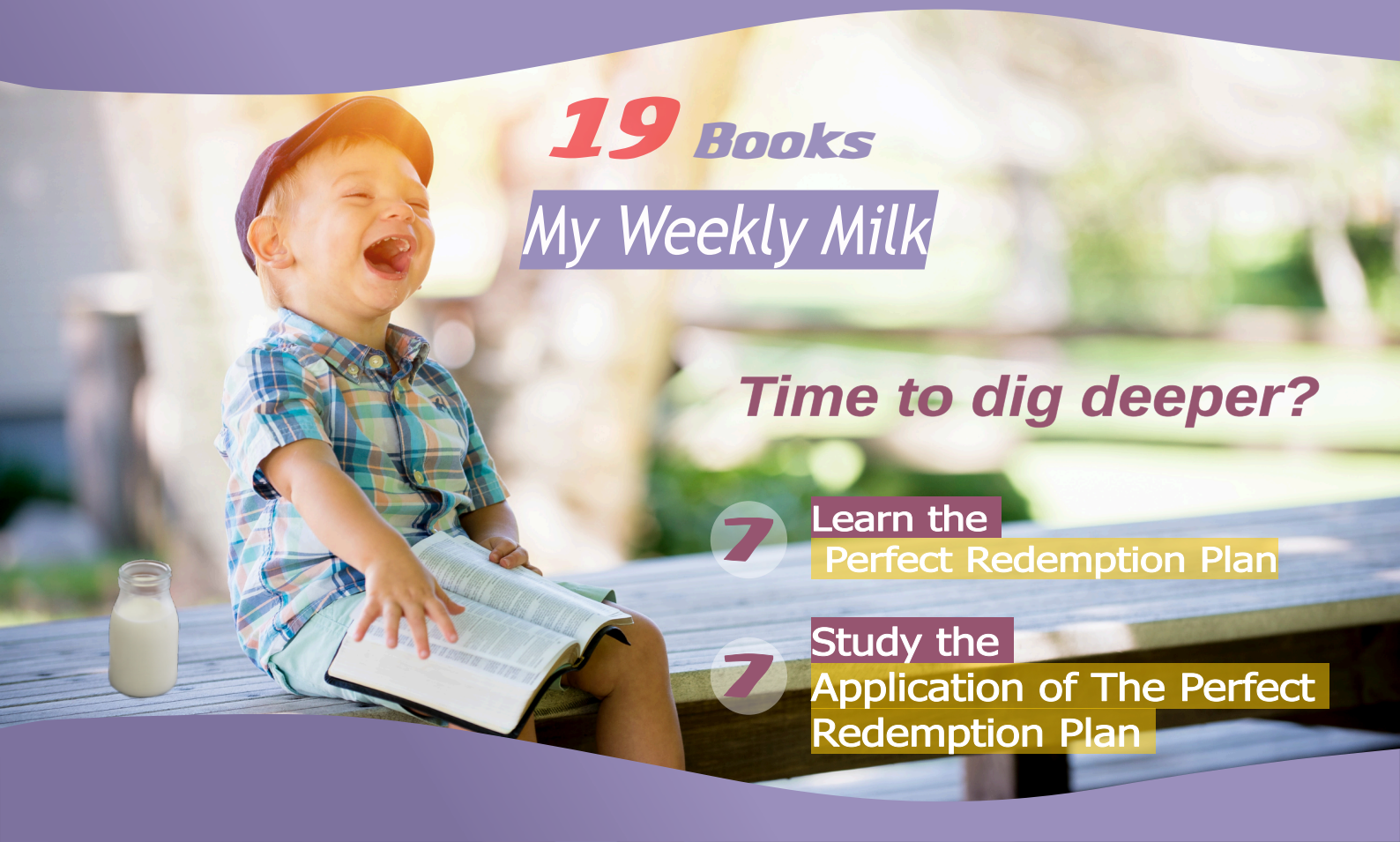
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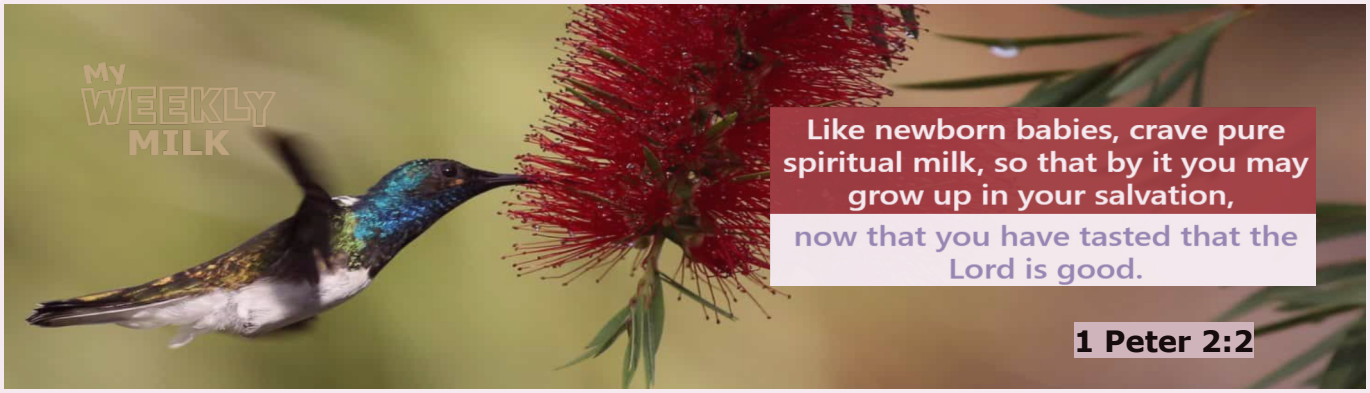
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Introduction to My Weekly Milk - Bible Studies

Where one can be fed with the milk of the word of God, be stirred up in the spirit and filled with spiritual strength to face the challenges we might encounter during the week and come out victorious.

We should forward this "My weekly milk" to as many people as we think it might bless.



Remember the Bible has the final authority, therefore brethren, whatever you read in this letter, be like the Christians of Berea who went back and checked in the scriptures if it was so.

These Bible studies are written and recorded for everyone who wants to learn the true Word of God in order to build themselves up in faith, enabling them to stand and not fall when the storms of life come their way. You will be taught what you receive when you become born again by Jesus' death burial and resurrection and the authority you have been given to fulfil the will of God on earth. And as you learn this, you will realise what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power. You will be a true disciple by the time you have finished them.

We all read and hear the same promises of God contained in the Bible. But the manifestations or fulfilment of them in our life is based on our obedience to the conditions attached to each one of those promises. Unfortunately, some Christians are disobedient and only think they can "claim it and grab it" and they end up frustrated.

Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it. Since therefore it remains that some must enter it, and those to whom it was first preached did not enter because of disobedience.

Hebrews 4:1- 2, 6

Truth be told, God can veto your unbelief, provided you obey the conditions attached to the manifestation or fulfilment of that particular promise.

For what if some did not believe (including myself, yet I obey God's commands in spite of my unbelief)? Will their unbelief make the faithfulness of God without effect? Certainly not! Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar. Romans 3:3-4.

If we are faithless or unbelieving, (provided we obey what God commanded us to do) He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself. 2 Timothy 2:13

Some Christians think they can twist God's arm with their sacrifices: long fasts, long prayers on their knees, generous and sacrificial giving of money. All those we ought to do, yet as long as we are disobedient concerning the conditions attached to the fulfilment of that particular promise, our sacrifices are in vain.

So Samuel said: "Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams - For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He also has rejected you from being king." I Samuel 15:22-23

In the entire Old Testament, the word FAITH is only mentioned TWICE.

--The first time is in Deuteronomy 32:20

And He said: 'I will hide My face from them, I will see what their end will be, For they are a perverse generation, Children in whom is No FAITH.

Here God was referring to the fact that He gave them commands to follow through Moses, and the moment Moses went up onto the mountain, to them it seemed like God had hidden His face, for they could not see Moses physically, so they made a golden calf, thus breaking God's commands. And the moment they had hardship in their wilderness life, they sinned sexually against God, and raised other leaders instead of Moses. God had to send those leaders Dathan, Korah and Abiram to hell in Numbers 16 and 18.

According to Moses, a Child of God has NO FAITH in a particular promise of God, whenever they disobey the commands or instructions of God attached to the fulfilment of that particular promise.

-- The second time is in Habakkuk:

I will stand my watch and set myself on the rampart, and watch to see what He will say to me, and what I will answer when I am CORRECTED. Then the Lord answered me and said: "Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time; but at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. "Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him; but the JUST shall live by his FAITH. Habakkuk 2:1-4

Habakkuk was expecting God to give him instructions or commands, and to correct him in his ways and thoughts, as written in Isaiah 55:9-11, so that as he blindly followed those instructions or commands written down, he would see the manifestation or fulfilment of the God given vision.

Therefore according to Habakkuk the just or the righteous has FAITH, or lives by FAITH, whenever they simply obey the commanded instructions and corrections the Lord prescribed, in order to see the fulfilment of that particular promise contained in that vision.

Apart from those two times, no mention of faith is made again in the Old Testament, for they understood that it is simply to do God's word obediently.

That is why Moses told us the secret of having all those blessed promises in our life, saying: - "Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the Lord your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the Lord your God: Deuteronomy 28:1-2

Your confession of the word of God is worth nothing, until you deliberately decide to act on what you have been confessing. You can show God and men that you have faith by what you are doing, not merely by what you are saying.

But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. James 2:18

We show God and people our faith by our works or obedience to the word of God.

Faith is not a feeling or an emotion. In fact you can be crying, trembling and fearful as you are obeying that particular command or instruction from God that conditioned the manifestation of that promise. That's why throughout the Bible God says 366 times - fear not, do not be afraid: for each day of the year God says to you - trust Me, I am not a liar, fear not - only obey and I the Lord will be faithful to watch over My word and perform it Jeremiah 1:12.

FAITH is simple, it has to do with obeying God's word concerning a particular promise. As you read the Bible and the thousands of promises contained in it, you will start noticing a small word: IF- Either before the promise or just after the promise that is the condition to fulfil. Go and obey it and God will do the same thing in your life, stop deceiving yourself, claiming the promise when you do not obey the conditions, nor intend to obey them at any time.

