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MOFFAT -Moffatt New Translation WESNT -Wesley New Testament

EBR -Rotherham's Emphasized Bible

DRB -Douay-Rheims Bible
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TUESDAY 1

### POUR FORTH RIGHTEOUSNESS



Drip down, heavens, from above, And let the clouds pour down righteousness; Let the earth open up and salvation bear fruit, And righteousness sprout with it. I, the LORD, have created it (Isaiah 45:8 NASB).

In James 5:7, the Bible talks about "...the early and latter rain." The early rain is for sowing, while the latter rain is just before harvest. In the Old Testament, they were waiting for a latter rain (Read Joel 2:28). For them, that latter rain came on the day of Pentecost when the Spirit was poured out. But that outpouring of the Spirit initiated the Church.

Therefore, for the Church, the early rain is what those in the Old Testament called their latter rain; it was the beginning of the Church. The latter rain in the Church is through His Word! Hosea 10:12 says, "Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you."

How does He rain righteousness upon you? It's through His Word, just like it happened in the Old Testament when the Word was given to them from heaven; and because the Word came from heaven it was called "rain." Isaiah 55:10-11 also draws a parallel between the Word and rain (Read entire reference).

That's the Word (the Logos of God) that's in your heart today.

No wonder Jesus said, "He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water" (John 7:38). This living water comes out through words! So, when our theme verse talks about pouring down righteousness, as earlier stated, it's done through words.

Pour forth words! Ecclesiastes 11:3 (NIV) says, "If clouds are full of water, they pour rain upon the earth...." Keep prophesying and filling the clouds of your life, city, nation, and even the clouds of the regions beyond, with words of blessings and righteousness. Decree God's words into the realm of the Spirit until the rain begins to pour. Your words are powerful. As you speak, the earth will open up and produce salvation and righteousness! Hallelujah!

### **PRAYER**

I pour down righteousness upon the nations of the world, in the Name of Jesus! People are coming to Christ and producing fruits of righteousness; wickedness is taken away from men's hearts, for righteousness is poured out. The Word of God is growing mightily and prevailing in all the nations, resulting in a greater influence of the Gospel, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

### **FURTHER STUDY:**

1 Timothy 2:1-4; Ecclesiastes 11:3 NLT; Zechariah 10:1

### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 22:15-46 & Exodus 22-23

### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 14:8-18 & Job 34-35





WEDNESDAY 2

### STAND OUT FOR GOD



He was a burning and a shining light: and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light (John 5:35).

When Goliath of Gath taunted the armies of Israel, they felt helpless and intimidated, until David showed up. David knew he could defeat Goliath, and he did! It wasn't about strength; it was about ideology. The difference between David and the others was his way of thinking. He started by saying, "...who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?" (1 Samuel 17:26).

The circumcision didn't mean anything to the others, but it sure meant something to David. He saw the armies of Israel as the armies of God. Hallelujah! David couldn't imagine God's people being defeated; it didn't matter who the adversaries were. Think like that. Your desire should be to see the glory of God in and on His people and upon His congregations. David said, "O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary. Because thy lovingkindness is better than

*life..."* (Psalm 63:1-3).

That should be your passion as a Christian: God must receive glory everywhere you are and everywhere you go. Even if others around you don't think much about soul winning, be different. Be a burning and a shining light in your school or place of work or business. Let your light shine so brightly that men may see your good works and be provoked to righteousness. Stand out for God.

### **CONFESSION**

I'm a burning and a shining light, standing out and standing strong for the Lord. Through my fellowship with the Holy Spirit, I increase my fire with everincreasing glory and vision for ministry. I have the mindset that makes me fervent, agile and enthusiastic about the things of God. Praise God!

### **FURTHER STUDY:**

Romans 12:11 TPT; Titus 2:7 NLT; 1 Timothy 4:12

### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 23 & Exodus 24-25

### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 14:19-28 & Job 36-37





THURSDAY 3

### BE MOVED TO REACH THE LOST



And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word (1 Kings 18:21).

n 1 Kings 19:10, Elijah said, "...I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant...."
This was something that God loved about Elijah: his passion for the Lord. He felt so bad that the people were serving other gods and had neglected the house of the Lord. So, he said, "Lord, you've blessed them so

much; now they don't want to serve you. Let there be no rain, so they'll starve for a while and turn to you."

It was his passion for God that made him call for a drought. He wasn't just trying to punish the people; and God saw his heart. It's the kind of mind God wants us to have about His Kingdom. When you see sinners in your neighbourhood, your school, your workplace, your city, or your nation, let it get your attention. Be moved to prayer, and then also reach out to them with the Gospel.

Recall that there were One Hundred and Fifty

other prophets who were hiding in the time of Elijah. They weren't moved by what was going on in the land, even though they hadn't bowed to Baal. But Elijah stood out for God! He was moved to pray. This is the same reason you see some Christians who are so stirred and passionate about the things of God today, winning souls into the Kingdom, while others seem to be distracted by fleshly things.

Be different. Be passionate for the Lord. Get busy with evangelism and partnerships for reaching the lost in our world. The Bible says God is not willing that any should perish (2 Peter 3:9). You can make a difference, because you're His mouthpiece and outstretched arm of salvation to those in your world and the regions beyond.

### **PRAYER**

Dear Father, thank you for the gift of the Gospel, and for allowing me to be a custodian of its message, truth and power. I'm fired up in my spirit to reach those who are yet to hear the Word of salvation, and I intercede in prayer for them. I'll continue to reach out to those in my world and beyond, as we look forward to the soon coming of the Lord, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

### **FURTHER STUDY:**

Psalm 69:9 CEV; Jeremiah 20:9 AMPC; Romans 1:16; 1 Corinthians 9:16

### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 24:1-35 & Exodus 26-27

### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 15:1-11 & Job 38-39





FRIDAY 4

### LET JESUS INSPIRE YOU



By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another (John 13:35).

very so often, I read about Jesus in the Word and LI'm greatly inspired. I see no greater example, no greater model. I'm inspired by His thoughts, by His deeds, His passion, His love, His excellence. His words went forth with power. Men heard Him and were transformed forever. Demons heard His voice and scampered in terror. Circumstances responded to His words. How could He be so powerful and yet so loving, forgiving and gracious?

Jesus inspires me so much that all I ever want is to be like Him. But He sent us the Holy Spirit to help us act like Him, think like Him, be powerful, loving and passionate like Him. When you're filled with the Spirit, you're filled with Jesus. That's the Spirit that made Him everything that He was in the earth. Today, in His love, He gave us the same Spirit in full measure. Hallelujah!

No wonder He said, "...as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you" (John 20:21). So, we go with the same love, same power, same passion, same forgiveness, same grace. Hallelujah! Don't entertain

anything that'll make you bitter or enraged towards someone else. Let Jesus inspire you. Walk in love and inspire others to love.

