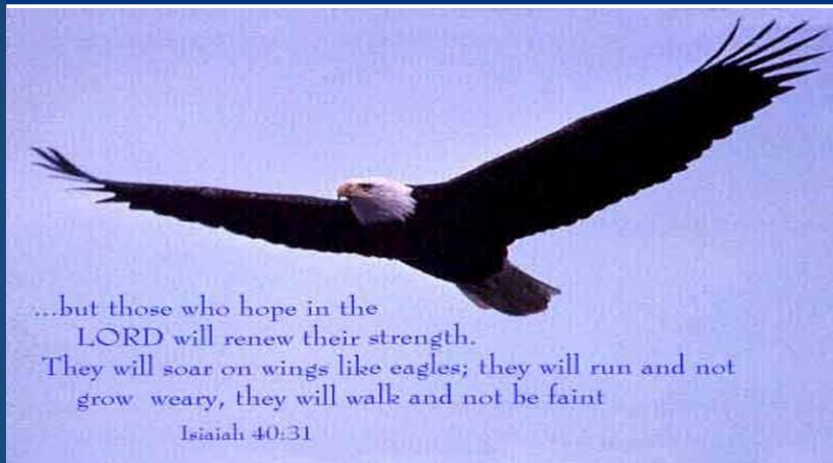


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2012 — THE YEAR TO SOAR AS THE EAGLE



...but those who hope in the
LORD will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not
grow weary, they will walk and not be faint
Isaiah 40:31

Praise to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who has made it possible for us to come into 2012 - The Year to Soar as the Eagle (Isaiah 40:31). You shall reign, soar and dominate. This year, don't allow storms of life to stop you from fulfilling God's purpose for your life rather ride to greatness with the storm like the eagle. Be unstoppable. The Lord Almighty will see you through in Jesus Name.

God has declared unto us that just as the eagle is the king amongst birds, 2012 is your year of manifestation of royalty and dominion (1 Peter 2:9). Mediocrity and obscurity will give way to greatness and influence. In this year, your greatness will be far bigger than those you are tempted to envy. It is a New Dawn (Isa. 43:19). Therefore, begin the year with a right start for it is our year of NEW THINGS.

Also in year 2012, the Almighty God has declared that your waiting is over. For the singles that are prepared and ready you will find your spouse (Isaiah 34:16). There shall be no more delays. The Bible says in Proverbs 13:12 that "hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life." In 2012, your desire will come. If God is behind the delay, it is for a purpose. Abraham had a delay and had Isaac who was named laughter. Every demonic delay or embargo over your life shall be lifted. Eccles. 3:11 says God will make everything beautiful in His time. Ezek. 12:25-28 says when God speaks it shall come to pass. For the married, you shall have joy, peace and harmony in your home (Psalm 30:5; 11-12). You shall bear forth fruit. By this time next year, you shall testify with your baby (Ex.23:26).

Furthermore, the year 2012 is the year of productivity. Your seed will fall on good ground and yield forth great harvest (Luke 8:5-8). You shall have Real Results and Supernatural Harvest (Luke 5:1-11; Amos 9:13). It is the year of abundance and visitation (1 Kings 18:44-45) but it is noteworthy that obedience is key in attaining divine prosperity (Phil. 4:15; 19). Obedience gives God something to look forward to. You shall see God's faithfulness like the encounter of Ruth and Boaz in Ruth 2. God will enlarge your coasts (1 Chro. 4:10). It is your year of Divine Increase. God will manifest Himself as the Jehovah El-Shaddai (Gen. 17:1). The work of your hands shall be blessed (Deut. 16:15; Deut. 28:12).

In 2012, there shall be a release of the anointing upon the thirsty (Is.44:3) for it is the year of Divine Intensity. The hungry and thirsty will be satisfied (Zechariah 4:6). The Syrophenician woman got the crumbs and had a testimony (Matt. 15:21-28). There is a miracle for you

within in the crumbs. You may not have much now but praise God for the little that God gave you. You will have a breakthrough from what others have discarded. It is the year of turnaround (Psalm 126:1-2) and divine advancement. It is the year of no limits (Luke 6:38) and also divine security (Joel 2:25). There shall be a lifting for you (Job 22:29). Your dreams shall find expression and become a reality. It is the year of empowerment.