You will also start noticing a second small word : WHEN. You will discover that as far as God is concerned those blessings are already yours, all His promises in Christ Jesus He has already said yes and so be it in your life. 2 Corinthians1:20.

God is not trying to make up His mind to give them to you, He already gave them to you. They will be manifested or fulfilled on earth in your life, when you start obeying God's word, to meet the requirements attached to each one of those promises.

That is the purpose of the My Weekly Milk Bible studies, we tell you your part to play to see the manifestation of the promises of God in your life, so that you stop living a frustrated Christian life, thinking that God has some favourite children. No, He has no favourite according to Acts 10:34-35.

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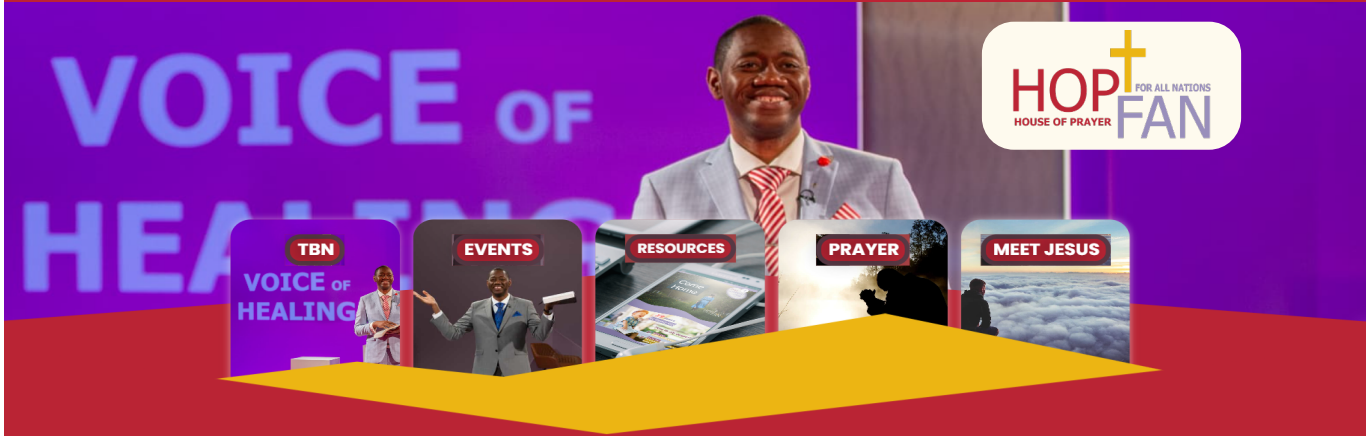
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Divine Guidance



The purpose of this study is to give believers some basis of how to receive divine guidance. Many believers are afraid to hear from God; some even believe God does not speak to people today. On a daily basis each one of us must hear from God.

1. What did God say about guiding us?

Psalm 32:8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you shall go. I will guide you with My eye.

Psalm 32:9 do not be as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in, or harnessed with bit and bridle, else they will not come near you.

God covenanted to instruct us and to teach us the way we should go; He wants to guide us with His eye. Many times, believers will think, because it looks good and sounds good, that it must be from God. If we do not see with the eye of God, and hear what God is saying concerning our situation; we may end up suffering losses. It is not in God's heart that any of His children should suffer any destruction at all.

Unfortunately, many believers are like horses, and mules. They do not have the understanding of the ways of God only the act of God (Psalm 103:7). God does not want us to be ignorant of his ways. But how can we know the ways of God? The bible tells us: my people are destroyed or perish for lack of knowle dge, because they have rejected knowledge (Hosea 4:6). God wants to instruct us and teach us His ways and guide us with his eye.

The truth is: if we do not have the knowledge of the ways of God, and do not see with His eye, we are just like a blind man leading another blind man; we all will fall into a ditch (Matthew 15:14). God sees in the spirit realm and in the physical realm, furthermore He knows the end from the beginning (Isaiah 46:10). We on the other hand only see in the physical realm, and do not even know what will happen the next second.

Many believers will only seek God's guidance when they have fallen into a ditch. They are like the horse and the mule that need the bit and the bridle to obey God. Brethren, let us not fall into that category of believers, but instead let us learn the ways of the Lord. A believer, who only knows the acts of God, will not be a strong believer, for he does not know how God performed those acts. Most likely he will be unable to have God move on his behalf next time. But if he knows the ways of God, he understands what moved the heart of God, to act on his behalf the first time, so he can advise other people, and they can also receive the same breakthrough from the Lord.

Brethren, now we are children of God, the Spirit of God is in us to help us, let us not rely on our physical senses and intellect, but on God; for as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. Our days of relying on our own abilities and senses should be behind us, since the Spirit of the Lord is now in us. Jesus told us that when the Spirit of truth has come, He will lead us into all truth, for He will not speak of His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will show us things to come (John 16:13). Obviously, the Holy Spirit has come to help us on our journey, why would anyone want to reject His guidance?

Jesus our Chief Shepherd (1 Peter 5:4) and Great Shepherd (

Hebrews 13:20) speaks to His sheep. We are His sheep and we hear His voice, the voice of a stranger we will by no means follow. Jesus calls us by name and leads us out to find green pastures; and when he brings us out, He goes before us and we follow Him, for we know His voice (John 10:3-5). David understood that the Lord was his Shepherd therefore he said: show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths, lead me in your truth and teach me (Psalm 25:4). We can be assured, as believers, God promised us that our ears shall hear a word behind us saying: this is the way, walk in it, whenever we turn to the right hand or whenever we turn to the left (Isaiah 30:21).

2: Should I be worried whether it is God or a demon who talks to me?

Many believers are afraid to hear from God, because Satan instilled a lie into their heart, that he would be the one speaking to them.

We must make an utter riddance of such fear first, because it is not from God. This is what Jesus has to say about our fear.

Luke 11:11 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?

Luke11:12 or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?

Luke 11:13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?

If we pray to God, it is not a demon that we will have, but the Spirit of God who will speak with us. We must always stand on this promise of Jesus, that it is the Holy Spirit that we are receiving, not the Serpent which is the emblem of Satan. Jesus told us, the Holy Spirit will not speak of His own authority, but whatever He hears from Jesus and the Father; we can trust God that when we call upon His name, it is not a serpent or a scorpion, both symbolic of the power of darkness, that will answer us.

Furthermore, God himself beckons to us saying: call to Me, and I will answer you, and I will show you great and mighty things which you do not know (Jeremiah 33:3). And we know that every good gift and perfect gift is from above and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning (James 1:17). The picture here is of a sundial at noon, when the sun is at the zenith of its power and brightness. The sundial casts no shadow at all. So is the nature of God, He is good all the time, His love for you and me is constant in intensity: it

never waxes cold or oscillates or fluctuates. He is always using the ways of light, because He is light, and in him there is no darkness at all (1 John 1:5). He will never use the ways and means of the kingdom of darkness, in His dealings and relationship with you.

3: The Spirit of God is in you

The very day we repented of our sins toward God and placed our faith toward Jesus, we were saved (Acts 20:21). We confessed with our mouth the Lord Jesus and believed with our heart that God raised him from the dead when we were saved (Romans 10:9). At that time the Spirit of the Lord came to reside permanently in our hearts. Therefore beloved, now we are children of God (1 John 3:2), not when we will be in heaven, it is not a progressive thing, but the very moment we said yes to Jesus, we became children of God. It happened instantly.

And because we are children, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son Jesus, into our heart, crying out Abba Father (Galatians 4:6). Just like Jesus called God the Father, Abba Father (Mark 14:36), you and I likewise can call God, Abba Father because the same Holy Spirit who was in Jesus is now in us. He is our filial father, the affection He has for you and me, is the same affection a father has for his son or daughter. He loves us as much as He loves Jesus (John 14:21).

We do not have to fear anything when we call on the name of our Father; for we did not receive the Spirit of bondage again to fear, but we received the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry out Abba Father (Romans 8:15). God is our Daddy; he loves us and cares for us more than anyone ever did.

Whatever our problem is, we can always cry out to Him for help; before doing anything, we must always ask Him for His input, because Abba Father knows what is best.

4: How do I become familiar with the voice of God?

God is always speaking to His children, but most of the time we fail to recognise His voice. In the natural when a baby is born, there are many voices around him or her, but the baby, as time goes by, is able to discern the voice of his or her mother and father. How does the baby do it? It is simple; an intimacy must be developed between the mother and the baby; when the mother is breastfeeding the baby, singing over the baby, playing with the baby, etc. If the baby always spends time with the nanny or baby-sitter and not with the mother or father, the baby will think that the nanny or the baby-sitter is the parent.

The baby will be crying out for the nanny or the baby-sitter and not the parent, when he or she is in trouble or in need of help. We see that a lot in Christendom, many believers do not know the voice of their Heavenly Father, or of Jesus or of the Holy Spirit. They only know the voice of the friend of Jesus (the servant of God on earth). Any servant of God, who encourages believers to only know their voice and not the voice of the Godhead, is not helping those believers at all, and is now turning the hearts and the eyes of the believers away from God, to himself or herself. God is a jealous God (Deuteronomy 4:24); He does not want anybody to take His place in the hearts of the believers (Exodus 34:14).

Our role and duty is to teach every believer to hear from the Godhead and receive guidance from the Godhead. Does it mean that there is no need for servants of God? Not at all, but the servant of God, whoever he or she is, must point the people to God and teach them to be able to stand on their own. The fellowship they are having with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, they must not only declare it to the believers, but must also teach them how to have the same fellowship with the Godhead (1 John 1:2-3).

4.1: The Word of God

God will never speak outside His word. The word of God must be in the centre of our life. The more of the word of God we know, the more guidance we will be able to receive from Him. Many Christians want to have a prophecy, a word from a man of God, a “deep revelation”. There is nothing wrong with that, but the prophet or the man of God only knows in part, and prophesies in part (1 Corinthians 13:9). And where there are prophecies, which came by private origins or the dictates of the heart of man, they will fail; or the worldly knowledge, it shall vanish away (1 Corinthians 13:9).

The only prophecy that will never fail, is the prophecy of Scripture (the word of God contained in the bible) it did not come by private interpretation or origin or the will of men; but the Holy Spirit moved upon holy men of God to write what God was saying (2 Peter 1:19-21). Furthermore, we overcome Satan by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony, the prophecy of Scripture, which holy men of God through the Spirit wrote, concerning our life and future (Revelation 12:11). Know the word of God, the power to overcome Satan is found in it.

