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Jehovah-SHAMMAH: THE LORD IS PRESENT OR THE LORD IS THERE

1. THE NEED FOR GOD’S PRESENCE

In part I of the Perfect Redemption Plan, we explained that in the beginning, when God created Adam and Eve, they were in the very presence of God. They were living in Eden, the Garden of the Lord. God would come in the cool of the day and commune with them. Furthermore God was also in them, for He breathed Himself in them (Genesis 2:7). But when Adam and Eve sinned, they were banished [to banish means to condemn, to exile, or to compel to leave one’s country, by authority of the prince or government, either for life or for a limited time] from the presence of God, and God was no longer in them either. We have explained how God made it possible to get rid of sin in our life, by the death and resurrection of Jesus, so that He could breathe Himself into us again, when we are born again and impute His righteousness unto us.

Therefore Jesus breathed on the disciples, when He came back from the dead and said: receive the Holy Ghost (John 20:22)! We were back to the first plan of God when He created mankind. His Spirit is now in us like it was in Adam and Eve before their fall. We have explained in the part II of the Perfect Redemption Plan, how through the death of Jesus on the cross, we have been reconciled with God, we could come back into His presence, and we have succinctly explained how we are now seated together with Christ Jesus in the heavenly places; how we are now members of God’s household, meaning we dwell under the same roof with God the Father, Jesus, in our heavenly Jerusalem; how our citizenship is now in heaven. God has opened the door of heaven so that all who are born again, can come back into His presence like Adam and Eve were in the presence of God in Eden, the garden of the Lord before their fall, all that was made possible by the peace Jesus purchased for us by His own blood.
Now we know, that when we are born again, God’s Spirit is in us, and we are in His presence in heaven. The big question is: is God’s presence with us here on earth? Does His presence come and go? Moses said to God in the wilderness: **if Your presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here** (Exodus 33:15). Moses did not want to go anywhere if the presence of God was not going with them. He knew it would be risky for them, the enemy can just ambush them and kill them, and the snakes can just break into the camp and bite the people. But as long as the presence of God is with them, He knows the people are safe, no enemy can defeat them, and no snake can break into their camp to bite the people.

2. What is God’s presence?

Moses said to God: if your presence or faces does not go with us, do not bring us up from here. God reassured Moses, saying: **My presence or faces will go with you and I will give you rest** (Exodus 33:14). What then is the presence of God, or the faces of God? The presence of the Lord, or the faces of the Lord, are the three aspects of Yahweh, or the three persons of Yahweh: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. When the three persons of the Godhead are present with you, all things are possible. In Genesis chapter one, the faces or the presence of God was there and creation happened. The account goes like this: in the beginning **God** created the heavens and the earth, the earth was without form and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep, and the **Spirit of God** was hovering over the face of the waters, and God said: “let there be light”. This should be understood as in the beginning the Godhead (God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit) created the heavens and the earth. God the Spirit was hovering over the face of the waters, God the Father spoke the Word, Jesus is the word of God. John says in the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were created through Him and without Him nothing was made that was made (John 1:1-3).

Even when there is chaos around and darkness the presence of the Lord will put order where chaos was and light where darkness was. The presence of God or the faces of God will make it possible for creation to happen; the works of darkness cannot operate where God’s presence is. All things are possible, there is no limit, victory is guaranteed. The presence of God went with them into the wilderness. Jesus was with them, the Lord said to Moses: I will send My **Angel** before you and He will drive out the Canaanite and the Amorite and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite (Exodus 33:2). Jesus our Saviour is the Angel of the presence of the Lord. **For the Lord said: surely they are my people, children who will not lie: so He was their Saviour. In all their afflictions He was afflicted, and the Angel of His presence saved them: in His love and in His pity He redeemed them; and He bore them, and carried them all the days of old** (Isaiah 63:8-9).

The Holy Spirit was there too, as it is written: but **they rebelled, and vexed or grieved His Holy Spirit**. therefore He was turned to be their enemy, and He fought against them. Then He remembered the days of old, Moses, and his people, saying, where is He who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherd of His flock? **Where is He who put His Holy Spirit within them** (Isaiah 63:10-11)? God the Father was with them, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit was with them, and went with them everywhere. Moses’ prayer was answered, the presence of the Lord went with them.
3. What is the meaning of the eyes of the Lord?

The bible says: **the eyes of the Lord run to and fro in all the whole earth to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is perfect toward Him** (2Chronicles 16:9). The eyes of the Lord talk about the Spirit of the Lord. As it is written: see the Stone I have set in front of Joshua! There are seven eyes on that one Stone, and I will engrave an inscription on it, says the Lord Almighty, and I will remove the sin of this land in a single day (Zechariah 3:9). Jesus Christ is that Stone which the builders rejected and has become the chief corner stone (Ephesians 2:20, 1Peter 2:6-7, Matthew 21:42). Jesus is that One Stone who removed the sin of the land, even of the whole world in one day, on the day He died on the cross. As it is written: And one of them, Caiaphas, being the high priest of that year, said to them, You do not know anything at all, nor do you consider that it is expedient for us that one man should die for the people, and not that the whole nation perish. And he did not speak this of himself, but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for the nation; and not for that nation only, but also that He should gather together in one, the children of God who were scattered abroad (John 11:49-52).

And the seven eyes that are on that One Stone, talk of the Holy Spirit even the seven aspects of the Holy Spirit, Isaiah told us was upon Jesus: And a Shoot goes out from the stump of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots. And the Spirit of Jehovah shall rest on Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of Jehovah (Isaiah 11:1-2). So today you have understood that the eyes of the Lord talk of the Holy Spirit, even the seven aspects of the Holy Spirit; and that Jesus fulfilled the prophecy of Zechariah 3:9. Thus we understand the meaning of the eyes of the Lord run to and fro in all the whole earth, being the Spirit of the Lord being everywhere.

David full of this revelation says: Where shall I go from Your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from Your presence? If I go up into Heaven, You are there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the furthest parts of the sea; even there shall Your hand lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me. If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me, even the night shall be light around me. Yea, the darkness does not hide from You; but the night shines as the day; as is the darkness, so is the light to You (Psalm 139:7-12).

4. Old Testament Attempts to be in God’s presence and have the Spirit upon them.

We have explained what the presence of God meant. In the days of old, the presence of God would come and go. The Holy Spirit would fall on one of them and then go away. The presence of the Lord would come and fill the temple where the people were gathered, and then go away. Samson was a perfect example of it, as it is written: the woman bore a son, and called his name **Samson**: and the child grew, and the LORD blessed him. And the Spirit of the LORD began to move him at times in the camp of Dan between Zorah and Eshtaol (Judges 13:24-25). Yes the Spirit of the Lord only moved him at times.

David did not like it so He prayed to God: **Cast me not away from Your presence; and take not Your Holy Spirit from me** (Psalm 51:11). Sometimes they had to sing or play a musical instrument before the Holy Spirit fell upon a prophet so that he could prophesy. Elisha would call for a musician and when the musician would play, the hand of the Lord
would come upon him or the Holy Spirit would come upon him, and he would prophesy (2Kings 3:15-18). David would have to play the instrument of music (a harp) for the presence of God to come and drive out the evil spirit in Saul (1Samuel 16:23). God answered the prayer of David and the bible says: **Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed David** in the midst of his brethren: and **the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward.** So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah (1Samuel 16:13).

David who was the man after God’s own heart understood that God did not want him to have the Spirit moving him only at times like Samson; but the Spirit was always moving him from the day he received it. Oil is one of the symbols of the Holy Spirit; so the bible says the day David was anointed King by God through Samuel: the Spirit of God came upon David from that day forward. In the New Testament; the day you were born again, Jesus anointed king and priest to our God (Revelation 1:6); then the day you receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost with evidence of speaking in tongues the Spirit of the Lord comes upon you from that day forward, He abides and never departs! He is always moving upon you as Jesus explains to us: whosoever drinks of the water that I shall give him, shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water, springing up into everlasting life (John 4:14). He who believes on Me, as the scripture has said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water (John 7:38).

The heart cry of David was that the presence of God would always be among the people and the Holy Spirit be upon him. So when David built the tabernacle of David and later when Solomon built the temple, David appointed the musicians to sing 24/7 in the tabernacle of David and in the temple which Solomon built (1Chronicles 23:5; 1Chronicles 25). David had the Spirit of the Lord upon him 24/7 from the day he was anointed king, as we have read; but the people did not have that benefit. Therefore David did his very best to always bring the presence of God into the midst of the people and have the Holy Spirit also fall upon some of them at times.

But David knew that what God had done in His life, He wanted to do it for everybody who believed in God. Which one of us can be praising the Lord 24/7 so that He can be in our presence? Moses, David and all the prophets and prophetesses of God longed for the day when God’s presence would never depart from us, a day when His Holy Spirit would not be taken away from us, but remain upon us. David was privileged to have that experience under the Old Testament. Hence God came and said to Ezekiel that a day would come when they will not have to sing first before the Spirit comes upon them, they will not have to sing 24/7 to keep the presence of God in their midst. But the Lord will willingly be there in their midst, present in their midst. That is why, when you are born again, Jesus makes you or anoints you son of God, so that you are heir to the throne of God, and anoints you king and priest to our God (Revelation 1:6). And because you are anointed son, even heir of the throne, king and priest, therefore the Holy Spirit, who is the Anointing (1John 2:27), comes upon you, from that day forward to abide forever.

That is what happened to David in 1Samuel 16, he was first of all anointed with oil as king by Samuel, then the Holy Spirit, who is the Anointing, came upon him to abide. You also it is because you are anointed son even heir of God, king and priest, when you received the Spirit of Adoption that cries out Abba Father in you (Galatians 4:6), that the Holy Spirit, who is the Anointing (1John 2:27), came upon you to abide forever! Jesus explains it for us saying: **The**
**Spirit of the Lord** is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord (Luke 4:18-19). Jesus was first of all Anointed Son of God even Heir of God, King of kings (Revelation 19:16) and High Priest according to the order of Melchizedek (Hebrews 5:10); then because of that the Holy Spirit, who is the Anointing (1John 2:27), came upon Him to abide forever to enable Him to preach the gospel in season and out of season (2Timothy 4:2); to heal all manner of sickness, all manners of disease, cast out all demons and raise the dead at will!

5. The Lord is There, The Lord is Present.

Ezekiel 48:35 *It was* round about eighteen thousand measures: and the name of the city from that day shall be, The LORD IS THERE (Jehovah-SHAMMAH).

Two thousand years ago, the prophecy of Ezekiel was fulfilled, God sent His Son Jesus. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth (John 1:14). He was God in the flesh, walking among humans; He was Immanuel, God with us, God in the midst of Humans, God tabernacing with us. For the Lord promised: behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel (Isaiah 7:14). When Jesus was walking on earth the presence of God was among us. We have established what the presence or faces of God meant.

Jesus is God the Son, He was in their midst in flesh and blood. Jesus told them: I am not alone, because the Father is with Me (John 16:32). Believe Me that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me (John 14:11). The living Father has sent Me, and I live by the Father (John 6:57).

From these scriptures we have established that God the Father was always with Jesus when He was on earth. When Jesus was baptized, the heavens were opened to Him, and the Spirit of God descended upon Him like a dove and alighting upon Him (Matthew 3:16). God anointed Jesus Christ of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him (Acts 10:38). We have established that when Jesus was on earth, the presence of God was with Him: the Father was with Him, and the Holy Spirit was with Him. No wonder that power was available to do miracles, for it was like in the book of Genesis, when they created the heavens and the earth.

The disciples rejoiced to be in the presence of God, for all things were possible in His presence, God was there! His presence was going with them in the person of Jesus. But Jesus told them: a little while, and you shall not see Me: and again, a little while, and you shall see me, because I go to the Father (John 16:16). The disciples did not understand why Jesus had to go back to the Father? They did not understand why Jesus had to go to the cross? Jesus told them: *I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you or to your advantage that I go away: for if I do not go away, the Comforter (The Holy Spirit) will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you* (John 16:7). The reason Jesus came on earth is to show us God, what God can do in a body of a human being, and to show us, what and who we can be, when God is present with us and in us.
As long as Jesus was alive, God was only with Him, the Holy Spirit was only inside Him and abiding upon Him alone. God wanted to be inside everybody not just inside Jesus, God wanted His Spirit to abide upon everybody, not just on Jesus. When Jesus was with His disciples before the cross, He gave them power and they went and preached the gospel and healed the sick. They came back so exited saying: Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through Your name (Luke 10:17).

But the disciples did not fully understand that because the presence of the Lord was with them in the person of Jesus Christ; power was always available to heal the sick, cast out demons and raise the dead. So one came and said to Jesus: Lord, have mercy on my son; for he is lunatic or epileptic, and suffers severely; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not cure him. Jesus scolded the disciples, saying O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I suffer you? Bring him hither to Me (Matthew 17:15-16). And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour (Matthew 17:18).

The disciples could not believe that the presence of God was always with them, for Jesus was with them. They still believed that Jesus needed to give them a new command to cast out that epileptic spirit. Jesus did not want the disciples to still function like in the Old Testament, where the presence of God comes into the temple if they sing long enough, or if they pray long enough, or if they fast long enough, or read enough bible verses. All these things we ought to do, but the New Covenant is much better than the Old, and is established upon better promises than the old (Hebrews 8:6). Jesus wanted them to believe that the Presence of the Lord was with them in the person of Jesus Christ.

So Jesus had a better plan for them, not just that the Presence of God would be with them, but in them! That is why Jesus told them, it is to your advantage that I go, so that what I have, you can have. He said when I am back from the dead it will be possible for you to be born again, the Spirit of God will be living in you like He is in Me, and He will abide upon you, like He is upon Me, and then I Jesus will dwell in you. I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever; even 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 14:16-17).

When we become born again, God literally breathes His Spirit into us, like He did into Adam, and into the disciples of Jesus. Jesus breathed on them and said unto them, receive the Holy Ghost (John 20:22). Brothers and sisters, it is the same Holy God that was in Jesus, that He has breathed into you, when you became born again. We have the same Spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore I have spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak (2Corinthians 4:13). My friends when you are born again you can claim the same promises, the same perfect redemption plan God gave to the disciples of Jesus, through the death and resurrection of Jesus, for you have received the same Spirit. But it was not good enough just to have the Spirit of God in us, for us to have the presence of God, or the faces of God, we need the two other persons of the Godhead with us, even in us.

Therefore Jesus reassures us: I will not leave you comfortless: I [Jesus] will come to you (John 14:18). You will see Me: because I live, you shall live also. At that day (when you are
born again) you shall know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I [Jesus] in you (John 14:19-20). Paul tells us: Christ dwells in your heart by faith (Ephesians 3:17). It is time for you to have that knowledge that Jesus is in you, and you are in Him. You and I entered into Jesus when they pierced his side on the cross. The writer of Hebrews explains that we are in Christ because the veil that was separating us from the presence of God, has been rent. The veil was the flesh of Jesus (Hebrews 10:19-20). Now we can come into the presence of God in heaven through the blood of Jesus. You are in Christ Jesus. Your life is hid with Christ in God (Colossians 3:3). But we want to know how Jesus can be in us?

When we become born again, Jesus guarantees us: behold, the kingdom of God is within you or inside you (Luke 17:21). The kingdom of God is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost (Romans 14:17). We now see what God was doing, when He imputed His righteousness to us, and when He reconciled us to Himself, for without righteousness and peace, God, a Holy God cannot live in us. Therefore the Holy Spirit lives in us, because God imputed the righteousness of Jesus to us, and because the wrath of God is no longer abiding upon us; but we have peace. Since God has established His kingdom or headquarters on earth inside us, He can come and dwell in us. Therefore Jesus tells us, I am in you, I will not leave you comfortless or orphans, but I will come to you because the kingdom of God is now in you, so I can live in you.

We have the Holy Spirit in us, and Jesus in us, but what about God the Father our Abba Father, is He in us? Jesus tells us when the kingdom of God is in us: My Father will love you, and We [God the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit] will come unto you, and make our abode (permanent home) with you (John 14:23). Know and believe that the Father God is in Me [Jesus], and I Jesus am in Him [Father God] (John 10:38).

I, Jesus, am in the Father God, and the Father in Me, The words that I speak unto you I speak not of Myself: but the Father God who dwells in Me, He does the works (John 14:10). At that day (When you are born again) you shall know that I, Jesus, am in My Father God, and you in Me, and I in you (John 14:20). For you are the temple of the living God; as God has said, I [God] will dwell in them, and walk in them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people (2Corinthians 6:16). Your bodies are the members of Christ (1Corinthians 6:15). Jesus promised us: I will never leave you nor forsake you (Hebrews 13:5). In other words, the Lord will always be there, we do not have to fear any more whether His presence will go with us or not. He walks in our body, He goes where we go, He dwells where we dwell.

So this is the way we must see things In the spirit realm, which is invisible to the natural eyes. When we were born again, the Holy Spirit moved inside us. The Holy Spirit placed us in Christ Jesus, or inside Christ Jesus, and Christ Jesus is in God or inside God. Paul tells us born again Christians: you are dead; your life is hidden with Christ in God (Colossians 3:3). So in the spirit realm then, when you come against a demon, sickness disease and premature death, they are not seeing you but God the Father. And if they remove God the Father, they will see Jesus Christ who is in God the Father, and if they remove Jesus Christ that is when they find you, for you are in Christ. This is the understanding Christians must have and remain dead to self and hidden in God. We have explained it in the Armour of God in part VII of the Perfect Redemption Plan. That is why the Anointing is the Holy Spirit (1John 2:27), the Anointed One is Christ Jesus, and the power is the gospel of Christ Jesus (Romans 1:16, 1Corinthians 1:24). You were anointed son, priest and king, and you are in Christ Jesus the
Anointed One, and you received His Anointing, who is the Holy Spirit. It has nothing to do with you but with the Godhead and their presence in you!

For demons, sicknesses and diseases to kill you, they first of all need to kill God the Father, then kill Jesus Christ before killing you. It will never happen! That is why the bible says: he that touches you, touches the apple of his eye (Zechariah 2:8). David to Goliath the Philistine: you come to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied (1Samuel 17:45). So you are spiritually hidden in God, whosoever touches you, defies you, is directly defying and touching God. Saul and the whole army of Israel did not understand that spiritual revelation, but David did!

Isaiah also understood that spiritual reality, thus when Sennacherib king of Assyria and his army came against Israel, he said: This is the word which the LORD has spoken concerning Sennacherib king of Assyria; The virgin, the daughter of Zion, has despised you, and laughed at you to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem has shaken her head at you. Whom have you reproached and blasphemed? And against whom have you exalted your voice, and lifted up your eyes on high? Even against the Holy One of Israel. By your servants you have reproached the Lord, and have said, By the multitude of my chariots am I come up to the height of the mountains, to the sides of Lebanon; and I will cut down the tall cedars thereof, and the choice fir trees thereof: and I will enter into the height of his border, and the forest of his Carmel (Isaiah 37:22-24).

David also laughed to scorn at his enemies, when they came against him, because he knew that God laughed at them, saying: Why do the heathen rage and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed [you are God’s anointed because you are in Christ Jesus, The Anointed One], saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He [God] who sits in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision (Psalm 2:1-4).

Many times when the devil and his agents, and evil works try to intimidate me, I laugh out loud to scorn, and open that Isaiah 37 and Psalm 2 and read it to him. Isaiah said about Sennacherib king of Assyria: thus says the Lord, to Sennacherib king of Assyria, I know your dwelling place, your going out and your coming in, and your rage against Me [you thought you were raging against Judah, but he who rages against my people, rages against Me, their Holy One]. Because you have raged against Me, and your tumult, have come up to My ears, therefore, I will put My hook in your nose, and My bridle in your lips, and will turn you back by the way which you came (Isaiah 37:28-29). Therefore thus says the Lord concerning the king of Assyria: he shall not come into the city of Jerusalem, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shield, nor build a siege mound against it. By the way that he came, by the same way he shall return; and he shall not come into this city, says the Lord. For I, the Lord, will defend this city of Jerusalem, to save it for My own sake, and for My servant David’s sake.

Then the Angel of the Lord (who is Jesus Christ according to (Isaiah 63:8-9) went out and killed in the camp of the Assyrians one hundred and eighty-five thousand; and when people arose early in the morning, there were corpses, all dead. So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed and went away, returned home and remained at Nineveh and was killed in his own
country, when he was worshipping in the temple of his idol god (Isaiah 37:33-38).

God did not even allow Sennacherib king of Assyria and his army to even shoot a single arrow, He struck first and killed the entire army of Sennacherib king of Assyria, and when he got home he was killed by his own people. David also said about those nations that were raging against him. The Lord Jesus shall break those nations with a rod of iron and shall dash them to pieces like a potter’s vessel (Psalm 2:6-9). This is the understanding we must have about the spirit realm.

Now the second way we must see ourselves, when we stand before our fellow human, is: the Holy Spirit is in us, God is in Jesus, and Jesus is in us. So when we are standing before our fellow human, God the Father, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are in us. We need to speak to people as if it is Jesus and God directly speaking to them. God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit will only speak in line with the written word of God. Jesus tells us: when you go to preach the gospel of the Kingdom, heal the sick, cast out demons, cleanse lepers, and raise the dead: it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you (Matthew 10:20). Peter tells us: If any man or woman speak, let him or her speak as the oracles of God [as if it were God who was directly giving answers to the inquiry of the people through him or her]; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God gives [that ability depends on our revelation of the word of God, as God revealed Himself to Samuel by the Word of the Lord(1Samuel 3:21): the more revelation and obedience of the Word of the Lord Samuel had, the more God confirmed the words of his mouth, so that none of his words fell to the ground (1Samuel 3:19-21). Thus when we have the same revelation and obedience the apostles of Jesus had, we will minister like Jesus ministered]: so that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion forever and ever. Amen (1Peter 4:11).

This is the problem some Christians have, they do not believe that the Godhead dwells in them permanently, and whenever they speak in line with the written word of God, they are speaking as oracles of God, or as if it were God who was directly answering the inquiries of people through them; because it is the Holy Spirit who is speaking through them. The Holy Spirit is always moving in them and always upon them, from the day they were anointed son, king and priest, and received the Holy Ghost upon them. Jesus explains to us that the Holy Spirit does not speak of His own authority, but takes what is of Jesus, and delivers them to us, and Jesus Himself does not speak of His own authority, but whatever Father God tells Him, that is what he tells us. We need to renew our mind according to the written word of God, and be careful to always speak in line with the written word of God, so that we will always speak like oracles of God.

That is why God said to Moses: when you stand before Pharaoh and before the people, you will be and speak a god to them. The LORD said unto Moses, See, I have made you a god to Pharaoh (Exodus 7:1). In other words, Moses had to speak as if it was God who was directly speaking to the people and to pharaoh! John tells us: the reason why we have boldness in our speech and in our ministration to the sick, diseased and dead; is because we have been perfected in the love of Christ, so fear in our heart has been cast out, and we have believed in our heart that as Jesus Christ is, so are we in this world (1John 4:17-18). So we speak in line with the written word of God as if it was Jesus who spoke it directly, or God who spoke it directly, because we believe that God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit dwell
permanently in us and they are speaking through us. Always speak in line with the written word of God, and you will always be speaking as oracles of God. Sometimes the devil will put fear into your heart because he wants you to turn to the left or to the right from the word of God, so that you will negate what the written word of God says about a particular situation, or sickness or disease or premature death.

That is why God said to Joshua: fear not! 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 (Joshua 1:7-8). If you always speak and act as oracles of God and as Jesus: No man [no sickness, no disease, and no premature death] shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I, the Lord God, will be with you. I will not fail you nor forsake you (Joshua 1:5). As you and I build up that discipline of only speaking as oracles of God, and acting as Jesus Christ; because we believe, according to the scriptures, as He is so are we in this world, we will be like Samuel, as it is written: Samuel grew [those physically and spiritually] and the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground (1Samuel 3:19).

6. The Lord is there: the power is available

We still have this question: have we received the power of the Holy Ghost? For Jesus was anointed with the Holy Ghost and power. When He was baptized, the Holy Spirit came upon Him, and alit upon Him, the Holy Spirit remained upon Him, He was never taken away. Jesus prayed the same prayer for you and me: I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth (John 14:16-17). The disciples had nothing to do with the anointing they received, or the Spirit that abode forever upon them. Jesus died to make it possible, and prayed the Father to send it upon them. After His death, resurrection and ascension, on the day of Pentecost, God answered the prayer of Jesus, by sending the Holy Spirit upon them (Acts 2).

My friends when we receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, we receive the same power that was upon Jesus when He walked on earth. The Holy Spirit upon that we received, when we were baptized by the Holy Spirit, is more than a tongue talker! Jesus said to the disciples: behold, I will send you the Promise of My Father upon you, but tarry in the city of Jerusalem, until you are endued or clothed with power from on high (Luke 24:49). The Promise of the Father is the Holy Spirit upon us, that will never be taken away again. The disciples were already born again when Jesus breathed on them and said: receive the Holy Spirit (John 20:22). They had the Holy Spirit inside them, but they did not have Him upon them, they were not yet clothed or endued with the power from on high. They received it at Pentecost.

7. The promise of the Father

Jesus said it is the Promise of My Father upon you, we have already received the Promise of the Father in us, and we needed to receive the promise of the Father upon us. The heart
cries of David to God, that He should not take away the Holy Spirit from upon him (Psalm 51:11). God answered his cries, by a promise through the prophet Joel: \textit{it shall come to pass afterward, that} \textbf{I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh}; \textit{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). The question is: when will that promise be fulfilled? Peter answers it for us in Acts 2, Pentecost is the coming of that Promise of God, and Pentecost is only possible, because of the perfect redemption God gave us, by the death on the cross and resurrection of Jesus. God’s plan is not just to be in people, but to pour His Spirit upon them. Without the cross and the resurrection, there can be no Pentecost.

It is a Promise of the Father to pour out His Spirit upon us. Paul explains to us how we can obtain the promise of the Father. He takes the example of our father Abraham, who received the promise from God the Father, that he would be the heir of the world. That promise was not made to Abraham through the law, meaning it was not because of the good deeds of Abraham contained in the law; it was not because Abraham fasted, or gave alms or prayed long enough or read many scriptures, or any other requirements of the law; But that promise of God the Father, was made to Abraham through the righteousness of faith (Romans 4:13). Abraham simply believed God, or put his faith in God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness (Romans 4:6). Therefore \textit{it is} of faith, \textbf{that it might be by grace}; \textit{so that the promise might be sure, to all the seed} (Romans 4:16).

You and I have received the same righteousness that Jesus has, because He died for us, so that we can become the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. Unless we believe that Jesus did it all for us to make it possible, that the promise of God might be sure for all the seed, we will struggle in our faith. By seed, Paul means all those who are in Christ Jesus; for Jesus is the Seed (Galatians 3:16). We receive all the promises of God, by grace through faith in the finished work of Jesus on our behalf. It is the only way to be sure that you will receive any promise of God. \textit{For if the inheritance be of the law} (all the deeds of the law), \textbf{it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise} (Galatians 3:18). My friends, if we receive any promise of God because we fast more, we pray more, we read more scriptures; it is no longer a promise, it is now based on our works.

Many Christians still stumble over that revelation; they want to add their good deeds of the law, to the perfect redemption that Jesus bought with His life for us. When you received the baptism of the Holy Spirit you received the promise of the Father. You have received power from on high, not just a tongue. That is why you can have visions, dreams and prophecy. It is the promise of the Father to you. You do not have to call for the musician like Elisha did, before you can prophecy! You do not have to sing 24/7 like in the tabernacle of David and the temple of Solomon, so that the presence of God will be there. No, the presence of God or the faces of God is with you 24/7, and when you received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, all the power of the Godhead like in Genesis chapter one, when creation happened, is available to you now. All things are possible, be it done to you according to your faith (Matthew 9:29).

8. The Lord is There: the Glory is available.

In the wilderness the presence of the Lord was manifested by the pillar of cloud in the day,
and the pillar of fire in the night (Exodus 13:21). The presence of the Lord in the congregation was always accompanied by His glory; the Jews named that kind of glory of God, the Shekinah glory. When Moses went up to Mount Sinai to meet the Lord: Mount Sinai was altogether in smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly (Exodus 19:18). The picture is like a volcano had erupted. Our God is a consuming fire (Hebrews 12:29).

