could not make him, who did the service perfect, as regards the conscience, which stood only in meats and drinks, and different kinds of washings, and fleshly ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation. But when Christ had become a high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building, nor by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood, He entered once for all into the Holies, having obtained eternal redemption for us (Hebrews
What is the definition of revolution? Remember Paul is talking about two different tabernacles in Hebrews 9, or two different administrations of the household of God, even the kingdom of God. **Revolution is the entire change in the constitution** of government. For instance in the French revolution, they removed their king and established a republic. Then what is the definition of reformation? **Reformation is correction or amendment of life, manners, or of anything vicious or corrupt or abused; by way of eminence or elevation to a higher standard, it is a change of religion from the corruptions of popery, or any other man-made religion, to its primitive purity.** Like Martin Luther started the Protestant reformation in A.D. 1517.

That is why, when you read the gospel, you see Jesus saying: you have heard..., but I say to you. And when you read the epistles of the apostles, they will also be quoting from the prophets in the Old Testament, and tell you how it has been fulfilled. The animal sacrifices were removed, and replaced with a better sacrifice, which is the Sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Jesus Himself tells us: **do not think that I have come to abolish or destroy the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish or destroy them, but to fulfil or to perfect them** (Matthew 5:17 NIV). Just like when they abolish the death penalty, or they abolish slavery, or abolish the law of apartheid. These laws were not amended or reformed, they were destroyed or abolished, and in other words there was an entire change in the constitution of governments, even a revolution.

Jesus Christ did not come to bring a revolution to the kingdom of God, but a reformation. His apostles did not come to bring a revolution after His resurrection, by removing the Law, even the five books of Moses, and the Prophets, even the books from Joshua to Malachi. No, they elevated things to a higher standard of its primitive purity, and removed the corruption of man-made religion. That is what Martin Luther understood, that is what the Pentecostals, in the days of Azusa Street revival also understood. They used to call themselves people of the primitive faith. They even understood the restoration of the gifts of the Spirit, was not a revolution but a reformation.

Jesus always spoke in line with what is written about Moses and the Prophets, even from Genesis to Malachi; for He did not come to destroy them, but to perfect them. The blood of bulls and goats could not perfect the worshiper, as Paul explained in Hebrews 9, so a better blood, perfected the worshiper, even the blood of Jesus. If you reject Moses and the Prophets, you are a foolish Christian! Jesus says: **O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:** Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself (Luke 24:25-27). Paul also only spoke in line with Moses and the Prophets, according
to Acts 26:22. Peter tells us that what Moses and the Prophets wrote, even the prophecy of scriptures, is a more sure word of Prophecy, that we should heed. He says: We also have a more sure Word of prophecy, to which you do well to take heed, as to a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the Daystar arises in your hearts, knowing this first, that no prophecy of the Scripture came into being of its own private interpretation. For prophecy was not borne at any time, by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke being borne along by the Holy Spirit (2Peter 1:19-21).

Moses and John say, such Christians will have their portion removed from the Book of life. I testify unto every man who hears the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: **And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book** (Revelation 22:18-19). You shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall you diminish **ought** from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you (Deuteronomy 4:2). All the things I command you, be careful to do it. You shall not add to it, nor take away from it (Deuteronomy 12:32). And **the LORD said unto Moses, Whosoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book** (Exodus 32:33).

You see John was referring to these three scriptures of Moses, when He concluded the book of Revelation. My advice to you is: depart from such fools who tell you not to read the Old Testament again, and are also removing scriptures from the New Testament. God will add the plagues to your life, and remove your name from His book of life; do not suffer with them; save your soul today! They have been deceived by the devil! Do not suffer the same punishment they are going to suffer, you have a choice today to do right! Paul, John, Peter, Jesus and all the other apostles of Jesus, never spoke outside the Old Testament! Everything they said, you can find it in types and shadows in the Old Testament. The Old Testament is the New Testament concealed, and the New Testament is the Old Testament revealed.

This only shows the pride of those leaders; they think they know better than Jesus Christ and His apostles, who learned to think and always speak in line with Moses and the prophets, meaning the Old Testament from Genesis to Malachi (1Corinthians 4:6). Since they have rejected the Old Testament, they now use secular books, and even Idol worship books, to try to explain kingdom principles. What they do not know is that they are also bringing that spirit of those idols into the life of their followers; for words are spirit and life (John 6:63).

That is why you must train yourself to always think and speak in line with the Holy Scriptures; if you want to impart the Holy Spirit and the Life of Jesus into your disciples. Do not bring evil spirits and the life of those idols into the people, because
you are using the principles of the world, and of those idols, to try to explain the truth of the Kingdom of God. By so doing, the spiritual bread that you are giving your disciples to eat, is polluted by those idols. God had that problem in the days of Ezekiel. In Ezekiel 8, He opened the eyes of Ezekiel to see how the elders of Israel were worshiping idols in their room, how the women in the temple were praying to Tammuz the goddess of fertility, how some people had turned their back to the temple of God, which is a satanic practice, and many other abominations that they were doing in the house of God.

Their teaching of the word of God was polluted by the teaching of those idols. God already said to Hosea: Ephraim is oppressed and broken in judgment; because he willingly walked by human precepts (Hosea 5:11). They do not direct their deeds toward turning to their God, for the spirit of harlotry is in their midst, and they do not know the Lord (Hosea 5:4). Ephraim has mixed himself among the peoples; Ephraim is a cake unturned. Aliens have devoured his strength, but he does not know it (Hosea 7:8-9). Ephraim also is like a silly dove, without sense (Hosea 7:11). The world lies under the influence of the devil, for he is the prince of the power of the air (1 John 5:19, Ephesians 2:2). If you bring worldly precepts in your teaching of the word of God, the spirit that is operating in the world, will also operate in the church. America lies under the spirit of greed, even mammon.

No one can serve two masters. For either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will hold to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (Matthew 6:24).

People have turned the American dream into the gospel dream; they have brought the spirit of mammon and Balaam, into the teaching of prosperity. And the prophecies are not just to manipulate people financially. And when you prophesy under the Balaam spirit, sexual immoralities will also sweep into the church. Jesus explains it, saying: I have a few things against you, because you have there those who hold the teachings of Balaam, who taught Balak to cast a stumbling-block before the sons of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols and to commit fornication and sexual immoralities (Revelation 2:14). There is a true teaching on prosperity that is from the Holy Scriptures. Please read the bible study on “Biblical Prosperity”.

Some Christians also, in the area of spiritual warfare, want to know things that are not in the bible. They want to learn “deep” things on angels. Paul says: let no one defraud you, delighting in humility and worship of the angels, intruding into things which he has not seen, without a cause being vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind (Colossians 2:18). Please read the bible study on “Abecedary of prayer”.

People want to know the other names of angels, the bible only gives us three names: Michael and Gabriel, and Lucifer who rebelled against God, and is now Satan the devil. Any angel who gives you his name apart from Michael and Gabriel, is a demon, and any teaching that gives you other names of angels, is demonic teaching, because those ministers of the gospel read other books, besides the 66 books of the
protestant bible we have. They read apocryphal books, which are based in Jewish mysticism, to get those names. Turn off your television or radio when you hear such teaching, you are being spiritually polluted.

Some people will read books on secret societies, of other religions and revelations of the witches and magicians who were converted, to get the revelation of how the spiritual realm works, how the witches come out of their bodies, and travel to go and do their evil deeds, how they hinder Christians, how the demons fight with angels, etc. Paul says: Did not even Satan marvellously transform himself into an angel of light? Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves as ministers of righteousness, whose end shall be according to their works (2Corinthians 11:14-15). Simon who used to be a sorcerer was converted in Acts 8 when Philip came to preach the gospel in Samaria. They did not ask him to come and teach the church on the way the sorcerers attack the Christians, the way they do astral travel, or on the name of demons. No, they only listened to Philip preach the word of God, and Peter and John came to help in the work.

Luke records for us what happened when Paul taught and preached the gospel in cities. And many who believed came and confessed, and showed their deeds. Also many of those practicing the curious arts, bringing together the books, burned them before all. And they counted the price of them, and found it to be fifty thousand pieces of silver. So the Word of God grew mightily and prevailed (Acts 19:18-20). Yes, people confessed their sins and their evils deeds, but they were not asked to teach the church on how they operated in the kingdom of darkness. The books of their religions and their curious arts were burned. The apostles did not say: let us read their books of curious arts, so that we will know how they think and believe, how they operate in the spiritual realm, and what the names of their demons are.

So the Word of God grew mightily and prevailed. It is the word of God the apostles preached, and nothing else but the word of God. The devil will deceive you like he deceived Eve, and say: “God did not tell you all the truth about Satan and his demons in the bible; if you want to fight your enemy, you need to know your enemy first. So read the books on other religions, and on curious arts, so that you will equip yourself with the knowledge of your enemy, and add it to the knowledge of the bible”. What you do not know is words, whether spoken or written, are spirit and life (John 6:63). As you read those books, or listen to those teachings, you are being spiritually contaminated.

You need to have faith in God (Mark 11:22)! That what He said about the enemy, is all that you need to know to defeat him. The Jewish leaders accused Jesus of casting out demons by Beelzebub. Jesus answered and said: if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges. But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, no doubt the kingdom
of God has come on you (Luke 11:19-20). Beelzebub means Lord of flies; so Satan the devil and all his demons, are just flies. Jesus is telling us: why are you concerned about knowing all the kings of flies, their families, their ranking, their occupation, etc? The only thing you need to know is, that they are filthy insects, that put their filthy legs on dung, and now they put them on your meal. Just like it only takes the strength of your finger to kill that fly, it only takes the finger of God to cast out that demon, and destroy his works.

Even the magicians of Pharaoh understood that all the destructions, even the plagues God did, to set His people free from the bondage of Egypt, only took the strength of the finger of God. The magicians said unto Pharaoh, This \textit{is} the finger of God: and Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, and he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said (Exodus 8:19). Pharaoh was a fool for not letting the people of God go; he suffered utter destruction: his country and his armies. Imagine what damage the hand of God, or the arm of God can do to a nation, or the kingdom of darkness, if just a finger destroyed Egypt. Focus on Jesus and the word of God, let it prevail in your life and your preaching; do not focus on filthy flies! Know your God; for the people who know their God, will be strong and will work. And those who understand among \textit{the} people, shall teach and instruct many (Daniel 11:32-33).

God told Ezekiel to do a prophetic action against Israel and Judah, 390 days for Israel, and 40 days for Judah in Ezekiel 4. God said to Ezekiel: you shall eat barley cakes baked using \textbf{fuel of human waste} in the sight of all the people (Ezekiel 4:12). Then Ezekiel said: ah, Lord God! indeed I have never defiled myself from my youth till now; I have never eaten what died of itself or was torn by beasts, nor has abominable flesh ever come into my mouth. Then He said to me, “see, I am giving you \textbf{cow dung instead of human waste} and you shall prepare your bread over it (Ezekiel 4:14-15)".

What a prophetic action! Now the bread is the bread of the word of God. As it is written: “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of \textit{the} mouth of God (Matthew 4:4, Deuteronomy 8:3).” The word in Hebrew for idol is \textit{Eliyl}: idol, good for nothing, no value. There is another word in Hebrew \textit{Gillul}: dungy idol. Ezekiel loves using \textit{Gillul} instead of \textit{Eliyl}. The word \textit{Gillul} appears forty seven times in the Old Testament, the first time is in Leviticus 26:30 and it appears thirty eight times in the book of Ezekiel. In Ezekiel 6:4 it is written: your altars shall be desolate, and your images shall be broken: and I will cast down your slain \textit{men} before your idols (\textit{Gillul}: idols, \textbf{dungy idols}).

So the calf of gold built by the children of Israel in the wilderness, is a dungy idol (Exodus 32:24-35). The two calves of gold built by Jeroboam, king of Israel, in Bethel are dungy idols (1Kings 12:28-33). So Ezekiel understood exactly what God was saying, when he asked him to prophetically bake his bread over human waste, or cow dung. God was saying two things: first of all the word of God preached in the
land, was polluted by the precepts of the heathen nations. Ephraim is oppressed and broken in judgment, because he willingly walked after the commandment (Hosea 5:11). For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men. Full well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your own tradition (Mark 7:8-9). Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which you have delivered: and many such like things you do (Mark 7:13). This is the human waste preachers use, to bake their bread of the word of God to feed to their congregation!

The second thing God was saying, when he asked Ezekiel to prophetically bake his bread over human waste or cow dung was, that the word of God preached in the land, is polluted by the doctrines of the idols, even the cow dung, for the calves of gold, the idols of Bethel, and all the other idols, the people of God have embraced. Now today Jesus also tells us in Revelation 2 that we have the doctrines of Balaam, Jezebel and other evil spirits, which have polluted the word of God. Picture God seated on His throne, the praises, prayers, offerings and the sermons preached to congregations, are aromas, even odours, ascending to His throne room (Revelation 5:8, Revelation 8:3-4, Philippians 4:15-18, Genesis 8:21).

When they are not polluted with the precepts of men, tradition of men, idol worship practices, and teachings, they are a sweet smelling odour; a sacrifice, worship and service, well pleasing to God (Philippians 4:18). When they are polluted with the precepts of men, tradition of men, idol worship practices and teachings, they are a foul odour of human waste, or cow dung to His nostrils; an abominable sacrifice, worship and service to God. God will be saying, stop singing, stop preaching, stop praying and stop giving your offerings; for as soon as I hear the sound of your voice, a stench of human waste and cow dung, ascends to my throne room. Though you offer Me burnt offerings, and your food offerings, I will not be pleased. Nor will I regard the peace offerings of your fat animals. Take the noise of your songs away from Me; for I will not hear the melody of your stringed instruments. But let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream (Amos 5:22-24).

God was saying that to them, because for forty years they worshiped and served God, like they worshiped and served their idols. So God rejected their worship and service. Have you offered unto Me sacrifices and offerings in the wilderness forty years, O house of Israel? But you have borne the tabernacle of your Moloch [the god of the Ammonites] and Chiun [in Arabic and Persian languages is Saturn] your images, the star of your god, which you made to yourselves (Amos 5:25-26). Now the way they worshiped Molech is by making their children pass through the fire, even making human burnt offerings, human sacrifices or human holocausts (Jeremiah 7:31, Amos 1:13). What they were trying to copy was the burnt offering of Jesus, the Son of God, who received the fiery judgment of God on the cross, and became our burnt offering for the sin of the world, as we have explained in the Perfect
Redemption Plan series. Now you understand that Hitler and the Nazis were truly Satanists, even worshipers of Molech, that is why they were making holocausts of the Jews.

Abortion is also the worship of Molech, the god of the Ammonites. Thus says the Lord: For three transgressions of the sons of Ammon, yea for four, I will not turn away from it; Because they have ripped up the pregnant women of Gilead to make their own border larger (Amos 1:13). The sons of Judah have built the high places of Tophet, which is in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire; which I did not command them, nor did it come into My heart (Jeremiah 7:31). Stephen reminds the chief priests and elders of Israel of the prophecy of Amos, saying: Yea, you took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of your god Remphan, images which you made in order to worship them; and I will remove you beyond Babylon (Acts 7:43).”

They also worshiped and served Saturn, and the image they made of that star. Christians who read their horoscopes, and say that they belong to a zodiacal sign, are idolaters. Therefore take good heed to yourselves, for you saw no kind of likeness on the day Jehovah spoke to you in Horeb, out of the midst of the fire, lest you act corruptly, and make yourselves a graven image, the likeness of any figure, the likeness of male or female, the likeness of any beast on the earth, the likeness of any winged fowl that flies in the air, the likeness of anything that creeps on the ground, the likeness of any fish in the waters beneath the earth; and lest you lift up your eyes to the heavens, and when you see the sun, and the moon, and the stars, all the host of heaven, lest you should be driven to worship them and serve them, which Jehovah your God has allotted to all nations under all the heavens (Deuteronomy 4:15-19). So do not read or preach on relationships, inspired by books like: “men are from Mars and women are from Venus”. It is based on star gazing, which is an abomination to the Lord.

There is another thing that is happening in the body of Christ that is damaging the faith of many. Some people say, God took them to heaven and to hell, and gave them a special revelation of heaven and hell. They write books about it, and they publish DVDs. Some people also died and came back to life, and said God granted them the request that was not granted to the rich man in the story of the rich man and Lazarus, that Jesus told us. Thus they have come with a specific revelation from God, to warn the church, that they have seen many men of God in hell, and God gave them, by the hand of an angel, a specific revelation that Christians must do, if they want to have their mansion in heaven. Let us look at the story of the rich man and Lazarus.

Luke 16:19 There was a certain rich man who was customarily clothed in purple and fine linen and making merry in luxury every day.
Luke 16:20 And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, who was laid at his gate, full of sores

Luke 16:21 and desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man’s table. But even the dogs came and licked his sores.

Luke 16:22 And it happened that the beggar died and was carried by the angels into Abraham’s bosom. The rich one also died and was buried.

Luke 16:23 And in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

Luke 16:24 And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me and send Lazarus, so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am tormented in this flame.

Luke 16:25 But Abraham said, Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things. But now he is comforted and you are tormented.

Luke 16:26 And besides all this, there is a great chasm fixed between you and us; so that they desiring to pass from here to you cannot, nor can they pass over to us from there.

Luke 16:27 And he said, I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father’s house,

Luke 16:28 for I have five brothers, so that he may testify to them, lest they also come into this place of torment.

Luke 16:29 Abraham said to him, They have Moses and the Prophets, let them hear them.

Luke 16:30 And he said, No, father Abraham, but if one should go to them from the dead, they would repent.

Luke 16:31 And he said to him, If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, they will not be persuaded, even though one rose from the dead.

Now when Abraham says we have Moses and the Prophets, he means we have the books of Moses and the books of the prophets: from Genesis to Malachi. Jesus and His Apostles only spoke in line with Moses and the prophets, as we have already explained (Acts 26:22, Luke 24:25-27). Now, were those people truly raised from the dead by God? Yes they were. When we go to heaven, will we see loved ones who followed Jesus and went to glory before us? The answer is yes; for the rich man recognized Lazarus and Abraham.
John, when he was caught up to heaven, and received his revelation, he was alive he did not die to receive that revelation. And John says something very important in the beginning of the book of Revelation. He said: the Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave to Him to declare to His servants, things which must shortly come to pass. And He signified it by sending His angel to His servant John, who bore record of the Word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all the things that he saw (Revelation 1:1-2). Now it is not the revelation of an angel, not the revelation of John; it is the revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him. That revelation of Jesus John received, bore record of the Word of God, and the testimony of Jesus Christ; in other words you can go and check for yourself, and you will see that everything John saw, is in line with Moses and the Prophets, Jesus being the centre of that revelation.

And even at the end of the book of Revelation John tells us: the angel said to me, these sayings are faithful and true. And the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show to His servants, the things which must shortly be done (Revelation 22:6). So in other words, you can check everything John has written in this book of Revelation, and it will line up with Moses and the Prophets; for it is the same God of the Holy prophets who has sent His angel, to give John that revelation of Jesus Christ. Peter tells us that we should only stick to the written word of God, for it is a sure word of prophecy that will never fail. We also have a more sure Word of prophecy, to which you do well to take heed, as to a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the Daystar arises in your hearts, knowing this first, that no prophecy of the Scripture came into being of its own private interpretation. For prophecy was not borne at any time by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke, being borne along by the Holy Spirit (2Peter 1:19-21).

We need to test every spirit, even the spirit behind a prophecy, and to test the prophecy according to the written word of God. Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but try the spirits to see if they are of God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world (1John 4:1). And if there are two or three prophets, let them speak, and let the others judge (1Corinthians 14:29). Whatever a person says that he has received from the Lord or from an angel; he must demonstrate it from the Holy Scriptures. Jesus told us in the story of Lazarus and the rich man; it is not for dead men and dead women to come and tell us special revelations, but we have Moses and the prophets, meaning we have the Holy Scriptures and the preachers, to tell us what the will of God is.

When Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead in John 11, in John 12 people came not just to hear Jesus, but also to see Lazarus, whom He had raised. Nowhere did you read that Jesus said to Lazarus: “come and tell us what you have seen and heard in hell or in heaven”. That request was not granted to the rich man, so it is still not granted.
today. When Isaiah saw the vision of heaven and of the Lord Jesus, in Isaiah 6, he
was alive not dead. When Ezekiel saw the vision of the temple in heaven, in Ezekiel
47 he was alive not dead. And when John received His revelation of heaven, He was
alive. When Paul was taken into heaven; he saw things which were not permitted to
disclose, he was alive not dead (2Corinthians 12:2-4). The only revelation on hell and
heaven you need to have is, what the written word of God says.

Stay on the safe side of the word of God. God gave a warning to Moses, and today
we have the same warning, about how we should do things in the house of God: see
that you do all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain (Hebrews
8:5, Exodus 25:9). When Jesus raised the daughter of Jairus in Luke 8, He did not tell
that twelve year old daughter: “tell us what revelation of heaven and hell you have
received”. When Jesus raised the only son of that widow of Nain who was about to be
buried in Luke 7; He did not tell that man: tell us what you have seen about hell and
heaven. None of that: Jesus preached the word of God, and people focus on the

When Peter raised Dorcas in Acts 9; he did not say to her: “tell us about the
revelation of heaven and hell that you have received”. When Paul raised Eutychus in
Acts 20, he did not say to him: tell us what revelation of heaven and hell you have
received, and what the word of Jesus is to the church, since you have just seen Him?
Everybody in the bible who had a revelation of heaven or a word from Jesus to the
church, were alive, they did not die first and come back to life to bring us a message
from Jesus, or a revelation of heaven and hell. Let us do everything according to the
written word of God. We have Moses and the prophets, even the written word of
God, which is a sure word of prophecy. By the mouth of two or three witnesses,
every word must be established, that this is the will of God, and the way of God, He
will do all things according to the counsel of His will (2Corinthians 13:1, Ephesians
1:11).

Those revelations of heaven and hell which some people are receiving, do not line up
with the written word of God. They are not Christ centered. They glorify the devil and
his activities; thus putting fear into the hearts of believers. They give names of men
and women of God, who were mightily used of God, and say they are in hell; it is to
put fear in the heart of believers and discourage Christians. The Christians will say: if
this mighty man or woman of God is in hell, I will never be able to go to heaven!
They bring bondages on Christians. God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of
power, love and sound mind (2Timothy 1:7). And prophecy is to edify, encourage,
and build up the body of Christ, not to destroy (1Corinthians 14:3).

If you read the book of Revelation again, you will never see John mentioning the
name of any man of God, or prophet, who is in heaven or who is in hell. But he tells
us what Jesus has against some churches, and some believers, who are practicing sin
or teaching through other spirits, than the Holy Spirit. If you want to know what can
take a person, even a born again Christian to hell, read the bible studies on “Come home” and “David’s sexual sin exposed”. If you want to know what God has to say about finances, read the “Biblical Prosperity” bible study. Nobody is going to hell because he did not pay his tithes, or because he drives a nice car, or because he is rich. If you reject Jesus Christ or practice the sins leading to death, you will go to hell.

I marvel that you so soon are being moved away from Him who called you into the grace of Christ, to another gospel, which is not another, but some are troubling you, and desiring to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we, or an angel from Heaven, preach a gospel to you beside what we preached to you, let him be accursed. As we said before, and now I say again, if anyone preaches a gospel to you beside what you have received, let him be accursed (Galatians 1:6-9). Let us stick to the written word of God, and demonstrate everything according to the word of God, test all spirits, and judge all prophecies, according to the word of God.

May we not be spiritual fools, because we are slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken, from Moses in Genesis to John in the book of Revelation, even all that is contained in those sixty-six books of the bible by those forty-four authors. Any subject that is our concern, we need to find out what is written in the bible concerning it, and believe it, and then act on it. When that scripture dawned on me, I said: Lord I am sorry for acting like a fool, for I have been slow of heart to believe all that the prophets and the apostles have spoken, which was recorded in the bible, help me to believe all your promises, in Jesus’ name!

As we read the bible, we will have the revelation of Jesus Christ, we will know the will of God. Some people ask: how can I know the will of God? The answer is: read the bible, and you will know the will of God. Even if you have a dream or a vision or heard a voice, if it does not line up with the written word of God, it is not the will of God. Solomon tells us under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost: where there is no vision (chazon: vision, dream, prophetic revelation, revelation, prophecy), the people perish or cast off restraint; but he who keeps the law, happy or blessed is he (Proverbs 29:18).

God still speaks to us 24/7 in dreams, visions, prophecies, revelation, a still small voice, an audible voice; but through whichever means He chooses to speak, the content of His message must always line up with the written word of God. Thus you are blessed, if you keep the written word and become a doer of it. Peter explains to us that the written word is the highest form of revelation or prophecy, which will never fail. For we know that no prophecy of Scripture is given of any private interpretation or private origin, because prophecy never came by the will of men, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit (2Peter 1:20-21).

Agur under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost writes: every word of God is pure, refined and tested as a goldsmith purifies, refines and tests gold; God is a shield
unto those who put their trust in Him. **Do not add unto His words, lest He reprove or rebuke you, and you be found a liar** (Proverbs 30:5-6). So what Agur is telling us, through the Holy Ghost, is that we can rely on the written word of God; it works all the time. People of old like Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Joshua, all the judges of Israel and the prophets, have tested it, and have found no flaw in it: it is pure, flawless and it works perfectly all the time. God is the goldsmith who purified, refined and tested His word; we can trust God; His written word works! Let us not try to add our man-made wisdom to it, nor remove anything in it, because we think those written promises are too good to be true. God forbids that we should add to or remove from His written word; for by so doing we will be found liars; let God be true and every man a liar (Romans 3:4). God hates it, and will rebuke us, and we will be found a liar in His sight. In the sight of men, they might like us and believe that we are true; because we tell them worldly wisdom and knowledge. But in the sight of God, we will be found liars; because we are adding and removing promises from His written word, because it offends our intellect.

Moses says: **you shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall you diminish** [gara: lessen, remove, withhold, withdraw] from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you (Deuteronomy 4:2). Some people will lessen, or dilute the word of God intentionally, by withholding truth from people; because they do not want to appear foolish to carnal people. I, Gery, decided to hide nothing from you according to the scriptures; because I do not want God to rebuke me for being a liar in His sight. It does not matter to me if men call me liar, when I speak the truth of the word of God; but if God calls me a liar, because I withhold or water down His words, I will be accountable to Him for those idle words. For Jesus told me: I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the Day of Judgment (Matthew 12:36).

I will act like my elder brother Jesus, who constantly reminded the people to be aware of the private interpretation of the Jewish leader, saying: **you have heard that it was said by them of old time...but I say unto you...It is written ...**(Matthew 5:21-22; Matthew 4:4). Today people come with a so-called new revelation that cannot be demonstrated from the counsel of the Holy Scriptures. Beware of such so-called new revelations, test the spirits behind them, and judge those prophecies, according to the written word of God, which is a more sure word of prophecy (2Peter 1:19). Jesus pointed everybody back to the Prophecy of Scripture (the written word of God) which the Holy Spirit dictated, not the watered-down private interpretation of the Jewish leaders or preachers of this century. Whatever I, Gery write, please check back in the bible everyday if it is so (Acts 17:11).

Ananias told Paul: the God of our fathers **has chosen you**, that **you should know His will**, and **see the Just One**, and **hear the voice of His mouth**. For **you will**
be His witness to all men, of what you have seen and heard (Acts 22:14-15). We have already established that you and I are chosen. For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He did predestinate, them He also called: and whom He called, them He also justified: and whom He justified, them He also glorified (Romans 8:30-31). So God foreknew you, predestined you to be conformed to the image of Jesus, He called you, He justified you and glorified you. All these were expounded in the Perfect Redemption Plan series.

Know the will of God

As king and priest you must know the will of God, if you do not know it, then you will tolerate some of the enemy’s oppression which you are not supposed to. You will allow the enemy to remove the landmark which God set for you. In Judges 11, the people of Ammon wanted Israel to give back some of their land; because it used to belong to Ammon. But Jephthah, who was the judge of Israel, read in the Holy Scriptures that the land was given to them by God, when they defeated the Ammonites that came against them. If Jephthah did not know what was written, and how the land came to be theirs, he would have given it to the enemy. It is the same thing for us. In the Perfect Redemption Plan of God, God has freely given us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus (2Peter 1:3). And if we do not know the will of God, the enemy will cheat us out of our inheritance. All the bible studies have one purpose: to tell you what is written about you, what your inheritance is, how it came to be yours, and how to receive the manifestation of His will in your life.

Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us by God (1Corinthians 2:12). Not only did God give us the bible, His written word, His will; but He also gave us His Spirit, to be able to know the things that are freely given to us. Many people still have the Old Covenant mindset; they think that God is still hiding Himself. They quote Isaiah: I will wait upon the LORD, who hides His face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for Him (Isaiah 8:17). This is an Old Testament saying, and does not apply to you and me in the New Covenant. God is no longer hiding Himself. As we have explained it in the Perfect Redemption Plan, sins and iniquities were our problem. The same Isaiah explained by the Spirit of the Lord: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, that He will not hear (Isaiah 59:2). But thank God, He sent Jesus to take care of the sins, trespasses and iniquities, when Jesus died on the cross, and He rose again for our justification.
2.1 God does not hide Himself or anything from us

God is no longer hiding His face from us; let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need (Hebrews 4:16). In the Old Testament there were some prophecies about Jesus, that needed to be concealed or hidden, because if Satan had known the Perfect Redemption Plan of God, he would have stopped it, but he did not know. For it is written: we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory (1Corinthians 2:7-8). But in the New Covenant we openly speak those mysteries to everybody who wants to hear them, for God has already fulfilled them in the body of Christ Jesus, by His death, burial and resurrection.

That is why some of the things were mysteries or hidden truths in the Old Testament. But Paul explains to us that it is no longer the case, since Jesus has been glorified, when God raised Him from the dead. So Paul tells us: you have heard this saying of the Old Testament, which Isaiah prophesied in Isaiah 64:4 and Isaiah 65:17 as it is written: eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor has it entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for those who love Him (1Corinthians 2:9). Paul says: this saying is no longer true, since Jesus came, died on the cross, rose from the dead according to the scriptures, ascended to heaven and sent the Holy Spirit back. But now in the New Covenant God has revealed them to us through His Spirit, for the Spirit searches all things, yea, the deep things of God (1Corinthians 2:10).

God has given you His Spirit, so that you can know the deep things of God; understand all mysteries, and all the types and shadows in the Old Testament. The Holy Spirit is the one who wrote the bible, so He knows what He concealed, and now He reveals them to you. All scripture is given by inspiration of God (2Timothy 3:16). Paul always spoke and taught in line with the bible from Genesis to Malachi. He says: Therefore having obtained help from God, I stand until this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying no other things than those which the prophets [Joshua to Malachi] and Moses [Genesis to Deuteronomy] said was going to happen (Acts 26:22). Paul says: if our gospel is still hidden or veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing or are unsaved. Whose mind the god [Satan] of this world has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them (2Corinthians 4:3-4).

When we turn to Christ and become born again, because God has sent His Spirit in us, and upon us, the veil is taken away, this gospel is no longer hidden or veiled (2Corinthians 3:16). But we all with unveiled face or open face, beholding as in a mirror, the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord (2Corinthians
3:18). The mirror Paul is talking about, is the mirror of the Word of God. James says: if anyone is a hearer of the Word and not a doer, he is like a man studying his natural face in a mirror; for he studied himself, and went his way, and immediately he forgot what he was like. But whoever looks into the perfect Law of liberty and continues in it, he is not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work. This one shall be blessed in his doing (James 1:23-25).

God asked Jeremiah: am I a God near at hand, says the Lord, and not a God afar off (Jeremiah 23:23)? Of course God is a God near at hand, and not a God afar off! The Lord said to Ezekiel: neither will I hide My face any more from them: for I have poured out My Spirit upon the house of Israel, says the Lord GOD (Ezekiel 39:29). God poured out His Spirit upon you, so He is not hiding His face, or anything from you. Joel prophesied of that day, saying: And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit (Joel 2:28-29).

Peter tells us that Prophecy of Joel and Ezekiel, concerning the outpouring of the Holy Ghost upon all flesh, was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost. Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, You men of Judea, and all you who dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: For these are not drunken, as you suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; and it shall come to pass afterward, in the last days, says God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on My handmaidens, I will pour out in those days of My Spirit; and they shall prophesy (Acts 2:14-18).

The Lord is not hiding His ways or thoughts from you either. Many Christians will read the scripture in Isaiah 55:8-9: For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts higher than your thoughts. But Isaiah did not say it concerning the righteous, and people who have the Spirit of the Lord. For when we read Isaiah 55:7 he is asking the wicked or man of iniquity, to forsake his ways, and to the unrighteous man, to forsake his thoughts, and let him return to the Lord, and the Lord will have mercy and abundantly pardon. Therefore if your ways are not God’s ways, and your thoughts are not God’s thoughts, you need to be born again! For when you are born again, the Lord forgives all your iniquities or wickedness (Psalm 103:3) and He imputes His righteousness to you (Romans 4:6). Many Christians do not know the thoughts of God, because they do not read the word of God, which contains the thoughts of God!

Brothers and sisters, you now have the mind of Christ (1Corinthians 2:16), you need
to read the bible to know what the thoughts of God and the ways of God are. Even in 
the Old Testament, Moses who had the Spirit of the Lord upon him, knew the ways of 
God and His acts; as it is written: God made known His ways unto Moses, His acts 
unto the children of Israel (Psalm 103:7). So when Isaiah said: who has known the 
mind of the Lord? Or who has been His counsellor (Romans11:34, Isaiah 40:13)? Paul 
answers: we, born again and Spirit filled Christians, have the mind of Christ 
(1Corinthians 2:16). For the Spirit of God knows the things of God; we have received 
the Spirit of God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by 
God (1Corinthians 2:11-12).

Jesus tells us: **unto you it is given to know the mystery (hidden truth) of the 
kingdom of God**: but to those who are outside (the unsaved), all these things are 
done in parables. So that **seeing they may see, and not perceive**; and **hearing 
they may hear, and not understand**; lest at any time they should be converted, 
and their sins should be forgiven them (Mark 4:11-12). And with many such parables 
He spoke the word unto them (those who are outside the kingdom of God), as they 
were able to hear it. But without a parable He did not speak to them; and **when 
they were alone, He expounded all things to his disciples** (Mark 4:33-34).

Unfortunately some Christians are genuinely born again, and have the Spirit of God 
upon them, since they are baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire; yet are still 
ignorant of the will of God, and the things that have been revealed to us in the New 
Covenant. This is simply because they do not sit under the teaching of true apostles 
and prophets of Jesus.