The plan of the enemy is to undermine the word of God just like he did with Eve: has God really said, you shall not eat of every tree of the garden (Genesis 3:1)? Satan will test the word of God in us, and if we do not have the word in us, it is easy for him to deceive us. He will suggest wrong things to us, since we do not know what is written, we will believe him, for we do not even know that it is wrong. God has already spoken in the bible through his prophets, His Son Jesus and the apostles. The more we read the word of God the more familiar we are with the voice of God. If we receive a prophecy from men, or a so called angel, that tells us to steal, fornicate or bribe; we know that it is not from God. Why? Because the word of God tells us we should not do those things.

Many times, believers are looking for a revelation from God. And I can only hear God tell them “read your bible”. When we do not know what to do about a specific problem, we must search the word of God and see what God says about it. Even if we seek help from a servant of God, He must tell us what the word of God says, not what he or she thinks. We must be like the believers of Berea, no matter how you love a minister of the gospel, check in the bible daily, whether what he or she says is so (Acts 17:10-11). As ministers of the gospel, we ought to only teach and speak what is scriptural, so that people can check everything we say. Paul tells us: 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).

The Lord is standing at the door of our heart, not the heart of the sinners, but of the believers, and He knocks, if anyone hears His voice and opens the door, He (the Lord) will come in to him or her and dine with him

or her and he or she with the Lord (Revelation 3:20). Many times, we are asleep but our heart is awake, it is the voice of our beloved Jesus! He knocks, saying, open for Me, My sister, my brother, my love, my dove, my perfect one. For My head is covered with dew, my locks with the drops of the night (Song 5:2). May we not keep the door of our heart shut, when Jesus is standing outside and is knocking. May we be prompt to open widely our heart to Jesus, that His word may have a tremendous impact on our life?

Even in the midst of the storms of our life, we must be able to open the door of our heart to Jesus, and let Him in through His word. Then we will be able to hear Him say, “Be of good cheer, it is I, do not fear” (Matthew 14:24-27). Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would bring all things to our remembrance whatever He speaks to us (John 14:26). The Words of Jesus and of the Father are contained in the bible, therefore if we do not read our bible, how would the Holy Spirit bring them to our remembrance? We must first read the bible. It is for our own good that God instructed us to do so.

Many believers are ready to do hard things for the Lord, even fast for long periods of time, but we are not willing to do the easiest things God told us to do. This book of the law (bible) shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your ways prosperous and then you will have good success (Joshua 1:8). Joshua who was stepping in the shoes of Moses who fasted for forty days and nights, twice, was asked by God to read and meditate in the word of God day and night.

The advantage of knowing the word of God, is that light is being shed in the areas of our life, where darkness was ruling; for the entrance of the word of God in our heart, gives light and understanding to the simple (Psalm 119:130). When the light of the word of God dawns on us, it dispels the darkness in us. We experience effortless transformation in the image of Christ; for the words that God speaks in the bible are Spirit and life (John 6:63). The Spirit of God that raised Jesus from the dead is behind every word contained in the bible, and it will also revive our mortal body, and remove death and its ways in us, to give us the God kind of life, the same victorious life which was in Jesus.

4.2: The Rhema word/ Burning heart and leaping heart

The Rhema word is the spoken word of God, directly from God to you. It addresses your specific needs. The sixty-six books of the bible constitute the Logos: the written word of God. We must know the Logos or written word of God, it helps us to identify our Rhema word. The Spoken word of God concerning your situation (Rhema) must always agree with the Logos or written word of God. If it is not so, discard that Rhema.

The written word of God is the final authority; it is forever settled in heaven (Psalm 119:89). This written word God has magnified, or exalted above all, His own name (Psalm 138:2). In other words even if you have an open vision and Jesus, or the voice from heaven who tells you he is god, or an angel tells you anything that is not in the bible. It is not from God. God and His word are one. In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God and the Word was God (John 1:1). They will always agree and never disagree. There are three that bear witness on earth:

the Spirit, the water of the word of God and the blood of Jesus; these three agree as one (1 John 5:8).

How do we identify the Rhema word of God? Two disciples of Jesus were journeying to Emmaus, and Jesus joined them. They did not know it was Jesus who was talking with them, and when Jesus started to explain the scriptures to them, they said to one another: “did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the scriptures to us? (Luke 24:32)” it can be when someone is just talking with us, or we are listening to a sermon, or someone is explaining the scriptures to us, or we are reading the bible in our own personal time. Our heart is just burning within us; we know that the word spoken or the passage we have just read addresses our problem. This is our Rhema word. Jeremiah said: Then I said, I will not mention Him, nor speak in His name any more. But His Word was in my heart like a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with holding it in, and I could not stop (Jeremiah 20:9).

Or when we are reading the scriptures, not only our heart burns within us, but also some words or verses seem to jump out of the pages, they become emboldened. We know that word is for us. It addresses our issues. The Shulamite will tell us: I opened for my beloved, but my beloved had turned away and was gone; my heart leaped up when He spoke (Song 5:6). In the same manner, when we read our bible, some scriptures will be leaping up out of the pages, or be emboldened, our heart will be leaping up when we read those verses; that is God’s way of telling us, that He is speaking that specific word for our situation.

4.3: The inner witness or inner conviction

Now that we have the Holy Spirit in us, who is the one with the Father and with Jesus, He will be able to bear witness with our spirit that we are children of God (Romans 8:16); for there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word which is Jesus and the Spirit, and these three are one; and there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water of the word of God and the blood of Jesus, and these three agree as one (1 John 5:7-8).

Jesus told us: when the Spirit has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness and of judgment; of sin because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness because I go to the Father, and you see Me no more, of judgment because the ruler of this world is judged (John 16:8-11). The inner witness or the inner conviction, is the work of the Holy Spirit in us; the Holy Spirit convicts our spirit, that what we are doing is not right according to the word of God. When we want to do something, our conscience is accusing us, that is the conviction of the Spirit, letting us know that we are not supposed to be doing such things (Romans 2:15).

Since Jesus ascended into Heaven, Satan has been trying his best to deceive the believers, and make them feel like sinners of the world. But the Holy Spirit, who is in the heart of the believers, is constantly reminding us that we are no longer sinners, but the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus (Romans 3:21-22); that we have been delivered from the power of darkness, we have been translated or conveyed from the kingdom of darkness, to the kingdom of his dear Son, or the Son of His love, even Jesus (Colossians 1:13). We are no longer

prisoners of sin or our sinful nature, but prisoners of Hope (Zechariah 9:12). Yes, Christ in us, the hope of glory (Colossians 1:27). The Holy Spirit is here to give us that inner witness of who we are, of what God has said about us and of the finished work of Jesus on the cross.

Therefore, when someone tells us something that does not line up with the word of God, or with the finished work of Jesus on the cross; the Spirit of the Lord in us, gives us that inner witness that something is fishy, it does not sound like the voice of God or what God has said concerning His children. But when we listen to something that is in agreement with the word of God, the blood of Jesus and the work of the Holy Spirit, we have a witness in us that tells us this is from God. Whenever we do not feel comfortable about something, let us always check the scriptures, what Jesus has done on the cross and the work of the Holy Spirit. If one reads the series of the perfect redemption plan of God and the application of the perfect redemption plan of God, one will be equipped with the succinct knowledge of the will of God.

For instance, if someone tells you: in order for you to receive your healing you must give him some money. The Spirit in you will not bear witness because Jesus said: Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely you have received, freely give (Matthew 10:8). If someone tells you that the things you read in the bible are no longer for today, it ended with the apostles; the Spirit within you will not bear witness with that for it is written: Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8). And furthermore He told us: Verily, verily, I say unto you, He who believes in me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these he shall do; because I go unto my Father (John 14:12). For all the promises of God in him (Christ Jesus) are yes, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us (2 Corinthians 1:20).

4.4: A still small voice / a dictate whispering voice

1Kings 19:11 and he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake:

1Kings 19:12 And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a small still voice (a dictate whispering voice).

1Kings 19:13 And it was so, when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entrance of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, what are you doing here, Elijah?

Elijah the prophet of God was acquainted with the voice of God, he was not moved by the great and strong wind which rent the mountains, and broke the rocks into pieces. Many times believers think, that if someone is shouting or babbling some tongues, or praise and worship is loud, that God must be in it. But Elijah was not moved by the noise of the wind, for he knew the voice of God. People might even be falling under the preaching of a servant of God; it does not mean that God is necessarily behind it. Just like the wind, people can boast in the flesh that they are men or women of God, and have been used mightily by God, but Elijah knew the voice of

God. The noise or the boasting did not move him, for he knew that the Lord was not in that wind.

The wind, the earthquake and the fire did not move Elijah. People can be falling in a service, or miracles can be happening, but it does not necessarily mean that God is behind them. There is nothing wrong with the wind or the earthquake or the fire, but only when we know the voice of God, are we able to ascertain that God is behind each one of them. The same Elijah called down fire on the sacrifice, in his contest with the prophets of Baal, and God was behind that fire (1 Kings 18). The wind that came in the day of Pentecost, and shook the room where the disciples were gathered, God was behind that wind, for it was the coming of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2). The earthquake that shook the prison when Paul and Silas were in prison, loosed the chains of all the prisoners and opened the prison doors, God was behind that earthquake (Acts 16).

We must bear in mind that God also uses the wind, the earthquake and the fire, but in this case of Elijah, God was not in any of them, but when he heard a still small voice, then he moved for he knew the Lord was in it. The Lord speaks directly in our heart, or whispers in our heart. Just like a friend whispers in our ear, God whispers in our heart. If we are so distracted by the noise, we can miss that still small voice. When there are so many worries and anxieties in our heart, no peace in our heart, and no stillness in our heart, we can easily miss that still small voice.

One of the ways to improve the acuteness of the ear of our heart, to listen to that still small voice, is to allow the peace of God to rule in our heart, to get rid of worries and anxieties. The kingdom of God that is in us, is: righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. There are reasons that God gave us that peace, when we received the kingdom of God, one of them is to be able to hear that still small voice. God just whispers ideas in our heart, names of people, what goes on in their life, what their needs are, what investment we should make, what we should say in a particular situation, gives us wisdom for our problem, etc.

4.5: Audible voice

Sometimes God speaks in an audible voice to His children.

