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Welcome



Pastors Innocent & Christy Utulu

Beloved, please join us to give all Praise, all glory, all honor and all adoration to the Almighty God. He has done us well. We can testify boldly as we celebrate the 3rd anniversary of RCCG, Mercyhall that our God, the Almighty God is a faithful God.

" The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty, He will save , He will rejoice over thee with joy, He will rest in His Love, He will joy over thee with singing" Zeph 3: 17

Indeed The Lord God in our midst is Mighty. He has demonstrated His Almightyness through His wonderful doings in our lives, families and in His Church.

The last one year in Mercy Hall has been full of great testimonies of what the Almighty God alone can do. We witnessed salvation, healings, deliverances, promotions, uncommon lifting in all areas, our peace, love, joy and blessings continually overflow as we victoriously march forward.

This and many more we cannot write here is why the theme for the 3rd anniversary celebration is THE ALMIGHTY GOD. So come along with us as you read this Special Edition of VOICE OF IMPACT and experience anew the Almighty God .

Our God is Mighty in praise, mighty to save, mighty to deliver, mighty in battle, mighty in blessing, mighty in healing, mighty in mercy and mighty in all His doings. May your life receive a turn around for good as you celebrate the Almighty God with us and receive all the blessings He has for you in this edition.

We will like to appreciate all co-labourers in the house of God who contributed one way or the other to the progress of the work of God in MercyHall. May your blessings keep overflowing as you continue to do exploits for The Lord. Remember He said " Behold, I come quickly and my reward is with me, to give to every man according as his work shall be". Rev 3:11.

MARANATHA !!!

2014, OUR YEAR OF

UNCOMMON LIFTING

Anthem for 2014:

Verily verily verily verily verily
The Lord said to me
Uncommon lifting
Uncommon progress
Uncommon success
Is mine

Verily verily verily verily verily
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Uncommon lifting
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THE Almighty GOD

- Pastor Innocent Utulu

Gen 17:1 “And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.” This is the first time God introduced Himself to man as the Almighty God. The Almighty God means JEHOVAH which also means THE SELF EXISTING GOD.

Another word for The Almighty God is ELSHADDAI which means THE ALL SUFFICIENT GOD

For better understanding still, let us look at Gen 17:1 from different versions of the bible.

(BBE) When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord came to him, and said, I am God, Ruler of all; go in my ways and be upright in all things,

(CEV) Abram was ninety-nine years old when the LORD appeared to him again and said, “I am God All-Powerful. If you obey me and always do right,

(MSG) When Abram was ninety-nine years old, GOD showed up and said to him, “I am The Strong God, live entirely before me, live to the hilt!

(NLT) When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, “I am El-Shaddai—‘God Almighty.’ Serve Me faithfully and live a blameless life.

So the Almighty God is

- God, Ruler of all; The one that rules and reigns supreme over the Heaven and the Earth.
- God All-Powerful; The one that has all powers in Heaven and on Earth
- The Strong God; The one who has all strength. He can do anything.
- El-Shaddai; The one that is more than enough. He is All-sufficient

DIFFERENT DIMENSIONS OF THE ALMIGHTY GOD

1. MIGHTY TO SAVE:

It is not the desire of God that any should perish. The Almighty God saves totally and completely. He saves to the uttermost. John 3:16 says “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

Also John 1:12 says “But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:”

We can see from the above scriptures that God is Mighty to save, He gave His only begotten son to save and the steps for man to take to get saved He made so simple. Just believe, just receive Him into your heart. What a mighty God we

serve who did so much to purchase our salvation and yet required nothing of us.

He also said in Isaiah 1:18 “Come now, let us reason together, saith the Lord, though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as wool”

The Almighty God desires the salvation of all. He paid the prize and gives it freely. 2Peter 3:9 says “The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance”.

And when The Almighty God saves, He saves to the uttermost. He can go to any length to save. Jesus died for the sins of man and yet He intercedes for man.

One will think laying down His life is more than sufficient help for man but because God is mighty to save Jesus still intercedes on our behalf as stated in Heb 7:25 says “Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.”

In another interpretation it is put this way.... “Therefore He is able also to save to the uttermost (completely, perfectly, finally, and for all time and eternity) those who come to God through Him, since He is always living to make petition to God and intercede with Him and intervene for them.”

{GNB}

A lot of people think they are too bad, too rotten to be saved. That is not so.

No matter how rotten, filthy and despicable a person may be, God's saving grace is available and when The Almighty God washes you, He washes you clean, completely and perfectly and your sins are remembered no more. The Almighty God said in **Isa 1:18** "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." The good news bible puts it this way "Now, let's settle the matter. You are stained red with sin, but I will wash you as clean as snow. Although your stains are deep red, you will be as white as wool."

Therefore dear reader, why don't you take advantage of this beautiful offer of salvation from the Almighty God and surrender your life to Him today.

2. MIGHTY TO DELIVER

Isa 49:24-25 Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the lawful captive delivered, But thus saith the LORD, Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered: for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children.

The Almighty God is able to deliver you from the hands of the terrible, the vicious and the strong. Remember that one of the meanings of "the Almighty" is the One who has all strength. He has all powers and He is able to deliver you. It is recorded in **Luk 11:21-22** When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace: But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils. The Almighty God is that Stronger one. He is able to deliver you. Let us look at the example of the deliverance He wrought in the story in

Mark 5:2-8,15

"And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, Who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains: Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man

tame him. And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones but when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him, And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not. For he said unto him, **Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit.** And they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid.

That was a Mighty deliverance; let us take a look at another example.... Mary Magdalene. She was delivered of seven demons and became prominent amongst the followers of Jesus to the extent that she was the first to see the resurrected Lord.

Luke 8:2 And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils,

March, 16;9 Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils.

The Almighty God delivers to the uttermost. When He delivers, the deliverance is thorough. There will be no trace of past demonic activities and His original purpose for your creation will be made manifest. The deliverance of Mary Magdalene was so complete and perfect that the Lord chose her to be the first to see the resurrected Lord. You too can be delivered if you will genuinely accept Jesus into your life today.

3. MIGHTY IN HEALING

Exo 15:26 And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee. The Almighty God can heal any disease. He healed severally in the bible and He is still healing people till date. My wife and I are living witnesses to the Almightiness of God in Healing.

Mat 8:1-3 When he was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him. And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, **I will; be thou clean.** And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

The Almighty God can heal any infirmity

Luke 13:10-13 And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, **Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.** And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

The Almighty God can perform creative healing. A man who had no eyes from birth, got his eyes fixed. If any part of your body is incomplete, disfigured or altered in any way, the Almighty God can fix it for you. He is our creator and has spare parts of our bodies.

Joh 9:1 And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth.

Joh 9:6 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, **Joh 9:7** And said unto him, **Go, wash in the pool of Siloam,** (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.

When our God heals, He does it completely leaving no scar or trace of the ailment.

2Kings 5:14 Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

(GNB) So Naaman went down to the Jordan, dipped himself in it seven times, as Elisha had instructed, and he was completely cured. His flesh became firm and healthy like that of a child.

(Msg) So he did it. He went down and immersed himself in the Jordan seven

times, following the orders of the Holy Man. His skin was healed; it was like the skin of a little baby. He was as good as new.

4. MIGHTY IN PROVISION

The name of the Almighty God is Jehovah Jireh – the God that supplies the needs of His children supernaturally, surprisingly and suddenly. God can use any means, any mode and any method to supply the needs of His children. Our God shows His Almightyness in Provision in three major ways. **HE PROVIDES SUPERNATURALLY;** we can see this in the journey of the Children of Israel to the promised land. In **Exo 16:1 -14** The Almighty God supernaturally rained quails down from Heaven so his people's need for food can be met. God is still feeding the hungry in the journey of life. Trust Him to provide for you supernaturally.

HE PROVIDES SURPRISINGLY

God can surprise His children in providing what is needed at every stage of life as He did for Abraham in Gen 22:7-14 And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?

And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood. And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me. And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son. And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovahjireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.

May the Almighty God surprise you this season in every area of your need in Jesus name.

HE PROVIDES SUDDENLY:

The power of God descended on the disciples suddenly on the day of Pentecost as recorded in Act 2:1-4 “And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

Beloved, the power of the Holy Ghost was what the disciples needed at such a time in their lives and journey with God and their destiny and the Almighty God who provides suddenly sent His power to the disciples in a sudden manner. I pray for you dear reader, that God will provide for you suddenly at a time you need His provision most. The Almighty God who knows what you need most in your life right now will reach out to you suddenly. I say to you, Help is near and it will come suddenly when you least expect in Jesus name.

MEANS, METHOD AND MODE OF GOD'S PROVISION

The Almighty God can provide by using any means, method or mode. He did it before and He is still doing it in our time.

· The Almighty God used the raven to provide for Elijah in **1Ki 17:1-6**

· The Almighty God used fish to provide money for tax payment in Mat 17:24-27

· The Almighty God can even use your enemies to make provisions available as He did in 2 Ch 20:23-26 The enemies of the people of God who had combined to fight them suddenly turned against each other. They finished themselves totally. The people of God did not fight any battle but carried the gains of the victory.

· The Almighty God can use the despised, the nobody, the rejected, the unexpected as He did in II Kg. 7:1-16 using lepers.

· The Almighty God can perform the miracle of multiplication as He did in 2 ki 4:42-44

5. MIGHTY IN PROMOTION

Psa 75:6-7 For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.

He can promote from the guttermost to the uppermost

He can promote from the minimum to the maximum

He can lift from the lowest point to the highest point.

Pronouncing the Almightyness of God in promotion

1Sa 2:8 says “He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth are the LORD'S, and he hath set the world upon them.” Better explained in other translations thus **(CEV)** You lift the poor and homeless out of the garbage dump and give them places of honor in royal palaces. You set the world on foundations, and they belong to you.