Be like Jesus! When He walked this earth, He was God tabernacled in human flesh, full of grace, glory and truth. And the Bible says, "...As He is, so are we in this world" (1 John 4:17). That means you can think, walk, talk, and act like Him!

### **PRAYER**

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for being my inspiration and the personality of my deepest affection. You're full of grace, glory and truth, so powerful, yet so loving, forgiving and gracious! Thank you for sending the Holy Spirit to make me the very embodiment of your character and personality. Your grace, wisdom, love and righteousness are manifested in and expressed through me today and always. Amen.

### **FURTHER STUDY:**

1 John 4:17; 1 Peter 2:9; John 1:16; Colossians 2:10

### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 24:36-51 & Exodus 28

### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 15:12-21 & Job 40-41





SATURDAY 5

### THE POWER OF RIGHTEOUSNESS



Even the righteousness of God which is by the faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference (Romans 3:22).

t was with the gift of righteousness that Abraham was able to intercede for Sodom when God wanted to destroy the city. God had said, "...Shall I hide from Abraham [My friend and servant] what I am going to do" (Genesis 18:17 AMPC). Abraham had become God's friend through covenant. The Bible says Abraham believed God and it was credited to him for righteousness and he was called the friend of God (James 2:23).

That was the bestowal; the gift of righteousness was given to Abraham and he could boldly engage God in an intercessory discourse. He said to God, "That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" (Genesis 18:25). He was presenting an argument before God.

How could a man have such incredible audacity to speak to God like that? He wasn't trying to be disrespectful or impudent; no! He was expressing the power of the gift of righteousness. Genesis 15:6 tells us, "And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness." Hallelujah! Righteousness enables you to stand in the presence of God without a sense of condemnation or inferiority. This righteousness, according to our theme verse, is "unto all and upon all." That's to let you understand the bestowal, the imputation of God's righteousness to all men—the legal perspective of this righteousness. With this gift, you can decree a thing and have it established unto you.

Our righteousness is on the basis of a legal claim, and because many aren't aware they struggle with their faith, not sure whether or not their petitions will be granted. But when you stand on His righteousness, you have no such doubts, because you have the pass! Your claims can't be refused, because you stand in the righteousness of Jesus Christ. Glory to God!

### **CONFESSION**

A righteousness from God—that divine acquittal by faith—has been manifested, and it's imputed to my account! With that gift of righteousness, I have the boldness and confidence to stand before God without guilt, condemnation or inferiority, and pray to Him and expect answers. I have peace with God through the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen!

### **FURTHER STUDY:**

Romans 5:1; Romans 5:17; Romans 3:21-22 NIV

### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 25:1-30 & Exodus 29-30

### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 15:22-31 & Job 42





SUNDAY 6

### STAYING FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT



And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18).

When I just started in ministry, whenever I had an upcoming programme or event, I always knew I had to be prepared by being filled with the Spirit. I practiced being filled with the Spirit. When I got filled like that, there was always a manifestation of the supernatural. But later on, I thought to myself, "If being filled with the Spirit every now and then could be so wonderful, how about staying filled with the Spirit?"

That power and glory that was available and in manifestation during those events, I wanted it always, for my daily life. And I discovered that being filled with the Spirit could actually be always, I went for it and stayed there! It's like swimming: there's a way one might swim and get drowned; there's also a way to swim and remain afloat. I discovered I could swim in the Spirit and stay afloat.

I discovered that was what God always wanted for us: staying filled with the Spirit, which was much easier than being filled occasionally. It's a practice. You can go from practicing being filled with the Spirit sometimes, to being filled every day; and then learn being filled always.

Study and meditate on Ephesians 5:18-21 (AMPC) to learn how to be filled and stay filled with the Spirit. It's the best life! You can't stay filled with the Spirit and be dominated by sickness, failure, or lack. You'd discover that your results are endlessly increasing, your life is forward and upward, and you walk in blessings only. Hallelujah!

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### **CONFESSION**

I'm fully yielded to the Spirit and under His full sway twenty-four hours each day. I'm effective in my Christian ministry, and I walk in blessings only and to the full, and my life is one of unstoppable success and ever-increasing glory, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

### **FURTHER STUDY:**

Acts 4:31; Ephesians 5:18-21 AMPC

### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 25:31-46 & Exodus 31

### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 15:32-41 & Psalm 1-2





MONDAY 7

### WARRING WITH PROPHECIES



Timothy, my son, I give you this instruction in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by following them you may fight the good fight (1 Timothy 1:18 NIV).

The Passion Translation of the verse above says, "...use your prophecies as weapons...." That means weaponizing the prophecies that have been spoken concerning you. Use the prophetic words concerning your life, your future, your ministry, career, etc as a weapon in prosecuting the good fight of faith.

Ephesians 6:17 sheds more light on this; it says, "And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." The sword of the spirit refers to the spoken word, and the spoken word is the prophetic word. It's an offensive weapon.

There're two things here about prophecies: There's the prophecy that's spoken over your life as an individual, and there's also the Word of God that's already written, which the Bible refers to as "...a more sure word of prophecy..." (2 Peter 1:19). When you pick that word that's written concerning you and utter it in faith, that's prophecy; you're speaking forth "Rhema" which the Bible describes as the sword of

the Spirit in Ephesians 6:17.

For example, the Bible says, "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world" (1 John 4:4). That's Logos (Greek). But when Satan comes out against you, or you want to launch an offensive against him, you say, "Devil, I'm of God, and I've overcome you because it's written: Greater is He that's in me than he that's in the world." Thus, you've weaponized that scripture!

When you utter those words as "Rhema," they become the Word of God in your mouth. And the Word of God in your mouth is God talking. That's also what we do in prayer; we speak forth the Word—the "Rhema" of God in supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks in line with 1 Timothy 2:1.

### **PRAYER**

Dear Father, thank you for the power of your Word and for making salvation available to every man. Every soul is yours, for they've been bought with a price. I pray today, that many around the world will hear and receive the message of your love and saving power; it'll penetrate their hearts and impart righteousness to them, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

### **FURTHER STUDY:**

1 Timothy 1:18 GNB; Hosea 14:2; 2 Peter 1:21 AMPC

### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 26:1-30 & Exodus 32-33

### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 16:1-10 & Psalm 3-4





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TUESDAY 8

### YOU CAN TRUST HIM



Don't put your trust in human leaders; no human being can save you (Psalm 146:3 GNB).

Right from my very early years, I made up my mind not to live an empty life. I wanted to live with assurance; to know God's purpose. I wanted to trust God with my life. I didn't want to do things just because everybody else was doing them. But how was I going to know what God wanted? How could I trust God with my life if I didn't know Him?