Luke 3:21 Now when all the people were baptised, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptised, and praying, the heaven was opened,

Luke 3:22 And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in whom I am well pleased.

Acts 9:3 and as he journeyed, he (Saul) came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him, a light from heaven:

Acts 9:4 and he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?

Both in the life of Jesus and in the life of Paul, God speaks in an audible voice. No matter the way God decides to speak to individuals, it must always agree with the word of God, the finished work of Jesus on the cross, and the work of the Spirit. If it does not agree with

these three, it is not from God. If for instance a brother hears an audible voice that tells him: divorce your wife and marry the young sister that sings in the choir. That is not the voice of God no matter if there was lightning and thundering; it is not from God; for God hates divorce (Malachi 2:16). Or if a single sister says she heard an audible voice telling her to break the marriage of the pastor, and marry the pastor, because the pastor is the bone of her bone and the flesh of her flesh. It is not from God either; both that brother and that sister have lustful thoughts in their heart, and lust is of the flesh not of the Spirit.

I was praying one night and fell asleep and around 1am, God awakened me. It was like a great thunder, a voice of many waters and I heard God the Father speaking to me, saying:" I am El-Shaddai! I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you". I fell on my knees, my face to the ground and I was trembling for the voice shook me! It was not fear but I cannot explain why I was just shaking. When I got on my feet I did a search on El-Shaddai, the name of the Lord, to know when it was mentioned the first time in the bible and in what circumstances? It is in Genesis 17.

Genesis 17:1 And when Abram was ninety nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God {El-Shaddai}; walk before Me, and be perfect.

Genesis 17:2 And I will make my covenant between you, and me and will multiply thee exceedingly.

Genesis 17:3 And Abram fell on his face: and God spoke to him,

Abram had his name changed that day to Abraham, and God spoke to him about the promises he had for him. God also spoke to me about the promises he had for me. El-Shaddai means the Almighty God, the all-powerful God, the One who has the ability and capability to do anything. Nothing is too hard for Him; with him all things are possible. God spoke unto Moses, and said unto him, I am the LORD: And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty {El-Shaddai}, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them. And I have also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, wherein they were strangers (Exodus 6:2-4).

Yes, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob did not have the revelation of Jehovah or Yahweh which means I AM WHO I AM, but God appeared to them by the name of El-Shaddai and established His covenant with them to give them the land. So I studied how God established His covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and it was to Jacob that He said: I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you (Genesis 28:15). So Yes, God speaks in audible voices and whatever He tells you must always line up with the word of God. Yes, He will tell you your specific promises concerning your life. All believers have the promises God gave to Abraham, please read the perfect redemption plan and the application of the perfect redemption plan, but on top of our perfect redemption plan, God has a specific destiny for each one of us, because we are all unique, not copies of other people.

4.6: Peace and Joy

Whenever God asks us to do something, we will have peace about that thing. We will have

joy when we do the thing, not necessarily happiness. What is happiness then? Happiness is the agreeable sensations which spring from the enjoyment of good. Happiness comes and goes, believers who rely on happiness will always oscillate, if the day is good, they will be happy, but if not they will be sad. As believers we do not rely on happiness, but on the Joy of the Lord, which is our strength (Nehemiah 8:10). We as believers must do our utmost to enter into the joy of our Lord (Matthew 25:21).

What is joy then? Joy is the passion or emotion, excited by the acquisition or expectation of good, in other words, if we have what we were asking God for, we are joyful, but if we do not have it now, we are still joyful because we are expecting God to give it to us very soon. God said: For surely there is a future; and your expectation or hope shall not be cut off (Proverbs 23:18); there shall be a reward, and your expectation or hope shall not be cut off (Proverbs 24:14). We are prisoners of Hope, hope is the anchor of our soul (Hebrews 6:19). We cannot help it, but believe that something good is going to happen to us, even if today, outwardly it looks like we have no future, nothing good will ever happen to us, the odds are against us. But we are still joyful, because we do not look at our external circumstances, for the things we see are temporal, they are subject to change; but the things we do not see, they are eternal, they will be made manifest in our life (2 Corinthians 4:18).

We hope or have this expectation, that something good will come out of our mess; for the thoughts and plans the Lord thinks toward us, are thoughts and plans of peace, restoration, wholeness and soundness, to give us a future and a hope or an expected end (Jeremiah 29:11). We know the Lord will give us beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that we might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He might be glorified (Isaiah 61:3).

The kingdom of God which is in us is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost (Romans 14:17, Luke 17:21). Since peace and Joy are in us, God expects people to see it as fruit of the Spirit in and on us; for the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Galatians5:22-23). When God is asking us to do something, we will have peace and joy about it, because we know the ways of God. If He instructs us to give to the poor, we may not be happy about the idea of parting with our money, but we have the peace and the joy because we know that we have just lent to God, and He will repay us (Proverbs 19:17).

The peace of God which surpasses all understanding will guard our heart and mind through Jesus Christ (Philippians 4:7). We must allow the peace of God to rule in our heart (Colossians 3:15). If the peace empire of God is not ruling in your heart, concerning any instruction of God, wait until the peace is in your heart. When you have the peace of God, you know that the time is right to act on God’s instructions. Many times, even when we have the peace of God, the joy is still not there yet; we must search the scriptures, to find out what God said He will do when we obey a specific instruction.

Once we know, we will be able to expect something good from the Lord, and hold onto that promise until it comes to pass. Every time we feel unhappy, we remind ourselves that we do not have to be happy everyday, but we can be joyful everyday, because we know something good is heading our way. Jesus told us: peace I leave with you, my

peace I give unto you: not as the world gives, I give unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid (John 14:27).

4.7: Circumstances around us and observing the nature

Solomon says: Go to the ant, sluggard; consider her ways and be wise; who, having no guide, overseer, or ruler, provides her food in the summer and gathers her food in the harvest. How long will you sleep, O sluggard? When will you arise out of your sleep? A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to lie down; so shall your poverty come as one who travels, and your need like an armed man (Proverbs 6:6-11). God uses nature around us to speak to us, and give us wisdom, for even Paul says: the thing which may be known of God is clearly revealed within them, for God revealed it to them. For the unseen things of God from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being realized by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, for them to be without excuse (Romans 1:19-20). Thus God explained many of His principles in nature, how His power works, how he wants us to be diligent and not lazy, etc.

I was walking this morning to my local bank, and I passed by a park, I heard a bird singing. And I had an inner vision of a logo of twitter which is a bird, and I saw many people tweeting. I asked God what are you saying Lord? And the word of the Lord came to me, saying: “Do not curse the king, even in your thought; Do not curse the rich, even in your bedroom; For a bird of the air may carry your voice, And a bird in flight shall tell the matter” (Ecclesiastes 10:20).

The world is now a big village, and one must choose his or her words carefully, for almost all mobile phones have cameras, video recorders and are connected to the internet. So even when you think you are safe among friends or at your birthday, wedding; someone can be recording what you are saying and posting it on YouTube, Facebook or twitter.

Solomon said: “The righteous should choose his friends carefully, for the way of the wicked leads them astray” (Proverbs 12:26). “The mouth of the righteous, brings forth wisdom, but the perverse tongue will be cut out. The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, But the mouth of the wicked [what is] perverse” (Proverbs 10:31-32). Let us watch what comes out of our mouth, lest we be disgraced when they are made public on one of the social networks for Solomon said: “The heart of the righteous studies how to answer, But the mouth of the wicked pours forth evil” (Proverbs 15:28). “The preparations of the heart [belong] to man, but the answer of the tongue [is] from the LORD” (Proverbs 16:1).

For instance, God takes the example of a hen and an ostrich saying: O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one killing the prophets and stoning those who are sent to her, how often would I have gathered your children together, even as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you would not! Behold, your house is left to you desolate. For I say to you, You shall not see Me from now on until you say, “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord (Matthew 23:37-39).” When I was growing up, we used to have hens and roosters, the moment you tried to catch them they ran away, and they made a sound to alert the other hens and roosters of the danger. But the moment the hen lays her eggs, she sits on them until the chicks come out of the shell, she feeds herself to feed her chicks, and she will not run away from the danger and leave her eggs or chicks behind,

she is ready to die for them, she keeps them warm and protected under her wings, for she knows that out there it is not safe for her little one. This is the kind of care Jesus has for us!

But the ostrich the bible says: The wing of the ostrich beats joyously; though not like the stork's pinions for flight. For she leaves her eggs to the earth, and let them warm in the dust, and forgets that a foot may crush them, or that the beast of the field may break them. She treats her young roughly, as if not hers; for her labor is vanity without fear; because God has caused her to forget wisdom, and He has not given her a share in understanding. At the time she lifts herself up on high, she scorns the horse and its rider (Job 39:13-18).

When you read these two descriptions of birds, which one are you? Are you a shepherd who is acting like a hen or like an ostrich? Are you a parent that is acting like a hen or an ostrich? God also uses eagle, lion, and ox, to explain to us how He relates to us, who He is in us, and how we should relate to one another. He uses swine, dog, camel and other unclean animals to tell us the ways of the wicked, and how we should not serve him. I was walking toward an ATM on a rainy day, and when I looked on the ground I saw a slug, God did not minister Proverbs 6:6-11 to me, but as I looked at it, I thought about going back home, take some salt and spread it on that slug, so that its proud flesh would melt away and it would die. The word of the Lord came to me saying: you are the salt of the earth, never lose your saltiness (Mathew 5:13; Mark 9:50). Stop the corruption and decay in people's lives, the proud flesh of men by your words, Let your speech be always with grace (unmerited favour and divine empowerment), seasoned with salt (to stop the corruption in people's life, to preserve their flesh, to establish my perpetual covenant in their life, and you also be a covenant person as I Jesus am a covenant God), that you may know how you ought to answer every man (Colossians 4:6).

Circumstances of our own life or the life of people around us are used by God to speak to us. Solomon says: I went by the field of the lazy man, and by the vineyard of the man without understanding; and, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face of it, and its stone wall was broken down. Then I saw; I set my heart on it; I looked and I received instruction. A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to lie down; then your poverty comes stalking, and your want like a man armed with a shield (Proverbs 24:30-34). I went to visit a friend of mine and his wife. We had a wonderful fellowship that evening and before I took my leave I told them a story of another couple.