In 2012, you shall do great exploits (Daniel 11:32b). 2012 is the year of going deeper with God (2 Tim. 2:15). You shall seek God and find Him. It is our year of Discipleship (Matt. 5:13-16; Luke 14:23-27) and as a people if we trust the Almighty God, there shall be a return of the prodigals (Luke 15:18-32) for it is the year of the Holy of Holies.

In 2012, you shall enjoy open heavens for it is the year of Jehovah El-Elyon – The Most High God (Gen. 14:19-20). The Spirit of God will fall fresh upon you (Ps. 92:10). Great grace and power will accompany your obedience to God's will (Acts 4:33) for God is looking for people who will run after the call of God. You must learn to live by faith. The world will not be able to handle you because of the new anointing (Acts 2:1-4). People that have mocked you before now will celebrate with you (Acts 5:15).

Therefore in 2012, give God unceasing praise (Psalm 34:1-3). In 2012, you are going higher to the mountain top (1 Kings 18:41-46). Let's go higher! In Jeremiah 29:11, God said I have got a hope and a future for you. Phil. 1:6 says we can now walk in this confidence and we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us (Phil 4:13). 2012 is your year of acceleration. No mountain will stop you. Ask God to give you the mountain (Josh 14:10-12). I don't think God brought you so far to leave you. You shall possess all that rightfully belongs to you (Gen. 13:14-17). It is your year of fulfilment (Is. 55:11) and pressing through. There is a winner inside you. There is a testimony inside you. It is not over until God says it is over. You will shout for joy. Nothing leaves heaven until something leaves earth. Clap your hands O ye people. Shout with a voice of triumph! I encourage you to walk in righteousness and the best of testimonies shall come to your home in Jesus Name (Isa. 64:4)!

Shalom,

Dr. Akpo Onduku

(2011, New Year's Eve Message)

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On Eagles’ Wings

‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to Myself.’ Exodus 19:4

You can overcome adversity and soar higher in life



Calvary greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who has made it possible for us to come this far. This is the season of our Divine Encounter Conference. This year, our theme is “On Eagles’ Wings”. The LORD shall lift you up on eagles’ wings and you shall testify of God’s grace in every aspect of your life in the name of Jesus Christ. God will renew your strength and you shall soar as the eagle and you shall not be weary or faint in Jesus’ name (Isaiah 40:31).

The Bible says in Exodus 19:3-4 that God brought His people unto Himself on eagles’ wings. What does this mean to the present day believer? This means that God brings us out of captivity and other circumstances unto Himself. This was the essence of the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He wants us to come unto Him. The Lord Jesus Christ admonishes in Matthew 11:28, “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” The encounter of Moses and God explains to us of God’s sincere intention in delivering His people. The Lord explained to Moses that when He called him down to Egypt to lead God’s people out, He wanted Moses to understand that He was bringing them not just to a land of promise, but to a Person. God said, “... I brought you unto myself” (Exodus 19:4). He wants us to know Him, to come unto Him. This is why, after many years in the ministry, the great apostle Paul wrote the church in Philippi in Philippians 3:10 “That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death.” Surely, Paul knew the Lord as his Saviour. He met Him on the road to Damascus. After all those years of serving the Lord, he said, “My great goal in life is to know the Lord, to come unto Him.” Paul said, for to me to live is Christ and to die is gain (Phil. 1:21).

It is noteworthy that Christianity is a practical way of life. It ought to be lived. We must be doers of the Word and our lives must be filled with signs and wonders (Mark 16:17). Psalm 110:3 reminds us that “Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power....” God is increasingly manifesting himself among His people in great power. When the Bible speaks of the day of His Power, this is the day in which we live. All over the world the Spirit is moving among the people of God enabling them to heal the sick and set the captives free. Brethren, we are living in days of extraordinary power. Therefore, I decree over you to manifest His power and that you shall encounter outstanding victories and soar on eagles’ wings in Jesus name.