Paul explains it, saying: if you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God, 
which is given to me toward you, that **by revelation He made known to me the 
mystery** [hidden truth or hidden things] (as I wrote before in few words, by which, 
when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) **which 
in other ages was not made known to the sons of men**, as **it is now revealed 
to His holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit** (Ephesians 3:2-5). If you are 
reading these “My Weekly Milk” letters, you are privileged to study under one of the 
apostles of the Lord Jesus Christ. And by revelation I, Gery an apostle of Jesus Christ, 
have made known to you what was hidden in times past.

When you are born again, Jesus expounds all things to you. Unsaved people will not 
understand the sayings of Jesus, they will be like parables to them, enigmas; but to 
you it will be explained. God will explain to you all the mysteries contained in the 
bible, if you care to ask Him as the disciples did. When you see things God shows 
you, you will perceive the details of what God is up to. When you hear His voice or 
His words, you will have the understanding of His plans and purposes, for He will 
expound all things to you; because, as a born again believer, you are now a disciple 
of Jesus and He hides nothing from you. You are able to understand His words and 
His mysteries; because the veil that used to cover your heart and your spiritual eyes,
has been removed when you came to Christ.

If you want to receive more revelation and understanding of the will of God, you must choose to become a disciple of Jesus, not just a convert, and you must share the revelation and understanding of the word of God that you have with others, making disciples of nations. That is what Jesus Christ said when He met Abraham on His way to Sodom. The LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do; Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? **For I know him, that he will command his children, and his household after him, that they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment;** that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which He has spoken of him (Genesis 18:17-19).

If you want to walk in the revelation and understanding of the ways of God; you must be willing to become a disciple of Jesus, and make disciples, starting with your own children and your household. Your house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations or peoples (Isaiah 56:7). **Can two walk together except they be agreed (Amos 3:3)? Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but He reveals His secret unto His servants the prophets (Amos 3:7).** If you are committed to making disciples, God will pour revelations through you, and understanding of His ways, thoughts, plans and secrets. You will become His friend like Abraham was. Jesus tells us, His disciples, the same thing He told Abraham, saying, **All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go therefore, and teach all nations, make disciples, who are children in the faith according to 1Timothy 1:2, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen (Matthew 28:18-20).**

Paul tells us: their minds were blinded: for until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament; because the *veil* is taken away in Christ. But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart. Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away. Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord *is*, there *is* liberty. But we all, with open face, beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image, from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord (2Corinthians 3:14-18). That is why my prayer for you is what Paul prayed for the Church, saying: may the eyes of your understanding, being enlightened, so that you may know what is the hope of His calling, and what is the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what *is* the surpassing greatness of His power toward us, the ones believing according to the working of His mighty strength (Ephesians 1:18-19).
2-2 **See the Just One, Jesus**

Ananias told Paul that He must see the Just One, Jesus is the Just One, or Righteous One, and the Holy One and Just (Acts 3:14). It is not enough to know that you are chosen, called and sent, to know the will of God; but you must see the Just One, you must see Jesus in the word of God from Genesis to Revelation. Second you must see Jesus in the person who is discipling you, and third you must see Jesus in yourself. Jesus is the image of the invisible God, as we see Him in the mirror of the word of God, we are transformed into the same image of Jesus Christ, from glory to glory. Please read the Perfect Redemption Plan, Part IV, the section on “Being transfigured and transformed”, to understand what Paul meant by being transformed into the same image of Christ, from glory to glory. Jesus said to the Jewish leaders, you search the scriptures; for in them you think you have eternal life: and they are, they which testify of Me. But you will not come to Me, that you might have life (John 5:39-40). If one does not come to Christ, he will never understand the scriptures, for all the scriptures talk about Jesus and point to Jesus. Only by the Spirit of the Lord, can one see Jesus in the scriptures.

The devil does not have the Spirit of God, that is why he could not understand the prophecies of the Perfect Redemption Plan of God. People can quote the scriptures like the Pharisees did; but not see Jesus in those scriptures, for they have a veil lying on their heart, and scales in their eyes that respectively prevent them from believing on Jesus, and seeing Jesus, the Just One, in the scriptures. As you read the scriptures, see the life of Jesus, for He is the image of the invisible God, let Jesus be your example and only Jesus (John 13:15). Imitate or follow anybody else in the bible, as long as they are imitating Jesus (1Corinthians 11:1). And we follow people as long as they are pointing us to Jesus, the Just One; if they are not pointing us to Jesus, we hear the word of God they give us, but we do not act the way they act; for Jesus told us: the scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat. All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but you do not do after their works: for they say, and do not do. (Matthew 23:1-3).

In the Perfect Redemption Plan series, we started to see Jesus, the Just One, from Genesis to Revelation. Paul used to be one of those Pharisees who were versed in the knowledge of the scriptures; but there was a veil on his heart and scales in his eyes, he could not see Jesus in the scriptures, nor believe on Him. But thank God, the scales in His eyes fell off, and He could see the Just One in the scriptures, the veil on his heart was lifted, and he could believe on Jesus and preach Jesus as being the Christ (Acts 9:1-22). As you read scriptures in the bible, if they do not point you to Jesus, you do not have the full revelation of those scriptures yet. The more you see the Just One in the mirror of the word of God, and become a doer of what you see in that mirror, the more the Spirit of the Lord, who dwells in you, transforms you into the image of Jesus, to the extent that you talk like Jesus, you think like Jesus, you live...
like Jesus, you act like Jesus, and then you do the same works Jesus did.

James tells us: become doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if anyone is a hearer of the Word and not a doer, he is like a man studying his natural face in a mirror. For he studied himself, and went his way, and immediately he forgot what he was like. But whoever looks into the perfect Law of liberty, and continues in it, he is not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work. This one shall be blessed in his doing (James 1:22-25). You also need to see the Just One in you, otherwise you will think He is only in Paul and Peter, or in the person who is discipling you. The same Jesus also dwells in you. The mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints, including you, for to them God would make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the nations, which is Christ in you, [not just in Peter, Paul, and the early disciples, but also in you today], the hope of glory (Colossians 1:26-27).

2-3 Hear the voice of His mouth or Rhema word

The same Ananias told Paul that God had also chosen him, that he might hear the voice of His mouth. Jesus Christ has made all of us kings and priests unto our God (Revelations 1:6). In the Old Testament the priests had the privilege of hearing the voice of the mouth of God; the people did not, so they had to come to the priest to hear the word of God. The prophets also heard the voice of God, so the people had to come to the prophet or prophetess to hear what the Lord was saying, and kings also could hear the voice of God, and prophesy when the Spirit came upon them. In the New Testament we are all kings and priests, and the testimony of Jesus Christ is the Spirit of prophecy (Revelation 19:10).

We can all prophesy, for we have received the Spirit upon us. It is very crucial to hear the voice of the mouth of God. For Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God (Rhema: a word directly spoken by God or the voice of the mouth of God) (Romans 10:17). All the heroes of faith listed in Hebrews 11, heard from God. You are now the sheep of His pasture, His sheep hear His voice and follow Him (John 10:27). The bible studies on “Divine Guidance” and the “Perfect Redemption Plan: the Lord is My Shepherd” give us foundations of how to hear the voice of the mouth of God. There are general promises that are made for every born again Christian, all the Perfect Redemption Plan of God is for every born again Christian. At the same time, God has a specific destiny for each one of us; for we are all unique, we are not a copy of another person. So you need to hear directly from God about your personal promises.

2-4 Be His effective witness

Ananias said to Paul: the God of our father has chosen you that you should know
His will and see the Just One, and hear the voice of His mouth. For you will be His witness to all men of what you have seen and heard (Acts 22:14-15). All these things God wants us to know them and walk in them, so that we will be His witness to all men. Remember according to the scriptures: a witness is not merely one who proclaims the gospel, but also demonstrates the power and manifests the Spirit. Christ Jesus who is in you, is the power of God (1Corinthians 1:24). And the gospel is the power of God unto salvation, salvation of the spirit, soul and body (Romans 1:16).

Christ Jesus is the Anointed One, and the Holy Spirit in you, is the owner of the Anointing or endowment. When you received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, with evidence of speaking in tongues, that was the anointing of the Holy Spirit, theunction of the Holy Spirit, or the endowment of the Holy Spirit. That anointing of the Holy Spirit you have received, abides in you, and upon you (1John 2:27). The Godhead is at work in you, there is no boasting, for of your own you cannot do anything. It is God who works in you both to will and do for His good pleasure (Philippians 2:13). Jesus is the Vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Him, and Jesus in him, the same brings forth much fruit; for without Jesus you can do nothing (John 15:5).

The only way I can do all things, that have any eternal value in the kingdom of God, and that will pass the test of fire of God, that purifies all things, is through Christ who strengthens me (Philippians 4:13). For any other foundation can no one lay than the one being laid, who is Jesus Christ. And if anyone builds on this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble, each one’s work shall be revealed. For the Day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try each one’s work as to what kind it is. If anyone’s work which he built remains, he shall receive a reward. If anyone’s work shall be burned up, he shall suffer loss. But he shall be saved, yet so as by fire (1Corinthians 3:11-15).

Thus if you want any of your works and deeds to have an eternal value, do it Jesus’ way. Jesus says: I am the way, the truth and the life (John 14:5). I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you (John 13:15). Jesus told us: At that day you shall know that I am in My Father and you in Me, and I in you (John 14:20). For it is God who works in you, both to will and to do for His good pleasure (Philippians 2:13). As for you, you have been crucified with Christ, nevertheless you live; yet no longer you, but Christ lives in you. And that life you now live in the flesh, you ought to live it by faith toward the Son of God, who loved you and gave Himself on your behalf (Galatians 2:20). Furthermore, as long as you speak in line with the counsel of the Holy Scriptures, Jesus says: it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you (Matthew 10:20).

Therefore learn to think, talk and act in line with the Holy Scriptures, like the early disciples did, and never beyond what is written in them (1Corinthians 4:6). Paul says:
having obtained help from God, I stand until this day, witnessing both to small and
great, saying no other things than those which the prophets and Moses said
was going to happen (Acts 26:22). You and I truly need the help of God, to only
speak what is in line with the Holy Scriptures; for there are many winds of doctrines
and good ideas blowing our way. May God help us to stick to the written word of
God, and say and teach nothing else, but what is contained from Genesis to
Revelation.

Jesus told us how He did all the miracles: Do you not believe that I am in the Father
and the Father in Me? The Words that I speak to you I do not speak of Myself,
but the Father who dwells in Me, He does the works. Believe Me that I am in
the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the very works
themselves (John 14:10-11). It is the same thing for you and me, Jesus who dwells
in us, does the work. The Godhead: Father, Son and Holy Ghost are at work in us,
both to give us the willingness and the power to do the work; because it brings glory
to our heavenly Father. John tells us: now this is the confidence that we have in Him,
that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us, and if we know that He
hears us, whatever we ask, we know we have the petitions that we have asked of
Him (1John 5:14-15). As long as we do not know the will of God, we will never have
the confidence, but when we know the will of God, it changes everything. Jesus
promised us: Truly, truly, I say unto you, He who believes on Me, the works that I
do, he shall do also, and greater works than these he shall do, because I go
to My Father. And whatever you may ask in My name, that I will do, so that
the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I
will do it (John 14:12-14).

2-5 The word is near you, in your heart and in your mouth

Know the will of God and act on it, you are anointed and endued with power from on
high, the very day you received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, with evidence of
speaking in tongues (Luke 24:49). You are better than the pool of Bethesda, for a
pool is stagnant water; but you have a fountain in you, and rivers of living water
ought to flow out of you (John 4:14, John 7:38). Everything you need is in you, and
ought to flow from inside you. Thank God if He sends an angel to heal, yet we should
not always be waiting for an angel to come down, or ask Jesus to come down to heal.
He is in us, and expects us to act like anointed and appointed children of the Most
High God, to command the sickness and disease to go in the name of Jesus, and they
will obey us; for our words are as good as the words of Jesus; provided we embrace
the way, life and truth of Jesus (John 14:6).

We are His representatives. Whatever we bind on earth is bound in heaven, and
whatever we loose on earth is loosed in heaven (Matthew 18:18). If you want to use
the name of Jesus effectively, and you have faith in the name of Jesus, to perform
signs and wonders; you must put on the Lord Jesus Christ [meaning embrace His way, life and truth] and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfil its lusts (Acts 3:16, Romans 13:14). Moses prophesied how we, who are new creatures, should be acting. The righteousness of faith says this: “Do not say in your heart, who shall ascend into Heaven?” that is, to bring Christ down; or “Who shall descend into the deep?” that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead. But what does it say? “The Word is near you, even in your mouth and in your heart”; that is, the Word of Faith which we proclaim; because if you confess the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved (Romans 10:6-9).

We use our God-given authority and power, believe the things that are written, and command things to happen. We do not ask Jesus to come down and heal the sick; no, but we understand who we are in Christ and command that sickness and disease to go in the name of Jesus! The word is near even in our heart and in our mouth, we believe and we confess it. Our faith is not in ourselves, or our good deeds; though we ought to do them; but in the Godhead who dwells in us, and the finished work of Jesus Christ at Calvary, even His Perfect Redemption Plan. For Jesus told us: Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be removed, and be cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he says shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he says (Mark 11:22-23).

Have faith in God or have faith in the faithfulness of God, that God is true to His written word, or rely on God that it will be done unto you exactly according to what is written in the Holy Scriptures. If He told us to say something He backs us up. Many people have faith in their faith in God, it should not be so, we must have faith in the faithfulness of God, so it does not matter even if we are faithless God remains faithful when we act on His word because He cannot deny Himself (2Timothy 2:13). What carnal Christians do not understand is, that the promises of God are conditional. Paul says: we are labourers together with God (1Corinthians 3:9). When you read the bible you will discover the “ifs”, “buts” that are attached to the promises of God. If you do your part in meeting the condition God clearly stipulated to have the manifestation of that particular promise, then God will keep His part of the bargain.

Peter opened his mouth and said, truly I see that God is no respecter of persons; but in every nation he who fears Him and works righteousness is accepted with Him (Acts 10:34-35). So do you want to be used mightily of God like Peter and those early disciples were? Peter tells you the basic conditions you have to meet in order for God to do the same thing through you. Of course first of all you must be born again, there is no negotiation about that condition, it is sine qua non (John 3:7). Second you must have the reverential fear of the Lord. The fear of the Lord is to hate evil and to depart from it (Proverbs 8:13, Proverbs 16:6). Then you need to practice
righteousness or holiness. Paul says: Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord [at work in his or her life and through him] (Hebrews 12:14). For of Jesus it is written: You have loved righteousness and hated iniquity, therefore God, therefore Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness above Your fellows (Hebrews 1:9).”

Peter and John understood that Jesus had committed His ministry of reconciliation to them, had anointed them with the Holy Spirit and power, and that the Godhead was dwelling in them. When they were going to the temple at the hour of prayer in Acts 3; a certain man lame from his mother’s womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple; Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked for alms. And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us. And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them. Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God (Acts 3:1-8).

Look on us, bring him to me

Peter did not say “look to Jesus” but “look on us” or “look at us”. Many religious Christians will think Peter and John were not “humble” they should have said: look to Jesus. But Peter goes further and says: but such as I have, I give you. Religious Christians will say: “Peter you cannot give anything, only Jesus can give to people!” But you see, Peter and John understood their Authority and Power in Christ Jesus, they were the solution for that lame man, for Christ was in them, they did not have to wait, or ask, who will ascend into heaven, who will descend into the deep, for Christ Jesus has already done these things.

Now it was up to them to put on Christ Jesus, and make no provision for the flesh to fulfil it lusts (Romans 13:14), believe in their heart and open their mouth to speak, what they believed in their heart. It was up to them to stretch out their hand and lift up the lame man, and Jesus performed the miracle through them. We must exercise our authority and power over the works of the devil. Why do you think a King over a kingdom, would need a representative or ambassador in a foreign country? It is simple; it is because the King is not physically in that country, that is why he sent his ambassador. Paul tells us: now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ’s stead, be reconciled to God (2Corinthians 5:20).

We are Jesus’ delegates. A delegate is a person who is appointed and sent by
another, with powers to transact business as his representative or ambassador. Jesus has appointed and sent every spirit filled born again Christian, to be His delegate, to act with His authority and power in the business of the kingdom of God. In other words, we are there before the people in Christ stead, we are speaking on Christ's behalf, with all His authority and His power; for He is in us. If you say to the people, look to Jesus, He is not there physically, they cannot see Him; but they see you, His ambassador. So people look on you. In the gospel when the disciples could not cast the demon out of the epileptic boy, Jesus said: **bring him to Me** (Matthew 17:17). As a representative or ambassador of Jesus, people will bring their sick people to you. Why? Because Jesus is not there physically, that is why you are there as His ambassador. Even in the Old Testament the prophet Elisha understood that he was the representative of God, and they must bring the sick people to him.

The bible tells us the story of Naaman the Syrian, who came to the king of Israel to be healed of leprosy: And the king of Syria said, Go now, and I will send a letter unto the king of Israel. And Naaman departed, and took with him ten talents of silver, and six thousand pieces of gold, and ten changes of raiment. And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, Now when this letter is come unto you, behold; **I have therewith sent Naaman my servant to you, that you may heal him of his leprosy**. And it came to pass, when the king of Israel had read the letter, that he rent his clothes, and said, **Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends unto me to heal a man of his leprosy?** Therefore consider, I pray you, and see how he seeks a quarrel against me. And it was so, **when Elisha the man of God had heard** that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, why have you rent your clothes? **Let him come now to me and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel** (2Kings 5:5-8).

The reason, God used prophets, is because people could not see Him, His prophets were His representatives to the people. Now we know that it is God who heals, but God has invested that healing power into His representatives. Elisha spoke just like Jesus spoke, Jesus said **bring him to me**, Elisha said **let him come now to me**. We have already explained that Elisha was a type of disciple, whom we are, and Elijah was a type of Jesus. Peter and John had that revelation, as disciples of Jesus, they said to the lame man: **look on us**. We are the ones who will perform the miracle, yet not us but God who dwells in us, not in our own name, but in the name of Jesus Christ who sent us. Many religious people will stumble at that way of thinking. But as we have already said, our mind must be renewed according to the word of God, we must think like Jesus thinks, and talk like Jesus talks.

If a person goes to preach the gospel and comes back to church and says: I was out all day long preaching the gospel!! We have no problem with that. If a person comes to church and says: I was casting out demons! We have no problem with that either. But if a person comes to church and says: I was out healing the sick and raising the
dead! Some people have a problem with that, they tell him: “brother you are proud. You should say, God was healing the sick and raising the dead through me”. When the king of Israel said: *Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends unto me to heal a man of his leprosy?* You and I should not be thinking like that; of course we are not God, and we are not Jesus, but we are His representatives, His ambassadors, His delegates. We should talk like Jesus, act like Jesus, and do the works of Jesus. Nothing is impossible to us, because we believe in Christ Jesus (Mark 9:23). We can do all things through Christ Jesus who strengthens us (Philippians 4:13).

Paul tells us to follow peace with all men and holiness without which no man will see the Lord (Hebrews 12:14). And he says again: if it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone (Romans 12:18). Christians, who stumble at speeches like: “bring him to me”, “look on me”, “I heal the sick and raise the dead”, are not your enemies, they are your brothers and sisters; you must be your brother’s keeper (Genesis 4:9). Do not be quick to label them religious. Some of them simply do not have the knowledge of the scriptures the way you do.

What is on their mind is, that you are thinking that you are the one doing the miracles and not God; that is why they stumble at speeches when you say: “bring him to me”, “look on me”, “I heal the sick and raise the dead”. They are not entirely wrong; for over the years some Christians, who were mightily used of God in signs and wonders, started to think they were little gods or christs or Elijah the restorer. So it has weakened the heart of many believers, so they are overly cautious now. They systematically reject any born again Christian and his teaching when he speaks on those lines; because they do not want to be part of another heresy.

Paul says: this knowledge that you have, is not in all believers, let alone in unbelievers (1Corinthians 8:7). In fact unbelievers, when they see miracles, they immediately think that you are a god, or the gods have come among them in human form. When the unbelievers saw the miracle Paul did, the crowd lifted up their voice, saying in Lycaonian, The gods have come down to us, becoming like men (Acts 14:11). Therefore take heed, lest by any means this liberty of yours, even the liberty of speech, because you have the knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, become a stumbling block to those who are weak. For if any man sees you who have knowledge speak things like: I am healing the sick and raising the dead, I am performing miracles. The conscience of him who is weak shall be emboldened to think that you are a god, or a christ, which is a heresy. You did not take time to explain to that believer, what was in your heart when you used that speech and he went away thinking that you are the one performing signs and wonders, and you are a god and a christ, and born again Christians are gods and christs. And through your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? But when you sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ.
(1Corinthians 8:9-12).

We are our brother’s keeper. The Lord said unto Cain, Where is your brother Abel? And he said, I do not know. Am I my brother’s keeper (Genesis 4:9)? God will ask us this question: where is your brother? You will answer: he left because he stumbled at my speech, he thought I was saying I am a god and a christ, he ran away. Or God will ask you: where is your sister? You will answer she is in hell, because I failed to fully explain to her, what I meant in my heart, when I said I was performing signs and wonders; so she went away thinking that we were gods and christs. So God will tell you: so your sister is perishing in hell because of your liberty of speech and knowledge. Thus shall you say unto them, the gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, even they shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens (Jeremiah 10:11).

Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell if you have understanding! Who has set its measurements, for you know? Or who has stretched the line on it? On what are its bases sunk, or who cast its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? Or who shut up the sea with doors, when it broke forth as it came from the womb? When I made the clouds its robe, and darkness its navel-band, and set My limit on it, and set bars and doors, and I said, You shall come to here, but no further; and here your proud waves shall stop. Have you commanded the morning from your days, and caused the dawn to know its place, that it might take hold of the ends of the earth; that the wicked might be shaken out of it (Job 38:4-13)? Satan and his demons who are gods, are going to perish in hell, Christians who believe they are gods and christs, are in danger of perishing in hell with Satan, if they do not repent.

You see my brother, power is something to handle very cautiously, the rod God placed in the hand of Moses to perform signs and wonders. The Lord said to Moses, What is this in your hand? And he said, a staff. And He said, Throw it on the ground. And he threw it on the ground. And it became a serpent. And Moses ran from it. And The Lord said to Moses, Put forth your hand and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand and caught it, and it became a staff in his hand, — so that they may believe that Jehovah, the God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you (Exodus 4:2-5). Now brothers and sisters, God wanted to tell Moses that power is deadly to oneself, or to the people, if one is not very cautious with it.

Just like when a serpent bites a person, his body swells up and if nothing is done quickly to take the venom out of the body or administer a serum, the person eventually dies. Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laying them on the fire, a viper came out of the heat and fastened on his hand. And when the foreigners saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said to one another, No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, being saved from the sea, Justice has not allowed to live. Then
indeed he shook off the creature into the fire, suffering no harm. **But they expected him to be about to become inflamed, or to fall down dead suddenly**, But over much **time**, expecting and seeing nothing amiss happening to him, **they changed their minds and said that he was a god** (Acts 28:3-6).

You see, people when they see signs, wonders and miracles they always have the tendency to think that we are gods or Christs. Paul says: we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies (1Corinthians 8:1). Knowledge and power have the tendency of puffing up a person’s ego; thinking that he is better than other people. Knowledge and power, if they are not handled very cautiously, can destroy the life of that person or other believers. Love edified the persons, and the whole body of Christ. Therefore if your liberty of speech, because of your knowledge, has become an offence and a stumbling block to the faith and eternal destiny of many weak believers and unsaved people, please; for love sake no longer speak that way, because you are your brother’s keeper (1Corinthians 8:13, Genesis 4:9).

How should we speak then? We should say: God was healing the sick through me, God was raising the dead through me, God was casting out devils through me, God was preaching the gospel through me, God was prophesying through me, God was working miracles through me, etc. Paul told us: it is God who works in us both to will and do for His good pleasure (Philippians 2:13). The early disciples changed their speech progressively in the book of Acts, because they realized, that people were trying to give them the glory, or thought they were gods or Christs. The word Christian means to be like Christ: have His way, His life, His truth, and be doing His works. Christian does not mean to be a !little christ” or “Christ junior” that is from the pit of hell!

In fact early believers did not call themselves Christians, but people of the Way; for Jesus told them that I am the way, the truth and the life, no one can come to the Father except through Me (John 14:6). Paul testifies, saying: **I confess this to you, that after the Way which they call heresy, so I worship the God of my fathers, believing all things that are written in the Law and in the Prophets** (Acts 24:14). The heathen of Antioch were the first ones to call the early believers of the Way, Christian, it was even to mock believers of the Way (Acts 11:26). If we think of the way things are going in Christianity, we will have to revert to calling ourselves people of the Way again; for this heresy of Christians being gods and little Christs, is spreading like cancer all over the world!

In Acts 3, Peter realized, when they said to the lame man to look on them, and the miracle was performed, people’s eyes were on them, and not on Jesus, who had performed the miracle through them. And many ideas were already going through the people’s minds: some were already thinking these men are holier then we, maybe they are gods? So Peter immediately corrected himself, to give back the glory to Jesus, saying: why do you marvel at this? Or why do you stare at us, as though we
had made this man to walk by our own power or holiness? The God of Abraham and of Isaac and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified His son Jesus, whom you delivered up, denying Him in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to let Him go. But you denied the Holy and Just One and desired a murderer to be given to you. And you killed the Prince of Life, whom God has raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses. And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, this one whom you see and know, His name made firm. And the faith which came through Him has given him this perfect soundness before you (Acts 3:12-16).

So when Luke also writes about what God was doing through Paul, he says: God did works of power or unusual miracles through the hands of Paul, so that even handkerchiefs or aprons from his skin being brought onto the sick, the diseases were released, and the evil spirits went out of them (Acts 19:11-12). So the attention is placed directly on God first. Luke does not forget to put the name of Paul as a labourer together with God (1Corinthians 3:9). Because Paul was a yielded vessel God found and could channel His miraculous power through him. As you read the book of Acts after Acts 3, the disciples made sure to point people to Jesus and God, for they realized some people did not have the knowledge they had. Now when people read it, they also think, I do not need to do anything, I can live anyhow, and God will still work through me. No, after you are born again, you need to embrace the life, way and truth of Jesus; fear God by hating evil and departing from it, and then practice righteousness, if you want to be used of God, the same way those disciples were.

I Gery also made the same mistakes in my speech, they were not wrong, but they became an offence to some and a stumbling block to others. I did not have the time to explain in depth, according to the scriptures what I meant. Many times when the Lord makes His ways known unto me I weep, for I realized that I might have offended some precious souls. This scripture is so true in my life, like it was in the life of Paul and of Peter and John: when I was a child, I spoke as a child, I thought as a child, I reasoned and understood as a child. But when I became a man [I have matured in the faith], I put away the childish things. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall fully know even as I also am fully known. And now faith, hope, charity or unconditional love, these three remain; but the greatest of these is charity or unconditional love (1Corinthians 13:11-13).

Peter tells us: if anyone speaks let him speak as oracles of God (1Peter 4:11). Then what is an oracle? An oracle is when God gives inquiries, or a message or a revelation through a person. Our problem is that we do not believe that God is speaking through us; we do not believe that the Holy Spirit is bringing scriptures and examples to our remembrance. If we do not believe that we are speaking as oracles of God, our words will not have power; because we think it is just our words. And
Jesus when He sent us to preach the gospel said to us: *it is not you that speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you* (Matthew 10:20). 24/7, we must believe that we are speaking as oracles of God, we make sure that whatever we are saying lines up with the written word of God; because we are His representatives. That is why even when we interpret a dream or vision, or preach a gospel, we speak as oracles of God and believe that it is God who is speaking through us. Jesus Himself gave us that example and told us: *the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father’s who sent Me* (John 14:24). You also speak as oracles of God.

When we understand that we are representing Jesus and God to the people; we will speak with that authority and power. Because we believe that what is coming out of our mouth, is directly from God not of ourselves. Jesus did not tell us: go into all the word, and I, Jesus, will preach the gospel, but He said: you, *Go into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature* (Mark 16:15). In other words: you go into all the world and you preach the gospel, preach it as oracles of God. If Jesus were there physically, He would not need to send us. God expects us to not just speak as oracles of His, but to act as oracles of His, by doing what the Lord Jesus Christ would have done, if He were here physically; our body and members become the members of God. Paul tells us: do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ (1Corinthians 6:15)? Therefore Jesus tells us: *as you go, preach, saying, the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely you have received, freely give* (Matthew 10:7-8).

John and Peter understood exactly what Jesus said, so they said to the lame man, *look on us*, Jesus sent us, we are His oracles; our bodies are His members. Of ourselves we can do nothing, He is the one doing it through us; for He is in us, we abide in Him and in His word (John 15:5-7). Elisha understood it too, he said let Naaman the leper come to me and I will cleanse him. When Peter spoke to the lame man and commanded him to be healed, he spoke as if Jesus was there and speaking through him. When Elisha gave instructions to Naaman to dip himself seven times in the Jordan and he will be cleansed; he spoke as if God spoke it directly.

In the Old Testament you read a lot of thus says the Lord sentences. It was to signify that the prophet was speaking as an oracle of God. In the four gospels you do not see Jesus saying, thus says the Lord; because He is the Lord. In the book of Acts you do not have lots of thus says the Lord sentences; because they speak as oracles of God; they believed that God was speaking through them, and walking in them. You are the temple of the living God, as God has said, “I will dwell in them and walk among them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people (2Corinthians 6:16, Leviticus 26:11-12)”. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to good works, which God has before ordained that we should walk in them (Ephesians 2:10).

If born again Christians could only believe that they are oracles of God as long as they speak and act in line with the counsel of written word of God, they will be
amazed at what God will do through them; for God does all things according to the counsel of His will (Ephesians 1:11). You are God’s representatives, speak and act as His oracles, speak and act as if Jesus is there physically. The other side of the coin is, you must also embrace the life, truth and way of Jesus if you want to see effective results like the disciples. Settle these two scriptures in your heart: Matthew 10:20 which says, it is not you that speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you, and Galatians 2:20 which says, I have been crucified with Christ, and I live; yet no longer I, but Christ lives in me. And that life I now live in the flesh, I live by faith toward the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself on my behalf.

My prayer for each one of us is, that God will perform mighty signs and wonders through each one of us, so that people may know that we are sons and daughters of God, and that He has sent us. For Elisha said: Let him come now to me and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel (2Kings 5:8). Elijah on Mount Carmel in His contest with the prophets of Baal said: Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known this day that You are God in Israel and I am your servant, and that I have done all these things at Your word (1Kings 18:36). And Jesus at the tomb of Lazarus said: Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. And I knew that You hear Me always: but because of the people who stand by I said it, that they may believe that You have sent Me (John 11:41-42). Isaiah prophesied about us: behold, I and the children whom the LORD has given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, who dwells in mount Zion (Isaiah 8:18).

Peter said to the people who heard him on the day of Pentecost: men of Israel, hear these words, Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know (Acts 2:22). The way God attests or bears witness of His children is by miracles, wonders and signs which He performs through us in the midst of the people. Truly did Isaiah prophesy that as children of God we are for signs and wonders (Isaiah 8:18). Not only do we bear witness of God by our words and good deeds; but also God bears witness of us, or attests of us by miracles, wonders and signs which He performs through us. So that people would say, like they said of our elder brother Jesus: when the multitudes saw it, they marvelled, and glorified God, who had given such authority or power (Exousia: a legal authority to exercise power) unto men (Matthew 9:8). My prayer is as we bear witness of God by embracing the life, way and truth of Jesus; He in turn will bear witness of us by miracles, wonders and signs which He performs through us, in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth who now lives in us. I say Amen to that!

3-1 You have been given the name of Jesus and its usage

What did Peter have to give to the lame man? Peter had the name of Jesus, and the
life of Jesus. Jesus said: Go into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized, shall be saved; but he who believes not, shall be damned. And these signs shall follow those who believe; **In My name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover, or they shall be well** (Mark 16:15-18). When you were born again, you received the name of Jesus, you now use the authority of the name of Jesus, and do the same works of Jesus. Jesus told us: **All authority** (Exousia: authority and power, **legal authority to exercise power**) is given unto Me in heaven and in earth (Matthew 28:18). **Behold, I give unto you authority** (Exousia: authority and power, **legal authority to exercise power**) to tread on serpents and scorpions, and **over all the power** (dunamis: force, ability, power) of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you (Luke 10:19).

The enemy has power or ability to do evil, but has no legal authority, he is a usurper. All authority, even legal authority, God gave to Jesus in heaven and on earth. You and I have no authority at all in ourselves, but Jesus who dwells in us, has all authority and power in heaven and on earth. And because you are joined with Christ, and are one Spirit with Him; He has given you His name, all the authority and power in heaven and on earth, which God invested in the name of Jesus, you now have. Satan is a thief and robber, a thief has no legal authority, if he had, he would not be a thief. A thief is one who secretly takes goods or personal property of another privately or without violence. And a robber is one who takes goods or personal property from another by force or menaces, and with felonious intents, by open force or open violence. Satan is both a thief and a robber (John 10:1).

But a policeman has legal authority and power. His authority is given to him by his government, and the power is the gun the government allowed him to carry and use. You received authority, when you became born again and the name of Jesus was given to you, you must use the authority invested in that name. You have also been given power or endued with power, when the Holy Spirit came upon you, with evidence of speaking in tongues. Jesus said: **you shall receive power** (dunamis: power, miracle working power), after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you (Acts 1:8). The people were all amazed, and spoke among themselves, saying, what a word is this! For with **authority** and **power** He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out (Luke 4:36). The same Jesus lives in you, and still has all authority and power. As we have already explained: you will need to embrace the life, way and truth of Jesus, if you want to have the same results He had.

Paul says: to everyone–whoever shall call upon the name of the Lord, shall be saved (Romans 10:13). Peter said: there is not salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, in which we must be saved (healed, prospered, saved) (Acts 4:12). When you were born again, it was your faith
in the name of Jesus that saved you, and the name of Jesus was given to you, and the usage of that name was also given to you. It is the name of Jesus, and faith in the name of Jesus, that saves, delivers, heals, cleanses leprosy, raises the dead, prospers, etc. So what Peter said he had, that made the lame man walk, you have, since you also have received the name of Jesus, and put your faith in the name of Jesus. If we profess to have the name of Jesus, we must also possess His life, way and truth.

