



THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM

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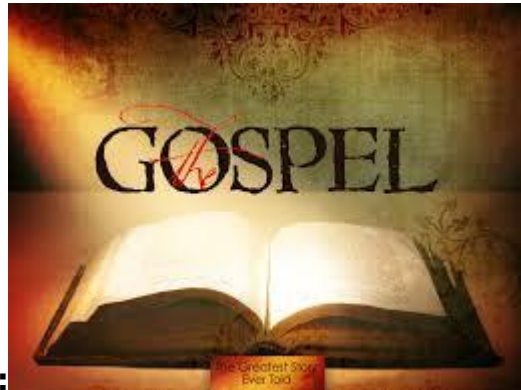
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INTRODUCTION:

One of the greatest tragedies that has befallen us as Christians today is not the persecution of those who name the Lord's name that has recently heightened in Nigeria through Islamic fundamentalism.

I believe what has devastated the Church most is the tragedy of spiritual underdevelopment that has left the church on the periphery of the total provision of God. Many are malnourished and many are out-rightly starved because we have not appreciated the full scope of the provision that the Lord made for us through His death on the cross, which he ordained to be entered into through the preaching of the Gospel. The Gospel we have embraced has not really opened our eyes to see the full provision of God needless to say entering into it.

Our purpose in this pamphlet is to examine the subject of the Gospel in the light of the Scripture to see if we are getting the full dose of His provision. My impression is that many of us have become like patients diagnosed with malaria who are only taking one quarter of the dose recommended by the Doctor. The result is that sicknesses are not fully cured even though a diagnosis has been made. Jeremiah's words are apt in this regards: if it was true in his generation, then it is truer in our own generation. Jeremiah may have had today's priesthood in mind when he wrote so poignantly: *"For they have healed the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace."* (Jer.8:11)

THE SCOPE OF THE GOSPEL MESSAGE:

The Gospel actually means the good news especially concerning salvation and the kingdom of God as announced to the world by Christ. It is God reaching back to embrace man again after the tragic separation that resulted from the fall of Adam.

When we talk of the Gospel of the Kingdom, it is the way God brings people out of their selfish preferences and expressions to total submission to the will of God. This is so important that the Lord Himself taught His disciples to always pray for this to happen.

After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father, which art in heaven. Hallowed be Thy name.

Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven (Matthew 6:9-10)

The Kingdom of God is the rule of God and the establishment of His order. It is the government of heaven over the earth.

The Scriptural revelation of the gospel shows that God intended the gospel to impact **the man, the nations of the world** and then **the entire universe**. Ephesians 3:10 for example foresees that the gospel be preached to angelic beings in heavenly places.



THE THREE LEVELS OF POWER:

The Bible says that Jesus's ministry transcended the heavens. Phil.2:9-10 puts it this way: *"Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."*

The Lord declared that all powers in heaven and on earth has been given to Him. He thereafter sent us to preach and make disciples of all nations in line with the fullness of the power that has been given to him. *"And Jesus came and spake unto them saying, all power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore (In this power) and teach (make disciples) of all nations."* (Matt.28:18-19) Have we realized the full extent

of this power? Do we work in the fullness of this power? Are we aspiring to enter into this clear provision of God by arming ourselves with knowledge about the extent of His provision, and then paying the price necessary to walk in the fullness of that power? These are salient issues that our generation must never ignore because we are the people unto whom the end of the earth has come.

THE FALL AND GOD'S RESOLUTION:

From the time of man's fall in the Garden of Eden, it was clear from God's response to the major actors and culprits that he would do something that would not only recover the loss but also bring redemption and renewal. In addressing Satan, the chief culprit in the drama of the fall, He said: *"And I will put enmity between thee and the woman and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head and thou shalt bruise his heel."* (Genesis 3:15)

The preaching of the Gospel is therefore the God appointed means of fulfilling this prophecy. This means that in content the gospel must address everything affected by the fall including man, the inhabited earth, the entire universe and all creation. It is for this reason that the entire creation groans awaiting the manifestation of the sons of God who will have what it takes through the preaching of the right kind of gospel to bring it into liberty. (Rom.8:19-22).

The Scriptural revelation of the gospel envisages a three stage plan that expands in scope until every aspect of creation is impacted. Paul understood that through the gospel, the power of God was released: *"For it (The Gospel) is the power of God."* (Rom.1:16). This three stage plan for the unfolding of the Gospel may be stated in ascending order as – The Gospel of God's Grace, The Gospel of the Kingdom and the Everlasting Gospel.



THE GOSPEL OF GOD'S GRACE:

This is the beginning point of the Gospel. It is an invitation to all and sundry to take advantage of Christ's sacrificial death on the cross and the benefit He purchased for mankind. Man is the only creature that God formed with His own hands, inbreathed him with His own spirit and by that signified an intention to have an ongoing fellowship and

relationship with him in a manner He did not relate with other created beings including angels. (See Heb.1:13-14, Ps.8:4-8). This intention of God was frustrated by the fall because what happened afterwards was that man died spiritually and lost his ability to have fellowship with God.

God built a bridge through which He could re-establish this connection with man through the cross. In paying the debt for sin, God opened a door for all who wanted a relationship with him to pass through and that door was Christ. "*For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.*" (1Tim.2:5) The Gospel of God's grace presents this reality and becomes the means for appealing to individuals to accept this free gift of God. In scope, Gospel of grace stands on four corners:

- a) It emphasizes the love of God for mankind. The bible declares: *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).* The devil tries so much to obscure the extent of God's love for mankind, but the reality is that only perfect love could have motivated God to leave His throne in heaven to suffer the humiliation of being crucified to pave the way for man's reconciliation to Him. (See also Romans 5:8)

- b) It reminds us that ***there is enmity between God and man on account of what happened at Eden.*** By his decision to listen to the deceiver, mankind, God's chosen bride handed God a writ of divorce. Iniquity was now woven into the fabrics of man. One lie Satan has used to blindfold and mislead a lot of people is that one can redeem himself by being a good person or doing good works (morality). But this is the verdict of scripture: *For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. (John 3:23). The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand and seek God. They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy, there is none that doeth good, no not one (Psalm 14:3-4).* When you give yourself a pass mark maybe because you are not smoking or drinking and you are not into women or any of the common sins, just know that you don't have a pass mark before God as long as you are a descendant of Adam, because you are also tainted by his sin. Remember that Adam had offspring after he had fallen from grace so we are all a product of his fallen nature. Who for instance teaches a young lad how to tell lies to escape punishment for transgressions? Nobody does. Those things are inbuilt in man, a second nature to him.

Even without looking at the mirror of the word of God, you will agree with me that humans are more prone to doing evil than to do good.

Look at newspaper Headlines from Nigeria in the past year alone:

- Robbers go on rampage killing and maiming hundreds
 - 6 month old baby sacrificed for rituals
 - Girl sixteen dies at abortion clinic attempting to abort a baby
 - Senators fight over bribe money
 - Clergy-man impregnates member's wife
 - Journalists kidnapped – Kidnappers demand N250M ransom
- I could go on...

The only bridge that God provides for reconnection to Him is the bridge of the cross which is made effective through the preaching of the gospel.

- c) The third point is that through the gospel, the enmity between God and man is redressed. Jn.1:12 puts it this way: *"For as many as received him, to them gave him power to become the sons of God."* The words that describes God's relationship with man after the fall are strong words – 'death,' 'enemy,' and 'strangers.' The fall brought death on man's spirit and opened the door for man to die eventually. Man became God's enemy and was totally estranged from him. Through the cross God provided a bridge that would be the basis of man reconnecting to Him. It is necessary to state and emphasise that God does not have plan B as far as this matter of reconnecting to Him is concerned: *Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. (Acts 4:12)*
- d) Through a simple process outlined in scripture, this provision of God can be appropriated. *"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thine heart that God has raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."* (Rom.10.9-10).

