

## **PRAYING EFFECTIVELY FOR NIGERIA – UNDERSTANDING THE PRINCIPLES: (PART 3)**

In part 1 of this article, I outlined principles for effective Intercession for the nations the way I received it from the Lord.

I stated that effective Intercession for nations rest mainly on four pillars:

- Understanding the Season.
- Who are the men praying? (Quality of the Intercessors).
- Persistence that pays (You must pray until you prevail).
- What are the men praying? (If you are praying for mercy when the mood in heaven is for judgment you are in the way).

In part 1, I addressed the first two pillars. In Part 2, I addressed the third and fourth pillars. In Part 3 (The closing part), I intend to proceed to give Prayer Directions. This will contain recommended Prayers and Proclamations that heaven is expecting the hearing Church to make at this time.

We want to re-affirm again that there are seasons when those who execute God's judgment are the favourites of God. Phinehas found favour with the Lord and gained everlasting approval and commendation when he was discerning enough to execute God's judgment when heaven was crying for judgment.

He was rewarded with a Covenant of Peace and an everlasting Priesthood.

*And, behold, one of the children of Israel came and brought unto his brethren a Midianitish woman in the sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel, who were weeping before the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.*

*And when Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose up from among the congregation, and took a javelin in his hand;*

*And he went after the man of Israel into the tent, and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her belly. So the plague was stayed from the children of Israel.*

*And those that died in the plague were twenty and four thousand.*

*And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,*

*Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, hath turned my wrath away from the children of Israel, while he was zealous for my sake among them, that I consumed not the children of Israel in my jealousy.*

*Wherefore say, **Behold, I give unto him my covenant of peace:***

*And he shall have it, and his seed after him, even the covenant of an everlasting priesthood; because he was zealous for his God, and made an atonement for the children of Israel.*

*Now the name of the Israelite that was slain, even that was slain with the Midianitish woman, was Zimri, the son of Salu, a prince of a chief house among the Simeonites.*

*And the name of the Midianitish woman that was slain was Cozbi, the daughter of Zur; he was head over a people, and of a chief house in Midian (Bum.25:6-15).*

We are now in such a season so join us in making these proclamations with every authority and boldness.

Rev.20:4

*And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.*

Before going on to the prayers and proclamations, I want to conclude by saying that love is the major motivation for God's judgment. When people become an obstacle to God's purpose He has to judge and if necessary kill them to preserve His purpose.

*To him that smote Egypt in their firstborn: for his mercy endureth for ever (Ps.136:10)*

So it was mercy (love) that made God kill the firstborns of Pharaoh?

We cannot go far in being the agency that will carry the judgments of God in our breastplates in this season unless we are united and prepared to stand to the end.

I know that it is almost impossible for the whole Church to stand together in unity on the side of God's purpose so God must find a way to preserve the principle of unity so that His purpose can stand.

What the Lord put before us as a means of preserving this Unity is the issue of Covenant.

Since the Lord asked us to embark on this journey to mobilise the Church to contend for His appointed destiny for the nation (whose time has come) I have been aware that it must be carried in prayer.

The Scripture makes it clear that prophecy is not fulfilled automatically without prayer:

*This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, **that thou by them mightest war a good warfare;**  
Holding faith (1Tim.1:18-19b).*

We have not been able to pray the way we ought to do in a strategic consistent manner and this is not for lack of effort. We find that many times after people make commitments they don't follow through.

This was bringing frustration to me until the Lord came to us during our December 2017 Retreat to say that we will NEVER be able to pray the way we ought to as far as this purpose is concerned unless we enter into a Covenant with Him.

A few of us have entered into this Covenant with the Lord and our prayers have changed.

I know it is the will of God for those who want to pursue this purpose to enter into the same Covenant. However, it is a personal decision.

We titled it a COVENANT TO PARTNER WITH THE LORD TO BIRTH HIS PRESENT PURPOSES FOR THE CHURCH, NIGERIA AND THE NATIONS.

If you seriously want to be part of these prayers, then you should enter into the same Covenant. Pray about this and if you are persuaded inbox me to send you the Draft Covenant to personalize and execute.

You will be the first beneficiary as you do this for the Lord.

We speak the boldness of the Lord upon you and His Covenant of Peace as we begin to pray and proclaim:

## **PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY:**

**JEHOVAH ELOHIM, Wise in heart and mighty in strength. Who has hardened himself against God and had peace? He removeth mountains and they know it not, when He overturneth them in His anger. He shaketh the earth out of its place and the pillars thereof tremble. He commandeth the sun and it riseth not and He sealet up the stars. He alone spreadeth out the heavens and treadeth upon the high waves**

of the sea. Who doeth great things past finding out and wanders without number. He taketh away and who will hinder him; who will say unto Him what doest thou?