I had to go to the Bible to study and be guided by the Holy Spirit into the revelation of His truths. That's one book that never speculates. Therein, I discovered that God was more passionate for my success, victory, and joy than I could ever be. I discovered He loved me more than I loved myself. Then it was easy to trust Him, to let go of my own dreams, desires and pursuits, and follow His divine plan.

Don't put your trust in the failing systems of this world. Don't put your hopes in a government or the society or some authority. The Bible says, "It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes" (Psalms 118:9). The arm of flesh will fail; so, don't live your life relying on systems and structures

created by man for your success and prosperity.

You were made to put your faith in God; in the Word of God. You've got to start practicing relying on God. Our theme verse says, "Don't put your trust in human leaders; no human being can save you." The 5<sup>th</sup> verse says, "Happy are those who have the God of Jacob to help them and who depend on the LORD their God." Put your trust in God. Study His Word. Get to know Him; to know Him is to trust Him.

When you know Him, you'll make an unqualified commitment to Him. You'd never think that, somehow, you'd end up a failure. It's impossible. He loves you and certainly wouldn't allow anything to destroy you. It doesn't matter what's going on in the world; you can trust Him to take care of you and shield you from all evil. Glory to God!

### **PRAYER**

Dear Lord, thank you for your love, your grace and your kindness. Thank you for the Holy Spirit who lives in me, guiding me through life. I trust you without reservation, putting myself into your guiding arms, under your Lordship, for an ever-glorious and excellent life, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

### **FURTHER STUDY:**

Jeremiah 17:7-8; Matthew 11:28 TPT; Proverbs 3:5-6 GNB; Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 26:31-56 & Exodus 34-35

### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 16:11-18 & Psalm 5-6





WEDNESDAY 9

## FROM "EMMANUEL" TO "CHRIST IN YOU"



And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever (John 14:16).

The hope of the Old Testament was Emmanuel—"God with us." In Exodus 33:15, Moses said to the Lord, "...If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence." Every prophet of the Old Testament understood that God had to be with them. It was very important, and then the message came about the birth of Jesus. That was the hope of the Old Testament; the hope of Israel. But He came among them and many of them failed to recognize Him; yet, that was Emmanuel!

Thanks be unto God that He'll come again, and He'll live among them for one thousand years during His millennial reign! But Christianity, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, isn't "Emmanuel." As read in our theme verse, Jesus said, "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter (the Holy Spirit), that he may abide with you for ever" (John 14:16). The Holy Spirit brings the presence of God.

The 17<sup>th</sup> verse says, "Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he

dwelleth with you, and shall be in you." The phrase "he dwelleth with you" is Emmanuel, and many of them believed in Him as the Messiah, the anointed One.

They understood that God Himself came and dwelt among them in human form, in the person of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. However, the vision was the latter part of that verse: "He shall be in you", not just "with you." That's the promise of the Gospel—the transition from Emmanuel to "Christ in you." Hallelujah!

Christ in you became a vital reality in your life the moment you were born again. From then on, no need to ever "seek God's face"; He's in you and you're in Him—mingled with Him as one divine creation. If the Gospel you've preached or received doesn't include that God Almighty has come to live inside you, it's time to wake up to this reality. This is Christianity. Never make light of it. Praise God!

### **CONFESSION**

Christ lives in me through the Holy Spirit, and Christ in me is the hope of glory! The glory is revealed in my finances, health, business and family! Christ in me is my assurance of prosperity, success, victory and dominion. Hallelujah!

### **FURTHER STUDY:**

Colossians 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 3:16; 1 Corinthians 6:19

### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 26:57-75 & Exodus 36-37

### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 16:19-28 & Psalm 7-8





THURSDAY 10

### HIS KINGDOM IN MEN'S HEARTS



Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven (Matthew 6:10).

In the prayer format that Jesus gave to His disciples in Matthew 6:9-13, they understood that the prayer was contextualized to a dispensational consideration. Therefore, following their writings, it's clear what we should say in the light of what Jesus taught in prayer.

For example, when He said, "Thy kingdom come...," while the fulfilment for Israel will be at the millennial reign of Christ, and that the spiritual kingdom has come to us in Christ, and we pray to extend this kingdom to those who haven't yet received it into their hearts. He desires to see the Kingdom expand in different nations.

Then He said, "...Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." That's a call of the Spirit for God's will to be done in man's world, because God's will isn't always done. But He's sent us to bring forth His will to men everywhere; He sent us with a message. We know that when we go to them, the Kingdom has come to them! And when we pray for them, we're praying the will of the Father; we're praying that their hearts will be open to receive the Kingdom because the Bible does tell us that God opens the hearts of men.

For example, it tells us about a woman named Lydia, "...whose heart the Lord opened, that she

attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul" (Acts 16:14). If the Lord would open that woman's heart, He can open anybody's heart. And when God opens a man's heart, the Kingdom comes into that heart. Hallelujah!

Through our prayers, God's Spirit can prevail on men's hearts, for the Bible says, "Ask ye of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain; so the LORD shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field" (Zechariah 10:1). The Spirit has been poured out, and every grass in the field has been touched by the Holy Spirit.

Our role is to pray and speak forth the words of salvation, deliverance and liberty and bring men into the Kingdom, into union with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. And because the Father always hears and answers when we pray, it'll be done by the power of the Holy Spirit. Glory to God!

### **CONFESSION**

I join my faith with God's people around the world to speak forth salvation, deliverance, liberty, into the hearts of men, to bring them into the Kingdom, and into union with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Their hearts are open today to receive the Gospel and be born into the Kingdom, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

### **FURTHER STUDY:**

Luke 17:20-21; Proverbs 21:1; Ecclesiastes 3:11

### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 27:1-26 & Exodus 38-39

### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 16:29-40 & Psalm 9-10





FRIDAY 11

### **VEHICLES OF LIFE**



Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost (Matthew 28:19).

When we talk about the coming of the Lord being so much closer now than ever, some have asked, "In that case, is there any need for me to still start up a business or go to school?" When people ask such questions, it's evident they're missing something. What they're missing is the urgency of the moment, the earnestness of making His message known.

Starting up a new business or profession, or going to school are all opportunities to reach others with the Gospel. We call them chariots, vehicles of life. The word "nations" in our theme verse is "Ethnos" in Greek, and it doesn't just mean "countries"; it refers to social or taxonomic divisions of people. And these may be broken into various ethno-systems.

For example, there're 'workplace nations,' professional nations, neighbourhood nations; all the staff of a particular organization, an association of engineers, residents of a village community respectively. If you're a lawyer and you belong in an organization of lawyers, that's a nation of lawyers. Are

you a student? Your student community is a nation, with respect to the definition of our theme verse. You become the preacher in your world.