In the book of Acts, we see the Apostle's invitation for men to enter into the gospel of grace. In Acts 2:38-39, after Peter's response to the crowd's accusation that the disciples were full of new wine, his preaching evoked a question from the crowd as to what to do next: *"Now when they had this, they were pricked in their heart and said unto Peter...men and brethren what shall we do?"* (Acts 2:37) Peter gave them a simple answer: *"repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."* (Rom.8:38). See also Acts 3:19.

Notice that in all places where the Gospel of God's Grace is presented in the Bible, it is followed with the necessity to be baptized as a means of identification with Christ. The

call is always *'repent and be baptized'* and never repent alone. Also Scriptural baptism is a baptism into Christ and not a baptism into trinity or any of the gods of the denominations.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE GOSPEL OF GRACE:

1. It is mainly an appeal for repentance: *"Now then we are ambassadors for Christ as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God."* (2Cor.5:20)
2. The focus is on individuals. Notice the word, *'we pray you'*, which is in singular.
3. This gospel has been preached for more than 2000 years, and the eternal destiny of individuals will be settled on the basis of how each individual responds to this plea from God.
4. God makes a provision for those who respond positively to the Gospel of God's grace to be baptized. Through baptism they identify with Christ in His death, burial and resurrection and in that way become initiated into the mystery of Christ.
5. The apostle's first began to preach this gospel and the preaching of it was continued by individual believers starting from Pentecost till today.

The basis and content of the Gospel of Grace is the death, burial and resurrection of Christ. Paul summarized the message he presented to the Corinthians this way.

"Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:" (1Cor.15:1-4). The reason why we have few disciples today even in Church is that the gospel we are preaching to lure them to Church is unscriptural. We are presenting the picture of a Father Christmas Jesus who is there to cater for our whims and caprices and attend to our vanities and lust without demanding any commitment in return. But this false picture is not the gospel and will never save or establish anybody in Christ.



THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM:

This is how the Bible introduces the ministry of Christ after his baptism by John the Baptist: *Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching **the Gospel of the Kingdom of God** (John 1:14).* The Gospel of the Kingdom expands in scope beyond an individual appeal to include people groups and nations. Through the preaching of the gospel of the kingdom, God sends a notice to the inhabitants of the earth that he has a dominion that extends to the earth. In Gen.14:18-20 for example, the name of God revealed, 'El Elyon' means possessor of heaven and the earth.

Jesus, in teaching his disciples to pray, gave a commandment for them to pray for the coming of God's kingdom on earth: *"After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallow be thy name, **Thy Kingdom come**. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven."* (Matt.6:9-10)

The major promise of God to King David which is the basis of the Davidic Covenant is that God will eventually set up His kingdom on earth and rule on earth. Part of the reasons for Christ's return in glory is to set up the Headquarters of this kingdom in Jerusalem. *"And as since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel, and have caused thee to rest from all thine enemies. Also the LORD telleth thee that he will make thee an house.*

And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever. And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever." (2Sam.7:11-14, 16).

"And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure." (Dan.2:44)

The issue of the kingdom and nation states are a major theme in the bible. See scriptures like: Dt.32:8-9; Acts 17:23-27; Lk.1:31-33; Ps.122:5; Rv.21:1-7.

The gospel we are commanded to preach to usher in the return of Christ in glory (What we often describe as the second coming of Christ) is the Gospel of the Kingdom. Mathew 24:14 states: "*And this **Gospel of the Kingdom** shall be preached in all the world (inhabited earth) for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.*"

This means that the end shall not come until the Gospel of the Kingdom has been proclaimed in all the inhabited earth. The reason for this is simple – the sacrificial death of Jesus on the cross is meant to bring liberty not only to individuals but to nations, people groups and to other creatures including animals and nonliving things. *For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.*(Romans 8:19-23)

IMPORTANCE OF THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM:

1. The preaching of it shall usher in the return of Christ in glory or the second coming of Christ. (See Mathew 24:14)
2. The eternal destiny of nation states will be determined on its account. The Scripture shows that hell is not meant for individuals alone. Nation states that fail to reform on the basis of the gospel and embrace godliness and righteousness will all be cast into hell. There are a lot of scriptures on this but let us cite two: *The wicked shall be cast into hell and all the nations that forget God.* (Psalm 9:17) One of the things that will happen upon Christ's return is that the map of the world will be re-drawn. All nations that fail to embrace righteousness and godliness being established by it will be removed from the face of the earth. This is the major reason why the Lord will judge the nations: *When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the*

world. Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: (Matthew 25:31-34, 41).

3. God will separate the nation states on the basis of how each nation responds to His eternal plan for Israel. *"For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land. And they have cast lots for my people; and have given a boy for an harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they might drink."* (Jl.3:1-3).

It is not surprising to discerning hearts that Israel is at the centre stage today. The nation states are conspiring against it, international organizations like the United Nations, European Union, Arab League and other people groups are enraged at Israel and the media is embarking on a hate campaign against them. Just know that God is bringing the nation states to the valley of Jehoshaphat so that they can make a choice that will affect their eternal destiny. We must pray seriously for our leaders not to side against Israel because siding against Israel will be tantamount to siding against God. (See Dt.32:8-9; Matt.25:34-46).

In summarising, let us emphasise the following:

- Christ is returning to earth to set up God's kingdom with headquarters in Jerusalem according to the Covenant He made with David. (See 2 Samuel 7:11-16, Luke 1:32-33.
- The Gospel of the Kingdom opens the way for nations to be invited to be part of that Kingdom. See Joel 3:1-3; Matthew .25:31-46.
- The scope of the Gospel of the Kingdom goes beyond individuals to people groups like lawyers, doctors etc, to institutions and nation states.
- The territory envisaged to be covered by the Gospel of the Kingdom is the whole earth.



THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL: Revelation 14:6-

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The proper place to start in presenting the Everlasting Gospel is the 14th Chapter of the Book of revelation.

*And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having **the everlasting gospel** to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,*

Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. (Revelation 14:6-7)

At the foundation of preaching the everlasting gospel is having a proper revelation of who Christ is. One of the distortions that came with catholicism is the obscuring of the true revelation of Christ and His cross. This necessity becomes obvious when we consider Paul's letter to the Ephesians which is a foundation scripture for the Everlasting Gospel. In describing his commission and mandate from God he said:

*Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: To the intent that now **unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places** might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him. (Ephesians 3:8-11)*

If we put this scripture together with Revelation 14:6-7 that we cited above, we will see all the major sides of the Everlasting Gospel.

CONTENTS OF THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL:

1. It reveals the eternal purposes of God in Christ and unveils the mystery of Christ. The Bible mentions about 15 mysteries the most important of which are:
 - The mystery of Christ (Colossians 1:26-27)

- The mystery of godliness (1 Timothy 3:16)
- The mystery of iniquity (2 Thessalonians 2:7)

A mystery is something concealed by God which takes a revelation from Him to understand. The Bible says that; *the secrets of the Lord is with them that fear him and he will show them His covenant (Psalm 25:14)*. Proverbs 25:2 puts it in another way: *It is the glory of God to conceal a thing but the honour of kings is to search out a matter*. We cannot go far in our walk with God without having a proper understanding and revelation of who Christ is. Jesus confronted His disciples with this question in the sixteenth Chapter of the book of Mathew: *Whom do men say that I the son of man am (Matthew 16:13b)*. He did not leave this matter at the level of speculation but applied it to His disciples personally and individually: *But who say ye that I am. (Matthew 16:15)*

How can we follow God without knowing the God we are following? The doctrine of trinity that has found a central place in Christian theology has no basis in the Bible. You will NEVER see the trinity mentioned in the bible as it gives the impression that God is three. The Catholic catechism indeed describes Him as 'God in three persons' which is a fallacy. The God of Israel in the Old Testament who is ONE God did not suddenly multiply in the New Testament to become three Gods. The most important lesson thought in the Torah is Deuteronomy 6:4: *Hear O Israel, the Lord our God is ONE Lord*. When the young lawyer asked the Lord the most important commandment in the Torah, Jesus emphasized this truth. *Thou shalt love the Lord Thy God with all thine heart and with all thine soul and with all thine mind. (Matthew 22:37)*. How can we love God with all our faculties if we don't know who He is? We are likely to confuse him with other religious creations and give our affection to an idol created by man.