Interestingly, there are two different types of eagles; the royal eagle and the golden eagle. The royal eagle is an extremely strong eagle that flies with authority. The Bible in Revelations 1:4-6 declares that we are a royalty; we are kings and priests. Just as the eagle is the king amongst birds and commands great respect, we are to also exercise authority and reign in life (Genesis 1:26). The only person a king humbles himself before is the person who made him king – The King Maker. The king does not only just carry authority but one accompanied with power (Luke 10:19). The king rules by decrees (Job 22:28). A king can bind and can also set free (Matthew 16:19). Jesus Christ said in Rev. 3:7 that He has given us the key of David to open

and shut all doors. There is power behind the utterances and declarations of a king (Psalm 119:89; Isaiah 7:7). We are to exercise that power by the help of the Holy Spirit. The secret of strength is joy. This season ask the Lord to help you sustain that joy in the face of every storm for His joy is your strength (Nehemiah 8:10).

The second type of eagle is the ‘golden eagle’. Gold as a word is the symbol of prosperity. God wants us to prosper (3 John 2; Psalm 1:1-3). We must prosper because the rich rules over the poor. A poor king is not really a king. In so many ways money is also a weapon of defence (Ecclesiastes 7:12). God doesn’t want you to be a slave to the rich. God wants you to prosper materially and physically just as you prosper spiritually. In Psalm 92:12, the Bible says the righteous shall flourish like a palm tree. Gold is also the colour of the sun and our Lord Jesus is the Sun of Righteousness (Malachi 4:2). We are therefore, expected to be so full of His glory.

God is seeking a prepared people. Ezekiel 22:30 declares that “and I sought for a man among them that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.” Will you be that man that The Almighty can trust? God is seeking a praying people! It’s my prayer that we will make ourselves available to declare His full counsel across the land boldly and courageously. We have to stand for this generation for the great awakening “for the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea” (Hab. 2:14). We need the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. We have to represent God to the people and the people to God. Jesus said, I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it (Matthew 16:18). A desire to living an holy life, sanctification and commitment to prayer and declaring of His Word is key to accomplishing this. The Bible in 2 Chronicles 7:14 says “if my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.” May our prayers be heard in Jesus’ name.

In this season, stand firm to face the storms of life when they come. In fact, rejoice when the storms come (Phil. 4:4). Ride on the storms for therein you shall soar. The Lord will carry you on His wings like the eagle. Don’t ever give up or give in but press through in life. The Bible says resist the devil and it will flee (James 4:7). Don’t fret for God will not leave you nor forsake you only be strong and very courageous (Joshua 1:5-9). You are an overcomer and even more than a conqueror (1 John 5:4; Romans 8:37). Walk closely with God and make Jesus Christ the Lord and Master of your life.

Shalom,
Dr. Akpo Onduku.
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OPTIMIZING THE TIME

A young lady was waiting for her flight in the boarding room of a big airport. her purse to take her eyeglasses, and, to her surprise, her packet of cookies was there, untouched, unopened!

As she would need to wait many hours, she decided to buy a book to spend her time. She felt so ashamed!!! She realized that she was wrong... she had forgotten that her cookies were kept in her purse.

She also bought a packet of cookies. The man had divided his cookies with her, without feeling angered or bitter while she had been very angry, thinking that she was dividing her cookies with him.

She sat down in an armchair, in the VIP room of the airport, to rest and read in peace. And now there was no chance to explain herself nor to apologize.

Beside the armchair where the packet of cookies lay, a man sat down in the next seat, opened his magazine and started reading. THE MORALE OF THE STORY...

When she took out the first cookie, the man took one also. She felt irritated but said nothing. There are four things that you may not recover...
The stone... ... after the throw!
The word... ... after its said!
The occasion... ... after the loss!
The time after its gone!