As a young boy many years ago, I was inspired to win fellow students to Christ, and I did! I went beyond my school to other schools, holding conferences with students. I preached among the youth groups, and many of them were won to Christ. Hallelujah!

Our faith in Jesus and our expectation of His imminent return make us even more passionate to do more. We're even more determined to do the things we've been doing better, and in a brighter light—in the light of His coming. We become directed and more focused, using the opportunity of our "nations" to reach more people with more urgency.

### **PRAYER**

The Lord has anointed me to deliver men from bondage into the glorious liberty of the sons of God, turning them from darkness to light, and from sin unto righteousness. In these last days, I'm doing exploits for the Lord, establishing His Kingdom and righteousness in the earth and in the hearts of men, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

### **FURTHER STUDY:**

John 15:16; 1 Corinthians 9:16; Proverbs 11:30

### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 27:27-44 & Exodus 40

### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 17:1-9 & Psalm 11-13





SATURDAY 12

### TRUTH IS IN YOUR SPIRIT



But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth (2 Thessalonians 2:13).

With so much deceitful information going around in the world today, some people have become confused, not knowing what to believe. But that's not you! Yes, some people are always in conflict with the truth, but you're different. You were chosen to know and believe the truth. The Bible says wisdom is known and justified of her children (Luke 7:35), and wisdom is truth.

Even though you may hear religious messages and different things about God, one thing is certain: When God's true Word gets to you, it'll come with a conviction of truth! Our theme verse says God chose "...you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth." Salvation could only work for you through two factors: The Holy Spirit sanctifying you, and you believing the truth.

So, the Holy Spirit sets you apart to believe the

truth, because it takes the grace of God to know and believe the truth. So, you never have to worry about how to distinguish between truth and falsehood.

Jesus said, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). God's truth always blesses, uplifts, strengthens and protects. Truth fills you with love and makes you walk and talk like Christ. It doesn't bring confusion, and it carries no hate, bitterness or fear with it. As you give yourself to the study of the Word, you'll be able to judge everything with the truth of God's Word at all times, because truth is in your spirit.

### **CONFESSION**

The Holy Spirit has set me apart to know and believe the truth, because I've been chosen to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth. Satan has nothing in me! I declare that the hearts of men are open to truth, the truth of God's Word, to receive it and to live by it, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

### **FURTHER STUDY:**

1 Timothy 4:1-2 NLT; John 8:32; John 17:17; James 1:18

### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 27:45-66 & Leviticus 1-3

### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 17:10-21 & Psalm 14-16





SUNDAY 13

### WE'RE IN THE LAST DAYS



Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed (1 Corinthians 15:51-52).

When you read about the last days in the Bible, you have to understand it from the perspective of, first, the context, and then the message of the writer. The "Last days" as frequently referenced in the Bible refer to those days just before the millennial period. Now, the prophets who particularly used those terms didn't include the Church age.

So, when we say the last days, we're not talking about the last days with respect to the Jewish Calendar as provided by the prophets. There're so many signs that should let you know where we are and how much longer the world has before the judgements of the nations begin. Therefore, no matter where you are today, I want you to know Jesus is coming soon.

There're those who believe it and are waiting for Him. There're others who don't think He's coming and so, they're not expecting Him. But He's coming, and He's coming for those "...that love his appearing" (2 Timothy 4:8), those who are expecting Him. The Bible says blessed are those who are waiting for His return

(Luke 12:37), those who are saying, "... Even so, come, Lord Jesus" (Revelation 22:20).

Live your life as one who's waiting for Him, as one who's expecting Him. Remember, it's almost Two Thousand years since He levitated out of this world. The words of the prophets about His coming are all being fulfilled before our eyes. Most importantly, He said by Himself, "...Surely I come quickly..." (Revelation 22:20).

He's coming for His Church. Are you a member of His Church? On that day, it's not going to happen in some gradual process; it'll be in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye; we'll be raptured out of this world to meet the Lord in the air. Don't be caught unawares. Stay in Christ, in righteousness, and keep living for Him.

### **PRAYER**

Dear Father, thank you for the blessing and ministry of the Holy Spirit in my life, who guides and keeps me on the path of righteousness as I await your glorious return. I pray even now, for those who are yet to receive the Gospel, that they be pricked in their hearts by the message of the saving grace of Christ, and experience the peace and assurance that comes from receiving this glorious Gospel, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

### **FURTHER STUDY:**

2 Peter 3:3-5 NLT; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 28 & Leviticus 4-5

### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 17:22-34 & Psalm 17-18





MONDAY 14

### A JOINT SITTING IN THE HEAVENLIES



And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 2:6).

The expression, "sit together" is from the Greek "sugkathizo" and it means "joint sitting." It's a legal term, and the Scripture can't be broken. That means Jesus' authority has been extended to us; we're using the same authority with Him. Thus, everything Jesus utters is in our name, and everything we utter is in His Name. He doesn't make a decision without us, and we don't make a decision without Him. This is hugely profound!

Our joint sitting isn't earthly; it's heavenly. It's been decided from heaven. We're His legal representatives in the earth. What we say in the earth is endorsed in the heavens. Understanding this is very important. It means you alone can take a stand on God's Word and effect a change on the basis of this understanding, and it'll be endorsed from heaven.

Some people think that until all the Christians in the world come together to stand against Satan and his antics and deception, then nothing can change. But think about it: our theme verse—Ephesians 2:6—wasn't written to the Corinthians, neither was it sent to the Thessalonians; they probably never had access to the information. So, every Christian wasn't at the same level of faith or knowledge at every point in time then;

neither are they now.

However, what God expects is that those of us who have come to maturity, who have an understanding of His Word and of the times, will take our stand and our place in Christ to keep Satan under our feet where he belongs. That's what's important.

With this kind of knowledge, you maintain control of things in your life, your environment, and the world. You nullify Satan's plans and works and pull them down by the power of the living Christ. Don't be troubled by what's hapening in the world today; use your authority in Christ. You reign in Him and through Him over Satan, darkness, the world, and circumstances.

Therefore, subdue your world. Let nothing but Christ reign in your physical body, in your job or business, in your family, and your world. Remember, you're seated with Him in glory, with the same authority. Praise God forevermore!

### **CONFESSION**

The Lord Jesus is seated at the right hand of the Father, far above all principality, and power, might, and dominion, and every name that is named, and I have joint sitting with Him! I'm seated with Him in glory. I reign in Him and through Him over Satan, darkness, the world, and circumstances. Hallelujah!