He leadeth counsellors away spoiled and judges maketh He fools. He weakeneth the government of kings and bindeth their loins with a fetter. He leadeth Priests away spoiled and overthroweth the mighty. He poureth contempt upon nobles and slackeneth the girdle of the mighty. He discovereth the deep things out of darkness and bringeth into light the shadow of death. He increaseth the nations and destroyeth them. He spreadeth out the nations and bringeth them in. He taketh away the understanding of the chiefs of the people of the earth and causeth them to wander in a pathless waste. They grope in the dark without light and He maketh them to stagger like a drunkard. Sheol is naked before Him and destruction hath no covering. He stretcheth out the north over empty space; He hangeth the earth upon nothing. He bindeth up the waters in His thick clouds and the cloud is not rent under them. He covereth the face of His throne, He spreadeth His cloud upon it. He has traced a fixed circle over the waters unto the confines of light and darkness.

The Pillars of the earth tremble and are astonished at His rebuke. He stirreth up the sea by His power and by His understanding He smiteth through Rahab. By His Spirit, the heavens are adorned. His hand has formed the fleeing serpent. God is exalted in His power, who teacheth as He? He spreadeth His light around Him and covereth the bottom of the sea. He thundereth marvellously with His voice doing great things which we do not comprehend. He saith to the snow, fall on the earth and to the pouring rain, even the pouring rains of His might. He bringeth forth the whirlwind from the chamber of the south and cloud from the winds of the north.

By the breath of God ice is given, and the breadth of the waters is straitened. Also with plentiful moisture He loadeth the thick clouds, His light dispels the cloud. He turneth the clouds everywhere by His guidance that they may do whatever He commandeth them to do upon the face of the circuit of the earth. He set the measure of the earth and stretched a line upon it. He laid the foundations of the earth and set it's cornerstone. He shut up the sea with doors when it burst forth, issuing out of the womb. He set the boundaries for the seas and set bars and doors for it and He stayed the proud waves. He commandeth the morning and causeth the dawn to know it's place. He knoweth the dwelling place of light and darkness is not hidden before Him.

He reserveth a storehouse of snow and treasures of hail for the time of distress, the time of battle and war. He parteth the light and scattereth the East wind upon the earth. He divideth a channel for the rain flood and a way for the thunders flash. He

knoweth the ordinances of the heavens and determines their rule over the earth. He is sovereign, the King of all ages and His counsel stands. Lord we acknowledge your authority and we worship you as the monarch of the universe whose power is unquestionable. (Based on Job 9:1-17, 12:14-26; 26:6-14)

## **PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S PURPOSE AND PRAYERS FOR ISRAEL:**

Dear heavenly Father,

We bring the nation of Israel before your throne of mercy at a time when the whole world is conspiring against your people and your inheritance Israel. Lord, we remind you of your holy word concerning Israel and we identify and stand with your purpose for the nation of Israel.

“For Zion’s sake I will not hold My peace, And for Jerusalem’s sake I will not rest, Until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, And her salvation as a lamp that burns.

The Gentiles shall see your righteousness, And all kings your glory. You shall be called by a new name, Which the mouth of the Lord will name.

You shall also be a crown of glory In the hand of the Lord, And a royal diadem In the hand of your God.

You shall no longer be termed Forsaken, Nor shall your land any more be termed Desolate; But you shall be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; For the Lord delights in you, And your land shall be married.

For as a young man marries a virgin, So shall your sons marry you; And as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, So shall your God rejoice over you.

I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; They shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the Lord, do not keep silent,

And give Him no rest till He establishes And till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

The Lord has sworn by His right hand And by the arm of His strength: “Surely I will no longer give your grain As food for your enemies; And the sons of the foreigner shall not drink your new wine, For which you have labored.

But those who have gathered it shall eat it, And praise the Lord; Those who have brought it together shall drink it in My holy courts.” (Is.62:1-8)

Arise O Israel, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you.

For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the Lord will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you.

The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising.

“Lift up your eyes all around, and see: They all gather together, they come to you; Your sons shall come from afar, And your daughters shall be nursed at your side.

Then you shall see and become radiant, And your heart shall swell with joy; Because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, The wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you.

The multitude of camels shall cover your land, The dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; All those from Sheba shall come; They shall bring gold and incense, And they shall proclaim the praises of the Lord.