(GNB) He lifts the poor from the dust and raises the needy from their misery. He makes them companions of princes and puts them in places of honor. The foundations of the earth belong to the LORD; on them he has built the world. **(GW)** He raises the poor from the dust. He lifts the needy from the trash heap in order to make them sit with nobles and even to make them inherit a glorious throne. "The pillars of the earth are the LORD'S. He has set the world on them. **(MSG)** “He puts poor people on their feet again; he rekindles burned-out lives with fresh hope, Restoring dignity and respect to their lives-- a place in the sun! For the very structures of the earth are GOD's; he has laid out his operations on a firm foundation”.

Proof producers of God's Almightyness in Promotion

- Joseph
- David
- Daniel
- Modechai
- Esther
- Ruth
- Innocent and Christy Utulu

6. MIGHTY IN BLESSING

When the Almighty God blesses, He

makes the blessing to overflow. David testified in [Psa 23:5](#) Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

The Almighty God demonstrated His Almightyness in blessing in the life of Solomon. The story is recorded in [1Ki 3:5-13](#) In verse 13 God said “And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honour: so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days.”

The Almighty God blesses to the point that you will not have room enough to contain the blessing. He declared to us in [Mal 3:10](#) Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

See also the example of Peter in [Luk 5:5](#) And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake. And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.

The Almighty God blessed our General overseer, a man who could not get shoes to wear for the first 18 years of his life and brought him to the level of blessing he has attained today.

Beloved that same God can bless you, too, if you co-operate with Him. I pray for you that God will give you the grace to obey Him so you can experience the Almightyness of God in blessing.

7. MIGHTY IN ANOINTING

[Act 10:38](#) says “How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.”

When the Almighty God anoints, it runs over [Psa 23:5](#) “Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.”

When The Almighty God anoints the anointing makes you to be above [Heb 1:9](#) Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

See the example of David in [1Sa 16:13](#) “Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah”. It was put this way in other translations: “Samuel poured the oil on David's head while his brothers watched. At that moment, the Spirit of the LORD took control of David and stayed with him from then on. Samuel returned home to Ramah”. ([GNB](#)) Samuel took the olive oil and anointed

David in front of his brothers. Immediately the spirit of the LORD took control of David and was with him from that day on. Then Samuel returned to Ramah. ([MSG](#)) Samuel took his flask of oil and anointed him, with his brothers standing around watching. The Spirit of GOD entered David like a rush of wind, God vitally empowering him for the rest of his life. Samuel left and went home to Ramah.

Conclusion.

This same God that showed His Almightyness in all the lives and ways we have looked at is your God. He can do same for you and even much more because He is not a respecter of persons. All you need to do is just co-operate with Him. If you don't stand on the way of experiencing this God no one can. He is Mighty to remove all barriers and obstructions on your way. Here are a few things the Almighty God expects from you....

1. Surrender your life to Him totally and completely
2. Live a life of Holiness
3. Have faith in God
4. Provoke God to action like Abraham, Solomon, Widow of Zarephat, and even Peter.

God bless you as you obey.

Maranatha!!!



Pastor E. A. Adeboye

The God Of Abraham, The God Of Isaac & The God Of Jacob

After the death of Joseph, the Israelites grew and multiplied in number in Egypt. “Now, there arose a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph” Exodus 1: 8 KJV. This Pharaoh issued a decree to have Hebrew male children killed. Bible scholars have identified the Pharaoh to be Amuntotep I, who ruled between 1532 – 1511 B.C.

Moses was born under this prevailing circumstance and to preserve his life, his parents hid him until he could no longer be hidden, then wrapped him with cloth, placed him in a small ark and kept him by the river bank. He was subsequently found by Pharaoh's daughter and adopted. Moses later killed an Egyptian and had to flee from Egypt to Midian, lived with the priest of Midian and married Zipporah his daughter. While Moses kept the flock of Jethro, his father in law, God appeared unto him and introduced himself: “And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed” Exodus 3: 2 KJV. “Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.” Exodus 3: 6 KJV.

When two people meet, it is usual for them to introduce themselves. In the case of Moses's encounter with God,

God introduced himself as “the God of thy father”, not the God of thy fathers, because it is considered an aberration, from the part we come from, to be said to have several fathers. The meaning of this, is that Abraham is considered as the original father. It should be noted from this encounter, that, when God introduces himself to someone, he usually does something special, something specific in the life of that person, for example, when God provided a ram to be used as a sacrifice instead of Isaac. “And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up as a burnt offering in the stead of his son. And Abraham called the name of that place, Jehovah-Jireh: as it is said to this day, in the mount of the Lord it shall be seen” Genesis 22: 13, 14 KJV. Before Jesus raised Lazarus, the brother of Martha and Mary, from the dead, Jesus introduced himself to Martha, as the Resurrection, and the Life. “Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall live” John 11: 25 KJV.

Let us look into the attributes of the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. When Abraham had his first encounter with God, God promised to bless him, make his name great, bless those who bless him, etc.

1. The God of Abraham is the God of Blessing. Our God is a

God of blessing. “Blessed be the God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ” Ephesians 1:3 KJV. Moreover, “The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it” Proverbs 10:22 KJV. The Lord died for us on the cross “That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith” Galatians 3: 14 KJV.

2. The God of Abraham is the God of Greatness. God promised Abraham to make his name great, as testified by Abraham's servant: “And he said, I am Abraham's servant. And the Lord hath blessed my master greatly; and he is become great: and he hath given him flocks and herds, and camels, and asses” Genesis 24: 34, 35 KJV. The same greatness is available to us through Jesus Christ: “And I, if be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men unto me” John 12: 32 KJV. The Lord is always drawing people upwards, he never pulls people down. How much greatness is available to you? “The Lord maketh poor, and maketh rich; he bringeth low, and lifteth up. He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and he hath set the world upon them” 1 Samuel 2: 7, 8 KJV. It does not matter what level you are now, if God picks you up, there is no limit to where he can lift you.

3. The God of Abraham is the God that keeps Covenant. The covenant God established with Abraham is extended to us. God has promised us that as long as there is day and

night, his covenant with David will not fail. "Thus saith the Lord; if you can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season; then also my covenant be broken with David my servant" Jeremiah 33: 20, 21b KJV. By extension, we are enjoying the Abrahamic covenant.

4. The God of Abraham is the God of Impossibilities. God promised Abraham that Sarah, his wife, though over 90 years old, would conceive and bear him a son. "And he said, I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life; and lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son. And Sarah heard it in the tenth door, which was behind him" Genesis 18:10 KJV. Believe God for the impossible because he will bring it to pass. God can make what is impossible to us human, possible, because The God Almighty, is the God of impossibilities. "As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were" Romans 4: 17 KJV.

5. The God of Abraham is the God of Details. In Genesis 12: 1-4, God promised Abraham seven blessings, subject to three conditions. God promised to make Abraham a great nation, bless him, make his name great, he will be a blessing, bless them that bless him, curse him that curses him, and in him shall all families of the earth be blessed. The conditions attached to the blessings are that Abraham should leave his father's house, leave his country and leave his family. Abraham fulfilled two-thirds of the conditions when he left his father's house and country, but by taking Lot with him, did not leave his family. It was not until Abraham fulfilled all the conditions that God started to speak with him again. Too many times, we obeyed God partially, and expect God's blessing. When we obey God in offering, in tithe, in thanksgiving, etc., we should obey fully, maximally.

6. The God of Abraham is the God of Perfection. "The Lord appeared to

Abram, and said unto him, I am The Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect. And I will make my covenant between me and thy seed, and will multiply thee exceedingly" Genesis 17: 1(b), 2 KJV. God introduced himself as The God Almighty, and commanded Abraham to walk before him, and be perfect, before God would establish his covenant with him and multiply him exceedingly.

7. The God of Abraham is the God of Worshippers. "Then Abram removed his tent, and came and dwelt in the plain of Mamre, which is in Hebron, and built there an altar unto the Lord" Genesis 13: 18 KJV. Abraham would always return to build an altar to God. God is always seeking for worshipers. When we worship God, God moves on our behalf, as exemplified in the case of the leper that Jesus healed after he worshipped Jesus. "When he was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him. And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, 'I will; be thou clean'. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed" Matthew 8:3 KJV. It is important to note that followers see miracles, only worshipers receive miracles. We should always be in an attitude of worship, whenever we are in the presence of God.

8. The God of Abraham is the God of Laughter (Humour). "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision" Psalm 2: 4 KJV. "For the joy of the Lord is your strength" Nehemiah 8: 10c KJV. Real seriousness has nothing to do with frowning. A serious person is one who knows what he is doing, where he is going, how to get there and will do anything to get there.

9. The God of Isaac is the God of Harvest. The secret of the greatness of Isaac is linked to the law of sowing. "Then Isaac sowed

in that land, and received in the same year a hundredfold: and the Lord blessed him. And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great: for he had possession of flocks, and possession of herds, and great store of servants: and the Philistines envied him" Genesis 26:12-14 KJV. Keep on sowing, and, your life will never be the same again.

10. The God of Isaac is the God of Multiplication. God swore by himself to multiply Abraham's seed because he had not withheld Isaac from him and was ready to sacrifice his only son. Some school of thought claim that, although Abraham was stopped from sacrificing Isaac physically, he had slain Isaac in spirit, since he was ready to perform the act. God said he would bless Abraham, and multiply his seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore.