### **FURTHER STUDY:**

Luke 10:19 AMPC; 1 John 4:17; Ephesians 1:20-23

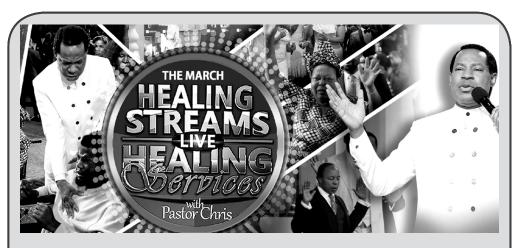
### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 1:1-20 & Leviticus 6-7

### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 18:1-11 & Psalm 19-20





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TUESDAY 15

#### HE DOESN'T WORK BY FEELINGS



At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you (John 14:20).

Once, I asked someone, "What does the power of God feel like and where do you feel it?" He couldn't tell. So, I began to explain it to him. We can have feelings all over our body and recognize it's the power of God; we can have feelings in our hands and recognize it's the power of God. But here's the question: What if you don't feel it? Will it mean God is no longer there, or His power is absent?

That's where a whole lot of people miss it. When you feel the power or presence of God, it's good, but God doesn't want you to feel anything for you to know He's with you and in you. This dependency on feelings has destroyed the faith of many. He doesn't work by feelings.

In the New Testament, it makes no difference whether or not you feel the power or presence of God. I've felt the power of God many times, and I've also had occasions where I didn't feel anything, but I had just as much results as when I felt it as when I didn't, because I understood that the "feeling" had nothing to do with it. Understand something: the totality or fullness of the Holy Spirit lives in you. It doesn't get better than that.

God doesn't increase Himself or reduce Himself in you. He dwells in you in His full measure. Are you aware that God isn't more in heaven than He is in you? You're His living tabernacle, His habitation, and His mobile headquarters. You're in Him, and He's in you. In other words, you've become His habitation, and He's become your habitation. Hallelujah! You live in Him, and He lives in you.

This has fulfilled the dream of Jesus Christ in His prayer to the Father, as read in our theme verse: "...I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you." The Holy Spirit made it happen. You're inseparably one with Him; so, don't rely on your feelings in relating with God; rely on His Word. God is a Spirit, and He relates with you, with your spirit, through the Word.

If you'd understand this, your whole life—your ministry, your prayer life, your worship—will be completely transformed and you'll live every day in glory, dominion, and excellence. Glory to God!

#### **CONFESSION**

I live in Christ and Christ lives in me! I'm His habitation, and He's my habitation! I'm walking in the light of my oneness with Him. And my relationship and fellowship with Him burgeon ever gloriously, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

Romans 8:8; Philippians 3:3; John 14:16-17

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 1:21-45 & Leviticus 8

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 18:12-23 & Psalm 21-22





#### WEDNESDAY 16

#### HE GAVE HIS LIFE FOR ALL



There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all (Ephesians 4:4-6).

Christianity is the life of Christ in a man; it's not a religion. But it's been classified as a religion by those who never understood it. The only religion in Christianity, according to the Bible, is visiting the fatherless, helping the widow and the poor in their affliction (James 1:27). But everything else has nothing to do with religion.

Jesus Christ is the only One sent to save man. Religious leaders went to war; they killed; they forced people to accept their beliefs. They gave other people's lives to save themselves. But Jesus gave His own life for all. Think about that!

Who would you think loves you? The one who punished and killed others for not listening to him, or the one who gave His life for them so they could live? Jesus gave His life in your place for you to know that you're valuable to God. Maybe you're reading this and you've never been born again; you must understand this: Salvation comes through no other name or means except by Jesus Christ: "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts

4:12).

Since there's no salvation in any other, there couldn't be "other faiths," like some people think. We read it in our theme verse; there's "One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all...." And 1 Corinthians 8:6 says, "But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him."

In John 14:6, Jesus was unequivocal when He said, "...I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." He used the definite article "the"; He didn't say, "I'm a way" or "one of the ways." This is why we preach the Gospel; it's so that men may know that Jesus gave His life for them; mankind is no longer lost. Now they can hear and be saved, and be prepared for the soon return of the Lord, Jesus Christ. And we must keep at it until He comes!

#### **PRAYER**

Dear Father, thank you for the access through Jesus Christ. As we prevail in the spirit over the hearts of men, may they be receptive to salvation today all around the world; the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ shines in their hearts, resulting in salvation and fruits and works of righteousness, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

Acts 4:12 NIV; Acts 13:38-39; John 15:13

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 2:1-22 & Leviticus 9-10

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 18:24-19:1-7 & Psalm 23-24





THURSDAY 17

#### **RELATING WITH THE KNOWN**



That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death (Philippians 3:10).

The word "know" in our underlined portion above is from the Greek, "ginōskō." Here, the Apostle Paul alludes to knowing God like a discovery that you make, like when we say, "Discover Jesus." That kind of knowledge only comes with revelation.

As you study the Scriptures, God reveals certain things to you. And then when you're praying, there's more knowledge of God that's imparted to your spirit. All of this works out by revelation. However, in the 8<sup>th</sup> verse, he shows us another kind of knowledge; he says, "Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord...."

This time, he's talking about "gnōsis" (Greek); he's dealing here with what you may call scientific knowledge, "a finding out." But he reveals yet another kind of knowledge in Philippians 1:9; Paul says, "And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment." The word "knowledge" here is the Greek "epignōsis."

Epignosis is the knowledge that relates with that which is known. It's accurate, full, and precise knowledge of God, resulting in a well-seasoned life. This kind of knowledge is knowledge by relationship. It's not just about receiving revelation or what you discovered through study. At this point, you're relating with that which has been revealed and dealing with actual knowledge.

When you don't have this knowledge, things look like speculation to you; even your prayer may be like trial and error. But when you know and relate with the One that answers the prayers, things are different; you're confident and excited to pray. It's about your knowledge of the One to whom you pray. When you function in this relationship, in prayer, you're only about one thing: praying the will of the Father, carrying out the Father's will in the earth.

Those who don't know the Word easily get overwhelmed by circumstances and defeated by the crises of life. You've got to give more attention to the Word and grow in the "Epignosis" of God.

#### **PRAYER**

Dear Father, thank you for the blessedness of your Word, by which you continually grant me divine insight into deep and intricate things of life and the supernatural. I yield myself to knowledge through a voracious appetite for the Word. I have accurate, full and precise knowledge of God, resulting in a well-seasoned life, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

1 John 5:14-15; Proverbs 11:9; Colossians 1:9-10 AMPC

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 2:23-3:1-12 & Leviticus 11-12

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 19:8-20 & Psalm 25-26





FRIDAY 18

#### THE REAL BLESSING OF PRAYER



And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us (1 John 5:14).

The real blessing of prayer isn't the requests and supplications we make; it's our heavenly Father's response. If you pray, and God doesn't hear you, the prayer is useless. But thanks be unto God; we have an assurance—a guarantee to be heard when we pray: "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us" (1 John 5:14).

The boldness we have is that whenever we ask anything or make any request according to His will, He listens to us and responds. The first part of His response is the consciousness and the confirmation that He gives to you in your spirit that you're being heard and answered; that's a great blessing.