When the glory of God, or the presence of God, was in the midst of the people, or when the Holy Spirit fell upon a person they could feel it. The Hebrew word for glory is kabod which means to be heavy, to make weighty. When the presence of God or the Spirit, which always comes with His glory, was upon a person, the person felt as if something heavy had been put upon them or a heavy hand was upon them. Therefore, when the prophets received the word from the Lord when the Spirit came upon them, they said the burden of the Lord (Jeremiah 23:33; Ezekiel 12:10; Zechariah 9:1; Malachi 1:1). They said the burden of the Lord because the prophecy came with the tangible glory of God when the Spirit fell on them to prophesy. Sometimes they will also say the hand of the Lord was upon them, to say that the Spirit of God fell upon them, and caused them to prophesy or see a vision (Ezekiel 33:22; Ezekiel 1:3).

When the presence of the Lord entered the temple, or the Spirit of God entered the temple, it came with the glory of God. It was heavy and weighty. When Solomon dedicated the temple, the musicians sang, then the temple was filled with a cloud (the Shekinah glory), so that the priest could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of God (2Chronicles 5:13-14).

I have experienced many times the tangible glory of the Lord, or tangible presence of the Lord, where I felt as if an electric charge was passing through my body, or where I felt as if a hand was rubbing my head thus causing static electricity in my body. I have experienced also the case were I could not even open my mouth to speak, or even get out of my bed, for a couple of hours, I could not talk or even move my little toe; the only word that I whispered was “Jesus is Lord”. God still does those signs of pillars of fire and clouds entering a room. I remember when we were newly converted; we used to have a prayer night vigil every Friday. Our neighbours who were idol worshipers, would see fire coming out of our roof. But we who were inside were simply praying and burning nothing.

I also remember my elder brother and my younger brother, they were living in Senegal, their landlord was a Muslim and an idol worshiper, she came and told my brothers that they should leave her house because their prayers were too hot for them. Whenever my brothers were praying it was as if someone set the house on fire. My mother went to Ivory Coast for a conference for a company she worked for. And one of the men who was from the delegation of another country, came up to her and told her she was “the Lady of fire”. He said to my mummy that he only saw fire around her. This was an unsaved person. My mummy was not praying at that time she was having a secular meeting. During the break she went into the bar-restaurant they had, and sat beside a colleague that boasted about being in the occult, as soon as she sat, the man was sweating like a pig, big drops of perspiration were on his face. He said to my mother in our native language: “I did not know you were like that! You are a real fire!” He left his seat and went to sit far away from my mummy.

I started asking myself many questions. Because that fire was not on us only when we were
praying, even when we were in our secular activities the people in the occult and idol worshipers could see the fire and how hot it was. I prayed: God explain this thing to me! Many times in the past I still functioned like in the Old Testament, I would wait for the feeling of the hand of the Lord upon me to give a prophecy. I would pray like in the Old Testament: God let your presence come! I would pray like Moses: Lord let your presence go with me. I did not have the revelation of Jehovah-Shammah; that the presence of the Lord was always with me, and was always going with me. I prayed, God send your Holy Spirit upon me, I did not know the Father had already sent His promise upon me when I received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit will never be taken away from upon me.

I prayed: let Your presence fill this temple or this room, I did not know His presence was already there with me. Of Course we can pray for a tangible manifestation of the presence of the Lord in clouds or a pillar of fire, these are part of the wonders of God, and we as sons and daughters of God are for signs and wonders with our elder brother Jesus Christ (Isaiah 8:18). But I was still relying on my physical senses. Jesus Christ is the glory of God. All that Shekinah glory of the pillar of fire or the cloud was pointing to Jesus, who is the brightness of God’s glory, and the express image of His person (Hebrews 1:3). Jesus prayed to the Father for all who will believe in Him saying: the glory which You, Father, gave Me, I have given to them, that they may be one just as We are one (John 17:22). Jesus has bestowed the same glory that was upon Him, upon us, but when will that take place? Moreover whom God did predestine, them He also called: and whom He called, them He also justified: and whom He justified, them He also glorified (Romans 8:30). Our Justification and our glorification happened, when Christ rose from the dead and we were risen together with Him (Colossians 2:12).

When we are born again, we die together with Christ to Sin and to the body of sin, and we are made alive or raised together with Him for our justification and our glorification. The Jesus that lives in us now, is not the Jesus who died in weakness; for though He was crucified through weakness, yet He lives by the power of God (2Corinthians 13:4). It is a glorified Jesus who lives in us; John saw Him and this is how he described Him: His head and His hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and His eyes were as a flame of fire; And His feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and His voice as the sound of many waters. And He had in His right hand seven stars: and out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword: and His countenance was as the sun shining in its strength. And when I saw him, I fell at His feet as dead. And He laid His right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: 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 1:14-18).

This is the Jesus who lives inside you and me, a glorified Jesus full of power and fire. No wonder those who are unsaved see fire over us, or sweat like pigs, for His feet burn in a furnace, His eyes are flames of fire, and his countenance, as the sun shining in its strength, there is nothing hotter than the sun, anything that comes close enough is melted. This is the Jesus who lives in you. It is because He lives in you, that you are glorified. Paul wants us to take hold of this revelation of the glorification, that the same glory that God gave Jesus has given that glory to us, because He now lives in us: Christ in you the hope of glory (Colossians 1:27). Paul even goes to the extent of praying, so that God will help us understand the glory
that is in us. *For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that you might be filled with the knowledge or full discernment of his will, in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, or a mental putting together* (Colossians 1:9).

Paul knew that God, who at sundry times, or in many portions, or in many fragments and in divers manners, or in divers methods, in many ways and divers styles, spoke in time past unto the fathers by the prophets (Hebrews 1:1). God used many shadows and many symbols to talk to the fathers through the prophets. So whenever the people read the bible, it was a mystery or hidden truth, it was incumbent upon Paul the apostle of Jesus Christ, to mentally put together all these fragments of truth the prophets of old had; so that we can have a better understanding of what the plan of God was from the beginning, how He fulfilled it, who we are and what we are in Christ. So that we will stop chasing after shadows; because Jesus, who is the body or substance has come. That you might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge or full discernment of God (Colossians 1:10). Strengthened with all might (the kind of strength the explosion that dynamite can release), according to His glorious power (the kind of power that is released when a volcano comes out of the crater) unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness (Colossians 1:11).

What Paul is telling the Church is, that the glory of God that came on Mount Sinai in the day of Moses, where it looked like the volcano had just erupted from Mount Sinai, that kind of power, but better, is now in you, when the glorified Christ took His abode inside you. Christ in you is that hope of glory (Colossians 1:27). The voice of Jesus that comes out of your mouth, through His word that you speak, is powerful and causes the enemy to tremble. It is like the voice of many waters, and two-edged swords come out of your mouth, to slay the enemy for the glorified Jesus speaks in you. When Jesus was on earth He said: I live by the Father, the Father who dwells in Me, does the work (John 14:10).

He believed that God spoke through Him, God was teaching through Him. It should be our attitude and way of thinking. It is the glorified Jesus who lives in us who does the work, who speaks through us and who teaches through us. When Peter and John healed the lame man, Peter said to the crowd: why do you marvel at this? Or why look so intently at us, as though by our own power or godliness we have made this man walk? God glorified Jesus, and His name, through faith in His name has made this man strong, whom you know and see (Acts 3:12-16).

Peter understood glorification, that it was the glorified Jesus Christ living in him, who performed the miracle. It was not the power of Peter or the godliness of Peter, or the fasting of Peter, or the prayer of Peter but the Glorified Jesus. Christ Jesus is the power of God (1Corinthians 1:24). The message of the cross or the gospel: what Christ did for us by His death and resurrection, is the power of God (Romans 1:16). Paul tells us: O foolish Galatians, who bewitched you not to obey the truth, to whom before your eyes Jesus Christ was written among you crucified? This only I would learn from you: **Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law, or by hearing of faith?** Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, do you now perfect yourself in the flesh? Did you suffer so many things in vain, if indeed it is even in vain? **Then God who supplies the Spirit to you and working powerful works in you, is it by works of the law, or by hearing of faith** (Galatians 3:1-5)? Of course it is by the hearing of faith that God supplied His Spirit unto us and works powerful miracles in us.
and though us; for it is God who works in you both to will and do for His good pleasure (Philippians 2:13).

Since the presence of God is with us and in us, and God has anointed us with the Holy Spirit and power when we received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Jesus tells us then: Behold, I give unto you 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). He promised Peter the keys of the kingdom saying: And 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). Peter understood that now that Jesus had died and is now glorified by God, this promise is now true. Therefore Peter acted on that knowledge and allowed Jesus, who now lives in him to do the miracle.

Technically you and I do not have any authority and power. As it is written: Jesus [after his resurrection] came and spoke unto them, saying, All authority and all power [the Greek word Exousia: authority and power, legal authority to exercise power] is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go therefore, and teach all nations, 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).

So God gave all authority and power unto the resurrected Jesus Christ in heaven [the third heaven where the Godhead, the angles and the saints that have gone to glory are, the second heaven where Satan and his demons are and on earth. And that resurrected Christ Jesus dwells in you, God dwells in Him and the Holy Ghost dwells in you, therefore you are going into the world in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost! And lo, Jehovah-Shammah is with you always unto the end of the world, the presence of the Lord goes with you always even unto the end of the world.

Since the resurrected Christ Jesus has been given All Authority and All Power; it means that you and I have no personal power and no personal authority if you are born again Christians. As Peter explained: why do you marvel at this? Or why look so intently at us, as though by our own power or godliness we have made this man walk? God glorified Jesus, and His name, through faith in His name has made this man strong, whom you know and see (Acts 3:12-16). So if we do not have our own power or own authority; but all authority and all power is in the glorified or resurrected Christ Jesus, and we are going to the people in His name not in our own name! It means that all the power and all the authority in heaven and earth is in us, since that glorified Jesus Christ dwells in us, He is the Anointed One, and the Holy Spirit his Anointing is in us, and God the Father is in Jesus. All things are possible to us because we believe in the glorified Jesus Christ, and use His name to perform miracles, not our own name (Mark 9:23).

It is the same resurrected Christ who dwells in every born again Christian; it is the same Holy Spirit that dwells in every born again Christian and the same promise of the Father that every born again Christian has received, when they were baptized in the Spirit; and it is the same Father God that dwells in Christ Jesus, who dwells in every born again Christian. So it is the same Jehovah-Shammah who dwells inside every born again Christian with all authority and all power. An apostle, a prophet, a pastor, an evangelist or a teacher has no more authority

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and power than any other born again Christian. We all have received all authority and all power in heaven and earth that is in Christ Jesus.

That is why Jesus says: 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. And whatsoever you shall ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you shall ask any thing in My name, I will do it (John 14:12-14). It works because it is God [the Father, The Son and the Holy Ghost] who works in every born again believer, both to give them the willingness and all power and all authority in heaven and earth, to do the same work Jesus did (Philippians 2:13).

The devil and his agents have no legal authority whatsoever! He is a thief and a robber; he has ability or power but no legal authority! When for instance a city is run by mafia groups; they collect taxes from shops and people for protection. They have usurped the authority of the government in that city. Queen Athaliah in 2Kings 11 murdered all the sons of the king and usurped authority over the kingdom. She ruled in the land of Judah for six years, till Joash came and rightfully claimed his throne. If a born again Christian wilfully practices sin, he becomes slave of it, and Satan becomes his master (Romans 6:18-20). If you are overcome by a particular sin you are in bondage even slavery to that sin (2Peter 2:19). That is why, for us Christians, sin should no longer have dominion over us! Satan has power to oppress people but he has no legal authority over their souls, body and Spirit. He usurped that authority, it is illegal! Only Jesus has all legal authority and all power either to give them eternal life or cast them into hell fire. Satan has power to oppress people with sickness and disease, to destroy and to kill (John 10:10).

But that is all he can do, Jesus on the other end has all authority and all power even power to undo what the devil did: to heal all manner of sickness, all manner of disease and raise the dead. Jesus tells us: fear not those who kill the body [the devil, his agents and his evil works], but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear Him [God] who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell (Matthew 10:28). I live, says the Lord GOD, you shall not have occasion any more to use this proverb in Israel. Behold, all souls are Mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sins, it shall die (Ezekiel 18:3-4).

The little power that Satan, his demons, his agents and his evil works have, are of no match to All the power in heaven and on earth that has been given to Jesus Christ. Jesus tells us: because I, Jesus the resurrected Christ dwell in you: Behold, I give unto you 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). So since all the power and authority in heaven and earth is given unto Jesus Christ, you are legally empowered to destroy all the power of Satan our enemy. The God of peace will bruise Satan under your feet in the name of Jesus (Romans 16:20). For this purpose you as a son or daughter of God have been made manifest: to destroy the works of the devil (1John 3:8).

Let us go back to the tangible manifestation of the glory of the Lord. The Experience of Moses when he fasted for forty days and forty nights was recorded for us. Moses went up into the mountain, and a cloud covered the mountain. And the glory of Jehovah abode upon Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And the seventh day He called to Moses out
of the midst of the cloud. And the sight of the glory of Jehovah was like devouring fire on top of the mountain in the eyes of the sons of Israel. And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and went up into the mountain. And Moses was in the mountain forty days and forty nights (Exodus 24:15-18).

What Moses did was supernatural, God was the one who gave him the supernatural strength to go for forty days and forty nights without food and without water. Jesus in Matthew 4; when he fasted for forty days and forty nights He drank water, please, if God calls you to fast forty days and forty nights drink water, a lot of water. God gave me specific instructions during my forty days and nights, for the first six days I fasted without water and without food, and from the seventh day and seventh night to the fortieth day and fortieth night I drank water, a lot of water. Do not copy brother Gery, God spoke to me, and the gift of faith of the Holy Spirit was in operation. Medically if a person goes for more than 3 days without water, he is hurting himself and his kidneys can be damaged. Do not be stupid trying to prove anything. Do not copy anybody and not even brother Gery. God must speak to you, God spoke to Moses to do his fast and God spoke also to Gery to do his fast.

On the seventh day of my forty days and forty nights fast, a bright cloud entered my bedroom and overshadowed me, it stayed on me for a while and was lifted up and disappeared. That bright cloud or fiery cloud is the tangible manifestation of the glory of the Lord, the Jews call it: Shekinah glory. It can be like a smoke or any other colour God wants it to be. Jesus went with Peter, John and James on the mountain of transfiguration, where Moses and Elijah appeared to Him, and talked to him about His passion, and the bible records: While he yet spoke, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them (Jesus, Moses and Elijah). And behold a voice out of the cloud which said, This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased, hear Him (Matthew 17:5). The Shekinah glory of God, which is the tangible sign of the presence of God, overshadowed them. It is entirely up to God to tangibly manifest His glory, we are not to seek for it; I was not even seeking for that bright cloud.

In fact I was a bit afraid, because I did not know if God had done that in the bible before, and as I was reading the bible, the Holy Spirit showed me that in the scriptures, and I had peace about it, because for any supernatural manifestation God does in my life, I always ask God: where is it in the bible? The other time the Shekinah glory came into my bedroom; I was just praying and fasting for a day. And my mobile phone was on my bedside, and a small bright cloud the size of the palm of my hand, came into my bedroom and overshadowed my mobile phone.

And then it lifted up from the phone and disappeared. I did not understand what the meaning of it was. At that time I used to believe that I need to be present physically to pray for a sick person or the person needed to hear my voice over the phone at least to be healed or to receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost with evidence of speaking in tongues. And the Lord said to me: He sent His Word and healed them, and delivered them from their pitfalls or destructions (Psalm 107:20). So I understood that even if I sent a person a text message they will be healed as they pray or read the text message or they receive the baptism in the Spirit as they read that prayer in the text message. Since that day, people have been healed and received the baptism of the Holy Ghost with evidence of speaking in tongues by text messages and by e-mails.
Other tangible manifestations of the presence of the Lord can be precious stones appearing where believers are gathered: gold nuggets, rubies, sapphires, emerald, diamond, etc. When Moses and the seventy elders went on the mountain to meet the Lord, the bible records: Moses went up, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel. And they saw the God of Israel. And there was under His feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as the essence of the heavens for clearness. And upon the nobles of the sons of Israel He did not lay his hands. Also they saw God, and ate and drank (Exodus 24:9-11). We are not to chase those precious stones but God does what He wants when He wants to tangibly manifest His presence in our midst these are parts of wonders. As it is written: The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine, says the LORD of hosts (Haggai 2:8).

9. Being transfigured and transformed

I was praying on Tuesday 26th January 2015 in the afternoon. And the Lord, Holy Spirit, told me: “transfigured and transformed”. So He brought back to my remembrance what I have read in the scriptures. Paul said: I beseech you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, pleasing to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed [metamorphoo: changed, transfigured, transformed] by the renewing of your mind, in order to prove by you what is that good and pleasing and perfect will of God (Romans 12:1-2). And again, he said: But we all, with our face having been unveiled, having beheld the glory of the Lord as in a mirror, are being changed [metamorphoo: changed, transfigured, transformed] into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Lord’s Spirit (2Corinthians 3:18).

And again the Holy Spirit brought to my remembrance Jesus, when he went to pray at the mountain of transfiguration. After six days Jesus took Peter and James and John and led them up into a high mountain, apart by themselves. And He was transfigured [metamorphoo: changed, transfigured, transformed] before them. And His clothing became shining, exceedingly white as snow, such as no fuller on earth could whiten them. And Elijah with Moses was seen by them, and they were talking with Jesus. And Peter answered and said to Jesus, Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. And let us make three tabernacles, one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah. For he did not know what to say, for they were very much afraid. And there was a cloud that overshadowed them. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is My beloved Son. Hear Him. And suddenly, looking around, they did not see anyone any more, except Jesus alone with themselves. And as they came down from the mountain, He commanded them that they should tell no one the things that they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead (Mark 9:2-9).

The disciples saw a vision of Jesus standing with Elijah and Moses (Matthew 17:9). The physical transformation that we see in the life of a born again Christian, is only a result of the spiritual transfiguration that happened in the life of the born again Christian. For by faith we understand that the physical worlds are framed by the word of God; so that the things which are seen in the physical realm, were made by the things which are invisible, even what happens in the spiritual realm (Hebrews 11:3). Thus as you are being spiritually transfigured, you will be physically transformed.
So what is the Lord, Holy Spirit saying? He is saying: “when you are transfigured spiritually, you will be transformed physically, so that you will no longer be conformed to this world. This is the perfect will of God for every born again Christian”. The mountain is the place of prayer, fasting and revelation of the written word of God. Moses went up Mount Sinai to talk to God, which is prayer, to fast for forty days and forty nights, and to receive the revelation of the written word of God (Exodus 24, Exodus 34). But before Moses or the people came close to that mountain, or Moses climbed that mountain, God asked them to first of all sanctify themselves. And Jehovah said to Moses, Lo, I come to you in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and believe you forever. And Moses told the words of the people to Jehovah. And Jehovah said to Moses, Go to the people and sanctify them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes. And be ready for the third day. For the third day Jehovah will come down in the sight of all the people upon Mount Sinai (Exodus 19:9-11).

If a person did not sanctify himself he could not touch that mountain, let alone come upon that mountain. The people only sanctified themselves for three days. But after that they said to Moses this sanctification deal is not for us; you Moses sanctify yourself and go on that mountain to talk to God; we will believe whatever you tell us from the Lord. Sanctification is getting the world out of you, so that you are no longer conformed to the world for it is under the influence of the devil; but you are transformed by the renewing of your mind according to the word of God, so that you are conformed to the image of Jesus Christ (Romans 12:1-2, 1John 5:19, Romans 8:29). When a person is truly sanctified, he no longer acts like a heathen, though he lives among them. The people only sanctified themselves for three days, and did not want to do it again. In the New Covenant we are all priests and kings, sanctification is not just for Moses and Joshua; but for all of us.

At the first encounter God had with Moses, when He appeared to him in a burning bush, the Angel of Jehovah appeared to him in a flame of fire, out of the midst of a thorn bush. And he looked. And behold! The thorn bush burned with fire! And the thorn bush was not burned up. And Moses said, I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the thorn bush is not burned up. And Jehovah saw that he had turned aside to see. God called to him out of the midst of the thorn bush, and said, Moses! Moses! And he said, Here I am. And He said, Do not come near here. Pull off your sandals from your feet, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. And He said, I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God (Exodus 3:2-5). So from the first encounter Moses had with God; God first of all talked to Him of holiness. Moses if you want to have fellowship with Me, acknowledge that I am a Holy God and sanctify yourself.

It starts with sanctification. If you want to hear the voice of God clearer than ever before; you must start with sanctification. God put sanctification before prayer and fasting. Samuel explains it to us. Samuel said: Does Jehovah delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of Jehovah? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice! To listen is better than the fat of rams! For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idol-worship. Because you have rejected the Word of Jehovah, He has also rejected you from being king (1Samuel 15:22-23)! Start with sanctification. How can I sanctify myself? Read the word of God and become a doer of the truth you discover therein. Jesus
prayed to God for all of us, saying: **They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them by 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** (John 17:16-19). Sanctification is not just for Jesus, but for every born again Christian.

As you read the four gospels, you will see Jesus first of all living a sanctified life, then going sometimes early in the morning or late at night on the mountain to pray. As it is written: when Jesus had sent the multitudes away, He went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, He was there alone (Matthew 14:23). And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God (Luke 6:12). And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, He took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray (Luke 9:28).

On that mountain of transfiguration Elijah, Jesus and Moses were together. Moses represents the Law, Elijah represents the prophets. The Law and the prophets all wrote about Jesus and were pointing people to Jesus Christ. As we embrace the sanctified life of Moses and Elijah and then Law and the prophets, meaning from Genesis to Malachi; and also embrace the sanctified life and the writings of Jesus and His disciples, meaning from Matthew to Revelation; and willingly decide to walk in the way, the truth and the life of Jesus Christ, as found in the Holy scriptures, we will be spiritually transfigured: our spiritual **clothing becomes shining, exceedingly white as snow such as no fuller on earth could whiten them.** Moses, who spent his time in the word of God, prayer with fasting, was transfigured too.

As it is written: **it happened as Moses was going down from the mountain of Sinai, the two tablets of the testimony being in Moses’ hand as he went down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face had become luminous through His speaking with him.** And Aaron and all the sons of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face had become luminous. And they were afraid to come near him. And Moses called to them. And Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. And afterward all the sons of Israel came near. And he commanded them all that Jehovah had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. And Moses finished speaking with them, and he put a veil on his face. But when Moses went in before Jehovah to speak with Him, he took the veil off until he came out. And he came out and spoke to the sons of Israel that which he was commanded. **And the sons of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses’ face had become luminous.** And Moses put the veil upon his face again, until he went in to speak with Him (Exodus 34:29-35).

These are the four things Moses did for his face to be luminous or shining: first of all, he sanctified himself by the truth of the word of God (Exodus 19); second had the revelation of the written word of God, even the two tablets the Lord gave him; third he prayed with fasting: he talked with God; fourth he was a doer of the written word. When even Aaron compromised and built a golden calf for the people to worship, Moses did not partake of their idolatry (Exodus 32). It was not every time Moses went on the mountain to pray and receive the revelation of the word of God, that he fasted. Please read the “Abecedary of Prayer” bible study. If we are only hearers of the word and prayerful people; but we are not doers of the word, we are deceiving ourselves; our faith is dead, useless and worthless to ourselves, and
the people around us (James 2:17-20). The revelation of the written word of God we have, and the prayer with fasting, will transfigure us spiritually, only when we become doers of those revelations.

Jesus also first of all lived a sanctified life; from His own mouth, He said: I sanctify Myself for their sakes, so that they also might be sanctified in truth (John 17:19). Jesus also fasted in Luke 4, and as we read the four gospels we see Jesus praying. Jesus had the revelation of the word of God and taught us. And He was a doer of the word and then doer of the works of God. As God testified of Him: to the Son God says, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated iniquity [Jesus lived a sanctified life, He was a doer of the work, which is the truth], therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness above Your fellows (Hebrews 1:8-9).” So because He was first of all the doer of the word, even living a sanctified life, that is why God also anointed Him to become a doer of the works of God.

Jesus testifies, saying: If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me. But if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, so that you may know and believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him (John 10:37-38). Peter tells us: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, and He went about doing good, and healing all those who were oppressed by the Devil, for God was with Him (Acts 10:38). For you and I to become a doer of the works of God and of Jesus, we first of all need to become a doer of the word of God. James says: be 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).

That is why in John 14, Jesus first of all says: I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no one comes to the Father but by Me (John 14:6). Let us first of all embrace the way of Jesus, the truth of His word and life His sanctified life, His life of prayer with fasting. That is becoming a doer of the word of God. Then we will be able to become doers of the works of Jesus and of God. Jesus continues in John 14 and tells us: Truly, truly, I say to 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. If you love Me, keep My commandments (John 14:12-15).

Paul, having in mind the experience of Moses whenever he came down from the mountain, tells us: we all, with our face having been unveiled, having beheld the glory of the Lord as in a mirror, are being changed [metamorphoo: changed, transfigured, transformed] into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Lord's Spirit (2Corinthians 3:18). The mirror Paul is talking about is the mirror of the written word of God. As it is written: 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). So the Written word of God is that mirror; when we study the word of God; the word of God studies our life back; and the Holy Spirit convicts us of things we ought to change in our life, not just sins but even the appearances of sin so that we can walk in a greater level of sanctification and be perfect as our Father in heaven is perfect (1Thessalonians 5:22, Matthew 5:48).

Moses’ face was shining, for he took time to look into the mirror and study his walk with God, and change what needed to be changed. He was not a forgetful hearer but a doer. He looked into that perfect law of liberty and continued in it. Whatever God tells us to do in His written word, it is not to bring us into bondage. His Law is called the perfect Law of liberty according to James. David, who was rebuked by God for his adultery with Bathsheba and murder of Uriah, prays saying: restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your free Spirit (Psalm 51:12). Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty (2Corinthians 3:17). The more we are free from the bondages of this world and sin, and the more we walk in the revelation of the written word of God, our light shines ever brighter unto the full day. As it is written: the path of the righteous is like the morning sun, which shines brighter and brighter until the full day (Proverbs 4:18).

Just like at noon, which is full day, the sun casts no shadow; that is how God wants the life of every born again Christian to become. Yes, we are already in the light yet some are walking in the light of 6AM, and are still casting some shadows. But God wants us to walk in the light of 12 noon, so that our life will cast no shadow at all, not even the appearance of evil. This is what is in the mind of Paul when he says we are going to be changed from glory to glory; or from the 6AM to 12 noon. 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 3:18). We need to become perfect like Jesus who always walked in the light of 12 noon, having no variation or shadows of turning, as James says: Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning (James 1:17). People are afraid of that word perfection, it is simple: according to the scriptures, if we do what the written word of God says about a particular aspect, we are perfect in that aspect like your Father God is perfect.

The image Paul is talking about is Christ Jesus. Paul tells us: For whom God did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren (Romans 8:29). This is the plan of God for every born again Christian, that we will all be conformed to the same image of Jesus Christ His Son. And the glory to glory Paul is talking about, is that ultimately we will walk in the glory of Jesus, as we grow into His full stature. As it is written: Jesus gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: until we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into Him in all things, who is the head, even Christ (Ephesians 4:11-15). So do not say it is for those who are in the fivefold ministries, no they are there to teach all born again Christians to grow into that same image of Christ Jesus. And day must
come where who we are spiritually will match who we are physically. John tells us: as Christ Jesus is so are we in this world (1John 4:17).

A sanctified life is very important to God. We must go from glory to glory, as we make a conscious decision, to no longer be conformed to this sinful world that lies under the sway of the devil; but conformed into the same image of Christ Jesus, and transformed by the renewing our mind, as we allow the perfect law of liberty to study our life, so that we can change what needs to be changed (1John 5:19, Romans 12:1-2, Romans 8:29). People around you might not see what is happening in the spirit realm: how you are being transfigured. But they will definitely recognize that you have been transformed; because the word of God has now been made flesh in you, and is dwelling among them. They are beholding the glory in you, even the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth (John 1:14). God never intended His word to stay on pages of the bible; but that each one of us should be His living epistles. As it is written: **you are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men; Forasmuch as you are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God: not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart** (2Corinthians 3:2-3).