All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together to you, The rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you; They shall ascend with acceptance on My altar, And I will glorify the house of My glory.

“Who are these who fly like a cloud, And like doves to their roosts?

Surely the coastlands shall wait for Me; And the ships of Tarshish will come first, To bring your sons from afar, Their silver and their gold with them, To the name of the Lord your God, And to the Holy One of Israel, Because He has glorified you.

“The sons of foreigners shall build up your walls, And their kings shall minister to you; For in My wrath I struck you, But in My favor I have had mercy on you.

Therefore your gates shall be open continually; They shall not be shut day or night, That men may bring to you the wealth of the Gentiles, And their kings in procession.

For the nation and kingdom which will not serve you shall perish, And those nations shall be utterly ruined.

“The glory of Lebanon shall come to you, The cypress, the pine, and the box tree together, To beautify the place of My sanctuary; And I will make the place of My feet glorious.

Also the sons of those who afflicted you Shall come bowing to you, And all those who despised you shall fall prostrate at the soles of your feet; And they shall call you The City of the Lord, Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

“Whereas you have been forsaken and hated, So that no one went through you, I will make you an eternal excellence, A joy of many generations.

You shall drink the milk of the Gentiles, And milk the breast of kings; You shall know that I, the Lord, am your Savior And your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.

“Instead of bronze I will bring gold, Instead of iron I will bring silver, Instead of wood, bronze, And instead of stones, iron. I will also make your officers peace, And your magistrates righteousness.

Violence shall no longer be heard in your land, Neither wasting nor destruction within your borders; But you shall call your walls Salvation, And your gates Praise.

“The sun shall no longer be your light by day, Nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you; But the Lord will be to you an everlasting light, And your God your glory.

Your sun shall no longer go down, Nor shall your moon withdraw itself; For the Lord will be your everlasting light, And the days of your mourning shall be ended.

Also your people shall all be righteous; They shall inherit the land forever, The branch of My planting, The work of My hands, That I may be glorified.

A little one shall become a thousand, And a small one a strong nation. I, the Lord, will hasten it in its time.” (Is.60:1-22)

For the Lord will not forsake His people for His great names sake; because it has pleased the Lord to make you His people (1Sam12:22) May all who hate Zion be turned back in shame. Let them be as the grass upon the housetops that withers before it grows (Ps.129:5-6).

Lord we pray that you will have mercy on our leaders and our nation for our past hostility towards your people Israel. We also pray that you will give an understanding heart to our leaders so that they will take the right decision concerning the nation of Israel at this critical time. Lord we pray, give us leaders that will recognise your stake in Israel and submit to your will and counsel. We stand with your purpose for Israel and we bless the nation of Israel, and having blessed Israel, we also bless our nation Nigeria in Jesus name; Amen.

### **PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S SOVEREIGN PURPOSE AND PRAYERS FOR NIGERIA:**

O Lord God of our Fathers, are you not God in heaven, and do you not rule over all the kingdoms of the nations and in your hand is there not power and might so that no one can withstand you? (2Chr.20:6) You determined beforehand the boundaries of each nation and determined their pre-appointed times so that the nations may seek you in the hope that they may grope for You and find You. (Dt.32:8; Acts 17:26-27)

El-Elyon, you have given us the land of Nigeria as our dwelling and now your redeemed people have multiplied upon the land and built you places of worship in different parts of the nation. Now behold Lord, the princes of this world contend against your children redeemed from under the curse by the sacrifice of Jesus our Lord on the cross. By virtue of this sacrifice, we have passed out from under the curse and entered into the blessing of Abraham whom you blessed in all ways. (Gen.24:1, Gal.3:13-14)

Operating under the guise of Islam, some wicked people seek to make it impossible for people to seek you or for your people to call upon your name in freedom in some parts of the nation. Lord of Hosts, fight against those who fight against your people (Ps.35:1) Swallow them up O lord, and divide their tongue (Ps.55:1). Set a barrier for Islam in Nigeria beyond which it must not cross. Say to the spirit of Islam, this far you may go and no further and here your proud waves must stay. (Job38:11)

Now Lord, in the name of Jesus, we take possession of our inheritance Nigeria to possess it according to your own purpose; to defend it, to dwell therein in holiness and to do righteousness and judgment until you come again soon. Exercising the authority you have given us Lord, we pronounce this written judgment against all the wicked people in our nation who shed innocent blood, who oppose your purposes for our nation, who are in league with Satan and all who loot our treasury. We command the land of Nigeria to open and swallow them up with their children, their ill-gotten wealth and all that pertain to them (Num.16:31-33). Those that are for death, we confine to die. Those that are for the sick bed we confine to the sick bed. Those that are for exile we confine to exile, and those that are for prison we send to prisons in dry places. We affirm the written judgment in your word against such ones recorded in Jer.48:42-46 and we hang it on their necks.