Peter said: The name of Jesus, through faith in the name of Jesus, made the lame man strong, yes, the faith which comes through Jesus has given the lame man his perfect soundness (Acts 3:16). So why not use the name of Jesus, and put your faith in the name of Jesus, and see people around you made perfectly sound? Every believer puts his faith in the name of Jesus to be saved, thus he has what it takes to do the works of Jesus; provided he chooses to embrace the life, truth and way of Jesus. Peter, who embraced the life, way and truth of Jesus, had the same results Jesus had, for it is written of Jesus: when the men of that place had knowledge of him, they sent out into all that country round about, and brought unto him all that were diseased; And besought him that they might only touch the hem of his garment: and as many as touched, were made perfectly whole (Matthew 14:35-36).

The bible is a whole book that needs to be read from cover to cover, from Genesis to Revelation. When people read Acts 3:16, they think it is only about using the name of Jesus, and putting faith in the name of Jesus. Jesus taught His disciples well; they learned to always give the glory back to God, even if they were also labourers together with God (1Corinthians 3:9). Please read the bible studies on “Abecedary of Prayer” and “He kept the good wine for the end” to discover succinctly how we are co-labourers together with God. Jesus taught us: As the living Father has sent Me, and I live by the Father: so he who eats Me or feeds on Me, even he shall live by Me (John 6:57). So those disciples had been feeding on Jesus, meaning eating the word of God for three and half years; that is why the sanctified life of Jesus was also their life. They embraced the truth, the way and life of Jesus (John 14:6). As you will discover in this series of the Application of the Perfect Redemption Plan, the disciples read their bibles, sanctified themselves, and prayed and fasted like Jesus taught them.

They learned to ascribe the glory to Jesus Christ, and not to themselves. Jesus taught us: he who speaks of himself, seeks his own glory: but he who seeks the glory of Him who sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him (John 7:18). When we stand before the people, we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus who sent us, we do not speak of ourselves: how righteous we are, how holy we are, how much we pray, how much we read the scriptures, and how much we fast; though we do all these; because it gives the glory to us, and not to the One who sent
us, even Jesus! That is why Peter and John in Acts 3:16 ascribed all the glory to Jesus and the use of His name!

They kept the commandments of God, and did the things that were pleasing in the sight of God, that is why God granted them whatever they requested from Him, that lined up with the Holy Scriptures, as John tells us, saying: if our heart accuses us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. Beloved, if our heart does not accuse us, we have confidence toward God. And whatever we ask, we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight (1John 3:20-22). Because of the fear of the Lord in them, they hated evil and departed from it, and then practiced righteousness, that is why God used them, and if we do the same things, God will use us too (Proverbs 8:13, Proverbs 16:6). Peter opened his mouth and said, Truly I see that God is no respecter of persons; but in every nation he who fears Him and works righteousness, is accepted by Him (Acts 10:34-35). God says to us: Why have you angrily glowed? And why did your face fall? If you do well, shall you not be accepted (Genesis 4:6-7)? You do not have to envy the apostles, do what they did, and God will work through you too.

If you do not understand how the disciples were trained; you will be like the sons of Sceva; who thought it was just the use of the name of Jesus; they did not know that they had to be labourers together with God (Acts 19:14-17). If you want to be effective in using the name of Jesus, you first of all, need to put on the Lord Jesus, and make no provision for the flesh to fulfil its lusts! Paul tells each one of us, do not be like the sons of Sceva; but you put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ (Romans 13:14, Galatians 3:27). Just like the fire fighter put on his suit; you also put on the Lord Jesus, meaning embrace His life, way and truth (John 14:6).

And Jesus exemplified it for His disciples by always ascribing the glory to the Father who sent Him, saying: I have not spoken of Myself; but the Father who sent Me, He gave Me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak (John 12:49). I can of My own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and My judgment is just; because I seek not My own will, but the will of the Father who has sent Me (John 5:30). Do you believe not that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak unto you I speak not of Myself: but the Father who dwells in Me, He does the works (John 14:10). So you see, in these scriptures and many other scriptures in the gospels, Jesus ascribed all the glory to His Father, though He was a labourer together with God. Thus He taught His disciples also to always ascribe all the glory to Him who sent them, though they were labourers together with Him (1Corinthians 3:9). Jesus told us: I have given you an example, so that you should do as I have done to you (John 13:15). We imitate Him in everything, just like the apostles and Paul imitated Him, and advised us to imitate them, as they imitate Christ (1Corinthians
Jesus said to His disciples again, *Peace be unto you: as My Father has sent Me, even so I send you* (John 20:21). *Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can you, except you abide in Me.* I am the vine, you *are* the branches: He who abides in Me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit: for without Me you can do nothing (John 15:4-5).

Paul reminds us: it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure (Philippians 2:13). Where *is* boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? No: but by the law of faith (Romans 3:27); for you have been crucified with Christ, and nevertheless you live; *yet* no longer you, but Christ lives in you. And *that* life you now live in the flesh, you live by faith of the Son of God, who loved you and gave Himself on your behalf (Galatians 2:20). If you do not learn to always ascribe all the glory to God; you will limit what the Holy One of Israel can do through you; because God does not share His glory with anyone (Psalm 78:41; Isaiah 42:8).

**3-2 You are joined with Christ**

We should never try to dissociate ourselves from the Lord Jesus; as we are Christ’s bride. He who is joined unto the Lord is one Spirit (1Corinthians 6:17). We are married to Christ Jesus who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God (Romans 7:4). It is the same Spirit of faith we have with Jesus, because we are one Spirit with Him. Jesus tells us: *What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder* (Mark 10:9). Everything Jesus has we have: all His authority and His power, since we are one Spirit with Him. We have all received His fullness (John 1:16). We should never try to dissociate ourselves from the Lord. Our life is hid with Christ in God (Colossians 3:3). We are always with Christ, for we are one Spirit with Him. Paul tells us: I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; *yet* not I, **but Christ lives in me:** and the life which I now live in the flesh I **live by the faith of the Son of God**, who loved me, and gave Himself for me (Galatians 2:20).

Christ is living through us, our faith is the faith of Christ, since we have the same Spirit of Faith, and we are one Spirit with Him. I do not frustrate (**to break or interrupt**, hence to defeat) the grace of God; for if righteousness came by the law, then Christ died in vain (Galatians 2:21). Whenever we try to separate ourselves from Christ, and start to establish our own “anointing”, our own “power”, our own “righteousness” based on the works and good deeds of the law; we frustrate the grace of God, or interrupt the grace of God; we interrupt the flow of the divine empowerment. Jesus explains it this way: *Abide in Me, and I in you.* As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can you, except you abide in Me (John 15:4). If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you shall ask what you desire, and it shall be done unto you (John 15:7). I am the true vine, and...
My Father is the husbandman (John 15:1).

In other words Jesus is saying, He is the vine, we are the branch, the sap, even the Holy Ghost, is flowing from the vine to the branch. Think of the sap as the life of Jesus, His Spirit, for the Spirit is life (Romans 8:10), and His Spirit of faith. We have already demonstrated from the Holy Scriptures in the “Perfect Redemption Plan, Part IV” that the Olive Tree of the Triune God: the Root is God the Father, the Sap is the Holy Ghost, and the Vine is Jesus. Please revisit that bible study.

As long as we are joined to Him, who is the vine, we will have the same life. Like Paul said: it is no longer him who lives, but Christ lives through him; the life that he now lives in the flesh he lives by the faith of the Son of God (Galatians 2:20). It is the Spirit of life, and the Spirit of faith that flows from Jesus to him. Paul never dissociated himself from Christ, he knew and believed that he was joined with the resurrected Christ, and was one Spirit with Christ. That is how we should be thinking, we are in Christ, and He lives through us. The moment we try to build our own “anointing”, our own “power” based on the works and good deeds of the law, we frustrate or break and interrupt the grace of God, from flowing through us. What does it mean to abide in Jesus as a branch abides on the vine? Jesus answered it for us, saying: If you keep my commandments, you shall abide in My love; even as I have kept My Father’s commandments, and abide in His love (John 15:10). In other words, embrace the sanctified life, the truth and the way of Jesus if you want to abide in Him.

**Sons and daughters who serve**

Jesus is our ultimate example, we must learn from Him. He says: I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you (John 13:15). When we read the bible, we can learn from saints of old, who walked with God. Israel as a nation, was the son of God, even His first born (Exodus 4:22). The Jews understood it, and they said to Jesus: we were not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God (John 8:41). They understood that as a nation, they were adopted by God as His firstborn son. The saints under the Old Covenant understood they were servants of God, yet they acted like sons and daughters of God, because they understood that as individuals, they were not adopted sons and daughters of God, yet the nation to which they belong is the adopted firstborn son of God.

In the New Covenant, God directly adopts the individual as His son or daughter, and puts him or her in the commonwealth of the nation of Israel, His firstborn. Paul explains it, saying: remember that you, the non Jewish nations, in time past were in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh, made by hands; and that at that time, you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of
promise, having no hope, and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus, you who were once afar off, are made near by the blood of Christ.

For He is our peace, He making us both one, and He has broken down the middle wall of partition between us, having abolished in His flesh the enmity (the Law of commandments contained in ordinances) so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, making peace between them; and so that He might reconcile both to God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity in Himself. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off, and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now therefore you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God, and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom every building, having been fitly framed together, grows into a holy sanctuary in the Lord; in whom you also are built together for a dwelling place of God through the Spirit (Ephesians 2:11-22).

As individuals they were servants of God; but as a nation, Israel was the adopted firstborn son of God. Some who had a close walk with the Godhead were even privileged to become friends of God, not just mere servants. Abraham was a friend of God. God says: you, Israel, are My servant, Jacob whom I have chosen the seed of Abraham, My friend (Isaiah 41:8). The disciples also, before the resurrection of Jesus, were servants of God, yet they developed a friendship. They were servants and not sons and daughters of God. Jesus told His disciples: henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant does not know what his lord does: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of My Father I have made known unto you (John 15:15).

The disciples became born again in John 20:22 Jesus breathed on them and said unto them, receive the Holy Ghost. At that moment God sent forth the Spirit of His Son into their hearts, because they became adopted sons and daughters of God (Galatians 4:6). And then the Spirit came upon them and abode on the day of Pentecost, when the promise of the Father was sent (Acts 2). The epistles tell us more about who we are in Christ, and what He has done for us. We are sons and daughters of God, we are kings and priests unto our God (Revelation 1:6).

Our kingship is not to rule over people, or have dominion over people, but to rule over sins, demons, sicknesses and diseases which are oppressing the people. Just like Jesus, who is the Son of God, and the King of kings, said: even as the Son of man did not come to be ministered unto, or to be served, but to minister or to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many (Matthew 20:28). Jesus is our example, He served or ministered to people, and ruled over, or had dominion over sin, demons, sicknesses and diseases, which oppressed the people, He cast those demons out of them, healed them, and raised the dead.
Go and do the same things; for Jesus has given you the same authority and power. He is in you doing the work. You are a son or daughter who serves, Jesus is your elder brother, the firstborn. Jesus is the Only begotten Son of the Father God. You, who are in Christ Jesus, are the adopted son or daughter of God the Father, through Christ Jesus. You and I should not have the mind-set of servants, but of sons and daughters who serve their Father. Not only are we sons and daughters, but we are also friends of the Godhead. As sons and daughters, all things the Father has, belongs to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God (Luke 15:31; 1Corinthians 3:22-23).

A servant does not necessarily care about the dreams of His master; he does only what he is told to do. As soon as he has done all his tasks, he asks for a reward or his wages. But at least a servant, who is a friend of his master, will care about the dream of His master, like Hushai, in 2Samuel 15, was not only a servant of King David, but also his friend. Hushai went the extra mile, even when David was no longer in power, he followed David. See the bible study on "The Heart of a son or daughter who is serving his or her Father, and is his or her Father’s friend". But no matter how close Hushai was to David, he was still a servant, and not a son. But God has made us sons and daughters, He is our friend too, like Jesus told His disciples, and we serve our Father.

Jesus Christ is the friend of every born again Christian, for He told every born again Christian, all that His Father God told Him and hid nothing from us. Jesus says: No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master does. But I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father, I have made known to you (John 15:15). Jesus will never stop seeing and treating us as His friends; but the question is: are we seeing and treating Jesus and the Godhead as our friend? Friendship is a two way thing, and it must be reciprocated.

The question is: how can I reciprocate the friendship that Jesus has for me? It is simple! Jesus tells us: You are My friends, if you do whatever I command you (John 15:14). No one has greater love than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends (John 15:13). If you want to reciprocate the friendship that Jesus has for you, you need to do whatever He commands you, in His written word, and whatever He commands you personally, that always lines up with the written word of God. You need to lay down your life for other people, like Jesus laid down His life for you, and for the world. We are not talking about dying here, but dying to self, and to your selfish motives, and loving people the way Jesus loves them.

By this we have known the love of God, because He laid down His life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But whoever has this world’s goods, and sees his brother having need, and shuts up his bowels from him, how does the love of God dwell in him? My children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. And in this we shall know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our
hearts before Him (1John 3:16-19).

God called Israel His servant, Jacob His chosen one, but He called Abraham His friend (Isaiah 41:8). Let us see how God was the friend of Abraham. Jesus said that He calls us friends; because He has told us everything that is in His heart and the Father’s heart, all the plans of God. We have seen in the series of “The Perfect Redemption Plan” how God preached the gospel to Abraham: explaining to him the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus, in types and shadows. God also explained to Abraham, how in the end times the world will be destroyed, not by flood anymore like in the days of Noah; but by fire, and it will be like the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed by fire (Genesis 18). God, before destroying Sodom and Gomorrah said: Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do; seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him (Genesis 18:17-19).

Peter explains it, saying: God did not spare the old world, but saved Noah the eighth one, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly. And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, He condemned them with an overthrow, setting an example to men intending to live ungodly. And He delivered righteous Lot, oppressed with the lustful behaviour of the lawless. For that righteous one living among them, in seeing and hearing, his righteous soul was tormented from day to day with their unlawful deeds. The Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptation, and to reserve the unjust for a day of judgment, to be punished, and especially those who walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise dominion. They are darers, self-pleasing; not trembling at glories, speaking evil (2Peter 2:5-10). Jude also tells us: even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire (Jude 1:7). You see, God explained and revealed everything to Abraham His friend.

Abraham reciprocated the friendship God had for him, by doing whatever God commanded Him. When God told him to leave his country and go to a land that He will show him, Abraham obeyed (Genesis 12). Paul explains what it meant, saying: these all died by way of faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off. And they were persuaded of them and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For they who say such things declare plainly that they seek a fatherland. And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from which they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. But now they stretch forth to a better fatherland, that is, a heavenly one.
Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them (Hebrews 11:13-16).

For born again Christians, it means our citizenship is in heaven, here on earth we are ambassadors for Christ, we are waiting for the New Jerusalem that will come down from God. Paul tells us: our citizenship is in Heaven, from which also we are looking for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall change our body of humiliation, so that it may be fashioned like His glorious body, according to the working of His power, even to subdue all things to Himself (Philippians 3:20-21). We are in the world, but we are not of the world (John 17:16). In the world we are ambassadors on behalf of Christ, as God exhorting through us, we beseech people on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God (2Corinthians 5:20). Furthermore John saw a new heaven and a new earth. For the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. And the sea no longer is. And John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of Heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her Husband (Revelation 21:1-2). This is what God preached in shadows to Abraham, by asking him to leave his country to go to a land that He will show him, though he had never been there before, nor seen it.

When God told him to offer up his only begotten son Isaac as a burnt offering, Abraham obeyed; a type of the sacrifice of Christ (Genesis 22). God preached to him the death, burial and resurrection of Christ, the Seed of Abraham in types. As Paul tells us: by faith Abraham, being tested, offered up Isaac. And he who had received the promises offered up his only-begotten son, of whom it was said that in Isaac your Seed shall be called, concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from where he even received him, in a figure (Hebrews 11:17-19).

Thus by his acts of obedience to whatever God commanded him, that was in line with the gospel, Abraham demonstrated that he was a friend of God. James explains to us saying: was not Abraham our father justified by works when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? Do you see how faith worked with his works, and from the works faith was made complete? And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “Abraham believed God, and it was imputed to him for righteousness, and he was called the friend of God” (James 2:21-23).” Learn from Abraham how to be a friend of God, pass the same revelation to your biological and spiritual descendents [even disciples] that is what Abraham the friend of God did. Do everything according to the gospel of Jesus Christ like Abraham.

Jesus told Mary and Joseph: How is it that you sought Me? Do you not know that I must be about My Father’s business (Luke 2:49)? You are a son or daughter of God like Jesus, you ought to be about your Father’s business, people should not be looking for you; they should know where you are: you are about your Father’s business! Your Father wants the world to know about His love; so you should be sharing what Jesus has done for you and your loved ones, even the gospel to every creature (Mark 16:15). For the purpose of sharing the good news of Jesus Christ is, so
that the love with which God loved Jesus, may also be in the people, and Jesus in
them, when they become born again (John 17:26).

Jesus says: I have declared to them Your name and will declare it, so that the love
with which You loved Me, may be in them and I in them (John 17:26). If the message
of Jesus you preach to people, does not reveal to them how much God loves them, as
He loves Jesus (John 17:23) it is not the gospel of Christ. If there are sinful people,
sick people, dead people, demon possessed people, Jesus went about doing good
and healing all who were oppressed of the devil, for God, for our Father, was with
Him (Acts 10:38). You should go about and do the same things; for that is what it
means to be about your Father’s business, God is with you.

The son, who serves in the house, knows that all things belong to him because he is
the heir and joint heir with Christ. He actually gets more work done than the servant.
He is not really working for a wage or a reward; since all things belong to him. He is
in the house and abides in the house forever; as long as he does not practice the
sins leading to death (1Corinthians 6:9-10). The servant does not abide in the house
forever: but the Son abides forever (John 8:35). You and I are in Christ, we are joined
with Him, and since He abides in the house forever, we abide in the house forever
too; provided you do not practice the sins leading to death listed in 1Corinthians
6:9-10.

Paul tells us: we are no longer servant or slave but sons, and if a son then an
heir of God through Christ (Galatians 4:7). Now I, Paul, say to you that the
heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave or servant, though he
is master of all (Galatians 4:1). You and I are children of God, and heirs of God,
through Christ, we are master of all, not of ourselves, but because we are in Christ
and joined with Him, one Spirit with Him, since He is the Heir of God; what Christ
has, is what we have, He is the Master of all, we are master of all through Christ.
Paul also says: the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave or
servant. Thus born again Christians who are still practicing sin and lack the
knowledge of God will not be entrusted with their full inheritance though they are
masters of all.

There is an indispensable need to grow into the measure of the full stature of Christ
Jesus; if we want to be entrusted with all our inheritance (Ephesians 4:13). We need
to bear and mature in the fruit of the Spirit, if we want God to release whatever we
ask Him in our inheritance. Jesus says: I am the Vine, you are the branches. He who
abides in Me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit; for without Me you can
do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is
withered. And they gather and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. If you
abide in Me, and My Words abide in you, you shall ask what you will, and it shall be
done to you. In this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, so you shall be c
(John 15:5-8).
You are God’s son or God’s daughter, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. You are no longer a servant of God, the Old Testament saints were servants of God, though the nation of Israel was the son of God even His firstborn. But we are not a servant of God in the New Testament, we are sons and daughters of God who serve their Father God like Jesus did. Paul says: now I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, differs in nothing from a servant, **though he be lord of all** (Galatians 4:1). Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, *Abba, Father*. Therefore you are no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ (Galatians 4:6-7).

The word Paul uses for Lord, is the Greek word *Kurios* which means: **supreme in authority, lord, master**. Jesus Christ is The **Blessed**, and the **only Potentate**, the **King of kings** and the **Lord of lords** (1Timothy 6:15). So everything we have, is because we are in Christ and Christ is in us, it is because we are joint heirs with Christ, because we are joined with the Lord and have become one Spirit with Him. We are blessed because He is the Blessed (Mark 14:61). We are kings because He is The King, and we are lords because He is The Lord. Yet only Jesus is the Potentate or The Sovereign. He has it all, and whatever we have is because we are in Him and Him in us. Brethren should not be thinking that they are better than other believers, everything they have; the other believers have as well; because it is the same Jesus who dwells in all believers.

We are not to rule over people, we are not lords of people, or masters of people, or kings of people; only Jesus is the King of people, the Master of people, and the Lord of people. We are lords and master of Satan, his cohorts and their evil works: sin, sickness, disease, premature death, poverty, etc. We are servants of men, just like our Lord came to serve and not to be served. Jesus told us: You call Me the Teacher, and Lord, and you say well, for I AM. If then I, the Lord and the Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you (John 13:13-15).

This is how we must think: we are God’s sons, Satan’s master or Satan’s lord, or Satan’s king, and we are men’s servant. Now do not go away thinking that Satan and his demons work for you, when we say you are lord over Satan, his demons and their evil works; we mean you possess supreme power and authority over them; they do not oppress you, but you destroy their evil works, first in you, and in people around you. For Jesus tells you: I saw Satan fall from Heaven like lightning. Behold, I give to you authority, even the legal right, authority to exercise power, to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy. And nothing shall by any means hurt you (Luke 10:18-19).

That is why Paul tells us: reckon or consider yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield your members
as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those
that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness
unto God. For sin shall not have dominion over you (Romans 6:11-14). If sin is still
reigning in your mortal body and having dominion over you; it means that Satan is
still bossing you around; for he who sins is of the devil; for this purpose the Son of
God was made manifest to destroy the works of the devil (1John 3:8). Jesus says:

verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever commits sin, is the servant, or slave of sin.
[Therefore Satan the devil is his master; since sin originated from him; for the devil
sinned from the beginning according to John 8:44]. And the servant does not abide in
the house for forever: but the Son abides forever. If the Son therefore shall make you
free, you shall be free indeed (John 8:34-36).

We are sons who are serving their Father, like Jesus was serving His Father. Jesus
was not a servant, but He was a Son who was serving His Father. Paul tells you: you
also have received the same Spirit of God’s Son, you are no longer servant, but you
are a son who serves his Father. As a son you are lord of all, or master of all, through
Jesus Christ; all that Jesus has you have, everything your Father has you have; for
you are heir of God and joint heir with Christ. So when you read the book of Acts, and
you see the disciples calling themselves servants or calling Jesus the Holy Servant of
God; understand that what they mean is, sons of God who are serving, and of Jesus
the Holy Son of God who is serving. So when you hear a minster of God saying, he or
she is a servant of God; do not stumble; he has the understanding that he is a son or
daughter of God who is serving.

Moses truly was faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those
things which were to be spoken afterward. But Christ as a son over his own
house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the
hope firm unto the end (Hebrew 3:5-6). So Moses, though he was a servant, he acted
more as a son, Moses was a servant who was a friend of God. A friend can take
initiative, he does not always have to wait for commands; since he knows the desire
of his friend’s heart who employed him.

When I was growing up we had a domestic. My parents would travel and they would
leave the house to the domestic, who would be the one running the house. She
would dress us up for school, she would tell us to go and read our books, and she
told us how our parents expected us to behave. She was there to help us become
like our parents. That was the purpose of Moses and the law; Moses was a servant,
the law was to tell us how God wanted us to be; the Law was pointing us to Christ.
God wanted us to be Christ-like. But under no circumstances was our domestic
allowed to abuse us in anyway. It is as if you are training a future king, you do not
talk to him anyhow, or abuse him, if you do so, you might lose your job. You are not
to verbally abuse anybody you are discipling. Many domestics that did not treat us
well when our parents were away, we reported them to our parents and they were
fired. The bible says Moses was faithful in all His house as a servant.

God sees how we abuse and mistreat His children, whom He has entrusted to our care. He said: I have surely seen the affliction of my people, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows; and I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of those who have become masters over my people (Exodus 3:7-8). Moses knew that he needed to treat the people like God wanted him to, if not, God would remove him. Read the bible study “The Perfect Redemption Plan: the Lord is my Shepherd” to see how God expects us to treat His people, for the people are the house of God. They are His habitation, for He dwells in them (Ephesians 2:22).

We are sons who serve; we are serving other believers, even unbelievers. Whether God is already dwelling in them or God will dwell in them, we must treat them the same way as Jesus the Son of God would. Now you are a son, and because you are a son, you are lord of all through Christ Jesus. Jesus, who is the Lord of all, has made you lord or master of all, because you are in Him. Act like a son, and take initiative. Now you are a son, you are no longer a servant, you are lord of all through Christ, and everything Jesus has, you have, because you are joined with the Lord Jesus. Malachi prophesied of the day we will be sons and daughters of God who serve their Father and he said: They shall be Mine,” says the LORD of hosts, “On the day that I make them My jewels. And I will spare them, As a man spares his own son who serves him (Malachi 3:17). Jeremiah also foretold it long before Malachi, as it is written: God said, How shall I put you among the sons, and give you a pleasant land, a beautiful inheritance among the hosts of nations? And I said, You shall call Me, My Father, and shall not turn away from Me (Jeremiah 3:19)

When this revelation dawns on us, we take our responsibilities in the kingdom. For instance when one does not have this revelation, but still thinks he is only a servant, and not a son who serves, in the area of finances, he will only live by sowing and reaping. While the earth remains: seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease (Genesis 8:22). But a son knows that there is a greater law in operation than the earthly law of sowing and reaping. A son lives by kingdom principles, he knows all things are his, and he is the master of all through Christ. People who understand they are sons who serve, actually give more into the kingdom and do more for the kingdom, because they know that the kingdom belongs to them.

They are not just servants, they are in the house, they have the keys of every door in the kingdom, they do not have to wait for a window to be opened, that God may pour out a blessing that was in the Old Covenant (Malachi 3:10). They realize that they are blessed with every spiritual blessing in heavenly places in Christ (Ephesians 1:3). Peter tells us: grace and peace be multiplied to you through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, according as His divine power has given to us all
things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who has called us to glory and virtue, through which He has given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, so that by these you might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust (2Peter 1:2-4). Jesus tells us: Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom (Luke 12:32). I appoint unto you a kingdom as My Father has appointed unto me (Luke 22:29). I will give unto you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever you shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven (Matthew 16:19).

Jesus says to us: I am He who lives, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death (Revelation 1:18). Jesus gave us the keys of the Kingdom, and the resurrected Christ who has all the Keys including the Keys of hell and death, lives in us, we are in Him, one Spirit with Him. And He commands us: Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely you have received, freely give (Matthew 10:8). We are sons who serve our Father like Jesus did, and Jesus is in us, doing the same works He did on earth.

He gave us the keys of the kingdom, we get people saved, heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, we raise the dead through Christ Jesus. He is in us doing the works. He is the Anointed One, He is the power of God, His gospel is the power of God unto salvation. God has given all authority and power in heaven and on earth unto Jesus (Matthew 28:18). And Jesus, since we are joined with Him, and are one Spirit with Him, tells us: Behold, I give unto you authority and power (Exousia: legal authority to exercise power) to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you (Luke 10:19). Jesus gave us power (Dunamis: miracle working power) and authority (Exousia: legal authority to exercise power) over all devils, and to cure diseases (Luke 9:1).

A son takes initiatives based on the word of God, which taught him the will of God, and the ways of God. He does not always wait to be told everything like a servant. A son knows the will of the Father and the ways of the Father, because he read it from the Holy Scriptures and has developed a personal relationship with His Father. When he sees something which does not line up with the will of the Father, he fixes it. That is why we have the Spirit of His Son, so that we may know the will of God found in the bible, and fix what needs to be fixed. When we see the works of darkness, we destroy them: sin, sickness, premature death, etc. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, or revealed, that He might destroy the works of the devil; you are revealed or manifested for the same purpose (1John 3:8). Jesus who is our example, the bible says: God anointed Him with the Holy Ghost and power, and he went about doing good, and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him (Acts 10:38).

He knew that sickness and disease were the works of the devil, so he destroyed the
works of the devil, and that sin was bondage. He read the bible, and found the will of the Father, and went to fulfil the will of the Father. The bible says: when the evening was come, they brought unto Him many who were possessed with devils: and **He cast out the spirits with His word**, and **healed all that were sick; That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet**, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bore our sicknesses (Matthew 8:16-17). So the bible clearly tells us that the reason Jesus healed the sick, and cast out demons, was so that the prophecy written in the bible by Isaiah, in Isaiah 53 might be fulfilled.

It is the same thing Jesus is telling us: read the bible to find out what is written about you, as a son or daughter of God who serves the Father, so go and fulfil those prophecies. Jesus always stood on the Holy Scriptures, even when He encountered and defeated Satan in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11). He said it is written. He read the bible, believed what was written therein, and acted on it to fulfil the prophecies. He said: Lo, I come in the volume of the book, it is written of Me, to do Your will, O God (Hebrews 10:7). The prophecies about who you are in Christ, what you are, what the will of God is, are all contained in the volume of the bible; act on them, and you will fulfil these prophecies of scriptures like Jesus did. Any other prophecy of men, will fail, but the prophecies of scriptures will never fail. When you act on them, they will come to pass; for they did not come by men, or of private interpretation, but holy men of God spoke and wrote them, as they were moved by the Holy Spirit (2Peter 1:20-21).

Jesus believed the written word and acted on it, and the prophecies were fulfilled. We are sons and daughters, we must act like Jesus: find the will of God in the bible, and act on it. The written word of God is as good as the word of the mouth of God; for God spoke it, and His holy men recorded what He said. Think of it this way, you have a earthly father, who travelled to a land afar off and sent you a letter instructing you what to do in the house while he is away. Will you not act on what the letter says? Do you have to always wait for a phone call from your father, to tell you the same thing he already wrote in the letter you received? Yet, that is how many children of God act. God sent us a letter to tell us everything we need to know about Him, His kingdom, who we are, and what we should do; yet we are always waiting for His phone call. Any revelation anybody receives, if it does not line up with the written word of God, that revelation is not from God! So since what God will tell us is already written in the bible, should we not rather act directly on the written word? Do not leave here thinking that I am telling people not hear from the Lord any longer. No, I am asking us to mature, and know the ways of God, according to the scriptures.

So if we are sons and daughters who are serving our Father, and not servants, why does Paul refer to himself often as a slave or bondservant of Jesus? Paul, a servant (**Doulos**: bondservant, slave) of Jesus Christ, called an apostle, separated unto the
gospel of God (Romans 1:1). Once upon a time Adam fell, and we all fell with him. We became slaves of sin and of Satan. But Jesus came and died for our sins, and delivered us from the power of sin and Satan. He bought us from the slave market with His blood. Not only has He fully ransomed us from the slave market, but also ransomed all our inheritance which Satan took. He ransomed us in full, that is what redemption means, to ransom in full; not just the life of the slave, but also his inheritance. Jesus is our kinsman redeemer, according to the book of Ruth. We changed owners, we were slaves of Satan and sin, now we are owned by God, and we are no longer sinners, but righteous, even the righteousness of God, as we have explained in the Perfect Redemption Plan: the Lord is my righteousness.

But something happened: God commanded the Jews to set their slaves free on the year of Jubilee, and restore their inheritance (Leviticus 25). Jesus tells us, He is our acceptable year of the Lord or our Jubilee, or the year of the grace of the Lord. So when we were born again, not only did Jesus ransom us, and all our inheritance from Satan by His blood; He also proclaimed freedom to us (Luke 4:18). Therefore if the Son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed (John 8:36). The Holy Spirit now dwells in you, since you are a son or daughter of God, and the Lord is that Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty (2Corinthians 3:17).

The Lord in Leviticus 25 told the Jews, when they have proclaimed the Jubilee to their slaves, now if the slave who has been set free, loves his master, and wants to stay in the house of His master forever, the Master will pierce the ear of that former slave, who willingly wants to stay in his master’s house because he loves him. This is what Moses said to them: when the slave has been set free, And if the servant (slave) shall plainly say, I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free; Then his master shall bring him unto the judges; he shall also bring him to the door, or unto the door post; and his master shall pierce his ear through with an awl; and he shall serve him forever (Exodus 21:5-6). So we have been set free, we stay in the house of our Father, because we love Him, not because we have willingly made ourselves His slaves. God hates slavery, even in Leviticus 25, God told them, your Jewish brothers should not be as slaves, even though you bought them from the slave market, you should treat them as hired servants (Leviticus 25:39-43).

And not only did God redeem us from being slaves, but He also redeemed our inheritance, set us free, and decided to adopt us as His sons and daughters. So when Paul says: he is a Doulos: bondservant or slave of Jesus, He has this understanding. He knows he is a free man in Christ and he tells us: stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage (Galatians 5:1). Paul on the day he was born again, plainly made the decision that he loved Jesus, and Jesus could seal him with the Holy Ghost, because he wanted to stay forever in the house of God. Unwittingly all of us made that decision when we became born again. Paul tells us, we are sons, but we should
never forget at what price we obtained our liberty; Jesus had to die for us. So let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus; who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God. But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant (Doulos: bondservant or slave), and was made in the likeness of men; And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him, and given him a name which is above every name (Philippians 2:5-9).

So we are like our elder brother Jesus, who is The Son, and all things belong to Him, but He decided to humble himself, even as a slave would work in his master’s field, so did Jesus; because He loves the Father. Jesus is our example, Jesus never thought of Himself as a slave, though the commitment He had for the work of His Father, was comparable to the commitment of a slave, who would even die for his master. That is what was in the mind of Paul. He wanted to remind all believers, though we are sons and daughters of God, we are certainly not brats and sluggards who bring shame to our Father; for as vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes, so is the sluggard to those who send him (Proverbs 10:26). The sluggard will not plough by reason of the cold; therefore he shall beg during harvest, and have nothing (Proverbs 20:4). No, we should be obedient to the word of God and be humble, as our elder brother Jesus who worked in the field, even though all things belong to Him. As we humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God, and in due time He will exalt us (1Peter 5:6). There is no other way to get promoted in the kingdom of God, but to humble ourselves and go to work in the field.

Solomon tells us: a wise servant shall have rule over a son who causes shame, and shall have part of the inheritance among the brethren (Proverbs 17:2). As we have explained, God hates slavery so even though the saints in the Old Testament were servants of God, they were not slaves of God; they were as hired servants of God. People like Moses, who was a servant of God or hired servant of God, and prophets like Elijah, Elisha, etc. They were found faithful in all the house of God as servants, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken afterward (Hebrews 3:5).

These servants of God in the Old Testament, practiced righteousness, and obeyed the commandments of God, and were faithful in their work in the vineyard of God, as stewards of the dispensation of the Law. God did mighty signs, wonders and miracles through them; because they were found faithful in their stewardship. God decided that they shall have a part of the inheritance among the sons, even though they were servants. God said to Isaiah: No weapon that is formed against you shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against you in judgment, you shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of Me, says the LORD (Isaiah 54:17). God gave those servants
of His who practiced righteousness a heritage among the sons.