**10. The Lord is There: You are the light of the world**

When Jesus was walking on earth, He said to us: **I am the light of the world: he or she who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life** (John 8:12). Jesus is the light of the world on earth, He says to each one of us when we decide to follow Him by becoming born again, we receive the light of life; we no longer walk in darkness. Many times the enemy gives us dreams or visions, in which we are walking in darkness; this contradicts what Jesus said about us. I know that the entrance of God’s words gives me light and the understanding I need, to stop walking in darkness (Psalm119:130). The word of God is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path (Psalm119:105). Beloved, I do not walk in darkness either; because I follow Jesus and His word.

Jesus says: I am come **a light into the world**, that whosoever believes on Me should not abide in darkness (John 12:46). I no longer abide in darkness, but in the light when I became born again; God delivered me from the power of darkness and translated or conveyed me into the kingdom of His dear Son, who is the light of the world (Colossians 1:13). Therefore I no longer abide in darkness but in light. Jesus went on the cross, died, and was raised from the dead, He was glorified. And John tells us that the countenance of the glorified Jesus, is as the sun shining in its strength. Jesus who is the Sun of Righteousness, has arisen and now dwells in every born again believer (Malachi 4:2). And because the glorified Jesus dwells in us, He tells us: You are the light of the world (Matthew 5:14). We are the light of the world because He dwells in us.

Jesus tells us: As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world (John 9:5). When He walked the streets of Israel He was the light of the world, now that He has come back from the dead and has His glorified body, He is still the light of the world, and furthermore, He now lives in you, and walks in you, in this world. Through you He is still the light of the world in your neighbourhood. We have explained that the presence of the Lord means that the three persons of the Godhead are with you and in you. God the Father Himself is light. John tells us:
God is light and in Him is no darkness at all (1John 1:5). There is no darkness in God at all, so when God came into my heart, darkness was repelled. There is no darkness in me at all; because God dwells in me. Paul tells us: you are the temple of the living God; as God has said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people (2Corinthians 6:16). God the Father who is light, dwells in me and walks in me.

My beloved, you are now the light of the world, the Lord is present everywhere you go 24/7. The only light of Jehovah-Shammah the people will see is you, for He dwells and shines through you. You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel or basket, but on a candlestick or lampstand; and it gives light unto all who are in the house (Matthew 5:14-15). Think of it this way, back home in my grandparents' village, we used to have firefly lamps also called lanterns. We put the oil or gasoline inside; it had a wick dipped in the oil or gasoline. The wick was soaked with oil or gasoline. We would use a lighter or a match to light the firefly lamp or lantern. The light was placed in a glass. Every evening we would wash the glasses of the firefly lamps to remove the crass and fumid (smoky) exhalations on them. When the glass is clean, the light shines better through it. Let us think of the oil or gasoline as the Holy Spirit; the soaked wick as Jesus, the Anointed One; and of the fire as the power of God the Father. It is an analogy it is not perfect but it helps to understand things.

God anointed Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit (Oil) and power (fire). You and I are the firefly lamps or lanterns. The Holy Spirit is in us, Jesus the Anointed One is in us, and Jesus is the power of God because God baptized Him with the Holy Spirit and fire, and since Jesus baptizes you with the Holy Ghost and fire or power (Luke 3:16), we only have to clean our glass, so that His light will shine through us. I remember my grandmother would put that firefly lamp or lantern on a lamp stand, and the little room was full of light, we could enjoy our evening. Jesus says to us, now that we have the knowledge of what it means to be the light of the world: Let (allow or permit) your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven (Matthew 5:16). Yes let us clean the glass of our firefly lamp or lantern, to allow the light of the glorified Jesus to so shine through us before men and women around us. Glass is made from sand, it is an earthen vessel.

Therefore Paul tells us: we have this treasure in earthen vessels that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us (2Corinthians 4:7). We do not have to boast about anything at all, whatever we are in the world, whatever we do in the world, it is because the Godhead took residency in us. Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No: but by the law of faith (Romans 3:27). Nobody can boast or take credit for it; we received it by grace through faith in Jesus, not by our works. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning (James 1:17). It is God the Father of light, who made it possible for you and me to become the light of the world. It cost Him everything, even the life of His only begotten Son, the Sun of Righteousness, and now they dwell in us and with us. Jehovah-Shammah: the Lord is present, the Lord is there.
11. Old glory versus New glory

Some Christians want to have the old glory, when the new glory has come: Christ in you the hope of glory. As Christians we need to read our bible, to pray, to fast, to praise the Lord, to practice righteousness, to live holy, and to do all the things we are commanded to do. But none of these things commends us to God. It is the perfect redemption His Son Jesus purchased for us by His blood, that commends us to God. When we pray and fast it is not to ask God for things that Jesus has already done for us when He redeemed us. We do not sing to have the Holy Spirit in our midst; He is there in our midst! We do not fast to have dreams and visions or prophecy, God promised when He will pour out His Spirit, we will prophecy, have dreams and visions (Joel 2:28). We do not fast to have the power, Christ is the power of God and He lives in us (1Corinthians 1:24), the gospel is the power of God (Romans 1:16). When we understand the perfect redemption of God, believe it, embrace it, and become doers of it; the power will flow naturally, when we preach it, people will experience the power of God.

I know of people who need to go to the mountain to “hear from God”. I do not need to go anywhere to hear from God, Jesus is my shepherd, now I hear His voice, and furthermore the Godhead lives inside me. Jesus died for me to become my Shepherd, so that I can hear His voice. I do not hear His voice, because I fast or pray long, all these things I ought to do; but I hear His voice because He is now my Shepherd. In Exodus chapter thirty-five, Moses went on Mount Sinai for forty days and nights, he fasted. When he came down from the mountain his face was shining. So he placed a veil on his face when he came to the people. The truth is, he needed to go back to the mountain to have the same glory. Paul says: that glory was passing away (2Corinthians 3:13). You and I have a better glory, even the glory of Christ Jesus. People who believe in their heart the old glory will always run out of power and glory, will need to go to the mountain again, to hear from God, or to fast some more, before they can minister to people. This was for the Old Testament, because Christ had not yet come to redeem us.

But in the New Testament, we need to believe that Jesus has fully ransomed us, that is what redemption means: to be fully ransomed. But many are ignorant of the righteousness of God, and they seek to establish their own righteousness, they refuse to submit to the righteousness of God (Romans 10:3). In their heart they say it is too easy, to be true! Do you mean we only have to believe in Jesus and His finished work on the cross? They ask: what work should we do? But Jesus says: this is the work of God that you believe on Jesus whom God has sent (John 6:29). You believe His perfect redemption which He has purchased for you, with His blood by His death and resurrection. It is a promise, a free gift. If you have to work for that, then it is no longer a promise and a gift. But they reject that revelation. The stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner: This was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes (Mark 12:10-11)?

Some believers have received Jesus, but that is as far as it goes for them, and the rest of the Christian journey, they want to do it on their own. The Jewish leaders rejected Jesus, the Stone. It is not enough to accept Jesus, the Stone, one must also accept the Stone of the revelation of Who Jesus is, and what He has purchased for us, by His death and resurrection. Jesus said: upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it (Matthew 16:18). The head of the corner or the corner stone in a building, is the stone which knits and cements it together. If we do not have the revelation of Jesus, our
Corner stone, our building will not stand long. There is no other foundation that can be laid but Christ Jesus (1Corinthians 3:11).

Jesus is that rock upon which each one builds. When we believe in Jesus, the foundation is laid, we now need to build on that foundation. If we reject the corner stone of the revelation of the finished work of Jesus, our building will not stand long enough, for it is not knit and cemented together. The wind would come and the flood would come and it will fall, though we have the foundation. And we will run again to the mountain to get some more power, or we will fast some more for the things Jesus has already freely given us, but we have rejected them. The enemy’s number one plan is to keep us ignorant of the will of God for us, what God has freely given to us, when he does not succeed; he tries to make us doubt the will of God. My people perish for lack of knowledge, because they have rejected knowledge (Hosea 4:6). We will have the foundation but we will not be able to build something solid, and lasting if we reject the revelation of Jesus.

The old glory is what Samson had. The bible says: the woman bore a son, and called his name Samson; and the child grew, and the LORD blessed him. And the Spirit of the LORD began to move him at times in the camp of Dan, between Zorah and Eshtaol (Judges 13:24-25). The Spirit of the Lord under the old glory, only moved them at times and was lifted up again. But for us in the new glory, we are like David the man after God’s own heart. As it is written: Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward (1Samuel 16:13). We have the Spirit upon us, from the day we were baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire, and the Spirit in us and upon us, is always moving. Jesus told us: whosoever drinks of the water that I shall give him, shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him, shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life (John 4:14). He that believes on Me, as the scripture has said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water (John 7:38).

Moses saw the day, when the people would not have to do the works of the law, in order to receive the glory of God. That day is when Jesus has died and is risen from the dead. Therefore Paul quotes Moses: for Moses writes of the righteousness, which is not of the law. The man who does those things shall live by them (Romans 10:5). If you do not accept the finished work of Christ, you will always try to establish your own righteousness by the works of the Law, your “anointing”, by the works of the law, your holiness and godliness by the works of the law, your glory by the works of the law. You will have to live by them. it will only last for a short time like the shining face of Moses, and you will have to go back to the mountain, or do again those works of the Law you believe are making you powerful or “anointed”, or godly. But for we who have believed in Christ Jesus and have accepted His finished work, and embraced it, we know that Christ Jesus is our redemption, our righteousness, our holiness or godliness, our wisdom, our power, our glory, our Anointed One; and the Holy Spirit is the Anointing. Because He imputed them to us freely, we received them freely by grace through faith in Christ, certainly not by the works of the Law.

Paul continues to quote Moses, but the righteousness of faith speaks this way: do not say in your heart: who will ascend into heaven? That is to bring Christ down from above. Or who will descend into the abyss? That is to bring Christ up from the dead (Romans 10:6-7). Many Christians are still praying the prayer that Isaiah prayed: Oh that You would rend the
heavens that You would come down, that the mountains might flow down at Your presence (Isaiah 64:1). They did not have salvation back then, so they longed for what we have received in Jesus Christ. We have seen that, because Jesus is our righteousness and our peace: the door of heaven is opened for us, the veil was rent, we are seated with Him in heavenly places. And we have seen that God now dwells in us too, His presence is always with us and in us, His glory and power is with us and in us. Jesus has answered that prayer of Isaiah by His death and resurrection.

But what does the righteousness of faith say? The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart. That is the word of faith which we preach. That is, you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved (Romans 10:8). Agree with the finished work of Jesus for you, believe it in your heart, and you will be able to build a solid Christian life. You will be delivered from the attacks of the enemy. Some people try to work the anointing and the glory, and they end up frustrated. Some people today even fast more than Jesus and Moses did, to have the power, the glory and the presence of the Lord, or to have the gifts of the Spirit. But they do not have the same miracles that Jesus had or the apostles had. So why is it that they do not experience it? Because they are rejecting the free gift of God, and are trying to work for it. Paul explains why they will end up frustrated; he uses the example of the Jews and Gentiles saying: what shall we say then? That the Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness of faith; but Israel, pursuing the law of righteousness, has not attained to the law of righteousness. Why? Because they did not seek it by faith, but as it were by the works of the law; for they stumbled at the stumbling stone (Romans 9:30-32).

Once again, I want to be clear, we always ought to pray and not lose heart (Luke 18), to fast, and read our bible, practice righteousness, and add to our faith works, for faith without works is dead (James 2:17). But do not pray and fast for what God has already freely given us, when Jesus died and rose from the dead. God dwells in us. All the power in the world is available in you right now! You need to believe it in your heart and confess it with your mouth. I also used to fast for God to rend the heaven, when I did not know, what Jesus had done for me. I used to say, God come down from heaven! I even used to fast for 21 days for God to send a message to me, like He did for Daniel. Until I realized that my heavens were opened, I was in heaven at the right hand of God, that the Godhead has made their abode inside me. There was no distance any more, I did not need an angel to carry my prayer on a ladder to heaven, and come back with the answer. But I could speak boldly to the Godhead, and they will answer me. Jesus is now my Shepherd, I hear His voice. Praise the Lord if the Godhead decides to send an angel, but they can speak to me directly, they have been speaking since I renewed my mind.

Remember Jehovah-Shammah is with you even in you, and He says: My presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest (Exodus 33:14). Embrace this redemptive name of God, and you shall have rest. God was present with them until He brought them to the promised land, the land flowing with milk and honey. He gave them rest, and their enemies were defeated, even utterly destroyed! The Lord has come with all the power, glory and Anointing you will ever need and He is in you. You are complete in Him, Christ Jesus (Colossians 2:10). Paul had this revelation, and said to the people of Rome: I know that when I come, I will come to you
with the fullness of the blessing of the gospel (Romans 15:29). He knew the presence of God was with him, and he believed it. Therefore all things were possible, all the blessings contained in the bible, were available to the people, when they believed the gospel preached.

It is the same thing for you, when you share the word with people; God backs it up, because He is there with you, so all things are possible. Sometimes, even when I do not yet believe it myself, I preach it, it is His Word, He is there with me, and He will confirm it. I refuse to turn to the right, or to the left, from His written word: it comes out of my mouth, as He commanded us to do (Joshua 1:7-8). For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation, to everyone who believes (Romans 1:16).

I preach it, and God confirms it, I have no power: the gospel is the power of God, and the glorified Jesus in me, is the power of God. I have no “anointing” of my own, Jesus is the Anointed One, doing the work through me, and the Holy Spirit is the Anointing (1John 2:27). I have no gift of the Spirit in me, but I received the Holy Spirit, who is the giver of the gifts; He will give me the gift or gifts He deems necessary for the situation I am facing, or for the person I am ministering to. I deliberately refuse to give people what I think about a situation, but what Jesus and His word say about that situation; for I know the Lord is present with me, the glorified Jesus now lives in me. When I only give His word to people and not my words, it becomes a two-edged sword that comes forth out of the mouth of Jesus and makes everything possible. For the glorified Jesus who dwells in me, is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8).

When I lay hands on people, I believe that since God is present with me and in me, according to the scriptures, my body is now part of the body of Christ, my members are His members. I believe that He is the one laying His hand on that person through my hand. I do not believe it is my “glorified touch” that heals. No, though people feel the touch of my hand but know it is Jesus’ hand and His stripes that heal them (Isaiah 53:5). I simply believe that it is Jesus in me who does all the work, and I give Him all the glory. I believe that when I learn the scriptures, He teaches me, so that when I open my mouth, I only say what He taught me. Learn to rest in Jehovah-Shammah and He will give you rest. It is easy when you know you are not responsible, it removes the stress. Jesus when He was on earth told us: Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what He sees the Father do: for whatever things He does, these also does the Son likewise (John 5:19). 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).

The Father who is in Him, was doing the things and was teaching Him and so on, then Jesus asks us to imitate Him saying: 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 15:5). We are in Christ and Christ is in us, He is the one doing the work if we allow Him to. But if we try to establish our own works or own “anointing”, our own holiness our own power, our own peace; then we would never see the fruit of it. It is because The Lord is present in us, and with us, that things happen, without the presence of His life in us, which is the equivalent of the sap that flows from the vine to the branch, nothing can happen, no fruit of the Spirit or gift of the Spirit.
12. Making the transition from being filled with the Holy Ghost to moving in the Power of the Holy Ghost

One might ask this question: if God is really present with us and in us, and we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us: where is His power, why do we not see His power at work in our life? We have learned that wonderful revelation of Jehovah-SHAMMAH: THE LORD IS PRESENT OR THE LORD IS THERE. You and I are not the first people who asked God that question. Gideon asked God the same question. As it is written: The Angel of the Lord (who is Jesus according to Isaiah 63:8-9) appeared to Gideon and said to him: the Lord is with you, you mighty man of valour! Gideon said to Him (to Jesus the Angel of the Lord), O My Lord, if the Lord is with us [brother Gery adds: and we are mighty men and women of valour because You are with us and in us], why then has all this happened to us? And where are all His miracles [tangible manifestation of His power through us] which our fathers told us about [which we read in the bible: how God used mortal men and women like us, to heal all manner of sickness, all manner of disease, cleanse lepers, cast out demons, raise the dead at will, multiply food, walk on water, part the Jordan River and the Red Sea, etc] (Judges 6:12-13).The bible gives us some explanations on some of the things we need to adjust in our personal life, in order to see the power of God at work in our life, as it was manifest in the life of Jesus.

12.1 Step One: you must be Born Again

The first step of course is to be born again; it is not an option, but a must. Being born again has nothing to do with attending a religious service every Sunday or every Sabbath, or even having head knowledge of the bible and teaching the bible. Some theologians in universities are not born again, they will teach you the letters of the bible; but never be able to minister to you the Spirit behind the letters. They themselves still have a veil on their heart, when they read the bible, study the bible and teach the bible. Nicodemus was a teacher of the letters of the bible in the Jewish house of prayer for all nations (synagogue); but was not born again. Jesus told him, and to every one of us: marvel not that I say to you, you must be born again (John 3:7). You and I, when we became born again, the Spirit of God came to permanently dwell in us. Paul tells us, Jesus has made us able ministers of the New Testament; not of the letter, but of the Spirit: for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life (2Corinthians 3:6). Now since the Holy Spirit dwells in us, He gives life to every word of the bible, and whatever word we speak that is in line with the written word of God, is now Spirit and life (John 6:63).

If a person is not born again, no matter how versed he or she is in the letters of the Word of God, even if he is a theologian or has a doctorate in divinity; he or she will not be able to understand spiritually, what he or she is reading. As Paul explains to us; their thoughts are blinded; for until the present, the same veil remains on the reading of the Old Covenant [and I, Gery, add of the New Covenant as well], not taken away. But this veil has been done away in Christ. But until this day, when Moses is read [I, Gery, add the Old Testament and the New Testament], the veil is on their heart. But whenever one turns to the Lord [whenever one is born again], the veil shall be taken away (2Corinthians 3:14-16). Once you are born again,
you need to practice righteousness, and stop practicing sin. And even if you fall into sin, do not run away from God, but run to God: He promised to heal your backsliding and love you freely (Hosea 14:4). Many people, once they are born again, do not know what took place at their salvation, and how God expects them to walk, even people who have been born again for twenty years, sometimes do not know how God expects them to walk in Christ. Please read and re-read the My Weekly Milk letters on: Come Home, Neither Do I Condemn You and David’s Sexual Sin Exposed. These three bible studies in the form of letters, are the foundation of what God expects from every born again Christian.

12.2 Step two: be water baptized and baptized with the Holy Spirit with evidence of speaking in tongues

When we give our life to Christ and make Him our Lord and Saviour, the next step to take is to be water baptized, and baptized with the Holy Spirit. One can happen before the other and vice versa; the other is not truly important. In Acts 10, Peter went to preach in the house of Cornelius; he shared the gospel of Jesus with Cornelius and all his acquaintances. They believed in their heart the gospel of Jesus through Peter, and before even Peter had finished preaching, they were already baptized in the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues, and then Peter decided to water baptize them. The water baptism is a public declaration of one’s faith in Jesus; identifying with His death (we decide to die to sin), His resurrection (we decide to live in the newness of life because we are a new creation in Christ). The baptism in the Holy Spirit with evidence of speaking in tongues, is for power to be an effective witness of Jesus Christ.

Jesus told us: you are witnesses of these things. And behold, I send the promise of My Father on you (the baptism of the Holy Ghost). But you sit in the city of Jerusalem, until you are clothed with power from on high (Luke 24:48-49). Wait for the promise of the Father, which, He said, you have heard of Me. For John truly baptized with water; but you shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence (Acts 1:4-5). John answered the people, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I comes [Jesus is His name], the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire (Luke 3:16). Jesus Himself was first water baptized, then was baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire or power. The account goes as this: Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized [water baptized], and praying, the heaven was opened, And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon Him [baptism in the Holy Ghost], and a voice came from heaven, which said, You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased (Luke 3:21-22).

Peter tells us: How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power (fire): who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him (Acts 10:38). So when you are baptized in the Holy Ghost, you are filled with the Spirit of God! If you are not baptized with the Holy Ghost, you are not yet filled with the Spirit of God! Let us now read the account of Luke, of how Jesus moved from being filled with or full of the Holy Spirit, to the power of the Spirit.

Luke 4:1 And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost or filled with the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan [where He was water baptized by John the Baptist and baptized with the Holy
Ghost or filled with the Holy Ghost (Luke 3:21-22)], and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,

Luke 4:2 Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days He did eat nothing: and when they were ended, He afterward hungered.

Luke 4:3 And the devil said unto him, If You be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread.

Luke 4:4 And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.

Luke 4:5 And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, showed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

Luke 4:6 And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give You, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.

Luke 4:7 If You therefore will worship me, all shall be Yours.

Luke 4:8 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get behind me, Satan: for it is written, you shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve.

Luke 4:9 And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, If You be the Son of God, cast Yourself down from hence:

Luke 4:10 For it is written, He shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you:

Luke 4:11 And in their hands they shall bear you up, lest at any time you dash your foot against a stone.

Luke 4:12 And Jesus answering said unto him, It is said, you shall not tempt the Lord your God.

Luke 4:13 And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season.

Luke 4:14 And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.

Luke 4:15 And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all.

You see here in this portion of the scriptures Luke tells us how Jesus, who is the Son of God, after He was water baptized and baptized with the Holy Ghost, made the transition from being full of the Spirit or filled with the Spirit, to having the power of the Spirit or the fire. You and I also are now sons and daughters of God; because we are in Christ Jesus our elder brother. As many as received Him, He gave to them authority to become the children of God, to those who believe on His name [Jesus Christ], who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but were born of God (John 1:12-13). We were water baptized and we were baptized in the Holy Ghost with evidence of speaking in tongues, which
means we are full of the Holy Ghost or filled with the Holy Ghost, from the day we received the baptism in the Holy Ghost. Now we need to know, how to make that transition from being filled with the Spirit, to manifest the power of the Spirit.

Now it was not just the baptism of the Holy Ghost that made Him full of power. As we have already explained He lived a sanctified life, He prayed with fasting and was a doer of the word of God. And even in Luke 4:1-14 He was fasting after receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Of Stephen it is written: **Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people** (Acts 6:8). Many people are full of faith, but there is no power to back up what comes out of their mouth. Jesus was anointed with the Holy Ghost and power by God, and He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, because God was with Him (Acts 10:38). Sanctification; revelation of the word of God; prayer with fasting, including praying in tongues; becoming a doer of the word, adds power to our faith.

Paul prays for the church saying: Therefore, we also pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of the calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of His goodness, and the work of faith with power, so that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ (2Thessalonians 1:11-12). Paul wants believers not just to be full of faith without power to back up the words coming out of their mouth; but full of faith and power; For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power (1Corinthians 4:20).

### 12.3 Step three: the Word of God

John tells us upfront: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God (John 1:1). For you and I to be born again, we first heard the word of God that told us we can receive Jesus and be born again, that is why we came to Christ. It all started with the word of God, and this Christian journey is only prosperous and successful through the word of God. The word is nigh you, even in your mouth, and in your heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; that if you confess with your mouth, the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved. For with the heart man believes unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation (Romans 10:8-10). For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him [Jesus] should not perish, but have everlasting life (John 3:16).

And the moment we are born again we need to be taught through the word of God, our identity in Christ Jesus; because if we are still questioning who we are in Christ Jesus, Satan will beat us most of the time; because we do not know our authority as sons and daughters of God. We, as born again Christians, are sons and daughters of God who are serving in the vineyard of our Father God, with our Elder Brother Jesus, who came to show us the way: how we should be about our Father’s business. We are serving the people of God and the people who are yet to be children of God, and never lording over anybody. We are spiritually seated in the heavenly places in the third heaven, at the right hand of God the Father in Christ Jesus, far above all principalities, all powers, all rulers, all dominion and every name that is named in this age and in the age to come (Ephesians 1, Ephesians 2). In that third heaven, we have
the Godhead, all the angels of God and all the saints who have gone to glory. The angels are servants of our God [Father, Son and Spirit] who are sent to minister to, which is to serve born again Christians, who are sons and daughters of God, and yet to be born again Christians (Hebrews 1:14). And we see how Jesus, the Son of God, after He had finished His fast, was ministered to by an angel, after His period of fast (Matthew 4:11).

Satan and his demons were cast out of the third heaven, where the Godhead is and all the angels and all the saints who have gone to glory and spiritually all born again Christians because they are in Christ Jesus, into the second heaven and first heaven. We have explained, in the first part of our series of The Perfect Redemption Plan how Satan was cast out of the third heaven when the war broke out in heaven and Michael the Archangel fought Satan and defeated him and all his demons and they were cast out of the third heaven into the second and first heaven. And Jesus confirms it by telling us: I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven [from the third heaven into the second and first heaven]. Behold, I give unto you 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).

The second heaven is where Satan, all his demons and also his agents on earth: witches, wizards, magicians, fortune tellers, astrologers, palm readers, witchdoctors, mediums, necromancers, etc; dwell spiritually. The first heaven is the seen or visible world, where we physically live, the air we breathe, this planet earth and the universe around us. The spiritual activities that happen in the second heaven, affect what happens in the first heaven: sickness, disease, demon possession, premature death, bankruptcy, poverty, divorce, sin, natural disaster, etc; they all come from the demonic activities in the second heaven, and affect people’s life in the first heaven. Jesus explains to us that Satan, who is the thief and the robber, comes but to steal, kill and destroy; but Jesus Christ has come so that you and I, and the world around us, might have life and have it more abundantly (John 10:10).

The activities of the third Heaven, tremendously affect what happens in the second heaven, and in the first heaven. Whenever someone is healed, raised from the dead, set free from demonic oppression in the first heaven; it means that Satan, his demons and also his agents on earth, have been defeated again in the second heaven, and we see the manifestation in the first heaven. Spiritually this is the hierarchy: the Godhead [Father, Son and Spirit] comes first, and then second you have the redeemed Christians, because they are sons and daughters of God, who are serving in His vineyard. Third you have the angels of God, they are His servants, sent to serve the sons and daughters of God (Psalm 91:11-12, Hebrews 1:14). Fourth you have Satan and his demons, and fifth, you have the unsaved or normal human, or mere men and women. So spiritually you, as a born again Christian, rank higher than angels of God, who rank higher than Satan and his demons, thus you rank spiritually higher than Satan, his demons, his agents on earth [magicians, sorcerers, witches, wizards, astrologers, palm readers, fortune tellers, mediums, necromancers, Satanists, witchdoctors, etc]. A born again Christian who is afraid of Satan, his demons and his agents on earth, does not know who he or she is in Christ Jesus, and the authority he or she has in Christ Jesus!

**My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because you have rejected knowledge**, I will also reject you, that you shall be no priest to Me: seeing you have forgotten the law of your God, I will also forget your children (Hosea 4:6). That is why out of
the three temptations Satan threw at Jesus, in two of them, Satan was questioning who He is: If you are the Son of God (Luke 4:3, Luke 4:9)! In between Satan threw another question, but the first and the last temptation of Satan, was about the identity of Christ Jesus! Two out of three questions of Satan, were about who Christ Jesus is? My friend, if you do not know that you are a son or daughter of God in Christ Jesus; you will be defeated by Satan the devil and his agents, or you will lose some battles and win some; which is not supposed to happen. For if we truly have the revelation that we are sons and daughters of God through Christ Jesus, and we spiritually rank higher than Satan, his demons and his agents; God will always lead us in triumph through Christ Jesus and through us, He will defuse the fragrance of His knowledge in every place (2Corinthians 2:14).

That is why Satan and His demons will always question who you are in Christ Jesus. Because the moment you realize, who you are in Christ, and embrace the authority and power given to you by God, as a son or daughter, to tread on serpents (Satan himself the serpent of old according to Revelation 20:2), scorpions and over all the power of the enemy. And nothing shall by any means hurt you (Luke 10:19). You will heal all manner of sickness, all manner of disease, cleanse lepers, cast out all demons, and raise the dead at will; because these are the works of the devil, the enemy of our God. The God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet (Romans 16:20) as He promised to bruise Satan under the feet of Jesus, as it is written: I, God, will put enmity between you, Satan the serpent of old, and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed [Jesus is the Seed of the woman, and you also, as born again Christians, are in Jesus, the Seed of the woman]; the Seed, Christ Jesus, and the children whom God has given unto Him, who are for signs and wonders, according to Isaiah 8:18, shall bruise your head [the serpent’s head], and you shall bruise his heel (Genesis 3:15).