11. The God of Isaac is the God of total submission, extreme loyalty and faithfulness. Isaac submitted to Abraham when he was taken and tied to be sacrificed. If he had wanted to run away, Abraham, who was 100+ years, would not have been able to stop a 15+ year old lad. God rewarded Isaac for his loyalty. One major area where we still need help from the Holy Spirit is in the area of submission. When you do something when it is convenient for you; that is not submission, but cooperation. Isaac was extremely loyal to Abraham his father. He told his father, Abraham, that he could see the wood, the fire, etc., but he could not see the ram to be sacrificed. Also in the book of the Kings, Elisha was loyal to Elijah to the end. Three times, Elijah asked Elisha to go back from following him, and three times, Elijah refused.

12. The God of Isaac is the God of Sacrifice. Abraham consented to sacrifice Isaac, but it could be argued that it was Isaac who sacrificed more by willingly laying down his life. The Apostle Paul

admonishes us: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" Romans 12: 1 KJV.

13. The God of Jacob is the God of Grace and Mercy. In Genesis after Jacob deceived Isaac to receive the blessing due his brother, Esau, Jacob had a dream where God promised to be with him, to bless him, to bring him back to his father's land, and give him the land he was lying on. Not that he did not deserve the blessing, because Esau had already sold the blessing to Jacob, a long time ago, but, having to deceive his father, an old, blind man, was not an honorable thing to do at all. Yet, God visited him. The General Overseer of RCCG said he asked God why He had continued to refer to Himself as the God of Jacob and not the God of Israel, even after He had changed his name to Israel. The G.O. said God told him because He wanted Moses, and indeed us, to know that He is a God of mercy and grace. "It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not" Lamentations 3: 22 KJV.

14. The God of Jacob is the God of Intense and Sacrificial Love. Jacob served Laban, seven years for Rachel and was duped by his uncle Laban, who gave him Leah, the sister of Rachel. Because of his intense love for Rachel, he served Laban for another seven years. "He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love" 1 John 4: 8 KJV.

God's love for us His children is intense and sacrificial. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" John 3: 16 KJV.

15. The God of Jacob is the God of Exceeding Greatness. Abraham was great, Isaac was very great, but it was in Jacob that we see the exceeding greatness of God. "And the man (Jacob) increased exceedingly, and had much cattle, and maidservants, and menservants, and camels, and asses" Genesis 30: 43 KJV.

16. The God of Jacob is the supporter of the underdog and the God who remembers. When God saw that Leah was hated and despised by her sister Rachel, he opened the womb of Leah and shut that of Rachel. But later on, God remembered Rachel and opened her womb. "And God remembered Rachel, and God hearkened to her, and opened her womb" Genesis 30: 22 KJV. The lesson here is that we should not despise others, because God might fight for them.

17. The God of Jacob is the great wrestler who can dislocate. "And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day. And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him" Genesis 32: 24, 25 KJV. When God wants

something from you and you are not ready to let go easily, He would wrestle you to submission. Just like God dislocated Jacob's thigh, if there is anything you are holding on to, that is preventing you from doing His will, he would take it from you to align you to his will.

18. The God of Jacob is the controller of enemies. The night Jacob wrestled with God, he was afraid of what the next day would bring, because he was expecting to meet Esau his brother. After the wrestle match, the enemy had become his friend. When God is our friend, he would make our enemies to fall over themselves to help us.

In conclusion, when God spoke to Moses in the fire, and the bush burned, yet, the bush was not consumed; what was God trying to tell Moses? God wanted Moses to know that when fire burns wood to ashes, there is no way humanly possible to reconvert the ashes back to wood. When the fire of God falls on you and you have a divine encounter with the Almighty God, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob, your life will never be the same again. We should pray for a life transforming encounter with the Almighty God and the fire of the Holy Spirit.

(From Daddy G.O.'s message titled: **The God of Abraham, The God of Isaac and The God of Jacob**).

MIGHTY IN MERCY

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Mercy is an attitude of kindness or forgiveness shown towards someone; especially one that you have the right or power to do what pleases you with. It is an act of mercy when you choose to overlook the faults and errors of someone; it is showing leniency where punishment is deserved. Talking about how great and Mighty our God is in Mercy, Psalm 103:8 says "The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy."

Mercy is an attribute of God; it describes His steadfast love, compassion and tenderness towards us. When you talk of the mercy of God, you are talking of His kind nature; that very soft aspect of Him that makes Him look at the helpless and miserable state of man and reach out to him.

"For the LORD thy God is a merciful God; he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he swore unto them"- Deuteronomy 4:31

Beloved we must know that success, prosperity, blessings and all we desire to achieve in life is not a function of how smart or how good we are but it is much more a function of how much

of God's mercy working for us. Achieving our goals and reaching that expected height in life goes beyond our willingness, it goes beyond our running -in terms of working hard, having the right connections, being well educated etc. We are not in any way looking down on all these but we are emphasizing here that where all our efforts end, the Mercy of God takes over. It makes up for our short comings so that despite our imperfections we can still reach our goal and even surpass it. This is exactly what the word of God says in Romans 9:15-16 "For He saith unto Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy."

Beloved, our God has the power and discretion to show mercy to whomsoever He will show mercy. So never depend on all you think you have going for you in life to make you obtain but rather continually ask for God's mercy.

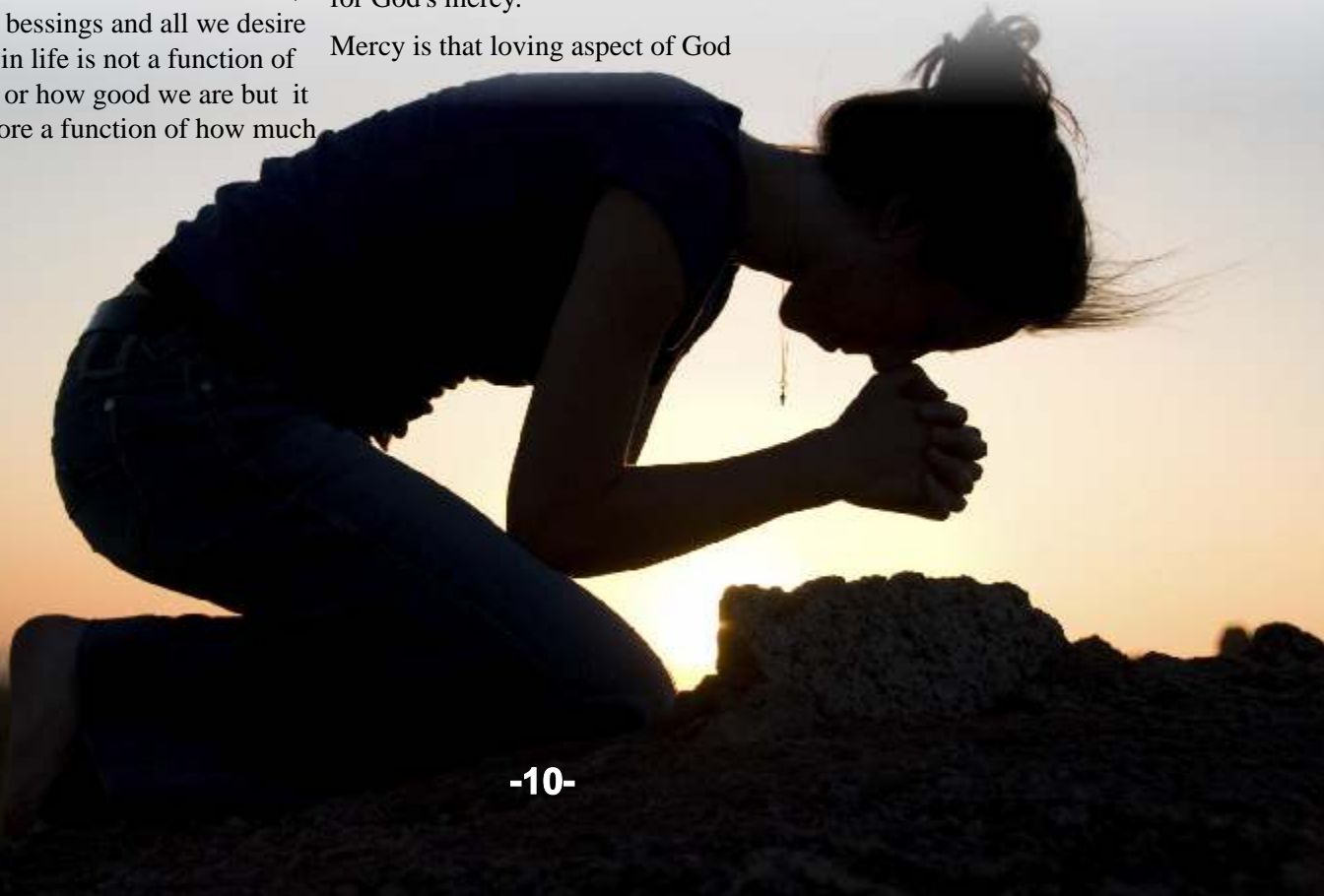
Mercy is that loving aspect of God

that makes Him to lift up those who are suffering or going through one difficulty or the other in life. There are certain things that can make a man or woman to suffer in life, one of them is disobedience to God, which is sin. Sin will always bring punishment; hardship and suffering, which sometimes run through from one generation to another.

People could also suffer as a result of situations beyond their control, they just can't understand or explain it yet they are suffering, it could be due to curses, evil covenants, etc.

It could also be that the person is going through a period of trials and testing. ?

Another thing that could cause a man to suffer is when lesser powers (that is satanic powers) are at work in the life of such a one; fighting, opposing and withstanding his breakthrough. But, which ever area of your life you need help, the almighty God will show you mercy this day. If your suffering is as a result of disobedience, you have to



first repent before mercy can work for you. Even if it is curses, trials or lesser powers at work in your life, the mercy of God will work for you, in the mighty name of Jesus.

In Jeremiah 3:12 God Himself said, "...for I am merciful, saith the LORD, and I will not keep anger for ever."