Paul tells us after he had listed all the heroes of faith in Hebrews 11, all these saints of the Old Testament who practiced righteousness, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise; God having something better for us, **that they should not be made perfect apart from us** (Hebrews 11:39-40). We are sons and Paul tells us God has something better for us in the New Testament, we are stewards of the dispensation of grace. Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons; but in every nation he who fears Him, and works righteousness, is accepted with him (Acts 10:34-35). Those servants of the Old Testament feared God and practiced righteousness; therefore God appointed them to share the inheritance with us.

Even though we are sons and daughters of God, and have a better dispensation than they; if we are not found faithful, we will not even experience a little of what those servants of God experienced. For it is required in stewardship, that a man be found faithful (1Corinthians 4:2). If we are found faithful with little, God will commit more into our trust and even make us ruler over His household (Matthew 24:45). May God help us to become doers of His word, people who fear God and practice righteousness; so that He can entrust us with more than what He entrusted His servants in the Old Testament. May we not have this great privilege of being sons and daughters of God, this better covenant, and put our Father to shame, that He would not be able to commit unto our trust, more than what He committed unto the trust of His servants in the Old Covenant.

**The book of promises: our signed cheque book**

One morning in 2013 I had a vision, and in that vision I was at the check point at the airport, and instead of showing my passport to the custom’s officer, I gave him my pocket bible. He opened it, and it was signed in the middle, he closed it and handed it back to me and I walked away towards my plane. When I woke up from that vision I asked God: what the meaning of that vision was? The Lord told me: “**every promise contained in your bible I the Lord, signed them. It is as if I sent you a letter and I signed that letter to let you know that the letter is from My own hand. That letter will open all the doors, will grant you access everywhere; it is your passport, even to the 50 European nations where I am sending you**”. I said thank you Lord, but give me some scriptures.

I also remember in 2014 the Lord woke me up early one morning and said to me: “**I want you to do a prophetic action. Dress up and carry hand luggage. Go to Manchester Airport and wait for all the morning planes to the Scandinavian nations**”. Most of the time when I fly to Europe I carry small hand luggage, I have only two trousers, two shirts and couple of pairs of underwear in it; because I only stay for the
weekend. I carried that hand luggage and took a bus to Manchester Airport, there were three flights that morning, either going to or coming from a Scandinavian nation: one was from Oslo in Norway, the second was going to Copenhagen in Denmark, and the third was going to Stockholm in Sweden.

I walked to each of the terminals as though I was either going to take my flight or had just landed. The people thought I was either travelling or waiting for someone who had arrived from that flight. Then the Lord spoke to me: you will go and preach the gospel also to the Scandinavian nations. Did God ask someone else to do such a prophetic action? The answer is yes. Ezekiel did a similar prophetic action in Ezekiel 12, as the sign to the people at the time they departed to another country. Let us interpret our first vision.

The Lord told me: in your generation, you deal a lot with signatures, if for instance a person writes a cheque and does not sign it, it is worth nothing. If a person gives you a signed cheque and does not fill in the amount; you can fill it in and put whatever amount you want, and deposit it in the bank, and they will give you the money, because the person’s signature is on the cheque.

He told me: in the Old Testament they did not have cheques and signatures. What they had was just their words, so they would take an oath or swear, the words of that oath were binding and they would cut a blood covenant. If one of the parties did not fulfil the terms of the covenant they would lose their very life. Paul explains it, saying: for *when God made promise to Abraham*, because He could swear by no greater, *He swore by Himself*, Saying, Surely in blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you. And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. *For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath (blood covenant) for confirmation is to them an end of all strife*. Thus God, willing more abundantly to show unto the heirs of promise the immutability (unchangeableness) of his counsel, confirmed *it* by an oath (blood covenant): That by two immutable (unchangeable) things, in *which it was impossible for God to lie*, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge, to lay hold upon the hope set before us (Hebrews 6:13-18).

So to Abraham the term of the covenant or the promise was the word God swore to him, and the signature was the blood covenant God cut with him. Just like for us a cheque is a promise of a payment, and the signature on the cheque is a second proof that we will have our money when we deposit the cheque. If the bank account of that person is empty, the person can go to jail for signing cheques without provisions. Our promises are what are contained in the written word of God, that beautiful love letter our Father sent us, and signed it with His own hand, and along with that letter He sent us a signed cheque book. God signed both of them with the blood of Jesus. Which one of you, who has been given a cheque book with all the cheques signed and is asked to fill whatever amount you want, according to what is
written in the love letter, will still be waiting for the person who gave you that signed cheque book, to give you a phone call or to visit you to tell you the same things he already told you in the letter He sent you, and signed it with his own hand?

God gave us a cheque book that we call promises of God, contained in the sixty-six books of the bible. Along with those promises He explained how to use our promises or cheque book. He signed all the cheques in the cheque book, or all the promises in the sixty-six books of the bible with the blood of Jesus. It is time for each one of us to read the sixty-six books and start filling our cheques and depositing them in our heavenly bank. Jesus tells us: And whatsoever you shall ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask any thing in My name, I will do it (John 14:13-14). If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you shall ask what you desire, and it shall be done unto you (John 15:7). And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him (1John 5:14-15). The confidence of Abraham was that God swore and cut a covenant, our confidence is that it is written, so we know it is the will of God, and Jesus shed His blood, in order for that will to be in force (Hebrews 9:16-22).

One day, a certain lawyer stood up and tempted Him, saying, **Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? Jesus said to him, What is written in the Law? How do you read it?** And answering, he said, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself. And He said to him, **You have answered right; do this and you shall live** (Luke 10: 25-28). So many Christians have the same question: what shall I do to inherit the promises contained in the Perfect Redemption Plan of God? Jesus’ questions to us are: what is that specific thing you want from God? What is written about it in the bible? And once you find what God promised about that specific thing in the Holy Scriptures, Jesus then asks us: what is your reading or your understanding of those written scriptures or promises? Sometimes people know what is written in the word of God, but their understanding of that scripture is what is hindering them to have the manifestation of that promise. Once we know what is written and have the right understanding, if we become doers of that scripture, we will have the manifestation of the promises about that specific thing.

Jesus exemplified it for us when Satan came to tempt Him in the wilderness, when He was fasting for forty days and nights in Matthew 4. For every temptation of Satan, Jesus said it is written in the book of the Law. The Jews had some books that some of their Scribes, Pharisees and Sadducees wrote, which were their private interpretations of the book of the Law. So depending on the school of theology people attended, they had a private interpretation based on what that scribe or
Pharisee or Sadducee said, and not what the written word of God said. That is why for instance the Pharisees believed in angels, spirits and resurrection; but the Sadducees did not believe any of that (Acts 23:8-9).

That is why Jesus would always point people back to the written word of God in the Bible (Torah) and not to their books written by the Pharisees or the Sadducees. And He would constantly have to correct their reading or understanding of those scriptures, because they had the one the Pharisees and Sadducees gave them, that was not even lining up with the written word of God; but with the traditions of their fathers, or their self-imposed religion and false humility. And He would tell them: you have heard that it was said to the ancient...but I, Jesus, say to you... (Matthew 5:21-44). Jesus gave them the right understanding of the written word of God.

In the past, I read the scripture that says: man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God (Matthew 4:4). But I did not have the understanding of it. So sometimes I did not even have food to eat, and I was quoting that scripture to kind of comfort myself in self pity. One day God woke me up in the morning and told me: read the entire book of Deuteronomy, where I said that word to Moses. It dawned on me that there was not a single day that God did not give them food in the wilderness. They had manna every day, and God will not allow the soul of the righteous to famish (Proverbs 10:3). It changed my life, and I acted accordingly, and there was no longer lack in my house.

Jesus always pointed us to the written word of God, so whatever brother Gery writes, please check if it is so in the bible. My prayer is that you will fall in love with the written word of God, in Jesus’ name! So according to Jesus, we first need to be specific about what we want from God. Second: find out what is written in the word of God concerning what we want. Third: have the right reading or understanding according to the word of God. And fourth: act on them and we will have the same result. In Matthew 4, Jesus did not say to Satan: God just spoke to Me right now, no He said: it is written. No wonder after the death of Moses the man of God, God said to Joshua: Only be strong and very courageous, so that you may be careful to do according to all the Law which My servant Moses commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so that you may act wisely wherever you go. This book of the Law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it by day and by night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall act wisely and have good success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage. Do not be afraid, neither be dismayed. For Jehovah your God is with you in all places where you go (Joshua 1:7-9).

We are not saying that Jesus never heard from the Father, on the contrary He communed with the Father constantly. God spoke to Jesus and Jesus spoke back to God, the same thing between God and Joshua. God wants us to know the bible, so
that in the midst of trouble when it seems like there is no voice of God, we know what we are supposed to do. The preparation of the heart is our responsibility, we read the bible to know the will of God, the ways of God; and in the time of trouble, the answer of our tongue will be from the Lord (Proverbs 16:1).

God did not have a special revelation for Joshua, no, all was already written. Joshua just had to know the written word of God, have the right understanding of it, and act on the written word with the right understanding, and he experienced the promises contained in the written word of God. And Joshua testified: **Not a word failed of any good thing which the Lord had spoken to the house of Israel, all came to pass** (Joshua 21:45). It is written: you write for the Jews as it pleases you, in the king’s name, and seal it with the king’s ring. For the writing which is written in the king’s name and sealed with the king’s ring, no man may turn back or revoke it (Esther 8:8). Those prophets and apostles who wrote the word of God, did it in the name of God, they were just secretaries recording what God was dictating, and the seal they put on that written word, is the seal of the Holy Spirit.

Peter tells us: we also have a **more sure Word of prophecy**, to which you do well to take heed, as to a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the Daystar arises in your hearts, **knowing this first, that no prophecy of the Scripture came into being of its own private interpretation.** For prophecy was not borne at any time by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke, being moved by the Holy Spirit (2Peter 1:19-21). The word of God explains itself, if you read from Genesis to Revelation you will have the full picture of what God is saying concerning a subject. John tells us: **These sayings are faithful and true**: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to show unto his servants the things which must shortly be done (Revelation 22:6). Yes, John and the other apostles also did not write anything of their own will; but God moved on them like He moved on the prophets, who wrote the Old Testament. Paul tells us: God who has called you is faithful, who also will do it, He will perform His written word (1Thessalonians 5:24). God watches over His word to perform it (Jeremiah 1:12).

Let us find out what is written in the bible, get the right understanding of that according to the written word, and act on it, even if we do not believe it yet. Let us act on it; for God promised: even if we do not believe, God remains faithful, He cannot deny Himself (2Timothy 2:13). God is not a man that He should lie, neither the son of man that He should repent or change His mind. Has He said, and shall He not do it? Or has He spoken, and shall He not make it good (Numbers 23:19)? The psalmist said: With what shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed **according to Your Word** (Psalm 119:9). So if one wants to be holy as God is Holy he needs to read the word of God, to think like the Holy One, and become a doer of the word of God.

My soul clings to the dust; give me life **according to Your Word** (Psalm 119:25). If
one wants to have life, healing; he needs to read the word of God and see how God gives life and healing to His people, and become a doer of that word. My soul weeps for grief; strengthen me according to Your Word (Psalm 119:28). If one is grieved or weeps, he needs to read the bible, find out the promises of God concerning his grievance, and act accordingly, and ask God to strengthen him according to the written word.

Let Your mercies come to me, O Jehovah, even according to Your salvation, according to Your Word (Psalm 119:41). If we want to experience mercies of God in our life, and experience the salvation of our God (salvation of soul, healing, prosperity, deliverance, etc), we need to find out what God says about His Perfect Redemption Plan, and understand it, and then become a doer of that revelation, and pray to God to experience the salvation of God according to the written word, not according to any man’s standard.

The Psalmist continues and says: I looked for Your favour with all my heart; be merciful to me according to Your Word (Psalm 119:58). May God favour you according to His written word, so read His written word and see how He favoured people of Old, and pray to experience the same favour. You have dealt well with Your servant, O Jehovah, according to Your Word (Psalm 119:65). I beseech You, let Your merciful kindness be for my comfort, according to Your Word to Your servant (Psalm 119:76). I am afflicted very much; O Jehovah, give me life according to Your Word (Psalm 119:107). Paul understood it and told us: whatever things were written before, were written for our learning, so that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope (Romans 15:4). Plead my cause, and deliver me; according to Your Word give me life (Psalm 119:154). Let my cry come near to You, O Jehovah; give me wisdom according to Your Word (Psalm 119:169). And finally, Let my prayer come before You; deliver me according to Your Word (Psalm 119:170).

When I read that Psalm 119 and realized that everything we want from God, He wants us to have it according to His written word, it changed my life! Sometimes we have a defeated mindset, or a small vision and we want to do things our way, that is why He tells us: My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor your ways My ways, says Jehovah. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain comes down, and the snow from the heavens, and does not return there, but waters the earth, and makes it bring out and bud, and give seed to the sower and bread to the eater; so shall My Word be, which goes out of My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall certainly do what I sent it to do (Isaiah 55:8-11).

Some people tell us: by the mouth of two of three witnesses every word must be
established (2Corinthians 13:1). And they say: you need to hear and act on what we are telling you. It is not true; this scripture is only valid if what those people are saying is according to the written word of God. For Moses sent twelve spies into the promised land, ten brought a report that said that there were giants in the land, and they cannot conquer that land; but that report did not agree with the written word of God. And God called it a bad report. But Caleb and Joshua brought a report that was according to the written word of God, that since God said that the land was already theirs, so it meant that they would conquer the land (Numbers 14).

People will also use these scriptures: **by wise counsel you shall make your war; and in a multitude of wise men there is safety** (Proverbs 24:6). If those so-called wise men or counsellors are giving you counsels that are not according to the written word of God, discard their counsel. The Psalmist said: **God’s testimonies (found in the Holy Scripture) also are my delight and my counsellors** (Psalm 119:24). And we overcame Satan and his cohorts by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony (even the written word of God) (Revelation 12:11). **Where there is no wisdom, the people fall; but in the multitude of wise men there is safety** (Proverbs 11:14). But we have seen that the Psalmist said: Let my cry come near to You, O Jehovah; **give me wisdom according to Your Word** (Psalm 119:169). So if the wisdom people are giving you, is not according to the written word of God, discard it.

**Every purpose is established by counsel: and with good advice make war** (Proverbs 20:18). God says through Solomon: **Have I not written to you excellent things in counsels and knowledge, so That I, God, might make you know the certainty of the words of truth**; that you might answer the words of truth to them that send unto you (Proverbs 22:20-21)? So please, believe that the written word of God is the excellent counsel and knowledge that God wrote to us, we must believe it and become doers of it, it is the wisdom of God. Therefore Paul tells us: Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seems to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He takes the wise in their own craftiness. And again, The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain (1Corinthians 3:18-20). Let no man deceive you with vain words; for because of these things comes the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience (Ephesians 5:6). The ten spies deceived the people and it cost them forty years going in circles in the wilderness, it was wise counsel according to the wisdom of men, but it was foolishness according to the word of God.

Why are you thinking that you are a grasshopper, and your enemies are giants, when you have the Lord of hosts with you? Who has directed the Spirit of Jehovah, and what man taught Him counsel? With whom did He take counsel, and who instructed Him, and taught Him in the path of judgment, and taught Him knowledge,
and made known the way of understanding to Him? Behold, the nations are like a drop in a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the scales; behold, He takes up the coastlands as a very little thing. And Lebanon is not enough to burn, nor the beasts of it enough for a burnt offering.

All nations before Him are as nothing; and to Him they are thought to be less than nothing, and vanity. To whom then will you compare God? Or what likeness will you compare to Him? The workman melts a graven image, and the goldsmith spreads it over with gold, and casts silver chains. He too poor for that offering chooses a tree that will not rot; he looks for a skillful workman to prepare a graven image that will not totter. Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is He who sits on the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in; who brings the rulers to nothing; He makes the judges of the earth as vanity (Isaiah 40:13-23).

I say this that not anyone should beguile or deceive you with enticing words (Colossians 2:4). But let your hearts be comforted, being knit together in love, and to all riches of the full assurance of the understanding, to the full knowledge of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; for in Christ Jesus are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge (Colossians 2:2-3).

Beware lest anyone rob you through philosophy and vain deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the elements of the world, and not according to Christ. For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily (Colossians 2:8-9). Let no one defraud you, delighting in false humility and worship of the angels, intruding into things which he has not seen, without a cause being vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, and not holding the Head, from whom all the body, having been supplied through the joints and bands, and having been joined together, will grow with the growth of God (Colossians 2:18-19).

Christ Jesus and the written word are one, as it is written: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God (John 1:1). There are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit, and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness on the earth: the Spirit, and the water, and the blood; and the three are into the one or agree as one (1John 5:7-8). If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God (contained in the written word or that is in accord with the written word) is greater. For this is the witness of God which He has testified about His Son (1John 5:9). Therefore John tells us: now this is the confidence that we have toward Him (God) that if we ask anything according to His will (which is written for us in the bible), He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him (1John 5:14-15).
5-1 Do to your neighbour as you want to be done to you, hence fulfil the law and the prophets

Paul tells us: even if we or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you, other than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed (Galatians 1:8). In other words even if you hear a voice from heaven, an angel or Jesus appears to you, what they will tell you will always line up with the written word of God, and the finished work of Jesus on the cross. If it does not, it is not from God. Do we hear the voice of the mouth of God? Yes. Do we have visions, dreams and trances? Yes. Do angels and Jesus appear to people? Yes. But they will always tell you things that will line up with the written word of God, what they say will only confirm what is already written, and the finished work of Jesus on the cross. Being a son is different from being a servant, a son does not fear whether the Father wants him to do a thing that is written or not; for God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7). A son sees something that is not right and fixes it, for He knows he is part of the kingdom, and the Father will in fact commend him for not always waiting for instruction like a servant, but acting on the will of His Father contained in the bible.

Jesus puts it this way: therefore all things, whatsoever you would that men should do to you, do even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets (Matthew 7:12).

For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; you shall love your neighbour as yourself (Galatians 5:14). Jesus did not say: do to people as they want to be done to them; but do to them as you want to be done to you. People might say: I want to remain sick or I want to stay in my sins. Do not listen to them, but do to them as you want be done to you. If you were sick you would want to be healed, so heal them in the name of Jesus! If you were going to hell and were in bondage to sin, would you want to be freed?

Many people think Jesus was only talking about helping people with their daily activities, no. We have seen that when Jesus convicted people of sin, and led them to repentance, healed the sick and cast out demons, He was fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah (Matthew 8:16-17). Jesus was just doing to His neighbour, what He would that men should do for Him, if He was in their situation. Which one of us would like to be in bondage to sin, sick or demon possessed, and stay in that condition? None of us! Jesus is now in us; He has anointed us and appointed us: let us go, preach the gospel; because we would not want to spend our eternity in hell, so why should anyone go there? Let us go, heal the sick, cast out demons, cleanse the lepers and raise the dead; because we would not want any of these to happen to us, or to our loved ones.

God says through Solomon: do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in the power of your hand to do it. Do not say unto your neighbour: go, and come back, and tomorrow, I will give; when you have it
by you, and with you (Proverbs 3:27-28). It is always time to do good, to share the word of God, whenever you have the opportunity, and to pray for the sick people, whenever you have the opportunity; because it is in the power of your hand to do so. Paul tells us: preach the word; be instant (ephistemi: be instant, be friendly, be present, assault) in season (eukairos: in time of need, opportune, in season, conveniently), out of season (akairos: inopportune, lack of opportunity, out of season); reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine (2Timothy 4:2).

Jesus Christ, the Anointed One, and the Anointing of the Holy Ghost, moved into you, and upon you. He is always with you, and in you. Lo, I, Jesus, am with you always, even unto the end of the world (Matthew 28:20). The Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him, neither knows Him: but you know Him; for He dwells with you, and shall be in you (John 14:17). And Jesus told us: behold, I send the promise of My Father upon you: but tarry you in the city of Jerusalem, until you be endued with power from on high (Luke 24:49). You shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and you shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth (Acts 1:8).

So it is in the power of our hand, to do good all the time. Let us not tell people who need our help: come tomorrow and you will be saved, healed and delivered. No, today is the day! God has a thousand years in His agenda, but only has one day: today. He says: “Today,” (after so long a time). Even as it is said, “Today, if you will hear His voice, harden not your hearts (Hebrews 4:7).” When you read the four Gospels, you will never see Jesus telling anyone to come tomorrow, to receive his healing, deliverance and salvation of the soul. Because Jesus understood it was in the power of His hand to do good, and according to the word of God, He should not ask them to come back another day.

Paul tells us: behold, now is the accepted time, the Lord will hear us; behold, now is the day of salvation, the Lord will help us: he will heal us, will deliver us, and will prosper us (2Corinthians 6:2). Let us be like our elder brother Jesus, whom God anointed with the Holy Ghost and power, who went about doing good, and healing all who were oppressed of the devil, because God was with Him (Acts 10:38). We can do the work of Jesus; provided we embrace His way, truth and life; because He is now in us, and God has also anointed us with the Holy Ghost and power, John tells us: as Jesus is, so are we in this world (1John 4:17).

Even if you do not yet know a lot of scriptures, live by these two scriptures, and you will always be fulfilling all the law and the prophets. If we are compassionate about a situation, definitely God is more compassionate than we are, and wants to help those people. You are His vessel, whether you have realized it or not. God has nobody else but you. Do not look at yourself, but look unto the Christ who is in you. You have this...
treasure in an earthen vessel, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of you (2Corinthians 4:7). Your body is that earthen vessel, but what you must realize is, that Christ in you, is the hope of glory (Colossians 1:27). Forget who you are, your mistakes and your shortcomings, and realize that Christ is in you. Peter had denied Jesus three times, but on the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up and preached. Peter forgot who he was, his shortcomings and mistakes, but realized that Christ forgave him, and now he was in Jesus, and had embraced the way, life and truth of Jesus; that is all that mattered.

5-2 The Story of the good Samaritan is not a story of Jesus promoting human medical knowledge

Jesus told a parable of the good Samaritan, saying: A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among robbers, who stripped him of his clothing and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by coincidence a certain priest came down that way, and seeing him, he passed by on the opposite side. And in the same way a Levite, also being at the place, coming and seeing him, he passed on the opposite side. But a certain travelling Samaritan came upon him, and seeing him, he was filled with pity. And coming near, he bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine, and set him on his own animal, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And going on the next day, he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, Take care of him. And whatever more you spend, when I come again I will repay you. Then which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to him who fell among the robbers? And he said, The one doing the deed of mercy to him. And Jesus said to him, Go and do likewise (Luke 10:30-37).

Some Christians have interpreted that story that Jesus gave, to mean that Jesus wants us to take medicines to people, to bring them eye surgery, mosquito nets, to bring them wheel chairs, and to bring crutches. Thank God if you have money to buy those things! First of all eye surgery and other kinds of surgery did not start today. Archaeologists have found tablets of stones on the land of the Chaldeans, where Abraham came from. And those tablets date before the days of Abraham. In the days of King Hammurabi, they call those tablets the Hammurabi code. Those tablets tell us how the people lived back then, and what their practices were. And in those tablets they talk about eye surgery, that if a patient came to a surgeon for eye surgery, and the patient lost his sight as a result of the eye surgery, they would also remove the eye of that surgeon.

In the days of the Egyptians empire, the Egyptians were advanced in surgery, they could even remove the entire brain of a corpse through the nostrils. In the days of old they had a lot of medicinal knowledge, even the city of Gilead was famous from her balm and her physicians. But God said to Israel through Jeremiah: Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the healing of
the daughter of My people not come (Jeremiah 8:22)? Go up into Gilead and take balm, O virgin, the daughter of Egypt. In vain shall you use many medicines, for you shall not be cured (Jeremiah 46:11). Even in the days of Job there were physicians, but they could not help Job, and Job said: you are imputers of lies; you are all worthless healers or physicians. Oh that you would stop speaking entirely! And it would be your wisdom (Job 13:4-5).

Do not get me wrong, or get God wrong. God is not against medical knowledge, for He is the one who gave the little medical knowledge to those earthly physicians. There are some Christians in the healing movement, who do not know how to rightly divide the scriptures. The Greek word pharmakeia which means medication, the use of medicine, drugs, spells, sorcery and witchcraft. It is this Greek word that is used in Galatians 5:20 to denote witchcraft being one of the works of the flesh. John uses the same Greek word to denote sorcery in Revelation 9:21 and Revelation 18:23. When you read these scriptures in context, they have to do with the works of the flesh, like Paul also said in Galatians 5:19-21. There the Hebrew word gay-haw means cure, and medicine. It is the word that Solomon uses to denote medicine, when he says: A merry heart does good like a medicine: but a broken spirit dries the bones (Proverbs 17:22). The Hebrew word for witchcraft and divination is keh’sem, and it is never translated cure or medicine in the Old Testament.

Paul and John when they were Hebrews, they knew the difference in scriptures between medicine and sorcery or witchcraft. Had Paul written to the Galatians in Hebrew, he would have used the word keh’sem to denote witchcraft, sorcery and divination being one of the works of the flesh. John would have used the same Hebrew word in the book of Revelation. Unfortunately the Greek language only had one word to denote both medicine and witchcraft. Both Paul and John made sure to put that word in context, so that when you read, you will understand that they are talking only about the work of the flesh, not medicine.

So if you are on medication, you are not practicing witchcraft. People who say such things are ignorant; they do not know how to rightly divide the scriptures. The Hebrews had the advantage of knowing God for many centuries, even before the Gentiles. So when you even read the book of Leviticus, there are many medical solutions God gives them to stop plagues, to stop infection, to put people in quarantine, the right diet, etc. Modern medicine is only discovering that God was right in the book of Leviticus. Among the pagans, medicine was most of the time associated with witchcraft and divination. The heathen went to consult an oracle first of all, to see whether he would live or die. Then depending on what the oracle said, they would ask him to drink some herbs, and at times, even do animal sacrifices to appease the gods, which are but demons.

That is why in some parts of the world, like in Africa for instance in the early 20th
century, when people were born again, church leaders had a great dilemma on their hands. They forbade their new converts to go back to the witchdoctor to get some medicine when they were sick. Now some church leaders wanted to recommend the medicine that came from the west; for they did not see that any incantations had been made over them, or any animal sacrifice, that the patient had to offer, to appease some so-called gods, before being administered the medicine. So a sharp debate entered into the church, so they decided to forbid all medication, both the one from the witchdoctors, and the one coming from the west. They over protected themselves, because of the lack of knowledge, some only blessed their water and drank it, whenever they were sick. Unfortunately even in this 21st century, some churches still hold those views.

I remember even when I was growing up. We were not yet born again. My grandmother used to get very angry with some of us, her grandchildren who grew up in cities. She used to tell us, do you think before the westerners came, we did not have medicine? If we did not have medicine, we would have all died, and they would have met nobody when they arrived. When some of my little nephews were suffering from kwashiorkor, they would go to the hospital and receive an expensive prescription of drugs. And for weeks the baby would still be sick. When my grandmother came, she would cut some leaves, and use it for the baby’s food every day, and she would ask the breastfeeding mother, to eat a lot of peanut butter everyday, so that she would have milk in her breasts. And all soup they gave to the baby, would have peanut butter in it.

In less than four days the kwashiorkor was healed. For malaria she used to boil Kenkiliba leaves branches and roots. When I was burnt on my two toes, and the local hospital wanted to amputate my toes, my grandmother said no! Because she had also been burnt on her toes before, and they were healed. So my parents did not take me to the local hospital, but I was treated with the local medicine. I have retained my toes to the glory of God, and even when I remove my shoes, you will never notice that those toes should have been cut off. Only a little scar remains on them! In every nation and every continent, God gave them some medical knowledge. They have local herbs and roots that have medicinal use. You do not need to go to a witchdoctor to buy those medicinal herbs and roots, you can buy them at the local market. I used to have cats, and I never took any of my cats to the veterinary doctor. But I noticed something. When they were sick, especially when they had diarrhoea, they would eat some herbs, and they would get better in a short time.

That is what the doctors do to invent drugs. They observe for instance the monkeys, who are affected with a particular disease. They follow them and see what kind of leaves or roots they are eating to be cured of that disease. Then the doctors collect those leaves and roots; find the chemical components that cure that particular
disease in those roots and leaves, and then mass produce it. In the Kenkiliba bush, it is the quinine inside it, that heals malaria. That was what the local people did; they observed what animals were eating when they were sick. I am neither recommending any traditional medicine nor modern medicine. The things that Christians are not allowed do, are acupuncture, yoga, eastern meditation, which are being introduced into modern medicine, or to go and collect those roots or leaves from a witchdoctor. If you have for instance a sore throat or a cold, you can boil your own mixture of lime, garlic, ginger and honey at home, and drink it. God is not against traditional medicine or modern medicine. And always remember it is God who heals; for there are so many people who have taken those medications, whether traditional or modern, and yet died!

There are so many diseases and sicknesses that earthly physicians are not given the knowledge to cure, and even if you take medicine it is God who heals. **King Asa was diseased in his feet, until his disease was very grievous. Yet in his disease he did not seek to Jehovah, but to the physicians** (2Chronicles 16:12). You see the earthly physicians did not help king Asa, whenever you have a sickness or a disease, first of all seek the Lord your God, then go to the earthly physicians. If they tell you they can help you with their knowledge and medicine, take their help. It is not lack of faith when you take medicine. But if they tell you: you have to live with that sickness or you need to manage it, or it is incurable, or you will die; you know that it is not the will of God; for God heals all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease (Matthew 4:23).

The story of the good Samaritan, is not a story of Jesus telling His disciples to bring people earthly medical help. You heal the sick, cast out devils, cleanse lepers and raise the dead, according to what Jesus commanded us, and tell them to go and check with their medical doctor. Do not tell anybody to stop their medication or do not recommend anybody to take medication; you are not a medical doctor, so do not give any comment on people’s medication.

You are not an earthly medical person, it is illegal for you to comment on their medication. People think that if they stop their medication, it is faith, and if they take their medication, it is lack of faith. It is wrong thinking, God is bigger than your medication and you do not have to twist His hand by not taking your medication, so that He will heal you. When I had my heart condition, I prayed and took my medication, the medication did not offer me a cure, but only helped to slow down my heart beat; but when Jesus healed my heart, it was the physician that confirmed the healing of Jesus, and he took me off those pills. When I pray for people who have diabetes or depression, I never ask them to stop their medication. But when they go back to the doctors, he confirms their healing and stops prescribing medication to them.

Jesus cleansed the lepers, and told them to go and show themselves to the priests;
for the priests were the physicians of those days. When God heals a person, earthly physicians must confirm it. You will even be reacting to those medications; because you are not sick anymore. Having said that, I still need to emphasise that the story of the good Samaritan, is not a story of Jesus telling us to bring earthly medical assistance to our neighbour. Jesus was a carpenter, and Joseph the husband of His mother Mary was a carpenter (Matthew 13:55).

Nowhere in the four gospels; have you read about Jesus telling His disciples: “take some of the money that is in the money chest that Judas Iscariot is keeping. And go to My father Joseph’s workshop, and tell him to make two hundred crutches for me, so that we can distribute them to the lame who are listening to My preaching”. But in Luke 5:17-26, Jesus was preaching in a house, there was a great multitude, four men brought their friend who was paralyzed, and because they could not get to Jesus because of the crowd, they went onto the house top, and made a hole in it, and let down their paralyzed friend before Jesus. Jesus did not tell him: “here are two new crutches, they will help you to walk around, or here is a new wheelchair”. No, Jesus told him: rise up and walk!

Also nowhere in the four gospels did Jesus tell His disciples: “go on the other side of the Jordan into Gilead, the land of the tribe of Manasseh. You know how they are famous for their balm and their physicians. Buy some of their balms and bring it here, so that the people who hear My preaching, can be given some of those balms of Gilead, to heal them; they will not have to buy them, we have bought them with the donation we have received for the ministry”. If you find it written in the gospel, I bear correction. But the woman who was diseased with an issue of blood for twelve years came to Jesus. She had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and had not been bettered in any way, but rather came to worse. Who knows? She might also have been in Gilead, after all they were known for their best physicians and balms. But as she touched the garment of Jesus, immediately she was healed (Mark 5:24-34).

Some well meaning people also say: “Luke was a physician that is why he was always travelling with Paul; for Paul needed him to bandage his wounds, to put some wine and oil on his wounds, like they did for the good Samaritan. For Paul was beaten many times”. That is their private interpretation of the scriptures. Paul did not say that. Paul did not say to us: the gospel I preach is in words only and I have brought with me Brother Luke who is a physician, he will give you some medicine to heal you. You know he trained in the best medical school of Israel. Have you heard of Gilead? Their school of physicians and pharmacology (the art of preparing medicines) is the best in the world. So you are truly privileged to have him treat you! So why is it that in churches today when they talk about healing, they bring in nutritionists and medical doctors to
tell them about all the sicknesses they might have, because of their aging? And what foods they should avoid, etc. Jesus and His disciples did not do that. Instead they used the authority and the power of the name of Jesus, to heal all manner of sickness, and all manner of disease, to cast out all demons, and raise the dead.

Do not get me wrong, nutrition is good, and being aware of what might cause certain diseases can be useful at times. But I do not need to come to church for that, I can go to my GP, and he will give me better explanations than the guy in the church, who has a certificate in nutrition. In churches today you need a degree in counselling, to deal with people’s problems and in those degrees, they give you some courses in psychology and sociology, which came out of philosophy.

Paul tells us: See to it that no one takes you captive, through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world, rather than on Christ (Colossians 2:8). When you are born again, you are a new creation, all things in you are new, and all things in you are of God (2Corinthians 5:17-18). Jesus Himself tells us that the world does not know God who now dwells in you (John 17:25) and John tells us: See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us, is that it did not know God (1John 3:1). We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one (1John 5:19).

So the world does not know you anymore if you are born again, because they do not know God who dwells in you, and the world is under the influence of the devil (1John 5:19). So which report will you believe concerning your marriage? Will you allow people to tell you how to build your marriage according to the book: “men are from Mars and women are from Venus”? Now that book appeals to people’s flesh, because that is how they feel, but it is from the devil, and that book was written based on the Greco-Roman mythology and religion. Mars is a Roman god of war, and an agricultural guardian, most of his festivals were held in March. Mars is its Roman name, but Ares is its Greek name, and it is the son of Zeus the father of gods. Venus is the Roman goddess whose functions encompass love, sex, fertility, beauty, enticement, charm, seduction and prosperity; they did its festivals in April. That is all I will say on those two demons Mars and Venus.

In Acts 14:8-18 Paul and Barnabas came to Lystra, after they had performed a miracle on a crippled man, the priest of Zeus the father of the gods, which are but demons, and the father of Mars and Venus, which are but demons, came from the temple of Zeus, and tried to burn animal sacrifices to Paul and Barnabas. But this is what happened: when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of this, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting: “Friends, why are you doing this? We too are only human, like you. We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless and useless things, to the living God, who
made the heavens and the earth and the sea and everything in them (Acts 14:14-15).