To show the extent of our misunderstanding of this foundational truth, some religious drawings often depict God as having three Thrones in heaven – One for God the Father, another for God the Son and the third one for God the Holy Spirit. According to this myth, The Father will sit on the centre Throne which is a bit bigger, with Jesus sitting on the smaller throne by the right hand of God and the Holy Spirit by the left.

The reality is in fact totally different. There is only one God who manifested himself in the Old Testament as the Father. He took human body and came down to earth as Yeshua the Messiah to pay the penalty for man's sin and reconcile us back to Himself. (See Isaiah 53:1-11; Isaiah 9:6-7). In the Church age He manifests Himself to us as the Holy Spirit. Acts 1:11 talks of '*This same Jesus,*' not a different person returning as the Holy Spirit. Because we misunderstand the nature of the Godhead, we also baptize in the name of three

gods ignoring the fact that all baptisms recorded in the Bible were done in the name of Jesus alone. See for example Acts 10:48; Acts 19:5.

2. The scope of the Everlasting Gospel goes beyond individuals and nation states and covers the entire universe including the heavens, the earth and under the earth. We see for example that the proclamation of it is committed to an Angel. *And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on earth, and to every nation, and kindred and tongue and people.* (Revelation 14:6) We see also that it is proclaimed from the middle of heaven, that is the second heaven which is a place of conflict between God's angels and Satan's angels (See Daniel 10:13-21). The conflict provoked in the heavenlies as a result of the proclamation of the everlasting gospel is going to result in conflicts on earth and wars and disagreement among nations. Are we not in the thick of such wars now?
3. It is proclaimed to all creation including angelic beings, principalities and powers. *'To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known the manifold wisdom of God.'* (Eph.3:10). For me, this is a heavy responsibility because it raises the question of the kind of priesthood we need to have to be able to preach and enforce God's will even upon disobedient angels, especially in their schemes against nation states.
4. The Everlasting Gospel is not an appeal for repentance as the Gospel of Grace but a warning to nations, languages and peoples of the imminency of God's judgment. It is more or less a warning and a command: *'Fear God and give glory to Him for the hour of His judgment is come...'* (Rv.14:7). Many of the disturbances going on in the nations today from natural disasters to wars to famine are judgmental in nature. The earlier we realize this and begin to respond to God in repentance, the better.
5. It is the Gospel that will bring down Babylon and every place where it has been foisted: *"And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, **Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.** For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the*

earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.” (Revelation 18:1-4).

The word Babylon, the way it is used in Scripture talks about disorder and confusion. Babylon is what results when one distorts the pattern or order of God. (See Genesis 11:4-9) There are various dimensions of Babylon:

Babylon is primarily a historical place, the first of the successive world kingdoms that had dominion on earth according to the vision of Nebuchadnezzar in the book of Daniel. (See Gen.10:10; Dan.4:30, 5:7).

Secondarily, Babylon became a spirit described in Rv.18:2-3 as a *'habitation of devils'*. Thirdly Babylon became a nature in people and then a system by which Satan tries to manipulate and retain control of the world.

As a system, Babylon has different fronts and operations. It has a **political system** based on wickedness and pride by which it controls governance and politics in nations. The objective is to ensure that men who have allegiance to Satan maintain control of government and governance. It has an **economic system** based on Mammon that puts men with allegiance to Mammon on top of the mountain of economy. It also has a **religious system** that promotes a multitude of gods while obscuring the knowledge of the ONE true God. In this way, it ensures that worship is diverted to Satan. Finally, it has a **spiritual system** through which it powers and sustains the entire system of Babylon. By virtue of being a spiritual system, it has Priesthood loyal to it, altars and counter covenants to keep entrapped men firmly in its grip.

It is the preaching of the Everlasting Gospel with the revelation of God's true covenants that is able to demystify Babylon and bring men out of its' different layers of deception.

6. The preaching of the Everlasting Gospel will provoke the administration of the Wrath of God and bring judgment on rebellion. *And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, if any man worship the beast and his image and receive his mark in his forehead or in his hand, the same shall drink the wine of the wrath of God.* (Revelation 14:9-10a) It is given to sons raised through the preaching of the everlasting gospel to execute the written judgments of God. *Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a twoedged sword in their hand; To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people; To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; To execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all his saints. Praise ye the LORD”*(Ps.149:6-9). This is necessary because nations cannot enter into its' eternal destiny unless the written judgments of God are executed. See Isaiah

4:4-6. God places His government on the shoulders of sons and not babes or children. (See Isaiah 9:6-7).

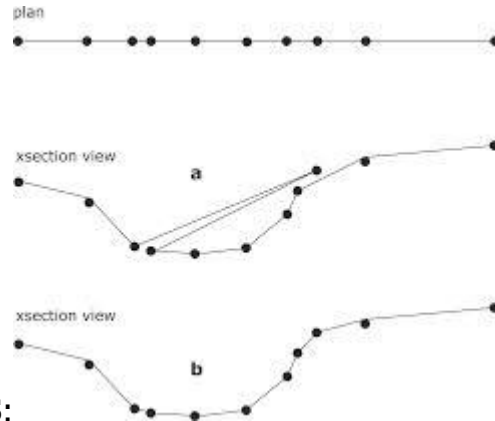
7. It is the preaching of the Everlasting Gospel that provokes a separation between the righteous and unrighteous including nations, peoples and institutions. *"And another angel came out of the temple crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle and reap for the time is come for thee to reap for the harvest of the earth is ripe."*(Rv.14:15) Sickle in scripture is always associated with judgment and separation between the righteous and the wicked. (See also Jl.13:12-14; Rv.14:18-20).

8. The preaching of the everlasting Gospel will produce everlasting righteousness which is the garment that qualifies a believer to become part of the bride of Christ. *"And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints."*(Rv.19:6-8)

This message must be preached to today's Christians that being born again is only the first step in our journey with God. To be part of the bride of Christ, we must overcome our soulish nature and also have our soul saved. Man is a tripartite being made of spirit, soul and body. Our spirit is saved upon being born again. We must walk with God, give up our own will and have our mind renewed by His word for our soul to be saved. If we don't journey with God and have salvation also in our soul, we will be like the man described in Mathew 22, who even though he found his way into the wedding party of the kings son, yet was thrown into outer darkness because he did not have the proper wedding garment. What it means is that the man only had salvation in his spirit but did not pay the price for the salvation of his soul. How many Christians today are wearing the same shoe?

9. The message of the Everlasting Gospel brings us into the millennial reign of Christ and ushers us into eternity. The cosmic signs, economic signs and geographical signs we are seeing in the world are indications that God is winding up the present age. If we are not hearing the trumpets of heaven indicating this

change in season, we will still be stuck in the preliminary, preaching the gospel of grace while heaven has moved on to the second and third stage of the Gospel. We will still be talking about bread and butter while heaven has moved on to the more serious issues of righteousness, justice and bringing the kingdom of God on earth.