You will not have to fear anything Satan, his demons and his agents can do to you, nothing they do will by any means hurt you. It does not mean that they will not try, but it will by no means hurt you! You will quench all the fiery darts or missiles of the enemy by the shield of faith of God, no attack of the enemy will be able to penetrate the hedge of fire God built around you; For I, says the LORD, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her (Ephesians 6:16, Zechariah 2:5). All the curses of the agents of Satan will not work against you; because you know who you are in Christ. Balaam, who was an agent of Satan, was invited to come and curse the children of God. Balaam, an agent of Satan, told Balak who called him to come and curse the children of God: how shall I curse whom God has not cursed? And how shall I denounce whom God has not denounced (Numbers 23:8)? For there is no sorcery or enchantment against Jacob, nor any divination or fortune telling against Israel (Numbers 23:23). That is why no witchdoctor, nor fortune teller, nor magician, nor tarot card reader, nor necromancer can tell you your future, if you are born again Christians. If they prophecy doom to you, do not even be afraid for they cannot curse you.

And if they dare to curse you; thus says the Lord God: I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless you, and curse him that curses you (Genesis 12:2-3). The weapon of the enemy is fear, so he uses fear to cause the born again Christian to doubt who he or she is in Christ Jesus. The only way Satan wins over a born again Christian, is when fear causes him or her to back off from the promises of God, and believe the lies of the enemy. Whenever the
enemy pronounces a threat over your life or a curse, never keep silent. Open your mouth and say what the word of God says concerning your situation, that is lifting the shield of faith to quench all the fiery darts of the enemy. But do not only be on the defensive, but on the offensive as well, and use the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God (Ephesians 6:17), and behead that foul spirit, and hack it into pieces in the name of Jesus!

A dearest mother asked me: how can I lift that shield of faith to quench all missiles of Satan, and use the sword of the Spirit to strike him back in a practical case? I told her: tell me the dream that you had. She said: I was holding the hand of one of my sons and walking with him on a path. But in my dream my son was about twelve years old, whereas in the physical he is in his late twenties now. And we arrived at a place where the path was split in two paths, one was going left and the other was going right. For one reason I could not explain, my son was no longer holding my hand, and he took the left path and I took the right path. As I walked on the right path, I arrived at a point on the path where a high wall blocked the path, so I could not continue my journey. And I woke up.

I told her that is the lie from the pit of hell. The enemy is telling you when your son was young, that is when you as a family became born again, your son was following the same path of the righteous like you. But now that he is an adult, he chose to follow his own path, not the path that you showed him. I said to her, lift up the shield of faith to quench all those fiery darts against your family and your son. There is no such a thing as a silent faith. Paul says: I believe or I have faith, therefore I speak (2Corinthians 4:13). Say this: it is written: “as for me and my house we will serve the Lord (Joshua 24:15). Paul and Silas said to me: Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you shall be saved, and your house (Acts 16:30-31). The entire world forsook God to live in sin, and they all perished in the judgment of God, that came on the earth when the flood covered the earth in the days of Noah. But as for righteous Noah, his wife, his three sons and his sons’ wives, the eight members of his house; they were saved (Hebrews 11:7, Genesis 7 to Genesis 9). Cornelius was saved, and not just his house was saved, but even his acquaintances were saved (Acts 10). Rahab was saved and her father’s house also was saved because of her faith, when the entire city of Jericho and it inhabitants were utterly destroyed (Joshua 6)

“In the name of Jesus my son and all my children will serve the Lord with me all the days of their life. Even if the entire world around them is living in sin and goes to hell; but my children, according to the word of God, will serve the Lord and go to heaven with me”. The devil has not changed his strategy: there is nothing new under the sun (Ecclesiastes 1:9). I even hear some pastors and elders in some churches saying: in this new generation, everything is different, and the world around our children is not godly; that is why my children go to night clubs, they live in sexual immorality, and on Sunday they come to church and sing in the choir, and lead the prayer meeting. “God understands that our children face a lot of temptations, so He goes easy on sin now!”

Those pastors have been deceived by the devil. They have not lifted the shield of faith in prayer. Noah did not do so for his children, and the days of Noah were worse days than our days. We need to fight for our children, and not give up so easily. Even when they have already backslid, God promised: I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for My anger is turned away from him (Hosea 14:4).
Not every dream or vision is from God; some are from the devil who is seeking your agreement, to mess up your life or the life of your children. As we have explained in the bible study on Divine Guidance, if a dream or vision does not line up with the written word of God, it is not from God. Therefore lift up the shield of faith to stop that attack of the devil, and use the sword of the Spirit to strike that enemy. Satan also came to shake the faith of Peter, so that he would depart from Jesus Christ; but Jesus said to Peter: Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat; But I have prayed for you, that your faith fail not: and when you are converted, strengthen your brethren (Luke 22:31-32).

I, Gery, also backslid, but my parents and my pastor prayed for me according to the scriptures. They did not give up on me; they knew the promises of God. God healed my backsliding and loved me freely, and since I returned to Jesus, I am strengthening my brothers and sisters in the Lord. So I said to that dearest mother: now that you have lifted the shield of faith, use the sword of the Spirit. The wall you saw in your dream, which was blocking your path and was preventing you moving forward, deal with it now! As it is written: Who are you, O great mountain [O wall]? Before Zerubbabel [put your own name] you shall become a plain: and he shall bring forth the Cornerstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it (Zechariah 4:7). I command you wall that is blocking my path, blocking progress in my life and in my family; I command you to be removed and cast into the sea (Mark 11:23).

The Word of the Lord that comes out of my mouth is fire, and a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces (Jeremiah 23:29). In the name of Jesus, you wall that is standing on my path, hindering my progress and the progress of my house, I break you in pieces. Christ Jesus, the Chief Cornerstone of my life, fall upon you and grind you to powder (Matthew 21:44). And in the name of Jesus I continue my journey on that path of righteousness, holding my son and all the members of my house in my hands. The path of the righteous is as the shining light, that shines more and more to the perfect day (Proverbs 4:18). In Jesus’ name, Amen!

Jesus tells us: from the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force (Matthew 11:12). Go back after that thief, robber and destroyer and bind him, strip him naked of his armour, bind him hand and foot and hack him to pieces, and plunder all he has in the name of Jesus! Teach him a lesson, so that he will go and trouble someone else, who does not know who he or she is in Christ Jesus. Jesus told us: how can one enter into a strong man’s house [Satan’s house], and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? And then he will spoil his house (Matthew 12:29). When we have the revelation of who we are in Christ Jesus, and who Christ Jesus is in us, we will assault the kingdom of darkness and utterly destroy it and its evil works: sins, all manner of sickness, all manner of disease, demon possession, premature death, poverty, divorce, disasters, etc.

So what takes place both in the third heaven and in the second heaven, the invisible world, truly affects the life of people in the first heaven, which is the visible world. Paul explains this spiritual reality to us, saying: Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God [you as a born again Christian, you lift up the shield of faith, which is the word of God, to quench all the fiery missiles of the devil, and then you use the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, so that the Godhead and His angels, who are in the third heaven will destroy Satan, his demons and agents, who are in the second heaven; and then
you will see manifestations of that victory: the worlds around you and people’s lives around you, will line up with the will of God that is in the third heaven, and has been recorded for us in the bible, so that things which are seen, were not made of things which do appear [a victory over Satan, his demons and his agents was won in the second heaven, though people cannot see it, but in the physical we have the manifestations of that victory] (Hebrews 11:3).

The children of Israel, as a nation, were the sons of God, as God said to Moses: you shall say unto Pharaoh, Thus says the LORD, Israel is My son, even my firstborn (Exodus 4:22). But unfortunately the majority of the children of Israel never understood the authority they had as a nation, who was a son of God, and it truly pained the heart of God; because, had they fully fathomed the revelation of their sonship as a nation, and the authority and power that came with it, they would not have suffered any oppression of the enemy.

The Roman centurion in Matthew 8:5-13, whose servant was sick, at the point of death, and Jesus healed him, understood the authority that Jesus, the Christ, the Son of the living God has over Satan, his demons and his oppression; for sickness, disease, demon possession and premature death, are the oppressions of the devil according to Acts 10:38. So he explains to Jesus that he understands authority that a son of God has over beings that spiritually rank lower than he, to command them and they must obey at once, saying: You do not even need to come physically under my roof where my servant lies, but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed [the demon that is oppressing my servant with sickness will have to obey your command, and leave and then as a result of his eviction, my servant will be healed; for Satan, his demons and his agents; who oppress people with sickness, disease, premature death, etc; spiritually rank lower than you, and if you command them, they must obey at once]. Because I, as a Roman centurion, am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goes; and to another, Come, and he comes; and to my servant, Do this, and he does it (Matthew 8:8-9).

When I hear people pray for sickness and disease and premature death, and they are asking God to come and heal that person, or they are magnifying in length what Satan and his agents are doing. Instead of binding them and casting them out, in a way they are praising the devil and his agents in a sense of Barak, please see the bible study of the Seven Hebrew words for Praise. I know they do not have the full understanding of their sonship. Even some pastors magnify [Barak] the devil and his agents in their prayers. I do not pray a prayer of agreement with some pastors; because they just put doubt and unbelief in my heart, after they have prayed, and worse than that, some of them are not praying to God; but are praying at me and preaching their doubt, unbelief and traditions of men, that makes the word of God of no effect, because they want to prove to me, that they have faith and are versed in the letters of the bible.

Especially for financial miracles, healing or dead raising, if they call me to help them: I no longer even allow them to pray! I am the only one who prays; because I do want to listen to their prayers of doubt, unbelief that magnify the devil and his agents. When a religious Christian calls you to pray for him or her, concerning a problem he or she is going through, my advice to you is not to pray a prayer of agreement with him or her, but be the only one to pray, and let him or her keep silent! Because after they have prayed their religious prayers of false humility, doubts, unbelief, and magnifying Satan, his agents and their evil work; it will even affect your faith, so that you will not pray with full confidence toward God. That is why
you need to choose your prayer partner carefully; because if you pray with someone more than three hours a week and they dump that religious rubbish in you, sooner or later you will become like them. If they do not want to learn who they are in Christ, and how to pray effectively according to the scriptures; but hold on to the traditions of men and false humility, leave them alone, do not be their prayer partner!

Jesus warned us: If any man or woman has ears to hear, let him or her hear [the Greek word here is Akouo which means: to hear, to understand and to hearken]. It is not good enough to just hear the word of God or read the word of God; but you and I need to understand it, and to hearken to the word of God we have heard or read; to hearken to something, is to listen to what is being said and act on what was uttered. And Jesus said unto His disciples, you and I are His disciples too. **Take heed** [pay attention or take care] **what you hear;** with what measure you mete, it shall be measured to you: and **unto you that hear shall more be given** (Mark 4:23-24). So if you are praying with a person three hours every week, and he or she is a self-imposed religious person, full of false humility in prayer (Colossians 2:23), doubt, unbelief, tradition of men [he or she refuses even to change their way of believing, or praying, even after you have shown them from the scriptures; because they want to follow the way they taught them to pray and believe by the founder of their nomination or denomination, though they cannot prove it from the scriptures]; very soon because you hear their prayer for three hours every week, more of their self-imposed religion, more of their false humility; more of their doubts, more of their unbelief, more of their magnifying of the devil, more of their fears, and more of their traditions of men, shall be given to you.

**Take heed therefore how you hear:** for whosoever has, to him shall be given; and **whosoever has not, from him shall be taken even that which he seems to have** (Luke 8:18). Some people have been in Christianity for thirty years or more and are even of age to give birth to me. We should honour and revere people who are older than we are both physically and who have been in faith longer than us (1Timothy 5:1-3). There is never any room in Christianity for disrespect and rudeness, to anybody young or old. And we should be kindly affectionate to one another, in honour giving preference to one another regardless of the age difference, or gender (Romans 12:10). Yet the first person we must Honour and revere is God, and we honour and revere Him by honouring and revering His word, for God and His word are one (John 1:1). So people will try to intimidate you by telling you, how long they have been saved, and telling you all their personal experiences of failures, and the man-made doctrines they have built on those failures. So they will force you to hear and believe their man-made doctrine, based on failures because of their age, and because of the numbers of years they have been in Christianity.

Take heed how you hear, not just what you hear, but how you hear, because if you decide to act on what you heard because of the natural honour and reverence you give to a person, and not because what he or she is saying lines up with the written word of God; you will be in big trouble. Because the little revelation of who you are in Christ Jesus, who Christ Jesus is in you, and what He has accomplished for you by His death, burial and resurrection that you seem to have, will be taken from you, and replaced with those man-made doctrines, based on failures and certainly not based on the word of God. That is why even on Christian television, one needs to be careful what programme he or she watches, and how often he or she watches it. Some born again Christians are confused spiritually, because of those
Christians television channels, for if you watch it for three hours a day you will listen to six different preachers, who are contradicting themselves, and you end up more confused about the will of God than before you turned on that Christian television channel.

All those doctrines of men, that have exalted themselves against the word of God and the traditions of men, that have made the word of God of no effect, have their root in failures and pride of some religious leaders. And we know that Satan is behind failure and pride. As we have explained in the first bible study on the series of The Perfect Redemption Plan, it was pride that caused Lucifer to be kicked out of heaven. All those teachings, that say the healing power of God and all the gifts of the Spirits stopped after the death of last apostles of Jesus, are based on the failures of some Christian leaders, who could not have the manifestations of the Spirit of God, and the demonstration of the power of God. So in their pride they said: if we who are the leaders cannot have these manifestations of the Spirit, and the demonstrations of the power of the Spirit, no one else can have them! It was to save their reputations in the eyes of men. What they ought to have done is to fall on their knees in prayer, read their bible without religious eye glasses, fast and cry out to the Lord, for Him to be the same in their generation as He was in the generation of the apostles.

But because they did not humble themselves before God, by believing the authority of the written word of God; instead they came up with their own doctrines, based on their failures because of their pride. God also refused to let them experience the manifestations of the Spirit through the gifts of the Spirit, as it is written: Do you think that the Scripture says in vain, The Spirit that dwells in us yearns jealously? But He, the Spirit, gives more grace. Therefore He says, God resists the proud, but He gives grace to the humble (James 4:5-6). The Holy Spirit, who inspired all the scriptures from Genesis to Revelation, yearns jealously and does not like it when people change the content of the bible, to come up with their own man-made doctrines based on their personal failures, and not based on the word of God; for by so doing, they have called God a liar who gave those wonderful promises in the word of God. Therefore the Holy Spirit also refuses to manifest His gifts through them, but resists them because of their spiritual pride. But to you and I who humble ourselves under the authority of the written word of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit; the Holy Spirit gives us His grace and manifests His gifts through us.

I tell you the failures of the religious leaders, whatever the title they have given themselves: pope, archbishop, bishop, overseer, etc; does not change the will of God, which is the written word of God. God says: I am the Lord and I change not (Malachi 3:6). We see in 2Kings 4:8-37, the Shunammite woman, who gave birth to a son after Elisha prophesied to her. Her son later died, she went to fetch the man of God Elisha, to come and raise her son from the dead. Elisha sent his disciple Gehazi ahead of him with his staff to lay it on the child, so that the child would come back to life. Now as we have explained in the bible study of Jehovah-Nissi, that the Rod or the Branch that Moses used as a staff, that Elijah used as a staff, and that Elisha used as a staff, was symbolic of Jesus the Rod or the Branch. And Elijah, Elisha and also Gehazi and later John the Baptist, were clothed in animal skins which was symbolic of the imputed righteousness of God. So Gehazi had the imputed righteousness of God and Jesus Christ with him, yet when he put the staff of Elisha on the Shunammite’s son, he did not come back from the dead.

But I say unto you the failure of a Gehazi does not change the will of God which states: 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).

But when Elisha came into the upper room where the dead child lay, he raised him from the dead in the name of the Lord. So religious people, if they tried and failed like Gehazi they would say: “I think it was not the will of God to raise that dead child”. Thank God that the Shunammite woman knew where to get real help for her dead son, she ran to Elisha and would not let him go, unless he came down personally to raise her son from the dead. And Elisha raised her son from the dead, praise the Lord!

I was invited to a Christian fellowship in Manchester on Friday 22nd November 2013. And the brother who was leading that fellowship said to the people: “I believe the greatest miracle is salvation of the souls. When we receive Jesus Christ He gives us eternal life. But everyone Jesus healed, they eventually died and everyone Jesus raised from the dead they died again”.

I said to him: David said: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities; who heals all your diseases (Psalm 103:2-3). Yes, we must get people saved so that they will not go to hell, but we cannot pick and choose what we want in the salvation package of God. We cannot choose to believe that He forgives all our iniquities and decide to reject that He heals all our diseases. Otherwise Jesus bore those stripes on His back in vain. Some people will say: Jesus said “rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven”. Yes, our priority is to win souls, so that their names are written in heaven and they do not go to hell. Yet we should always take the words of Jesus in context, and not pick and choose what we want. Let us read where they took that scripture from and see what Jesus said.

And the seventy two returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through Your name [the name of Jesus]. And Jesus said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Notwithstanding in this, rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven (Luke 10:17-20). So the seventy two disciples went to preach the gospel, heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead and cast out devils as Jesus commanded them, and it worked to their amazement! Jesus gave them authority and power to destroy the works of the devil: sickness, disease, premature death and demon possession. The preaching of the gospel has to do with the salvation of souls: the Holy Spirit bears witness, and brings conviction of sins upon the people, yet at the end of it, it is the free will of each one, to make a decision to surrender his spirit, soul and body to Christ Jesus. But as for demon possession, all manner of sickness, all manner of disease and premature death, Jesus gave us authority and power to destroy those works of the devil, whether the people are saved or unsaved, it does not matter.

Jesus commanded us, saying: as you go, preach the kingdom of God is at hand, then heal the sick, cleanse lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils, freely you have received freely give (Matthew 10:7-8). Jesus did not tell us: as you go preach the gospel so that they can have their names written in heaven when they receive Me; “but do not be overly concerned with their sickness, disease, demon possession and premature death, for after all we will all die one day. So it does not matter if they are not healed in My name, or set free from demonic oppression in My name, or raised from the dead in My name”. No, Jesus did not tell us to
think that way; but on the contrary, when the disciples could not cast out demons, Jesus scolded them in Matthew 17. Jesus did not tell them: “just minister salvation to the epileptic boy and his father, and it does not matter if he is healed from epilepsy, if he receives Me, when he dies, and goes to heaven, there is no epilepsy, and there is no demon possession and there is no sickness”. Jesus told us to pray that His will be done here on earth as it is in heaven (Luke 11:1-2). Since there is no demon possession, sickness, disease, nor premature death in heaven; let that will be done on earth here as it is in heaven.

In Matthew 17:14-21, a father brought his epileptic son to the disciples of Jesus for them to cure him. But the disciples (the nine apostles of Jesus, who stayed at the foot of the mountain; for John, James and Peter had gone with Jesus on the mountain of transfiguration) could not cure that man’s son of epilepsy by casting out that demon. Now today in our modern churches they will say: “if nine apostles have prayed for your case, and you are not healed, it might not be the will of God for you to be healed!” That is a lie of the devil, the failure of the apostles does not change the will of God which says: **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). Some Christians, when they come to me for prayer, they tell me the list of the “big men of God” who have prayed for them or their children and not received a miracle. I am not interested in knowing who has prayed for your problem or the number of people that have prayed for your problem: I am interested in what the word of God says concerning your problem!

The father of the epileptic child was wise; he knew that the failure of the apostles did not change the will of God for his son. So when Jesus came down from the mountain, he brought his son to Jesus and Jesus cured him of epilepsy by casting out that demon. People will say: “the reason why Gahazi could not raise that child from the dead, and the apostles could not cast out the epileptic demon from that child, is because the set time for the healing had not yet come!” It is a lie from the pit of hell! One minute it was not the set time for God to perform a miracle in the life of those children, and a few minutes later, when Elisha arrived in the Shunammite’s house, it was the set time for God to raise her son from the dead, or a few minutes later, when Jesus came down from the mountain, it was the set time for that child to be cured of epilepsy. The truth is, it is always the set time to preach the gospel, heal the sick, cleanse lepers, raise the dead and cast out demons. Paul tells us: behold, now is the accepted time for God to hear your prayers, behold now is the day of salvation (day of healing, day of deliverance, day of dead raising, day of prosperity) and God will help you (2Corinthains 6:2).

People will say: <

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**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).
The bible tells us: now when the Shunammite woman came to the man of God at the hill, she caught him by the feet, but Gehazi came near to push her away. But Elisha the man of God said: let her alone; for her soul is in deep distress, and the Lord has hidden it from me and has not told me (2Kings 4:27). Now Elisha was a great prophet, God would even show him the meetings the King of Syria had, with his generals in his bedroom (2Kings 6:8-18). Yet from the very mouth of Elisha we hear his testimony concerning the death of the Shunammite’s son: the Lord has hidden it from me and has not told me; so in other words Elisha saw no vision, nor dream, neither did God speak to him about the death of the child, nor about raising that child from the dead. But he knew he was a man of God like Elijah was, who discipled him. Elijah raised the dead child of the widow of Zarephath who lodged him (1Kings 17). And that widow said to Elijah: now by this [dead raising of my son that God has performed through you] I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is the truth (1Kings 17:24).

You and I are men and women of God, in other words we are His representatives. Let us represent Him effectively: by preaching His gospel of the kingdom, healing the sick, casting out demons, cleansing lepers, raising the dead and doing that free of charge; for the Kingdom of God we preach is not in words only, but in the demonstration of His power and manifestation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit (1Corinthains 2:4). For thus says the Lord God, behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves. Then you shall know that I am the Lord, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up from the grave (Ezekiel 37:12-13). So Elisha went to raise that Shunammite’s son from the dead, standing only on the written word of God, for he had received no vision, nor dream, nor did God tell him anything!

Religious people will also tell you: if a person was sick and you prayed for him and he was not healed but instead he died, it means it was not the will of God for that person to be healed, so you can bury him. That is also a lie of the devil. In 1Kings 17, Elijah the man of God was lodging for a long time in the house of the widow of Zarephath. The heavens were shut for three and half years, and most of that time of famine, Elijah lodged in the house of that widow of Zarephath. So when the Son of the woman became sick, Elijah was in the same house eating and lodging with them (1Kings 17:17-24). Yet the child died! So people would say: the man of God Elijah was praying for that sick child and yet he died, so it might not have been the will of God to heal that child. But even though the prayer of Elijah failed to get the child healed; yet Elijah did not give up! He prayed for the child to be raised from the dead and God raised the child from the dead! So never take no for an answer! All the promises of God in Christ Jesus are Yes and Amen (2Corinthians 1:20). Elijah could say: it is not the will of God to heal that child and for that child to live, if God wanted that child to live He would have healed him, when I prayed for his sickness. But that was not the thinking of Elijah, Elijah knew God promised: with long life I will satisfy you and show you My salvation [healing, deliverance, prosperity] (Psalm 91:16).

So if I pray for a person who is sick and that person dies, my heart should not faint; it is only the attack of the enemy! The battle is not over yet, even if the devil killed that sick person. Jesus tells us: men and women always ought to pray and not lose heart or faint (Luke 18:1). So now I pray for that person to be raised from the dead. The devil thought he had hit Elijah so hard by killing that child with sickness, that it would shake the faith of Elijah; but it was a
big mistake, because dead raising brings more glory to God than just normal healing! So Elijah decided to pray for the child to be raised from the dead! The devil thought the same thing about Jesus: Lazarus was sick and died from the sickness. Although Lazarus had died of sickness, yet Jesus' heart did not faint, but He said: This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby (John 11:4). The devil thought he had won, but the dead raising brought more glory, and the fame of the name of our God spread wildly because of that dead raising.

That is why 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). In other words He is telling us, as you go to people's houses or cities, pray for their sick, and if those sick die do not stop praying, because you know it is not the will of God for them to die of sickness, so raise them from the dead! Do like Elijah did for the son of the widow of Zarephath and as I did for Lazarus. The question Jesus is asking every one of us, when we face a situation of having prayed for someone and they die, is will we still have faith to go a step higher, and pray for them to be raised from the dead? God will avenge his own elect [for that adversary the devil that killed the sick person you prayed for, by raising that person from the dead], [Because you have not fainted in prayer, in view of the death of the sick person you prayed for, but instead] you have cried day and night to Him, though He has been long-suffering over them, I tell you that He will avenge them [the elect] speedily [by raising that person from the dead, like he did for the son of the widow of Zarephath and like he did for Lazarus]. Nevertheless when the Son of man, Jesus Christ, comes, shall He find faith on the earth? [or will we decide to give up because we prayed and that person died of sickness, let us be a man of God or woman of God like Elijah and Jesus who did not faint in prayer] (Luke 18:7-8)

We can either make excuses for ourselves for not seeing the power of God at work in our life and blame God, and blame people around us; or we can take our responsibility as men and women of God, and humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God, and He will exalt us in due time [as we keep doing what Jesus commanded us, we will start seeing the manifestation of those promises] (1Peter 5:6). The disciples of Jesus did not make excuses for not having the power. They accepted the rebukes and scolding of Jesus, and asked Him to teach them how to do His command. Jesus told them: O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I suffer you? Bring him hither to Me (Matthew 17:17). O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken [slow of heart to believe all the written word of God] (Luke 24:25). The word perverse used by Jesus is the Greek word diastrepho which means to distort, to twist, to corrupt and to turn away. So a perverse person in the eyes of God is a person who distorts or twists the truth of the written word of God for his selfish ambitions. He does not believe all the scriptures, but selects the ones that suit him, and distorts or corrupts the other ones by traditions of men and false humility, to justify his behaviour, lack of power and lack of manifestation of the Spirit of God.

The disciples of Jesus accepted their responsibility and asked Jesus to teach them, not only the word of God so that all the traditions of men that make the word of God of no effect, false humility and self imposed religion, will be removed from their life; but also to teach them how to pray as Jesus Christ prayed, so that they will have the same result Jesus had, and certainly
not to pray as the Pharisees or the Sadducees (Luke 11). Paul also only spoke and taught the people of God in line with the written word of God. 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).

So Jesus did it for three and a half years, taught them the word of God, and how to pray according to the word of God. And yet they were still experiencing some resistance in the demonstration of the power of God. So they asked Him in the house: Why could we not cast that demon out to cure the boy, [why could we not demonstrate the power of God, You have taught us the word of God and how to pray]? And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief [you still do not believe all I have taught you, you have decided to pick and choose what you want to believe]: for verily I say unto you, If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you [not just to Me Jesus, also to you, nothing shall be impossible]. Howbeit this kind goes not out, but by prayer and fasting (Matthew 17:19-21). You will need to add some praying and fasting as well, on top of the word I taught, to have the manifestation of the power of God.

Sometimes when I pray, and I know what God has promised, that every born again believer will do the same works of Jesus, and even greater works [John 14:12-14]; but I am not yet experiencing them the way it is in the written word of God. I have tears in my eyes, like that father who brought his epileptic son to Jesus. I can hear Jesus telling me: If you can believe, all things are possible to him that believes. And straight away I, Gery, cry out, and say with tears, Lord, I believe; help my unbelief (Mark 9:23-24). It is because you believe the written word of God that you have tears in your eyes, and you feel frustrated in your heart for not being where you are supposed to be in Christ; otherwise you will not be bothered, and go and sit with the other religious people. I do not just want to read about the people of old whom God used; I want to be the one God uses in my generation, and do the same works of Jesus and even greater works as He promised. And I refuse to settle for a mediocre walk with Jesus and a lukewarm walk with God, where I am neither spiritually cold nor spiritually hot (Revelation 3:15-18).