I was watching a Christian programme at a friend’s house in April 2013, and we stumbled on a “singles’ conference” in one of the biggest churches in London England. And the pastor was telling them how man and women think according to the book: “men are from mars and women are from Venus”. I turned off the TV set; because I did not want to be told how demons, mars and Venus, want my marriage to be. Jesus is the Lord of Lords and the Commander of the Army of the Lord, I made up my mind that He will be the one telling me in His bible, the book He writes, how I must build my marriage; not the demon mars the demon of war, who is over the demonic army.

I made up my mind I will submit and worship only God the Father of My Lord Jesus, and never worship the demon Zeus, the father of the demon Mars. I made up my mind that my wife is the daughter of God the Father and is created in His image, not in the image of the demon Venus. God is the source of her fertility; not the demon Venus nor the demon Tammuz (Ezekiel 8). And her examples of women to imitate, are the ones listed in the bible: Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, Deborah, Mary, etc, and certainly not that seductress demon Venus who falls into the category of the Jezebel spirit, as Jesus says: I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and seducing My servants to practice sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols (Revelation 2:20 ESV).

My advice to all born again Christians is to turn away from those worthless and useless idols, which are but demons. Just like Jesus is angry with the church, because we have allowed Jezebel to speak into the lives of believers and seduce them; God does not want Mars and Venus or any of the other demons to speak into the lives of His children, and teach them how they are to live their lives, and build their home, careers, prosperity, health, etc. All the constellations and the planets are named after Greek gods or Romans gods, which are but demons. So when people read their horoscopes or zodiacal signs in the newspapers or even accept that they belong to one of the zodiacal signs; they already allow those demons to speak into their lives. When they read books like: men are from Mars and women are from Venus, they allow those demons to speak or prophesy into their lives.

Christians must never engage in star gazing, and horoscopes are part of it, for it is written: there shall not be found among you anyone who burns his son or his daughter as an offering, anyone who practices divination, or tells fortunes or interprets omens, or a sorcerer or a charmer or a medium, or a necromancer, or one who inquires of the dead, for whoever does these things, is an abomination to the Lord. And because of these abominations, the Lord your God is driving them out before you. You shall be blameless before the Lord your God, for these nations, which you are about to dispossess, listen to fortune-tellers and to diviners. But as for
you, the Lord your God has not allowed you to do this (Deuteronomy 18:10-14 ESV).

All the counsel you have received has only worn you out! Let your astrologers come forward, **those stargazers who make predictions month by month**, let them save you from what is coming upon you. Surely they are like stubble; the fire will burn them up. They cannot even save themselves from the power of the flame. These are not coals for warmth; this is not a fire to sit by (Isaiah 47:13-14 NIV). We have already explained according to Ezekiel 4, that preachers who are using books like “men are from Mars and women from Venus”; their sermons have a foul odour of cow dung, to the nostrils of God. The spiritual bread they are feeding their congregation with, has been baked on cow dung!

Paul said: I will come to you shortly, if the Lord wills. And I will not know the speech of those who are puffed up, but the power. For **the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power** (1Corinthians 4:20). My speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man’s wisdom (including medical knowledge), but **in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men** (including medical knowledge), but in the **power of God** (1Corinthians 2:4-5). So when in Acts 14:6-10, Paul came to Lycaonia and was preaching the gospel and to demonstrate that his gospel was not in words only; but in the power of God, he said to a man who was lame from his mother’s womb: stand up on your feet! The man leaped and walked.

Luke himself, who wrote in the book of Acts, says about Paul: God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them (Acts 19:11-12). We need to cast out demons, not to counsel out demons, people in the church need the power of God, not a degree in counselling to help people with drug and alcohol addictions. They need to know what the word of God says about marriage, and not what psychology and astrology says about your marriage.

Back to our good Samaritan story: the Samaritan was not born again, he did not have the Spirit of God in him. But his heart was right; he did to his neighbour what was possible with his human limitations. The priest and the Levites were under the Old Covenant, the Spirit of God was not in them, and the Spirit of God might come upon them at times, but it never abode permanently on them, yet they failed to provide help to that wounded man. But you and I are in the New Covenant, the Spirit of God dwells in us, Jesus dwells in us, and the Father dwells in us. When we are baptized in the Holy Ghost and fire, the anointing or endowment of the Spirit of God abides permanently upon us. We must act like Jesus and His disciples did. Jesus commanded us: **as you go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely you have received, freely give** (Matthew 10:7-8).
Jesus did not say: as you go, bring people medicines, bring crutches and wheelchairs, bring white canes for the blind, bring. I was listening to a couple; they were British and went to Kenya to “preach the gospel”. When they came back they shared testimonies of Kenya with their church. They said to the church members: <“god” is moving in Kenya, we saw extreme poverty there, and many sick people. We saw cripples and they did not even have crutches or wheelchairs. So the “lord” ministered to us on the plane back to UK, that we should raise money to buy some wheelchairs and crutches, and bring it back to Kenya for the people>. That couple showed the church the pictures of Kenya, so people wept and gave some money. So that couple went to Kenya with wheelchairs and crutches. And they took pictures of those Kenyans who had been given those crutches and wheelchairs.

So for the next few years, they went back to Kenya and were showing the pictures of their “crutches and wheelchairs ministry”. I was in that church and I wept, some people in the church were rejoicing, for they were the ones who gave the money the previous year to buy those crutches and wheelchairs, and they were glad that their money was “helping some people”. Some others were weeping because they were emotional at the sight of those pictures of poverty, and wanted to give money also. But I was weeping for none of those two reasons.

So why was I weeping? Here is the answer according to the scriptures. The Lord says: **Who is left among you that saw this house in her first glory? And how do you see it now? is it not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing** (Haggai 2:3)? **But many of the priests and Levites and chief of the fathers, ancient men who had seen the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice. And many shouted aloud for joy, so that the people could not tell the noise of the shout of joy, from the noise of the weeping of the people. For the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off** (Ezra 3:12-13).

You see when you have read the bible, and you see what God did from Genesis to Revelation, how Jesus and His disciples ministered in their days. And you see what is happening in our days, you can but weep! The glory of the church is gone! We now have “crutches and wheelchairs ministry”, the seeing-eye dog ministry, the white cane for the blind, the psychologist and socio-therapist for the demon possessed. I feel like shouting: Ichabod! Our generation has given birth to an inglorious church, the glory has departed from the church. We can name the child Ichabod, saying: The glory has departed from Israel, because the ark of God had been taken (1Samuel 4:21).

The foundation is faulty and it is not as the original foundation, that is why the elders wept with a loud voice when the foundation was laid before their eyes. When we act the way God tells us to through Paul: we have a form or appearance of godliness or holiness, but we deny the power, or miracle working power invested in us [we are
holy or godly], Paul advises us to turn away from such people, or avoid such people (2Timothy 3:5). That is why you will not often see Brother Gery around such Christians, who deny the miracle working power of God, and just want to have a form or appearance of holiness. When I discover that is what their gathering is for, I no longer waste my time the second time, or sometimes I even walk out of that church. The devil sometimes whispers to me: you are not being polite by walking out! I say to him: watch me walk out! Not that I judge those well-meaning Christians; but it breaks my heart to see the Ichabod church our generation has given birth to.

As I was reading the bible on the 27th November 2012, I read the scripture: Jesus spoke a parable to them: **Can the blind lead the blind? Shall they not both fall into the ditch** (Luke 6:39)? **Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind.** And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch (Matthew 15:14). And the Spirit of the Lord was speaking in me so loudly, saying: today Christians, when they watch television programs, they will donate money to institutions that train Seeing Eye dogs, they would even take up an offering in church to buy a Seeing Eye dog for one of the church members, because she or he cannot afford it. And we feel good about ourselves, that we were “moved by the spirit of god” to buy that Seeing Eye dog or to donate to that institution that trains those dogs. If they were moved by The Spirit of God, they would do what Jesus did: they will open the blind eyes!

All these things happen in the church because we have relied on our own abilities, and not on the power of God. We can work and get some money to donate to those institutions, or we can collect money to buy one of those dogs for blind people. I know people will say but it helps the blind people! But according to the written word of God, if we truly want to help those blind people, we should lay hands on their eyes and command their eyes to be opened! Let us not be spiritually blind to not see clearly what the standards of the word of God are. If you are in such a church, you are most likely being led by a spiritually blind shepherd, and the two of you will fall into a ditch. There is no need to argue with any person who calls himself or herself a Christian, but rejects the standards of the word of God; let them alone for they are blind leaders of blind.

But as for you and me, let us get more understanding of the word of God than those blind leaders who have been over us for many years, for Jesus tells us: **The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect or properly instructed, shall be as his master** (Luke 6:40). That is why Paul, when he prayed for the church he said: I cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: **The eyes of your understanding being enlightened;** so that you may know what is the hope of his calling, and what are the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding
greatness of His power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of His mighty power, Which He wrought in Christ, when He raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places (Ephesians 1:16-20). The psalmist also prayed: Open my eyes, so that I may behold wondrous things out of Your law [the written word of God] (Psalm 119:18).

We must be very careful who we listen to, and whom we become a disciple of; for you will not rise above the person who is discipling you, unless you have a better revelation of the word of God, than your discipler. So if your discipler has a man-made religion, and a wrong understanding of the word of God, he will pass it down to you, and you will also have the same limitation he has. But do your utmost to read the written word of God for yourself; so that even if the one who is teaching you the word of God has limitations in his understanding of the written word of God, Jesus Himself will give you the revelation of the word of God, and the ways of God. Jesus is our ultimate master; we are all His disciples, we need to imitate Jesus. Even if we are being taught the word by people on earth, and we are imitating Christ in their lives, but the moment they no longer imitate Christ in a particular area, we do not imitate them in that area (1Corinthians 11:1).

Jesus gives us the keys to experience the manifestation of every promise contained in the bible. Paul even tells us: no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so through Him the “Amen” is spoken by us to the glory of God (2Corinthians 1:20). Jesus is not trying to withhold any of the promises God made to us. So what are the Keys to experiencing the manifestations of those promises? First of all you must be born again, having made Jesus your Messiah or Christ, Lord and Saviour (John 3:7). Second, you must embrace the sanctified life of Jesus, His way and truth (John 14:6, John 17:16-19).

Then Luke tells us the rest, saying: a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life (Luke 10:25)? It is not just eternal life, but any promise God made to us in the bible. What shall I do that I may inherit any promise that I find in the bible? Jesus said to the lawyer: what is written in the law or the bible? And what is your reading of it or your understanding of it (Luke 10:26)? Once you are born again, you have access to all the promises of God through the blood of Jesus Christ, and God has already said yes, you can have all of them, and Amen, so be it unto you. What you now need to do is be specific about what you want from God. Then find out what God said about that particular promise you want to experience in your life. If it is healing; you need to know what God said about healing in the bible. If it is prosperity, you need to know what God said about prosperity, and you do the same for everything you want to experience in your life.

Then you need to have the right understanding, which always lines up with the finished work of Jesus on the cross. Jesus says: what is your reading or your
understanding, not someone else’s understanding or reading. For many out there have doctrines of men and traditions of men, self-imposed religion, false humility, philosophy and medical knowledge that they have exalted above the word of God, thus making the word of God of no effect. So having the right understanding or the right reading of those scriptures, that address the particular promise you want to experience in your life, is crucial. As we read our story in Luke 10:27 the lawyer gave Jesus the scripture, and he had the right understanding or reading of that scripture, saying: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself. Jesus then says to him: you have answered rightly; do this and you will live (Luke 10:28). So Jesus credited the lawyer with having the right scripture and the right understanding of what God says to inherit the promise of eternal life. May Jesus credit you as well of having the right scriptures, and the right understanding, about every promise you want from God; for remember all of God’s promises contained in the bible, He already agreed to give them to you. But Jesus says, now that you are born again, that you have the scriptures that address the promise you want to experience here on earth, you need to do them and then you will experience them. That is the part that some Christians miss. As we have explained in the bible study on “the power of confession”. Confession, starts by saying what God says about us, or a promise in the bible. Then think like God and Jesus thinks about us, and their promises toward us, and act on those scriptures, according to the right understanding we have received. Faith without works is useless or worthless. Some “prayer warriors”, as they call themselves, always pray for financial prosperity, but never act on the scriptures that address financial prosperity. It is simple to prosper, you need to give and it will be given unto you (Luke 6:38). In the bible study on biblical prosperity, we have detailed what God has promised, and what the right understanding is. Now it is up to each one, to act on them and they will experience them. And in the series of the Perfect Redemption Plan and the Application of the Perfect Redemption Plan, we have given people what the promises of God concerning us were, and given the right understanding. Now it is up to each one to act on it, and we will experience the promises of God. Jesus says: Woe unto you, lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge: you do not enter in yourselves, and those who were entering in, you hindered (Luke 11:52). Remember in our story of the good Samaritan, it was a lawyer who came to see Jesus and asked him what to do to inherit the promise of God, in his case he wanted eternal life. And the bible says: the lawyer wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus: and who is my neighbour (Luke 10:29)? Some Christians also are like that lawyer, they try to justify themselves why they are not doing the will of God. Because once you know what the will of God concerning a particular subject is, and have the right understanding of what God says, and you
know God is no respecter of persons, and He has already said He wants you to experience that promise in your life. There comes a sudden responsibility on you to become a doer of that word. And people try to find all kinds of excuses to justify themselves, why they are not doing the will of God. They try to find some loop holes in the scriptures, or some contradictions in the scriptures, or to complicate the scriptures, so that it will excuse them from acting on that revelation they have of the word of God.

And some leaders in churches are also acting like that lawyer, they have the word of God and the right understanding; but they are not doing it themselves. So they teach other believers that they cannot experience that either. Those lawyers or leaders or disciplers say such things, because they are more concerned about what people would think about them. If they being “pastors”, “apostles”, “prophets”, “evangelists”, “teachers” are not experiencing the promise of God in a particular area, if they teach it and one of the disciples acts on it and experiences it; they will be put to shame! They are more concerned about their ego, than really helping people. So because they themselves do not experience a thing, they take away the key of the knowledge on purpose, so that no one else will experience it, that way they will always be seen as the most spiritual.

During the Azusa street revival in the beginning of the 20th century, the leader of the revival William Seymour was not the first to receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost with evidence of speaking in tongues. Yet because he read in Acts 2 that the disciples received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, he preached it. They kicked him out of churches, but he kept on preaching Acts 2 and praying that they would receive that baptism in the Holy Ghost and fire. And the woman who later became his wife, Jenny Moor by name, was the first in their house prayer group to receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire. You need to preach it, because it is written, even if you have not yet experienced it personally. The devil fights some leaders to have the manifestations of what they are preaching, to discourage them, and get them to stop preaching the truth. If William Seymour stopped preaching, teaching and praying on the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire, with evidence of speaking in tongues; the Pentecostal renewal would not have happened, and today almost one billion Pentecostals are on the face of the earth.

William Seymour was not entering into that experience of the baptism in the Holy Ghost and fire yet; yet he did not hinder those who were entering in. He laid hands on them, prayed for them, taught them, and they received the baptism in the Holy Ghost and fire with evidence of speaking in tongues. And William Seymour himself also received the baptism in the Holy Ghost and fire. Peter tells us about Satan: be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same
kind of sufferings (1Peter 5:8-9). And James hammers that point home, saying: Submit yourselves, then to God. **Resist the devil, and he will flee from you** (James 4:7).

Early in 2013, the Holy Spirit told me that He wanted to do something new in my life like in Acts 2, when I will be preaching the gospel. I said to Him: what do you mean dear Holy Spirit? He said to me: “**in Acts 2, there were 120 in the upper room. When I, the Holy Spirit, fell on each one of them they all spoke in a new tongue of men. The people who came to Jerusalem heard them speaking in their mother tongue**”. I said yes. So the Holy Ghost told me: “**there were only 120 people and they could only speak in 120 languages, for each one of them spoke one earthly language at a time. But what I will do in your meetings is, that I, the Holy Ghost, will pour Myself upon the people, whether saved or unsaved, in your meetings, even upon all flesh like Joel prophesied (Joel 2:28). And you will be speaking with understanding in one of the languages you speak, English or French, and the people will be hearing you in their own mother tongue. You do not need to worry about anything, open your mouth and speak, and I, the Holy Ghost, will give the gift of interpretation of tongues of men, to the people listening to you in those meetings.**

The reason why the Holy Spirit told me that is, because after He had revealed to me the vision of the fifty nations, even the fifty nations in Europe, I said to myself: do I need to learn at least fifty languages? I cannot do that, even in English I am already struggling. So it was a big relief to me; because I do not want to learn another earthly language, it is so difficult! And when you use interpreters, they are not always accurate in their interpretation of your preaching. So when the Holy Ghost told me that, I was relieved, that even if the interpreter does not do it correctly, the Holy Spirit will do it. To prove it to me, this is what the Holy Spirit did. I was on my Journey back to Glasgow Scotland from London England on the 4th May 2013, and two seats behind me in the overnight coach, sat a black guy. He was on the phone with a friend of his, and he was speaking in English, and at a certain moment I started hearing him in Lingala, which is one of the mother tongues in Congo Brazzaville and D.R. Congo Kinshasa. So I started smiling and wanted to talk to the guy after he was done with his phone call. Then I heard him speaking in Yoruba which is one of the mother tongues in Nigeria, so the enemy was trying to confuse me.

But I know confusion is not of God, but of the devil, and in Genesis 11:9, the people were building the tower of Babel, the very word Babel means confusion, and the Lord confused their languages. I am not working against the Lord, and I am certainly not the enemy of the Lord; so confusion is not my share or portion. And the bible says: **The LORD will send on you curses, confusion and rebuke in everything you put your hand to, until you are destroyed, and come to sudden ruin, because of the evil**
you have done in forsaking him (Deuteronomy 28:20). So confusion is one of the
curses contained in the Law, and it belongs to the enemies of God who are trying to
rise higher than God, in their earthly achievements. Christ has redeemed me from
The curse of the Law, that is why I am never confused and that word does not come
out of my mouth, and I certainly do not have anything to do with the website
“confused.com”.

So I asked God: what is it Holy Spirit? Is the guy half Nigerian and half Congolese
from D.R Congo? I said: dear Holy Spirit his Yoruba is so strong for him to be half
Congolese from Kinshasa. And the Holy Spirit told me: did I not tell you that when
you will speak in English or French during your meetings I will pour Myself upon the
people, saved and unsaved, and they will receive the interpretation of tongues, to be
able to hear you in their mother tongue? I said: yes, you said so Holy Spirit. And He
told me: that guy is Nigerian, and all along he has been speaking in Yoruba; but I
manifested My gift of interpretation of tongues through you, so that you could hear
him speak in Lingala, which is one of the mother tongues in your Congo Brazzaville. I
rejoiced inside that bus and was laughing. And on Monday when I came back to
Manchester England from Glasgow Scotland I had a dream, where the devil was
trying to give me three interpreters in a big meeting. I said: get behind me Satan, I
do not need them; the Holy Spirit has said He will do it in all the mother tongues of
the people who have come to hear me preach. I decided to believe what the Holy
Spirit tells me, because He is the owner of the gifts of the Spirit. Praise the Lord!

In our story of the good Samaritan, Jesus is telling us that it does not matter what
people’s opinion of you might be, and what your spiritual office or talent might be,
what matters is that you did the will of God. The priest, that walked on the other
side, when he saw the man who was left for dead, knew the scriptures and had the
right understanding of the scriptures, but he did nothing with that. The priest of
those days can be likened to today’s pastors, evangelists, teachers, apostles and
prophets. The Levite that also saw the man lying half dead, walked on the other side
of the road. He also knew the scriptures, and had the right understanding of the
scriptures; but did not act on it. We can liken the Levite to our today’s choir
members, deacons, and every head of department in the churches, elders and every
lay preacher in the church.

But Jesus took the example of the Samaritan, who did not even have the proper
understanding of whom they worship, and how to worship Him correctly. As Jesus
said to the Samaritan woman at the well: you Samaritans worship what you do not
know, we Jews know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews (John 4:22). The
Jews despised the Samaritans, and had no dealings with them. But the Samaritan
who does not have the perfect understanding of salvation, that is supposed to come
through the Messiah, that must be born of the tribe of Judah, he only has the five
books that Moses wrote, he does not know that God had given new revelations about
the place of worship, that was no longer on mount Ebal and mount Gerizim in Deuteronomy 27, but in Jerusalem as the Woman at the well asked Jesus in John 4:20.

But that Samaritan understood the heart of the Law: love your neighbour as you love yourself, and had the right understanding of who his neighbour was: all humans on planet earth are his neighbours, regardless of their skin colour, their religion, or the enmity that exists between our respective nations. So he acted on that, and Jesus and God had respect for the person of that Samaritan, and for what he did when he acted on the little he knew about the will of God.

Some Christians have become like those Jewish priests, Levites, Pharisees and Sadducesses: they know so many scriptures, even everything about the end times and they have forgotten why they were brought into the kingdom. For them it is about church services, activities in churches, bible studies that never end; they never act on the word of God. What God wants from us is so simple: you have been saved, now go get someone else saved, share your testimony, heal the sick, and cast out devils. Cleanse lepers, raise the dead, empty hell and populate heaven, and do to others as Jesus has done to you and for you.

Some pastors, apostles, prophets, evangelists, teachers, deacons, heads of departments, prayer warriors will be shocked that normal believers who will read their bible, their bible studies, get the right understanding of what the will of God is, and go and act on them, they will experience the manifestations of those promises. For Jesus said these signs shall follow those who believe (Mark 16:15-20)! When those normal believers, with their little understanding of what God wants them to do, will act on them, and experience the manifestations of the power and promises of God, they will put all those leaders to shame, like the despised good Samaritan put that priest and Levite to shame. And Jesus said to that lawyer, who was trying to justify himself for not doing the will of God: do not imitate the priest and the Levite whom you love and hold in high esteem, but imitate the good Samaritan who you despise. Go and do likewise (Luke 10:37).

People say: but what can we do, even the bible says, If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do (Psalm 11:3)? Paul knew that many Christians were trying to bring down Christianity to the level of humanism: man meeting his own needs, without the intervention of God. Thus under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, Paul gives us the answer: we will lay a new foundation which is Christ Jesus, for no other foundation can anyone lay, than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ (1Corinthians 3:11). Hearing the words of Jesus and becoming doers of the words of Jesus, is the way we will lay that foundation and build on that foundation. For Jesus says: whosoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him or her unto a wise man or wise woman, who built his or her house upon a rock (Matthew 7:24). Paul tells us that that rock is Christ, and just like He followed
our fathers in the wilderness for forty years, He is also following us; for He dwells in you (1Corinthians 10:4, John 17:21-23).

There are some faulty foundations in some Christians’ lives, and whatever they have built on top of that faulty foundation, is bound to collapse, and it is a danger for the person and the people around him or her. In some foundations they have exalted a man of God, instead of exalting Christ Jesus. In some other foundations they have exalted the works of the devil, and portray God as a weak and powerless God. in some other foundations they have exalted false humility, traditions of men, self-imposed religion, philosophy, secular knowledge and all these things have made the word of God of no effect; therefore whatever they build on top of that faulty foundation, is bound to collapse on itself. The Lord made Amos see this: And behold, the Lord was standing by the plumb line-wall, and a plumb line in His hand. And Jehovah said to me, Amos, what do you see? And I said, A plumb line. Then the Lord said, Behold, I will set a plumb line in the midst of My people Israel. **I will not again pass by them any more** (Amos 7:7-8). God found that the foundation of Israel was faulty, and He decided to destroy the whole house of Israel, from roof to foundation, in other words to lay a new foundation that was not faulty, even Christ Jesus and Him crucified.

So the Lord is saying to each one of us, who has decided to destroy the old faulty foundation in His people’s lives, to lay this new foundation, even Christ Jesus, and build on the new foundation. Be strong and work, for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts. According to the word I covenanted with you, My Spirit remains among you; do not fear (Haggai 2:4-5)! We have read the word of God, and have seen how God wants us to follow Jesus. And we have responded: here I am Lord, send me! For we know that the Lord is saying: whom shall I send, and who will go for Us (Isaiah 6:8)? Lord send us to represent you effectively, like Jesus represented you, and like His disciples in the bible represented Jesus to the world. The truth of the matter is Jesus has already sent us, saying: **Peace be unto you: as My Father has sent Me, even so I send you** (John 20:21). I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you (John 13:15).

Thus says the Lord of hosts: go tell people around you about My ways and become a doer of My ways. You may ask Me: how long Lord should I keep telling them? I, the Lord, say unto you: do not stop telling them about My ways, for though it looks like the land is desolate around you, and all the green trees whose leaves used to be for the healing of the nations are cut down, in that stump that remains from that green tree that has been cut down, in it shall be found the holy seed, says the Lord of hosts (Isaiah 6:8-13). For there is hope for a tree if it is cut down, that it will sprout again, and that its tender shoots will not cease. Though the root may grow old in the earth, and its stump may die in the ground, yet at the scent of the water it will bud and bring forth branches like a plant (Job 14:7-9). Its leaves will again be for the healing
of the nations (Revelation 22:2).

Then as I prophesied these words of the Lord of Hosts, I saw a vision of a stump, it was in the wilderness and was very dry, but all of a sudden: it started to shoot many branches, and the branches had very green leaves. And the word of the Lord of Hosts came again to me saying: The hands of whomever that has laid the foundation of this house, his hands shall also finish it; for who has despised the day of small things? For people shall rejoice, and shall see the plumb line in your hand. These seven are the eyes of Jehovah which run to and fro through the whole earth (Zechariah 4:9-14). Keep learning about the ways of God and be a doer of them, and you will do the same works of Jesus, though it may start with small signs, small wonders and small miracles; do not be discouraged; for though your beginning was small, yet your latter end shall greatly increase (Job 8:7). Yes, greater works than what Jesus did you will do in His name (John 14:12).

God will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land (Haggai 2:6). It will be like in the day of Paul and Silas: unsaved people testified, saying: these people who have turned the world upside down, have also come here (Acts 17:6)! For it is the same God who worked in Paul that is now working in you; all the nations around you will come to Jesus, who is the Desire of All nations, and the Lord will fill this temple, (first of all your body, which is now the temple of the Holy Ghost, and then the church) with glory (Haggai 2:7). The glory of the latter temple shall be greater than the former. And in this place I will give peace, says the Lord of Hosts (Haggai 2:9).

My prayer is that the Lord will stir up my spirit and the spirit of all the remnant of His people among whom I am numbered, and they will come and work in the house of the Lord of Hosts, our God (Haggai 1:14). That they will be driven by the love of God that is shed abroad in their heart by the Holy Spirit, to be the generation that will not just lay the foundation, even Christ Jesus; better than that they will rebuild the old waste places; raise up the foundations of many generations; so that you and I, who are numbered among the remnant of the people of God, might be called the repairer of breach, the restorer of streets to dwell in (Isaiah 58:12). Yet not just streets but we would build highways, as it is written: a highway shall be there, and a road, and it shall be called the Highway of Holiness (Isaiah 35:8). Yes, the highway of the upright is to depart from evil (Proverbs 16:17), and also depart from evil reports, that exalt themselves against the knowledge of the word of God, like the evil report of the ten spies who went into the promised land, and melted the hearts of our brethren. (Numbers 13:32; Deuteronomy 1:28).

Do not dwell or meditate on the evil report of the devil and his work. The people in the wilderness dwelt on the evil report of the ten spies, and it cost them dearly: as it is written: Where shall we go up? Our brothers have broken our heart or melted our heart, saying, We have seen there a people greater and taller than we are. The
cities are great and walled up to the heavens, also the sons of the giants (Deuteronomy 1:28). Yes, with the human eyes it looks impossible or incurable; but with God all things are possible. I was reading the bible in one of my mother tongues, and it was the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness by the devil, when He went to fast for forty days and nights, Jesus said to Satan: away with you Satan! For it is written: you shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve (Matthew 4:10). In that bible they translated it: you should praise only the Lord your God. Then it dawned on me! Many times we praise the devil. We barak him by enumerating all his evil works around us, and spreading his evil report that exalts itself against the knowledge of the word of God. Please see the bible study on the Seven Hebrew Words for Praise to understand what the Lord means by Barak, which is a type of praise.

When I hear some Christians speak: all that comes out of their mouth is what the devil is doing. They know everybody who is sick, even if they are not related to that person, they know all the bad news that happens around the world, and they even send their friends on Facebook or YouTube all the bad news around the world. And when I talk to them, they always talk about sickness, death and disaster. They list all the works of the devil, but when I tell them: do you know what God has done today? They cannot even give me one miracle, one dead raising, one healing, one deliverance, one testimony of salvation of soul. They know everything about the occult, and people who are in the occult: how the wicked are prosperous. They envy the prosperity of the wicked. Do not barak the devil, when people start baraking the devil by enumerating his works, stop them and tell them: let me tell you what God did in the bible concerning that situation, or what God did in the life of another Christian concerning the same situation.

What should be coming out of your mouth should be something like: I say to you, Do not dread them nor be afraid of them. Jehovah your God who goes before you, shall fight for you, according to all that He did for you in Egypt before your eyes, and in the wilderness where you have seen how Jehovah your God carried you, as a man carries his son, in all the way that you went, until you came into this place (Deuteronomy 1:29-31). Yes, list for yourself and the people around you, what the Lord has done, and what He is doing, encourage yourself in the Lord, and drive out fear from your heart, which is the weapon of the devil. Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof (Proverbs 18:21). The people who did not depart from the evil report of the ten spies, died in the wilderness, of that generation only Joshua and Caleb lived, and ate the fruit of the promised land. My friend, sometimes you will have to physically depart from the people who bring you an evil report all the time.

Some people even pastors, when they call me to pray, the first thing that comes out of their mouth is what Satan is doing. They see Satan everywhere. They magnify the
dreams and visions they receive from the devil. Dreams and visions are prophetic revelations. If they do not line up with the written word of God, bind them and confess the more sure word of prophecy that you have received, even the written word of God. Peter says: we also have a more sure Word of prophecy, to which you do well to take heed, as to a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the Daystar arises in your hearts (2Peter 1:19). It irritates my spirit when people believe the dreams and visions from the enemy more, than the sure word of Prophecy of the scriptures. People’s prayers are sometimes based on fear; for they take heed to the report of the enemy, instead of taking heed to the more sure Word of prophecy, even the written Word of God.

There is a reason why God says: the righteous chooses his friends carefully (Proverbs 12:26). He who walks with the wise shall be wise, but a companion with fools shall be destroyed (Proverbs 13:20). The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he who takes souls is wise. Behold, the righteous shall be rewarded in the earth: much more the wicked and the sinner (Proverbs 11:30-31). The problem with many Christians is, they think that they will only be rewarded in heaven. Of course we will be rewarded in heaven, yet there are also rewards on the earth. Calab and Joshua were rewarded on the earth; they entered the promised land and possessed their possession. My prayer is that you will choose your circle of friends carefully. Those who do not agree with the counsel of the written word of God, ought not to be your bosom friends; for can two walk together except they be agreed (Amos 3:3)? Iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the face of his friend (Proverbs 27:17). Do not pick friends who will dull you spiritually!

**5-3 Desire to be great and first in the kingdom of God**

Jesus has no problem with us being great, or being first in the kingdom of God. In fact He wants all of us to become great and first in the kingdom of God; but He wants us to do it God’s way, not the world’s way. Jesus called the disciples to Himself, and He said unto them: *you know that those who are accounted to rule over the Gentiles, exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them. But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister or waiter: And whosoever of you will be the chiepest or the first, shall be servant or slave of all.* For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many (Mark 10:42-45).

So though we are lords and kings, we are to rule over Satan, his cohorts and their evil works: sin, diseases, sicknesses, premature death, poverty, etc. We are not to rule over unsaved people and brethren. Anybody can be great in the kingdom of God, it is not for some special people; but for whosoever fears God, by hating evil and departing from it, and then practicing righteousness (Acts 10:34-35, Proverbs...
8:13, Proverbs 16:6). The way to be great, is to serve or minister to others like Jesus ministered to the people around Him, whether they believed in Him or not. Anybody can be first or chiefest in the kingdom of God, Jesus said whosoever. The way is to become a slave of all; a servant who denies his rights on purpose, for the furtherance of the kingdom of God.

Jesus gave us that example of a servant, and then Paul writes about Jesus, saying: let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant or slave, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Philippians 2:5-11).

Paul was one of them, he wrote: Paul, a servant, slave or bondservant of Jesus Christ, called an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God (Romans 1:1). Paul went through a lot of trouble, and sometimes even in prison, beaten many times, constantly in journeys for the sake of the Gospel. King Agrippa said to Festus: this man, Paul, might have been set free if he had not appealed to Caesar (Acts 26:32). But Paul saw something else and said: it has become evident to the whole palace guard and to all the rest, that my chains are in Christ; and most of the brethren in the Lord having become confident by my chains, are much more bold to speak the word without fear (Philippians 1:13-14). But I want you to know, brethren, that the things which happened to me, have actually turned out for the furtherance of the gospel (Philippians 1:12).

Jesus is not against us becoming great and first in the kingdom. In fact He wants every one of us to have that in mind, but He wants us to do it God’s way. When James and John asked Him to make them great; that one should sit at His right hand and the other should sit at His left (Mark 10:35-40). He did not scold them, saying: you are proud; how can you think like that? You must be “humble”, only be content with being small and insignificant! Jesus did not tell them that; but instead He explained to them how they were supposed to be great, and first in the Kingdom of God. Jesus told them: you do not know what you ask. Can you drink of the cup that I drink of, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with (Mark 10:38)? People want to sit at the right hand of Jesus and at His left hand; but they do not want to be crucified with Him on His right hand, and on His left hand. That is what James and John did not understand, for Jesus was crucified with two other people: one on His left and one on His right (Luke 23:33).

People want to reign with Christ, to experience His glorious miracle working power;
but they do not want to suffer with Christ. Paul tells us: The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God. And if we are children, then we are heirs; heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ; so that if we suffer with Him, we may also be glorified together (Romans 8:16-17). For faithful is the Word, for if we died with Him, we shall also live with Him. If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us (2Timothy 2:11-12).

There is no resurrection day before crucifixion day and burial day. Jesus tells us: If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me (Matthew 16:24). Some people are ashamed of the gospel, and yet they want to experience the power of the gospel. It will simply not happen. For Paul tells us: I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation, to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek (Romans 1:16).