That couple, the husband is very hospitable, but the wife is not that hospitable. In the beginning they were fine, but with time the wife was not happy, for there was always a new face that her husband would invite, and sometimes she did not even know those people, the husband would leave them and go to work, so she would stay with total strangers. After tens of years in marriage, the wife had had enough of that situation. But she did not know how to talk to her husband about it, because for decades she kept it in her heart. They are now always fighting at home. As soon as my friend's wife heard the story, she said thank you! It is exactly what was starting to happen in her house. I said to them, I know that is why I told you that story, God wants you to correct it now, do not wait decades like that couple, when it will be difficult to correct. As Christians. we should be hospitable, but we should also have some time for our family. And we should talk to each other in the house, so that both the

husband and the wife are in agreement to receive that guest.

When I was in secondary school, I used to help my peers in most of the disciplines. I use to teach at times, a hundred to two hundred of my peers. All those who were failing, were coming to me for help, I had a friend at that time, who had a name that was funny, so I did my best not to join my other peers, when they were making fun of that friend's name, they would laugh and scorn his name. But one day, that friend was not around, and some peers were making fun of his name again, and I laughed with them. News of that got to that friend, they told him: even Gery laughed at your name! That friend never forgave me, because he held me in high esteem, and it really hurt him, that I would act like the other peers. He never came to seek help from me again; he never again attended the classes I taught. He was a bright pupil; he used to be among the top ten in his class. He failed his GCSC exam twice.

I was proud at that time, and was not ready to apologize to him, so that he would come back to me and enjoy my teaching. I was saying to myself: he needs me, I do not need him, all the teachers have given their lecture notes to me to teach their class. Even if there is one person who does not want to come to the lecture I am giving, it is his loss. But it haunted me, because people who were worse pupils than him, who used to rank among the last ten of the class, got their GCSC and even their A level. So when I came to high school, I was again teaching for the three years, I asked God to forgive me for my pride, for if had I apologized to my friend, he would have succeeded in his studies.

A similar situation reproduced itself. There was one of our peers, who was not handsome according to carnal standard. We were studying the devilish "theory of evolution" which says that man is the cousin of the ape. They nicknamed that peer of ours "cousin" which was to say that his face resembled that of an ape. Everybody was calling him "cousin". So he would fight with them, but he looked up to me, held me in high esteem. So I remembered what happened with my friend with the funny name in secondary school, and for me it was God giving me a chance to do what is right this time. I never called him "cousin" and I rebuked everybody sharply who called him cousin in my presence. People would tell me: don't you see his face is like an ape! Everybody is laughing and it is funny, but I refused and I said to them, he is fearfully and wonderfully made, and is the work of God's hand, and it is marvelous in our sight (Psalm 139:14)!

That peer always came to all my lectures, and though he was not that brilliant, he passed his A level. I was so happy. So why am I telling you these two stories? Because they also apply to Christianity. I was in a church, and one of the members was newly converted, he used to be a Muslim, and was on fire for the Lord. The brother was not perfect, yes he needed many questions answered; but he was zealous for the Lord. He was an American. So one day, one of the pastors came to preach, that brother had heard many good things about that pastor who was the head of that ministry. That pastor had a problem with the American way of preaching and their accent. So whenever he was preaching, he was making fun of the American preachers and the American accent. That brother was so hurt that he decided to leave the church.

That brother got married a year later, and I was the only person of that church that he personally invited. Yes he was a baby Christian and needed to mature, and not be

easily offended by the words of that preacher. I personally had also been sometimes offended by that preacher, because English is not my first language. And when I was learning English, I was learning the American English because the American embassy was giving lessons for free. It took me months to understand the British accent. There are a lot of words that I cannot pronounce with the British accent, so I pronounce them with the American accent, and when I cannot pronounce them with any of them, I pronounce them with Australian or Scottish accent, or with a French accent.

I was talking with a friend of mine, who is from Taiwan, she also learned English from those free courses the American embassy offers overseas. So sometimes people would correct her, that the word is not pronounced that way in British English. As long as I can communicate the message, it is good enough. Let us not be narrow minded, even in England I used to live in Southampton and they have another accent, when I moved to Manchester, they also have another accent, and now that I am in Glasgow, Scotland, they have another accent. So who has the true British accent? Let us embrace everybody, the world is a big village now, I have lived in shared houses with Americans, Spanish, Malawian, Italian, British, Russian, Indian, Malaysian, Estonian, so everybody had a different accent and pronunciation, but we got along, how is it in church we cannot do the same?

4.8: Dreams and visions

When people say that they have never heard God speaking to them, it is not true. They have simply not been attentive to the voice of God. God is always speaking to people, believers and unbelievers. Sometimes it is because we have been so busy during the day, and the only time God could get our attention, is when we are taking a nap or sleeping.

Job 33:14 For God speaks once, yea twice, yet man does not perceive it.

Job 33:15 in a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls upon men, while slumbering on their bed;

Job 33:16 then he opens the ears of men, and seals their instruction,

Job 33:17 that he may withdraw man from his purpose, and hide pride from man.

Job 33:18 He keeps back his soul from the pit, and his life from perishing by the sword.

As we can see the purpose of dreams and visions is for guidance. God does not want us to fall into a pit or die by the sword. He does not want us to keep making mistakes in our life, and Him constantly bailing us out. The first thing we should do in the morning, is, to ask God to bring to our remembrance any dream or vision we had during our sleep or nap. God will do it.

Interpretation of dreams and visions belongs to God, not to man since it is God who gave it in the first instance (Daniel 2:28-30). Psychologists cannot give you the interpretation of your dream and vision. There are no formulae anyone can use to interpret dreams and visions. God can never be boxed; man has tamed every creature on earth and in the sea, and now wants to tame the Holy Spirit too. Although when we read

the bible, we become familiar with the symbols God uses in the bible to speak to His people, so we can have an idea of the meaning; but still the interpretation belongs to God, God will give us an answer of peace (Genesis 41:16).

When God or anyone who has the Spirit of God in him, interprets your dream or vision; it will be an answer of peace. If you have no peace with the answer given, it means the interpretation is not from God, but from his own intellect. Pharaoh knew that the interpretation Joseph gave him thought the Spirit of God was the right one, for it bore witness with his spirit (Genesis 41). Nebuchadnezzar had a dream, he did not even remember the dream, and did not even know the interpretation, but when Daniel through the Spirit of the Lord, told him the dream and its interpretation, he had peace about it because it bore witness with his spirit (Daniel 2). The prophets of old, not only knew the scriptures, knew the meaning of all the symbols, and also knew the Jewish traditions and customs, since they themselves were Jews. But whenever they had a vision or a dream, they would ask God or the angel of God that spoke with them: what are these, my lord (Zechariah 4:4)? What are these two olive trees (Zechariah 4:11)?

Let us take the prophets of old as an example, they did not presume anything, they knew the interpretation belonged to God. The more of the word of God we have in us, the easier it will be for God to interpret our dreams and visions. For all interpretations must agree with the written word of God, the finished work of Jesus on the cross, and the work of the Spirit of God, that is why one must read the series of the perfect redemption plan of God and the application of the perfect redemption plan. If the interpretation violates the scriptures discard that interpretation, even if your flesh (physical senses and intellect) agrees with it.

No matter how we enjoy seeing dreams, visions and trances; we must do our utmost to develop our hearing. Jesus said my sheep hear my voice (John 10:27). If we only hear from God when we are slumbering or sleeping then we must cry out to God. Do not get me wrong, dreams, visions and trances are still for today, and it is the plan of God for you and me. If it were not for them, the majority of the bible would not exist, both the old and new testament. God himself said: And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions (Joel 2:28).

God said to the people of Israel:

Numbers 12:6 And he said, Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, I the LORD will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream.

Numbers 12:7 My servant Moses is not so, who is faithful in all my house.

Numbers 12:8 with him will I speak mouth to mouth (face to face), even apparently, and not in dark speeches; and the similitude of the LORD shall he behold: why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?

If God spoke to Moses face to face like a man speaks to his friend, this should be our portion too. Let us not be content with dreams, visions and trances, but let us have the full package. God is in us 24/7; we

commune with Him during the day, so we must also be able to hear Him during the day, as we talk to him He talks back to us. We must press toward that kind of relationship with God. Jesus himself had visions when he was on earth. Peter had a trance to tell him that the gentiles should be heirs of the same salvation; John had a vision and wrote the book of Revelation. But Jesus and his disciples, not only had visions, dreams and trances; they also heard God clearly like a friend talks to a friend, and John tells us the same fellowship they had with the Godhead, they want us to have too (1 John 1:3).

Dreams and visions are prophetic revelations. Micah prophesied against Israel, saying: therefore, you shall have night without a vision (khaw-zone: vision, dream, revelation, prophecy, oracle, prophetic revelation) (Micah 3:6). The dreams of Pharaoh were prophecies of the seven years of famine in the world. The dream of Nebuchadnezzar of the statue, with the head of gold, was a prophecy of the different kingdom that will rise, because the coming of Jesus and His Kingdom of God, which starts like a little stone they throw onto that statue, and it becomes a mountain. The vision of John that he saw, when he was on the isle of Patmos, was a prophecy of what will take place in the last days, and it was named the book of Revelation. We should not despise prophesying: dreams, visions (which are prophetic revelations, revelations of God, oracles of God) and prophecies (1Thessalonians 5:20). For the testimony of Jesus Christ is the Spirit of prophecy (Revelation 19:10).

Two thirds of the bible is dreams and visions, so if we reject dreams and visions, we would have to reject two thirds of the bible. We would have to reject the entire book of Revelation, for it is a vision that John had. The Gentiles would have never received the Gospel, for at first it was a vision that Peter had, when he was in a trance, he saw a sheet coming down from heaven with all kinds of four footed animals (Acts 10). The west would not have received the Gospel, for Paul came to Macedonia after he had a vision of the man of Macedonia, asking him to come and help them (Acts 16:9). People have always manipulated dreams; visions and prophecies from the Old Testament to the New Testament, but that should not make us despise them!

Both in the days of Jeremiah and in the days of Ezekiel, there were people who came to people with prophecies, visions and dreams that were not from God, but from the dictate of their own evil heart, or the imagination of their heart. And even today people in church use prophecies, dreams and visions to manipulate others. They flatter people to get favour and positions. Or they tell us things because they envy you or hate you. God did not send these kind of people. Jehovah said to me: the prophets prophesy lies in My name; I did not send them, nor have I commanded them, nor did I speak to them. They prophesy to you a false vision and a worthless divination, and a thing of no value, and the deceit of their heart. So Jehovah says this concerning the prophets who prophesy in My name, and I did not send them; yet they say, Sword and famine shall not be in this land; by sword and famine those prophets shall be consumed (Jeremiah 14:14-15).