In John 15:16, Jesus said, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, ...that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you." How beautiful this is! You're ordained to receive answers when you make petitions or decrees in the Name of Jesus.

We find another beautiful scripture in John 16:24. It says, "Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name:

ask and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full." God's desire is for you to have your requests granted, so that your joy may be full. He's your loving heavenly Father, and you can be confident to table your requests before Him with an assurance of a response. So, always pray in confidence.

Some Christians never ask in confidence. This is perhaps because they're ignorant of His will. God's will isn't to withhold good things from you. So, be confident to ask Him for the best things of life. If you're not confident before God, you can't be effective in your walk of faith. In Matthew 7:11 AMPC, Jesus said, "If you then, evil as you are, know how to give good and advantageous gifts to your children, how much more will your Father Who is in heaven [perfect as He is] give good and advantageous things to those who keep on asking Him!" Think about that!

#### **PRAYER**

Gracious and righteous Father, I'm inspired by the truth of your Word, your love and eternal kindness; even now, I'm strengthened in my confidence to ask whatever I will, knowing that it's your delight to hear and answer my prayers. My joy is full today, as I receive answers to my prayers, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

Mark 11:24; Psalm 6:9; 1 Peter 3:12

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 3:13-35 & Leviticus 13-14

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 19:21-29 & Psalm 27-28





SATURDAY 19

#### LIVE PURPOSEFULLY



Look carefully then how you walk!

Live purposefully and worthily and accurately, not as the unwise and witless, but as wise (sensible, intelligent people),

Making the very most of the time [buying up each opportunity], because the days are evil (Ephesians 5:15-16 AMPC).

Recently, the devil desperately attempted to force the world into the environment of the Antichrist, resulting in so much deception and destruction of lives, livelihoods, and businesses. But thanks be unto God! The Church rose to the occasion and truncated all of Satan's plans and stratagems. Hallelujah!

But why did such things even happen at all? It was because many of God's people were learning the principles of the Kingdom to consume upon their lusts, measuring their successes with earthly things. They began to live as though this world is all there is, not realizing that life on earth is short.

Whether you're a politician, an entrepreneur, civil servant, whoever you are, and whatever activities you're involved in, the end of all things is at hand. Live purposefully. Refuse to allow anything to take your attention away from the Lord. Gain isn't godliness (1

Timothy 6:5). Don't think that since you're acquiring possessions and recording success with earthly things, that means you're fulfilling God's will. No, don't use earthly things to measure God's approval.

Also, never think you lost anything for following and serving the Lord with all your heart and with all you had, just because you don't seem to have much of this world's goods. The greatest thing in this earth is to serve the Lord with your life and fulfil His purpose for your life.

Free yourself of all forms of entanglements and encumbrances and serve the Lord joyfully with a pure heart. Don't associate success with God with the world's symbols of success. Serve God with a perfect heart and be excited to praise Him, irrespective of the challenges you might be facing.

#### **CONFESSION**

Irrespective of the difficulties in today's world and the challenges that may come my way, I remain excited about Jesus, about the Holy Spirit, about the Word of God, and about serving the Lord! By the guidance of the Spirit, I serve God joyfully and with a perfect heart, prepared and alert, as the coming of the Lord draws near. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

2 Timothy 3:1-2; Deuteronomy 10:12; 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 4:1-20 & Leviticus 15

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 19:30-41 & Psalm 29-30





SUNDAY 20

#### **LET HIM LEAD YOU**



For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God (Romans 8:14).

In Acts 13:1-4, we see the disciples acting out the instructions of the Lord Jesus in Luke 10:2. Jesus had said, "...The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest."

In Acts 13, the apostles responded to that injunction through prayer. The Bible tells us that as they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "...Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them" (Acts 13:2 NKJV).

What the Bible tells us next is most inspiring: "And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus" (Acts 13:3-4). Now, who commissioned these two labourers and sent them forth? The Holy Spirit!

In Acts 8:26, we see another beautiful story of how the angel of the Lord spoke unto Philip, asking him to go somewhere. Later on, the Holy Spirit instructed Philip to join himself to the chariot of an Ethiopian eunuch, a member of the court of Candace, the Ethiopian queen: "Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot. And Philip ran thither to him..." (Act 8:29-30).

Philip did as he was instructed and found the eunuch sitting in his chariot, reading the book of the Prophet Isaiah but couldn't understand it. Philip offered to explain and further announced to the Ethiopian eunuch the Gospel of Jesus, and in the end, the eunuch was saved and baptized (Acts 8:26–39). Again, we see the Holy Spirit sending a man into the mission field for the work of harvest. Hallelujah!

The Holy Spirit is here for a purpose. He is the Lord of the harvest, and through His grace and power that's at work in us, we can be effective witnesses of the resurrected Christ. Recognize and take your place as a co-labourer with Him as He leads you in the work as a soul-winner and a soul-builder. Follow His guidance and direction.

#### **PRAYER**

Dear Father, thank you, for the Holy Spirit who is the Lord of the harvest, lives in me to guide me in winning souls and establishing them in the Kingdom. I take advantage of His grace and power in me to be an effective witness of the Gospel and the resurrected Christ, fulfilling my calling every day as a soul-winner and a soul-builder, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

Luke 10:2; Matthew 9:37-38

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 4:21-41 & Leviticus 16-18

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 20:1-12 & Psalm 31-32





MONDAY 21

#### "ANOTHER COMFORTER"



For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ (I Corinthians 3:11).

bserve what John the Apostle called Jesus in 1 John 2:1—our advocate with the Father. The word translated "advocate" here is "parakletos," the same word the Master used in His reassuring words in John 14:16: "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever."

"Parakletos" actually means one that is called to go alongside or go together with you, one that is called to aid; a helper. The Amplified translation gives us seven beautiful synonyms that come out of the word "parakletos." Comforter is one; the others are Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthener, and Standby. Hallelujah!

Why did Jesus talk about Another Comforter to His disciples before His death, burial, and resurrection? It's because He was going away to the Father, and wouldn't be with them for much longer. For that reason, He'd pray the Father and ask Him to send them "Another" Comforter, who will abide with them forever!

The word "Another" is translated from the Greek word "Allos." Allos means another one of the same kind, quality and type. So, He's saying that this Comforter (the Holy Spirit) would be like Himself. In John 14:17-18, He continued, "Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you."

Jesus, our Comforter, went to heaven, but He sent us the Holy Spirit to take His place so we'll never miss His presence. Now, instead of walking the streets with you as Jesus did with the disciples, He walks the streets in you. He's in you and with you forever. Praise God!