“And Moab shall be destroyed from being a people, because he hath magnified himself against the LORD.

Fear, and the pit, and the snare, shall be upon thee, O inhabitant of Moab, saith the LORD.

He that fleeth from the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that getteth up out of the pit shall be taken in the snare: for I will bring upon it, even upon Moab, the year of their visitation, saith the LORD.

They that fled stood under the shadow of Heshbon because of the force: but a fire shall come forth out of Heshbon, and a flame from the midst of Sihon, and shall devour the corner of Moab, and the crown of the head of the tumultuous ones.

Woe be unto thee, O Moab! the people of Chemosh perisheth: for thy sons are taken captives, and thy daughters captives.” We release the angel over Nigeria to enforce these judgments and we seal our Decree with the blood of Jesus and we make it irrevocable in Jesus’ name, Amen.

### **PROCLAMATION OF BLESSINGS OVER NIGERIA:**

Lord we bless our nation Nigeria and we declare that the divine mandate that you have given to the nation of Nigeria will be fulfilled. According to your word declared by your Prophets, ‘Nigeria and South Africa are your chosen pillars that will evangelise the rest of Africa. From Nigeria, you will raise a mighty Church and a ministry that will proclaim the Gospel of your return in glory in truth, in holiness and in the power of your Spirit.’

We identify with your purpose for our nation and we ‘prophesy to the mountains of Nigeria, and say, ‘O mountains of Nigeria, hear the word of the Lord!

Thus says the Lord GOD: “Because the enemy has said of you, ‘Aha! The ancient heights have become our possession,’”

therefore we prophesy, and say, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “Because they made you desolate and swallowed you up on every side, so that you became the possession of the rest of the nations, and you are taken up by the lips of talkers and slandered by the people”—

therefore, O mountains of Nigeria, hear the word of the Lord GOD! Thus says the Lord GOD to the mountains, the hills, the rivers, the valleys, the desolate wastes, and the cities that have been forsaken, which became plunder and mockery to the rest of the nations all around—

therefore thus says the Lord GOD: “Surely I have spoken in My burning jealousy against the rest of the nations and against all Edom, who gave My land to themselves as a possession, with wholehearted joy and spiteful minds, in order to plunder its open country and squander her wealth.”

“Therefore we prophesy concerning the land of Nigeria, and say to the mountains, the hills, the rivers, and the valleys, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “Behold, I have spoken in My jealousy and My fury, because you have borne the shame of the nations.”

Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: “I have raised My hand in an oath that surely the nations that are around you shall bear their own shame.

But you, O mountains of Nigeria, you shall shoot forth your branches and yield your fruit to My people Nigeria, for they are about to come.

For indeed I am for you, and I will turn to you, and you shall be tilled and sown.

I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Nigeria, all of it; and the cities shall be inhabited and the ruins rebuilt.

I will multiply upon you man and beast; and they shall increase and bear young; I will make you inhabited as in former times, and do better for you than at your beginnings. Then you shall know that I am the Lord.

Yes, I will cause men to walk on you, My people Nigeria; they shall take possession of you, and you shall be their inheritance; no more shall you bereave them of children.”

Not for your sake do I do this,” says the Lord GOD, “let it be known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O house of Nigeria!”

‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will also enable you to dwell in the cities, and the ruins shall be rebuilt.

The desolate land shall be tilled instead of lying desolate in the sight of all who pass by.

So they will say, ‘This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden; and the wasted, desolate, and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited.’

Then the nations which are left all around you shall know that I, the Lord, have rebuilt the ruined places and planted what was desolate. I, the Lord, have spoken it, and I will do it.”

‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “I will also let the house of Nigeria inquire of Me to do this for them: I will increase their men like a flock.

Like a flock offered as holy sacrifices, like the flock at Jerusalem on its feast days, so shall the ruined cities be filled with flocks of men. Then they shall know that I am the Lord.”