Paul said to the church: let two or three prophets speak and let the others Judge (1Corinthians 14:29). Why should we judge their prophecies, visions and dreams? Because Jehovah says, Behold, I am against those who prophesy false dreams and tell them, and cause My people to go astray by their lies and by their lightness. Yet I did not send them nor command them; therefore

they shall not profit this people at all, says Jehovah (Jeremiah 23:32). Yes God is against false prophecies, false vision and false dreams. But unfortunately in churches today people are not rooted in the word of God, they do not know what the word of God says about a particular situation, so as soon as someone stands with us and says thus says the Lord! Nobody dare question him or her. If the churches started judging spirits and prophecies, a lot of foolishness will cease in the body of Christ, and people will no longer despise prophecies, dreams and visions anymore.

If a person reads the bible studies on: biblical prosperity, perfect redemption plan of God and the application of the perfect redemption plan of God; they will be able to reject the majority of false prophecies, false dreams and false visions. The solution to avoid false prophecies, false visions, false dreams, is to know the truth and the truth will set you free (John 8:32). Do not perish for lack of the knowledge of the word of God or because you have rejected the knowledge of the word of God (Hosea 4:6).

Brethren let us learn from the Prophets of old and from the Apostles of Jesus. Peter says: We also have a more sure Word of prophecy, to which you do well to take heed, as to a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the Daystar arises in your hearts, knowing this first, that no prophecy of the Scripture came into being of its own private interpretation. For prophecy was not borne at any time by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke, being borne along by the Holy Spirit (2Peter 1:19-21). Yes Peter told us they did not add to what God showed them, and they did not remove anything from it either. They were faithful to tell it the way they received it.

Many times, we try to impress people with our prophecies, or with our dreams and visions. The moment we already think like that, we are wrong, and it is more likely that we will add to the dream or vision that God gave us. If we look at the dream of Peter for the salvation of the gentiles in Acts 10, people could have said to Peter your vision is not from God! It is noon, you have been fasting until now, and they are cooking the meal downstairs, so it is your imagination that you are seeing a sheet with all kinds of animals, and hearing a voice telling you to rise kill and eat! Some of us would have been embarrassed by such a vision, and we would say: I do not want people to think that when I am praying and fasting, my mind is only on food, they would think that I am not spiritual! But Peter told us faithfully that simple vision, but it was a powerful vision, and you and I are gentiles, who are unclean and common according to the Jews, are now clean in the eyes of God to receive salvation.

4.9: God will give you the interpretation of the dream or vision

Judges 7:9 And it happened on that night, Jehovah said to Gideon, Arise, go down to the army, for I have delivered it into your hand.

Judges 7:10 But if you fear to go down, go with Phurah your servant down to the army.

Judges 7:11 And you shall hear what they shall say. And afterward your hands shall be strengthened to go down to the army. Then he went down with Phurah his servant to the edge of the ranks in the army.

Judges 7:12 And the Midianites and the Amalekites, and all the sons of the east lay along in the valley like locusts for multitude, and their camels without number, like the sand by the seaside for multitude.

Judges 7:13 And when Gideon had come, behold, a man told a dream to his fellow, and said, Behold, I dreamed a dream, and lo, a cake of barley bread tumbled into the host of Midian, and came to a tent, and struck it so that it fell, and overturned it, so that the tent lay along.

Judges 7:14 And his fellow answered and said, This is nothing else except the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel. For into his hand God has delivered Midian and all the army.

Judges 7:15 And it happened, when Gideon heard the telling of the dream and the meaning of it, he worshiped. And he returned to the army of Israel, and said, Arise! For Jehovah has delivered the host of Midian into your hand.

God will give you the interpretation of your dream, the dream came from him and interpretation also comes from him. Do not think that God can only speak through you, or through Christians. No, God even speaks to you through your enemies. Joel prophesied: it shall be afterward, I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh. And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy; your old men shall dream dreams; your young men shall see visions (Joel 2:28). It includes believers and unbelievers they shall both prophecy, have dreams and visions.

Pharoah in the days of Joseph had two dreams from God, and the two prisoners who were with Joseph also had dreams from God (Genesis 40, Genesis 41). Nebuchadnezzar also had dreams from God about what would come to pass in the world and the coming of the kingdom of God (Daniel 2; Daniel 4). God did not give these visions to Daniel but to Nebuchadnezzar. And here we see Gideon also, God gave the dream and the interpretation of the dream about his victory to his enemies. If God can give the dream and the interpretation of the dream to unsaved people, by pouring out His Spirit upon them, how much more will you, who are born again, have His Spirit abide in you? When you receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost, the Spirit abides in you and never departs.

When you have a dream or a vision, ask God to give you the interpretation of the dream or the vision, and He will give you the interpretation. At least the summary of the dream, and the more knowledge of the word of God, the more God will detail the interpretation of the dream, for it is the Holy Spirit that is poured upon you, that gives you the dream, vision and prophesy, and Jesus tells you that the Holy Spirit will bring to your remembrance the word that Jesus Spoke to us. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you (John 14:26).

On Thursday 8th, November 2012, I woke up and God gave me a vision, in that vision I saw I was in a church setting and a preacher that I respect was teaching. He drew a graph of the reign of one dictator in Africa. That dictator is an idol worshiper, and had murdered hundreds of thousands of his people. The curve climbed up and had a climax and then dropped and the Lord told me the time of that dictator is over. When I came out of that vision, I asked God what

was the meaning of that vision and I hear a still small voice Psalm 135. I opened my bible and started to read Psalm 135, and the verses that were leaping out of the pages and causing me to have a burning heart were the following:

For I know that the Lord is great and our Lord is above all gods. Whatever the Lord pleases He does, in heaven and in earth, in the seas and in all the deep places (Psalm 135:5-6). He sent signs and wonders into the midst of you, O Egypt (in my case it is not Egypt but the country of that dictator) upon Pharoah (in my case the dictator of that country) and all his servants. He defeated many nations and slew mighty kings (Psalm 135:9-10). As I read it I understood what God was about to do in that African country. And the Holy Spirit brought to my remembrance two other scriptures to confirm what the will of God is, for by two of three witnesses all words must be confirmed (2Corinthians 13:1). These are the scriptures: for exaltation comes neither from the east, nor from the west (for it was a western country that armed that dictator to do his coup d'état and to win the war) nor from the south. But God is the judge; He puts down one and exalts another (Psalm 75:6-7).

This decision is by the decree of the watchers, and the sentence by the word of the holy ones, in order that the living may know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, gives it to whomever He will, and sets over it the lowest of men (Daniel 4:17).

In another instance the French president went to Senegal, Africa, and insulted all the Africans saying: the Africans were a bunch of farmers who have never evolved, he had a proud look and thought he was superior to the people. All the African press was not happy, and they were saying, how can this president still have that colonial mindset, and insult them on their own continent, and none of those African presidents dared to put him back where he belonged. So a year had gone, and in June 2008, the word of the Lord came to me to write to that French president. I wrote him a letter of eighteen pages to tell him what the Lord said about him. So basically, I told him thus says the Lord: the pride of your heart has deceived you… you have said in your heart: who will bring me down to the ground? Though you ascend as high as the eagle, and thought you set your nest among the stars. From there I will bring you down, says the Lord (Obadiah 1:3-4).

And I told him that he will be among the few presidents in the French history, that have not been re-elected into office. That was his first and only term. And in 2012, before the French presidential election, the Lord showed me a vision of him losing the election and being sad, standing before a tomb with the newly elected president. I prayed for him that the Lord would comfort him and remove that sadness from his heart, three weeks later when I opened one of the newspapers: I saw the exact picture I had in my vision: that president who lost the election, was standing before a tomb with the newly elected president, and the journalist said that he was sad, and was there physically, but in his mind he was absent. God rules in the kingdoms of men.

4.10: God can speak to you through unsaved people

Sister Esther, a Spirit filled woman after God's own heart, asked me the question, why does God speak to unsaved people about things concerning us? Dreams and visions are prophetic revelations, so they are prophecies. We should not despise

prophesying (1Thessalonians 5:20). If we take the example of Gideon, he was afraid of going to war, and Israel was also afraid of their enemies. When you read in Judges 8, the men of Ephraim who were the biggest tribe in Israel, came against Gideon to fight him, because God did not invite them to fight with Gideon because God knew they will never give Him the glory.

We have believers like the people of Ephraim, who will fight you because of the victory God has given you, or they will try to take what God has given you. Gideon sent home many people who were fearful so if God has spoken through them, some of them could have twisted the prophecy, added to the dream, because of their own frustration for not being involved in the battle. I have seen that a lot in church, some people who are afraid, so they try to discourage everyone, so that no one will do what they were not able to do. They will also put fear into your heart, like the ten spies that brought the bad report of the promised land, they caused the heart of the people to melt like theirs (Joshua 14:8).

The Ephraimites who think that God cannot use someone else but them, if they see a vision about you having a great conquest, victory, they will never tell you that vision, because they think it is not of God: how can God by pass them to come to you? And if you tell them your dream of victory, they will tell you the wrong interpretation, because they do not see God using you. I used to share my dreams with a dear brother in the Lord, but that brother was always telling me this dream is too big! It is not about you, only great men of God can do such things, God is speaking about the church worldwide not about you. I stopped sharing my dream with that brother because he was always discouraging me.

Joseph had great dreams but he did not know the interpretation of the dream. He told the dreams to his father and brothers, they are the ones who told him the interpretation, and because of that interpretation they envied him and sold him to slavery, so that it will never come to pass (Genesis 37). But God made sure that the dream of Joseph came to pass. You understand some of the reasons God does not speak about you to some believers. Gideon also had the problem, the people who followed him, the three hundred, when you are in leadership people have the tendency to flatter you, to be on your good side. They do not know that flattery is dangerous. For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part is wickedness; their throat is an open grave; they flatter with their tongue (Psalm 5:9).