Psalms 57:10 talking about our God who is Mighty in Mercy says, "For thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds." Therefore as you read this article believing, trust in the Almighty God to show you mercy in any area you desire His mercy to be shown to you in Jesus name.

WHO NEEDS MERCY?

Everybody needs the mercy of God. The fact that something is yours by right does not mean you will automatically possess it, you need the mercy of God to be able to possess your possessions and see God ordained blessings manifest in your life

Even when you are strong and able, you still need the mercy of God to become who God wants you to be.

When you are not qualified for a thing that you desire, when you are limited by certain circumstances or situations, you need the mercy of the Lord. When mercy is working for you, you can get what you are not qualified for or entitled to.

Exodus 33:19 Says "...I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy."

So the Almighty God has the power and the discretion to show mercy on whomsoever He will show mercy. That means it is not how willing you are, or how much you can run that determines your lot in life, it is God that shows mercy.

WHAT MERCY CAN DO

Mercy Can Cover Your Mistakes

Mercy can justify you and make your life as if those mistakes you made never happened. If you have ever made mistakes in life, maybe there are things in your life that if given the opportunity you would like to change them, mercy is what you need.

David the Psalmist sang so much about the mercy of God. And he knew what he was talking about because he was a man that made several mistakes in life but God forgave, covered and restored him. If you look at some of the mistakes that David made, you would wonder how God could still refer to him as a man after His own heart. The only explanation is, mercy!

Mercy Can Reverse The Irreversible.

If you are in a situation, probably as a consequence of something you did in the past, and it looks like you have to live with it for the rest of your life, that is a lie of the devil because God is able, by his mercy, to reverse any situation. Whatever condition you are in, maybe a sickness or disease, that the doctors have told you, "You just have to keep managing with it, you have to keep coping with it", the God of mercy will reverse that irreversible situation in your life today, in the name of Jesus.?

Mercy Can Overrule Or Overtake Judgment.

By His mercy, God can decide that whatever judgment has been passed against you, which you deserve, should be suspended. He can look at you and say, "Go, you are free, just don't do it again." Mercy allows you to go scot-free where you should normally have been punished. It procures for you the pardon that you don't deserve.

We have a good example in the Bible, from the story of the woman

that was caught in adultery.

According to the law of Moses, she was to be stoned to death but when they brought her to Jesus, He said to her, "I do not condemn you. Go and sin no more" (John 8:3-11). That is mercy at work. James 2:13 says,

...Mercy triumphs against judgment.

Mercy Can Give You What You Don't Deserve.

There is the story of another woman in Matthew chapter 15, she is called the Syro-Phoenician woman. She came to Jesus and said, "Help me Lord, have mercy on me. Please heal my daughter." And Jesus said to her, "You don't deserve the blessing you are asking for, it is reserved for children and is not to be given to dogs." But she said, "Even dogs can eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." She humbled herself and acknowledged the fact that she did not deserve the blessing and Jesus had no choice but to have mercy on her (Matthew 15:21-28).

As you open up yourself to the Holy Spirit, in all sincerity, God almighty will show you mercy and give you even that which you do not deserve, in the name of Jesus.

HOW TO RECEIVE MERCY

Have A Sincere Heart!

To receive the mercy of God, you must have a sincere heart. If you open up yourself before God, He will not cast you away, He will show you mercy. Humble yourself, don't esteem yourself higher than your level. Jesus told a parable of two men who came to the temple to pray. One said, "I am not like that man over there that is so full of sin. I fast twice a week, I do this, I do that." But the other one stood afar off, bowed his head and said, "Lord have mercy on me, I am not qualified to come into your presence, this is how I am." Jesus Christ said, this man went away more justified (Luke 18:9-14).

God loves a sincere heart. The Bible

says, "A broken and a contrite heart, the Lord will not despise" (Psalms 51:17). This is one of the attributes in the life of David that endeared him to God, he had a sincere heart towards God, he always humbled himself and admitted his faults before God, he did not cover up anything. That was why God never took away His mercy from him. So when you know you have done wrong and you deserve to be punished, just open up to God, confess your faults and ask for His mercy. If you humble yourself, God in His mercy will exalt you.

Fear The Lord!

But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him. -Psalms 103:17

'From everlasting to everlasting' means it will never end. If you want the mercy of God to abide with you forever, fear Him. When you fear God, the consciousness of His presence guides every step you take, you are always restrained by the reverence and regard that you have for Him.

Show Mercy To Others!

God deals with us according to principles. Whatever you sow, you will reap. Matthew 5:7 says, "Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy." Some people who have subordinates working under them are not merciful at all, they are not compassionate and sometimes, that is why they suffer. If you have people who work for you or under you as subordinates, you should imagine God as being in your position and yourself in the position of those staff, and then as you would expect God to do to you, do the same to them; as you would want God to deal with you, deal with them that way. Let us show mercy. People who work with you should be able to approach you

freely. If you push them away because you feel they are disturbing you with their problems, remember that you also disturb God with your problems.

Be ye therefore merciful as your Father also is merciful. - Luke 6:36

Also in Proverbs 3:3 the Bible says,

Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart.

David was a man that showed mercy to others. Can you recall how Saul tried several times to kill him and how he pursued David for so many years? Yet when David had opportunity to kill Saul on two occasions, he refused. And when eventually somebody came and gave him the news of Saul's death and also said that he was the one that killed Saul, David did not spare that person. When people expected him to be rejoicing, David tore his clothes and started mourning. He never rejoiced over his enemies. James 2:13 says,

For God will not show mercy when he judges the person who has not been merciful...

When you show mercy to others, it is actually being stored up for you, against the day that you will need it.

Ask For Mercy!

If you ask for mercy after you have fulfilled the conditions enumerated above, you will receive. Matthew 7:7 says, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." You can knock on the door of mercy and say, "Lord, please show me mercy." Tell Him the area where you need that mercy, in your job, over your children, your marriage, etc.

During the earthly ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ, there was nobody that said, "Thou Son of David, have mercy on me" that He did not show mercy to. The Syro-Phoenician woman that we earlier referred to, was not even qualified but because she humbled herself and said, "Lord, I need your mercy over the life of my daughter", she received it. In Matthew 9:27, two blind men came to Jesus and said, "Have mercy on us." He had mercy on them and restored their sight.

If you have made mistakes in the past and you have not reconciled with God, remember that you can't hide anything from Him. The Bible says, "He that covers his sins shall not prosper: but he that confesses and forsakes them shall have mercy" (Proverbs 28:13). Place yourself under the searchlight of God and tell Him to reveal to you, every area where you need to settle with Him. And as He convicts you of any sin, as the Holy Ghost brings it to your mind, repent of it. Ask for His forgiveness and mercy. Tell Him, "Father, in your mercy, turn my weaknesses to strength, turn my foolishness to wisdom. Remove every stony heart from me and make me a merciful person, so that I also can receive mercy."

If you have lost anything in the past, ask for restoration by the mercy of the Lord. Equally ask that through the power of mercy you will obtain and fulfill God ordained purpose for your life. Enjoy the Mercy of God. God bless you.

Maranatha !!!



Mighty in Blessing

by Izuchukwu Ariwodo

Blessing is a continuous action word that comes from Bless. It relates to the act of being given a preferential treatment. The word blessing has close meaning to the word favor.

The word blessing is mostly used in context to the act of God's presence and His doings in our lives. The Almighty God we serve is indeed mighty in blessing. He can bless anyone beyond human comprehension. The family pedigree or background of an individual God intends to bless cannot stand on His way of Showing His Almightyness in blessing. The Almighty God is the Creator of Heaven and Earth and He is totally in Control. 'All things were made by Him and without Him was not anything made that was made' John 1:3. He created Heaven and Earth out of nothing and so He can raise anyone from nothing or the lowest to the highest. Psalm 113:7 says "He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth the needy out of the dunghill"

The Almighty God Himself declared to us in Psalm 50:10 that "... every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hill." He is the Almighty and He is mighty in blessing.

Taking a quick glance through the bible, we can see lots of examples of God's blessings upon man. In Genesis, it was recorded that God created the earth. After creating the earth, He took extra time to make it a wondrous place to live in. And God saw that it was good. I imagined that when God sees something as good, it must have been beyond human description. It was after God had blessed the earth that He decided to make man. It is obviously part of God's plan for us to live and enjoy our earthly habitation. Unfortunately, the devil is always at work to prevent us from benefitting from God's plan of blessing.

Blessing is one of God's nature. He is faithful in blessing His people. His nature never changes. God created mankind, so He could continue to impact His Almightyness in blessing on us. In Jam. 1:17, the bible recorded that "every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of

turning". Our God is still the same, with the ability to bless His people.

In Gen. 12:2, God said to Abraham, "And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing". My understanding of this bible text is that God's blessings are so rich, so much that when He chooses to pour His blessings on a man, the blessings overflows from that man unto everyone in contact with the blessed man. Abraham's nephew Lot benefitted from his association with Abraham. It is my fervent prayer that God will bless everyone reading this article to such a point that they will become a blessing unto others around them in Jesus name. Amen.

The bible records accounts of people that God blessed. It contains the "Hall of Fame" of God's blessings. Some of those that we can readily recall are; Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, David, etc. God's nature of blessing did not end with the bible personalities. In John 3:16, it is written "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Salvation for mankind was borne out of God's love and desire to save man from impending destruction.

This is another dimension of God's blessing. In Psa. 3:8, it is written "Salvation belongeth unto the Lord: Thy blessing is upon thy people". To benefit from God's mighty hand of blessing, we need to be saved. We need to receive Christ in our lives. This is the beginning of tapping into the mighty blessings God has for us.