#### **PRAYER**

Dear Father, thank you for sending the Holy Spirit to live in me. I acknowledge Him as my Comforter, Counsellor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthener and Standby—always with me and in me! He's my refuge and strength. I'm yielded to Him, to be led, guided, strengthened and taught the things of the Kingdom of God, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

Isaiah 9:6; John 14:18-19; John 15:26 AMPC

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 5:1-20 & Leviticus 19-21

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 20:13-24 & Psalm 33-34





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TUESDAY 22

#### YOUR "INSIDE" TEACHER



But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things... (John 14:26).

In John 16:12, the Lord Jesus shows us something very profound. He said to His disciples, "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now." In other words, He had a lot of things to tell them which they weren't going to be able to grasp. Someone might ask, "Why couldn't they understand or grasp what He had to tell them? Wasn't Jesus ministering by the Holy Ghost?"

Jesus had the fullness of the Spirit and surely did minister by the Holy Spirit. However, the problem wasn't with Jesus, but the disciples. In the next verse, He unveiled the solution. He said, "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth..." (John 16:13). That means the Holy Spirit will declare, report, manifest, show, and unveil the future to them.

The Holy Spirit is an inside teacher in you, and He'll guide you into all truth. He'll guide you into the truth that you should preach and teach and grant

understanding of the same to your hearers. Trust Him like Jesus did. He's the best teacher in the Church. He'll do better than you; so, let Him.

Remember the Bible says He shall not speak of Himself: "...for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak..." (John 16:13). He hears directly from the Father and from Jesus, and reveals them to you. See why you must trust Him for accurate knowledge, wisdom and guidance?

What a privilege it is for us to have such an awesome teacher right inside us. Welcome and encourage the ministry of the Holy Spirit in your life! Take advantage of this beautiful ministry; appreciate Him and maximize this privilege.

#### **PRAYER**

I'm yielded to the Holy Spirit who enlightens me in everyday affairs and leads me on graciously in the path of success, excellence and perfection. I deal excellently in all my affairs today, walking in your perfect will and guided in the path of righteousness, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

Luke 12:12; Romans 8:26; 1 John 2:27

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 5:21-43 & Leviticus 22-23

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 20:25-38 & Psalm 35-36





WEDNESDAY 23

#### SERVE THE LORD WITHOUT FEAR



Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord... (1 Corinthians 15:58).

In Daniel 6:7, the Bible shows us the calibre of people that rose up against innocent Daniel: All the presidents of the kingdom, the governors, princes, counsellors, and captains! They conspired to enact a decree to incriminate Daniel in his devotion to God. Daniel, being among the administrators, must have known about the monstrous conspiracy and might have been praying, "O, Lord, don't let the king sign the decree; don't let their plans come to fruition."

But the Bible says "...king Darius signed the writing and the decree" (Daniel 6:9). Here's something remarkable: When Daniel heard the decree had been published, the Bible says he went home, into a room upstairs where he could be seen, and just as he had always done, he knelt at the open windows and prayed to God three times a day (Daniel 6:10 GNB).

How inspiring! He wasn't going to hide his devotion to the Lord or waver on his faithfulness and commitment to prayer! Consequently, he was arrested and thrown into the lions' den. "How could God have abandoned Daniel despite his prayers and unflinching faithfulness?" someone might ask. No! The Lord never leaves or forsakes us, no matter the circumstance.

Daniel was miraculously delivered from the mouths of lions (Read Daniel 6:22). With Daniel's

experience, God was planning an eternal testimony. Think about it: Hundreds of years have come and gone, and we're still being inspired by Daniel's faithfulness to God and his mighty deliverance from the lions' den. So, it doesn't matter the challenges against your faith; be prepared to win.

Maybe in your city or country, there're draconian laws against the Church; don't be moved. Don't allow fear to come to your mind. Be bold. Be resolute. Be tough for the Gospel. Nothing, no one—groups, governments or institutions—can stand against the Church and win. History proves it. Our Lord Jesus revealed how futile such endeavours are when He said concerning His Church: "And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder" (Matthew 21:44).

The adversities you face are for an eternal testimony. Therefore, serve the Lord joyfully without fear and inhibitions. Anyone who stands in your way will be pulverized. That's what Jesus said and His words never fail.

#### **CONFESSION**

My confidence is in the Lord Jesus and His eternal Word, and He's greater than all! He rules and reigns over the universe. The whole world belongs to Him and He's the eternal King of glory. To Him be all glory, honour and adoration forever, in heaven and in the earth. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

1 Corinthians 15:57-58 AMPC; Revelation 2:26; Romans 12:11-12 AMPC

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 6:1-29 & Leviticus 24

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 21:1-9 & Psalm 37





THURSDAY 24

# THE REIGN OF CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH



And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all (Ephesians 1:22-23).

The resurrection of Jesus Christ started a new reign, the reign of His spiritual Kingdom. The Bible says, "For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ)" (Romans 5:17). This is remarkable!

In Acts 13:38, the Bible says, "Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins." It says remission of sins is through Jesus Christ. And Philippians 2:9 says, "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name." The 10<sup>th</sup> verse says, "That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth." This is extraordinary!

Jesus was raised from the dead and given the Name that has power over all things, over all three domains: heaven, earth and hell. He's Lord and Master over all things! Glory to God! From the time He began to reign through the Church, He gave us the power of attorney to use His Name, to exercise authority in His Name. Hallelujah!

As long as we can use the Name of Jesus in the earth, Satan and his cohorts of darkness can't run this world. It's impossible! You can't have that coexistence of authorities. The power that the Antichrist will exercise will be an absolute authority, absolute power in the earth. But that can't happen while we're here, because the dominion of the Name of Jesus is over all nations.

The Bible says the Lord is "...the governor among the nations" (Psalm 22:28). Serve the Lord with gladness and with all your heart, knowing that you're reigning in life through Jesus Christ.

#### **CONFESSION**

Christ reigns through me and His righteousness is expressed through me. Christ reigns in the nations. I take advantage of His might, of His power, standing in His Name to break the influence of Satan over the nations, over the peoples, over the leaders, over the young ones all around the world! His righteousness fills the earth and mantles the hearts of men, for all souls belong to Him. Hallelujah.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

Mark 16:17; Ephesians 1:19-23; Romans 5:17

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 6:30-56 & Leviticus 25

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 21:10-17 & Psalm 38-39





FRIDAY 25

#### **FOLLOW AND TRUST THE WORD**



For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit (Romans 8:5).

The Bible tells us about the House of David and the House of Saul. You get a clear picture of their differences when you look at what happened in the days of David as a young man after God chose him to be king while Saul was still alive.

Saul had turned his back on God. And the older he got, the less he listened to God. Towards the ending part of his life, he'd even go to the witch of Endor; he was more concerned about what the people thought than what God thought.