JOINING THE ISSUES:

In a way, the level of righteousness we walk in depends on the gospel we are hearing and are exposed to. If we remain at the level of the Gospel of Grace our spiritual growth will be limited to talking about the cross of Jesus, the fact that He died for us and all the benefits His sacrificial death provided for us. But this is only the elementary aspect. God’s requirement is that we move on by taking our cross and following Him (Matthew 16:24). When we take our cross and start following the Lord, the righteousness imputed to us begins to produce eternal results that are credited into our Account. The righteousness imparted are converted into our eternal accounts as everlasting righteousness that qualifies us to have the wedding garment to be part of the bride of Christ.

Gospel of Grace	Righteousness Imputed
Gospel of the Kingdom	Righteousness Imparted
Everlasting Gospel	Everlasting Righteousness

The will of God in this matter is that we are not stuck in the elementary principles but that we move on to perfection. To have this issue in proper alignment, we must move on to consider the implications of the entire spectrum of the Gospel for both the individual and the environment. We have shown from scriptures that the gospel message will impact the individual, the environment, the heavens and all creatures.

THE INDIVIDUAL:

The message of the Gospel is spiritual. We see this just by reading the opening verses of the Gospel of John. *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,*

and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. (John 1:1-5). In John 6:63b Jesus proclaimed: The words that I speak to you they are spirit and life.

A spiritual message requires a spiritual messenger. If you look at the Apostles for example, see what is written concerning them and the method they used in preaching the gospel:

This is what Peter wrote: *Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by **them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven**; which things the angels desire to look into. (1Peter 1:12).* Notice that the Apostles did not preach the gospel of their own selves but *with (under the influence) of the Holy Spirit sent from heaven.* Acts 18:5 says that *.Paul was pressed in the spirit and testified to the Jews. He did not just testify of his own power.*

The Bible makes a distinction between three different types of men:

- a) The natural man – 1Corinthians 2:14
- b) The carnal man – 1Corinthians 3:3
- c) The spiritual man – 1Corinthians 2:15

Since the message of the gospel is spiritual, only a spiritual man can be a vehicle for conveying a spiritual message. All who handle the gospel must cross this hurdle otherwise they can NEVER have eternal results. The ministers of the Gospel must now pay the price for walking in the spirit otherwise they are laboring in vain.



THE ISSUE OF PRIESTHOOD, ALTAR AND COVENANT:

THE PRIESTHOOD:

The Bible shows clearly that as this age comes to an end, wickedness is going to increase on earth. (See 2Timothy 3:1-5) This increase in wickedness will be the direct result of strange spirits and beings who will increase on earth and stretch evil and wickedness to the very limit. (See Revelation 9:1-6).

Genesis Chapter 6 gives us an insight into the root of the type of wickedness and evil that is multiplying on the earth today:

And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown. And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. (Genesis 6:1-5)

These giants also called Nephilims were the products of the abnormal union between angels and women and the offspring they produced were men who were born outside the natural order of God. As such they were not human beings in the proper definition of the word. One distinguishing mark of a human being is that he is the product of God's inbreathed spirit which made him an image of God and therefore sharing in His nature (See Genesis 1:26-27, Genesis 2:4,7). These class of beings born outside the order of God were a deliberate plan of Satan to pollute the human race and thereby subvert the plan of God for the earth. It was for this reason that God commanded Israel to destroy the Anakims and giants that populated the land of Canaan. They became an open door for Satan to corrupt mankind and multiply evil on the face of the earth. This prompted God to destroy people of that era, saving only Noah and his family of seven who had not been tainted by the corruption of that era.

The Bible tells us that the end of the age will have the same evil complexion as the days of Noah: *And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the son of man. (Luke 17:26)*. The days of Noah were days when evil multiplied on earth as a result of the activity of the Nephilims. The Nephilims were influential people in their time. They were described as men of renown. Do not be surprised that some influential people on the earth today including some heads of Government and Institutions are men of this breed. They may not be physical giants but there are men of this breed in the public space today writing a different rule for mankind to follow and opposing and working against everything that is godly. How do you explain the attempt to force

mankind through economic pressure to accept the gay lifestyle and making it the basis to engage with other sovereign nations as America and Europe are doing today?

The point I am making is that today's Priests must be able to confront giants and gods. God never sent Moses to confront Pharaoh until he has raised Moses into the status of a God. In Exodus 7:1 it is written: "*See, I have made thee a god to Pharaoh and Aaron thy brother shall be thy Prophet.*"

The bread and butter serving Priest have little or no place in the ministry of today. We must pursue God through our separation and consecration to him so that He can make us into the type of Priests who will be able to confront the gods that Satan is raising in every sphere of society through the working of the mystery of iniquity.



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Altars are gates into the realm of the supernatural – The meeting point or intersection between spirit and man. Pharaoh was a man of altars. God always directed Moses to confront Pharaoh on his way to the waters, the place of his altar: *And the Lord said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning and stand before Pharaoh, lo he cometh forth to the water (Exodus 8:20)*. Before Moses could deliver Israel from the hand of Pharaoh, he had to judge the gods of Egypt. The ten plaques were specific judgments against the ten gods of Egypt that controlled the social, political, spiritual and economic lives of Egypt. Moses had to overcome them by the hand of God upon him and by having a superior priesthood before he could bring deliverance to Israel. We must follow the same pattern and come into a superior priesthood before we can have answers to the issues of today.

In the battle of the earth, the man who has a higher altar and makes a superior sacrifice will win. (See 2Kings3:26-27)

All men who have had a significant and successful walk with God have been men of altars, from Noah to Abraham and up to our Lord Jesus Christ who erected the highest altar on earth at Calvary and now serves at the altar in heaven. (See Genesis 8:20-22;

Genesis 12:7; Genesis 28:18; Genesis 35:1; Exodus 17:15-16; Exodus 20:24; Revelation 8:3).

Our markets are full of altars. Our offices, institutions and other places of endeavour are full of satanic altars and sacrifices made to demons. We must raise men who are altars themselves and understand the mystery of altars if we are to have any chance in raising disciples of Christ to occupy the top echelon of the seven spheres of influence in society. Without disciples of Christ occupying these spheres, it becomes a more difficult task to fulfill the mandate of the Lord given in Matthew 24:14 and Matthew 28:18-20.

To be useful in ministry today, we must be men who have a living altar. A living altar causes the glory of God to come down from heaven into the realm of the earth.

And, behold, six men came from the way of the higher gate, which lieth toward the north, and every man a slaughter weapon in his hand; and one man among them was clothed with linen, with a writer's inkhorn by his side: and they went in, and stood beside the brazen altar.

And the glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the cherub, whereupon he was, to the threshold of the house.(Ezkeiel9:2-3)

Notice that in this scripture once those men stood beside their brazen altar which was a living altar, the glory of God left heaven and came down to earth. That is what is needed today to confront the level of wickedness on the earth.



THE COVENANT:

The only way God relates with man is on the basis of Covenant. Abraham is cited in scripture as a model and father of faith, but even Abraham's heart was not settled on the promises of God to him until God entered into a Covenant with him. We see this from Genesis 15, where Abraham's response to a unique visitation of God was to complain about his childlessness and the hopelessness of his situation:

And Abram said, Lord GOD, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus?

And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir.(Genesis 15:2-3)

God's response to Abraham was to enter into a Covenant with him in the way men of that era entered into Covenants by having sacrificial animals placed on two sides and having the parties entering into such covenant to pass in between the sacrifice. (See Gen.15:9-10)

The ultimate purpose of God for man is to enter a deep relationship with him that corresponds to a marriage relationship. Through covenants, man would walk with God and grow in relationship with him that will culminate in a marriage relationship. That is the reason why Christ died and that is what He hopes to get from the preaching of the gospel.