After receiving Christ in our lives, we then need to begin to engage in acts that will activate God's blessing in our lives. This can be achieved by getting close to the Lord. It is important that we make room in our lives for God to come in. In Gen. 3, it was noted that God came to the garden of Eden in the "cool of the day" to fellowship with Adam. I believe that God created us in His own image and likeness, so He could fellowship with us. He gave

us superior abilities, far above His other creations, so we could use those abilities in fellowship and to worship Him.

Let us pulse for a moment to think about fellowship. How can God fellowship with us, if we do not live a righteous life. In Matt. 5:8, our Lord said "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God". It is also written in Heb. 12:14, "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord". It is clear to me that, if we want to fellowship with God, then we must live a life that is holy, pure and righteous. Our God operates at a certain standard. We can only meet Him at his standard. Even in our earthly associations, we know that people of like minds tend to flock together. It is God's desire to fellowship with us. I pray that God will give us the grace to begin to operate at that level that meets His standard of righteousness in Jesus name. Amen.

As we get closer to God through fellowship, we need to learn to trust and yield fully to the commands of God. Prov. 3:5-6, it is written "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. ¹In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths". We cannot reap any benefits from God, if we cannot trust and depend on Him. I must admit, it is a constant struggle for us to trust the one whom we cannot see, especially when it comes to the contest between spirituality and nature's laws. However, if we remember the definition of faith – Substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Then we will realize that it is faith that will help us to trust God. Two things to note here are; ¹ God is the one that created nature. ² Peter was able to walk on water, when he trusted Jesus.

As we continue our journey of fellowshiping with God, we will come to learn to serve Him that promised to bless us. In Ex. 23:25, it is written "And ye shall serve the Lord your God and He shall bless thine bread and thine water" We must get involved in the service of God. God wants to be part of our lives. So we must invest our time, money and strength in getting to know and understand our God. Phil. 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". We are encouraged to know our God. Our worship cannot be effective unless we know and understand whom we worship. How can we call Him a friend, if we do not know who He is? I want to encourage us to be like Jesus, who created time in His schedule to spend quality time with His father.

Fellowshipping with God also means we need to please and obey Him. In Deut. 28:2, it is written "And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God". Many Christians today, are consciously short-changing themselves by ignoring the spiritual law of giving and receiving. Malachi 3:8 says we are robbing God in tithes and offerings. I must confess that the devil is very active in making sure that we miss out from the blessing that comes with obeying through the giving of tithe and offering. Before the monthly income is received, the devil presents us with mountains of financial problems. He creates a supposedly good reason for us, by painting a picture that surpasses what our income could accomplish. We must ignore the devil because the Bible says in 1Thes. 5:24, "Faithful is he that calleth you". We must learn to key-into God's faithfulness. We must be content with our financial strength, give faithfully and trust God to honor His promises. Again, we need to remember that our jobs, careers and means of livelihood are in the hands of God. Our promotion to greater heights can only come through God. So let us like little children, learn how to willingly open our hands unto God, and He will release His abundance on us and show His Almightyness in blessing in our lives in Jesus name. Amen.

Finally, I want to encourage us to remember, to return back to God with thanks and praise. It is very important to give thanks to God every time He blesses us. The story of ten lepers is a very good teaching from our lord Jesus Christ that our father in heaven requires our appreciation. In Psa. 105:1, it says "O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon His name: make known his deeds among the people". As we return to give Him thanks, we reinforce His blessings over our lives and we continue to enjoy the Almightyness of God in Blessing.

Remain blessed in Jesus name. Amen.



Mighty In Healing

-Pastor Timi Somuyiwa-Daniels

Let us pray. Heavenly father we thank you, thank you for your love and mercy over our lives, accept our thanks In Jesus name. Father as we go into your word, speak to us, visit us, let your word have a lasting impact in our lives, thank you Heavenly father In Jesus Name we pray. Amen.

Beloveth, today we are talking about God, who is Mighty in Healing. I believe God that before the end of this message, if you need healing you will receive your healing In Jesus Name. if you are in need of deliverance, you will receive it in Jesus Name, whatever touch you desire, be it a touch of fruitfulness, restoration, encouragement, healing from strange sickness, healing from terminal diseases, healing from cancer, healing from satanic aliment, deliverance from the pit of death and destruction, you will receive your healing today as you read this message in the mighty name of Jesus Christ. Shout a loud Amen.

Psalms 107:20 says He sends forth His word and heals them and rescues them from the pit and destruction. Healing is part of God's divine nature that is being poured into the lives of His people. It is also part of the great covenants that God has established with His people through the ages. Healing was a part of the Old Covenant under the law and is also a part of the New Covenant under grace that was established through the blood of Jesus Christ.

Exodus 15:26 says, "If you diligently heed the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the LORD who heals you." This scripture guarantees us divine healing when we obey God's

commandment

Furthermore in the New Covenant as recorded in Matthew 8:16-17 when evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, {17} that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses."

I pray over your lives any infirmities in your body, even as you are reading this message, let them be removed and be destroyed now in the name of Jesus. Let every root of affliction in your body, in the womb and in the legs, dry up in the name of Jesus Christ.

The Almighty wants all of His children healed and well, just as He wants everyone to come to repentance. The psalmist says in Psalm 30:2 O Lord my God, I cried to you and you have healed me.

Because he knew that it's the will of God for him to be healed. It is His will that all be healed and experience healthy lives. And, if we are to receive God's healing, we must be fully convinced that it is His will to heal. When there is doubt in your mind concerning healing, perfect faith cannot be exercised and as a result healing may not come forth.

Hebrews 11:6 says but without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

I pray for you, let the faith that kills death become your portion in the name of Jesus.

Throughout the ministry of Jesus, healing was a major part of His ministry. It was something He knew He was called to do. Jesus declared in Luke 4:18 "The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed;"

Jesus indeed went about doing good and healing all who came to Him.

And the book of Isaiah made us to see that Jesus was prophesy fulfilled of God's desire for our healing, Isaiah 53:4-5 says surely He has borne our griefs (sicknesses, weaknesses, and distresses) and carried our sorrows and pains [of punishment], yet we [ignorantly] considered Him stricken, smitten, and afflicted by God [as if with leprosy]. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our guilt and iniquities; the chastisement [needful to obtain] peace and well-being for us was upon Him, and with the stripes [that wounded] Him we are healed and made whole.

From scriptures let's take a look at more instances in the Old and New Testament of God's willingness, desires and His Mightiness in healing.

Gen 20:1-18 - 'Then Abraham prayed to God, and God healed Abimelech, his wife and his slave girls so they could have children again, for the Lord had closed up every womb in Abimelech's household because of Abraham's wife Sarah.'

Num 12:1-15 - God inflicted Miriam with leprosy and Moses interceded for her saying, 'O God, please heal her!' The penalty of seven days of disgrace outside the camp, but that there is no further mention of her having leprosy. 1 Sam 1:9-20 - Hannah received healing from barrenness in response to her personal prayers and Eli, the priest's declaration.

2 Kings 4:18-37 - The Shunamite's son dies and Elisha raised him from the dead.

2 Kings 5:1-14 - Naaman, commander of the King of Aram's army, was healed of leprosy after following Elisha's counsel.

2 Kings 20:1-7, 2 Chron 32:24-26, Isa 38:1-8 - Hezekiah was sick unto death, he prayed for healing and God healed him and added 15 more years to him. Daniel 4:34, 36 - Nebuchadnezzar 'looked to heaven' and was healed of insanity.

Matthew 9:20-22 - Women with issue of blood (hemorrhaging) healed Mark 10:46-52 - Blind Bartimeaus at Jericho

Apart from these individuals healing there are occurrences of **corporate healing**:

Numbers 16:46-50 - Aaron stopped the plague which had killed 14, 700 people by offering incense and making atonement for the people.

Numbers 21:4-9 - The Lord sent venomous snakes among rebellious Israel. Moses prayed for them, made a bronze snake and anyone who looked at it lived.

Matthew 4:23 - The Corporate Healing at Galilee

Matthew 8:1-16 - Series of individual and corporate healing after he came down from the mountain

We have establish that God is mighty in healing and he desires that we should be healed, but what then limits us from receiving our healing,

1. Lack of Faith - It takes faith to receive healing - Acts 14:9-10.
2. Unconfessed and unrepented sin - Isaiah 59:2, Psalm 66:18.
3. Being double-minded, doubting - not convinced - James 1:6-8.
4. Self-indulgence - James 4:3.
5. Having an indifference towards God and His purpose - Proverbs 1:28-30.
6. Having a disobedient spirit towards God and established authority - 1 Sam. 15:22, 1 John 3:22.
7. Building your faith on experience and circumstances rather than the Word of God - Romans 10:17.
8. Having a pattern of negative confessions that are not in agreement with the word of God - 2 Corinthians 4:13.

Finally Beloveth at first glance it appears that sickness and disease are man's lot in life, due to sin, but HIS mercies makes

me to be convinced that God wants to heal each one of us, so let me leave you with this closing thought on how you can better appropriate God's healing into your life: **"believe and understand that it is God's will to heal you"**.

Now let us pray these prayers together, I join my faith with yours, your healing will spring forth speedily in Jesus name.

1. Thank God for the benefits and provision of Healing.
2. I apply the blood of Jesus to every hidden sickness in my life.
3. I speak death unto the enemy of good health in my life by the blood of Jesus.
4. I hold the blood of Jesus as a shield against any power of sickness in my life, in Jesus' name.
5. Through the blood of Jesus, I have been redeemed out of every sickness.
6. Through the blood of Jesus I am healed.
7. I overcome every spirit of infirmity by the blood of the Lamb.
8. Every activities of silent killer in my body be terminated in the mighty name of Jesus.