For every cookie she took, the man took one too. This infuriated her but she didn't want to cause a scene. Lets always ask God to give us wisdom to number our days, applying our hearts to wisdom (Ps. 90:12) as we redeem the time (Eph. 5:16).

When only one cookie remained, she thought: "Ah, what would this abusive man do now?" He alone can revert whatever may have gone wrong in our lives..
Ken Idanwekhai

Then, the man, taking the last cookie, divided it into half, giving her one half. Ah! That was too much! She was too angry now! In a huff, she took her book, her things and stormed to the boarding place.

When she sat down in her seat, inside the plane, she looked into

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

SUNDAYS
Workers Meeting 9:30am-10:00am
Sunday School 10:00am-10:45am
Worship Service 10:45am-12:30pm

The first Sunday of the month is a thanksgiving service.
The last Sunday of the month is a healing service.

Children’s Sunday School is available during the service. Parent and baby room is also available.

TUESDAYS
Digging Deep 7:00pm - 8.30pm
(Bible Study)

FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH
Divine Encounter 7:00pm-10:00pm

This is an interdenominational power packed night of worship, prayers and miracles.

SATURDAYS
Evangelism 1:00pm - 3:00pm
Prayer 3:00pm - 4:00pm

QUARTERLY 24 HOUR PRAYER CHAIN
Intercession for ourselves, our families, churches, cities and nations

UPCOMING EVENTS

July Divine Encounter
(An interdenominational power packed evening of deep worship, intense prayers and inspirational teaching.)

Date: Friday July 7th 2012
Time: 7pm-10pm

EXPLOSION
(A music concert featuring top UK gospel artists)

Date: Saturday September 22nd 2012
Time: 7pm-10pm

Ignite Young Adults Conference
Date: Friday October 5th—Sunday 7th 2012

Let’s Talk Relationships
An Interactive Talk Show
Date: Saturday October 14h 2011
Time: 6.30pm-8.30pm

The Lord Reigns
(14 days of prayer & fasting featuring daily intercessory prayer meetings culminating in a powerful Prayer Summit)
Date: October 24th– November 6th 2011

For details of other events please sign up for our e-newsletter via **www.chapelofgrace.org.uk**

You Will See Better Days

He stepped onto the platform, briskly. Dressed in a beautiful long-sleeve sky blue shirt, a pair of black trousers and a shinning black shoe, he wore a smile - his label of friendliness. Simple, affable, humble, able, he is a blend of brevity, trim shape and smart looks; a deb-onair. Inside his wiry, willowy body are bones of steel. Meet Obed Akanya, founder of FatherHeart Music.

The audience gave him standing ovation. The compere handed him the microphone. It probably should have been a moody evening, but that probable moodiness was completely erased by Obed's liveliness. After his prefatory remarks, he bestrode the stage, doing his thing.

March 6, 2004. Ibom Hall, Uyo, Akwa Ibom State. Nigeria. Amazing Grace Concert. Obed sang with grace and passion. I felt the energy in his songs. I enjoyed his music. But I just couldn't shake off the firm grip of one of his songs had on my heart that beautiful evening. One song. And that grip has lasted till now. And will last forever. It was not the genre of the song. It was not his beautiful, baritone voice. It was the lyrics:

*"Been around the mount and you've used all of your might
Still you are far from light - it's okay
Try to beat the night and you seem not to get it right
I can hear your cry - it's okay...
It's no fantasy, makes you feel just a thrill, but it's real
Yes He will stop the wind, see you sit on top of it
You will see better days..."*



I have listened to this song many times. When the vicissitudes of life, like the billows of an angry sea, splatter vehemently on me; when the uncertainties of the future make me afraid; when the troubles I face leave me numb; when I wade through nights with no light in sight - I find hope in Obed's song. It soothes my pain and erases my fears. It prunes my doubts and brews my faith - faith in my envisioned future. Challenges me to believe that whatever may come my way, a life far better than what I presently experience is possible. Without the shadow of a doubt I will see better days.