COVENANT RELATIONSHIPS

FOUR LEVELS OF COVENANT RELATIONSHIP:

The Scripture outlines four levels of covenant that grows in ascending order with one leading to the other:

- a) **Blood Covenant:** This is the entry level into a Covenant relationship with God. God initiates this covenant to show the permanency of the relationship He is entering into with us. A blood covenant involves a commitment to die to one's self and live for the other. When you are in a blood covenant with another you combine strength and the weaker party takes advantage of the strength and estate of the stronger party. After God entered into a Blood Covenant with Abraham (Genesis 15:5-21), He tested Abraham by demanding the sacrifice of Isaac (Genesis 22:1-19). Abraham demonstrated that he understood his commitment and did not withhold Isaac. Because Abraham did not withhold Isaac, when it was time to sacrifice His own son to save the descendants of Abraham, God could not withhold His son. That is how a Blood Covenant works. It speaks of commitment, a death to self and living for the other person. A Blood Covenant involves entering into a relationship of servanthood through the shedding of blood by sacrifice and must be renewed daily. This is what Paul meant when he wrote: *I affirm brethren by the boasting in which I have in Christ, I die daily.* (1Corinthians 15:51). See also Luke 17:10.
- b) **Salt Covenant:** Let me quote from a Book 'Lost in Translation' by John Klein and Adams Spears. "In contrast to the Blood Covenant (wherein Paul died daily), this is an eternal covenant. Once you make it, its made forever and doesn't have to be renewed constantly. Its name comes from an ancient practice. Each

Hebrew person carried a small pouch of salt. When two or more men wanted to enter into this type of relationship with each other, the parties to the Covenant would mix their salt and eat it. When they were finished, they would redistribute their salt into their pouches.

At that point, the only way to break the covenant would be to separate each grain of salt from the others and return it to its original owner. Since this was impossible, the original bond has to remain forever.

When Abraham welcomed the Lord and broke bread with Him (Gen.18:1-15), he was modeling the salt covenant. As with the blood covenant, the salt covenant begins at God's initiation. God pursued Abraham and gave him a unilateral promise. But at the same time, God still required Abraham to do certain things. Abraham was still modeling the servant (ie blood) covenant when he raised the knife and almost sacrificed Isaac." (See Lost in Translation Vol.1 Pg.42).

- c) **Sandal covenant:** A Sandal Covenant speaks of passing on an inheritance. When God told Moses to remove his sandals in the third Chapter of Exodus, He was telling him to give up his temporal inheritance in Egypt, so He could clothe him with a better eternal inheritance. This practice followed an ancient Hebrew custom where the men used worn out sandals to mark the boundaries of their property. Over time, sandals themselves came to represent the inheritance concept. Along with the privilege of inheritance comes the responsibility to be a good steward of the inheritance. This was God's original intent for Adam and Eve when they were given the responsibility to manage the Garden of Eden. Even though they lost the privilege through disobedience God is walking to restore us to this type of relationship with him when His bride sits on the throne and rules and reigns with Him as in Revelation 20:4-6.
- d) **Marriage Covenant:** The marriage or betrothal covenant is the culmination of all three previous types of covenant – servanthood, friendship and inheritance. This is the central theme that resonates through the Bible. God's original call for Adam was to be His bride. Adam and Eve broke this bond and through their disobedience handed God a writ of divorce. God's purpose in sending Christ is to create the basis for a re-union to take place. The ultimate destination for those who follow through the previous three covenants in obedience is to end up in a grand wedding where they will be re-united with Christ. This subject reaches its peak in Revelation 19: *And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great. And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of*

the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, these are the true sayings of God.(Revelation 19:6-9)

The Christian life is supposed to be journey into a greater level of intimacy with God. God's intention is to take us from the outer court, through the middle court and into the holy of holies. The means He has designed to take us through this process is by entering into different levels of covenant relationship with us in ascending order until we end up as His bride, where we become one with Him.

There are some things that have arisen on the earth today that the only people who can deal with them are men who know their covenant with God. There are some altars that need to be cast down, and the only people who can touch them are men who know their covenant with God. There are some gods that Satan has raised especially in the mountain of economy and governance that the only people who can confront them are men of higher altars who know their covenant with God. This is why it is written: *The secret of the Lord are with those who fear Him, and He will show them His Covenant.* (Psalm 25:14).



THE IMPACT OF THE GOSPEL ON THE ENVIRONMENT:

As we coast home, let us consider this final aspect that is often lost on the Church because of stunted growth and a pre-disposition to remain at the Gospel of Grace and bread and butter type of Christianity. The Gospel is not meant to liberate individuals alone, but also the environment including the lands, the waters, the vegetation, animals, plants and all creation including the entire universe. *For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,*

Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. (Romans 8:19-22)

Sin, and the fallen lifestyle of mankind impacts negatively not only on man but also on the environment. Scientific reports show that the vegetation in most parts of the nation is going dry. The seas are drying up in some places and overflowing and causing havoc in other places. Erosion, floods and other natural disasters are defacing the environment. Fishes and other sea creatures are reducing in number and strange changes are occurring in weather patterns around the world. All these things are not just happenstance but the effect of sin on creation. Man was put in charge of the earth and when man is in misalignment with his maker it tells on the environment. That is why all creation groans waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God.

IMPACT OF THE GOSPEL ON THE WATERS:

The earth was called out of waters. Genesis 1:2 describes the condition of the earth after God judged the rebellion where Lucifer led one third of angelic beings in rebellion against God: *"And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. From that background of darkness, chaos and flood, God commanded the earth to come forth from the waters. And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so. And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called theseas: and God saw that it was good. (Genesis 1:9-10).*

After God had placed man on the Garden of Eden, he blessed the nations of the world by means of a river that parted into four heads and became channels of his blessings to the different parts of the earth.

*And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads. The name of the first is **Pison**: that is it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; And the gold of that land is good: there is bdellium and the onyx stone. And the name of the second river is **Gihon**: the same is it that compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia. And the name of the third river is **Hiddekel (Tigris)**: that is it which goeth toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river is **Euphrates**. And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.*

We know that Euphrates and Tigris are physical rivers still known by that name in the Middle East. Both rivers originate in the mountains of Eastern Turkey and covers most of the Arab nations including Iraq, Iran and Saudi Arabia and empties in the Persian gulf.

River Gihon is the Nile River that starts in Jinja Uganda flowing from South to North and covers about eleven African nations before running a long course through Sudan and terminating in Egypt.

River Pison on the other hand is present day River Niger that starts in the Fouta Djallon mountains in Guinea near the Sierra Leonian border and runs a course through Mali, Niger republic, Benin and passes through Lokoja to Onitsha/ Asaba in South Eastern Nigeria before emptying in the Atlantic ocean through one of the richest deltas in the world known as the Niger delta.

After the judgment of the rebellion in heaven, the angelic spirits that led the rebellion were ejected from their place of service in heaven and some of them settled in the planetary systems including the sun, moon and stars and some of them found their abode in the oceans and waters of the world. At the belly of the oceans of the world is a rebellious kingdom in opposition against God and the operational base of some disobedient spirits that trouble the nations of the world. The Bible mentions some of the spirits that operate from the waters as marine spirits especially two that have a controlling influence on the nations of the world: Leviathan and Mammon. (See Psalm 74:13-14; Ezekiel 29:3-5; Luke 16:13). When you read Revelation 20:13, you will see that there are devils living in the sea that have the ability to trap the souls of the dead. *And the sea gave up the dead which were in it.*

In his encounter with Moses at the time of the plaques, Pharaoh always resorted to his altars in the waters from where he drew strength. God was aware of this strategy and always directed Moses to wait for Pharaoh on his way to the waters, the place of his strength. *get thee onto Pharaoh in the morning, lo he goeth unto the water.*(Exodus 7:15) *And the Lord said unto Moses, rise up early in the morning and stand before Pharaoh; lo he cometh forth to the water.* (Exodus 8:20)

To set the dominion of God in any nation, you must have a People that are able to deal with the waters. That means that God must have a people who have journeyed with him through their consecration, sacrifice, covenants and an order of Priesthood - the order of Melchizedek whom God can pass through to judge the gods of the lands and the deities that Satan has raised in the nations through the mystery of iniquity. The 82nd Psalm makes this clear: *God stands among the congregation of the mighty. He judgeth among the gods. I have said ye are gods and all of you are children (or sons) of the most high.*(Psalm 82:1,6).