The power of the spoken word is also upon the written word, now say Amen as I pray, Father in the name of Jesus, I pray for your children, reading this message, let all activities of the devourer against their health come to a stop now in the name of Jesus. Your word says in Matthew 15:13 that," Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up," therefore I pray, anything not of God in your body, I command them in the name of Jesus to be rooted out now in the name of Jesus. Receive your healing now in the name of Jesus. Thank you mighty God for in Jesus name we have prayed. Amen

GOD BLESS YOU.



OUR FATHER

- THE ALMIGHTY GOD

by Stefania Utulu

It is such a wonderful privilege, blessing, honour and favour to have the Almighty God as our father. We must constantly remind ourselves that we have a Father in God Almighty. I believe this is one of the reasons that when the disciples of Jesus asked Him to teach them to pray, He taught that we should begin by saying "Our Father which art in Heaven..." Luke 11;2

Dear fellow believer in Christ Jesus, we are children of God. "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus" Gal 3;26.

Jesus was introduced to us in Isaiah 1;9 as "...THE EVERLASTING FATHER". What a blessing we have in God, to be the Children of the everlasting father.

Beloved, please permit me to ask you; what relationship do you have with this ALMIGHTY FATHER we are talking about here.? How do you see Him, how do you relate with Him.

We must not see our Father as just there to meet any and every need we bring to Him. Even though it gives Him joy when we recognise the fact that He alone can meet all of our needs. But much more than that we must have joy in the fact that He is our Father and then build a relationship that shows that we have the understanding that we are blessed to be Children of the Almighty God. We should build our relationship with God through prayer and by studying His Word. He is always there for us no matter what time of the day or night. He gave us His Word to give us solutions to any issues that we

may have.

Prayer is a dialogue between two people who love each other. The bible tells us to pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17). We should never give up but keep trusting in God even when we don't understand why to us it may seem that the answers are not coming as soon as we desire them to come. Prayer is much more than words. We simply need to pray from the heart as we build our relationship with God and we must enjoy doing it too.

Through our quiet moments with God, we build our relationship with Him through prayer of

- 1) Adoration: To praise and worship Him with reverence and awe, with love and gratitude;
- 2) Thanksgiving: To thank Him for the daily blessings, for His salvation;
- 3) Supplication: To pray for your own needs and intercede for others; and
- 4) Confession: To restore our fellowship with Christ.

Have you talked to your Father, THE ALMIGHTY GOD today? If not, do it right now.

Stay blessed.

MIGHTY IN PRAISE

By Nora Somuyiwa-Daniels

Zephaniah 3:17, "The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.

The manifestation of God's mightiness in praise cannot be over emphasized. We have seen severally how God makes His might known when His children give Him deserving praise.

What does 'PRAISE' mean?

Webster defines the word praise as 'to say good things about' and it is synonymous to words such as admire, commend, extol, honor, and worship. One Hebrew word for "PRAISE" is yadah, meaning "praise, give thanks, or confess." In the Old Testament "praise" is translated as zamar, meaning

"sing praise." Another translated word for "praise" is halal (the root of hallelujah), meaning "to praise, honor, or commend." This simply implies that the act of praising is rightfully due to God alone. The book of Psalms which I see as the praise book of the Bible gives us hundreds of reasons why praise is important, as well as examples of how to give praise to God if we really want to experience His Almightyness.

Psalm 21:13 praises God both for who He is and for His great power: "Be exalted in your strength, LORD; we will sing and praise your might."

Considering the reasons we should praise God, we cannot but look at the attributes of our God. Our God Almighty is full of glory (Psalm 138:5), He is great (Psalm 145:3), He is wise and powerful (Daniel 2:20), He is good (Psalm 107:8), He is merciful and faithful (Psalm 89:1), and much more. This attributes of our Almighty God is complemented by a list of His wonderful works. Trying to list all the things God has done could be impossible, but it is a wonderful exercise because it turns our hearts back to Him

and keeps us mindful of how much we owe our God. When you are believing God for something and it is completed, praise is a natural response, but we can grow and increase our faith with praise, and the answers to our prayers will often come more quickly than we can imagine.

Praise discharges strength in faith, which



causes God to move on our behalf. Psalm 8:2 declared "From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger."

Some few weeks back, I went through a period of great challenge and trial in my life. In the face of this circumstance, I decided to take time out to wait on the Lord. Few days later, God gave me a vision and in this vision he gave me a verse of the bible to read – Matthew 14:6. Waking up from this vision, I became even more confused and discouraged especially after reading the verse, because the message was so strange to me and not at all related to my situation. But I chose to pray more about the message for God to give me an interpretation. After a while, I started to get a little insight into what God was trying to pass across to me. In verse 6 of Matthew 14, Herod's daughter danced before her dad and she pleased him, and the next verse described how pleased Herod was in which he made her a promise sealed with an oath. In my spirit I caught a glimpse that God was asking

me to stop complaining and beating myself up, but instead to praise Him, and watch the power of praise come through for me. So I decided to do just that even though it does not make sense, within days things started turning around for me and the situation I thought was hopeless regained back life and I was never the same again.

This God is the same, now and forevermore, if you can just choose to put aside your complaints, tears of self-pity and fears, and praise Him instead, you can be sure to experience in greater dimension the manifestation of the might and power of God in praise.

Praise is a vital part of a life totally surrendered to God, and it gives credit where credit is

due and ultimately, it calls down the hand and power of God to do great and mighty things. Below are some examples of people discussed in the bible who praised God in their times of trials and thus experienced the Almightyness of God as a result:

Paul and Silas praised God in prison - Acts 16:23-26. It was the release of the power and might of God in praise that caused an earthquake that delivered them from their captivity.

Jehoshaphat and the children of Judah - 2 Chronicles 20:22. Jehoshaphat appointed singers to lead his army into battle with praise unto the Lord. When they went into battle singing and praising God, the Lord set an ambush, and their enemies were defeated.

Moses and the children of Israel - Exodus 15:11. God demonstrated His might by parting the red sea for His people to cross over on dry land. "Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?"

Joshua – Joshua 6:20. While the people

praised the Lord, the wall of Jericho came tumbling down.

King David understood the fullness of God's mightiness in praise – Ps. 136

The Almighty God is here! He is really here! He keeps His promises - He really does even in the deepest and the darkest of valleys. I challenge you to become a person of praise, and you will experience the release of the power and might of God.

Oh come on children of God from every nation, tribe and tongue, rise up with me right now and Lift up your voices in praise to our Almighty God! Oh God, we praise your mighty name. The Commander of miracles, Endless Majesty, I AM THAT I AM, Almighty God, the Supreme God, You make the wind and lightning your messengers, flames of fire your ministers. You are the Great, the Terrible and the Mighty God, God who alone does great wonders, Round about you Oh Lord is a mighty tempest rage. You are the Lord

upon many great waters: The waters saw you and were afraid, The depths saw you and were troubled, The clouds beheld you and trembled, The Lord on High you are mightier than the mightiest, The Lord strong and Mighty; the Lord mighty in battle, The Lord Most High, The mighty man of valour, God who saves with a mighty arm, with an outstretched arm, we praise you oh God.

HALLELUYAH for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth!, You reign over the works of Your hands, In heavens above and on the earth beneath, Under the earth and in the kingdom of darkness, Who is like unto you? How great are you Lord? How great is your name? How excellent is your name? What a mighty God we serve? How manifold are your works oh Lord? From the rising of the sun till the setting of the same, May your name oh Lord be praised! Oh that men would praise the Lord, for His great might, goodness and loving-kindness, and His wonderful works to the children of men. Even with ten thousand of tongues, they are still not

enough to praise your wondrous, powerful and mighty name. Somebody make a joyful noise of Praise unto the Lord, because He alone is worthy of all praise. Hallelujah!!!!

In conclusion, we cannot embark on the true joy and benefits of praising God unless we have received Jesus Christ as our Lord and personal Savior. As children of God, He dwells in us through the Holy Spirit. This means that wherever we go, God is to be praised. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 states that "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body." If you are yet to receive Jesus Christ into your life, why not take a few minute and do so right now, ask him into your heart and then go ahead and join in to give Him adequate praise today and you will see Him draw close to you and the closer and intimate you are with God, the more you will witness His mighty manifestations. God bless.

HANDY LITTLE CHART

God has a positive answer

YOU SAY

You say: "It's impossible"

You say: "I'm too tired"

You say: "Nobody really loves me"

You say: "I can't go on"

You say: "I can't figure things out"

You say: "I can't do it"

You say: "I'm not able"

You say: "It's not worth it"

You say: "I can't forgive myself"

You say: "I can't manage"

You say: "I'm afraid"

You say: "I'm always worried and frustrated"

You say: "I'm not smart enough"

You say: "I feel all alone"

GOD SAYS

God says: All things are possible

God says: I will give you rest

God says: I love you

God says: My grace is sufficient

God says: I will direct your steps

God says: You can do all things

God says: I am able

God says: It will be worth it

God says: I Forgive you

God says: I will supply all your needs

God says: I have not given you a spirit of fear

God says: Cast all your cares on ME

God says: I give you wisdom

God says: I will never leave you or forsake you

BIBLE VERSES

(Luke 18:27)

(Matthew 11:28-30)

(John 3:16 & John 3:34)

(II Corinthians 12:9 & Psalm 91:15)

(Proverbs 3:5-6)

(Philippians 4:13)

(II Corinthians 9:8)

(Roman 8:28)

(I John 1:9 & Romans 8:1)

(Philippians 4:19)

(II Timothy 1:7)

(I Peter 5:7)

(I Corinthians 1:30)

(Hebrews 13:5)



Mighty to Save

Phillip Benyeogor

Have you ever found yourself in a desperate situation? Ever felt you were “Painted in a corner?” Did it seem that there was “No way out?” Have you ever been stranded, abandoned or felt like you were between a rock and a hard place? Have you ever been in a situation where your faith is faltering, all hopes vanished, family problems, financial problem and forgotten in the land of despair. Hmm!!! That sounds familiar. Isn't it? The Israelite's were caught in the same situation, but God demonstrated his Mighty Power to Save.