(Ezk.36:1-12, 32-38). Lord we pray concerning Nigeria;

- Give us leaders such that it will be to your glory to give us victory through them.
- Pull down the wicked in Nigeria and establish the righteous.
- We apply the blood of Jesus on the different rulership thrones at the federal, state and local government levels and all the parastatals and departments and we command the rulership thrones to reject the wicked and those who are in league with Satan.
- We call forth the Davids and command the thrones to continue turning until the people for whom they are prepared are seated in them (Ezk.21:26-27); in Jesus name; Amen.

## DECLARATIONS:

Make this declarations day and night (insisting with a strong insistence) that it shall be so.

Ps.3; Ps.7; Ps.9; Ps.10; Ps.11, Ps.13; Ps.22; Ps.18; Ps.8; Rev.19:11-21; Ex.15:1-2.

**Jer.25:15-30:** Prophetic intercession feeding God's fury on the objects of his wrath.

*For thus saith the LORD God of Israel unto me; Take the wine cup of this fury at my hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send thee, to drink it.*

*And they shall drink, and be moved, and be mad, because of the sword that I will send among them.*

*Then took I the cup at the LORD'S hand, and made all the nations to drink, unto whom the LORD had sent me:*

*To wit, Jerusalem, and the cities of Judah, and the kings thereof, and the princes thereof, to make them a desolation, an astonishment, an hissing, and a curse; as it is this day;*

*Pharaoh king of Egypt, and his servants, and his princes, and all his people;*

*And all the mingled people, and all the kings of the land of Uz, and all the kings of the land of the Philistines, and Ashkelon, and Azzah, and Ekron, and the remnant of Ashdod,*

*Edom, and Moab, and the children of Ammon,*

*And all the kings of Tyrus, and all the kings of Zidon, and the kings of the isles which are beyond the sea,*

*Dedan, and Tema, and Buz, and all that are in the utmost corners,*

*And all the kings of Arabia, and all the kings of the mingled people that dwell in the desert,*

*And all the kings of Zimri, and all the kings of Elam, and all the kings of the Medes,*

*And all the kings of the north, far and near, one with another, and all the kingdoms of the world, which are upon the face of the earth: and the king of Sheshach shall drink after them.*

*Therefore thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Drink ye, and be drunken, and spue, and fall, and rise no more, because of the sword which I will send among you.*

*And it shall be, if they refuse to take the cup at thine hand to drink, then shalt thou*

*say unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Ye shall certainly drink. For, lo, I begin to bring evil on the city which is called by my name, and should ye be utterly unpunished? Ye shall not be unpunished: for I will call for a sword upon all the inhabitants of the earth, saith the LORD of hosts.*

*Therefore prophesy thou against them all these words, and say unto them, The LORD shall roar from on high, and utter his voice from his holy habitation; he shall mightily roar upon his habitation; he shall give a shout, as they that tread the grapes, against all the inhabitants of the earth.*

Mention the Pharoahs and institutions whose time has come to drink of this cup. May the Lord give you light and witness.

#### ENTHRONEMENT OF JEHOVAH/ DAVID OVER NIGERIA:

Ps. 47, 93, 96

2 Chronicles 6:41-42 KJV

*Now therefore arise, O Lord God, into thy resting place, thou, and the ark of thy strength: let thy priests, O Lord God, be clothed with salvation, and let thy saints rejoice in goodness. [42] O Lord God, turn not away the face of thine anointed: remember the mercies of David thy servant.*

#### GOD'S PURPOSE AND ENDOWMENT

Romans 1:20 (KJV)

*For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:*

#### GOD'S TIME OF VISITATION

Acts 17:26-28 (KJV) cf Gen 11:1-6

*And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; [27] That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: [28] For in him we live,*

*and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring*

Acts 16:6-7 (KJV)

*Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia, [7] After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not.*

Luke 19:42-44 KJVS

*Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes. [43] For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, [44] And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.*

Matthew 21:43 (KJV)

*Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.*

## **EVIDENCES/WITNESSES OF DIVINE CALL:**

Redemptive gifts of Nigeria (cf Rom 1:20):

Geographic size, geo-strategic location

Agricultural Endowments: Large Arable land, Suitable weather/seasons

Population; Human Resources, the critical mass

Hydrocarbon resources

Solid mineral resources

Coastal resources

The Church: Rich Pentecostal Heritage, Surplus Kingdom manpower, proven fruits of missionary zeal ( Mat 21:43), etc.

Let us continue to make these declarations until we see the promised change – to the intent that *men may know that Thou, whose Name alone is Jehovah art The Most High over all the earth (Ps.83:18).*

In Jesus Christ Name,

Amen.

Shalom!!

Messenger!

**Revival Altar**, 5-1-18.