Now, let me speak to all you who identify with my trepidation. To you who feel that life has been unfair. You have endured pain. You want to smile but all you do is cry. In the stillness of the night, the tears trickle down...freely. The pain is unbearable; the shame intolerable. You gauge tomorrow by today, and judge the future by the

past. Your conclusion is predicated on "realistic data" since in your hands are "undeniable facts." From the patterns you have observed, there are reasons to believe your future is bleak. But I dare say that despite where you are now, or what you face today, your future is colourful. Three things underpin my conviction. Let me explain.

First is the change you see in the world. Our world has witnessed tremendous advancement over the years. Language, technology, transportation, sport, medicine, agriculture, etc, have all improved significantly. From the Stone Age to the industrial age and then to the present technological age, man has taken giant improvement leaps. And he dreams of leaping further: water will be used to power cars; people will travel to space as tourists. If our world is changing, then it follows that your life, too, can experience positive change. To remain static in an ever-changing system is a misnomer.

Next is the change that you experience in your life. You may not be where you would love to be, but you are not where you used to be. Can you be realistic for a moment? If you would, then you know you have grown. Some old dress no longer fits. That's change. You've moved houses, from a two-room apartment to, say, a two bedroom flat. That's change. You left a paid employment; now you're a business owner. That's change. You were once unemployed; now you are working on a job. That's change. You were single; now you are married. That's change. Take your education for another example: from primary school to tertiary institution. That's change. I could go on and on. The progress you have made in the past should convince you that you will make more progress in the future. Tomorrow can and will be better than today. You must believe this.

Last is God's promise to give you a splendid future: "... I will make you better off than ever before..." (Ezekiel 37:11); "Your future will be brighter by far than your past" (Proverbs 4:18); "Even though you're not much right now, you'll end up better than ever" (Job 8:7, Contemporary English Version).

Let me make four closing statements. First, God knows the events of your life. Second, God knows what to do with the events of your life. Third, God has the power and the resources to fix the events of your life. Fourth, God has a well laid-out plan; that plan is to give you abundant life, not a redundant life.

You will see better days!

Bryce Edem

The Secret of Manifesting THE POWER OF GOD

Precious one, God is more eager to answer than we are to ask. He is the same yesterday, today and forever more. This means God has not changed, He is still God. He is still faithful. I keep saying to myself, He cannot fail and He will not fail. Since this is the truth, why is it that many in the faith today seem to talk more about the power of God than live it?

God still wants His people to live in power, walk in divine likeness, and grow in grace and faith through increase in the knowledge of God. As Moses, Joshua, Elijah and Elisha did not just talk about God but displayed His power through destroying forces and possessing their possessions, you too must yearn for this authority.

Whenever I read of the account of how God answered a request of a human being like Joshua when he prayed and the sun and moon stood still until the Israelites had defeated their enemies (Joshua 10:13-15), then I am angered, stirred up and challenged to also walk and live in God's power.

As these men spiritually progressed through the power of God, the Holy Ghost today even needs you to do more mighty things. The Holy Ghost needs you for one definite purpose; to manifest God through you, simple and period. He is here to reveal to us God the father and the son and their helpfulness to all humanity. He is here in this generation to push us to the level where we can live in the unction and the clothing of the spirit where everything about us will begin to function.

Precious ones, the above statements are what I mean by manifesting the power of God. There cannot be manifestation without the Holy Spirit. Why? Because, He is the source, root and everything the believer needs today saith the LORD. Yet this is not the only place I am driving at.

I want to show you the secret to making the Holy Spirit ever relevant in your life so much so that manifesting God's power will not be a fancy talk to you but a realm you ought to live in. This secret to living and manifesting God's power is in a prayer that Paul prayed for all believers in Ephesians 3:14-16 "for this cause I bow my knees unto the father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He grants you according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the man

For what reason will a great man like Paul call on the whole family in heaven and earth to respond. It is for one reason; that the child of God will live and walk in power and divine likeness and simply manifest the awesome power of God.