Exodus 14¹⁰ “And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were sore afraid: and the children of Israel cried out unto the Lord.”¹¹ And they said unto Moses, Because there were no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? Wherefore, hast thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt? ¹² Is not this the word that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For it had been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness.”¹³ And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will shew to you today: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen today, ye shall see them again no more for ever.”¹⁴ The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace

So what is the personal, concrete application of this reference? What can we learn from this event with respect to our daily lives? The significance of the Exodus for us is found in both what we do with it, and in what God has done for us already, that all of our daily battles, which are real matters to God. In our daily lives and in

our journey to eternity, there are times in our lives when we, like the children of Israel, face a Red Sea crossing.

For us to receive the saving grace of almighty God, we must do the following: We must let go of the past

When Moses and God's people arrived at the shores of the Red Sea, they could see the Egyptians rapidly approaching behind them. They thought they were trapped, but God had a purpose.

They were afraid, the children of Israel cried out unto the Lord. They said to Moses we told you this in Egypt; you should have left us alone, we could have carried on serving the Egyptians. When you are facing the red sea in your life, there is always the temptation to go back to the world. Sometimes we have the tendency to look back when we come to the Red Sea in our lives. Our old life won't help us. When times are tough we feel like giving up and going back to our old life, going back to how things were. So many times we give up and settle for anything instead of receiving all that God has for us, if you're going to cross that red sea, you've got to let go of the Past. We've got to stop allowing the enemy to convince us to return to the things that God has already brought us out of.

We must look to our faith in God.

To experience the saving grace of almighty God, we must not allow the enemy to keep us in the confinement of fear. For fear is NOT of the Lord. All of us are going to experience a time when we have to be rescued. Moses looked at the people with fear written all over their

faces and realised this “Fear Thing” had to be dealt with first! Therefore, he said, “fear not.” You have a “Choice” as to whether you allow “Fear” to dominate you or not. “Let not your hearts be troubled.” The people of God had come to a place where they had to make a “Choice” Give up and go back to Egypt to slavery or Trust in the mighty saving power.

The NEXT thing Moses said was, “Stand Still.”

Why run around when you don't know where you are going? We have to be able to stand by our faith in God before we can walk by faith. Isa 40:31 “but they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint” with waiting comes renewed faith, with waiting comes renewed strength, with waiting comes renewed zeal. When we look to our faith and depend on the Lord, if we just trust in Him, He will strengthen our hearts, He will strengthen our mind, will, and emotions and save us from despair.

You must lunch forward

And the Lord said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward” “Go forward” does not contradict, but complements the “stand still.” This is ever the spiritual order. We are not ready to “go forward” until we have first “stood still” and seen the salvation of the Lord.

Moreover, before the command was given to “Go forward” there was first the promise, “see the salvation of the Lord which He will show “you today.” Faith must be based on the divine promise, and obedience to the command must spring from the faith thus produced. Before we are ready to “go forward” and receive our salvation, faith must see that which is invisible, the “salvation of the Lord.” Whatsoever you are going through, God is mighty to save. You will see His salvation in Jesus name. God bless and keep you.

Mighty In Battle

by Samson Eniyewu

King David had a first-hand experience of God's character in battle. David described God's unrivalled title as the Mighty Man in Battle because God coached and mentored him to fight and conquer. God equipped him with confidence, courage and strength for victory in every battle of life. God's unfailing dependability, reliability and faithfulness in warfare quickly became David's testimony. God proved himself over and over again with a sterling record and history of triumph in battles. David was able to defeat Goliath because he understood that God Almighty is the Lord of hosts in heaven, on earth and beneath the earth. God gave David courage to attack and overcome in his name. Also, God defended David against every of King Saul's plot to take his life.

Life is indeed a battle field where only the fittest survive. The battles within and outside, spiritual and physical warfare can be very overwhelming and frightening. Success in life is indeed an indication and a reflective measure of how victorious we are in overcoming the battles of life.

Battle is a hostile encounter or engagement between opposing military forces. It is a warfare or engagement, a fight between two parties often replicated in conflicts or struggles.

What are the opposing forces involved in life's battle?

1. Good and Bad (Proverbs 14:19 – "The evil will bow down before the good, And the wicked at the gates of the righteous" NASB)
2. Light and Darkness (John 1:5 – "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.")
3. Truth and Lie (John 8:44 – "You belong to your father, the devil and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies." NIV)
4. God and Devil (Acts 10:38 – "You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how he went about

doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him")

5. Spirit and Flesh(Galatians 5:17- "For the flesh has desires that are opposed to the Spirit, and the spirit has desires that



are opposed to the flesh, for these are in opposition to each other so that you cannot do what you want".)

6. Heaven and Hell

Why are we involved in this battle?

We are involved in this battle because there is a struggle between two forces for the control of our life. The forces both contend to have influence over decisions, choices and will. They both want to have dominion over our body, soul, spirit and ultimately our destiny.

On whose side should I be?

Logically, it is preferable to be on the more beneficial side, on the winning side, on the stronger, formidable and invincible side.

For born again Christians the answer seems quite obvious! On the Lord's side of course. Moses asked the Israelites after he returned from the Mount, and he found the children of Israel worshipping idols; Exodus 32:26 – "So he stood at the entrance to the camp and said, "Whoever is for the LORD, come to me. "And all the Levites rallied to him.

Joshua also said in Joshua 24:15 – "But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to

you, then choose for yourselves this day who you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Why should I be on the Lord's side?

He is the only one who has never lost a battle, both physical and spiritual battle. He is a winner!

It is with utmost pleasure and gladness that I introduce you to the God Almighty. The one whose acts confirm his greatness and whose titles affirm his unwavering trustworthy character.

David wrote in Psalms 18:34 – "He trains my hands for battle; my arms can bend even the strongest bow."

Psalms 144:1 – "The Lord, my protector, deserves praise – the one who trains my hands for battle and my fingers for war".

God was David's coach & mentor in battle. He acquired his fighting skills from the God who has never lost any battle, the God who has everything under his control. No wonder God can boldly declare that no weapon formed against you shall prosper and every tongue that rise against you in judgment shall be condemned (Isiah 54:17). God is always battle-ready because he never sleeps nor slumber (Psalm 121:4 – "indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep). Earthly soldiers do get tired and fall asleep

The Lord is the greatest strategist of all time, in all of war history. No clandestine agency, be it CIA, FBI, KGB, INTERPOL, has ever been able to stage an operation more successful, effective or strategic than that of our God. His strategic planning and execution is incomparable and cannot be superseded because the God of Israel is consistently victorious.

Our God is the only mighty man in battle – Psalms 24:8 – "Who is this majestic King? The Lord who is strong and mighty! The Lord who is mighty in battle! Jehovah God is the ultimate King whose endorsement is needed before any battle can be won –Proverbs 21:31 –"The horse is made ready

for the day of battle, but victory rests with the LORD. (NIV) The mighty man in battle decides who wins and who losses a battle. Psalms 18:39 – “You give me strength for battle; you make my foes kneel before me”

Why is God mighty in Battle?

- He is the most powerful – According to Matthew 28:18, all power in heaven and on earth belong to our God. (“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given to me in heaven and on earth – Matt. 28:18)
- He is in charge spiritually and physically – Since we wrestle not against physical forces according to Ephesians 6:12 – “For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.” Our God wins physical battles by first prevailing in the spiritual realm. Colossians 2:15 describes how Jesus won the spiritual battle;” Disarming the rulers and authorities, he has made a public disgrace of them, triumphing over them by the cross.” God equips us with weapons suitable for spiritual battles – (2 Corinthian 10:4 – “The weapon we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds”
- Our God has unlimited arsenal of weapons – Everything that exist in nature can serve as weapon in God's hand because he made them all and they are all for his pleasure. Colossians 1:16 – “For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.” Some of God's weapon include the following:
 - I. God commanded the red sea to drown Pharaoh and his entire army. Psalms 136:15 Exodus 14:27, 28.
 - II. God commanded the ground to open her mouth and swallow up Abiram and Dathan, - Deuteronomy 11:6 – “and what he did to Dathan and Abiram, sons of Eliab the Reubenite, when the earth opened its mouth right in the middle of all Israel and swallowed them up with their households, their tents and every living thing that

belonged to them.”