The reason God has not judged the nations and especially the nation of Nigeria in the manner He desires is that He is waiting for these sons to arise. All creation are also waiting to be brought into liberty through the arising of sons in different spheres of society (Romans 8:19-22).

Most altars that trouble the nations today especially in the area of governance and the economy are Marine altars. Money making rituals and sacrifices all over the world are carried out in the waters and by river sides. In 2012, we were praying concerning certain situations in Lagos state and the Lord commanded us to visit some bodies of waters in the state to pray and deal with some altars there. Even as early as 7pm in one of the beaches in Lagos, we saw that the whole water front was almost taken over by dark Priests of different hues conducting rituals and burning candles for desperate people seeking especially wealth from Mammon and Water spirits.

Our 'French suit wearing Wazzup Priests' who are pleased to forever remain on the surface of the bread and butter gospel do not even understand what is going on not to talk of dealing with it. Most churches around Nigeria and other nations of the world are polluted by Marine spirits. They sing in our choirs and bring massive pollution and spread immorality among the brethren and we are still clapping and singing because we have numbers and people turning up for services every Sunday. But lives are not changed and sin lies in wait at the gates of these mega churches.

Go near some Pastors and see the issues churches are dealing with and you will marvel that we are still celebrating and singing when we should be lying face down in repentance crying for mercy. Homosexuality, Immorality of the most obnoxious type, occultism and witchcraft are common in most Churches and most times the order of the day is to cover these sins so that the boat is not rocked.

All these go on because sons have not arisen in the order of Elijah who can confront things head on and bring judgment on the altars of Baal that pollute our landscape.

Some are predicting that a massive revival will sweep across the nations just before the return of Christ in glory. I believe there will be a revival but not necessarily in the way we expect it where massive numbers of people will turn to the Lord. The scripture in fact warns us of the opposite:

And many false prophets shall rise and deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound the love of many shall wax cold. (Matthew 24:11-12)

Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition. (2 Thessalonians 2:3)

Are we not seeing this falling away where people have departed from true faith and are following after fables and sweet tales and strange doctrines and strange Pastors whose foundations are not in Christ? What gospel are we preaching that makes people flock to Churches on Sunday? Go to those Churches and preach repentance and emphasise separation, righteousness and holiness and find out how many people there are prepared to pay the price for true discipleship (Matthew 16:24-25).

I believe the type of revival that will happen is a teaching revival, a revival in knowledge. God will raise sons here and there through whom He will model kingdom life and kingdom power.

*And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; **and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths**: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.*

And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the LORD.(Isaiah 2:2-3).

There will be massive failure of world systems and nations will be forced to turn to people who are instructed in the ways of the Lord to be taught kingdom ways of doing things. That way, God will win peoples and nations that will be part of the configuration of the kingdom age. But even in the midst of that, there will still be gross darkness around the world, but God will have a people who shine brightly in the midst of that darkness. (Isaiah 60:2-3)

The greatest need in the world today is for the sons of God to arise. All creation are yearning for it and waiting for these sons to arise in the various spheres and bring them out from bondage into liberty. Will you pray and ask the Lord to make you a son and deploy you as part of his solution for the ills of this age?

DEALING WITH FOUNDATIONS!!



The most critical need of the Church at this time is to have sons that are able to handle the complex challenges that will face mankind as this age comes to a close. Scripture clearly teaches that as the present age comes to a close, darkness and wickedness will increase.

As I meditate and pray about this, the Lord has shown me some interesting things that we should all consider. One of the major issues is the issue of foundations:

The way I understand it, there are three foundations that must be solidly laid for a believer in order to live a victorious Christian life. The three foundations are:

- a) The foundation of Christ. Having a proper scriptural understanding of who Christ is – GOD Himself, who came in the flesh to redeem man from sin.
- b) The foundational doctrines of the faith as espoused in Heb.6:1-2
- c) The foundation of the father's house.

Concerning **the foundation of Christ**, no person can serve God effectively without knowing him. I call this the Samaritan dilemma. Jesus confronted the Samaritan woman with this reality – *You Samaritans worship what you do not know. (Jn.4:22)*

One of the most destructive concepts that undermine true knowledge of God is the Trinitarian concept of God that has been passed to the church as a legacy, through the destructive years of state control of church and religion. Churchianity holds dear to this concept, baptizes into it and builds institutions around it thereby re-inforcing it even when it flies against scripture:

Hear O Israel, the Lord our God is One Lord. (Deut.6:4)

The result is that many people assume that they know God but they don't really know Him. They don't have any encounter of Him or any experiential knowledge of who He is. The result is that when the storm comes, they fall flat on their face, being that their foundation is built on sand.

I want to recommend this book that is available on the Internet - THE ONENESS OF GOD BY DAVID K. BERNERD. (If you can't find it we can send a pdf version if you request it.

You will do yourself a lot of good if you will take time in this season, to read this book and prayerfully seek to know the Lord. We did some work around this in our forthcoming book, the Gospel Battle of The Last Days, which will soon be available. We trust that this will be a good resource for the Church.

The **second foundation** that must be properly laid is the foundation of scripture outlined in Hebrews 6:1-2.

The scripture describes the Christian life as a building project (See Col.2:7; 1Pet.2:5-6). In building a house, the most critical component is the foundation. The Bible recommends some foundational doctrines that must be taught a believer and worked into him at the initial stage of His Christian life. The doctrines are listed in order as:

1. **The Doctrine of Christ:** This entails having a proper knowledge of the Godhead, and having a revelation of who He is. God is known through revelation and encounter. (See Matt.16:13-18).
2. **Repentance from dead works:** Dead work is primarily sin, but includes anything we do apart from the leading of the Holy Spirit. This includes good things like evangelism, giving or any Christian service or ministry. Our model is Christ. Jesus never did anything including praying for the sick, apart from what His father asked Him to do.

His motto was, 'I do nothing on my own.' We must be taught again to hear and obey God, because this is our righteousness otherwise we will waste our time doing dead work, which will NOT attract any reward. Dead works are most times obstructive to the genuine move of God.

Have you considered the implication of this scripture?

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them (Eph.2:10).

This means that we are primarily called not to invent our assignments, but to discover what God has ordained for us to do.

One of the most effective means of discovering this is to spend time to wait before the Lord and also by praying in the Spirit.

When we spend time waiting before the Lord, He writes instructions on our heart concerning our assignments and also gives us strategies to accomplish them.

As we pray in the Spirit, we activate the ministry of partner Angels assigned to help us in our assignments.

3. **Faith toward God:** Biblical faith is grounded on obedience to God. This American teaching of faith to grab things, or name it and claim it is destructive. If you are a Pentecostal, chances are that this is what has been planted in your head. You must find somebody to unteach you, and teach you properly. Read Hebrews 11 and you will see that most of the people commended for faith were people who suffered on account of their faith. If your concept of faith does not include that, it is deficient and will not stand the test of trial.

4. **The doctrine of baptisms:** These includes water baptism, baptism into the Church, Baptism into the Holy Spirit and Baptism of fire or suffering. Scriptural baptism is into Christ and NOT into a denomination. Baptisms are foundational and lay an altar for you. So the person who baptizes you is important. The bible says, *if the foundation is destroyed, what can the righteous do?* My answer is that the righteous should lay a new foundation before proceeding. Seek God in this season whether you need to be re-baptised by a proper person having a righteous priesthood before God.