What was Paul's prayer? That God will grant us mighty inner strength. What is this inner strength that is so important to manifesting God's power? This inner man is the spirit of God in us that always needs to be activated in order to connect to God's Holy Spirit to cause manifestation.

Man is a spirit; he has a soul and lives in a body. 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24. You are not your body, the real you is a spirit from God (Genesis 2:7, John 20:22). You possess a soul (mind, feelings, thoughts and actions) and your body is just a physical container



that houses the real you.

The power of Paul's prayer is to get your Spirit (inner man) strengthened and activated so that you can easily cause manifestations and miracles from God the Holy Spirit. This is the reason why God wants us to live in the spirit but unfortunately, many believers are still living in the flesh. Have you noticed how we pay more attention to what we will eat physically, get our bodies in shape, wear the best clothes and make a conscious effort to generally look good in our bodies?

While this may be good, we must remember that as flesh gives birth to flesh so Spirit gives birth to Spirit. God is a Spirit and the only way He can contact and cause His awesome generosity in you is through the Spirit. As long as your Spirit man is strong, there is no limit as to what you can become in life. This is because a mighty inner Spirit is the point of contact directly from God's Holy Spirit, and then passes every manifestation through the soul and your body must automatically adjust. Every manifestation or great works of God happens in the spirit before the flesh. Listen to Jesus' words carefully in John 6:63 "It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life".

What a powerful piece of Scripture. This means that every miracle, healing and breakthrough in life must first happen spiritually before physical manifestation. It is only in the spirit that dry bones must first come back to life; flesh or human effort accomplishes nothing.

This is why the inner man (God's Spirit in you) must be strengthened to receive quickening from the Holy Ghost. How do we therefore strengthen the inner man to cause manifestation?

The only way to strengthen the inner man is through faith in the Word of God and nothing else. As physical food feeds the flesh, so God's Words is the only food to the Spirit. Like Jesus said again in John 6:63, when you speak the Words of God, they are spirit and they are life. It is not until you learn to speak, think and do the Word of God until you cause the power of God to manifest.

In conclusion, I pray over your life, that God will strengthen your inner man to receive His miracles, signs and wonders in Jesus Name. Amen

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The Winning Mentality

In order for us to break barriers and to achieve in life, we need to adopt the correct state of mind. Everything starts in the mind; an athlete cannot win a gold medal until they have won it in their mind, a boxer cannot win a fight until they have won in their mind.



What we imagine is what we think; as we think our thoughts, we are creating images in our mind. That is why in the book of Romans, Apostle Paul encourages us to renew our minds. In Christ we are new creations. Our Spirit has been born again but the mind still wants to adhere to its old pre-programmed settings. These old settings are usually based in fear, negativity and failure. If we are to succeed in life we need to change our thinking patterns and believe that we can win in this battle of life.

When a child does not win a competition, parents normally comfort them by saying ‘Don’t worry, it’s the taking part that counts, not the winning’. This is a comforting phrase but it’s not true, especially not in our Christian walk. In 1 Corinthians 9:24, Apostle Paul says “Don’t you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win”!

A person with a winning mentality will not give up, even when they appear to lose they will keep on going, and this is ultimately what brings success. If we have a winning mentality then we will see opportunities and have the confidence to take them, and we will be able to tune into our intuition and act on our inspiration.

On the other hand, those people that continuously imagine themselves failing will have a losing mentality. A person with a losing mentality will focus on everything that goes against them or gets in their way. If we have a losing mentality then we will become incognizant of both the opportunities that surround us and our intuition and we will not put one hundred percent effort into getting what we want because we can only see ourselves failing. Our losing mentality would mean that when something does go our way, we would perceive it as an exception, thus we would continue with our losing mentality.

Do you have a winning or a losing mentality? I encourage you to switch your thinking and realize that with God on your side you are a winner and NOT a loser!