Everybody must aspire to become great and first in the kingdom of God, not the way the world sees it, but the way God sees it; for by so doing, we further the kingdom of God like the early disciples did. Jesus said to them: Verily, verily, I say unto you, He who believes on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father (John 14:12). Jesus wants every believer to do His works, and greater works than what He did. Many times you hear in church: “Jesus divided Himself among believers, so that every believer does a little of what Jesus did, and when we sum up what all believers are doing worldwide, we have the works of Jesus”. This is not what Jesus said. It is said of Paul and Silas: these who have turned the world upside down have also come here (Acts 17:6). Jesus is complete in you. He did not come in part and divide Himself between believers. He is complete in every believer. John says: every born again believer, has received the fullness of Christ Jesus (John 1:16).

What James and John asked Jesus was: we want You to do whatsoever we ask (Mark 10:35); it was not a bad question, in fact Jesus wants us to ask whatsoever we want. He says: And whatsoever you shall ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it (John 14:13-14). So He asked John and James: What do you want Me to do for you (Mark 10:36)? The motives of James and John for greatness, were not according to the will of God, that is why Jesus had to explain what the will of God is; how God wants us to be great and first, it is not as the world describes them. But later James, the half brother of Jesus, not James the brother of John, having learned from Jesus, explains to the brethren, saying: you ask and do not receive because you ask amiss, or for the wrong motive, that you may spend it on your pleasures or lusts (James 4:3).

The same for John, the brother of James, the son of Zebedee, he later understood and learned from his mistakes, and tells the church how it works, saying: this is the
confidence that we have in him, that, **if we ask anything according to His will**, He hears us: And if we know that he hears us, **whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him** (1John 5:14-15). Jesus wants you to be great and first in the kingdom of God; for it brings glory to the Father; for by so being, you are being Christ like. **If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you shall ask what you desire, and it shall be done unto you.** Herein is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit; so shall you be My disciples (John 15:7-8).

On December 5th, 2012, the Lord woke me up early in the morning and started to speak to me. He said to me: you remember in Genesis 22, when Abraham, Isaac and some servants of Abraham walked for three days, to go to mount Moriah, where Abraham was to offer Isaac up as a burnt offering? I said: yes! (As we have explained in the bible study in the Perfect Redemption Plan: Jehovah Jireh; God preached the gospel to Abraham: the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. Please read that bible study to know what we are talking about). The Lord told me: the servants decided to stay at the foot of the mountain. As it is written: Abraham said to the young men, **stay here with the donkey; Isaac, the lad, and I will go yonder, and worship and we will come back** (Genesis 22:5).

Isaac who is the seed of Abraham, is the type of Jesus, The Seed of Abraham (Galatians 3:16). The young men, servants of Abraham, walked in the steps of Abraham for three days; which is symbolic of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus; but they decided to stay at the foot of the mountain. Some Christians also only follow in the steps of Abraham, only at the foot of the mountain, meaning they receive Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. They believe the gospel which is the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus according to the scriptures. But they stay there. They do not go yonder on the mountain with Jesus, The Seed of Abraham, to experience the power of the resurrection, and the fellowship of His suffering. Abraham went yonder to experience the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His suffering. Paul tells us: **That I may know Him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings**, being made conformable unto His death; if by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead (Philippians 3:10-11).

It is not enough to know about God and Jesus! We must also experience the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His suffering, being conformed to His death; for the resurrected Christ lives in us. If we suffer with Him by dying to self, and furthering the kingdom, we shall reign with Him. We must be doing the works that He did, and greater works than what He did. The attitudes of the young men that were with Abraham should have been the attitude that Elisha had when Elijah told him to stay behind. Elijah said unto Elisha, **Tarry here, I pray you; for the LORD has sent me to Bethel.** And Elisha said **unto him, As the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you.** So they went down to Bethel (2Kings
2:2). As we have explained in the series of the Perfect Redemption Plan; Elijah was a type of Jesus, and Elisha was the type of the disciple of Jesus. Elisha refused to stay behind, but whatever experience or work his master did, he did. As we read the book of 2Kings we see Elisha doing greater miracles than Elijah. Please do not stay behind with the donkey, while other believers are going yonder with the Lord Jesus to experience the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His suffering!

The second example the Lord gave me on that day was in Luke 5: 1-11. The multitude was standing on the shore with their feet dry, but Jesus was in Peter’s boat, not far from the shore. When Jesus had finished preaching He said to Peter: launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch. Though Peter had caught nothing previously; but he decided to obey the word of the Lord. As he did it, he caught a lot of fish and their net was breaking. He had to signal John and James, the sons of Zebedee, who were in the other boat, to launch out into the deep where they were to help them. God is not unrighteous to forget, or even act in such a treacherous way, to ignore your work and labour of love, which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister. And we desire that every one of you do show the same diligence, to the full assurance of hope unto the end; that you be not slothful, but followers of those, who through faith and patience, inherit the promises (Hebrews 6:10-12).

You see there was a great multitude that heard the words of Jesus; but they all decided to stay on the shore with their feet dry. We can all be discouraged, because we have tried things once or twice and it did not work for us. Nevertheless we should obey the word of Jesus, and launch out with Him into the deep water. In Ezekiel 47, the angel of the Lord talks about the water, which is the picture of the Holy Spirit. First of all it is at the ankle level which is symbolic of the hope of salvation which anchors us in our faith in Christ Jesus (Hebrews 6:19). And the angel measures a thousand cubits which is symbolic of maturity. We need to mature in the hope of our salvation; knowing that our hope and comfort come by reading and hearing the written word of God (Romans 15:4). Then the water comes to the level of the knees, which is symbolic of a prayerful life, we understand how we ought to pray (Ephesians 3:14). The angel again measures a thousand cubits, which is symbolic of maturity in prayer, where we do not only pray for our own needs; but we also become intercessors of God. We stand in the gap for the people around us, for our nation and for the unsaved people.

Then the water comes to the level of the waist, which is symbolic of the truth (Ephesians 6:14), when we are equipped with the truth of the word of God, having the full understanding of the perfect redemption plan of God and its application, and become doers of that truth. The angel measured another thousand cubits, which talks about maturing in the truth of God. Our hope grows according to the knowledge and revelation of the written word of God, and our prayer level, and the
effectiveness in prayer, depends on the knowledge of the truth of the written word of God in us. You will know the truth and the truth will make you free. Then the water becomes so high, that we can no longer walk in it; but we need to swim, and then finally the water is so deep, like the sea, that it is the water that is carrying us, for we cannot swim for so long in the sea. We will be fighting against the waves. This is the level of the healing of the nations, where we turn the world upside down like Paul and Silas did. When we are in the sea, we try to swim our way to the shore; but we are fighting against the waves, and we will soon give up and drown, and be filled with water and die.

Then the dead body that is filled with water, will float back to the surface of the water, and be carried wherever the wave of the sea wants. This is totally yielding ourselves to the Holy Spirit! We all need to die daily to our flesh and self, like Paul said in 1 Corinthians 15:31. John the Baptist says: I must decrease, and Jesus must increase in me (John 3:30). The secret of being greatly used by God to turn the world upside down, is to die to the flesh and our selfish ambition; so that Jesus lives His life through us. The word will become flesh in us, and dwell among the people, and they will be able to behold the glory of the only begotten Son of God, who loves them and gave His live as a ransom for their spirit, soul and body.

You see there is always a deeper walk with God. Jesus said to Peter: let us launch out to the deep, and let down the nets for a catch. Peter obeyed; Peter realized that it was not just for him, but his friends, John and James, could also join him in the deep waters, to help him with this great catch of fish. Jesus did not call John and James to the deep, but Peter did. We must realize that God wants everybody to launch out into the deep with Him, and not to stay on the shore with dry feet. Do not stay on the shore, get your feet wet, the moment you get your feet into the water, even if it is only the toes, you will start seeing miracles, and the more you go into the deep, the more God will turn the world upside down through you.

Joshua and the people of God experienced it, as it is written: it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests, that bear the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, that the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off from the waters that come down from above; and they shall stand upon an heap. And it came to pass, when the people removed from their tents, to pass over Jordan, and the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people; And as those who bore the ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the priests, who bore the ark, were dipped in the brim or the edge of the water, (for the Jordan overflows all its banks all the time of harvest,) That the waters which came down from above, stood and rose up upon an heap, very far from the city Adam, that is beside Zaretan: and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, even the salt sea, failed, and were cut off: and the people passed over right against Jericho. And the priests
who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD, stood firm on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, and all the Israelites passed over on dry ground, until all the people were passed clean over the Jordan (Joshua 3:13-17).

My friend you are a royal priesthood, the Ark of the Covenant is symbolic of Jesus. Jesus dwells in you, so do not stay on the shore with dry feet, but get your feet wet, and the moment even your toes are dipped in the edge of the water, you will see God parting rivers. God is no respecter of persons; if you fear God by hating evil and departing from it, and then choose to practice righteousness, He will do the same thing through you (Acts 10:34-35, Proverbs 8:13, Proverbs 16:6). So let us not stay at the foot of the mountain, keeping the donkey, while Father Abraham is going yonder with the Seed of Abraham to experience the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His suffering. Let us not stay at the shore with the multitude having dry feet, while Peter and the Lord Jesus are launching out into the deep water, to let down the nets for a catch. May we experience a net breaking and boat sinking catch in Jesus’ name! Therefore beloved, no matter how many times we have tried and failed, today that we have the revelation of the Perfect Redemption Plan of God and its Application, let us purpose to become doers of them, and we will start experiencing the power of the resurrected Christ living through us!

5-4 God is not unjust to forget and ignore your work for Him and His kingdom.

Paul says in the book of Hebrews: beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak. Because God is not unrighteous (Adikos: unrighteous, unjust, wicked and treacherous) to forget (epilanthanomai: to forget, to neglect, and to ignore) your work and labour of love, which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister. And we desire that every one of you do show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: That you be not slothful, but followers of those, who through faith and patience, inherit the promises (Hebrews 6:9-12).

Some Christians belittle the work of other believers, and think that it is not important, or it did not cost those Christians much. God does not belittle our work and labour of love that we perform for Him and His kingdom. No matter what people say about you, believe what God says about you in His written word. People who are carnally minded, which means they do not think like God thinks, but like unsaved people think, will for instance see Paul, who used to be a Pharisee, who learned under the best teachers of his days. Paul had a position of responsibility in the Jewish counsel, and he reminded the Jews about it, as it is written: when Paul saw that the one part were Sadducees and the other part Pharisees, he cried out in the Sanhedrin, Men! Brothers! I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee! I am being judged
because of the hope and resurrection of the dead (Acts 23:6).

Carnal Christians will say: yes, Paul left that position of power, and the remuneration of that position, to become a follower of Jesus and a tentmaker (Acts 18:3). Paul’s sacrifice for God was very big. Yes, it was; but so were the sacrifices of other believers. Carnal believers will say: if you were having a failing business, or you were not in a position of influence in the secular world, and God calls you to serve him, your sacrifice is not a great one; because it was as if God was bailing you out of that failing business, or failing career to come and serve Him. My friends, God does not see it that way, but carnal believers do. In Luke 5:1-11, Peter, Andrew, John and James, who were fishermen, were having a failing business. They toiled all night and they caught nothing. They were mending their nets, meaning their work equipment was damaged. And Jesus blessed their fishing business, and after that Jesus asked them to follow Him.

Also in John 21 Peter, John, James, Thomas, Nathanael and two other disciples of Jesus went fishing after the resurrection of Jesus. They toiled all night and caught nothing, in other words they had a failing fishing business. Jesus came to them and blessed their fishing business, and they caught a lot of fish. And then Jesus told Peter: follow Me! Whether you are a fisherman, an uneducated person, like most of the disciples of Jesus were (Acts 4:13), or you are failing in your business and in your career, or you are an educated person like Paul, and have a position of power in society; God respects and honours our work and labour of love for Him and His kingdom. Those carnal believers have not done for the kingdom of God what Peter, John, James, Thomas, Nathanael and all the other disciples of Jesus did, though in the eyes of carnal men, they were but failures, and had not gotten the best education of their days.

The LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD sees not as man sees; for man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart (1Samuel 16:7). Read church history and people mightily used by God in signs and wonders; not many had high education. If you have high education, God will ask you to renew your mind according to His written word of God. Paul tells us: the foolish thing of God is wiser than men, and the weak thing of God is stronger than men. For you see your calling, brothers, that not many wise men according to the flesh are called, not many mighty, not many noble. But God has chosen the foolish things of the world, to confound the wise; and God has chosen the weak things of the world, to confound the things which are mighty; and God has chosen the base things of the world, and things which are despised, and things which are not, in order to bring to nothing things that are; so that no flesh should glory in His presence (1Corinthians 1:25-29).

The problem that highly educated people and noble people have, is that they rely a
lot on their social status, their education or wealth, and they care too much about people’s opinion; instead of relying on God, Christ Jesus and the power of the Holy Ghost. So their gospel tends to ascribe the power and the glory to their smartness, their secular knowledge, their connections in the world to open doors, their wealth to support God’s work. What people do not understand is, that the word **faith is the Greek word Pistis and it means faith, belief and reliance.** So when you rely on your wealth, your education, your social status; you actually have faith in who you are and what you have; instead of having faith in who the Godhead is, and what the Godhead has. John tells us: greater is He [the Godhead] that is in you, than he who is in the world (1John 4:4). And Paul tells us: my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19). My prayer is that you and I will rely on who God is, and what God has.

When Peter said to Jesus: Lo, we have left all and have followed You (Mark 10:28). Jesus did not tell Peter: “what you have left is insignificant, you were having a failing business and I bailed you out of that failing business, you were unlearned people, and the bottom of society. I have given you some influence, at least in the Christian world. So you should just thank Me and keep quiet!” No, Jesus did not say that, but He said: **Truly I say to you, There is no man that has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands for My sake and the gospel’s sake, but he shall receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands with persecutions, and in the world to come, eternal life (Mark 10:29-30).** So whatever you have left for Him and the sake of His kingdom, Jesus does not take it for granted, He does not belittle it or ignore it, but highly values it. For He is righteous, therefore He does not forget, does not neglect, and does not ignore anything you have done for Him, and for the sake of His kingdom; but He will restore to you a hundredfold of whatever you have done for Him, and the sake of His kingdom in this life, not when you go to heaven!

Nehemiah was a cupbearer for the king Artaxerxes, and God gave him favour before the king, so that the king sent him to build the walls of Jerusalem. Moreover the king Artaxerxes appointed him governor in the land of Judah, but Nehemiah and his brothers refused to eat the governor’s portions. But the former governors, who were before him, laid burdens on the people, and took from them bread and wine, besides forty shekels of silver, yes even their servants bore rule over the people, but Nehemiah did not do so, because of the fear of God (Nehemiah 5:14-15).

Nehemiah, when he put God in remembrance of what he had done for Him and for the sake of His kingdom, mentioned those things and said to God: **Remember me, my God, for good, according to all that I have done for Your people** (Nehemiah 5:19). Carnal people will say: “Nehemiah, what have you done that is so special for God and for the sake of His kingdom and His people? You are a cupbearer, a slave in the house of Artaxerxes; God lifted you up, and made you even governor
of the land of Judah. Is it because you have built this wall and have refused to eat the
governor’s portion, that you think it is a great sacrifice? Besides the walls of
Jerusalem you have built, are not even done properly. You used burned stones, if a
fox goes up on that wall, it will collapse, what a poor quality of construction
(Nehemiah 4:1-3)! You should be quiet about what you have done, as it is
insignificant; God has done more for you, than you have ever done for Him and His
people!"

No, my friend, God is not unjust to forget, to neglect and to act in such a treacherous
and wicked way, to ignore even the least of the things we have done for Him, the
furtherance of His kingdom and His people. For there were many other Jewish slaves
in the palaces of Artaxerxes; why were they not concerned about the people of God,
the city of Jerusalem and its walls? There were many other fishermen and unlearned
people; but not all of them decided to follow Jesus. Peter, John and the others
decided willingly to follow Jesus. There were many Pharisees and educated people
and rich people, but not all of them decided to follow Jesus; but Paul did, Joseph of
Arimathea did, and Nicodemus did follow Jesus (John 19:38-39). So let nobody belittle
your labour and work of love for God, His people and the furtherance of His kingdom
based on your education or lack of education, your profession, your social status, or
lack of social status.

I remember one day I was in church. The week before God asked me to give my
money to a couple. It was not a lot of money, only £500; but for me it was all that I
had in my bank account after I had paid my house rent. So I did not know how I
would eat that month, and how I would even pay for transportation to church on
Sundays for that month. So I walked 7 miles to church on that particular Sunday
morning. I wore white jeans and a white shirt, but I did not have any T-shirt or singlet
under my white shirt. I went to church and after the service everybody was driving
home. I was expecting maybe somebody would give me a lift home, but nobody did.

People have always seen me coming in a taxi to church, and leaving in a taxi. So it
never crossed their mind to ask me if I ever wanted a lift home. We should never put
people in a position, where they need to beg us for help; but we should do our best
to help people around us. Some people enjoy the fact that other people, even
believers, beg them for help. David says: I was young and now I am old, I have never
seen the righteous been forsaken, nor his seed begging bread (Psalm 37:25). I
always stand on that scripture; for my eyes are on God, and not on men. I never beg
anybody, I ask for help, but if people have the attitude of putting me down or looking
down on me, or despising me; because I ask them for help, I will never ask them for
help anymore, because they are not my source, God is!

So that day, nobody gave me a lift, I started walking back home another 7 miles. As I
was walking on the road, some of the church brethren were driving past me and
sounding their horn, and waving at me as they drove by. In my heart I was saying: I
need a lift, and you are waving at me! So I was walking home. When I had walked 4 miles, it started raining heavily. Everybody who was on foot was taking shelter, but where I was standing, there was no shelter for me. And in less than a minute I was soaked or wet thoroughly. Thank God for that day I did not put white underwear on; for my entire body was showing. It was as if I was naked, there was nothing to hide. I was publicly disgraced! I had tears running down my eyes, even under that heavy rain. And the enemy started to bring bad thoughts into my mind about some brethren: how they do not love me, how God does not love me for letting this happen to me, etc.

I kept on walking in the rain, and people were looking at me in a strange way. It was pointless for me to run under a shelter; for I was already thoroughly wet, and my entire body was exposed, because I wore white that day. And as I walked, I was crying under that rain. The Lord spoke to me: “My son, you are like your elder brother Isaiah who walked naked in the streets as a prophetic action. As it is written: the Lord spoke to Isaiah the son of Amoz saying: go and remove the sackcloth from your body, and take your sandals off your feet. And Isaiah did so, walking naked and barefoot. Then the Lord said, just as My servant Isaiah has walked naked and barefoot three years for a sign and a wonder against Egypt and Ethiopia; so shall the king of Assyria lead away the Egyptians as prisoners, and the Ethiopians as captives, young and old, naked and barefoot, with their buttocks uncovered, to the shame of Egypt (Isaiah 20:2-4).

As the Holy Spirit brought that scripture to my remembrance, I lifted up my hands and I started to dance under that rain. People thought I had really lost it! I started to rebuke the devil, saying: devil you are a liar, it does not matter how people, or even church people treat me; God loves me unconditionally. And me walking in the rain naked like this, has become a prophetic action against you, a sign and a wonder against you. Because 2,000 years ago My King Jesus rose from the grave, He stripped you and all your cohorts naked, having disarmed principalities and powers, My King Jesus made a public spectacle of you all like Isaiah prophetically did, triumphing over you all in it (Colossians 2:15). The same Jesus who triumphed over Satan and all his cohorts, by stripping them naked and making a public spectacle of them all, will also lead me in triumph, and through me, he will defuse the fragrance of His knowledge in every place (2Corinthians 2:14). And the Egyptians whom I see today, I shall see them again no more forever. King Jesus, My Lord and Saviour, will fight for me, and I shall hold my peace (Exodus 14:13-14).

Now you must understand, Isaiah was the son of Amoz, not the son of Amos the prophet. It is a tradition with the Jews, that Amoz, the father of Isaiah, was the brother of Amaziah king of Judah, so that Isaiah was of the royal family, a prince! And God used a prince, a person highly respected in society, to do that prophetic action of walking naked and barefoot in the streets, for three years for a sign and wonder
against Egypt and Ethiopia, to let everybody know that even the royal family of the Egyptians and Ethiopians, would be publicly humiliated. Whatever I thought about myself or my social status does not matter, I might have been brought up in a good family, and in an educated family, but if God could ask Isaiah a prince of Judah, I think my humiliations are not compared to the glory that will be revealed through me. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory, which shall be revealed in us (Romans 8:18).

**Isaiah means Jehovah has saved**, Jesus means Jehovah is salvation. Isaiah was prophetically demonstrating what Jesus would do to the Kingdom of darkness and to Satan, the prince of the power of the air, when He saved His people from the oppression of the devil. Jesus our King of kings came and was publicly humiliated on that cross, hanging naked before the world. Paul says: looking to Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and sat down at the right of the throne of God. For consider Him who endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself, lest you be weary and faint in your minds (Hebrews 12:2-3).

Satan wants to humiliate you, so that you will be discouraged and give up the Christian race. After he had humiliated Jesus for a little while on that cross; Jesus humiliated him and all his demons publicly. As it is written: you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and has taken it out of the way, nailing it to the cross. Having stripped rulers and authorities, He made a show of them publicly, triumphing over them in it (Colossians 2:13-15). My friend, if you do not stumble at the little humiliations the devil is throwing at you, to discourage you and make you give up the Christian walk; the day will come and now is, when you will strip him and his demons naked, and publicly humiliate him too, by destroying all his works.

I continued to dance and praise God under that rain as I walked home. You see it might be funny when I narrate it today; but I tell you it was not funny that day, as I was disgraced publicly by the devil. God will not forget whatever we have done for Him, the furtherance of His kingdom, and His people. And we desire that every one of you do show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: That you be not slothful, but followers of those who, through faith and patience inherit the promises. The devil resists us, and wants us to think that things will always be like that; they will not, it is a lie! Let us have some patience as we are doing the work of God, and we will experience all the promises contained in the Perfect Redemption Plan of God and its Application. For you have need of patience, so that after you have done the will of God you might receive the promise (Hebrews 10:36). And we desire that each one of you show the same
eagerness to the full assurance of hope to the end, that you be not slothful, but imitators of those, who through faith and patience, inherit the promises (Hebrews 6:11-12).

Moses went over and over again to Pharaoh the king of Egypt, to tell him the same thing: let My people go! And after God had plagued Egypt with ten plagues, Pharaoh let God’s people go. And God made sure that all the power of the enemy was destroyed, so that Israel could move on with their life, without ever being bothered again by the Egyptians, thus He destroyed Pharaoh and his army in the Red Sea. Do not give up, keep going back to the pharaohs and the Egyptians of your life, with the same word of God, do not change your confession: let my people go! Sickness go! Poverty go! Demons leave in Jesus’ name. Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God; let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need (Hebrews 4:14-16).

I am telling you, help is on the way! Therefore learn to cast all your care upon Jesus; for He cares for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking whom he may devour: but I tell you: resist him steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren, that are in the world (1Peter 5:7-9). The God of peace shall bruise Satan, his cohorts and all his works of darkness: sin, iniquity, sickness, disease, poverty and premature death, under your beat shortly (Romans 16:20). Even if you do not believe it yet, keep confessing it, keep acting according to the written word of God, keep commanding sickness to leave, keep commanding the dead to be raised, keep commanding demons to come out of people; for it has nothing to do with you but with God who spoke those words and now He dwells in you, as it is written: even if we do not believe, God remains faithful, he cannot deny Himself (2Timothy 2:13). God is not unrighteous but righteous therefore He performs all His words because He is righteous (Nehemiah 9:8). God watches over His word to perform it (Jeremiah 1:12).

5-5 Bible definition of pride, presumption and humility

Religious people will accuse you of being proud, they will say: “you are not humble”, “you are presumptuous”. The problem is that their definition of being humble and presumptuous, are not the definitions of the bible; but that of the world. In the book of Numbers 13 and Numbers 14; the people of God went to spy out the promised land for forty days. When they came back, ten men brought an evil report, only Caleb and Joshua brought a report which agreed with what God said. According to God an evil report is a report that does not agree with the word of God, and a good
report is the one that agrees with the word of God (Numbers 13:32 and Numbers 14:37). The people refused to fight, for in their own eyes, they were like grasshoppers, and the inhabitants of the land like giants, and they would eat them up (Numbers 13). They thought they were being humble, but they were rejecting the report of the Lord, they rejected what God said about them, who they were. Isaiah said: who has believed our report (Isaiah 53:1)?

According to the bible, being in pride is not doing what the word of God says, or the report of God says. Pride was the sin of Sodom (Ezekiel 16); they were not obeying God’s word. Pride was also the sin of Egypt, they were not obeying God’s word, because they thought their power would deliver them from anything (Ezekiel 30). Pride was also the sin of king Nebuchadnezzar, He did not obey the word of God by Daniel the prophet when he interpreted his dream (Daniel 4, Daniel 5). The pride of Israel and Judah, was when they abandoned God’s ways, to go after pagans’ ways, and worship their idols (Hosea 5, Hosea 7).

The pride of Assyria was when they did not ascribe the power to God, but to their idol, and to the work of their hands, their nets and dragnets and they even sacrifice to their net and dragnet (Habakkuk 1). God called the Assyrian proud, and said: the proud (the ones who do not ascribe the power to God, but to the work of their hands) his soul is not upright in him; but the just or the righteous shall live by faith [which means believing and relying on God alone] (Habakkuk 2:4). Yes, God resists the proud and gives grace to the humble, those who ascribe the power to God alone, not to idols, or the works or their hands, or their weapons, and those who believe and rely on God for everything. For the just live by faith in God (Habakkuk 2:4). Some trust in horses, some in chariots; but we the just, we will remember the name of the Lord our God (Psalm 20: 7). Why? Because the name of the Lord is our strong tower, the righteous run into it, and they are safe. (Proverbs 18:10). Paul summarised the book of Habakkuk and said about those people who did not ascribe the power to God, saying: therefore beware lest that come on you which is spoken of in the Prophets: “Behold, you despisers, marvel, and perish; for I work a work in your days, a work which you shall in no way believe, though a man declare it to you (Acts 13:40-41, Habakkuk 1).”

Being proud is rejecting the report of the Lord or His word, and doing things our own way, and mainly the way of the world, ascribing the power, the glory, the holiness, the righteousness to the work of our hand, or to our good deeds of the law. Therefore whenever we are acting on the word of God, we are being humble. Whenever we are saying what God said about us, we are being humble. Whenever we ascribe the power, the glory, the holiness and the righteousness to God, and not to our good deeds of the law, though we ought to maintain good deeds of the law, we are being humble. God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble, in other words God gives favour and empowers the humble (James 4:6).
Sodom, Egypt and Assyria were proud, they did not do what God told them to do; therefore they suffered the punishment of God, so did Nebuchadnezzar. Israel and Judah were proud, when they did not follow the report of the Lord, and worshiped idols; and as a result of their pride they went into captivity. But when Judah repented, humbled itself under the hand of the Lord, removed their idols and served the Lord; He gave them grace, and brought them back to the land of their fathers.

Agree with what God says about you that is being humble. Paul says: let no one cheat you of your reward in false humility (Colossians 2:18). The people of God in the wilderness thought they were being humble, by saying the enemy was bigger than they; but this was false humility, they were actually in pride, for they were rejecting what God said about them. The Lord is the Man of war (Exodus 15:3).

They should have read Isaiah 40:21-25, as it is written: Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is He who sits on the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in; who brings the rulers to nothing; He makes the judges of the earth as vanity. Yes, they shall not be planted; yes, they shall not be sown. Yes, their stump shall not take root in the earth. And He shall also blow on them, and they shall wither, and the tempest shall take them away like stubble. To whom then will you compare Me, or am I equalled? Says the Holy One. Those giants they feared are just grasshoppers to our God.

Being presumptuous is doing what God did not ask you to do, and taking actions that go against His written or spoken will. The people of God in the wilderness, after their wrong confession, the Lord told them they would spend forty years in the wilderness, and their children would enter the land but not them. They rose up in the morning and went to fight against the people of Canaan, thus disobeying God. The bible says they presumed to go up to the mountaintop, the Canaanites drove them back (Numbers 14:44-45). Moses said to them: I spoke to you, yet you would not listen, but rebelled against the command of the Lord, and presumptuously went up into the mountain (Deuteronomy 1:43).

Thus being presumptuous is not listening to the word of God, rebelling against it, and going your own way. Jonah was also presumptuous when he deliberately disobeyed God by sailing for Tarshish, instead of going to Nineveh where God sent him (Jonah 1). Whenever you born again Christians deliberately practice the sins leading to death listed in 1Corinthians 6:9-10, and still think we will inherit the kingdom of God, we are deceiving ourselves, being presumptuous. So you see God’s definition of being presumptuous, is different from what religious people tell us.

When you only say what the bible says about you, and do what the bible says about you; in the eyes of God you are humble, and He gives you grace or empowers you to fulfil what He asked you to do. The reason religious people fight you, is because your
obedience to the written word of God puts them to shame; for you are provoking them to good works, which they have no intention of doing! Paul says: let us hold fast the profession of our faith, without wavering (for He is faithful who promised), and let us consider one another to provoke to love, and to good works (Hebrews 10:23-24). The fact that you are acting on your confession of faith and are having results, is provoking other believers to do the same. Those who have no intention of being doers of the word, do not like you, for you are a living testimony that God’s word is true.

They are not doing the word of God, and because you are doing the word of God, and God is confirming His word; they are not happy. Caleb and Joshua, who listened to God and did not rebel against the Lord’s word, were the only ones in that generation who entered into the promised land. They were humble, and God gave them grace or divine empowerment to conquer the land. As for the rest of that generation, they were proud in the eyes of God, and God resisted them. Therefore they never entered the promised land, but died in the wilderness. Therefore, a promise being left to enter into His rest, let us fear lest any of you should seem to come short of it. For also we have had the gospel preached, as well as them. But the Word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it (Hebrews 4:1-2).

The land was already theirs, but many did not enter that rest because of false humility, it cheated them of their reward. Religious people will be mad at you, when you only speak the word and do the word of God. They will accuse you of being proud and presumptuous; but at least now you know what the bible says about pride, being humble, being presumptuous and false humility. Religious people also like to twist these scriptures: “Pride comes, then shame comes; but with the lowly is wisdom (Proverbs 11:2). Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall (Proverbs 16:18)”. Now if you take these two scriptures in the light of what we have shared, king Nebuchadnezzar, when pride came into his heart because of the kingdom he had built, then shame came, when God appointed him to eat grass like oxen for seven years. He did not ascribe the glory to God, but to the works of his hand; for every house, every church and every kingdom is built by someone, but He who built all things is God (Hebrews 3:4).

And in the case of Pharaoh and the Egyptians, they did not want to obey God by letting His people go free, so destruction came upon them, and it was the fall of their kingdom. In the case of born again Christians who are in pride when they deliberately practice the sins leading to death, then their destruction comes and they will end up in hell, if they do not repent. When David had a haughty spirit and deliberately committed adultery with Bathsheba, then came his shame and destruction too. His own son did a coup against him, and slept with his wives on the rooftop of the palace, for all Israel to see the shame of David. It was only after David
had genuinely repented, that the Lord restored him into his kingship.

Let no one cheat you of your reward. There were twelve spies, ten brought an evil report, only two gave a report that lined up with the word of God. It is not because everybody thinks something should be done a certain way that they are right. It must line up with the report of the Lord, and if it does not, we must be willing to stand alone like Caleb and Joshua did, against all the people of their generation. If nobody believes the Perfect Redemption Plan of Jesus: He has given us rest and it is finished, then we must be able to stand alone, and believe it, Joshua and Caleb believed that the promised land was theirs; for God said so, and it was done to them according to their faith. I, Gery am ready, I believe the Perfect Redemption Plan of God, and I am not the only one who believes it, Jesus who sent me, is with me, and agrees with my belief that accords with the full counsel of the Holy Scriptures.

Nehemiah explains it to us and says: You, God, gave our fathers in the wilderness, bread from heaven for their hunger, and brought them water out of the rock for their thirst, and told them to go in to possess the land which You had sworn to give them. But they and our fathers acted proudly or presumptuously, (how did they act proudly or presumptuously? they) hardened their necks, and did not heed Your commandments. They refused to obey, and they were not mindful of Your wonders that You did among them. But they hardened their necks, and in their rebellion they appointed a leader to return to their bondage. But You [are] God, Ready to pardon, Gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, Abundant in kindness, And did not forsake them. Even when they made a molded calf for themselves, And said, ‘This [is] your god That brought you up out of Egypt,’ And worked great provocations, Yet in Your manifold mercies You did not forsake them in the wilderness. The pillar of the cloud did not depart from them by day, To lead them on the road; Nor the pillar of fire by night, To show them light, and the way they should go (Nehemiah 9:15-19).

Nehemiah says something that is very crucial about people who are proud and presumptuous in the eyes of God: in their rebellion they appoint a leader to return to their bondage. Nehemiah was referring to the instance where the people did not believe the report of Caleb and Joshua, that God had given them the promised land. All the sons of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron. And the whole congregation said to them, Oh that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or, Oh that we had died in the wilderness! And why has Jehovah brought us into this land to fall by the sword, so that our wives and our sons should be a prey? Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt? And they said to one another, Let us make a leader, and let us return to Egypt (Numbers 14:2-4).

Paul also had that incident in the wilderness in mind, when he warned us, saying: I charge you therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the living and the dead at His appearing, and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in
For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables (2Timothy 4:1-4).

This is happening to the church of God, and it will wreck the body of Christ. Recently in some mega churches in the USA, they conducted a survey in their congregations, asking their members: what kind of church do you want us to be? Their members answered in the survey: we want to be a church that is tolerant, does not preach against sin, does not talk on holiness, does not address sexual immoralities, etc. It is because we do not believe the promise of God that we want to go back to the bondage of Egypt, even the bondage of sin. So we appoint our own leaders, who will tell us what we want to hear, not thus says the Lord! Jesus will judge such churches, and severely deal with such leaders according to Revelation 2.

David came to his brothers who were fighting the Philistines with Saul. They were in their hideout for forty days, because they were afraid of Goliath the champion of the Philistines. Eliab his eldest brother heard when David spoke unto the men; and Eliab’s anger was kindled against David, and he said. Why have you come down hither? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your pride, and the haughtiness of your heart, or insolence of your heart; for you are come down that you might see the battle (1Samuel 17:28). The elder brothers and elder sisters in the church, those who have been theologically trained or have been Christians long before you, will be angry with you; because your faith and your obedience to the written word of God, is putting them to shame. They are the ones who are supposed to be strong in the Lord, and be doers of the word, not hearers only; since they have all the training. But here is a young David, who is putting the entire army of Israel and Saul its king, to shame. Now you understand why in some churches they do not want young Christians to share the word of God, or to pray for the sick, or to evangelise; because the people who have been in church a long time, do not want to be put to shame; just in case that young Christian wins a soul to Christ, or heals the sick, casts out demons, cleanses lepers and raises the dead, in the name of Jesus, they will call that young Christian proud and insolent in heart.