I have had to be re-baptised on three occasions before I can be able to go further in the Lord. Firstly, I was baptised by sprinkling as Catholics do. when I had further light I had to be re-baptised by a denomination, but it was still done in the name of the 'trinity – father, son and Holy Spirit:'

When I saw from proper teaching of the word of God that scriptural baptism is done in THE NAME OF JESUS, I also had to find a proper person who had a walk with God that baptised me into Christ. You may need to do so otherwise you will be limited in some areas.

All you have to do is to look at all the occasions in the Book of Acts where the Apostles baptised.

If you do this, you will discover that even though the Lord mentioned that they should baptise in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in Matthew 28:19, yet in executing this instruction they baptised in the Name of Jesus. They had perfect understanding that He was referring to a Name JEHOVAH or YAHUSHUA. (See Acts 10:47-48, Acts 16:31-33; Acts 19:5).

5. **Laying on of hands:** The bible contains this warning: *Lay hands suddenly on no man* (1Tim.5:22). Spirits are transferred through the laying on of hands. Many people are entrapped in religion today because religious people have laid hands on them. Most of the tongues spoken in many Pentecostal circles are not Holy Spirit inspired, but religious spirits.

The true indicator of Holy Spirit presence is the striving to live a life of holiness. How come many tongue speaking people are still routinely living in sin and not even feel the pang of guilt. Something is definitely wrong with most Christian profession and the foundation can be traced to this. Many demonic people have laid foundations in us which must be uprooted and a new foundation laid in us and for us if we are to move forward.

6. **Resurrection of the dead:** Some teachings that have emerged in Christian circles around the issue of rapture is misleading and based on injurious presumptions. Many Christians tend to think that they will be whisked away before things get really bad but this is misleading. The truth is that believers will be saved out of the tribulation, and not from it. Presumptions can be costly and we need to pay the price to have a proper understanding of what scripture actually teaches on this subject or else we will be deceived.

7. **Eternal Judgment:** There are two aspects of judgments that have a bearing on our life as Christians which are often confused:

There is judgment in history. This is the aspect mentioned in Exodus 20: *Thou shalt not bow down to them (idols) nor serve them for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me*

This means that in history, one generation can pay for the sin of the previous generation. That is why the issue of scriptural deliverance is important to untangle us from the chords of previous generations.

Then, judgment in eternity: This simply means that no person can go to hell for the sin of the previous generation. Ezekiel 18:20 puts it this way:

The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.

Apart from being taught these scriptures, they must become a life for us and be engrained in our foundations. This is best done through relationships and discipleship as these truths may not be passed through seminars or the time conscious thirty minutes Sunday, Sunday exhortations that has become the pattern in our churches today. Truth is like gold and we must dig deep and pay a price to acquire them.

Let me recommend two resources that will help you in this area:

(Foundations for Righteous Living – Derek Prince; Christian Foundations – Audio Cd by John Adejoro-Oluwa. If you desire it, we may be able to help pass this your way).

THE FOUNDATIONS OF OUR FATHER'S HOUSE:

Finally, the third foundation that must be laid for those who want to live a victorious Christian life, is a proper disconnection from **the foundations of the father's house** and an engrafting in the foundations of Christ.

The Lord has taught and shown me that those of us especially from Africa, must be prepared to pay the price to be properly disconnected from the idolatrous foundations of our father's house before we can follow the Lord.

African traditions are deep in idolatry. Nimrod, the first African monarch paid a price to pass idolatry through our veins. Take traditional institutions for example. Many thrones we revere in African culture is rooted in Nimrod.

For example, the throne of the Ooni of Ife has its strength in being connected to Nimrod, or Lamorodu; the same with the Oba of Benin, the Obi of Onitsha and others. We are baptized into idolatry through marriage ceremonies, naming ceremonies and religious practices like infant baptism and naming.

If this is not dealt with, it will wait for us at critical times and disrupt our walk with God. In obtaining lasting victory over the foundations of our father's house, four things are critical:

- a) The Altar that speaks over you. Who is the man of God over you? Is he self-appointed or God appointed?
- b) The Covenants you have. No one can have permanent victory over the father's foundation apart from covenant. Your fathers covenanted you to satan through several rites and practices and it will take the same process for the Lord to untangle you.
- c) Deliverance Ministration. These includes ministry by a man of God, and those obtained directly from the Lord as you wait before Him.
- d) Separation: In some situations, God may require you to separate totally from even your family for a season before He can deal with your issues (See matt.10:37). If you are not prepared to pay this price, then you are not yet prepared to have full deliverance and victory.

YOU MAY PROFIT FROM THIS SEASON:

We are in the season of Issachar when it will pay to walk in wisdom and understanding. It is a time to build and lay proper foundations by the wisdom and ordination of God following His seasons and timings.

My Recommendation:

Read the Book of Hebrews again paying attention to Heb.5:12-6:2.

Pray especially in the night season between 12mn and 3am.

Spend at least an hour to wait before the Lord in silence and quietness during this period.

Pray these scriptures in Eph.1:17-23; Eph.3:14-21 and col.1:9-10.

We will also be praying that the Lord will lay a new foundation for you in Christ and bring you into freedom and dominion.

OUR ROLE MODEL:

In the Book of Isaiah, the Lord admonishes us to follow the example of Abraham and model our life around his if we are to have a victorious Christian life:

Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the LORD: look unto the rock *whence* ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit *whence* ye are digged.

Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah *that* bare you: for I called him alone, and blessed him, and increased him (Is.51:1-2).

I have done some studies in this area and come to the conclusion that Abraham's life was grounded around seven pillars:

- i. Altars
- ii. Covenants.
- iii. Sacrifices.
- iv. Obedience.
- v. Consecration.
- vi. Separation.
- vii. Vision.

We should find practical ways of integrating these tenets into our Christian life.

On the issue of Covenants, the Lord has shown me eight Covenants that we must cut if our serious about maturing in our Priesthood.

I am not saying that they are only one rather I am saying that depending on the nature of our calling and assignments, the Lord will lead us into various Covenants.

God will NEVER commit Himself to anyone unless the person is prepared to also be committed to God.

In fact, Covenants are the only way through which God enters a permanent relationship with man.

The eight Covenants the Lord has personally revealed to me are:

- 1) Covenant of the New Birth (Matt.16:26-29, Jer.31:31-34).
- 2) Covenant of Service (Bond Servant) – Ex.21:1-6, Jn.21:15-19.
- 3) Covenant of Integrity – Ps.26; Ex.23:1-33.

- 4) Covenant of Inheritance – Josh,24:15-23, 27.
- 5) Covenant of Stewardship – Ps.50:5-8; Matt.6:19-24.
- 6) Covenant of Self Abandonment (life). This is a commitment unto death – Rv.12:10-11; Lk.9:22-27.
- 7) Covenant of Sonship – Ps.2:7
- 8) Covenant of Kingship – Pr.31:1-9.

Are we prepared to move further in our walk with the Lord? Then we must be willing to be drawn into Covenants with Him. There is no other way!

AFRICA ARISE:

AFRICA IN HEAVEN'S VIEW - DEREK PRINCE'S MESSAGE TO AFRICA:

On the evening before Passover precisely on April 9, 2017 I had an experience where I was taken to heaven.

I arrived an oval shaped auditorium where a meeting was scheduled to take place at a time that corresponded with 12noon earthly time. We arrived there at 11.57am.

In the front row was a section tagged African section. On the seat, I could recognise Bro Babalola, the Apostle, Pa Elton the Apostle to Nigeria and Africa.

I saw the Gentle English man and influential Bible Teacher walk in and briefly greeted these two Apostles before mounting the rostrum at exactly 12noon earthly time and started speaking. His topic was that Africa's time had come. He quoted copiously from Scripture going from Genesis through Revelation but as he speaking messages for Africa were written in my heart which I typed in the golden laptop that was given to me.