When we flatter people, it is as if we are sending them directly to their grave, for they will act on it and will die, for the Midianites outnumbered the three hundred of Gideon, so if God did not speak that he had given the victory, but one among the three hundred wanted to flatter Gideon and told him: God has delivered the enemies into your hand! It would have been death for Gideon. That is why as Christians we should never flatter people. If God has not spoken to us, we should not say that he spoke to us, for people would act on it and there can be terrible consequences: divorce, bankruptcy, failure, death, etc.

I understood that God speaks through gentiles a long time ago; I used to pray what I called the donkey prayer. What was my understanding about the donkey prayer? I read in the book of Numbers 22, where the donkey of Balaam spoke with him, and saw the vision and described the vision to Balaam. I prayed that God would speak to me, put words into the mouths of people, who do not even have a knowledge of what I am

going through, and who have no ulterior motives. God always speaks to me. So sometimes God gives a dream to Sister Louise, a Spirit filled Sister, and she calls me and tells me the dream, and I explain to her the part that concerns her, but the other part I know it was for me.

I remember going to a Jamaican grocery shop, and I had been praying and fasting for a long period of time. And as I entered that shop, there were people discussing a subject they gave their opinions about, they were not even Christians, and one of them was even smoking marijuana. But I know this was my answer to my fears, and I could do what God was asking me to do. So it was exactly what God did for Gideon. I also remember a time I was writing the bible studies, I wanted to stop writing them. For God spoke to me concerning these bible studies. I had not told anyone as I did not believe, because it was too big for my mind. I did not want to share that dream with that friend of mine who would tell me that it is not about me, it is for “great men of God”. I prayed to God, He should even use a donkey to confirm, that, by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word must be established (2Corinthains 13;1).

A dear sister called me on the phone, so we talked about everything, and at the end, she told me that she had read a Christian devotional that morning, and it ministered to her, it was the story of how that Christian devotional started, when the writer heard from the Lord, and all the challenges and discouragement he’d had, and today that devotional is given for free around the world to millions of Christians. And that was exactly what God spoke to me, mine is not a devotional but a bible study, but the aim is to offer it for free. And I know what the exact number of people God spoke to me is, and what it would do in the people’s lives. I did not say anything to that sister, for she does not even know that I write these bible studies. So you see God spoke to her in that devotional, but the message was not for her but for me.

4.11 Angels appearing and talking with a person

One should never worship angels or bow before them, any angel that asks for worship is a demon. The bible tells us they are all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister to those who will inherit salvation (Hebrews 1:14). In Acts 10, Cornelius, who was a roman centurion, was not yet born again, but he was a man who was full of good works, always giving alms and praying and fasting. At 3PM as he was fasting and praying, God sent an angel in a vision, to tell him that his prayers and alms had come up for a memorial before God, and the angel told him to summon Peter, so that Peter could tell him what he needs to do to be born again.

Many Muslims are like Cornelius, they pray five times a day, they fast forty days a year and they give alms (money or food given to poor people), but they pray to the wrong god. He who does not have the Son does not have the Father either, and is the antichrist (1John 2:22-24). The Muslims worship a demon even the spirit of antichrist. Some of them think we have the same God, but they are deceiving themselves. They say that they acknowledge Jesus as a prophet, but not as the Son of God and God. John tells us if a person does not confess Jesus as the Son of God and God, does not have God and God is not in him (1John 4:15).

The Jehovah’s witnesses also believe that they are serving Jehovah but what they do not know is that they are serving a demon

even the antichrist spirit. For they believe that Jesus is the angel Michael. The bible says about Jesus: to which of the angels did God ever say: you are My Son, today I have begotten you? And again: I will be to Him a Father and He shall be to me a Son. But when God again brings Jesus who is the firstborn into the world, God says: let all the angels of God worship Jesus (Hebrews 1:5-6).

Even the angel Michael worships Jesus! The Jehovah's witnesses also believe that Jesus was never born as a human but he came as a spirit into the world. John tells us it is the spirit of the antichrist, saying: This is He who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water only, but by water and blood. And the Spirit is He who bears witness, because the Spirit is the truth (1John 5:6).

Anything an angel of God tells you when he appears to you in a dream or vision will line up with the word of God. If not, it is a demon, cast him out in Jesus' name! The angel that spoke to John in the book of Revelation, said to John when he wanted to worship him. I, John, fell at his (angel's) feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See that you do not do it: I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy (Revelation 19:10). And I, John, saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel showing me these things. Then he said to me, Behold! See, you do not do that! Because I am your fellow servant, and of your brothers, the prophets, and of those who keep the Words of this Book. Do worship to God (Revelation 22:8-9).

Yes angels are ministering spirits or servant spirits, that are sent to minister to, or to serve those who will inherit salvation, and those who are saved. God gives angels charge over us, to keep us in all our ways. In their hands they will bear us up, lest we dash our foot against a stone (Psalm 91:11-12). God sometimes uses angels to bring us a message like he did for Cornelius in Acts 10, or like He did for John in the book of revelation, or like He did for Daniel, when the angel Gabriel came to explain to him a vision (Daniel 8:16). We should not pray for God to send us an angel to explain things to us, let God be sovereign in the way He wants to talk to us. Both in the Old Testament and in the New Testament, God spoke directly to men, or Jesus spoke directly to them, or the Holy Spirit spoke directly to men, or God sent an angel.

Many Muslims are being converted in the middle-east by dreams and visions like Cornelius. Many times, God has sent an angel in a vision or a dream, to give me the understanding of a thing. It happened when I, even I Daniel, and even I Gery, had seen the vision, and sought for the meaning, then, behold, there stood before me the form of a man. I heard a man's voice between the banks of Ulai, which called and said, Gabriel, make this one understand the vision (Daniel 8:15-16). Paul when he was in the ship journeying to Rome, he said to the people who were with him in the ship: now I exhort you to be of good cheer, for there will be no loss of life among you, only of the ship. For tonight an angel of God stood beside me, whose I am and whom I serve, saying, Fear not, Paul! You must stand before Caesar. And behold! God has given you all those who sail with you. Therefore, men, be of good cheer, for I believe God, that it will be so, according to the way it was told me (Acts 27:22-25).

In the Old Testament, God used angels to speak to people, unsaved people and saved people. You and I need to be grounded in the word of God, so that if God decides to speak

to us, we can always judge it by the written word of God. In the example of Abraham, Jesus visited him with two angles, and they ate with him, and the two angles also visited Lot (Genesis 18, Genesis 19). These things still happen in the New Testament, Paul tells us: Let brotherly love continue. Do not be forgetful of hospitality, for by this, some have entertained angels without knowing it (Hebrews 13:1-2). .

4.12: Jesus appearing and talking with a person directly

The Lord told me to go and minister in a church that worships on the Sabbath. They are Pentecostal but they worship on the Sabbath. It was to change my narrow mindedness, for they are also born again and have the same Holy Ghost. The first time I preached in that church, I was like Peter in Acts 10, who was not willing to go and share the word of God in the House of Cornelius. But as soon as I opened my mouth to read the scripture of my message, the Holy Spirit fell on them and they were speaking in tongues, nobody could stop those tongues. The moderator of the service would shout: order! Order in the house of God! But they could not stop speaking in tongues. I thank God, because I was prejudiced against them, had God not done that, it would have been the first and last time I was in their church. But I stayed in their midst for two years, teaching and healing the sick every Sabbath, until the Lord sent me to Glasgow, Scotland.

When I was in that church, they had a strange belief. The majority of them were Jamaicans; they still have some wounds about slavery, so they preach that Jesus was black. And many other things that are not lawful to utter or even write. I said to God: why have you sent me in the midst of these people? And one of their pastors told me that Jesus appeared to him and Jesus was black.

I just kept quiet, I did not want to argue with him, and they were already attacking me because they knew I worshiped with them but I was not keeping the Sabbath. I did not want to add another source of dispute. But it truly bothered me that they said that Jesus appeared to them and He was black. A year later I was watching a Christian TV program and a white preacher in USA was saying that Jesus appeared to him and Jesus was white with blue eyes. I knew that that preacher also was wrong, for I listened to that preacher: he has some hatred toward the Arabs, he constantly attacked them. I was listening to another Christian TV program and the Asian preacher said before his grand-mother died, Jesus appeared to her and preached the gospel to her in Mandarin, and she gave her life to Christ, but the Jesus that appeared to her was Asian. It started to truly disturb me, for I know Jesus when he was after the flesh on earth was neither black nor white with blue eyes nor yellow with small eyes.

Jesus was not an Ethiopian Jew, so He was not black, Jews are not white they are brown like Arabs since they are cousins; Isaac and Ishmael were brothers of the same Father Abraham. And Abraham himself was originally a Syrian (Deuteronomy 26:5). Isaac married Rebekah a Syrian (Genesis 25:20). And Jacob married Rachel and Lea, the two daughters of his uncle Laban the Syrian (Genesis 31). Jesus was brown like people of the middle-east, like their ancestors the Syrians. I could not understand why He would appear to those different people. One day I was praying and fasting and Jesus appeared to me in my bedroom, he did not say a word, He was dressed up in a white robe. The glory was too strong around Him, so I could not even look at His eyes, I was

stuck in my bed, I could not even move a little finger or a little toe. It was as if something so heavy held every part of my body in that bed and I could not move. I gathered my strength and whispered: Jesus you are Lord! I could not speak louder than that.

When Jesus departed from me, I could move again. The second time Jesus appeared to me, I was again in my bedroom. I was asleep, around midnight, Jesus came into my bedroom, and I do not know what happened, but I found myself on my knees on my bed. And Jesus laid his hands on me and ordained me, in one of the fivefold ministries, and spoke words to me that I keep to myself. When I came to myself, I was on my knees on my bed. Both times Jesus was not black, was not yellow, nor white but brown. If you tell me to describe His face I cannot describe it. The third time Jesus appeared to me, I was again asleep and around 4am, and he came and sat on my bedside and was whispering things in my right ear. But the person who was whispering those things into my right ear was a black man. Before He departed I asked Him who are you: He said to me, it is I! And He left, and he gave me the scripture: Revelation 1: 12-18.

I did not know the meaning of what He was saying: it is I! For sometimes an angel comes and talks to me and many times that angel is black. I thought it was one of the angels of God who had been sent by God to explain something to me. I was lazy and did not want to read that Revelation 1:12-18. You see I am human, and at 4am, I want to be in my bed and if there is a prayer to pray I pray upon my bed like David. When I remember You upon my bed and think of You in the night watches (Psalm 63:6). But reading a scripture at 4am, it means I need to get out of my bed and switch on the light! But I woke up and switched on the light and opened my bible and turned to Revelation.