Papa Luyeye asked me a question: why is it that we Pentecostal Christians or Charismatic Christians, though we speak in tongues and can parrot scripture verses, lack the power of God. I thought the baptism of the Holy Ghost with evidence of speaking in tongues was for power to be witnesses of Jesus, and do the same works Jesus did? So I explained to him. Think of it this way: you want to make a fire using some wood. You need your matches or lighter as a source to start the fire; you need your petrol or gasoline which is basically oil, and the firewood. Now think of the baptism in the Holy Ghost, with evidence of speaking in tongues, as the small flame produced by a match or a lighter, it is the initial flame that is supposed to start the fire. Think of the gasoline or petrol which is but oil, as the Holy Spirit that moved into you, when you became born again, and the word of God that abides in you, for one of the symbols of the Holy Spirit, is oil in the Old Testament (1Samuel 16:13) and Jesus also tells us, that the words that He speaks to us are Spirit and life (John 6:63). So when the word of God abides in you, richly, in all wisdom, it is as if you have a lot of gasoline poured on that wood. So born again Christians who speak in tongues and have the word of
God abiding in them, have the small flame of the match or lighter to start the fire, we have a lot of gasoline.

Now think of the life of the born again Christian as firewood, which is a branch cut off from a tree. Now think of the tree from which that branch was cut off, as the world. While that branch was still abiding on the tree, the sap, which is the life of the tree, was still flowing into that branch. When we were unsaved, we were of the world, so the life of the world was in us. When the branch is cut off from the tree, though it no longer receives the sap from the tree, it is still a green branch, full of the sap of the tree from which it has been cut off. If you use that green branch, full of sap as firewood, and pour out all your gasoline and strike your match, there will be a big flame, that will die out very quickly without even burning the firewood. I remember when I was growing up. My grandmother only liked cooking with firewood. I was lazy in the selection of sticks I used to make my fire, so I collected some green sticks full of sap. I poured almost one litre of gasoline on those green sticks. But I was never able to have a good fire burning; I only had a big flame that died out quickly. My grandmother came and threw away all my sticks, and gathered some really dry ones, and only put a teaspoon of gasoline on that dry firewood, and had a good fire burning for hours and sometimes for days, when she was smoking some game and fish.

Jesus says: 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). Abiding in Jesus does not simply mean being born again, and having the word of God abiding in us, does not simply mean memorizing a lot of scriptures. But it also means living the life of Jesus, and not the life of the world, for we are not of the world, though we are in the world, being a doer of the word of God not just a hearer deceiving ourselves. As long as we are only born again and still living like the world and not being a doer the word of God; we are that green branch full of sap that one tries to use for firewood. You will finish all the matches in the box, and you will pour out litres of gasoline; but you will not be able to have a good fire burning. So in other words you will pray in tongues for hours, and you will quote scriptures for hours, with little results, and you will not be able to sustain those victories for long, just like those flames on that green firewood that keep dying out.

My grandmother did not just choose a dry branch, but she hacked it to pieces. Sometimes those branches were too big, so my grandmother took an axe and chopped them into small pieces; because she knew they would not burn properly if they were too big. She needed to decrease their size. We can liken it to the life of the Christian, to mean that the born again Christian, not only is he no longer of the world, but he has died to self, so that the life of the world that used to be in him is no more there. Pride is what is commonly found in the world; but in Christ Jesus we need to humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God and He will exalt us in due time (1Peter 5:6). In other words we need to chop off some worldly things that are in our life: decrease in our worldliness so that Christ Jesus will increase in us. John the Baptist tells us: Jesus must increase and I must decrease (John 3:30). And the axe that God uses to chop off our worldliness, is the Word of God that has been made flesh in us, either we read it directly in the bible or in a bible study or we hear it through the mouth of a man or woman of God (Jeremiah 51:20).

We give the definitions of humility and pride according to the written word of God in the bible study of Application of The Perfect Redemption Plan, so that you do not fall into the trap of
false humility which is from the pit of hell!

Jesus tells us: whosoever shall fall on This Stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder (Matthew 21:44). Christ Jesus is that Stone, even the Chief Cornerstone which the Jewish leaders and all unsaved people reject (Mark 12:10). Every born again Christian chose to fall on that Stone the day they gave their life to Christ and Jesus needs to break them, so that the life of the world will no longer be in them, and He will be able to channel His power through them easily. So that when the prince of this world, Satan, comes to test him or her; he finds nothing that belongs to him in that born again Christian, who has died to self and to the world. Jesus says: the prince of this world comes, and has nothing in Me (John 14:30).

Paul tells us: I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily (1Corinthians 15:31). That is why the demon who beat up the seven sons of Sceva who were trying to cast him out testified: Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you (Acts 19:15)? Yes, Satan and his demons came to Jesus, and they also came to Paul, and they found nothing that belonged to the devil, in either Jesus or Paul. In Matthew 4, Jesus defeated Satan by quoting only three scriptures. As you read the scriptures, all the healing prayers of Jesus and the casting out of demons, is only in one sentence, and the demons and sicknesses obey. The Same thing when you read the healing prayers of Peter and Paul in the book of Acts, for dead raising and casting out of demons, is only one sentence.

Holiness must come back into Christianity; it is our individual responsibility to live holy, and practice righteousness. Read the bible study on The Power of Confession, to discover why God does not want us to practice sin, and how Satan uses sin in our lives, to make us ineffective in our witness of Christ, with demonstration of power and manifestations of the gifts of the Spirit. Sin robs us of our confidence towards God, because our conscience is accusing us. And if we do not have confidence toward God, our faith will not be able to work properly, according to John (1John 5:14-16). The more you abide in Christ, and His word abides in you, the shorter your prayers for healing, deliverance and dead raising get, and the quicker your prayers get answered. Before you call, God will answer, and while you are still speaking, God will hear (Isaiah 65:24).

When you and I have a full revelation of what it means to be a son or daughter of God, and embrace the authority and power that every born again believer has over Satan, his demons, his agents and all the works of the enemy [sins, all manner of sickness, all manner of disease, premature death, disaster, etc], you will be commanding them to leave, you will be rebuking them, and commanding them to obey the word of God that comes out of your mouth. And once you settle that God-given authority and power, as a son or daughter of God in your heart, it is only a matter of time, and you will see demonstrations of the power of God and the manifestations of the gifts of the Spirit. Jesus qualified the understanding of the authority that a son or daughter of God has, over all spiritual beings that rank lower than him or her, to command them and they must obey at once, because they have such great faith!

As it is written: when Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel (Matthew 8:10 ). What a shame for Israel the son of God (Exodus 4:22). They had the bible, they were taught every Sabbath what the bible says, and yet they did not understand the authority and power that a son of
God has over all spiritual beings, that rank lower than themselves, to command them, and they must obey at once. But this gentile centurion, who was not even in the covenant of Israel, understood what authority and power, Israel the son of God had. I tell you the truth, sometimes unsaved people know better, what true Christians are supposed to be and to act like! People like Moses, Samuel, Gideon, Samson, Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego, David, Elijah, Elisha, etc understood that revelation of who Israel the son of God was in spiritual ranking. Daniel tells us: the people that do know their God, shall be strong, and do exploits. And they that understand among the people, shall instruct many (Daniel 11:32-33). But what does it mean to know God? John clarifies it for us, saying: by this we know that we have known Him, if we keep His commandments (1John 2:3).

Let us not be like Israel, the son of God (Exodus 4:22) who became so religious, that he did not even understand the authority and power that God gave him over Satan, his demons, his agents and all the works of the enemy. Jesus said to those people of Israel who were following Him: I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth (Matthew 8:11-12). Understand your God-given authority and power over Satan, his demons, his agents, and his evil works [sins, all manner of sickness, all manner of disease, premature death, demon possession, disasters, etc]. Born again Christians who practice the sins leading to death listed in 1Corinthians 6:9-10, either because they do not know that they have dominion over sin, or because they, though they know that they lead to death; but they deliberately practice those sins leading to death, will be cast into outer darkness, though they were sons and daughters of God. Please read the bible studies on: David’s Sexual Sin Exposed, Abecedary of Prayer and the Seven Hebrew Words for Praise; in these three bible studies we explain why the sins listed in 1Corinthians 6:9-10 are leading to death. It is because all of them have their root in idol worship and by practicing them, you have chosen another god in your life beside Jehovah God.

And many people will come from all walks of life, all nations and be born again, and understand that God given authority and power of sons and daughters of God over all spiritual beings, that rank lower than they, to command them and they must obey their words, as long as those words line up with the written word of God. But some who have been sons and daughters of God for ages, will not have the manifestations of those promises contained in the bible, that God promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; because of their lack of knowledge of their God given authority and power, or because they have rejected that knowledge and have decided to build their traditions of men, and exalt them, above the word of God, thus making the word of God of no effect (Hosea 4:6, Mark 7:13). That is why Jesus tells us: but many who are first shall be last; and the last shall be first (Matthew 19:30). The fact that you were born again before many other believers, does not mean that you will experience the manifestations of the promises of God; unless you know who you are in Christ and settle it in your heart, and decide to act accordingly.

On November 8th, 2013 Papa Luyeye in Glasgow Scotland in the Savoy Centre, asked me to explain to him the authority that we have as sons and daughters of God through Christ Jesus. He just wanted to know about the authority of sons and daughters of God not the power yet. So I explained to him, saying: when we were born again first of all we became sons and
daughters of God, and received the authority as children of God (John 1:12). Second Jesus Christ made us kings and priests or queens and priestesses to our God (Revelation 1:6). So, when we became born again, we were anointed son or daughter of God first, so that we can be heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ Jesus The Son of God, because we are in Him. If we are not sons and daughters the promises contained in the bible cannot be ours, for they were made to Christ Jesus who is the Son of God, all the promises of God contained in the bible are yes and amen in Christ Jesus the Son of God, so if you are not in Christ Jesus, you are not a son or daughter of God, and if you are not a child of God, you are not entitled to his inheritance either, but to crumbs and leftovers (2Corinthians 1:20).

Second we were anointed priest or priestess, so that every born again Christian has received the God given authority, to preach the gospel, starting with his or her family, their friends, their neighbours and to the utter most part of the world. For the lips of a priest should keep the knowledge, and people should seek the law, which is the written word of God, from his mouth; because the priest is the messenger of the Lord of hosts (Malachi 2:7). So born again Christians, should never make excuses again for not being able to share the word of God with people around them. It is our individual responsibility, as a priest to study the bible and these bible studies, so that you have the knowledge of God, and give an answer to everybody who seeks the counsel of the Lord of Hosts, for you as priests are His messengers.

Paul tells us: Study to show yourself approved unto God [as His priest or priestess], a workman who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth (2Timothy 2:15). Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine (2Timothy 4:2). And Peter who says that we are a royal priesthood in 1Peter 2:9, tells us: sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be always ready to give an answer to every man or woman who asks you a reason of the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear (1Peter 3:15). Ideally we ought not to tell anybody: let me call my pastor or my prophet or my evangelist or my apostles or my teacher, and they will explain the word of God to you. If you and I do our duty as priests, studying the word of God and always sharing it with people around us, the kingdom of God will grow exponentially.

All these letters of My Weekly Milk bible studies are meant to equip every born again Christian, with a succinct knowledge of the will of God, so that when they add the knowledge of these bible studies and their own personal study of the bible; they will be effective priests and priestesses of God, delivering His message around them, and always answering the questions of everyone who asks them the reason why they put their faith in Christ Jesus. The bible says: **Ezra; the priest and scribe of God, expert in all the words of the commandments of the Lord and of His statutes to Israel; had prepared his heart to study and seek the Law of God [the bible] and to do it, and to teach** statutes and ordinances in **Israel** (Ezra 7:10-11). Ezra the priest and scribe of God, opened the book of the Law [the bible] in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people, and when he had opened it, all the people stood up. Ezra and the other priests helped the people to understand the Law [the bible], [that is what Gery does in all the My Weekly Milk bible studies; it is to help people understand the bible] and the people stood in their place. So **they read distinctly from the book in the Law of God and they gave sense, and helped to understand the reading** (Nehemiah 8:5-8).

Even back then, though the bible was written in Hebrew to Hebrews who were speaking
Hebrew, yet there was a need to **read distinctly from the book in the Law of God, and give sense, and help the people to understand the reading**. Jesus asked that lawyer who was trying to justify himself in Luke 10:25-37: you are asking Me how to have the manifestation of the promises of God, in your case it is the promise of eternal life, I will ask you: What is written in the law [in the bible concerning that particular promise]? How do you read it [or what is your reading of what is written in the bible concerning that particular promise] (Luke 10:26)? Reading the bible is not enough, one needs to be given the sense and the understanding of what they are reading, even if you are a Hebrew native and you are reading your bible in Hebrew. The Ethiopian eunuch who was reading the book of Isaiah on his way back from Jerusalem to Ethiopia, needed to be given a sense and understanding of what he was reading.

The account goes as this: the angel of the Lord spoke unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goes down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. And he arose and went: and, behold, a **man of Ethiopia, an eunuch** of great authority under Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship, was returning, and sitting in his chariot **read Isaiah the prophet**. Then the Spirit said unto Philip: Go near, and join yourself to his chariot. And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Isaiah, and said: do you understand **what you read**? And he said: How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him. The place in the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth: In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? For his life is taken from the earth. And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I ask you, of whom the prophet speaks this? Of himself, or of some other man? Then Philip opened his mouth, and **began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus**. And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what does hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If you believe with all your heart, you may. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more and he went on his way rejoicing. But Philip was found at Azotus: and passing through he preached in all the cities, till he came to Caesarea (Acts 8:26-40).

You see Philip started to preach to him from that same scripture he was already interested in, which gave him it’s sense and the understanding, and ministered salvation to him. In John 4, Jesus started to talk about water with the woman of Samaria, who came to draw water from the well of Jacob; and then from her need of water, He ministered salvation to her, even the living water of the Holy Spirit! Start sharing the gospel with people from their point of need, and introduce Jesus Christ as being the solution to their problem, even the Desire of their heart. Show them how much God so loves them, and cares about them, and wants to take care of their problem (John 3:16, 1Peter 5:7, Psalm 8). When Jesus went to the fishermen in Luke 5, they were having a bad business day, they had caught no fish, and He ministered to them from their need, and called them to be fishers of men. Pray for people’s business and
from there, tell them about Jesus. Do not preach end time and hell fire to people when they are already going through hell on earth here with their problems. Tell them about the love of God! If they are living in sexual sins, or are prostitutes or have divorced and remarried many times, show them how Jesus wants to help them get out of the circle, as He did for the woman caught in adultery in John 8 and for the Samaritan woman who was married five times and the man she was living with was not her husband in John 4, and how Hosea, who is a type of Jesus, loved Gomer the prostitute.

Always present Jesus as the Desires of all nations, whatever their problem is! It is not about you and your “Roman Road of Salvation” that you have memorized, and are trying to shove down everybody’s throat! But it is about the people and their need. You and I are the ones who need to study our bible and bible studies, to show ourselves approved of God, so that we know what God has to say concerning every situation people are facing. Jesus says: They that are whole or well, need not a physician; but they that are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance (Luke 5:31-32). Jesus’ ministration was oriented towards the needs of the people, and from their needs, He ministered salvation to them. People who have need, will respond to the gospel better than people who are whole and self righteous. Always offer to pray right there for their need; whatever that need might be; and pray out loud, that they might hear your prayer. So that when God does the miracle, they know what you prayed for them, and it is definitely God answering your prayer for them, and they will have the proof of God loving them, caring for them and taking care of their need, even if they are still in their sins! That is what Jesus did for Peter in Luke 5 and Peter, when he saw the miracle in his fishing business; he acknowledged that he was a sinful man, and decided to follow Jesus to be a fisher of men (Luke 5:1-11).

The Scribes, Priests, Pharisees and Sadducees of the day of Jesus, were reading their bible in Hebrew and they were Jewish, yet they missed the sense of the scriptures, and did not have the understanding of what they were reading, they could not see the big picture, where all those scriptures were pointing to. Jesus told them: Search the scriptures; for in them you think you have eternal life: and they are they which testify of Me. And you will not come to Me, that you might have life (John 5:39-40). In all these My Weekly Milk bible studies, we have succinctly given every born again Christian, since they are priests and priestesses, the right sense and the understanding of the promises of God in Christ Jesus that they are reading in the bible, and all the studies are pointing to Christ Jesus, and certainly not to any man or woman but The Man Christ Jesus, for all scriptures testify or point to Jesus Christ from Genesis to Revelation.

Once equipped with that knowledge of the will of God they will be effective in closing the deal of salvation of the souls, when they minister to people. Because they will be meeting the people at their point of need. Every born again Christian must be kingdom business oriented; we should improve our approach of sharing the gospel, so that we seal the deal of salvation of the souls, often because we address the needs of the people directly. Jesus said: How is it that you sought Me? Do you not know that I must be about My Father’s business (Luke 2:49)? For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost (Luke 19:10).

Jesus tells us: Have you understood all these things [the right sense and meaning of the promises of God in Christ]? Therefore every scribe that is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is a householder, who brings forth out of his treasure things
new and old (Matthew 13:51-52). Ezra the priest and the scribe, is not the only one who had the understanding of the scriptures, you and I, as we are reading My Weekly Milk bible studies and our bibles, Christ Jesus, who is our High Priest and Chief Scribe, instructs us about the kingdom of heaven, from the writings of the Old and New Testaments, enabling us to bring out, or draw out of the bible, precious promises of God concerning us and the people around us.

It was in the days of Ezra, that the Jews started to have synagogues which were houses of prayer for all nations. In those houses of prayer for all nations, the Jews came to do three things: Praise, Pray and Preach. Please revisit the bible studies on The Seven Hebrew words for Praise and Abecedary of Prayer to know the basics of praise and prayer. You are now a priest or a priestess; let your personal house become a house of prayer for all nations, starting with the members of your house. Pray as a family, praise God and study the bible and these My Weekly Milk bible studies as a family, in the morning when you wake up and in the evening before going to bed.

God gave you your children, he did not give them to the pastor or the children’s church. You need to make sure that your children have the revelation of who God is, and who they are in Christ. Do not tell your children stories of the bible, teach them the bible, and the bible studies. The Jews teach their children the first five books of Moses (Genesis, Exodus, Numbers, Leviticus and Deuteronomy) from around three and half years old, to twelve years old. And then from the age of twelve, children are considered as adults, and they join the adult groups, and are taught the same teaching the adults receive. If you tell your children bible stories, they will think it is like father Christmas, and as they grow up, they will realize that it was only a story, father Christmas does not exist! If you do the same thing with the word of God and tell your children stories as they grow up, because they are being taught other things in school, they will always think that Jesus and God and all they read in the bible, are but good stories, or at best good history.

The way the church is now run, does not please God, for children are sent to the children’s school where they tell them story after story, and they memorize some scriptures and bible characters, and then they recite them. But there is no proper teaching like the adults receive. When they are between twelve and sixteen years old, they send them to teenage church, which from my point of view, most of the time is only amusement, and when they are between seventeen to twenty they send them to the youth church, which is but entertainment most of the time. If you are reading this bible study, I beg you please by the mercies of God, study all these My Weekly Milks with your children at home, day and night, praise and pray day and night as a family; let your house become a house of prayer for all nations. God gave you your children, and you as a priest or priestess in your house; it is your responsibility to teach those young priests and priestesses the word of God. I never went to any children’s church nor youth church, but always sat with my parents and we studied the same bible studies our pastor sent us, as a result we as children, matured spiritually quicker than other children, and had the same faith of our parents and as we grew up, we even had more faith than our parents.

And that is what God intended from the beginning, the easiest way the children can achieve greater spiritual exploits, is by passing on to them the same revelation their parents had about faith in their young age; and then in their own generation, they will build on the
the foundation of their fathers. Moses told us: The secret things belong unto the LORD our God:
but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law (Deuteronomy 29:29). So these My Weekly Milk bible studies do not belong only to the adults, but to you and your children. When Moses read the book of the Law and when Ezra read the book of the Law; they read it before the whole assembly of the children of Israel: men, women, children and elderly people.

The gospel is simple. If you use simple words and simple examples, even children will understand what the will of God is. Paul warns us: I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent [Satan] beguiled or deceived Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ, and the simplicity of the gospel (2Corinthians 11:3). If we use simple words and simple examples to illustrate our points, even children will understand the will of God. Whenever you try to be so fancy in your wording and examples to share the gospel: check your heart, it is not God telling you to do that, it is most of the time the devil; for most of the time you are trying to prove to people that you are “highly educated”, you have some “deep” revelations that no one else can get, unless they are as special as you are. Jesus took examples of everyday life to explain the deep mysteries of the kingdom, so that housewives, fishermen, prostitutes, tax collectors, farmers, merchants understood it. None of the teaching of Jesus and the disciples was aimed at impressing the crowd with their knowledge of theology, science or medicine. I had to learn from Jesus, how to present the gospel in a simple way, so that people can relate to it in their everyday life. And I remember when I first wrote the bible study on Abecedary of prayer, people did not know what Abecedary meant, so God asked me why did I use that fancy word, So I had to use almost two pages in that bible to study, to explain the meaning of Abecedary.

The secret things God has not yet revealed to our generation, He will reveal to our children, as they diligently seek Him. As it is written: It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter (Proverbs 25:2). You see Moses was eighty years old when God sent him to deliver the Hebrews from captivity in Egypt. Joshua who was his assistant, was forty years old. All the revelation of the word of God Moses received; he immediately shared with Joshua his assistant. The faith of Moses was also the faith of Joshua, though he was forty years younger than Moses. And even when all his generation did not believe that God would give them the promised land, but Joshua and Caleb were the only ones in their generation who believed, and entered the promised land. Moses defeated only two kings on the other side of the Jordan, but when the time of Joshua came to step into the shoes of Moses and lead the people, Joshua also parted the Jordan like Moses parted the Red Sea, and Joshua defeated thirty one kings on the other side of the Jordan, and gave rest to the children of Israel.

Imagine if Moses had said: Joshua wait, when you are eighty years old, then you will start reading what God has told me in the five books I have written, and then you will lead these people. No Moses did not make that mistake, even as we read in the bible study of Jehovah Nissi, Joshua is the one fighting the enemies of God in the valley, while Moses is praying on the mountain top. If you do not transfer all the knowledge you have of the word of God right now to your children, you might regret it later in life. Elijah passed on all the revelation of the word of God he had to Elisha, and Elisha did greater works than Elijah. The young Timothy matured quickly spiritually, because of the truth of the Word of God his grandmother passed
on to his mother, and his mother in turn passed it on to him. Paul says: When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois, and your mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in you also (2Timothy 1:5). The father of Timothy was a Greek (Acts 16:1), so it is the grandmother and the mother that taught the word of God, that generated faith in the heart of Timothy. So you women, whether your son-in-law or your husband is unsaved like the father of Timothy, do not feel sorry for yourself, but embrace the responsibility of being a priestess of the Lord of Hosts, and teach the word of God to your grandchildren, and to your children like Lois and Eunice did to Timothy.

I was discussing with a pastor, and that pastor was crying that a son who was born to them, now goes to night clubs, pubs and comes home drunk and it is a disgrace for the pastor. I asked that pastor: did you pray and study the bible as a family with your children, from a young age, in the morning and in the evening? That pastor said, no! But they were going to children’s church and teenage church. So that pastor entrusted the son into the hands of other people, and as I explained to you, in many children’s churches and teenage churches and youth churches, it is only stories and amusements. So no wonder that when they become a youth like Timothy, instead of having the faith of their grandparents and their parents, they run away from the faith. But Paul said to Timothy, who was a youth: let no one despise your youth, but be an example of the believers, in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Until I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to teaching (1Timothy 4:12-13). If you as a pastor, apostle, evangelist, teacher, and prophet do not follow God’s word yourself, of praying, praising and studying the bible as a family; you may end up losing your children, and God is not to be blamed for that.

God commanded us: Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded you: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; but you shall meditate therein day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall have good success (Joshua 1:7-8). For the sake of your children Pray, Praise and study the bible and the bible studies as a family, day and night, and as you are faithful to do that, God promises: Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it (Proverbs 22:6). My parents did what the bible commanded them, and put the word of God in me, and though I backslid, as I explained in the bible study of David’s Sexual Sin Exposed, I easily came back to the Lord because the incorruptible seed of the word of God, was already planted into my heart.

The third thing you have been made is king or queen unto our God through Christ Jesus the King of kings and the Lord of Lords (Revelation 1:6). As a king or queen, your duty is to defend the people of the kingdom of God, from the oppression of the enemy, the hosts of heaven or the armies of heaven, listen and act on the word of your mouth. As it is written: bless the LORD, you his angels that excel in strength, that do His commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word. Bless you the LORD, all you his hosts; you ministers of his, that do his pleasure (Psalm 103:20-21). Angels are ministering spirits sent forth to minister to those who shall be heir of salvation (Hebrews 1:14). You as born again Christians, heir of God and joint heir with Christ Jesus, priest of the Lord of Hosts and king unto our God through Christ Jesus our High Priest according to the order of Melchizedek and King of kings,
are going to voice the word of God with your mouth, and the hosts of heaven will hearken unto it! Please read the bible study on The Power of Confession.

So I explained to Papa Luyeye: you see, Queen Elizabeth of the United Kingdom, she is not a soldier, she might not know how to hit a target if they gave her a gun, and physically she is not fit to be on the battle field. Yet at her word or decree, all the military troops of her kingdom, go to war, at her word they invade a country or territory, at her word, they recaptured the Falkland Islands which was invaded by the Argentinean troops. This is the understanding of authority of believers we must have. She is only recognized by the armies of United Kingdom as queen first of all because she is heiress of the throne. If she was not heiress to the throne, when she came into power as queen, the Armies of the United Kingdom would not have recognized her authority as queen, and would not obey a single word of her mouth.

It has nothing to do with Elizabeth as a person, but it has all to do with who she is: she is first of all heiress to the throne, then was crowned queen and because of that the hosts or armies of the United Kingdom obey her voice and her decrees are carried out. So spiritually also when you were born again, we became a son or daughter of God, an heir or an heiress of God and joint heir with Christ Jesus, and in Christ Jesus you were crowned king or queen to our God. That is why the angels hearken to the voice of the word of God that comes out of your mouth to execute them. You as a person, may not know how to physically fight, you may not have a strong and loud voice. The authority that you have is neither in your physical appearance, nor in the tone of your voice; but in you being heir or heiress of God through Christ Jesus and king or queen to our God in Christ Jesus the King of Kings. The Argentinean president and his military troops that invaded the Falkland Islands, which is a small territory of the United Kingdom, regretted it when they were defeated by the armies of the United kingdom, whose commander in chief was a woman, even queen Elizabeth. So women, your authority is not in the loud tone of your voice, or trying to imitate a male character, be who you are! But because you are an heiress of God and crowned a queen unto God, the hosts of heaven will hearken to the voice of the word of God coming out of your mouth, and the demonic hosts will leave.

In 2Chronicles 23 and 2Chronicles 24, we have the account of king Joash who started to reign over Judah. The bible tells us: Joash was seven years old when he became king, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem. His mother was Zibiah of Beersheba. Joash did what was right in the sight of the Lord all the days of Jehoiada the priest (2Chronicles 24:1-2). All Israel and all the armies of Judah obeyed the command of Joash, from that early age of seven, as he was enthroned king over Israel, because he was the lawful heir to the throne of David. His age of seven did not matter to Israel and to the armies of Israel. But we see in 2Chronicles 22, Athaliah usurped the crown of Judah, and made herself queen, but Judah and the army of Judah rebelled against her and killed her in 2Chronicles 23; because she was not the heiress to the throne of David, therefore her coronation as queen of Judah was illegal, and her authority over the armies and people of Judah was illegal.

But you and I, not only are we heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ Jesus; but He has also crowned us kings and priests to our God as we have explained. Our authority as kings or queens is legitimate. John tells us: as many as received Him [Jesus], to them He gave the legal right, or the authority and the power, to become the sons and daughters of God, even
to them that believe on His name (the name of Jesus) (John 1:12). Joash was only Seven years old when he was crowned king of Judah, but Jehoiada the priest was teaching the seven year old king, the word of God, so that he could issue decrees to run the kingdom of Judah, and command the armies of Judah to destroy the enemies of Judah. Jehoiada the priest was certainly not telling the seven year old king bible stories; but he was training the young king to rule over a kingdom, and subdue the enemies of the kingdom of Judah. He was training the young king of seven years old to rule and reign now in life! Everything that seven year old king was learning. he had to put it into practice. because all the armies of Judah that excel in strength were hearkening unto the voice of his word. to do his commandments, because he was a king regardless of his very young age, even seven years old (Psalm 103:20)!