David declared in Psalm 97:1 “the Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad thereof”.

He realized with great excitement that the Lord, the Almighty God reigns in the affairs of man. He is Supreme! That realization and understanding was the secret of the success of David who was considered as a man after God’s own heart.

Do you believe today that God reigns on the earth and in your life?

Don’t let the enemy deceive you, he is not in charge. At the name of Jesus EVERY knee must bow and confess Jesus as Lord.

If you believe that God reigns then your lifestyle should reflect this. Christianity is a practical way of life, it is not theory.

Therefore, our lives must be filled with signs and wonders. You should be walking in authority, head held high knowing that you have the victory.

The Lord reigns over all circumstances for He is sovereign over all creation, whether visible or invisible, animate or inanimate. He reigns over sicknesses, diseases, shame, reproaches, lack, failures, disappointments, delays etc. He said in Matthew 28:18 “all authority in heaven and in earth has been given to me.” He has all the authority given to Him by His Father, the Creator of Heaven and earth. In fact in John 10:9 Jesus describes Himself as the Door. That means He can open doors of breakthrough, healing success and prosperity for you and he can close doors to sickness, failure, defeat and oppression! Glory to God!

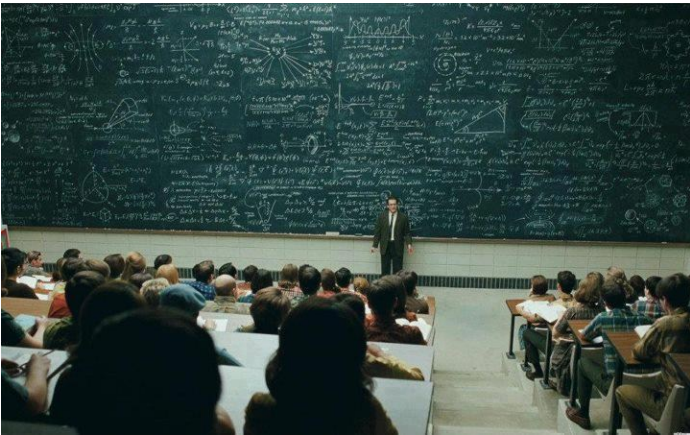
This Mighty God saw it fit to give you the keys needed to open and close doors by yourself! Matthew 16:19 says “And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed [a] in heaven.” What an awesome privilege that the one who is the Door and can compel other doors to open and close decided to give human beings this honour. Are you taking this honour for granted today? Are you using the keys that have been given to you by the Almighty God. You do not need to be sitting in defeat or misery, God has given you the authority and the keys to close those doors and open doors of joy!

One such key that we have been given is the key of faith. Matthew 17:20 says that faith even as small as a mustard seed can be applied to a situation and nothing shall be impossible. That means that the key of faith can open any door because faith renders any impossibility to be possible. Many of us are beseeching God, pleading and crying to Him to open doors of breakthrough when we need to realize that God has already given us the answer – He has given you the keys. You may be wondering, ‘How do I use the Key of Faith?’ Matthew 17:20 said that in faith we should say to the mountain ‘Move from here to there’ and it will move. All you need to do today is speak the Word of God to that locked door and believe it will open.

After all, faith simply believes that God’s word is truth and the final authority in any situation. Apply these truths from today and you will win in all your endeavours!

Andrea Onduku

The Professor and The Student



Professor: You are a Christian, aren’t you, son?

Student: Yes, sir.

Professor: So, you believe in GOD?

Student: Absolutely, sir.

Professor: Is GOD good?

Student: Sure.

Professor: Is GOD all powerful?

Student: Yes.

Professor: My brother died of cancer even though he prayed to GOD to heal him. Most of us would attempt to help others who are ill. But GOD didn’t. How is this GOD good then? Hmm?

(Student was silent)

Professor: You can’t answer, can you? Let’s start again, young fella.

Is GOD good?

Student: Yes.