Insolence according to the Webster dictionary is pride or haughtiness, manifested in contemptuous and overbearing treatment of others; petulant contempt; impudence. You see those elder brothers and elder sisters will tell the young Christians: “you do not respect the leadership, you are insolent. Though what you say is right, or what you do is right, according to the written word of God; but you have not earned the right to say it, or to do it; because you are too young in the faith. You should say it to the people of your own age, or you should wait until you have grey hair to be able to
They say all those things against young believers, not only young in age, but also young in faith; because they do not want to be put to shame by the obedience of the young believer. Jeremiah was also young when God ordained him a prophet. He spoke the word of God, and people tried to kill him; for his obedience to God put them to shame. The obedience of Jesus to the word of God, also put the chief priests and the Jewish leaders to shame; that is why they killed Him. This saying of Jesus is so true in the church: laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men, and many other such like things you do. Full well you reject the commandment of God, so that you may keep your own tradition (Mark 7:8-9).

**Do not fear, do not bow down or back down**

The bible says: *the LORD had made a covenant*, and charged them, saying, **You shall not fear other gods, nor bow yourselves to them**, nor serve them, nor sacrifice to them: *But the LORD, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt with great power and a stretched out arm, Him shall you fear, and Him shall you worship*, and to Him shall you do sacrifice. And the statutes, and the ordinances, and the law, and the commandment, which He wrote for you, you shall observe to do for evermore; and **you shall not fear other gods**. And the covenant that I have made with you, you shall not forget; neither shall you fear other gods. But the LORD your God you shall fear; and He shall deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies (2Kings 17:35-39).

We have a better covenant than the people in the Old Testament. We have a New Covenant based on better promises. **God has not given us the Spirit of fear but of power**, love and sound mind (2Timothy 1:7). Many Christians are so fearful; because they do not believe the scriptures though they quote them. Scriptures are mere head knowledge to them; they have not yet dawned in their hearts or become a revelation to them. Peter tells us: we have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto you do well that you take heed, as unto a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts (2Peter1:19). For the entrance or revelation of God’s word, gives light and it gives understanding unto the simple (Psalm 119:130).

John says: You are of God, little children, and have overcome them: **because greater is He who is in you, than he who is in the world** (1John 4:4). And I said unto you, I am the LORD your God; fear not the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell (Judges 6:10). As long as you fear the enemy, you will not do anything for God! You will always be afraid of the power of the enemy and of their gods. You must believe who God is in you, and who He is through you. He has a covenant with you, and He will not break His covenant, He will be with you always.
unto the end of the world (Matthew 28:20). He will never leave you nor forsake you; so that you may boldly say: the Lord is my helper, I will not fear; what can man do to me (Hebrews 13:5-6)?

The Egyptians were strong people and had many gods. The magicians of Pharaoh also performed some miracles, their rods turned to serpents; but the rod of Moses swallowed their rods (Exodus 7:12). Their power was no match to the power of God. God, through the hand of Moses, defeated all the gods of Egypt and plagued the Egyptians. The LORD is the true God, He is the living God, and an everlasting king: at His wrath the earth shall tremble, and the devils tremble as well, according to James 2:19, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation. Thus you shall say unto My people: The gods, even Satan and his devils, that have not made the heavens and the earth, even they shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens. The Lord God has made the earth by His power, He has established the world by His wisdom, and has stretched out the heavens by His discretion. He upholds all things by the power of His word according to Hebrews 1:3. When He utters His voice, there is a multitude of waters in the heavens, and He causes the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; He makes lightnings with rain, and brings forth the wind out of His treasures (Jeremiah 10:13).

Believe, greater is He who is in you than Satan and his devils that are in the world. We have seen in the Perfect Redemption Plan series how Jesus defeated Satan and all his cohorts, and made a public show of them. Jesus promises us: Behold, I give unto you authority and power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you (Luke 10:19). Jesus means what He says! You have been given authority and power to crush all the power of the enemy, not some of it, but all of it; and nothing, absolutely nothing shall by any means hurt you! Moses understood that scripture when he stood before the magicians of Pharaoh, he knew that he had received the authority and power to crush all the power of the enemy, and no matter what they did; nothing, none of their powers would hurt him.

Moses is the one who wrote Psalm 91. Jesus was referring to Psalm 91 when he told us: Behold, I give unto you authority and power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you (Luke 10:19). Read Psalm 91, God placed conditions in the psalm that you and I should fulfil, if we want to enjoy what is contained in it. We can sum them up in this: embrace the sanctified life of Jesus, His way and His truth, and be a doer of them!

If you do not believe these scriptures, you will always be afraid of facing the devil, or praying for people or casting out devils. You will be thinking that they will come after you; they will attack you with sickness. They might, but when you know who you are in Christ Jesus, and you have embraced His sanctified life, His way and His truth, and
become doers of them, the enemies’ attacks will not be successful like Psalm 91 promises. God says through Isaiah: Behold, they shall surely gather together, not by Me; whoever shall gather against you, he shall fall by you. Behold, I have created the smith who blows the coals in the fire, and who brings out a tool for his work; and I have created the waster to destroy. No weapon that is formed against you shall be blessed; and every tongue that shall rise against you in judgment, you shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of Jehovah, and their righteousness is from Me, says Jehovah (Isaiah 54:15-17).

Believe that you have the authority and power to tread over all their power, and nothing they do shall by any means hurt you, believe that greater is Jesus in you, than Satan in the world. Jesus called His disciples and gave them power and authority over all devils and to cure diseases (Luke 9:1). Never believe the lie that some devils are so powerful that they will defeat you, or some principalities are so powerful that they cannot be defeated. Jesus gave you authority and power over all devils, it includes principalities, powers and rulers in dark places. You are seated in heavenly places with Christ Jesus, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come (Ephesians 1:21). So remember the covenant that the Lord has made with you, do not forget it: you shall not fear other gods. But the LORD your God you shall fear; and He shall deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies. And how do you fear the Lord your God? It is by hating evil and departing from evil (Proverbs 8:13, Proverbs 16:6).

One of the enemy’s strategies is to enumerate all the people who fell, all the people he defeated, to put fear in your heart. He does it to intimidate you, so that you will not stand on the word of God. When Sennacherib besieged Judah in 2Kings 18 and 2Kings 19, he used the same strategy. He read out loud the names of all the other kingdoms he conquered, and their gods that did not deliver them from his hands. And he asked King Hezekiah: what confidence is this in which you trust (2Kings 18:19)?

Hezekiah’s confidence was in the written word of God. He was a hearer and a doer of the word of God. He hated evil and departed from it. Unlike the kings of Israel who served the Lord God, and also the calves of gold of Bethel, Hezekiah destroyed all the idols in Judah. He so trusted the Lord, like no king or judges before him, that he even shunned any appearance of evil. He destroyed the serpent of brass Moses built in the wilderness, for it had become an idol in the heart of the people of God (2Kings 18:4). Hezekiah was truly like Jesus who hated iniquity and loved righteousness, therefore God anointed him and delivered him, unlike the kings of Israel, who loved iniquity (Hebrews 1:9). God told us we shall not fear our enemies nor their gods; but we shall fear the Lord, meaning hate evil and depart from it, and then He will deliver us from the hands of all our enemies; not some of them, but all of them!
When you hate iniquity and love righteousness, you have such confidence toward God like Hezekiah had; because you know that what you are doing pleases the Lord. John tells us: this is the confidence that we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him (1John 5:14-15). And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight (1John 3:22). Be like Hezekiah; fear God and practice righteousness, then put your trust in God that He will do for you exactly what He said in His written word.

The same thing happened to Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. They refused to be conformed to the Babylonian world, and purposed not to defile themselves, nor bow and make prayers to the gods of the Babylonians (Daniel 1, Daniel 3, and Daniel 6). They knew the prophecy of Isaiah the prophet, which says: when you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you: when you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, Your Saviour: I gave Egypt for your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for you. Since you were precious in My sight, you have been honourable, and I have loved you: therefore will I give men for you, and people for your life. Fear not: for I am with you: I will bring your seed from the east, and gather you from the west; (Isaiah 43:2-5). God watches over His word to perform it (Jeremiah 1:12).

When king Nebuchadnezzar threatened them: that if they did not bow to his gold image, he would cast them into the burning fiery furnace. They said to him: we do not need to answer you in this matter. If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. But if not, let it be known to you, that we do not serve your gods; nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up (Daniel 3:16-18). They knew the promise of God in Isaiah 43:2-5 and in 2kings 17:35-39. The king asked that the burning fiery furnace be heated seven times more than it was usually heated (Daniel 3:19). All that was the intimidation of the enemy, to put fear in their hearts.

God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power love and sound mind (2Timothy 1:7). They stood on the word of God, and Jesus appeared in that burning fiery furnace. The fire did not burn them at all. God is true to His word, if we hate iniquity and practice righteousness like Jesus and the saints of old, even when we are faithless, God remains faithful because He cannot deny Himself (2Timothy 2:13). They considered if God did not deliver them, they would accept dying; but God was faithful to His word and delivered them. David said: many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord delivers them out of them all (Psalm 34:19). You need to
shun evil and practice righteousness, if you want to enjoy the deliverance of God.

Countless times in the bible, in Joshua 1, and in the book of Judges and other books of the bible; when people of God are facing an enemy, God always tells them: **fear not, be courageous or be of good cheer!** Fear is the weapon of the devil, just like faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God (Romans 10:17). Fear also comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of the enemy or the devil. Our part to play is to observe the commandments of God. God clearly explained to Joshua that this is the only way he would be successful in the conquest of the promised land. Only be strong and very courageous, so that you may be careful to do according to all the Law which My servant Moses commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so that you may act wisely wherever you go. This book of the Law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it by day and by night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall have good success (Joshua 1:7-8).

The bible describes Satan as a roaring lion: be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking whom he may devour (1Peter 5:8). The devil roars loud to put fear in your heart, he uses many words and many examples of people who did not make it, or who failed, to put fear in your heart, and discourage you in your pursuit of the manifestation of the promises of God. If you realize that the Lion of the tribe of Judah dwells in you, and He is greater than the devil who is roaring at you, the devil will never be able to devour you. Sin is one of the deadliest weapons of the devil, to rob you of your confidence towards God; thus rob you of your great recompense of reward (Hebrews 10:35). Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in the lusts thereof (Romans 6:12).

Daniel was thrown into the lions’ den, but they could not eat him. Daniel said to the king: O king live forever! **My God sent His angel and shut the mouth of the lions, so that they have not hurt me,** because I was found innocent before Him; and also O king, I have done no wrong before you (Daniel 6:21-22). Did Jesus, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, not tell us?: **Behold, I give unto you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you** (Luke 10:19). **Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that I have given unto you** (Joshua 1:3). **No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life, I will be with you: I will not fail you, nor forsake you** (Joshua 1:5). Stand on the word of God, and it will come to pass, do not bow down or back down. Please read and re-read the series of the Perfect Redemption Plan, the main reason why people fear and are not courageous is simple, because they are ignorant of the Perfect Redemption Plan of God.
6-1 Fear is the weapon of the devil

The fear of the wicked, it shall come upon him: but the desire of the righteous shall be granted (Proverbs 10:24). Job said: the thing I greatly feared has come upon me, and what I dreaded has happened to me (Job 3:25). Now according to the Webster dictionary, dread is defined as: great fear, or apprehension of evil or danger. It expresses more than fear, and less than terror or fright. It is an uneasiness or alarm excited by expected pain, loss or other evil. No wonder Job said: I am not at ease, nor am I quiet; I have no rest, for trouble comes (Job 3:26). Job was doing well financially, with his children and in his marriage. But in his heart he was hearing the voice of the devil telling him: “it will not last long! You will lose your business!” Job was a farmer, who had cattle and herds, and sown fields and many servants. The devil was lying to him, saying: you will not only lose your business; but you will also lose your children; for they will commit a sin that will be worthy of death. The devil was telling him: you will go through the pain of burying your children and losing your marriage.

So Job became greatly fearful, even in dread. He started to offer sacrifices for sins every day; for he said to himself, in his fear and dread: “when the days of feasting has run their course, I will send and sanctify my children, and I would rise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings according to the number of all my children. Because it may be that my sons have sinned and cursed God in their hearts”. Job did it regularly (Job 1:5). Job was sin conscious and not righteousness conscious, so are some Christians today. When we are sin conscious, we will always be fearful that we are not meeting the standard of God. But when we are righteousness conscious, not our own righteousness, but the righteousness of God which has been imputed to us, we rest.

People who are sin conscious are always looking for sins, even when there is none. For us Christians, if you are not doing the sins leading to death listed in 1Corinthians 6:9-10 and Galatians 5:19-21, you are safe, do not seek imaginary sins. Please read the bible studies on “Come home” and “David’s sexual sin exposed” to know the standard of God. For we know it is by grace through faith, in the finished work of Jesus on the cross. Some Christians are still thinking like Job; the enemy is telling them that their marriage will not last, their spouse will leave them for another person, that their children will be loose and wicked children, and also their prosperity will not last. When we believe the lie of the enemy, we empower the liar, and that is what Job did, he empowered the enemy with his fear and dread.

Fear works like faith, God uses faith to bring us His promises, and the devil uses fear, even dread and fright, to bring his evil plans into our lives. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word or the promises of God (Romans 10:17). Fear comes by hearing and hearing by the lies of the devil. If you put your faith in the promises of God, they will surely come to pass in your life; but if you have fear in your heart, that
what the devil is planning against you might come to pass, the devil might succeed. It is the power of agreement. Jesus told us: **again I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them** of my Father which is in heaven (Matthew 18:19). Faith is agreeing with God. The Holy Ghost, who is in you on earth, and Jesus, who dwells in you, are in agreement according to the word of God, therefore God the Father will do it. The desire of the righteous will be granted (Proverbs 10:24). Do not agree with the devil that puts fear and dread in your life to bring his evil plans to come to pass. And the aim of the Perfect Redemption Plan series and the series of the Application of the Perfect Redemption Plan, is to tell us what the will of God concerning us is, and drive out fear from our hearts.

### 6-2 The Lord has enduring blessings, riches and honour for you not ephemeral ones

Have in mind that **the blessing of the Lord makes rich and it adds no sorrow with it** (Proverbs 10:22). The Lord tells us: **riches and honour are with Me; yes, durable** *(atheq: durable, **enduring**)* **riches and righteousness** (Proverbs 8:18). There is an insect (even a fly) called mayfly in English; but its name in French is éphémère. It is a fly, which as an adult, only lives one to two days. The English word Ephemera, according to the Webster dictionary, applies to insects that are very short-lived, whether they live several days or only an hour. There are several species and God is trying to tell us though Solomon: riches and honour are with Him, and when He blesses us, not only does He add no sorrow, but they are not ephemeral blessings, nor ephemeral riches, and certainly not ephemeral honours.

They are long-lived blessings, long-lived riches and long-lived honours. They stand the test of time. That is what God means when He says enduring blessings, enduring riches, enduring honour and enduring righteousness. They last for generations: **a good man leaves an inheritance to his children’s children:** and **the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just** (Proverbs 13:22). If you seek honour from men, it will not endure the test of time, but when God honours a person, it endures the test of time, therefore only seek the honour that comes from God. Jesus told the Pharisees: **I have come in My Father’s name, and you do not receive Me. If another shall come in his own name, him you will receive. How can you believe, you who receive honour from one another and do not seek the honour that comes from God only** (John 5:43-44)?

When God talks about the wealth of the sinners or wicked being laid up for the righteous, He is not talking about killing the sinners or the wicked, so that the just can take it. Neither is He talking about sending an angel to steal the money of the sinners and wicked. God is not a thief, the devil is! God is not a murderer, the devil is (John 10:10)! And God does not delight in the death of the wicked or sinner (Ezekiel
18:23). The wealth of Egypt was laid up for the Hebrews when they came out of Egypt, in Exodus 11 and Exodus 12. The Egyptians enslaved the Hebrews for hundreds of years; they did not pay them wages for all those years, so the plundering of Egypt was the payment with interest of the wages kept back by the Egyptians.

James explains to us saying: come now, rich ones, weep and howl for your hardships coming upon you. Your riches have rotted, and your clothes have become moth-eaten. Your gold and silver have corroded, and their poison will be a witness against you, and will eat your flesh as fire. You heaped treasure in the last days. **Behold, the hire of the labourers reaping your fields cry out, being kept back by you. And the cries of those who have reaped have entered into the ears of the Lord of hosts.** You have lived luxuriously on the earth, and lived wantonly. You have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter. You have condemned and murdered the just; he does not resist you. Therefore be patient, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth and has long patience for it, until he receives the early and the latter rain. **You also be patient, establish your hearts, for the coming of your Lord draws near** (James 5:1-8).

That is how the Egyptians treated the Hebrews for hundreds of years. They did not know that God, the Lord of Hosts, was watching that injustice. God said to Moses: go, and gather the elders of Israel, and say to them, Jehovah the God of your fathers has appeared to me, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, **I have surely visited you, and have seen what is done to you in Egypt** (Exodus 3:16). Be careful how you treat your employees, if you are an employer. Make sure you pay them their wages, lest God intervene on their behalf, and transfer your wealth to them; because you are acting like the Egyptians who enslaved the Hebrews.

The main way God will lay up the wealth of the sinners or wicked for the just, or transfer the wealth of the sinners or wicked to the just, is by making you start your own business, and giving you divine ideas that will cause you to prosper beyond other businesses. We see that in Abraham’s life. He went to Egypt and came back from Egypt as the richest man in the east (Genesis 13). God blessed His cattle.

God also gives us ideas of investments, land to buy, where to do business; Proverbs 31 talks about a virtuous woman who makes wise investments for the prosperity of her house. God transferred the wealth of the Philistines to Isaac. He instructed Isaac where to live and do business and Isaac became very prosperous that very year in the midst of the famine or recession (Genesis 26). He transferred the wealth of Laban to Jacob by giving Jacob a dream of how to genetically manipulate the kind of offspring the cattle gave birth to. Laban cheated Jacob in his wages that is why God laid up the wealth of Laban for Jacob (Genesis 30 and Genesis 31).
So do not wait for the death of the wicked to inherit their wealth! In Africa and other parts of the world, some people are so lazy they do nothing in life, just waiting for the death of their wealthy brother or sister to steal the inheritance from the orphans. They are vultures even scavengers, they are unclean in the eyes of God (Leviticus 11:13). If you call yourself a born again Christian and you are hoping that your wealthy relative will die, so that you can disown the widow and the orphans to enrich yourself; you are unclean in the eyes of God. James tells you: pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit orphans and widows in their afflictions, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world (James 1:27). The bible says: A good man leaves an inheritance to his children’s children: and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just (Proverbs 13:22). That inheritance of your wealthy relative is not for you; but for his children and grandchildren, and of course for his widow. You are a wicked man when you steal that inheritance from his children and grandchildren.

Job should not have worried about anything in his marriage. God had an enduring marriage for him and his wife. God’s plan was to satisfy him and his entire household with long life, and show them His salvation, even healing, deliverance and prosperity (Psalm 91:16). The prosperity of His business, in the heart of God was, an enduring or long-lived prosperity, not an ephemeral prosperity. All the blessings and honour God has bestowed on us, are enduring or long-lived blessings, riches and honours; certainly not ephemeral ones. David experienced it and said: I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread (Psalm 37:25).

No matter what the enemy is attacking us with, or if we have lost previous battles because we bought into the lies of the enemy, and allowed fear and dread to cripple our faith in God, he who comes against you comes against God; he who touches you touches the apple of God’s eye (Zechariah 2:8). Therefore the Lord says to you: Jehovah is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and He knows those who trust in Him. But with an overflowing flood, He will make an utter end of the enemy’s place, and darkness shall pursue His enemies. What are you plotting against Jehovah? He will make an utter end; affliction shall not rise up the second time. (Nahum 1:7-9). Paul tells us: For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, works 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 temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal (2Corinthians 4:17-18).

In the case of Job, he realized that his Redeemer, Jesus, lives and no matter what he had lost, the Redeemer shall rise at last on the earth (Job 19:25). Jesus will fight your battles and give you the victory (1Corinthians 15:57). God will always cause you to triumph through your Redeemer Christ Jesus, and through you, He will defuse the
fragrance of His knowledge in every place (2Corinthians 2:14). The enemy may afflict you but it is only for a moment; but I say unto you: let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those also who hate Him, flee before Him. As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked (and their agenda) perish at the presence of God. But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God; yes, let them exceedingly rejoice. Sing unto God, sing praises to His name; extol Him who rides upon the heavens by his name Jehovah, and rejoice before Him (Psalm 68:1-4).

The Lord rode on His horses, His chariot of salvation (Habakkuk 3:8). He went forth for the salvation of His people, for salvation with His Anointed Jesus. He struck the head from the house of the wicked, by laying bare from the foundation to neck (Habakkuk 3:13). The Lord shall utterly destroy your enemies (Isaiah 11:15; Deuteronomy 20:17). They will regret why they attacked you in the first place, for he who touches you touches the apple of God’s eye (Zechariah 2:8). For the Lord your God is a consuming fire (Deuteronomy 4:24); it is a fearful thing for your enemies to fall into the hands of the living God (Hebrews 10:31). They will all melt like wax before fire, in Jesus’ name!

Though your beginning was small, yet your latter end shall greatly increase (Job 8:7). When you look at your house in comparison to what it used to be, you may even weep, for it looks like nothing in your sight (Haggai 2:2-3). But the Lord says, do not fear; silver is Mine, Gold is Mine, the glory of the latter house shall be greater than the glory of the former house, and in this place I will give peace, says the Lord of Hosts (Haggai 2:8-9). The Lord of Hosts has enduring, even long-lived blessings, riches and honour for you, nothing temporal or ephemeral ones. So fear not, only believe; in other words: have faith in God (Mark 5:36, Mark 11:22)!

6-3 You are from above and are above all

The Jews then murmured at Jesus, because He said, I am the bread which came down from heaven. And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How is it then that He says:

I came down from heaven (John 6:41-42)? When you understand the Perfect Redemption Plan and its Application, and then start being a doer of the revelation you received in them and walk like Jesus walks, and think like Jesus thinks, religious people will fight you like they fought Jesus. For they know you after the flesh, but you are now a new creation, the old you does not exist anymore, we no longer know you after the flesh but after the Spirit (2Corinthians 5:16). People will still define you by your past, your background and your failures; but it is no longer you, you are in Christ now. Religious people will tell you the same thing they said to Jesus: who do you make Yourself out to be (John 8:53)? They said a similar thing to David: I
**know your pride and the insolence of your heart** (1Samuel 17:28). The truth is: you, knowing who you are, and becoming a doer of the word, puts those religious people to shame. That is why they are calling you proud and insolent of heart.

Jesus told them: **I came down from heaven**. Is it only Jesus who comes down from heaven or do you and I also come down from heaven? Brethren we must know from whence we came, and where we are going. Jesus told us: **I know where I came from and I know where I am going** (John 8:14). Jesus came from heaven and was going back to heaven; for it is written: Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that **He had come from God, and was going back to God** (John 13:3).

Paul tells us that Abraham, Isaac and Jacob understood that they were not from this world. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out into a place which he was afterward going to receive for an inheritance. And **he went out, not knowing where he went. By faith he lived in the land of promise as a stranger, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs of the same promise with him. For he looked for a city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God** (Hebrews 11:8-10).

These all died by way of faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off. And they were persuaded of them and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For they who say such things, declare plainly that they seek a fatherland. And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from which they came out, they might have had an opportunity to have returned. But now they stretch forth to a better fatherland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them (Hebrews 11:13-16).

The very day we are born again, we are born again in the heavenly Jerusalem or the Jerusalem above, which is free and the mother of us all (Galatians 4:26). And Paul tells us: we are citizens of the Jerusalem above and members of the household of God (Ephesians 2:19). So our city of birth is the Jerusalem above, it does not matter where you were born on earth. When you are born again, your city of birth is the Jerusalem above. So you truly are from above, and you are going back to the Jerusalem above. And because you are born from above, John the Baptist tells you: **Jesus in you must increase, but you must decrease. He who comes from above is above all**: he who is of the earth is earthly, and speaks of the earth: **he who comes from heaven is above all** (John 3:30-31).

You must start thinking the way Jesus thinks: according to the scriptures and what He has done for you in His Perfect Redemption Plan. The more you do that, and act on that, the less of you is seen on the outside, and the more of Jesus is manifested in you, through you, and to the people around you. You are from above, your citizenship is in heaven, here on earth you are Christ’s ambassador (2Corinthians
5:20; Philippians 3:20). Stop thinking and speaking like earthly man or mere man and earthly woman or mere woman. But think and speak as heavenly men and heavenly women, even a new creation in Christ. And how do heavenly men and heavenly women think or new creations in Christ speak and act? They think, speak and act like Jesus, who came down from above and is above all. Jesus tells us: I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you (John 13:15).

So Paul tells us: since you then are risen with Christ, **seek those things which are above, where Christ sits on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.** For you are dead, and **your life is hid with Christ in God** (Colossians 3:1-3). Jesus prayed for us to the Father, saying: they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through Your truth. Your Word is truth. As You have sent Me into the world, even so I have sent them into the world. And I sanctify Myself for their sakes, so that they also might be sanctified in truth. And I do not pray for these alone, but for those also who shall believe on Me through their word (John 17:16-20). We are no longer of this earthly world, but of the heavenly world, we died to the world and its lusts; its way of thinking, way of speaking, and conduct, when we received Christ Jesus. Our life is now hidden with Christ in God in heavenly places, at the right hand of God.

Paul tells us: when God raised Jesus from the dead, He set Him at His own right hand in the heavenly places, **Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come; and has put all things under his feet, and gave Him to be the head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him that fills all in all (Ephesians 1:20-22).** When we were dead in sins, **God has quickened us or made us alive together with Christ, (by grace we are saved); and has raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus** (Ephesians 2:5-6).

So you and I, since we are seated with Christ Jesus in the heavenly places at the right hand of God the Father, we have been placed in Christ Jesus far above all principality, power, might, dominion and every name that is named, not only in this world but also in the world to come. Sin, sickness, disease, death, poverty, divorce, work are all names; everything that has a name, we are far above it; **and at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth.** And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Philippians 2:10-11). Jesus who is from above, is far above all things, and because you are in Him, He has made you far above all things as well. All things have been put under your feet, since you are in Christ Jesus and Jesus is in you.

John the Baptist tells us: **he whom God has sent, speaks the words of God:** then [no doubt or that is why] **God gives him the Spirit without measure.** The
Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand (John 3:34-35). Therefore always speak in line with the written word of God, then the Spirit of God will mightily confirm the words of your mouth. God says to each one of us: truly you are full of power by the Spirit of the LORD, and Justice and might to declare to Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin. (Micah 3:8); You who are named the house of Jacob: “the Spirit of the LORD in you, is not restricted. These are His doings. My words do good to him who walks uprightly (Micah 2:7).

Zechariah prophesied: This is the Word of Jehovah to Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the Lord of Hosts (Zechariah 4:6). The word might used here, is the Hebrew word chayil which means an army, wealth of many people. In other words the Lord is saying, it is not because the people who are helping you are as numerous as an army, they have armour, horses and chariots. No, do not put your trust in those things; but in the Spirit of God. You can have all the money in the world, but there are things that wealth cannot buy, it cannot buy your health or raise you from the dead, or cast out devils. The word used for power is the Hebrew word ko‘-akh which means the ability of one person, the strength of one person, the power of one person, the wealth of one person, the vigour of one person.

So God is saying to us, it does not matter whether we are on our own or we are many, it does not make a difference to God, His Holy Spirit is the Spirit of might, power and justice, and we are full of power, might and Justice by the Holy Spirit of God. We can single-handedly defeat armies like Samson did, we can on our own, bring revival into an entire region like Philip brought revival to Samaria, and healed many of the sick people, and performed miracles (Acts 8:1-13). The LORD said unto Gideon, Surely I will be with you, and you shall smite the Midianites as one man (Judges 6:16). Jonathan said to the young man that bore his armour, Come, and let us go over unto the garrison of these uncircumcised: it may be that the LORD will work for us: for there is no restraint to the LORD to save by many or by few (1Samuel 14:6). Think according to the word of God, the entire book of Judges is about God taking one man or one woman with few followers, to deliver the entire nation of Israel, though they were physically outnumbered by their enemies.

Jesus told us: peace be unto you: as My Father has sent Me, even so I send you (John 20:21). So you are sent as Jesus was sent, and as long as you only speak in line with the written Word of God, you are not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ; but declare to people their transgressions, sins and iniquities; you will experience a limitless or boundless manifestation of the Spirit of God; for the words that you will speak, will be Spirit and life (John 6:63).

As we embrace the sanctified life of Jesus, His way and truth, God will confirm the words of our mouth; because we work for Him and will perform the scriptural counsel
of our mouths because He sent us (Isaiah 44:26, Ephesians 1:11). God watches over His Word to perform it (Jeremiah 1:12). You are a son or daughter of God since His Spirit of adoption dwells in your heart and is crying Abba Father (Galatians 4:6). Therefore God loves you as He loves His Son Jesus (John 16:27; John 17:23). He has placed all things into your hands through Christ Jesus. **Of the fullness of Jesus every born again believer has received grace for grace** (John 1:16). For in Jesus dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. And you are complete in Jesus, who is the head of all principality and power (Colossians 2:9-10). So do not be afraid of the enemies, you are far above them, because you are from above, and are in Christ Jesus.

John the beloved tells us: once upon a time we were of the world and we spoke like the world, and behaved like the world, and the world heard us; but now we belong to God and are no longer of the world, but from above (1John 4:4-6). Therefore as we have borne the image of the earthy man, we must also bear the image of the heavenly man (1Corinthians 15:49). Because since we are born again, we are now in Christ Jesus The heavenly Man, the One who came from above. And as Jesus, the heavenly Man is, so are we now in this world (1John 4:17). We are to speak like, and embrace the sanctified life of Jesus, His way and truth, think like Him and do His works. So let us put on Christ Jesus, for as many as were baptized into Christ, have put on Christ (Galatians 3:27). Let us put on the Lord Jesus Christ, the Man from above, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof (Romans 13:14). As we have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so let us also walk in Him. How do we walk in Christ? We do so by being rooted and built up in Him, and established in the faith, as we have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving (Colossians 2:6-7).

**Is Jesus a deceiver, a liar and a madman?**

Many times when we start reading the bible, some of the stories seem to be too wonderful to be true for the carnal mind or un-renewed mind. One might even question if some of them are mere Jewish fables, or if they truly took place? Some of the sayings are not logical to the carnal mind, and we would either say that it is a lie, or it is the sayings of a mad man. You and I have to make up our mind to believe the report of the Lord, over our human understanding.

Matthew tells us: On the next day, which followed the Day of Preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees gathered together to Pilate, saying, “Sir, we remember, while He, Jesus, was still alive, how that deceiver said, ‘After three days I will rise.’ Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day, lest His disciples come by night and steal Him [away], and say to the people, ‘He has risen from the dead.’ So the last deception will be worse than the first (Matthew 27:62-64). My friends, if Jesus is not risen from the dead, then all this
Perfect Redemption Plan is but a great deception. And the words of Jesus while He was alive, also are but deceptions and Jesus is but a deceiver. There were many other people who claimed to be somebody in Israel and who were even crucified, they also had followers!

Gamaliel said to the Jewish leader: Men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what you intend to do regarding these disciples of Jesus. For some time ago Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody. A number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was slain, and all who obeyed him were scattered and came to nothing. After this man, Judas of Galilee rose up in the days of the census, and drew away many people after him. He also perished, and all who obeyed him were dispersed (Acts 5:35-37). So Jesus was not the only one who had followers in Israel, He was not also the only man of Galilee who had followers; so did He deceive us? Was His body stolen by His disciples, or is He truly risen from the dead? Paul tells us: if Christ is not risen, your faith [is] futile; you are still in your sins (1Corinthians 15:17)! But if Jesus is risen from the dead He is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8). We should not be apologetic about the resurrection, but apostolic by doing the same works of Jesus. If Jesus’ words before His death were not a deception, those words will still be valid after His resurrection, for He lives to bring them to pass. He watches over His word to perform it (Jeremiah 1:12).

When they asked Jesus if He was the one to come, or should we look for another? In that same hour He performed miracles to prove that He was who He said He was and it was not a deception (Luke 7:19-23). Since Jesus is alive from the dead and it is not a deception, He will forgive sin and transform the life of the born again, to be conformed to His image. He will heal the sick, cast out devils, cleanse lepers, and raise the dead through you today, as He did in bible days. My friend Jesus is not a deceiver, the word of God is not a deception. Sometimes people tell me: “do not give people too much hope, sometimes God does not do what He did in the bible!” In a way they are saying that the word of God is a deception and Jesus is a deceiver and a liar. Those people will say: you know God is “sovereign” so He does what He wants! Those people have taken the word Sovereign to mean fickle (capricious).

**God is Sovereign not fickle** (capricious). Sovereign means supreme in power and possessing supreme dominion. Yes, God is so Sovereign that He decided to tell everybody what His plans are, how He deals with things and declares the end of the thing from the beginning (Isaiah 46:10); because He knows that no one in the heavens or on earth can stop His word from coming come to pass! He watches over His word to perform it (Jeremiah 1:12). Peter tells us: **The Lord is not slack or slow concerning his promise, as some men count slackness** (2Peter 3:9). Jesus says unto us: **shall not God avenge His own elect, who cry day and night unto Him? I tell you that God will avenge His elect or chosen ones speedily.** Nevertheless when the Son of man comes, shall He find faith on the earth (Luke
18:8)? So remove that latent thought in your heart that God is capricious or fickle, He does not frequently change His mind based on His mood swings, but all His promises are yes and Amen. God is Sovereign therefore His word will not return to Him void, but it shall accomplish that which He pleases, according to the written Word, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto He sent it (Isaiah 55:11).

Jesus asks the question: when the Son of man comes, shall He find faith on the earth? James tells us: faith without works or corresponding actions is dead, useless and worthless (James 2:20). Paul tells us: by grace you are saved, delivered, prospered, and healed through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God (Ephesians 2:8). Grace is what God freely provided for us, by the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Faith is our part to play to receive the manifestation of what has been freely given to us. Therefore let grace and peace be multiplied to you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, according as His divine power has given to us all things, that pertinent to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who has called us to glory and virtue, through which He has given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, so that by these you might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust (2Peter 1:2-4).

Born again Christians of today, do not want to be labourers together with God, to bring the manifestation of His promises to pass (1Corinthians 3:9). And I, the Lord, sought for a man among them that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none (Ezekiel 22:30).