- III. God destroyed the earth by flooding it with rain during the era of Noah due to God's dissatisfaction with their sinfully abhorring lifestyle. Genesis 7: 17-24. God destroyed the earth and every living creature except for Noah, his family and the creatures God commanded him to take with him into the ark.
- IV. God fought Egypt by 10 different plagues. These calamities were designed to contrast the power of Yahweh with the impotence of Egypt's various gods.
 - a. Water turned into blood (Exodus 7:14-25)
 - b. The plague of frogs (Exodus 8:1-15)
 - c. The Plague of gnats/lice (Exodus 8:16-19)
 - d. The plague of flies (Exodus 8:20-23)
 - e. The plague against livestock (Exodus 9:1-7)
 - f. The plague of boils (Exodus 9:8-12)
 - g. The plague of hail (Exodus 9:13-35)
 - h. The plague of locust (Exodus 10:1-20)
 - i. The plague of darkness (Exodus 10:21-29)
 - j. The death of firstborns (Exodus 11:1-10, 12:29-32)
- V. Our God consumed the army of the king that came against Elijah by fire. 2 Kings 1:10 – “Elijah answered the captain,” if I be a man of God, may fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men!” Then fire fell from heaven and consumed the captain and his men” NIV
- VI. Our God uses his praise as a weapon to deal with the enemy – God gave Jehoshaphat victory through songs of praise – 2 Chronicles 20:21, 22. Shout of praise crumbled the wall of Jericho – Joshua 6:20 – “When the trumpets sounded, the army shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the men gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so everyone charged straight in, and they took the city.”
- VII. Our God is the Lord of host who has strongest army that cannot be outnumbered or overpowered. He has innumerable, ministering angels. Matthew 26:53 – “Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels?” NIV. A full strength legion was 6000 men, which makes 72000 angels if you were to use Roman legion as the standard. Are we not blessed to have

a father who gives his angels charge over us? Psalms 91:11 - For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways;

- VIII. Our God controls the heart and mind of human beings for his purpose to be fulfilled. For instance, God hardened the heart of pharaoh so as to embarrass the gods in Egypt. Exodus 9:12 - But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart and he would not listen to Moses and Aaron, just as the LORD had said to Moses. Proverbs 21:1 – “The king's heart is like a stream of water directed by the LORD; he guides it wherever he pleases.”
- IX. Our God has power over death, He can kill and make alive. Our God is immortal and he forever lives. Jesus raised Lazarus who was already dead for four days (John 11:38-44). He overturned the death verdict over King Hezekiah's life (Isaiah 38:1-7). He has the keys of hell and death – Revelation 1:18 - **I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.** The mighty man in battle can destroy the living and he can raise the dead. John 11:25 - Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die;
- X. He has the most powerful name according to Philippians 2:9-10 – **“Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,**
 10. **That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,”**

In conclusion, Our God is for us therefore our victory is guaranteed – Romans 8:31- **“What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?”** He came to fight our battles for us so we can have abundant life – John 10:10 – **“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”** He came to give us victory over sin – I John 3:8b – **“The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.”** NIV. We can confidently declare that we are more than conqueror through Christ Jesus our Lord. I pray that the Lord will fight every seen and unseen battles in your life in Jesus name. I decree that in the name of the mighty man in battle you will overcome and defeat every determined, unrepentant, adamant enemies of your peace, health, progress, freedom, prosperity and destiny. AMEN.



OUR TESTIMONY

My name is Tunde Bankole. I started coming to Mercy Hall in August of 2013 and the only reason I came to Houston was to hunt for a job in the oil and gas industry, but unfortunately things did not go my way, I prayed, I fasted and I hoped but all to no avail. However, I refused to give up.

All my savings was gone during this period, but God provided all along, He kept my family and sustained us miraculously. In the month of February 2014, at the Covenant Renewal Service, I did not have any money and neither did I have any valuables to give as a sacrificial offering but I did have a GPS that I was using to drive around for interviews.

In a nut shell, I gave that GPS as my sacrificial offering and I prayed that God should change my direction if I was lost, like a GPS will do. Brethren, to God be the glory, He did change my directions, I was looking for a job in Houston, but He gave me a very good job in Iowa.

I thank God Almighty for the protection, provisions and new hope given to me and my household. I thank God for Mercy Hall and for everyone He used to bless and pray with me while I was in Katy.

PRAAAAAAAAAAIIIIIIIISE GOD.

GODLY COUNSEL TO PARENTS

By Christinah Benyeogor

Beloved Christian parents, much more than ever before we need to know what the Bible actually teaches about



parenting, and put it into practice. One of the greatest concerns from Moses'

perspective dealt with how their children were going to hear about how God delivered them from Egypt so that they as well would put their trust and confidence in God. As we read these verses, it is important to observe on your own who it was that God called to be the primary leaders in passing down this great faith to the next generation: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children" Deuteronomy 6:5-7

As parents, ask yourself this question. How am I handling my children in relation to the above scripture? It is vitally important to note that verse 7 does not say, "You shall teach them diligently to those who come to God's house," thereby putting the responsibility on the religious leaders of the churches, but rather it was the parents that God was specifically talking to as those responsible to pass their faith down to their children. In fact, the major point that is being made here that is so pertinent for us as parents today is this: Parents are the spiritual leaders of their children! One of the main reasons for this is found simply in the fact that parents have much more time and influence on their child's life than anyone else.

So Parent, work on communicating with your children always. I am not just speaking about when you must call them in with a problem like failing grades or after you received a call from their teachers. I am talking about daily interactions where you share a smile, a good word, a laugh, a story, a meal together and bible study. The main thing is that you put in time and energy so that they know that they matter in your life and in so doing, God's word can have root in all our children. "Train up a child in the way he should go; so when he is old, he will not depart from it" Proverbs 22:6

I know that some days may bring unforeseen difficulties and that some children give more challenges in training them than others. But at least we will know in our hearts that we have tried our best to help our children navigate the road of life successfully. Please let us do more in the area of teaching them the laws of God which is full of discipline. "My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline and do not resent his rebuke, because the LORD disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in" Proverbs 3:11-12.

God will continue to help us as we bring up our Children in the way of the Lord. God bless you.

CHRISTIAN JOKES



1. Do You Know The Bible?

Our Vicar, the Reverend Thomas Lewis, told our congregation, 'Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you all understand my sermon, I want you all to read Mark, chapter 17.'

The following Sunday, as Thomas prepared to deliver his sermon; he asked for a show of hands, he wanted to know how many people had read Mark 17. Almost every hand went up.

Thomas smiled and said, 'Mark only has 16 chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying.'

2. Ten Funny Things To Learn from the Story Of Noah's Ark

- Don't miss the boat.
- Remember that we are all in the same boat.
- Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
- Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
- Build your future on high ground.
- For safety's sake, always travel in pairs.
- Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs. When you're stressed, float a while. Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals. No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

3. Bible Study

Richard, my friend's little grandson came home from Sunday School and I asked him what they had studied. His reply was, 'Nothing.'

So I asked him, 'Didn't you study Jesus?' Richard's reply was, 'No, he wasn't even there.'

4. The Good Samaritan

Phyllis Small, a Sunday school teacher, was telling her class the story of the "Good Samaritan," from the Bible, in which a man was beaten, robbed and left for dead. She described the situation in vivid detail so her students would catch the drama.

Then she asked the class, 'If you saw a person lying on the roadside all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?'

-Zeidy, a thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence, 'I think I'd be sick.'

5. The Taxi Driver and St Peter

A priest and a taxi driver both died and went to heaven. St. Peter was at the Pearly gates waiting for them.

'Come with me,' said St. Peter to the taxi driver.

The taxi driver did as he was told and followed St Peter to a mansion. It had everything you could imagine from a bowling alley to an Olympic size pool.

'Oh my God, thank you,' said the taxi driver.

Next, St. Peter led the priest to a rough old shack with a bunk bed and a little old television set.

'Wait, I think you are a little mixed up,' said the priest. 'Shouldn't I be the one who gets the mansion? After all I was a priest, went to church every day, and preached God's word.'

'Yes, that's true.' St Peter rejoined, 'But during your sermons people slept. When the taxi driver drove, people prayed.'

6. Miracle?

Father O'Malley was driving down to Boston when got stopped for speeding in Medford. The highway patrol officer smelled alcohol on the priest's breath and then saw an empty wine bottle on the floor of the car.

He said, 'Father, have you been drinking?'

'Only water', replied Father O'Malley.

The policeman asked, 'Then how

come I can smell wine?'

The priest looked at the bottle and said, 'Good Lord! He's done it again.'

7. Charity Begins at Home?

A large, well built man visited the vicarage and asked to see the vicar's wife, who was well known for her charity.

As he spoke to her he said in a voice breaking with emotion, 'I'd like to draw your attention to the terrible plight of a poor family in this district. The father is dead, the mother is too ill to work, and the nine children are starving. They are about to be turned out into the cold streets unless someone pays their £400 rent arrears.'

'How frightful!' exclaimed the vicar's wife. 'May I ask who you are?'

The enormous visitor wiped his eyes with his handkerchief and wailed, 'I'm their landlord.'

8. The Hand of God

Little Philip was spending the weekend with his grandmother after a particularly trying week in infant school. His grandmother decided to take him to the park on Saturday morning. It had been snowing all night and everything was beautiful.

His grandmother commented, 'Doesn't it look like an artist painted this scenery? Did you know God painted this just for you?'

'Yes,' replied Philip, 'God did it and he did it left handed.'

This confused his grandmother so she asked him, 'What makes you say God did this with his left hand?' 'Well,' said Philip, 'we learned at Sunday School last week that Jesus sits on God's right hand.'

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10. Chosen - True Story

Whenever I'm disappointed with my spot in life, I stop and think about little Jamie Scott.

Jamie was trying out for a part in the school play. His mother told me that he'd set his heart on being in it, though she feared he would not be chosen.

On the day the parts were awarded, I went with her to collect him after school. Jamie rushed up to her, eyes shining with pride and excitement.. 'Guess what, Mom,' he shouted, and then said those words that will remain a lesson to me ... 'I've been chosen to clap and cheer.'

11. A Selection of Short, Clean Christian Jokes

7. The Lord's Army
A friend was in front of me coming out of church one day, and the vicar was standing at the door, as he always was, to shake hands with the worshippers. He grabbed my friend by the hand and pulled him aside. The vicar said to him, 'You need to join the army of the Lord.'
My friend replied, 'I'm

already in the army of the Lord, Father.'



THINGS GOD WON'T ASK ON THAT DAY

1. God won't ask what kind of car you drove.
He'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.

2. God won't ask the square footage of your house.
He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.

3. God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet.
He'll ask how many you helped to clothe.

4. God won't ask what your highest salary was.
He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.

5. God won't ask what your job title was.
He'll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.

6. God won't ask how many friends you had.
He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.

7. God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived.
He'll ask how you treated your neighbors.

8. God won't ask about the color of your skin.
He'll ask about the content of your character

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