It was the duty of Jehoiada the priest, to teach the young king his authority, and how to rule and reign in life in the present, not in the future; because he was king, not that he was going to be king, but he was king. So he needed to know how to rule and reign in life now, how to command the armies of his kingdom, and how to utterly destroy all the enemies of his kingdom, so that he may give rest, from all enemies, to the inhabitants of his kingdom. You and I are the same, the moment we are born again, we are kings and queens to our God, it is not something that will happen in the future, but it has already happened the very day we were born again. Whether we are born again at four years old, seven years old, twelve years old, twenty years old or fifty years old, in the eyes of God and in the eyes of the angels of God, we are kings and queens to our God. And our God given authority as kings and queens, has nothing to do with our age or gender or our social status.

As it is written: There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free,[there is neither rich nor poor, there is neither literate nor illiterate, there is neither young nor old], there is neither male nor female: because you are all one in Christ Jesus [you have all been made heir or heiress, kings or queens and priests or priestesses to our God, in Christ Jesus the King of kings, and the High Priest according to the order of Melchizedek. No born again Christian is a higher king or queen, or higher priest or priestess than any other Christian, Christ Jesus is the only potentate and sovereign King of kings and Lord of lords (1Timothy 6:15) ]. And if you be Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise (Galatians 3:28-29).

The only thing that matters is whether what we are decreeing and commanding is in line with the written word of God, and if it is in line with the written word of God, then angels of God [the heavenly armies of God] will hearken to the voice of the Word of God that proceeds out of our mouth, to do those commands and decrees, and then Satan, his demons, his agents and all his evil works, will obey our commands and decree and flee from us. You and I, as born again Christians, have received abundance of grace [unmerited favour and divine empowerment] and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ (Romans 5:17). We are seated in the heavenly places with Christ Jesus at the right hand of God. The LORD [God the Father] said unto My Lord [Jesus Christ], Sit at My right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool. The LORD shall send the rod of your strength out of Zion: rule in the midst of your enemies (Psalm 110:1-2).

So reign in life as a king or queen by Christ Jesus, and rule as a king or queen in the midst of your enemies, not in their absence, for the Lord God prepares a table before you in the presence of your enemies [not in their absence]; He anoints my head with oil; my cup runs
over [Psalm 23:5]. Rule and reign over, let it no longer have dominion over you, though you still live in the world, but you are no longer of the world (Romans 6:14); rule over all manner of sickness, all manner of disease and premature death, utterly destroy your enemies; because they are also the enemies of God, make them your footstool. And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen (Romans 16:20).

That is why Jehoiada the priest, made sure that he taught the word of God properly to the seven year old king Joash. If what the king was doing or decreeing was not in line with the written word of God, the armies of the kingdom of Judah, would not hearken to the voice of the word of the mouth of the king, because the Kingdom of Judah is a kingdom under God, who is The KING. As it is written: the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our KING; he will save us (Isaiah 33:22). So if the way the king is judging the nation, issuing decrees and conducting himself is not in line with the written word of God our KING, Judah and his armies will not obey that king.

Later in the life of king Joash, after the death of Jehoiada the priest, he left the house of the Lord God to serve wooden images and idols, and was no longer walking and acting in line with the written word of God (2Chronicles 24:17-18). He deliberately ignored the counsel of David in Psalm 110 and Psalm 23 which told us, that you, as a king or a queen to our God The KING, for the Lord to make your enemies your footstool and bruise them under your feet, for you to be ruler in the midst of your enemies, for God to dress a table before you in the presence of your enemies, anoint your head with oil and cause your cup to run over, and for you to have the manifestation of God’s goodness and mercy following you all the days of your life, there is but one secret: you must dwell in the house of the Lord forever and ever! It is your choice. God will not force you to dwell in His house. Dwelling in the house of God has nothing to do with going to church; but it has to do with abiding in Christ Jesus and the word of God abiding in you. Joash refused to abide in the house of God, but went to serve pagan gods, started to rule over the kingdom of Judah by the precepts, statutes and ordinances of those pagan gods.

Yet the Lord God sent prophets to king Joash and the elders of Judah who had departed from the house of the Lord God to serve wooden images and idols, to bring them again unto the LORD; and those prophets of the Lord testified against them: but they would not give ear. And the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, which stood above the people, and said unto them, Thus says God, Why do you transgress the commandments of the LORD, so that you cannot prosper? Because you have forsaken the LORD, He has also forsaken you (2Chronicles 24:19-20). God is not the one hindering the prosperity of Christians: My people are destroyed or perish for lack of knowledge: because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you, that you shall be no priest to Me: seeing you have forgotten the law of your God, I will also forget your children (Hosea 4:6). God and His word are one (John 1:1), if you reject God’s word in one aspect of your life you have rejected God in that particular aspect of your life, thus you will not prosper in that particular aspect of your life. This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; but you shall meditate therein day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall have good success (Joshua 1:8).
We should not blame the world for not knowing who Christ Jesus is! They will come up with all kinds of ideas: he is a prophet, he is a good man, he is a good teacher, he is a good story teller, etc. But you and I as disciples of Jesus, we ought to have the revelation of who Jesus is, and who He is in us? Jesus asked His disciples that question back then, and they gave Him the opinion of the world and religious people about who He was, but Jesus asked them but who do you say that I am? Peter had the revelation that He was the Christ, the Son of the living God (Matthew 16:13-16). Yes, now you and I must believe that because we are in Christ Jesus, we have been given the authority and power to become sons and daughters of God through Christ Jesus. It is that revelation that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, and that since He is now in us, we are also sons and daughters of God, and spiritually we rank higher than the angels of God, and higher than Satan, his demons and his agents, so that we will be able to build a victorious church.

Jesus said to Peter: you are Peter [petros in Greek which means a piece of rock], and upon this rock [petra in Greek which means a large rock] I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it (Matthew 16:18). In other words, Jesus is saying, Peter, just like your name literally means a piece of rock, the revelation that you have received about who I am: the Christ the Son of the living God, is just a piece or a small part of a large and massive rock, and that lord and massive rock which can be likened to the full revelation of who I Jesus the Christ the Son of the living God am; the perfect redemption plan I will accomplish by my death burial and resurrection; and then who I will be in every born again Christian, after my resurrection, is the large revelation of the rock, upon which I will build my church, and when the born again believers will fully understand that large revelation: who I am [Christ the Son of the living God], what I have accomplished in my perfect redemption plan, and who I am in them as the resurrected Christ; the gates of hell shall not prevail against that church, they will assault the kingdom of darkness and destroy all its evil works, and set the captives free.

So Jesus started to explain to them the second part of that large rock or large revelation: what He will accomplish by His death burial and resurrection in His perfect redemption plan. So he began to tell them how He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and the chief priest and the scribes, and be killed and be raised the third day. Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to you! But Jesus turned and said to Peter: get behind Me Satan! You are an offense to Me, because you are not mindful of the things of God but the things of men (Matthew 16:21-23). Peter under divine inspiration from God, as Jesus said: flesh and blood has not revealed to you that I am the Christ, the Son of the living God, but my Father who is in heaven (Matthew 16:16-17). But although he had received that first piece of rock of revelation, he was not spiritually ready to receive the other two parts, that would constitute the large rock on which Jesus would build His church, so that the gates of hell will not prevail against it. Peter could not see the reason why Jesus had to suffer, be crucified and be raised from the dead on the third day, let alone who the resurrected Christ will be in every born again Christian.

Jesus told them: I have yet many things to say unto you, but you cannot bear them now. [you cannot fully understand yet, why I need to go through all that suffering, and be killed and be raised on the third day, and what I will accomplish by my death, burial and resurrection, and
the new creation that will follow as a result of all this]. Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come [after My suffering, death, burial and resurrection], He will guide you into all truth [He will explain to you why I had to go through all that suffering, death, burial and resurrection, what has been freely given unto every born again Christian through the perfect redemption plan I purchased for each one of them, and who I, the resurrected Christ, am in them?] for he shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and he will show you things to come (John 16:12-13).

And in these series of The Perfect Redemption Plan, we have succinctly detailed who Jesus is: the Christ, the Son of the living God, why He had to suffer, be killed, buried and raised on the third day, what had been accomplished by His death, burial and resurrection, to provide us with that perfect redemption plan, and who that resurrected Christ in us is, and who we are in Christ Jesus. The resurrected Jesus tells us: Fear not; I am the first and the last: 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 1:17-18). I, the resurrected Christ Jesus, dwell in you and now that I have the keys of hell and death, the gates of hell shall not prevail against my church any more. I give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven [including the keys of hell and death that I collected from the pit of hell, when I went there to defeat Satan]. And now whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven [the Godhead and His angels in the third heaven will bind the satanic activities of the second heaven, and their manifestation in the first heaven], and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven [the Godhead and His angels will loose the captives of the devil, in the second heaven and even in the pit of hell and in the grave, and will release the manifestations of the blessing of the saints, that Satan had withheld for so long in the second heaven] (Matthew 16:19).

I was talking to Sister Esther on November 11th, 2013; she was giving me a testimony of a miracle that God had wrought in her family, and she told me: brother Gery, it seems I no longer have to pray hard for God to do a miracle in my life, and my family. I explained to her: it is because you know who you are in Christ now, the perfect redemption plan of God and who the resurrected Christ is in you! Satan does not waste his time with you, he goes elsewhere to people who do not know the truth. Jesus knew who He was: the Christ, the Son of the living God, and He knew what the promises of God concerning Him were, so after He had resisted Satan with only three scriptures, Satan left him for a season. People think they are wasting their time when they are reading these bible studies! But what will happen is, that effortlessly they will be having victories in their lives over their enemies. Jesus told us: you will know the truth and the truth will make you free (John 8:32). Jesus Christ tells us: I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes unto the Father, but by Me (John 14:6).

Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, is the truth! The truth that makes anybody free, is the truth about who Jesus is: the Christ, the Son, of the living God; what He has accomplished by his death, burial and resurrection [the perfect redemption plan]; who we are in the resurrected Christ Jesus, and who the resurrected Christ Jesus is in us. This is the large rock or large revelation on which the risen Christ Jesus will build His church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it. For many problems, I only quote three scriptures that address that problem, and God answers that prayer and the devil flees. So I can pray for many people and for many of their problems, because I know the truth. If Jesus only used three scriptures to defeat the devil, and I am in Christ Jesus and Christ Jesus is in me, then I do not need more
than three scriptures to defeat the devil.

What actually happens is, that with all these My Weekly Milk letters, we destroy the traditions of men that have made the word of God of no effect, and give people the simple understanding of the word of God (Mark 7:13). The word of God is forever settled in heaven: God knows it, the angels know it; Satan, his demons and agents know it, you and I need to settle it in our heart (Psalm 119:89). Once the traditions of men, that have made the word of God of no effect, are out of the way and we have settled the truth in our heart, it becomes easy for us to experience the manifestations of the promises of God. Unbelief is not a big problem for Christians, when they are properly taught the truth of the word of God, faith springs into their heart! Heaven and earth will pass away but the word of God will by no means pass away. So you and I had better settle that written word of God in our heart, because it will not change for any of us! We will have to change our beliefs and life, to line up with that written word of God (Matthew 24:35). And if we do so, we will discover that the faithfulness of God endures to all generations and we will also experience the manifestation of blessings, signs and wonders that are promised in the bible (Psalm 119:90). For the resurrected Christ Jesus who dwells in you, is the same today as He was yesterday and will not change, He remains the same forever (Hebrews 13:8).

The devil is a liar and father of all lies, so you and I need to know what the word of God says, and have the right understanding of the word of God. The devil, took Jesus up into a high mountain, showed unto Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said unto Jesus, All this power will I give you, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it (Luke 4:5-6). Some Christians go to the devil to get some power; because they do not know who they are in Christ. As a son and daughter of God, you rank higher than the devil, so what power and authority can he give you? He lied, that the power, and all the glory of this world, have been delivered to him; which is a lie. God delivered it to Adam and Eve, yet it was not theirs but God’s. As it is written: the LORD God took the man, and put him into the Garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it (Genesis 2:15). God did not say to own it, but to dress it and keep it. God says through David, a man after His own heart: The earth is the LORD’S, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein (Psalm 24:1). And Paul confirms it: the earth is the Lord’s, and the fullness thereof (1Corinthians 10:26). So from the very mouth of David and Paul we know the earth and all that is in it belongs to God, not to the devil, and He put mankind in charge of dressing it and keeping it. It does not belong to mankind either.

One will say, the devil owns all the souls of the unsaved people and mankind was supposed to tend and keep the earth and all that is in it, so in a way Satan is now in charge! The bible says: As I live, says the Lord GOD, you shall not have occasion any more to use this proverb in Israel. Behold, all souls are Mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is Mine: the soul that sins, it shall die (Ezekiel 18:3-4). Last time I checked, God was not dead yet, He still lives and lives forever, He has no beginning and no end. So forever, all souls belong to God! It does not matter whether people are saved or unsaved, all souls are God’s. Those who are saved receive eternal life, and those who reject Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord; God casts them into hell when they die. The devil keeps the souls of unsaved people in his kingdom of darkness captive, but they do not belong to him, they belong to God. So since they are captives of his, he now destroys the part of the
earth they were supposed to dress and keep for God! For he comes but to steal, kill and destroy (John 10:10).

But the day a son or daughter of God shows up, the souls of all those people who have been held captive by the devil, rejoice, for their deliverance from the kingdom of darkness and its power is at hand, and the creation also rejoices for all the animals that are possessed by evil spirits, see their deliverance being at hand. The secular institutions [financial institutions, educational system, media, entertainment, medical systems, etc] that have been held captive by Satan and his vassals, rejoice for their deliverance is at hand. That is why Paul tells you: the earnest expectation of the creature, waits for the manifestation of the sons and daughters of God. For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who has subjected the same in hope, because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption, into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and travails in pain together until now (Romans 8:19-22).

So when you walk close to a person who is not saved, though with his mouth and mind he curses God, Jesus and all Christians; his soul is groaning and travailing in pain, waiting for you, a son or daughter of God, to open your mouth and preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. So that person will believe in his heart, and confess with his mouth, Jesus Christ as his Lord and Saviour; then his soul will be delivered from the power of darkness, and translated into the kingdom of God (Colossians 1:13 ). When you walk up to a person with a sickness or disease, not just his soul, but also his mind and body, are groaning and travailing in pain, waiting for you, a son or daughter of God, to lay your hands on them, and command healing and cast out that demon. When people give their life to Christ, the powers of witchcraft, the occult and magic are destroyed in a region, by the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ, proclaimed by the sons and daughters of God; the curses (including the curse of poverty) that were upon the people and their region, will be broken and the land will be blessed.

As it is written: Righteousness exalts a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people (Proverbs 14:34). So as people give their lives to Christ, and they go back to their secular places of work, they transform them, and set them free from oppression of Satan and his vassals. During the Welsh Revival in the beginning of the 20th century, because many people were saved, as a result it changed the entire society. Coal miners were no longer cursing, so the mules that carried the carts in the mines, had to be re-trained because they did not understand the new language of the coal miners, for before the miners used to command those mules using curses and foul languages. So those mules had to be re-trained to obey the miners without curses and foul languages. Even donkeys noticed that those miners were saved! But today, some people who call themselves born again Christians, use foul language, and curse all day long, even unsaved people wonder if they are truly born again!

In that Welsh Revival, taverns went bankrupt and folded up their businesses. Judges in court were presented with white gloves: no case to trial! The police before the revival, were busy arresting criminals and protecting crowds that went to watch soccer games. But during the revival and after the revival, since there was almost no crime, and the crowd were in the churches, instead of being in soccer games. So the police also went where the crowd went, they went to church. And many times when a church did not have a choir to sing or lacked musical instruments, they called the police; for police station had quartets (an ensemble of four singers or instrumental performers). So the police station would send their quartets to
the churches that did not have musical instruments or choir to help. And all that was recorded in the newspapers of those days. Praise the Lord!

If people are genuinely born again, and the majority of the people in a nation, kingdom or country are saved; the society will be transformed. Sometimes even at work some of my colleagues, who are unsaved and love cursing and using foul languages, when they are close to me, they do not curse, nor use foul language, and if they do; they apologize to me! When I ask them: why did you apologize, you did not say that word to me? They answer: we know you are a Christian. So imagine if most of people were saved in the society, even unsaved people would change their speech, for conviction of sin will fall on them, in school and in the media; they will not promote pornography, homosexuality, alcoholism, drug addiction, smoking, gambling. In 2012, the BBC did a documentary that showed that in the 20th century in the history of United Kingdom, banks and businesses were honest when they were run by born again Quakers. Today Quakers have changed, and have all kinds of beliefs, and some are not scriptural. But the point is: when genuine born again Christians are in business and in banks, they will not gamble with the money like bankers of today do; for greed is not from the Lord but from the devil.

That is why Haggai says that the desire of all nations is Jesus. Whatever you need in your nation, in your society, in your life, it is Jesus. Get people saved and you will change the society. I, God, will shake all nations, and the Desire of all nations shall come [Jesus]: and I will fill this house with glory, says the LORD of hosts. The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine, says the LORD of hosts. The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, says the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, says the LORD of hosts (Haggai 2:7-9).

In 2012 we were using one of the classrooms in the Caledonian University in Glasgow Scotland, for our Sunday meeting. On that day, the police were taking the second part of their recruitment test, and the whole first floor was filled with policemen and policewomen, including the classroom we used for our church meeting. So they gave us a classroom on the fifth floor of the building, to have our Sunday meeting. As I was praying in that Sunday meeting, with brother Antony Seun, I asked him: what do you see? and he said, a building filled with police officers and police officers to be! I said to him: a day is coming where these police officers and police officers to be, who are in this building now, will be the ones sent to where we are preaching the gospel, to control the traffic and the crowds, for the crowds will be so numerous, that ushers will not be able to control the car traffic and the crowds of people. Brother Antony laughed, but I told him let us pray for it; he joined me in prayer!

12.4 Step four: Prayer and fasting

As we have read in Luke 4:1-14, Jesus went into the wilderness filled with the Holy Spirit, but He returned in the power of the Spirit. But in between He prayed and fasted. The bible says that He fasted for forty days and forty nights. Please read a succinct explanation on why we fast in the bible study Application of the Perfect Redemption Plan. And for the foundation of prayer, please read the bible study on Abecedary of Prayer. From the very mouth of Jesus he told the disciples: there are some kinds of demons, that only go out by prayer and fasting (Matthew 17:21). We can argue all day long about fasting but the truth is: if Jesus fasted, you
and I need to fast too, if Jesus prayed, you and I need to pray.

### 13. Understanding the Trinity: God three in One.

On Sunday 25th January 2015, I took a taxi after church to go to another church service. The taxi driver was a Muslim guy. He wanted to attack me on my Christian faith on the subject of the Trinity. Saying that we have three Gods, God the Father is God, Jesus Christ His only begotten is God and the Holy Spirit is God. After I had explained the Trinity in a simple way, he understood it clearly. Many Christians have the same problem. They do not understand the Trinity, but they are afraid to ask questions, lest other Christians may say to them: “brother you are questioning the word of God too much. You need to receive it by faith!”

Even when I was in Bible College, the theological explanation of the Trinity they gave, convinced me according to the scriptures; yet it was not simple to explain in one minute to a person in the streets or in a taxi. Deep inside me I always cried out to the Lord, saying: “Lord, give me a picture according to the written word that explains Trinity in such a simple way, that everybody can understand it: children, adults, housewives, uneducated people and educated people”. The gospel must always be presented in a simple way, that everybody can understand; you do not need to be a “smarty pants” [someone who displays intelligence in an annoying way] or theologically trained to understand it.

So why was I asking for a picture, that is according to the written word of God to explain the Trinity? Jesus said: **how shall we picture the kingdom of God or by what parable shall we present it** (Mark 4:30)? All the parables Jesus was using, were to put mental pictures of eternal truths into people. A picture is worth more than 10,000 words! That is why 2/3 of the bible is actually dreams and visions. When you preach and teach in pictures, people may forget all the other things you said; but will remember the mental picture you painted in them, about a particular truth of the kingdom of God. Jesus preached and taught using mental pictures, even parables. Paul and James also used mental pictures to teach and preach. You need to come down to the level of the people and communicate the truth to them.

As we were driving to that other church; we took the motorway and there were lots of trees on the left side of the motorway. I said to that Muslim taxi driver: you see the trees on the other side of the road? He said: yes! I said: the Trinity is just like that. He said to me: what do you mean? I said: take a tree; it has a root, a vine and the Sap which flows both in the Root and in the Vine. Well, the Root, the Vine and the Sap are three different things; yet they constitute the same Tree. The Root is God the Father; the Vine is God the Son, even Jesus Christ; and the Sap is God the Holy Spirit. They are a Tree but they are One, even One Tree. Without the Root, the Tree cannot be; without the Vine the Tree cannot be; and even if we have the Root and the Vine, but if we do not have the Sap, that Tree is but dead! The Sap must be in the Root and in the Vine for that Tree to be alive. The three elements are equally important. The Tree needs the three of them to exist at the same time for the tree to exist, yet the three are different from each other; yet they are One and the same Tree. That is the Trinity: Three in One and One in Three; Three different aspects of God yet One same God.

And the taxi driver said: O, okay now I understand your Trinity. Now some Christians will ask
me: Gery, where did you get that picture of the Tree to illustrate what the Trinity is? I am glad you have asked. If you have been paying attention, the Tree that I have described only has one Root, and one Vine. I said The Root is God the Father. Is it scriptural? Let us demonstrate it according to the scriptures. Paul says: That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love (Ephesians 3:17). The Root is what grounds the Tree, and that Root according to Paul is love. But love is not a mere thing: an emotion and an action; but it is the person of God the Father Himself. John tells us: God is love (1John 4:8).

Now I said the Vine is Jesus Christ. Is it scriptural? Jesus says: I am the Vine (John 15:1). I have likened the Holy Spirit to the Sap that flows from the Root to the Vine. The Sap is in the Root and the Sap is in the Vine. Is it scriptural? For it is not you who speaks, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you (Matthew 10:20). When the Comforter has come, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He shall testify of Me (Matthew 10:20). He shall shall testify of Me (John 15:26). So the Sap proceeds from the Root, and is in the Root; in other words the Holy Spirit is from the Father, and proceeds from the Father. Paul says: But you are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone has not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His (Romans 8:9). For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ (Philippians 1:19). So according to the scriptures, the Sap that flows in the Root also flows in the Vine, in other words the Spirit of God the Father, is also the Spirit of Christ Jesus.

Now the questions are: is Jesus God? And is the Holy Spirit God? Are they equal with God the Father? The answer is yes! Let us see succinctly from the scriptures. When Jesus saw their faith, He said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, your sins are forgiven. But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, Why does this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only? And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why do you reason these things in your hearts? Whether it is easier to say to the sick of the palsy, your sins are forgiven; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk? But that you may know that the Son of man has power on earth to forgive sins, (he said to the sick of the palsy,) I say unto you, Arise, and take up your bed, and go your way into your house (Mark 2:5-11). The Jewish leaders knew only God the Father could forgive sins, and by Jesus forgiving people’s sins, He was making a point that He was equal with God the Father.

Jesus also accepted worship; only God should be worshiped, not even the angels. Please see the bible study on “Abecedary of Prayer”. Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship Him (Matthew 2:1-2). Jesus and all the Jews knew that only God should be worshiped. When Satan was tempting Jesus he said to Him: All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then Jesus said unto him, Get behind Me Satan: for it is written, you shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve and worship (Matthew 4:9-10). Jesus accepted worship from the leper, who was cleansed among the ten other lepers He sent to go and show themselves to the priests (Luke 17:12-19). Jesus accepted worship from the woman who poured out a costly ointment on His feet, kissed His feet and washed them with her tears, and wiped them with her hair (Luke
7:36-47). And He said unto her, **your sins are forgiven.** And those who sat at meat with Him began to say within themselves, **Who is this who forgives sins also?** And He said to the woman, your faith has saved you; go in peace (Luke 7:48-50).

Thus Jesus was making a point, by accepting worship and forgiving people’s sins, that He was God, equal to God the Father. And Paul tells us: 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** (Philippians 2:5-6). Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man! He was not robbing God or usurping the authority of God the Father, when He accepted worship and forgave people’s sins; because He is equal with God. Satan and fallen angels are usurping the authority of God and sinning against God, by accepting worship. Any man or woman of God who wants you to worship him or her, is blasphemying against God, and has been deceived by the devil. Any angel who demands your worship, is a demonic angel. See the bible study on “Abecedary of prayer”.

Now is the Holy Spirit fully God and equal to God? Jesus says: I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever (John 14:16). So just like Jesus abode with them, so does the Holy Spirit abide with us. He is a person, not a thing that is why we can grieve Him. Paul says: do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you are sealed until the day of redemption (Ephesians 4:30). **Now the Lord [kurios: God, Lord, supreme in authority] is that Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord [kurios: God, Lord, supreme in authority] is, there is liberty** (2Corinthians 3:17). Paul is talking about the Lord Jesus Christ here, when we read 2Corinthians 3:13-18; He is saying that Jesus Christ is Lord and God, but the same word he uses for Jesus being Lord and God, is the same word he uses for the Holy Spirit being Lord and God, even the Greek word **kurios**: God, Lord, supreme in authority.

Some people, especially in the healing movement, who do not know how to rightly divide the scriptures, think the Holy Spirit is a thing, a piece of machinery that God the Father gave them to perform signs, like an automotive manufacturer will use an automated crane to move parts of a vehicle they are assembling. May God forgive their ignorance of the scriptures and lack of reverence for the Lord Holy Spirit. Jesus says about such people like He said to the Sadducees: you are greatly mistaken, not knowing and understanding the scriptures or the power of God (Matthew 22:29). We need to learn to reverence the Lord Holy Spirit and not grieve Him. A piece of machinery cannot be grieved, how can people read the scriptures and say things like that about the Holy Spirit? Jesus says: Truly I say to you, All sins shall be forgiven to the sons of men, and blasphemies with which they shall blaspheme. **But he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit, never shall have forgiveness, but is liable to eternal condemnation** (Mark 3:28-29). To blaspheme is to vilify, **to speak impiously**, to speak evil, to revile and to defame. Now what is the meaning of to speak impiously? It is to speak irreverently toward a Supreme Being, even God. Thus when we do not reverence the Holy Spirit, we blaspheme! Reverence is Fear mingled with respect and esteem; veneration.

The Holy Spirit is equal to Jesus and God the Father. Jesus says: just like My Father sent Me, I also send you (John 20:21). Likewise the Holy Spirit also calls and sends people into ministry as we read in the book of Acts 13. And in Antioch some among the existing church were prophets and teachers. (such as Barnabas, and Simeon who was called Niger, and Lucius of Antioch).
Cyrene, and Manaen, the foster-brother of Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, **the Holy Spirit said, So, then, separate Barnabas and Saul to Me for the work to which I have called them.** Then having fasted and prayed and laid hands on them, they let them go. **Then these indeed sent out by the Holy Spirit went down to Seleucia.** And from there they sailed to Cyprus (Acts 13:1-4). Can a piece of machinery call you and send you out into ministry? The answer is no! May we learn to reverence [Fear mingled with respect and esteem; venerate] the Lord Holy Spirit!

Now we know that God is the Root, Jesus Christ is the Vine and the Holy Spirit is the Sap, you and I, born again Christians are the branches. 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 (John 15:5). Jesus explains to us that without His Father and the Holy Spirit, He has no existence; saying: As the living Father has sent Me, and I live through the Father, so he who partakes of Me, even he shall live by Me (John 6:57). We still have the picture of the Tree, the Vine receives life from the Root through the Sap; so do the branches. The branches do not grow on the Root; but on the Vine. If we do not abide in the Vine, we will not be able to receive the life that is coming from the Root through the Sap.

The Jews were one of the branches on that Vine, but they did not understand that they need to abide in the Vine, and not sever themselves. If they want to receive the life from the Root, they need to abide in the Vine; for branches do not grow on the Root, but on the Vine. And by rejecting Jesus as their Lord and Saviour, they have also severed themselves from the Root, even God the Father. Jesus said to us, **I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no one comes to the Father but by Me** (John 14:6). If you, as a branch, sever yourself from the Vine, the Sap or the life of the Root, will not be able to flow through you any more, for the way that the Sap coming from the Root, is able to reach you as a branch, is through the Vine, even Christ Jesus. 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 15:5).