And I read: Revelation 1:12 And I turned to see the voice that spoke to me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;

Revelation1:13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the chest with a golden girdle.

Revelation 1:14 His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;

Revelation 1:15 And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.

Revelation 1:16 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 his strength.

Revelation 1:17 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:

Revelation 1:18 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.

When I read that scripture, I understood that it was Jesus who was speaking to me. And the Holy Spirit brought to my remembrance the instance when the disciples were in the boat, it was night and Jesus came to them walking on the water, they were afraid and thought it was a ghost, but Jesus told them: be of good cheer! It is I, do not be afraid

(Matthew 14:27). I knelt on my bedside and worshipped Jesus. And as I was on my knees the Lord started to explain to me how he appeared to some people black, white, yellow or white with blue eyes, or any other skin colour.

In Luke 24, two disciples of Jesus, Simon and Cleopas were journeying from Jerusalem to Emmaus, the resurrected Jesus appeared to them and joined them on their Journey. He talked to them but they could not know that it was the resurrected Jesus. The Jesus that appeared to them was not the same Jesus that they knew after the flesh prior to his death burial and resurrection. For had He looked like the Jesus they followed prior to his death they would have immediately recognized him. They did not even see the print of the nails in his hands and feet. For a brother with whom I shared the visions of Jesus, told me if I did not see the print of the nails in His hands it was not Jesus. It was only when Jesus broke bread with them, that their eyes were opened and they knew it was the Lord Jesus, not because they saw the prints of the nails. They said to one another: did not our heart burn within us while he spoke to us on the road and while he opened the scriptures to us (Luke 24:32)?

Jesus said My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me (John 10:27). The voice of Jesus you will know it, and it will always line up with the written word of God. In John 21, Jesus appeared to His apostles the third time after His resurrection. They had been fishing all night and caught nothing, and in the morning, Jesus was at the seashore. And He told them to cast their net on the right side and they caught a lot of fish. The apostles who used to be with the physical Jesus for three and half years, could not recognize Him after the flesh, because He did not appear to them in the likeness of the Carpenter they knew after the flesh.

But John the beloved, when he saw the miracle of the catch of fish, remembered in Luke 5, how they also toiled all night and caught nothing but in the morning after Jesus had used their boat, he asked them to let down their nets for a catch and they also had a miraculous catch of fish. Therefore, John the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter: it is the Lord! Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea (John 21:7). After they brought the fish to shore, Jesus told them, come and eat breakfast. Yet none of the disciples dared ask Him: who are You? Knowing that it was the Lord (John 21:12).

If Jesus looked like the carpenter’s son they knew, they would not even question in their heart: Who are You? They knew it was Jesus. It is a kind of knowing that a person has because he has spent time with a person. Like a wife knows her husband. She knows his voice. They did not see the prints on his hands and his feet; it would have given them some clue that He was the resurrected Christ. The Lord then told me, You see that Jamaican church, they are still struggling with the heritage of slavery. If I had appeared to them as a white Jesus after the flesh, they would never have received me and been born again. Or also that white preacher in USA, if I had appeared to him as a brown Jesus, he would never have received me, or that grandmother of the Asian preacher, she had never known anybody else, that was not yellow, for her to receive Jesus, she needed to see a person she could relate to, otherwise she would not have received her salvation.

God is love, sometimes he has to put up with our foolishness. The truth is, many Christians will be surprised when they get to heaven, because the resurrected Jesus is neither black, nor white, nor yellow, nor brown. But he is described by John in Revelation 1: 13-

16 the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the chest with a golden girdle. 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.

Paul then advised us: as we now know no one, according to the flesh, but even if we have known Christ, according to the flesh, yet now, we no longer know Him so (2Corinthians 5:16). Yes, we no longer know Jesus after the flesh, based on His skin colour, or His earthly genealogy. We know Him as the resurrected Christ like John in the book of revelation has described Him for us. So do not quarrel with people who tell you that Jesus is black, yellow, white with blue eyes, brown or red. It is not that Jesus that dwells in you, but the resurrected Christ described by John. Likewise do not receive a person, because he or she is related to you after the flesh: he is from your village, your country, your continent, your skin colour, your profession; but receive them because you see the resurrected Christ dwelling in him or her, or because you have the expectation that one day the resurrected Christ will also dwell in him or her.

For God says: Behold, all souls are Mine (the souls of the unsaved and the souls of the saved, the souls of the black, white, yellow, brown , red and all mixed races). As the soul of the father, also the soul of the son, they are Mine (Ezekiel 18:4). For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who will have all men (men and women of all continents, all skin colours, all backgrounds, all tongues and all nations) to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth (1Timothy 2; 3-4). For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him, should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world, to condemn the world, but so that the world might be saved through Him (John 3:16-17).

The truth is nobody has a picture of Jesus, praise the Lord for that, the Lord hates idol worshippers. The picture of Jesus that they sell is not how Jesus looks; do not have that idol in your house. Jesus appeared to Paul on the road to Damascus in Acts 9 and talked to Him. Jesus also appeared to Paul in Acts 23:11 the following night the Lord stood by him and said, Be of good cheer, Paul, for as you have testified of Me in Jerusalem, so you also must bear witness in Rome. If Jesus appears to you, and shows you His nail prints like He did to the disciples, when He appeared to them after the resurrection in John 20, praise the Lord, but if He appears to you, like in Luke 24 and in John 21 praise the Lord.

I was listening to a Christian TV program, and the overseer of one of the worldwide Pentecostal churches was giving his testimony, that one-day he was with His wife and they made coffee and put it in a thermos. That thermos contained five cups of coffee. So before eating they prayed as every Christian is supposed to do: in his prayer he said Lord Jesus, we invite you to come dine with us, Amen! So his wife took two cups of coffee and he took two as well, and when he wanted to take the third cup of coffee, he noticed that the thermos was empty. He asked his wife if she had taken the third cup, she said, no! So he was concerned for they have been using that thermos for years, and they know it has five cups of coffee in it. So Jesus spoke to him: when you prayed before dining you said: Lord Jesus we invite you to dine with us! So since you invited me, I came and had a cup of coffee!

The preacher said for years he was afraid to share that testimony, lest people think he is crazy or he is trying to show off. When I heard it, it bore witness with my spirit. And I asked Jesus to tell me where I can find it in the bible. Jesus immediately gave me John 21, the resurrected Jesus came and had breakfast with his disciples; in Luke 24:40-43 the resurrected Jesus ate broiled fish and honey comb in the presence of His disciples. Peter tells us in Acts 10:40-41 God raised Him up the third day and showed Him openly, not to all the people, but to witnesses hand-picked before by God, even to us who ate and drank with Him after He rose from the dead. Yes, Jesus still appears to people today and even eats and drinks with them.

4.13: Revelation gifts: word of knowledge, word of wisdom and prophecy

God also speaks to us through the gifts of the Spirit, especially the revelation gifts, which are the word of knowledge, the word of wisdom and prophecy. Paul explains to us, saying: Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I would not have you ignorant. You know that being led away, you nations were led to dumb idols. Therefore, I make known to you, that no one speaking by the Spirit of God says, Jesus is accursed, and that no one can say that Jesus is Lord, but by the Holy Spirit. There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all, for to one is given the word of wisdom, through the same Spirit, to another the word of knowledge though the same Spirit, to another faith, by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills (1Corinthians 12:1-11).

4.14: Prayer/maturing in the word of God

Everything in the kingdom of God is birthed in prayer; nothing can be done on earth here unless the people of God pray. The more time we spend waiting on the Lord in prayer, the easier it is to hear Him speak. We cannot do anything outside prayer. God promised that if we call upon His name He will answer. We must initiate the dialogue; I said the “dialogue” not the “monologue”.

Many times, we have a monologue with God, and we tell him this is what we will do so come and bless our plan. It should be the other way round, God what do you want me to do? Or God these are my plans what do you have to say? I want your input; you know the end from the beginning. We must come with the expectation that God will actually speak back to us. After all we are the sheep of His pasture, we know His voice. He lives in us through the Spirit.

We are His children; a parent talks to his children, we are part of his household we are supposed to speak to each other, therefore I am doing the first step, I am speaking to Abba Father, to Jesus and to the Holy Spirit and they will talk back to me. Even if I hear nothing, I ask them again, did you say something? I could not hear what you said,

can you come again? I will be persistent, until my relationship with the Godhead, lines up with the relationship Jesus had with the Godhead, when He was on earth, I will settle for nothing less, Jesus is my standard. I will enjoy dreams, visions, trances and also dialogues with the Godhead 24/7 like a man speaks to his friend. I will pray in tongues and with understanding.

The more of the word we know the easier we can distinguish the voice of God, from our own thoughts and the deceptions of Satan. Solid food (of the word of God) belongs to those who are mature, or of full age that is, those who by reason of use, have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil (Hebrews 5:14). People want a short cut for everything, but there is no short cut for divine guidance, but the word of God and prayer. The apostles told the believers, they will give themselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word (Acts 6:4). Prayer and the word of God in you, will sharpen all your spiritual senses, your seeing, your hearing, your taste, your smell and your touch.

You will become spiritually hyper sensitive; for the word of God is quick or living, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing, even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart (Hebrews 4:12). The Spirit of the Lord in you, will be able to tell you what emanates from the soul, the seat of the intellect and carnal desires, and what emanates from the Spirit of God. You will be able to know the thoughts and intents of your own heart, and the hearts of other people, just like Jesus knew the thoughts, and the intents of the Pharisees and the priests.

The word of God in you, will work like a surgical instrument or a scalpel; because you are mature in the word, you will be able to make perfect incisions, without touching vital organs, you will be able to remove damaged tissues and cancerous growths, without doing any damage to the organ. Spiritually the word of God works the same way; but even better, the word of God has the power to remove the damaged tissues, to create new tissues, to remove even the scars of the spiritual surgery; to make the person whole. We must let the word of Christ dwell in us richly in all wisdom (Colossians 3:16).

This is not an exhaustive study on divine guidance, but only the basics to help believers start off their journey. Let the word of God abide in you richly in all wisdom, and may God bless you and keep you in all your ways, and order your steps in Jesus' name.

God Bless you,

Gery Malanda



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