I was given what looked like a laptop that had divine intelligence and asked to record what he had to say and publish it to Africa as I would be directed. I am still processing some of the things I had but I feel led to share these eight things now having also shared them at our just concluded retreat.

EIGHT THINGS THAT DEREK PRINCE SAID ABOUT AFRICA AND NIGERIA:

- 1) Derek Prince was called an Apostle for Africa and United States. He had a message for Africa, but because Africa was not ready for the message he focused on America because he had to redeem time. The time is now ripe for Africa to receive that message to enable it complete its assignment of being the last leg of the gospel marathon before the Lord's return.
- 2) Africa was the subject of an ancient occult conspiracy. That conspiracy had legal foundations in the transaction that Nimrod, an African and first monarch and

kingdom builder did to exchange Africa's glory for fake worship. For this reason, all cults on earth derive their origin from the worship of Nimrod who became a son to satan through the mystery of iniquity.

- 3) Because of this transaction, Africa's waters are polluted as colonies of fallen angels took residence in these waters (See Nah.2:6-7; Nah.3:4). There is an imperative on Africa to have a matured Priesthood that is able to deal with the many Pharaohs that has been raised through this mystery of Nimrod.

Nimrod temporarily traded the glory of Africa for the fading opulence of the present age whose prince is satan. The present world system can NEVER favour Africa. Africa must look up to Me for systems from My Throne that will drive the next age. Africa must look up to Me for good science to replace the bad science controlled by the occult. (Examples of this bad science in Food Technology and Agriculture and the Pharmaceutical Industry which has become a merchant of death).

- 4) Africa's only hope to prevail is for the Priesthood to return to the true word of God. This is the only basis for their blessing. This will also mean going back to scripture with an open mind so that we can receive a revelation of some truths that has been obscured by religion.
- 5) Africa should return to the pure form of agriculture that God gave them (See Gen.1:29). Africa is the Lord's garden. There is an attempt to pollute that garden by the occult and new age groups and our compromised and inexperienced governments are making it easy for them.
- 6) The darkness in Africa that translates to inability to solve the power problem in spite of enormous resources is deliberate. Africa can profit if it pursues solar technology as a means of resolving the perennial power problem. Help will not come from the West.
- 7) The Lord is rearing again the garden of the East. It is for the profiting of the Nigerian nation and those who oppose it do not have light. Pray that light will flood their heart.

- 8) Derek pointed the messenger to what he called the tectonic lines that dictate end-time occultic events followed by the New Age movement and other occult groups. Map of this ancient tectonic line attached.

This is what Derek Prince said to the Messenger:

The pattern of heaven was distorted by Nimrod during the scramble for Africa. He sold African leadership in knowledge and technology and exchanged it for vain and deceitful worship and distorted the golden wisdom and leadership originally given to Africa. The knowledge became distorted bringing about death and darkness that resulted in the Pyramids that now empowers occultism in the world and which is now domiciled in the West chiefly America, in a tectonic line that starts from San Fransisco in USA, goes through several cities namely, Colorado, Tulska, Little Rock Arkansas (source of Bill and Hilary's demonic mantle), Colombia, goes across the Atlantic through Morocco, Libya (Ghadaffi's mantle) up to Egypt.

It goes downward from Egypt and passes through Chad and Niger and enters Nigeria. In Nigeria, it passes through kano (D.....'s demonic mantle), Zaria, Ogbomoso and then Lagos, Unilag area confluence (That produced A.....'s Toga, now worn by T.....). From there it goes up again in a triangular formation to Ghana, Cote d'Ivoire and Guinea and goes upward through Bahamas, enters America again through New Orleans, Texas, Phoenix, Las Vegas, California and terminates at the same point of origin in San Francisco.

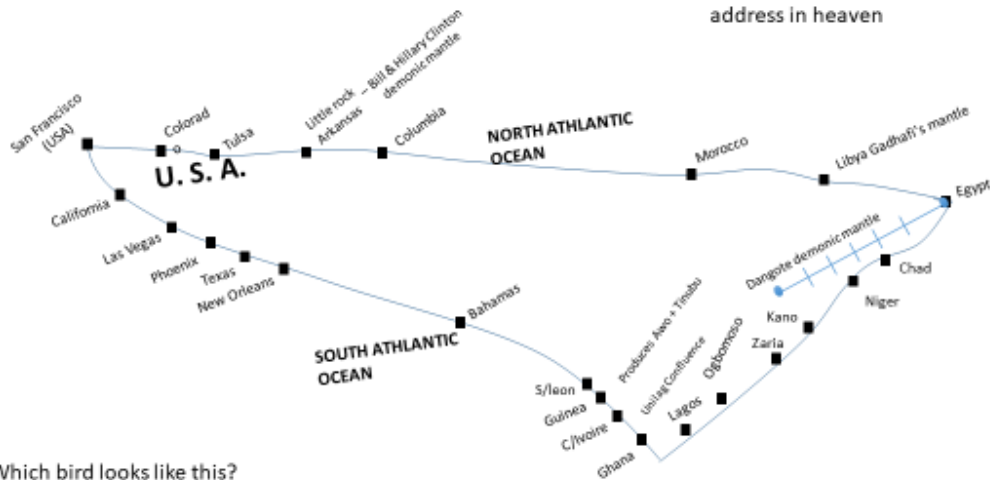
In view, this Tectonic line looks like a hawk which is the principle followed in inventing the Toma Hawk cruise missile of the Americans.

This is the TECTONIC LINES THAT DICTATE ENDTIME OCCULTIC EVENTS. This is followed by the New Age Movement and other such movements. This tectonic line played out in the Clash Between Trump and Clinton.



TECTONIC LINES THAT DICTATE END-TIME OCCULTIC EVENTS FOLLOWED BY THE NEW AGE MOVEMENT ETC.

(Clash between Trump & Clinton)
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address in heaven



Which bird looks like this?
Hawk -Toma hawk cruise missiles of America.
Instituted by hell and given for destruction

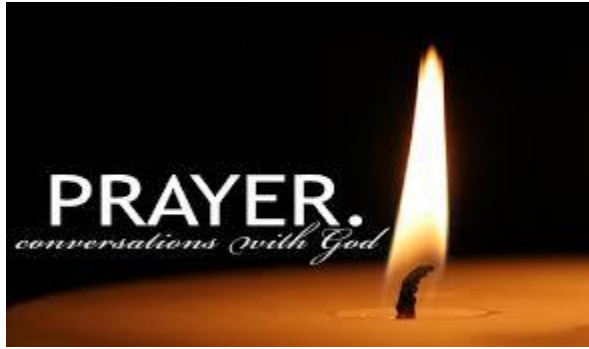
If only you know the extent of hell's involvement in the last American election that nearly threw up a continental witch as President of the most influential nation on earth today.

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There is need to pray about this and seek the Lord further because He has secrets to share now with his sons from Africa.

The season for Africa has come upon us.

It will require a dedicated Priesthood to untangle the continents from the clutches of Satan. God is set to do this now but he is looking for willing vessels. Are you prepared to be counted among this number?



Merciful Father, I believe your word that has come to me through this pamphlet. I believe that when you saved me, your purpose was to take me from being a child to a son who will be useful to you in the world. I have dwelt a long time on your cross and the benefits it brought to me as an individual. Now precious Father, I want to move on. Show me my own cross, enable me to carry it and follow you so that through that process I can become your son in whose shoulder you can place your government. I want to be used of you in this end-time and I am prepared with you helping me to pay the price that I may be a tool in your hand that you can deploy for purposes profitable to you. I ask you this in the name of Yahushua Ha-Mashiach. Amen.

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