Paul, having that picture of the Tree in mind, tells us what happened to the Jews who rejected Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. I speak to you, the non-Jewish nations; since I am the apostle of the non-Jewish nations, I glorify my ministry; if by any means I may provoke **those who are my flesh to jealousy, and might save some of them.** For if their [the Jews’] casting away, **is the reconciling of the world, what is the reception, except life from the dead** [meaning the second coming of Jesus Christ; when the dead in Christ shall rise according to 1Thessalonians 4:16-17]? **For if the firstfruit is holy, the lump or cluster is also holy;** and **if the root is holy, also the branches.** And if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them, and **became a sharer or partaker of the root and the fatness of the olive tree with them,** do not boast against the branches. **But if you boast, it is not you that bears the root, but the root bears you** (Romans 11:13-18).

When Paul says: **For if the first fruit is holy, the lump is also holy.** What does he mean? The first fruit, meaning the first set of born again Christians, who were all Jews. The lump or cluster: the great number of souls that have given their lives to Christ, even the gentiles. Thus if God called the Jews, who believed in Jesus Christ Holy, who are fruits, borne by natural branches of the olive tree; God also calls the lump or the cluster holy, even the great number of fruits, which the wild olive branches of the gentiles, grafted into the olive tree yielded.
Even the great number of gentile believer’s souls. For Jewish believers in Christ, thought they were holier than the Gentile believers in Christ. But God corrected Peter. Peter, the first fruit, said to Cornelius and his acquaintance, the lump: You know that it is an unlawful thing for a man, a Jew to keep company with, or to come near, to one of another nation. But God has shown me not to call any man common or unclean (Acts 10:28).

Now you understand why, when I took the example of the Tree to explain the Trinity, I did not say roots as of many but Root as of One, even God the Father. For Paul also says The Root and only One Root, supports or bears that Tree on which all branches grow. That Root is not Judaism as some think, that Root is God the Father Himself. Paul says: if the Root is holy, also the branches; in other words: if God the Father is Holy, those who abide in Jesus Christ, the Vine, are also holy. As Peter tells us: as He [God the Father] who has called you is holy, so be holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written: Be holy; for I [God the Father] am holy (1Peter 1:15-16). And Paul tells us: just like our earthly fathers, verily for a few days, chastened us after their own pleasure; but He, God the Father, for our profit, that we might be partakers or sharers of His holiness (Hebrews 12:10).

Now Paul is specific about what kind of Tree it is. It is the Olive Tree we are talking about. Now when we mention Olive Tree immediately we associate it with anointing. Paul tells us: if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them, and became a sharer or partaker of the root and the fatness of the olive tree with them. Now fatness of the Olive Tree, talks about the Anointing, which is a tangible manifestation of the power of the Holy Ghost, to have spiritual revelations and perform signs and wonders. As it is written: it shall be, in that day his [the enemy’s] burden shall be taken away from off your shoulder, and his yoke from off your neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing (Isaiah 10:27). John says: the Anointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as His Anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true and no lie, and as He has taught you, abide in Him (1John 2:27). You cannot be a partaker or sharer of the fatness of the olive tree, without also being a partaker of the root. In other words you cannot be a partaker of the anointing of God, without being a partaker of the holiness of God.

When you for instance read the bible study on the Seven Hebrew words for praise, we have somewhat imprecisely described the anointing as being the Holy Spirit. It was because we were teaching the basic things of faith, and did not want to be very accurate, because the people at that time would not have understood it. They needed to first understand the concept of the Trinity, even the Olive Tree of the Triune God, before understanding more accurately the concept of the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Thus we had to loosely describe the anointing of the Holy Spirit, as being the Holy Spirit. Now we want to leave the basic teaching of the beginning of our faith in Christ, to go to perfection; to the place where we have an accurate description of the things of the Spirit, no longer a loose description of spiritual things, because of our spiritual infancy (Hebrews 6:1).

Of Jesus it is said: You have loved righteousness and hated iniquity, therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness above Your fellows (Hebrews 1:9).” Jesus Christ, the Vine of the Olive Tree, was partaker or sharer of the Root and the fatness of the Olive tree: He loved righteousness or holiness, therefore God also anointed Him more, to a great degree. And Peter tells us: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth
with the Holy Spirit and with power, and He went about doing good, and healing all those who were oppressed by the Devil, for God was with Him (Acts 10:38). You and I will have to be partakers of the holiness of God, if we want to be partakers of His anointing too! To the greater degree of holiness and righteousness we walk; God will be able to entrust us with His anointing like He did Jesus.

My prayer is that we will not make the mistake of the Jews who rejected Jesus. One may say: I am already a Christian, how can I reject Jesus and cut myself off from the Olive Tree? The answer is simple! You, as a branch, cut yourself off the Olive Tree by practicing the sins leading to death listed in 1Corinthians 6:9-10. Please read the bible studies: “Come Home” and “David’s sexual sin exposed” they will tell you succinctly what it means to be born again, and how we should not practice sin, but live a holy life. You will say then, The branches were broken off, so that I might be grafted in. Well, because of unbelief they were broken off, and you stand by faith. Do not be high-minded, but fear. For if God did not spare the natural branches, fear lest He also may not spare you either! Behold then the kindness, and the severity of God; on those having fallen, severity; but on you, kindness, if you continue in the kindness. Otherwise you also will be cut off. And those also, if they do not continue in unbelief, will be grafted in. For God is able to graft them in again. For if you were cut out of the natural wild olive tree, and were grafted, contrary to nature, into a good olive tree; how much more these being according to nature will be grafted into their own olive-tree (Romans 11:19-23)?

God can heal the backsliding of the Jewish, who rejected Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour, and He can also heal the backsliding of born again Christians. And then graft them back onto the Olive Tree, so that they will be partakers of the Root and the fatness of the Olive Tree, even partakers of the holiness and righteousness of God the Father and of His Anointing. As it is written: I will heal their backslidings; I will love them freely; for My anger has turned away from him. I will be as the dew to Israel; he shall grow as the lily and cast out his roots like Lebanon. His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive tree, and his smell as Lebanon (Hosea 14:4-6). And Paul tells us not to be ignorant of that mystery of the Tree and its branches: both the natural branches and the wild branches that have been grafted (Romans 11:25).

That taxi driver also asked me other questions. He said: is Mary the mother of God? Is she a goddess? Did your God the Father have sex with Mary; for her to be pregnant with Jesus Christ? For since she gave birth to Jesus Christ and Jesus Christ is God; therefore Mary is the mother of God and a goddess. I wanted to give him a simple example to explain that Mary was not the goddess. I said to him. Have you heard of surrogacy? Now surrogacy is when another woman carries and gives birth to a baby for a couple who wants to have a child. The man does not need to have sex with the surrogate mother. They just take one egg of the woman and introduce the seed of the man in it in a laboratory, and then inseminate it in the womb of the woman. And the pregnancy develops naturally until the day of delivery. He said to me; yes I know all about that, when I was in Pakistan, I was an inseminator; but here in the United Kingdom I work as a taxi driver. Only the Holy Spirit could know what his trade was: a trained inseminator!

And I told him, if you believe that God created the world and that the first man and woman God created: Adam and Eve; God did not have sex with anybody to create Adam or Eve! He...
understood now how the birth of Jesus Christ was the first surrogacy in the world! And the Seed was of the Holy Spirit who overshadowed Mary. Mary was not a goddess neither did she become one after giving birth to Jesus. She never had sex with God, for God is Spirit! Please read the bible study on “Abecedary of prayer” and learn more about why we should not pray to Mary or worship her. May God give us ways to communicate the gospel of Jesus effectively, so that little children can even understand the deep mysteries of the Kingdom of God. As it is written: Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank You, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent, and have revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in Your sight. All things are delivered to Me by My Father: and no man knows who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal him (Luke 10:21-22).

14. Understanding the concept of the Anointing of the Holy Ghost

1Samuel 10:1 Then Samuel took a flask of oil, and poured it upon his (Saul’s) head, and kissed him, and said: is it not because the LORD has anointed you to be captain over His inheritance?

1Samuel 10:6 And the Spirit of the LORD will come upon you, and you shall prophesy with them (the group of prophets), and shall be turned into another man.

1Samuel 10:7 And let it be, when these signs are come unto you, that you do as occasion demands or serves you; for God is with you.

Many Christians ask themselves these questions: am I anointed? Is the anointing flowing? We will examine what it means in the light of the scriptures. Saul was chosen and appointed to be king, but was not anointed with oil yet. To be anointed, is to be chosen, and when the Spirit comes upon you is to be appointed. The Webster dictionary says: to be chosen is to be selected from a number; picked out; taken in preference; elected; predestined; designated to office. The Webster dictionary says: to be appointed means to be established; decreed; ordained; constituted; allotted; to be equipped with things necessary; as, a ship or an army is well appointed.

Before Saul was anointed, before the Spirit came upon him, God said to Samuel, before Saul came, saying: tomorrow about this time I will send you a man from the land of Benjamin, and you shall anoint him captain or commander over My people Israel, that He may save My people from the hand of the Philistines; for I have looked upon My people, because their cry has come to Me (1Samuel 9:15-16). So out of all the people of Israel, God picked out Saul, and designated him to the office of king. The same thing happened for Aaron and His sons, when they were anointed priests. God chose them out of all the tribes of Israel to be priests unto Him (Exodus 28:41; Exodus 30:30). The questions are: are you chosen? Are you elected? Are you designated to office?

Peter answers it for you by the Spirit: you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; {why?} so that you should show forth the praises of Him who has called you out of darkness, into His marvellous light (1Peter 2:9). You are chosen, designated to the office of king and priest. John tells us: But as many as received Him (Jesus), to them He gave authority (Exousia: legal right) to become the sons of God.
even to those who believe on His name, who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God (John 1:12-13). Therefore the authority that you have, is because you received Jesus and have become sons and daughters of God. You are now a son or daughter of God, that is your authority.

God has called you so that you may save His people from their enemies; for their cry has come to Him! So quit asking whether you are called or not, God says He has called you. You have been chosen to be sons and daughters of God. Samuel poured out the oil, which is symbolic of the anointing of Holy Spirit on the head of Saul, thus he anointed him with the Holy Ghost and power. Samuel said it is because God has anointed you captain over His inheritance, that I pour out the oil, which is symbolic of the anointing of the Holy Spirit upon your head. My friend, you are anointed, the very day you received Jesus Christ in your life, and God sent forth the Spirit of His Son that cries out Abba Father (Galatians 4:6). Whether you have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit or not, you are anointed, because you are sons and daughters of God. You are anointed son of God, priest and king unto God. Jesus has made us kings and priests unto God and His Father; to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen (Revelation 1:6).

The Holy Spirit dwells in you, He does not come and go: He abides in you. When you receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost, it is you being appointed, meaning to be established; decreed; ordained; constituted; allotted; to be equipped with things necessary; as, a ship or an army is well appointed. That is why Jesus told us: I appoint a kingdom to you, as My Father has appointed to Me (Luke 22:29). And, behold, I send the promise of My Father upon you: but tarry in the city of Jerusalem, until you are endued [endowed, equipped, furnished and supplied] with power from on high (Luke 24:49). The baptism of the Holy Ghost with evidence of speaking in tongues, is really being appointed, equipped with the power for fulfilling the ministry of reconciliation Jesus Christ bestowed upon us.

One day, some young preachers, who had just graduated from bible School and been ordained by their denomination, came to one of Smith Wigglesworth’s meetings. At the end of the meeting they came to talk to Wigglesworth. They told him that now they had graduated from bible school and been ordained in their denomination, they were going into missions abroad. Wigglesworth asked them, have you received the baptism of the Holy Ghost with evidence of speaking in tongues? They replied: our denomination does not believe in it! Wigglesworth told them, you have received the ordination of men, now you need the ordination of God before going into missions. Smith Wigglesworth understood that the baptism of the Holy Ghost, with evidence of speaking in tongues, is the ordination of God! God appoints you, ordains you and equips you with things necessary to be effective in witnessing the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. My prayer is, you will have the same understanding!

John says: These things I have written unto you concerning those who seduce you. But the Anointing [chrisma: endowment, unction or anointing] which you have received from Him abides in you, and you need not that any man teach you: but as the same Anointing [chrisma: endowment, unction or anointing] teaches you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it has taught you, you shall abide in Him (1John 2:26-27). It does not say the Anointing which you will receive, but which you have received! You are already anointed, and it does not say that the Anointing comes and goes, but it
abides in you. The Anointing is the Holy Spirit. Jesus says: when He, the **Spirit of truth**, is come, **He will guide you into all truth**: for He shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, *that* shall He speak: and **He will show you things** to come (John 16:13).

Many people will try to seduce you, asking you to come and receive their “anointing”. Or to buy their “anointing”. They will base it on the Old Testament, how Elisha received the double portion of the anointing of Elijah (2Kings 2:1-25). Elijah, his name in Hebrew means Jehovah is God, is a type of Jesus. Elisha is a type of the followers of Jesus. Many people think if they follow a minister of God, carry his bible they will have his “anointing”. It is time for you to know that you are already anointed and quit running from one minister of God to another to receive their “anointing”. The double portion is the right of the firstborn; Jesus is the firstborn of the new creation. Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature (Colossians 1:15). When we believe on Jesus and become born again, we are in Christ who is The Firstborn among many brethren (Romans 8:29). He bestows upon us the double portion which is the firstborn right; because we are found in Him The Firstborn and are now joint heirs with Him (Romans 8:17). We belong to the general assembly and the church of the firstborn (Hebrews12:23).

Elijah ascended to heaven after he spoke to his disciple, and Elisha his disciple saw him taken up (2Kings 2:11-12). Likewise Jesus also ascended to heaven after He had spoken to His disciples and His disciples saw Him being taken up (Acts 1:9-11). Elisha picked up the mantle of Elijah which was symbolic of the ministry of Elijah. The power was not in the physical mantle of Elijah, but in the Spirit that was upon Elijah, and the bible records: the Spirit of Elijah rested on Elisha (2Kings 2:15); which is the same as believers receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit when the Spirit rests upon them (Luke 24:49, Acts 2). The bible did not say the mantle of Elijah (Jehovah is God) rested on Elisha; but the Spirit of Elijah rested on Elisha. Likewise Jesus did not leave us His clothes, the roman soldiers took his clothes (John 19:23-24); but Jesus sent us His Holy Spirit.

My friend stop following men of God to try to get their tie, their shirt, their shoes; or try to buy the dirty bed sheets from the hotel room where they have slept. The roman soldiers that got the clothes of Jesus, one got the underwear of Jesus, another one got His trousers, another got His seamless tunic and the fourth one got His sandals. None of those roman soldiers who had Jesus garments, did any miracles, any sign or wonder. At the resurrection of Jesus, Peter and John went into the tomb and found it empty; there the linen cloths were lying in the tomb. with which the dead body of Jesus was wrapped, and the head napkin that was about the head of Jesus’ body (John 20:1-8). Nowhere in the book of Acts of the Apostles, do you read of Peter and John bringing the head napkin, or the linen cloths used to bury Jesus, to the sick, so that they would be healed.

We, born again Christians, use no relics, even the relics of Jesus Christ! Now a relic according to the Webster dictionary is that which remains; that which is left after the loss or decay of the rest; as the relics of a town, the body of a deceased person. The relics of saints, real or pretended, are held in great veneration by the Catholics. That is idol worship; that is why the apostles did not use any relic of Jesus. That is also the reason why God had to bury Moses himself, in an unknown location to Israel; had He not done things that way, people would have used the bones of Moses and his clothes as relics; they would have fallen into idol worship, and God would have had to destroy them, like when they built their gold calf.
(Deuteronomy 34:5-6, Exodus 32). Some charismatic Christians also want to buy the house in which Smith Wigglesworth used to live; and some other charismatic Christians, go and lie on the grave of John G Lake, or any other saints, to get a so-called “anointing”. They are idolaters at heart, and necromancers!

Nowhere in the Acts of the Apostles, do you read that the apostles tried to buy back Jesus’ garments from the roman soldiers, after they crucified Him. If the early disciples did not need the garments of Jesus, or the linen cloths and head napkin, covered with the real blood of Jesus; you certainly, do not need any man of God’s underwear, shirt, sandals, handkerchief or dirty bed sheets. Nowhere in the Book of Acts of the Apostles, do you see them going into the tomb of Jesus, and lying down, to get the resurrection “anointing” of Jesus. Nowhere in the book of Acts do you see the Apostles putting the headquarters of the church in Capernaum, in the house where Jesus used to live (John 1:35-40, Mark 9:33).

When ministries or men of God, say God told them to go and lie on a grave of an old saint to get his “anointing”; it is not God who spoke to them! whatever a person says God spoke to him: he must demonstrate it from the scriptures, with a minimum of two or three scriptures, that is the principle to determine if something is established by God (Genesis 41:32, Deuteronomy 19:15, Matthew 18:16, 2Corinthians 13:1). You need the Holy Ghost who is the life, you need to have faith in Jesus and use the name of Jesus, that is what Peter and John tell us, after they had healed the crippled man, at the Beautiful Gate of the temple (Acts 3).

Since we have seen from the scriptures that every born again Christian has been anointed son, King and priest, and the Holy Spirit dwells in every born again Christian, what is the anointing of the Holy Spirit, the endowment of the Holy Spirit or the unction of the Holy Spirit, that every Christian is chasing after? The Holy Spirit is the owner of the Anointing or the endowment or the unction; that is why it is called the anointing of the Holy Ghost or the endowment of the Holy Ghost or the unction of the Holy Ghost. People are willing to pay a fortune to have it, willing to travel to the end of the world to go and get it, and people are willing to sleep in the grave yard to get it. Wow, what is it? And why is it so important?

John says: But the Anointing [chrisma: endowment, unction or anointing] which you have received from Him abides in you; you are always anointed, because the Anointing, who is the Holy Spirit, abides in you. You did not receive that anointing from anybody on earth, but from the Godhead, the truth is, you have the same Anointing [chrisma: endowment, unction or anointing]. Jesus said: I will pray the Father and He will send you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever, the Spirit of truth (John 14:16-17). The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I have said to you. When He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will show you things to come (John 16:13). And Isaiah tells us: It shall be, in that day, his [the enemy’s] burden shall be taken away from off your shoulder, and his yoke from off your neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing [shemen: grease, fat, fatness, olive oil, ointment, anointing] (Isaiah 10:27).

The Holy Ghost is the owner of the anointing or endowment or unction. The Anointing is the tangible manifestation of the power of the Holy Ghost, to have spiritual revelations, and
perform signs and wonders. In this bible study, in the section on Understanding the Trinity: God three in One, we have explained in length, the spiritual concept of the trinity using the Tree, which has One Root, even God the Father; One Vine, even Jesus; and the Sap that is the Holy Spirit. The two main scriptures we used to illustrate that spiritual concept of the Trinity were John 15 and Romans 11:13-18. We discovered that according to Paul the Tree was even an Olive Tree.

Now, Jesus tells us that every born again Christian, is a branch on that Olive Tree (John 15:4-5). Whether you are a natural branch, meaning the Jewish believer, or you are a grafted branch, meaning a gentile believer, the Sap of the Vine and The Root is flowing through you, the Olive branch! In other words, the Holy Spirit is in every born again Christian. I told you that the olive oil is the symbol of the anointing of the Holy Ghost or empowerment of the Holy Ghost, or unction of the Holy Ghost. The olive oil is a fat obtained from the olive (the fruit of Olea europaea which contains a seed commonly referred to in British English as stone, and in American English as rock). The Olive oil is produced by pressing whole olives.

Paul explains to us that we cannot be partakers of the fatness of the Olive Tree, or the anointing of the triune God; we need to become partakers of the Root, even partakers of the Holiness of God (Romans 11:13-18, Hebrews 12:10). The first thing to do, is to be born again, so that you can be grafted as a branch into the Olive Tree of the triune God; the second thing to do is that you must become partakers of the Holiness of God, if you also want to share in His anointing. The leaves on a tree talk about our profession or confession of faith, as we explained in the Series of the Perfect redemption Plan using Mark 11, where Jesus cursed the fig tree, that only had leaves, but no fruit. You can take the leaves of the olive tree and press them; olive oil will not come out of them, the Sap of the olive tree flows into those leaves. You can take the branch of the olive tree and press it, and no olive oil will come out of it, though it is full of Sap. Only when you press the fruit of the olive tree, that that branch yielded, because it became a partaker of the Root, even of the life of the Root, that you have olive oil.

No wonder Jesus told us: you shall know them by their fruits (Matthew 7:20). If a born again Christian has truly become a partaker of the life of God, even of His holiness; you will start seeing aspects of the fruit of the Spirit, listed in Galatians 5:22-25, even in an embryonic stage; it will not be mere profession or confession of faith; but their profession or confession of faith will have corresponding actions. They will not deceive people around them, nor themselves, by merely confessing their faith, but they will demonstrate and show the world their faith, by their works, that are according to the counsel of the Holy Scriptures. Yes, if the olive is not mature yet, meaning the seed, even the stone or the rock in the olive is not fully formed yet; when you press that olive, you will not get much olive oil coming out of it. But if that olive fruit is mature, meaning the seed, or the stone or the rock is fully formed in it; when you press it, you have lots of oil.

Paul tells us: my little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ is formed in you (Galatians 4:19). In the spiritual realm, you are the olive branch grafted into The Olive Tree of the Triune God; but in the physical realm, you are the fruit that people eat and see. Christ Jesus, who is the Seed of Abraham, the stone that the builders rejected, and has become the chief cornerstone, must be formed in you, if you want to become a partaker of His anointing (Galatians 3:16, Matthew 21:42). You need to embrace the sanctified life of Jesus, the truth of
His word, found in the Holy Scriptures from Genesis to Revelation, and His way (John 14:6). The revelation of His death, burial and resurrection according to the Holy Scriptures, must become the big rock in your heart, even bedrock of your faith; so that you do not cast off your fruit prematurely, when winds of strange doctrines shake your branch (Ephesians 4:14). Jesus said: And I say also unto you, That you are Peter [petros: a piece of rock, even the rock of the revelation, that I am the Christ of God], and upon this rock [petra: a mass of rock, or a big rock, even the rock of the revelation, of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ, according to the scriptures] I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it (Matthew 16:18).

If we want the spiritual olive branch, we are to yield fruit, and bring it to full maturity, until Christ, the Seed of Abraham, is formed in us, for the world to see. We must first of all be born again, to be grafted into the Olive Tree of the Triune God. Second, we need to become partakers of the holiness of God: we need to embrace the way, the truth and the life of Jesus Christ. Third, we need to have the revelation of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ, according to the scriptures, and become doers of the word of God, not hearers only. Fourth receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost with evidence of speaking in tongues. And fifth we need to have a lifestyle of prayer with fasting. We have already explained all those steps in the Perfect Redemption Plan series, in the life of Moses, Elijah, Jesus and His disciples. The anointing of the Holy Ghost and the aspects of the fruit of the Spirit, go hand in hand; you cannot dissociate them! The more Christ like you become, the more you will manifest the anointing of the Holy Ghost, or the endowment of the Holy Ghost, or the unction of the Holy Ghost.

Just like the olive fruit is pressed whole, for the olive oil to come out of it; the same also; the anointing of the Holy Spirit will be flowing out of you, when you are under pressure, when a demand is made. Paul says: If we suffer, we shall also reign with Jesus: if we deny him, he also will deny us (2Timothy 2:12). Yes doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death (Philippians 3:8-10). And of Jesus, Paul tells us: though he was a Son, yet he learned obedience by the things which He suffered (Hebrews 5:8). Sometimes acting according to the truth of the word of God, is painful to our flesh; but we learn to obey God by the things which we also suffer; and we all say like Jesus: Abba, Father, all things are possible unto You; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what You will (Mark 14:36).

So when we say in Christian jargon, that a message is anointed by the Holy Spirit, or a bible study is anointed by the Holy Spirit, or a song is anointed by the Holy Spirit; what we actually mean is, it is endowed with the power of the Holy Spirit to bring spiritual revelation, to remove burdens off the shoulders of people, and destroy the yokes that are around their necks; to make them free indeed. The bible says: the entrance or the revelation of God’s words, enlightens or gives light (Psalm 119:130). Jesus says: Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah, which says, By hearing you shall
hear, and shall not understand; and seeing you shall see, and shall not perceive: For this people’s heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them (Matthew 13:13-15).

It takes the anointing of the Holy Spirit or the endowment of the Holy Spirit, or the unction of the Holy Spirit, in the life of the believer, to open, get people converted to Christianity, to make people see the truth of the gospel, and to get people healed and delivered from demonic oppression and possession. Two preachers can read the same scriptures out of the same bible. But the first preacher, no matter how eloquent he is, and how versed in theology he is, the people listening to him, will only think that what is coming out of his mouth, are mere parables, good illustrations, and good stories. They will laugh and be in a good mood when they leave the church building.

Yet they have not changed their sinful lifestyle, they have not drawn close to God with their heart, and nobody has been healed or delivered. But when the second preacher, who is not as eloquent as the first one, nor has the theological knowledge of the first one, reads the same scriptures: the eyes of understanding of the people are enlightened, because they have received spiritual revelation; their spiritual ears are opened, and no longer dull; they hear and act on the word of God. The veil that covered their heart, rendering it cold and insensitive to the gospel, is taken away when the revelation of Jesus dawns on the people: they can now not only receive Jesus as their Lord and Saviour, but they can also be healed and delivered.

The fruit in Galatians 5:22-25 is talking about the fruit of the Spirit and its nine aspects. Jesus says: Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away. And every one that bears fruit, He prunes it, so that it may bring forth more fruit (John 15:2). Notice that that word fruit is still singular, so it is still talking about the fruit of the Spirit and its nine aspects. When I was growing up, my father used to have a vegetable garden, in which he planted tomatoes. When he did not prune that tomato plant, there were tomatoes on all the branches, but they were small tomatoes. But when he pruned that tomato plant, and cut off some of the branches that were not yielding anything; he had very big tomatoes on that tomato plant. And at times we had to prop that tomato plant up by tying it up against a wooden rod; because the tomatoes on the pruned branches were very big and their weight could not be supported by the tomato plant, therefore the use of the wooden rod to support the weight. So when they prune the olive branches, it is so that the olive fruit will be big and have a big seed in it, so that when it is pressed, we have more olive oil. The reason why God prunes us, is so that we will exhibit more aspects of the fruit of the spirit, not just in the embryonic stage, but in a fully mature stage.

When we are truly anointed of the Holy Ghost or endowed of the Holy Ghost, we will exhibit the aspects of the fruit of the spirit; for Christ Jesus has been formed in us. We will have the manifestations of the revelation gifts of the Holy Spirit, the utterance gifts of the Holy Spirit and the power gifts of the Holy Spirit. As we have already explained in David’s sexual sin exposed bible study, to flow effortlessly in the utterance gifts and revelation gifts of the Holy Spirit, you will need to live a sanctified life, and the fruit of the Spirit must be evident in your life. We have explained how people can have a self-inflicted spiritual blindness. We are to
make disciples of all nations; so Jesus Christ must be formed in every born again Christian; we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ (Ephesians 4:13).

In 1Samuel 10:1-3 we notice that the Spirit came upon Saul after he was anointed with oil. The Spirit came upon him because He was anointed and He started to prophecy. Prophecy is one of the manifestations of the spirit of the Lord. Jesus explained the same thing to the Jews, He said: the Spirit of the Lord is upon Me because He has anointed Me (Luke 4:18). He did not say I am anointed because the Spirit of the Lord is upon Me; but the Spirit is upon Me because I am anointed by God. He knew that God had anointed Him, because the Holy Spirit was in Him; God had anointed Jesus: Son, King of kings and High Priest according to the order of Melchizedek. When the Spirit of the Lord came upon Jesus and abode upon Him after His baptism (John 1:32); God appointed Jesus, which means God; ordained Him; allotted Him; equipped Him with things necessary; as, a ship or an army is well appointed. Do not worry about being ordained by men, when men ordain you, it is just to recognize that God has already ordained you. When you received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, God ordained you into the ministry of reconciliation, and you are now equipped with all the military arsenals to carry out that ministry, you just need to be taught how to use each one of them. He equipped you with the power to deal with the enemy. Think of a policeman who has his uniform and badge, he has the authority but when he has a loaded gun he also has the power.