Professor: Is satan good ?

Student: No.

Professor: Where does satan come from?

Student: From ... GOD ...

Professor: That’s right. Tell me son, is there evil in this world?

Student: Yes.

Professor: Evil is everywhere, isn’t it? And GOD did make everything. Correct?

Student: Yes.

Professor: So who created evil?

(Student did not answer)

Professor: Is there sickness? Immorality? Hatred? Ugliness? All these terrible things exist in the world, don’t they?

Student: Yes, sir.

Professor: So, who created them?

(Student had no answer)

Professor: Science says you have 5 Senses you use to identify and observe the world around you. Tell me, son, have you ever seen GOD?

Student: No, sir.

Professor: Tell us if you have ever heard your GOD?

Student: No, sir.

Professor: Have you ever felt your GOD, tasted your GOD, smelt your GOD? Have you ever had any sensory perception of GOD for that matter?

Student: No, sir. I’m afraid I haven’t.

Professor: Yet you still believe in Him?

Student: Yes.

Professor : According to Empirical, Testable, Demonstrable Protocol, Science says your GOD doesn’t exist. What do you say to that, son?

Student: Nothing. I only have my faith.

Professor: Yes, faith. And that is the problem Science has.

Student: Professor, is there such a thing as heat?

Professor: Yes.

Student: And is there such a thing as cold?

Professor: Yes.

Student: No, sir. There isn’t.

(The lecture theatre became very quiet with this turn of events)

Student: Sir, you can have lots of heat, even more heat, superheat, mega heat, white heat, a little heat or no heat. But we don’t have anything called cold. We can hit 458 degrees below zero which is

no heat, but we can’t go any further after that. There is no such thing as cold. Cold is only a word we use to describe the absence of heat. We cannot measure cold. Heat is energy. Cold is not the opposite of heat, sir, just the absence of it.

(There was pin-drop silence in the lecture theatre.

Student: What about darkness, Professor? Is there such a thing as darkness?

Professor: Yes. What is night if there isn’t darkness?

Student: You’re wrong again, sir. Darkness is the absence of something. You can have low light, normal light, bright light, flashing light. But if you have no light constantly, you have nothing and its called darkness, isn’t it? In reality, darkness isn’t. If it is, well you would be able to make darkness darker, wouldn’t you?

Professor: So what is the point you are making, young man?

Student: Sir, my point is your philosophical premise is flawed.

Professor: Flawed? Can you explain how?

Student: Sir, you are working on the premise of duality. You argue there is life and then there is death, a good GOD and a bad GOD. You are viewing the concept of GOD as something finite, something we can measure. Sir, Science can’t even explain a thought. It uses electricity and magnetism, but has never seen, much less fully understood either one. To view death as the opposite of life is to be ignorant of the fact that death cannot exist as a substantive thing. Death is not the opposite of life: just the absence of it. Now tell me, Professor, do you teach your students that they evolved from a monkey?

Professor: If you are referring to the natural evolutionary process, yes, of course, I do.

Student: Have you ever observed evolution with your own eyes, sir?

(The Professor shook his head with a smile, beginning to realize where the argument was going)

Student: Since no one has ever observed the process of evolution at work and cannot even prove that this process is an on-going endeavour. Are you not teaching your opinion, sir? Are you not a scientist but a preacher?

(The class was in uproar)

Student: Is there anyone in the class who has ever seen the Professor’s brain?

(The class broke out into laughter)

Student: Is there anyone here who has ever heard the Professor’s brain, felt it, touched or smelt it? No one appears to have done so. So, according to the established Rules of Empirical, Stable, Demonstrable Protocol, Science says that you have no brain, sir. With all due respect, sir, how do we then trust your lectures, sir?

(The room was silent. The Professor stared at the student, his face unfathomable)

Professor: I guess you’ll have to take them on faith, son.

Student: That is it sir ... Exactly! The link between man & GOD is FAITH. That is all that keeps things alive and moving.

By the way, that student was EINSTEIN.