The first thing is, you must be born again, the second thing is, you must embrace the sanctified life of Jesus, His way and His truth; if you want to do His works, and even greater works (John 3:7, John 14:6, John 14:12). You must be willing to keep the commandments of God and do the things that are pleasing in His sight, if you want Him to do whatever you ask him, that lines up with the counsel of the Holy Scriptures according to John in 1John 3:20-22.

John tells us: there was a division again among the Jews because of these sayings. And many of them said, “Jesus, has a demon and is mad. Why do you listen to Him (John 10:19-20)? If these are the words of a demon possessed Man or a mad Man, we are all wasting our time reading the bible, for Jesus is the Word of God (John 1:1). If Jesus is a mad Man, it means the entire bible contains the word of a mad Man! Why are we reading it and why are we listening to it? I tell you Jesus is not a mad Man, and His words contained in the bible from Genesis to Revelation are not the words of a mad Man! Solomon tells us: Like a madman who throws firebrands, arrows, and death, so is the man who deceives his neighbour, and says, “I was only joking (Proverbs 26:18-19)! If Jesus is a madman, the entire bible is a joke and a deception. Since we have decided to believe in Jesus, who is the Word of God (Revelation 19:13). Let us also believe all His words from Genesis to Revelation. God
is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent or change His mind. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good (Numbers 23:19)?

John tells us: there was much complaining among the people concerning Jesus. Some said, “He is good”; others said, “No, on the contrary, He deceives the people. However, no one spoke openly of Him for fear of the Jews (John 7:12-13). Many, even in the church, are asking the same question in their hearts: is Jesus just deceiving us? How come He told us things and when we do them, we do not have the same results? But because we are afraid of religious leaders over us, we keep these questions to ourselves lest religious people around us, tell us we do not have faith when we ask such questions. They tell us: we are blaspheming if we think those thoughts. The truth is, we all have those questions in the back of our minds.

I went to visit a family and they told me: G, why are there no more miracles like in the bible days? Is there anything wrong with God? Has He changed? Or is there anything wrong with the word of God? Is there anything wrong with the preachers?

There is nothing wrong with Jesus and the Word of God, nor with the sick people; if blame needs to be cast it should fall on the minister. We should not blame the sick people. If that person is deliberately despising the goodness and forbearance of God, we should confront him. In Matthew 17 when the disciples could not cast out the epileptic demon out of a boy, and the father of the boy brought him to Jesus and Jesus cast it out, Jesus rebuked His disciples for their unbelief, not the sick boy or the father of the boy. It is our responsibility as disciples of Jesus, to learn how to minister salvation, healing, deliverance and resurrection. The failure of the disciples did not change the will of God. I am glad that the father of the boy went after Jesus to deliver his boy. For it is always the will of God to forgive sins, heal the sick, cast out devils, cleanse the lepers and raise the dead. We need to start having faith in God for other people.

The words of Jesus are too good to be true for a carnal mind, but for us they are the truth. John tells us: The officers answered, “No man ever spoke like this Man!” Then the Pharisees answered them, “Are you also deceived (John 7:46-47)? Some people when they hear or read of the Perfect Redemption Plan of God and its Application, will tell you: it is a deception, are you also deceived by the eloquent words of Jesus? Jesus did not lie to us, the angel tells us: Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee (Luke 24:5-6). My friends Jesus is risen from the dead, it is not a lie, remember His words contained in the bible from Genesis to Revelation, they are not idle words or words of a madman. He told us: I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the Day of Judgment (Matthew12:36). If it is a deception, Jesus will have to give an account of every word in the bible, for we have believed the report of the
Lord (Isaiah 53:1).

Like a madman who throws firebrands, arrows, and death. So is the man who deceives his neighbour and says, Am I not joking (Proverbs 26:18-19)? One will ask: how can I throw firebrands, arrows or fiery darts and death at people? The answer is with your tongue. James says: so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. Behold how little a fire kindles how large a forest! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. So the tongue is set among our members, spotting all the body and inflaming the course of nature, and being inflamed by hell (James 3:5-6).

Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it shall eat the fruit of it (Proverbs 18:21). So if Jesus told us a big joke, and the whole bible is but jokes, even idle words, we are all going to burn in hell. Paul tells us: if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation is worthless, and your faith is also worthless. And we are also found to be false witnesses of God, because we testified of God, that He raised Christ; whom He did not raise if the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ is not raised. And if Christ is not raised, your faith is foolish; you are yet in your sins. Then also those that fell asleep in Christ were lost. If in this life only, we have hope in Christ, we are of all men, most miserable (1Corinthians 15:14-19).

Nehemiah said of God: You have performed Your words, because You are righteous (Nehemiah 9:8). Yes, Jesus is the Righteous One and righteous people perform their words. Paul tells us: let us hold fast the confession of [our] hope, without wavering, because He who promised is faithful (Hebrews 10:23). We are fully convinced that what He has promised He is also able to perform (Romans 4:21); for He watches over His word to perform it (Jeremiah 1:12). We are well aware that no man can do what God is asking us to do, because we know that in us (that is, in our flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with us, but [how] to perform what is good, we do not find (Romans 7:18).

Therefore we totally rely on Jesus, the Righteous One, to do through us what we cannot do; because we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh (Philippians 3:3). Jesus is the same, and He will perform all His words contained in the bible. Joshua and Israel experienced the faithfulness of God and Joshua tells us: Behold, this day, I [am] going the way of all the earth. And you know in all your hearts and in all your souls that not one thing has failed, of all the good things which the LORD your God spoke concerning you. All have come to pass for you; not one word of them has failed (Joshua 23:14).

I tell you our fathers experienced the faithfulness of God, Jesus is not a deceiver or a madman, He does not have idle words or words void of fulfilment. Joshua and Israel
in their days, sanctified themselves, and observed what was commanded in the Word of God, and then God kept His part of the bargain. God’s Word is true, it is not words of a madman or idle words, but words of the Righteous One who cannot lie, and He will also perform all of them. The Lord says to all of us: Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes; cease to do evil; learn to do good; seek judgment, reprove the oppressor. Judge the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, and let us reason together, says Jehovah; though your sins are as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land (Isaiah 1:16-19).

Some believers have jeopardised their lives to the point of death (Judges 5:18), some have refused to have an earthly deliverance, so that they might obtain a better resurrection (Hebrews 11: 35). And Jesus promises us: For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled (Matthew 5:18). For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, But water the earth, And makes it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper [in the thing] for which I sent it (Isaiah 55:10-11).

Are we gods?

When people have the revelation of the Perfect Redemption Plan of God and know who they are in Christ; the enemy does not like it. So many times he comes and tries to lead us into heresies or doctrinal errors, and people start thinking that they are small gods. Their logic is this:” since everything produces after its own kind, a lion produces lion cubs, a dog produces dogs, hence God produces gods!” Paul writes to the Corinthian church and tells them: now these things, brethren, I have figuratively transferred to myself and Apolos for your sakes, that you may learn in us not to think beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up on behalf of one against the other (1Corinthians 4:6).

It is for our own sakes that we should learn not to think beyond what is written in the bible. Everything we say or think, must line up with the written Word of God, and we must be able to demonstrate it from the bible. It is of the devil to push us to think beyond what is written, so that we might be puffed up, pride is of the devil. Many people are looking for “deep revelations”. That is when they start teaching things that are not written in the bible; because they want to appear to men that they know better than others. Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies (1Corinthians 8:1).

But what do the Holy Scriptures say? The Jews answered Jesus, saying, for a good work we do not stone You; but for blasphemy; and because You, being a man,
make Yourself God. Jesus answered them: is it not written in your law, I said, you are gods? If He called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken; do you say of Him, whom the Father has sanctified, and sent into the world, You blaspheme; because I said, I am the Son of God (John 10:33-36)? First of all Jesus is the only begotten Son of God the Father, Jesus is God. Please read the Perfect Redemption Plan, Part IV, to understand the Trinity.

You and I are sons and daughters of God but we have been adopted. John says: in the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God and the Word was God (John 1:1). Angels are created beings, they have a beginning of existence. Demons are angels, who followed Satan in his rebellion, and were cast out of heaven. Jesus was never created; He was manifested 2000 years ago in the flesh, but was with Father God in the beginning (John 1:2). For by Jesus were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Jesus, and for Jesus: And Jesus is before all things, and by Him all things consist (Colossians 1:16-17).

There is no question about Jesus being fully God and fully Man. Now the question is: are we gods? Jesus was quoting Psalm 82:6 to the Jewish leaders who knew it, and for what purpose it was written. When you read Psalm 82 from verse one, you realize that God was not happy with the leaders of His people. There was no justice, the people were oppressed, and everything that was done in the land was against God’s word. And God said to the leaders of Israel of that time in verse six: I have said, you are gods (Elohiym); and all of you are children of the most High. Elohiym is plural and is used for God (God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit), it is the same word that is used when the Godhead decided to create mankind: And God (Elohiym) said, Let Us make man in our image, after our likeness (Genesis 1:26). When the bible talks about the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob it is Elohiym God.

The leaders of Israel were the representatives of God (Elohiym) to the people; they were supposed to observe the word of God and to know when someone was truly sent by God. When God appointed Judges in Israel He called them Elohiym in Exodus 21:6 and Exodus 22:8-9. These were judges appointed by Moses by divine instruction. These were judges approved by God (Elohiym). In a sense Moses was saying to the people: these Judges I have set over you, are not there by the will of men; but by Elohiym’s will. They are God’s representatives to you.

They were filled with the Spirit of the Lord; for He took the Spirit of the Lord that was upon Moses, and poured it upon the 72 elders. So their judgment was not proceeding from their own dictates; but they were God’s spokesmen, or mouthpiece, or oracles of the Lord. It is as if these judges were God’s, they belonged to God, they were
God’s bondservants (Joel 2:28-29). The word normally used for judge in Hebrew is **Shaphat**, this one can be judging by the will of God, or by the dictate of his own mind (Amos 5:12; Deuteronomy 16:18; Proverbs 17:23). The case of Abimelech in Judges 10:2-3 who judged Israel for 23 years but was not placed there by God; he killed all his brothers to get into power (Judges 9:5-6).

The way the Jews were trained in the scriptures was, that when someone quoted only one verse of a Psalm, he was indirectly referring to the entirety of the Psalm. Therefore when Jesus quoted that portion of Psalm 82 to the Jews, they knew He was referring to the entirety of Psalm 82, not just verse six. He was telling them, if you were truly the Judges or leaders of Israel, who have the Spirit of God (Elohiym); you would have known that it is Elohiym Himself who sent Me. But you are not appointed by God, just like the leaders mentioned in Psalm 82 that is why you cannot know that I am God (Elohiym) in the flesh.

So I, Jesus, do not blaspheme when I tell you I am the Son of God (Elohiym) and I am God, for **Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I AM** (John 8:58). Paul had the same revelation that Moses had; but to avoid any confusion Paul says we are Christ’s ambassadors or representatives or delegates (Ephesians 6:20). That is the way we should understand Psalm 82:6. Paul, who knew the Law and the prophets, never said at any time in his writings that he was a “god”, nor did any of the apostles of Jesus. You and I are not gods, but are God’s representatives, ambassadors, or delegates. Peter says we must speak as oracles of God (1Peter 4:11).

In almost all the cases in the bible when Elohiym is translated gods, it is making reference to idols or pagan deities. Satan deceived Adam and Eve telling them: For **God** (Elohiym) knows that in the day you eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and you shall be as **gods** (Elohiym), knowing good and evil (Genesis 3:5). Adam and Eve were already made in the image of God and according to His likeness; but the enemy wants us to fall with him, for he too wanted to be god and be worshipped, and that was the reason he was evicted from heaven. Adam and Eve wanted to become as gods, so they partook of the fruit of the forbidden tree, and they fell in the same pride of Satan. And just like Satan was evicted from heaven; for trying to become god; Adam and Eve were also evicted from the Garden of Eden; for trying to become gods. Even before the fall of mankind, God never said to Adam and Eve that they were gods (Elohiym), Satan deceived them, and they fell. They now became, in spiritual ranking, lower than Satan the ruler of those idols with a sinful nature. Adam and Eve were never at any time god junior!
God says through Jeremiah: So you shall say to them, **The gods who have not made the heavens and the earth, they shall perish from the earth and from under these heavens** (Jeremiah 10:11). Satan and his demons, who made themselves gods, are created beings, they never created heaven and earth; they will all perish in the lake of fire (Revelation 21). Any human being, whether a born again believer or heathen, who makes himself or herself a god or goddess, will perish with Satan and his demons in the lake of fire. Jesus Christ created heaven and earth, that is why he can call Himself God; you and I are created beings. Of Jesus Christ it is written: **For by Him [Christ Jesus] were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth,** visible and invisible, whether **they be** thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him: And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist (Colossians 1:16-17).

Satan wants us to fall with him, in the same error of pride, to try to exalt ourselves like gods, to be God’s equal, and think we can be above Him (Isaiah 14:12-13). Though we are seated with Christ Jesus in heavenly places, at the right hand of God; it is only because we are in Christ, but of our own, we cannot stand before God. But Jesus was standing before God and with God before the world was created. He does not need us to stand in God’s presence; but we need Him to come to God; because He made a way for us through His blood. Let us learn not to think of ourselves beyond what is written. Paul tells us: **for even if there are so called gods, whether in heaven or in earth,** (as there are many gods, and many lords,) **yet for us, there is but one God,** the Father, of whom are all things, and **we in Him;** and **one Lord Jesus Christ,** through whom are all things, and through whom we live (1Corinthians 8:5-6).

In the book of Acts of the Apostles, we have the example of Herod. The bible tells us: So on a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat on his throne and gave an oration to them. And the people kept shouting, **“The voice of a god and not of a man!”** Then immediately, an angel of the Lord struck him, because he did not give glory to God. And **he was eaten by worms and died** (Acts 12:21-23). Now being eaten by worms is symbolic of being sent to hell; for Jesus said: **If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed, rather than having two hands, to go to hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched—“where ‘Their worm does not die, And the fire is not quenched** (Mark 9:43-44). God hates it when we start falling in the iniquity of Satan by thinking that we are gods. It is a deadly heresy!

**These so called gods are but devils and I do not want you to have fellowship with devils** (1Corinthians 10:20). The antichrist spirit is behind it, as Paul explains: **Let not anyone deceive you by any means. For that Day shall not come unless there first comes a falling away, and the man of sin shall be revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all**
that is called God, or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, setting himself forth, that he is God (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4). The Godhead is in us, but it does not make us gods; but representatives, delegates or ambassadors of God. Anybody who thinks he has become a god, is being deceived by Satan, pride has entered his heart, and he is thinking beyond what is written. You do not want to be a devil, or have fellowship with devils! For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus (1 Timothy 2:5), we do not have small gods, all those small gods are but devils; to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by Him (1 Corinthians 8:6).

When God is rebuking every human who thinks he is a god, saying: Now gird up your loins like a man; for I will ask of you, and you teach Me. Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell if you have understanding! Who has set its measurements, for you know? Or who has stretched the line on it? On what are its bases sunk, or who cast its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? Or who shut up the sea with doors, when it broke forth as it came from the womb? When I made the clouds its robe, and darkness its navel-band, and set My limit on it, and set bars and doors, and I said, You shall come to here, but no further; and here your proud waves shall stop. Have you commanded the morning from your days, and caused the dawn to know its place (Job 38:3-12).

Thus you shall say unto them, The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, even they shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens (Jeremiah 10:11).

Are we christs or messiahs?

Daniel 9:25 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince, there shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublesome times.

Daniel 9:26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for Himself: and the people of the prince who shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

The Messiah is the Hebrew word which means Anointed, even the Anointed One and His anointing. It is what we call in English Christ; therefore the Messiah is the Christ. It is the Hebrew word Mashiyach. In the entire Old Testament Mashiyach is only translated Messiah twice, and it is in the scripture above, the 37 other times it appears in the Old Testament it is translated anointed. No priest, no high priest, no
king, no judge, no prophet, though they were anointed in those offices, or had the Spirit of the Lord come from time to time upon them, claimed to be the Messiah. For the Jews understood there is only one Messiah.

In the New Testament the word Messiah is translated Christ, there is only one Christ, and He is the Anointed One. We are anointed, because we are in Him, the Anointed One, even Christ. None of the apostles claimed to be a little christ or a little messiah. But they explained to us that we are in Christ or in the Messiah. For **there is one God**, and **one mediator** between God and men, the man **Christ Jesus** (1Timothy 2:5); to us **there is but** one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in Him; and **one Lord Jesus Christ**, by whom are all things, and we by Him (1Corinthians 8:6).

God the Father is in us, Christ is in us and the Holy Ghost is in us; yet it does not make us gods or christs. It is the plan of Satan to make us proud like him, and start thinking we are gods or christs; because in a sense we want to be worshiped, but only God deserves our worship, not angels or humans. You are not god junior or christ junior, that is the devil deceiving you, even the spirit of antichrist. The word Christian does not mean little Christ but Christ-like: we embrace the way, the truth and the life of Christ Jesus, that is what it means (John 14:6). That is why the early disciples, to avoid confusion, called themselves people of the Way. Paul says: this I confess unto you, that after the way which they call heresy, so I worship the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets (Acts 24:14). Brothers and sisters, let us not be ignorant of Satan’s devices, lest he should get an advantage of us (2Corinthians 2:11).

He wants to put his pride in us, and cause us to fall, like he tempted Adam and Eve. We are not deities, but a new creature. In spiritual ranking: after the Godhead, it is us the redeemed man or new creation in second place, in third place the angels of the Lord, then Satan and his demons in the fourth place, and in fifth place the unsaved or mere men. Satan is jealous because we have power over him, we have authority over all his power and we are his master. He wants us to fall, so that we will be under him, and he can torment us like he torments the unsaved who are his slaves. But thanks be to God who has given us the victory over him and all his demons, through our Lord Jesus Christ (1Corinthians 15:57). Even in Obadiah and in the book of Judges, when they talk of deliverers or saviours they talked about Yasha and Shaphat as we have explained early in this study, they were never Mashiyach.

But why are people thinking that they are gods or christs? In Ezekiel 28 where the fall of Satan is described, it is written: **Because your heart is lifted up**, and you have said, I am a God, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas; **yet you are a man, and not God**, though you set your heart as the heart of God. **Behold, you are wiser than Daniel:** there is no secret that they can hide from you: With your wisdom and with your understanding **you have gained riches, and hast gotten**
**gold and silver into your treasures**: By your great wisdom in trade you have increased your riches, and your heart is lifted up because of your riches. Therefore thus says the Lord GOD; Because you have set your heart as the heart of God (Ezekiel 28:2-6).

These people are deceived by the devil; this chapter 28 of Ezekiel was written to the king of Tyre, who became proud. Many times when people are in a position of power, Satan puts pride in their heart, if they are in position of power, but are still poor, they are not that proud, but as soon as they increase in riches their heart is lifted up. The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it (Jeremiah 17:9)? Keep your heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life (Proverbs 4:23).

No wonder that Paul tells us: the love of money is a root of all evil, of which some having lusted after, they were seduced from the faith and pierced themselves through with many sorrows (1Timothy 6:10). Those preachers who think and preach that they are now gods, god junior and little christs, have been deceived by the devil. They have sold some of their sermons in DVD’s and books, and have increased financially. So they are looking for so-called “deep revelations”. They now hear from the devil that they are gods and christs. Those so-called “deep revelations” will lead them into a “deep ditch”. They believe that they are now gods and christs, But God is reminding them: you are men, not gods! Thus says the Lord God: the gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, even they shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens (Jeremiah 10:11).

God asked Moses to throw the rod on the ground and it became a serpent, and God asked him to pick it up by the tail, and it became a rod again (Exodus 2). Leadership is like that rod of Moses that can turn into a serpent. The rod of Moses, when it turned into a serpent, swallowed up the serpents of the magicians of Egypt (Exodus 7). God-given leadership helps you to destroy all the power of the enemy, but if you misuse it, it can get you into big trouble, like the serpent got Adam and Eve into big trouble, and they were evicted from Eden, the Garden of the Lord.

When people catch a serpent, they seize it by the head, because they do not want it to bite them; but God told Moses to take up the rod that turned into a serpent, by the tail. So you must be careful with your God-given leadership, you can easily become proud like Satan, the serpent of old, and think you are a god. Moses understood it. And though God used him to perform many miracles and to deliver the Hebrews, Moses understood that he was not a god, but a man, and did not fall into the deception of the devil the serpent of old (Revelation 12:9). These people think they have a greater revelation than Daniel, all the prophets including Moses and all the apostles of Jesus, who never said they were gods or christs. They have been deceived by Satan, the old serpent, like Adam and Eve were deceived.
John the Baptist gave us the example that we ought to follow. The bible tells us: Now this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ” (John 1:19-20).” The same John the Baptist said again: “A man can receive nothing unless it has been given to him from heaven. “You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, ‘I am not the Christ,’ but, ‘I have been sent before Him (John 3:27-28).’ And as you read throughout the four gospels, the book of Acts of the Apostles, and all the epistles, no disciple of Jesus claimed to be the Christ or a little christ or a god. Let us be careful how we think in our heart, let us avoid committing any iniquity by thinking that we are little christs or gods. Christ Jesus dwells in us, and we are in Christ, but we are not Christ. God dwells in us and walks in us, but we are not gods (2Corinthians 6:16).

**Ascribe the glory, righteousness, power and strength to God**

The psalmist said: **We have heard with our ears, O God, Our fathers have told us, the deeds You did in their days, In days of old**: You drove out the nations with Your hand, but them You planted; You afflicted the peoples, and cast them out. For they did not gain possession of the land by their own sword, nor did their own arm save them; **but it was Your right hand, Your arm, and the light of Your countenance, Because You favoured them.** You are my King, O God; **Command victories for Jacob. Through You we will push down our enemies; Through Your name we will trample those who rise up against us. For I will not trust in my bow, Nor shall my sword save me** (Psalm 44:1-6).

You see the Jews understood it was not truly their military power or strength, that subdued their enemies under them; it was the arm, or the power of God. God favoured them. Even for their financial prosperity they understood it was through God. **You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, so that He may confirm His covenant** which He has sworn to your fathers, as it is today. And it shall be if you do at all forget Jehovah your God, and walk after other gods and serve them and worship them, I testify against you today that you shall surely perish (Deuteronomy 8:18-19).

In the book of Judges the enemies said: **This is nothing else but the sword of Gideon** the son of Joash, a man of Israel! **Into his hand God has delivered Midian and the whole camp.** (Judges 7:14). The enemies see your exploits and think it is you doing them. They think it is your swords or your words that have power. But we as Christians must understand it is God putting the dread of us into the heart of our enemies, for he said: **no man shall be able to stand against you; the LORD your God will put the dread of you and the fear of you upon all the land where you tread, just as He has said to you** (Deuteronomy 11:25). Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, I have given that to you, as I
said to Moses (Joshua 1:3). **No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life.** As I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not fail you nor forsake you (Joshua 1:5).

Thus **the three companies** of Gideon blew the trumpets and broke the pitchers—they held the torches in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands for blowing—and they cried, **“The sword of the LORD and of Gideon** (Judges 7:20)! Initially Gideon had 30,000 who wanted to go to war with him; but God drastically reduced that army. He started by removing the fearful by telling them to depart at once. For God has not given His people a spirit of fear but of power, love and sound mind (2Timothy 1:7). God already said to Moses that when you go to war, even spiritual warfare: the officers shall speak further to the people, and they shall say, **Who is the man that is fearful and faint-hearted? Let him go and return to his house, lest his brothers’ heart faint as well as his heart** (Deuteronomy 20:8).

And then God also asked those who knelt down to drink to depart, and only took those three hundred who lapped from the water like a dog. Lapping like a dog is worship, people who will give the glory to God not try to take or share the glory with Him. When Jesus, being tempted by the devil in the wilderness, said: **Get behind Me, Satan; for it is written, you shall worship the Lord your God**, and Him only shall you serve (Matthew 4:10). The word worship that Jesus uses here is the Greek word _proskuneo_, which means to kiss like a dog licking its master’s hand. Please read the bible study on **“The Seven Hebrew words for praise”** to understand in depth what it means to worship God. God is looking for true worshipers, those who will worship Him in Spirit and truth (John 4:23)!

Surround yourself with people, like the three hundred of Gideon, who know that it is God not Gideon. Though they were following Gideon as their leader, but they knew it was the sword of the Lord that had become the sword of Gideon. Or the word of God has become your word; for the Spirit of God is speaking through you (Matthew 10:20). The power of the word of God has become the power of your word. The holiness of God has become your holiness. People who are not practicing holiness or righteousness, will be fearful; for the wicked flee _when_ no man pursues; but the righteous are bold as a lion (Proverbs 28:1). It is God who works in you both to will and do for His good pleasure (Philippians 2:13).

Habakkuk tells us how Assyria transgressed against the Lord. God gave them the victory over all the nations that sinned against the Lord. God used them to punish all those nations; but they thought it was their power or the power of their idols. And Habakkuk tells us: **Then Assyria’s mind changes, and he transgresses; He commits offense, ascribing this power to his god** (Habakkuk 1:11). Idols are works of men’s hands, they carved them or they moulded them, Assyria trusted in the works of their hands, their nets and their dragnets. They even offered sacrifices
to their nets and dragnets, the work of their hands (Habakkuk 1). When Habakkuk says: Behold, the soul of him is lifted up, and is not upright; but the just shall live by his faith (Habakkuk 2:4). The pride of Assyria was to ascribe the power to their idols and the work of their hands.

Some Christians act like Assyria and start worshiping the works of their hands, their profession, their business or their social status. They think it was by their own power or intellect that they got that wealth, or that promotion; they do not ascribe it to the Lord. For exaltation or promotion comes neither from the east nor from the west, nor from the south. But God is the Judge: He puts down one, and exalts another (Psalm 75:6-7). The kingdom of Assyria was destroyed because of the transgression of not ascribing the power of their military conquest to God; but instead to the work of their hands and their idols. The kingdom of Babylon conquered Assyria; but Nebuchadnezzar, who was king over the realm of the Chaldeans at Babylon, did not learn that lesson of Assyria.

Nebuchadnezzar did not ascribe the power to God either, he thought it was his own hand that had built that great kingdom (Daniel 4). The king Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying, “Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for a royal dwelling by my mighty power and for the honour of my majesty (Daniel 4:30)? God removed him from his throne and appointed him to eat grass like an ox. We must understand that whatever we build: career, ministry, church, family, etc. It is God who built it through us; and we must learn to give him the credit for it. Paul tells us: every house, church, career and kingdom is built by someone, but He who built all things is God (Hebrew 3:4).

Daniel tells us: we do not present our supplications before You God, because of our righteous deeds, but because of Your great mercies (Daniel 9:18). Does it mean that we no longer do righteous deeds? God forbid! Paul tells us: faithful is the Word, and as to these things, I desire that you strongly affirm that those believing God, might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men (Titus 3:8). And let believers also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, so that they may not be unfruitful (Titus 3:14).

Read the bible study on “Abecedary of prayer” to discover that our strong reasoning in prayer is what Jesus Christ did for us by His death, burial and resurrection.

In the book of Job it is written: I will ascribe righteousness to my Maker (even God) (Job 36:3). And the Psalmists tell us: For all the gods of the peoples are idols, But the LORD made the heavens. Honour and majesty are before Him; Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary. Give (or ascribe) to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name: bring an offering, and come into His courts (Psalm 96:4-8). Let us learn to give Him the glory, the praise, the honour; ascribe to
Him the strength and the majesty. **God has spoken once, Twice I have heard this:** That power [belongs] to God (Psalm 62:11). How many times do we want Him to remind us of the same thing? Glory, honour, power, majesty, righteousness, holiness and strength belong to the Lord!

**Ascribe strength to God:** His excellence [is] over Israel, And His strength [is] in the clouds. O God, [You are] more awesome than Your holy places. The God of Israel [is] **He who gives strength and power to [His] people.** Blessed [be] God (Psalm 68:34-35)! Whatever strength and power, including miracle working power and financial power we have, it is God who gave them to us. As we learn to ascribe the glory, power, righteousness, holiness, majesty, strength and honour to our Lord, we will not be transgressing like Assyria did, or like Nebuchadnezzar did. Every place on which the sole of your foot treads upon, shall be yours: No man shall be able to stand against you; the LORD your God will put the dread of you and the fear of you upon all the land where you tread, just as He has said to you (Deuteronomy 11:24-25).

In the book of Job it is written: **Do you think this is right?** Do you say, **“My righteousness is more than God’s”?** For you say, **‘What advantage will it be to You? What profit shall I have, more than if I had sinned (Job 35:2-3)?** I remember I was going through a tough period and I was doing everything the Lord was telling me to do; yet things in the natural looked as if they were not working. So I started to think like Job did. I was saying to God in my heart: “I have obeyed You, I have given my money to Your kingdom, I have invested my time, I have even gone the extra mile. It looks like I have been more faithful than You God, for I do not see the result you promised! What advantage and what profit do I have, more than those who did not obey you?”

I did not know that in a way I was presenting God my self-righteousness. For God performs His words because He is righteous (Nehemiah 9:8). So righteous people are men and women of their words, and perform what they said. So by me saying all these things to God, I was telling God that I was more righteous than He. I remember even telling God, that my parents perform their word quicker than He does. In a way I was saying that my parents are more righteous than God. And when I read Job 35:2-3 I wept, for the Holy Spirit convicted me of my self-righteousness. I repented of that, and decided to renew my mind, and say like Job said after he was convicted of his self-righteousness: **I will ascribe righteousness to my Maker** (Job 36:3).

And God said to me what He said to Job, whenever he presented God his self-righteousness: **Surely God will not listen to empty [talk], Nor will the Almighty regard it.** Although you say you do not see Him, [Yet] justice [is] before Him, and you must wait for Him. And now, because **He has not punished in His anger, Nor taken much notice of folly,** therefore **Job opens his mouth in vain; He multiplies words without knowledge** (Job 35:13-16). I thank God that whenever I open my mouth in vain, and multiply words without knowledge; He does
not take notice of my folly, nor punish me for accusing Him of injustice or calling Him unjust, unfaithful and unrighteous. I will confess that I agree with the statement of Peter: **Yet now, brethren, I know that you did [it] in ignorance, as [did] also your rulers** (Acts 3:17). Paul tells us: **Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, and to renew their mind** (Acts 17:30).

The moment we get to know the will of God, we must repent, not merely being remorseful for what we have done, but also renewing our mind so that we will stop trespassing against the Lord. Then we will ascribe all the glory to God. In the book of Exodus, God sent Moses to deliver His people. In the beginning Moses experienced some resistance from Pharaoh. But the word of God was still true; Moses kept going back to Pharaoh with the same message: let My people go! And at the end Pharaoh was defeated and let the people of God go. God will perform His words to you; because He is righteous (Nehemiah 9:8). He watches over His word to perform it (Jeremiah 1:12). But He asks us: submit to God (by hearing and doing His word). **Resist the devil** and he will flee from you (James 4:7). We should not become sluggish, but imitate those, who through faith and patience **inherit** the promises (Hebrews 6:12).

God knows what is deep inside our heart. He will reveal our thoughts and our intents to us; not to condemn us, but to convict us. So that we can know His ways, not just His acts and renew our mind. For the **word** of God [is] living and powerful, and **sharper** than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, **and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart** (Hebrews 4:12). For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, nor hidden that will not be known. Therefore whatever you have spoken in the dark, will be heard in the light, and **what you have spoken in the ear in inner rooms, will be proclaimed on the housetops** (Luke 12:2-3). This is what I am doing; I am exposing the works of darkness that Jesus revealed in me, in my inner room. For Job tells us: **If I have covered my transgressions as Adam, by hiding my iniquity in my bosom, because I feared the great multitude, and dreaded the contempt of families, So that I kept silence** [and] did not go out of the door (Job 31:33-34).

Adam tried to cover up his iniquity of partaking of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil; but God wanted him to confess it. For If we **confess** our **sins**, He is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1John 1:9). Many times we are afraid of the multitude and our relatives. What will they think about us if they know what we are struggling with, or what our sins are? Maybe they will treat us with contempt, and no longer honour us as men or women of God, who are “spiritual”. But the secret to spiritual growth is repentance, (being remorseful for what we did wrong and renewing our mind) and exposing the works of darkness, so
that the devil does not use it against us. For He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes [them], will have mercy (Proverbs 28:13).

God says: The heart [is] deceitful above all [things], And desperately wicked; Who can know it? I, the LORD, search the heart, [I] test the mind, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings (Jeremiah 17:9-10). God knows what is in your mind, our thoughts and intents. In Daniel 2, the king Nebuchadnezzar had a dream, he did not tell it to anybody, but wanted the magicians to tell him, both the dream and its interpretation. God revealed both the dream and its interpretation to Daniel. I have determined to keep repenting and exposing the works of darkness in me, all the days of my life, in Jesus’ name! For I do not seek the honour that comes from men, but only the honour that comes from God. Whenever I act on the counsel of the written word of God, I honour Him. Jesus tells us: how can you believe, you who receive honour from one another and do not seek the honour that comes from God only (John 5:44)?

Finally, my brothers and sisters, I say unto you what Jude says in his epistle. Mercy and peace and love be multiplied to you. Having made all haste to write to you, about the common salvation, beloved, I had need to write to you, exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints. For certain men crept in secretly, those having been of old previously written into this condemnation, ungodly ones, perverting the grace of our God for unbridled lust, and denying the only Master, God, even our Lord Jesus Christ. Now unto God that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen.

Regards,

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- 1. Act on the word of God
- Know the will of God
- 2.1 God does not hide Himself or anything from us
- 2-2 See the Just One, Jesus
- 2-3 Hear the voice of His mouth or Rhema word
- 2-4 Be His effective witness
- 2-5 The word is near you, in your heart and in your mouth
- Look on us, bring him to me
- 3-1 You have been given the name of Jesus and its usage
- 3-2 You are joined with Christ
- Sons and daughters who serve
- The book of promises: our signed cheque book
- 5-1 Do to your neighbour as you want to be done to you, hence fulfil the law and the prophets
• 5-2 The Story of the good Samaritan is not a story of Jesus promoting human medical knowledge
• 5-3 Desire to be great and first in the kingdom of God
• 5-4 God is not unjust to forget and ignore your work for Him and His kingdom.
• 5-5 Bible definition of pride, presumption and humility
• Do not fear, do not bow down or back down
• 6-1 Fear is the weapon of the devil
• 6-2 The Lord has enduring blessings, riches and honour for you not ephemeral ones
• 6-3 You are from above and are above all
• Is Jesus a deceiver, a liar and a madman?
• Are we gods?
• Are we christs or messiahs?
• Ascribe the glory, righteousness, power and strength to God