God said to Jeremiah: before I formed you in the belly I knew you; and before you came forth out of the womb I sanctified you, and I ordained you a prophet unto the nations (Jeremiah 1:5). If you read the book of Jeremiah, nowhere is it written that Jeremiah was ever ordained as a prophet by another prophet; but he knew that God had ordained him and it was all that mattered, and God used him mightily.

Jesus says: You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that you should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: so that whatsoever you shall ask of the Father in My name, He may give it you (John 15:16). So you are chosen and ordained by Jesus Himself, you are anointed because you are a son or daughter of God, God has anointed you king/queen and priest/priestess and has appointed you, ordained you, equipped you with power from on high. If you are ordained by men in a church, praise the Lord! But you must know and believe that Jesus Has anointed you king and priest, because you are His son, and when the Spirit came upon you, you were ordained. If you want the Lord to answer whatever you ask, you must bring forth fruit, even the fruit of the Spirit and its nine aspects; you should not cast off your fruit of the Spirit and its nine aspects, but they should remain in you. All the promises of God are conditional. And most of the times you will see the condition stipulated by God in the same verse in the same chapter.

15. Our Union or oneness with Christ and Jehovah-Shammah

Some Christians do not understand our union or oneness with Christ and the Godhead, and it saddens the Godhead, for it is very crucial for us to live a victorious Christian life. Sometimes in church when they have a prayer meeting, they use these scriptures: Neither do I pray for these alone, but for those also who shall believe on Me through their word; That they all may
be one; as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be one in Us: that the world may believe that You have sent Me (John 17:20-21). **Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!** It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron’s beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore (Psalm 133:1-3).

So they use these two scriptures, to mean that if there is no unity in the church, if we are fighting each other, the world will not know that Jesus sent us, because the only sign that the world can see, is how we love each other. And if we do not dwell in unity with each other in church, God will not pour out His “anointing” on the pastor who is the head, and then that “anointing” that is upon the pastor, will not run down on the church members! First of all, we are not supposed to be fighting in the church; it means that the church members are still very carnal and need to understand, what the works of the flesh and the fruit of the Spirit are; as we explain in the bible study on Application of The Perfect Redemption Plan. And sometimes people use those two scriptures above, to manipulate the people, instead of addressing the problem going on in the church and resolving it, according to the written word of God, the leaders blame the people by insinuating that it is the fault of the members, if the pastor and the leaders are not walking in power. Because they are not united! Which is a lie from the pit of hell, as we explain in the series of Application of The Perfect Redemption Plan; you do not need their agreement or unity to perform signs and wonders, in the name of Jesus, that are supposed to follow every believer! We are called to peace, and always love people, so we ought to do it!

But Jesus wanted us to understand the union with Him and the Godhead. He prayed to God that we, who are born again, will understand it. The world cannot understand it; but we, as born again Christians, ought to understand our union with God. Thus Jesus prays to God: I do not pray for these alone, but for those also who shall believe on Me through their word; **That they all may be one; as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be one in Us; so that the world may believe that You have sent Me** (John 17:20-21).

If we understand how Jesus the Son of Man was one with God, it will help us to understand how every born again Christian is one with Jesus, and with the Godhead. Jesus Christ is fully God, but when He was on earth He chose to function as the Son of Man, who is one with God the Father, so that the world around Him might know that God sent Him; because He did works that no human can do, but God can do through a human. The people of Jesus’ days, when they saw Jesus the Son of Man doing works that God does, they believed that Jesus and God were one, or united, and it was God who sent Jesus; because God was doing those works through Him. As Matthew tells us: when the multitudes saw it, they marvelled and glorified God, who had given such power unto men (Matthew 9:8).

Jesus says to each one of us: **I have given you an example that you should do as I have done to you** (John 13:15). The word used for example, is the Greek word hupodeigma, which is **exhibit for imitation**, example, pattern and **specimen**. According to the Webster dictionary a specimen is a **sample**: a part or small portion of anything, intended to exhibit the kind and quality of the whole. Think of it this way: when a person is sick and goes to the hospital, the General Practitioner asks for some blood tests to be done on the patient, to see
what is going on in the whole body. The nurse only takes a small quantity of blood and brings it to the laboratory for analyses. What is found in that small quantity of blood, represents exactly what is in the whole body; for that blood was taken as a sample of all the blood in that body. Jesus Christ is the example, sample or exhibit, for imitation, of what and who is in every born again Christian (John 13:15). That is why Paul tells you, that you were baptized into the body. **For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body**, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit (1Corinthians 12:13).

So Jesus Christ dwells in every born again believer, and every born again believer dwells in Christ, the body. Since Jesus is the sample of that body or the specimen of that body, or the exhibit for imitation of that body, it means that every born again believer is exactly as Jesus Christ. Just like that sample of blood of the body that was taken to the laboratory for analyses, represents exactly what happens in that whole body, in every drop of blood of that body. Likewise since you were baptized into one body by the Holy Spirit, even the body of Christ, every born again Christian is exactly like Christ Jesus, our sample, exhibit for imitation or specimen. That is why John tells us: we have known and believed the love that God has in us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God and God in him. In this is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the Day of Judgment, that **as He** (Jesus Christ the sample of the Body) **is, so also are we in this world** (1John 4:16-17).

And everything that is in that sample Jesus, is in every born again believer, thus John the Baptist tells us: This was he of whom I spoke, He that cometh after me, is preferred before me: for he was before me. And of his fullness, we have all received, and grace for grace (John 1:15-16). Jesus tells us: 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). I was sharing the word of God with a Chinese woman who was not saved yet. After I had finished sharing, she asked me: are all Christians so zealous for Jesus and in love with Jesus like you? I said: yes! Because in my heart I knew I am not unique, Jesus Christ is my sample and He lives in me and I live in him; of His fullness I have received and as He is so I am in this world. Yet I am not a small christ or a small god, that is from the devil and we have explained it in the bible study of Application of The Perfect Redemption Plan. Christ Jesus dwells in us and we dwell in Him. We are a new creation but Jesus is fully God and fully Man. Do not fall into that trap of the devil of thinking you are a god or a christ.

Jesus told them, and we should be able to tell people around us the same thing: If I do not the works of My Father, do not believe Me. But if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works: that you may know, and believe, that the Father is in Me, and I in Him (John 10:37-38). Jesus tells us: At that day [when you are born again] you shall know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you (John 14:20). And because each born again Christian will be one with me and one with Jehovah-Shammah: 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).

Every born again Christian is one with Jesus Christ and one with the Godhead or one with Jehovah-Shammah, it does not mean that because they are one with God, that they have become gods or christs. That is a heresy or wrong doctrine and it comes from Lucifer himself, who tried to become god and was cast out of heaven, and it does not also mean that we have
become christs. Please read the bible study on Application of The Perfect Redemption Plan, in it we explain why it is dangerous to think that we are gods or christs. We are the representatives or ambassadors of Jesus Christ and God, but we are not gods or christs.

Paul uses the example of marriage to try to explain our union with Christ, or our oneness with Christ Jesus. He says: For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and the two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church (Ephesians 5:31-32). This great mystery, the church has not fully fathomed, they think Paul was talking about marriage, but Paul was using that illustration to teach us how, when we are born again, we are married to the resurrected Jesus Christ (Romans 7:3-4). It means we are joined to Him: Jesus Christ and the born again Christian become one flesh: you are in Christ and He is in you. Read the book of Ruth.

Ruth got married to Boaz. Boaz is the picture of Jesus. Boaz was the one who was an Israelite and Israel had a covenant of promises with God. Ruth was a Moabitess and was not in any covenant of promises with God. She was poor, dejected and had no inheritance. But when she married Boaz, she became one with him, she came into the covenant of promises that God had with Israel through Boaz, she received an inheritance through Boaz, and she became very wealthy and over many servants through Boaz. Though without Boaz she was nothing and had nothing; but once she was joined in marriage with Boaz; everything that belonged to Boaz, became hers also: his wealth and riches, his servants, his inheritance, his lands, his houses, his powers, his authority to command those servants, etc.

If you have understood the concept of the Olive Tree of the Triune God, you now understand that God the Father is the Root, Jesus Christ is the vine, the Holy Ghost is the Sap, and you are the branch. The life of the Root flows in the branch through the vine. As long as the branch abides in the vine, it lives and bears fruit. Branches can be cut off, and the Olive Tree of the Triune God, will still exist. Some of the Jews who did not believe in Jesus Christ, were cut off as branches of the Olive Tree, of the Triune God. But the branches cannot live without the vine. Branches also do not grow on the Root, but on the Vine; that is why Jesus tells all of us: I am the way, the truth and the life; no one can come to the Father except through Me (John 14:6). Jesus is the Vine, the Father is the Root, the life that you, as a branch, receive from the Root, will come through the Vine. 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 15:5).

Jesus tells us in that prayer He prayed for us: as You, Father, sent Me into the world, I also send them into the world (John 17:18). For the world to believe that Jesus Christ has sent us to them, we need to show them the same works Jesus did when Father God sent Him. He promised us, since I sent each one of you, born again Christians: 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. And whatsoever you shall ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you shall ask any thing in My name, I will do it (John 14:12-14). But for that to be effective, you need to understand, that every born again Christian and Jesus are one, and Jesus is one with the Father. Therefore every born again Christian is one with the Godhead or with Jehovah-Shammah. That is the revelation of Jehovah-Shammah we have given to the people in this bible study.
Jesus, the Son of Man, tells us: As the living Father has sent Me, and I live by the Father: so He who feeds on Me, even he shall live by Me (John 6:57). Exodus 12 talks about the Passover of the Jews. They did not just eat unleavened bread and drink wine; they also ate the roasted lamb. Thus as they were going out of Egypt the house of bondage, they literally had a lamb in their stomach, wine and bread. Now the roasted lamb is symbolic of Jesus, who received the fiery judgment of the wrath of God that was to be poured out on the world; but God poured it on Jesus the Lamb of God. The wine is symbolic of the blood of Jesus, the Lamb of God and the life or Spirit of the Lamb, is in His blood (Leviticus 17:11). And the bread, was first symbolic of the word of God, and then of the body of Jesus, that was broken for our healing and many other things, as we explain in the series of the Application of the Perfect Redemption Plan.

So you need to believe that you ate Jesus, roasted the Lamb of God, who received the fiery wrath of God, for the whole world, the day you were born again, even if you do not have the feeling in your stomach like the Hebrews had in Exodus 12. You must believe that His blood is now in you, that is why you live by Him. God said to Cain who had killed his brother Abel: the voice of your brother’s blood cries out to Me from the ground (Genesis 4:10). And Paul tells us: the blood of Jesus, the mediator of the New Covenant, speaks better things than the blood of Abel (Hebrews 12:24). The blood of Abel was speaking vengeance for his death, but the blood of Jesus is speaking mercy; because God has avenged all sins on the body of Christ Jesus.

So the blood of Jesus is now speaking mercy, healing, dead raising, prosperity, restoration, peace, etc. Since the life, or the spirit of the flesh is in his blood, according to Leviticus 17:11, and the blood speaks, it means it is the spirit that is speaking in the blood. You, as born again Christians, ate the flesh of Jesus and drank His blood. So Jesus is in you and His blood is speaking through you, yet not his blood but His Spirit, who is in His blood is speaking. That is why Jesus tells you: it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you (Matthew 10:20). The Spirit of the Father is the Spirit of Jesus and that Spirit is in His blood.

Do not fear witchdoctors, who use animal blood or even human blood, drink human blood and eat human flesh, to get satanic power and curse people. You as born again Christians, spiritually ate the flesh of Jesus Christ the perfect Lamb of God, who knew no sin, and you drank His blood. The blood of Jesus is speaking better things than the blood of any human being or animal! The bread is symbolic of the word of God. God and His words are one, furthermore Jesus is the Word of God (John 1:1, Revelation 19:13).

That is why they also ate unleavened bread in Exodus 12. So that the word of Christ Jesus, the roasted Lamb they ate, would abide richly in each one of them in all wisdom (Colossians 3:16). And Jesus tells us: 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). For the Holy Spirit who is now speaking in you through the blood of Jesus, that washed your sins away to get you saved (1John 1:7), only brings to your remembrance all things that are written in the bible, and whatsoever Jesus Christ said to us in the bible (John 14:26). So if you do not eat the bread of the word of God, it will be difficult to demonstrate the same power of Jesus Christ, and manifest the same gifts of the Spirit.

That is why Jesus taught us the Lord’s Supper or Holy Communion. We eat the bread and
drink the wine, and He wants us to do it as often as we can, to remind ourselves that we are one with Jesus Christ and one with Jehovah-Shammah. Because Jesus The Lamb of God is in us, Jesus and the Father are one, and His blood is in us and the Spirit is in the blood: so inside us, Jesus is there, the Father is there and the Holy Spirit is there: Jehovah-Shammah is inside us (Matthew 26:26-30; 1Corinthians 11:23-34). We are one with Jesus Christ and we are one with Jehovah-Shammah the Godhead.

I, Jesus, do not pray for these alone, but for those also who shall believe on Me through their word: That they all may be one; as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be one in Us [Father, Son and Spirit]; so that the world may believe that You have sent Me (John 17:20-21). The Holy Communion is one of the symbolic things that Jesus encourages us to do, and the early church was doing that every day. As it is written: they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in breaking of bread and in prayers (Acts 2:42). They, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart; Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved (Acts 2:46-47).

Unfortunately some Christians have become like the Jews who, after some years, did not even know anymore, why they were celebrating the Passover. They thought it was about feasting and a nice family time, where we hide yeast and breadcrumbs in the house, and the children try to find where we hid them. We have done the same thing for Resurrection Day, which is three days after the crucifixon of Jesus; we have called it Easter, and made it about bunnies and eggs. Christians do not celebrate Easter but Passover [the passion of Christ or his crucifixion and Resurrection Day or resurrection of Jesus Christ]. Easter is a pagan festival that celebrates the spring equinox; it used to be called Eostre. Bunnies at Easter are symbolic of a great northern goddess whose symbol was a rabbit or hare. The Passover feast and holiday lasts seven days, covers the day of the crucifixion of Jesus and the Resurrection Day. Smith Wigglesworth, the “apostle of faith”, use to partake of the Holy Communion every day; in a way he was reminding himself every day that he is one with Christ, and one with the Godhead, like the early church did.

Another way we must understand our oneness or union with Jesus Christ, and oneness or union with the Godhead, even Jehovah-Shammah, is the picture of the tree. Jesus tells us: I, Jesus, am the true vine and My Father is the vine dresser (John 15:1). The bible explains to us, that not only is God the Father the vine dresser, but He is also The Root of the vine. The True Vine does not have many roots, but only One Root. Paul prays for every born again Christian, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that you, be rooted and grounded in love (Ephesians 3:17). So Paul tells us, The Root that grounds every born again Christian, is love. Then John tells us: Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and everyone who loves, is born of God, and knows God. He, who does not love, does not know God; for God is love (1John 4:7-8). So, you are rooted and grounded in love or in God: God is The Root of The True Vine. Christ Jesus is The True Vine and you, as a born again Christian, are one of the branches, on that True Vine. Jesus says: I am the vine; you are the branches (John 15:5).

Before you became a born again Christian, you were a branch of another vine, even Satan the devil. The sap of the false vine was flowing in you, for you were one of its branches. That
sap was coming from the root and flowing through the vine, before reaching the branch. The life, spirit or sap that was in the false vine, was also in you and me before we gave our lives to Christ; that is why Jesus tells us: you are of your father the devil, and the lusts or desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it (John 8:44). The root of the false vine, is Satan the devil. The root of everything that does not line up with the written word of God, is Satan the devil. It was natural for us to practice sin; because the life of the devil was in us. But when we were born again; each one of us, as branches on that tree of the devil, were severed from that tree. When a branch is severed from a vine, that branch dies. So when we were born again, we died to sin and to the life of the devil that was flowing in us. A branch that is cut off from a vine is dead, and cannot produce any fruit, and the leaves that were on it wither away and fall off.

Paul tells us, that after we, as individual branches, have been cut off from the vine of Satan the devil, and died, we are grafted into Christ Jesus the true vine. He says: some of the branches [the Jews who did not receive Jesus as their Lord and Saviour] were broken off from the True Vine, and you (who gave your life to Christ), being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them (grafted among the other branches that are on the True Vine), and became a sharer of The Root (God who is love) and the fatness (fatness or sap or oil which is symbolic of the Holy Spirit or life) of the olive tree with the others (the other branches on the True Vine); do not boast against the branches (against the Jews who rejected Jesus and were broken off from the vine). But if you boast, it is not you that bears the root, but the root bears you. [Therefore boast in God, The Root, in Jesus the True Vine and in the Holy Spirit the Sap, or life of the Vine and Root. As Paul taught us: may it never be for me to boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world (Galatians 6:14)]. You will say then, The branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in. Well, because of unbelief they were broken off, and you stand by faith. Do not be high-minded, but fear. For if God did not spare the natural branches, fear lest He also may not spare you either (Romans 11:17-21)!

Read the bible studies on David’s Sexual Sin Exposed and The Seven Hebrew Words For Praise, to know how born again Christians, who are practicing the sins leading to death listed in 1Corinthians 6:9-10, can be broken off form the True Vine and cast into hell fire, if they do not genuinely repent! Jesus tells us: I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman or vine dresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away: and every branch that bears fruit, He purges or prunes it, that it may bring forth more fruit (John 15:1-2). If a man does not abide in Me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned (John 15:6).

So, though you were grafted into the true vine from the mouth of Paul and the Very mouth of Jesus, the Father who is the vine dresser, can take you away or break you off as a branch, and cast you into fire to burn, even hell fire, because you were not bearing fruit, but instead practicing the sins leading to death, listed in 1Corinthians 6:9-10. Jesus says: Every tree that brings not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Therefore by their fruits you shall know them (Matthew 7:19-20). Satan, the false vine, is the tree that will be hewn down and cast into hell fire, and its branches will also be thrown into hell fire. My prayer is, that no
born again Christian, will be broken off as a branch from the true vine, and be cast into hell fire, like Satan and his branches; because he or she decided to practice the sins leading to death. May it never be the portion of any of us in the name of Jesus!

I will ask you a question: can a dead man sign a contract while he is dead? The answer is no! A covenant is a contract signed in blood. When God made a covenant with Abram in Genesis 15, the bible says: now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, horror and great darkness fell upon him (Genesis 15:12). And it came to pass, when the sun went down, and it was dark, that behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a burning torch that passed between those pieces. On the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram (Genesis 15:17-18). For us born again Christians, we do not talk about death, but sleep, as Jesus told us of Lazarus who died, saying: Our friend Lazarus sleeps; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep (John 11:11). Because we believe that when Christ comes, the dead in Christ will rise. So symbolically Abram died when God put him into a deep sleep. The bible says: on the same day, the Lord made a covenant with Abram; but how can you make a covenant with someone who is sleeping deeply? Who was representing Abram or standing on His behalf, to cut that Covenant with the Lord when he was sleeping deeply?

The bible tells us that a burning torch or burning bush passed between those pieces of animals cut by Abram. It is the same burning torch or burning bush, that appeared to Moses, and spoke with Moses in Exodus 3:2, Isaiah Explains that the Salvation of the Lord is as a burning lamp or burning torch (Isaiah 62:1). And Jesus means Jehovah is Salvation or the Salvation of the Lord, He is the Angel of the Lord who was in that burning bush or burning torch (Isaiah 63:8-9; John 8:58). So in other words, the Lord God made a Covenant with Jesus Christ, the burning torch! Jesus Christ was the One who acted on behalf of Abram who was sleeping deeply! For Abraham to enjoy the benefits of the promises of the covenant, he needed to put his faith in Jesus Christ.

We explain in the bible study of Jehovah-Jireh, in the series of Perfect Redemption Plan, how God preached the gospel to Abraham. God made a covenant with Jesus Christ, who represented Abraham who was sleeping deeply. We do not have an individual covenant with God. God has a covenant with Jesus, and if you are in Christ Jesus, then you are entitled to the promises of the covenant. The promises were not made to you directly, but to Jesus Christ, and if you are in Christ Jesus like Abraham; you will receive the promises of the covenant God the Father made with Jesus. Paul explains to us, saying: Brethren, I speak after the manner of men; Though it be but a man’s covenant, yet, if it be confirmed, no man disannuls, or adds thereto. Now to Abraham and his Seed, were the promises made. He does not say, And to seeds, as of many; but as of One, And to your Seed, who is Christ (Galatians 3:15-16).

Paul was quoting the promise contained in the covenant God made with Jesus Christ and Abram, because Abram believed the gospel of Christ. God made sure, that he made the Covenant with Abram through Christ Jesus, before Abram was circumcised, and before he had Ishmael and Isaac. Paul tells us: we say that faith [in Christ Jesus] was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness. How then was it reckoned? Being in circumcision or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision. And he received a sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith, while still uncircumcised; so that he might be the father of all
those believing through uncircumcision, for righteousness to be imputed to them also; and a father of circumcision to those not of the circumcision only, but also to those walking by the steps of the faith of our father Abraham during uncircumcision (Romans 4:9-12).

All those in the Middle-East, Jews and Arabs, who are claiming to be the true sons of Abraham, because of their circumcision, and their father Ishmael or Isaac are greatly mistaken. There are not many seeds but one Seed it is not Isaac and it is not Ishmael either. It is Christ Jesus. And that circumcision is not of the flesh but of the heart in the Spirit: it is receiving Christ Jesus as Lord and Saviour in your heart (Romans 2:29). Paul tells us: you are complete in Christ Jesus, who is the Head of all principality and power, in whom also you are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ, buried with Him in baptism, in whom also you were raised through the faith of the working of God, raising Him from the dead (Colossians 2:10-12).

Isaac who was the natural seed of Abraham, received the blessing of Abraham, because he walked in the steps of his father Abraham by also putting his faith in Christ Jesus, and Christ Jesus became Isaac’s righteousness! Isaac had two sons Esau and Jacob, Esau did not put his faith in Christ Jesus, but Jacob did. So Jacob received the blessing of Abraham, because he walked in the steps of Abraham by believing in Christ Jesus, to whom the promises were made. In the days of Jesus the Jews made that mistake, because they thought the promises of the Covenant, God made with Abram through Christ Jesus were made to seeds or descendants of Abraham.

They said to Jesus: Abraham is our father, Jesus said unto them, If you were Abraham’s children, you would do the works of Abraham. But now you seek to kill Me, a man who has told you the truth, which I have heard of God: Abraham did not do this. You do the deeds of your father. Then said they to Jesus, We were not born of adultery [Ishmael was born of adultery with Hagar but we are from Isaac the son of Sarah, the legitimate wife of Abraham ]; we have one Father, even God. Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, you would love Me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of Myself, but He sent Me. Why do you not understand My speech? because you cannot hear My word. (John 8:39-44).

Those Jews were greatly disappointed; for they thought being natural seeds of Abraham, not of the lineage of adultery of Ishmael, but of the lineage of Isaac, the legitimate seed of Abraham, God was automatically their Father. No, Jesus was telling them, if God were your Father you would believe in Me, Jesus the Seed of Abraham, and you would enjoy the promises of the covenant that God made with Abraham, and his Seed, who is Christ. But if you do not receive Jesus, even if you are of the lineage of Isaac and do the good deeds of the Law, God is not your Father, but the devil is! You and I need to understand it as well, that God cut that covenant and made those promises to Christ Jesus, and if you are in Christ Jesus, you are entitled to them.

Paul tells us: all the promises of God in Christ Jesus are yes, and in Him Amen, unto the glory of God by us (2Corinthians 1:20). The covenant and all the promises of the covenant, were made to Jesus Christ; Abram received them through Christ Jesus. So if you are in Christ Jesus, those promises of the covenant, become yours, yes and in Christ Jesus Amen, to the glory of God by us. If, you belong to Christ or are in Christ, then are you
Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise (Galatians 3:29).

So when we were grafted as a branch into the True Vine, Jesus tells us: Abide in Me, and I in you [be in Christ Jesus and Christ Jesus in you, or spiritually let your life be hidden with Christ Jesus in God; and then physically let Christ Jesus be hidden in you, and work through 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 ye can do nothing (John 15:4-5). Remember you were grafted, you were a dead branch, it is only because of the life of the vine that you are living. Jesus tells us: As the living Father has sent Me, and I live by the Father: so he who feeds on Me, even he shall live by Me (John 6:57).

You and I live by Jesus, we have no life, power, holiness, righteousness by ourselves, except through or by Christ Jesus. The leaves are growing on that grafted branch, only because the branch abides on the vine and the life of the vine is flowing in that grafted branch. The leaves on that branch are for the healing of the nations (Revelation 22:2). So the healing power and all the signs and wonders that follow every believer, are only possible because that believer, as a branch, abides in Jesus the true vine. If that branch is cut off the leaves wither away and inevitably fall off. Likewise if a believer no longer abides in Christ and the words of Christ Jesus no longer abide in that believer; the signs and wonders will stop following him or her.

That grafted branch also bears fruit, even the fruit of the Spirit, because the life of the true vine Christ Jesus, flows in him. If that branch no longer abides in the true vine, it will cast off its fruit. Without Jesus you can do nothing as a branch, you cannot have leaves and you cannot bear fruit, in other words there will not be any healing power or miraculous power, manifestations of the gifts of the Spirit and fruit of the Spirit. We need to believe that we have no power of our own, no authority of our own, no anointing of our own, no righteousness of our own, and no godliness of our own; but the one Christ Jesus has. Without Christ Jesus the True Vine, God the Father, the Root and the Holy Ghost, the sap, we can do nothing as a branch: there will be no leaves on us; no healing power, no demonstrations of the power of God and manifestations of the Spirit of God; there will be no fruit in us: no fruit of the Spirit, the character and nature of Jesus will not be in us.

Jesus says: All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth (Matthew 28:18). So if Jesus has it all, it means you and I of our own have no authority and no power, but because we are one with Christ, and All his authority and all his power in heaven and earth have become ours too. Therefore Jesus tells us: I give unto you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven (Matthew 16:19). Behold, I give unto you power and 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). John the apostle tells us: John the Baptist bore witness of Jesus, and cried, saying, This was He of whom I spoke, He who comes after me is preferred before me or ranks higher than I: for He was before me. And of His [Jesus’] fullness we have all received, and grace [unmerited favour and divine empowerment] for grace (John 1:15-16). Every born again Christian has received the fullness of Jesus Christ, all His favour, all His power, all His authority, because each one of us is one with Christ.

When Peter, who is one of the branches on the true vine, performed a healing, the bible tells
us: when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, You men of Israel, why do you marvel at this? or why do you look so earnestly on us [mere branches], as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk? The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers [The Root of the True vine], has glorified His Son Jesus [the True Vine]; whom you delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go. But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you; And killed the Prince of life, whom God has raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses [the miracle we have done in His name, bears witness that we abide in him and he abides in us, that He is alive in us His branches, that is why we are producing these leaves which are for the healing of the nations]. And His name through faith in His name has made this man strong, whom you see and know: yes, the faith which is by Him, has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all (Acts 3:12-16).

Paul tells us: I am crucified with Christ [as a branch, when I was cut off from the false vine of Satan, I died to the world, and the world died to me, just like Jesus was crucified]: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ lives in me [it is because I have now been grafted into the True vine even Christ Jesus that I live]: and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God (I do not live by myself, it is Christ who lives in me), who loved me, and gave Himself for me (Galatians 2:20).

We are one with Christ Jesus the True Vine, with God the Father the Root and with the sap, the Holy Spirit. Let us have the same understanding the disciples had, that we are one with Jesus Christ and one with Jehovah Shammah. I do not pray for these alone, but for those also who shall believe on Me through their word; That they all may be one; as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou have sent Me (John 17:20-21). If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire and it shall be done for you (John 15:7).

Finally brothers and sisters, I covet your prayers. Remember me in your prayers, as I do in my prayers and fasting for everybody, who reads these letters. Now unto him 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 (Jude 1:24-25).

Agape love,

Your brother in the Lord,

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