Saul wanted to kill David because he realized God's hand was on David and his dream to maintain a lasting dynasty was failing. But he didn't succeed. Finally, Saul died; but his house continued to persecute David because of their selfish ambitions. That's why the Bible says there was a long war between the house of David and the house of Saul (2 Samuel 3:1).

The house of Saul had become the house of the flesh, the house of sin and selfish ambitions. You could

liken that to God's children today who, even though they were chosen by God, aren't listening to God anymore. As a child of God, you must walk in the wisdom of God.

Be discerning! Let the Spirit of God guide you. Follow and trust God's Word, for therein lies your glory and victories in life. Let the Word be the supreme authority by which you judge all things and you'll journey on the clear path of success, victory, and progress. Hallelujah!

#### **CONFESSION**

The Word of God is the supreme authority by which I judge all things. My path is forever flooded with light, because my mind is open to the Word and to the Holy Spirit for guidance, direction and instruction. Therefore, I journey on the clear path of progress, victory and success, because I have the light of life. Praise God!

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

Ephesians 4:14; Romans 8:5-8

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 7:1-23 & Leviticus 26-27

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 21:18-26 & Psalm 40-41



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SATURDAY 26

#### SEE AND LIVE SPIRITUALLY



There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death (Proverbs 16:25).

In Genesis 13:14, God said to Abraham, "...Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward." Abraham wasn't looking at the physical world; he was looking in the spirit. That's easy to decipher when you study Acts 7:5; it says, "And he gave him none inheritance in it, no, not so much as to set his foot on: yet he promised that he would give it to him for a possession, and to his seed after him, when as yet he had no child."

Think about that! Abraham never possessed even a little bit of the land, yet God said, "I'll give the land to you and to your seed." So, when Abraham lifted his eyes to look, he wasn't thinking of earthly things; he was thinking spiritually.

But this wasn't the case with his nephew Lot. When Lot had a similar opportunity, read what the Bible says: "And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere..." (Genesis 13:10). Lot was carried away by the lushness and plushness of the land, what his physical eyes could see. Remember, Lot was also a

righteous man (2 Peter 2:7-8); but because he didn't see spiritually, he made wrong choices that messed up his life.

There're Christians like that today who made certain choices for which others applauded them, but those choices led or would and could lead to their destruction. Therefore, I say to you: Don't make carnal choices. See in the Spirit, with the Spirit, and through the Spirit.

Let the Holy Spirit help you bring God's dream that's in your heart to pass. See and live spiritually; that way, everything about your life will have only one clear motive: how to continually bring glory to Jesus Christ! So, in making life's choices, let it be with a heart of purity, a heart of righteousness—devoid of fleshly and selfish inclinations.

#### **PRAYER**

Dear Lord, all I ever want is to please you, walk in your perfect will, and see your will and purpose established in the earth and in the hearts of men as it is in heaven. Thank you for your glory in my life, and the purity of my heart in serving you, as your Spirit sanctifies me through and through, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

Colossians 3:1-2; Matthew 6:33; Hebrews 11:8-10

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 7:24-8:1-13 & Numbers 1-2

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 21:27-39 & Psalm 42-43





SUNDAY 27

#### **BUILD ON LOVE'S FOUNDATION**



And the most important piece of clothing you must wear is love.

Love is what binds us all together in perfect harmony

(Colossians 3:14 NLT).

In 1 Corinthians 14:20 NKJV, we find a very important admonition to God's people. It says, "Brethren, do not be children in understanding; however, in malice be babes, but in understanding be mature." Babies don't know how to be bitter or keep malice. They're too innocent for such; they don't have enough sense to even recognize any wrong done to them. That's how God wants you to live.

Don't regard the wrong done to you by others to the extent that you become bitter. The Bible says you shouldn't allow any root of bitterness to spring up in your heart and trouble you, and then tells you why: it'll defile you (Hebrews 12:15).

It makes no difference how "justified" you may think you are to be angry, bitter, or offended; any action taken as a result of bitterness has defilement in it. It's only a matter of time, the decadence in it will manifest. Don't create new visions and new ideas or start new businesses, ministries and projects because you were bitter or offended. Don't build any endeavour on the foundation of bitterness; it'll fail. Build on love's foundation.

Remember what the Bible says, "For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God" (James 1:20). Some people have been wounded to the point of tears, and with bitterness in their hearts, acted in a wrathful way. But you can't move with anger and expect that the righteousness of God is being fulfilled.

Also, be wise to recognize when those around you are being motivated by some dissatisfaction, some anger and frustration. Correct them. Walk in love and the wisdom of God will guide you in all your affairs.

#### **CONFESSION**

I give no room for anger and bitterness in my heart. I have the mind of Christ, and God's essence within me flows out like a stream as I respond to everyone and every situation in love, humility and grace in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

Ephesians 4:31 NIV; Proverbs 22:24-25; Matthew 5:44

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 8:14-26 & Numbers 3-4

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 21:40-22:1-10 & Psalm 44-45





MONDAY 28

# PREACH JESUS EVERYWHERE AND TO EVERYONE



Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved (Acts 4:12).

The Gospel is for everybody; it'll produce results in the life of anyone who hears and believes it. But for them to believe, they must hear it first, and that's where you come in, for they can't hear without a preacher (Romans 10:14). Our theme verse says, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." There's no other way; let's not act as if there's another way.

Since Jesus is the only way, and we believe He is the only way, then we can't be quiet. We must tell everyone about Jesus. If you're a young person and your parents aren't born again, talk to them about Jesus; share the Word of God with them. If you're married, talk to your spouse that's not born again. If you're a teacher, talk to your students about Jesus Christ.

If you're a student, preach Christ to your teachers, lecturers and fellow students. Win everyone you can. When you're on the train, in a bus, taxi, or on a flight,

talk about Jesus. When you go to a shop, tell them about Jesus. It doesn't matter where you are; talk about Jesus! Preach the Word everywhere and to everyone and inspire others to do the same.

Teach children to preach the Gospel. Let's fill the earth with the knowledge of Christ. Win souls everywhere, for the time is short. Be bold about Jesus Christ. If you have fears or you have any kind of hang-ups, throw them all away; you're a child of God; you're a witness of the love of Jesus Christ. Through you, He's delivering men from darkness into light and from the power of Satan unto God. He's establishing His righteousness and expanding His Kingdom in the earth. Glory to God!

#### **PRAYER**

Dear Father, thank you for the glorious Gospel that you've committed to my trust, to be your partner in soul winning, to bless and transform lives with the news of your saving power. I'm on the go with the Gospel, reaching out to everyone in my world, and everywhere I go, the Lord confirms His Word through me with signs following, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

Romans 1:16; 2 Corinthians 5:18 AMPC; Mark 16:15 TPT

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 8:27-9:1-13 & Numbers 5-6

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 22:11-30 & Psalm 46-49





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