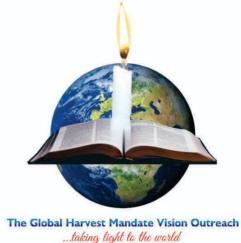




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WELCOME ADDRESS



You're welcome to the February 2022 Edition of our monthly magazine code - named "Behold I Come Quickly."

We give thanks to God for He is good and for His mercy endures forever.

Furthermore, we sincerely appreciate as many people out there who believe in this vision and have continued to share with others. May the God of this commission bless and promote the work of your hands throughout this year and beyond in Jesus' name, Amen.

We wish to remind us again that the vision of this outreach organization is not only to create awareness of the Lord's return but to prepare the Church and make her ready for the master. On this note, the Lord has made following topics available to us this month;

DON'T SWAY OVER TREES!! (You Will Be Rewarded - Series 2)
WALKING WITH GOD - ABRAHAM WALKED WITH GOD (Part 2)
DANGERS OF MISSING RAPTURE
ARE YOU READY FOR THE RAPTURE? (Part 3)
May you be blessed beyond measure as you read.

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DON'T SWAY OVER TREES

(You Will Be Rewarded - Series 2) OMOLOLA-MARGARET O.

Judges 9 vs 7b - 13 "Listen to me, you men of Shechem, That God may listen to you!

"The trees once went forth to anoint a king over them. And they said to the olive tree, 'Reign over us!'

But the olive tree said to them, 'Should I cease giving my oil, With which they honor God and men, And go to sway over trees?'

"Then the trees said to the fig tree, 'You come and reign over us!' But the fig tree said to them, 'Should I cease my sweetness and my good fruit, And go to sway over trees?'

"Then the trees said to the vine, 'You come and reign over us!' But the vine said to them, 'Should I cease my new wine, Which cheers both God and men, And go to sway over trees?

Whenever it comes to fulfilling life's purpose, God has never had problems with other creatures except for man whom He made in His own image. This evil norm started with the men of old; they pursued a career to build the tower of Babel to heaven as against the divine plan for man to replenish and subdue the earth. (Gene.1: 28, 11:1- 4) Other creatures (animate and inanimate) have faithfully maintained their ordained placements, simply doing what they were created to do - honouring God and serving men. For example, the heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament is showing His handywork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night shows knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world. Right there in the firmament, God set a tabernacle for the sun, the moon and the stars. What do these three do in the firmament? Fulfilling purpose of course! The Sun as a greater light illuminates the earth in the daytime while the moon which is regarded as a lesser light does same in the night hours.



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Do you know both the sun and the moon are two powerful agents responsible for the human calendar? According to Genesis 1 vs 14 - 18 they are positioned in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; they are for signs, for seasons, for days, and years. Wow!! As it was in the beginning, so shall it ever be till the age (world) would be no more. This is an act of worship!!

In our last edition tagged, 'Don't Abort His Dream', we said life is a temporary assignment and that we are God's goal on earth. His goal is the reason why we find ourselves here. We also said life would be meaningless when we don't discover God's purpose or intention for putting us on the earth. God had a foreknowledge of whom He wants us to be, what He wants to use us to achieve or the gap He needed us to fill. These are the factors that determined our destiny seed, life type, make up, giftings, talents, potentials, gender, temperaments, associations, relationships, location e.t.c. Failure to live for the reason why we are here is an abortion of a divine dream!

From our anchor text for this month's edition, there are three major factors that are important for us to note from the parable of the trees - the olive tree, the fig tree and the vine tree. Two of these factors were extensively discussed in the last edition and these are:

1.) Understanding purpose

2.) Living by purpose

The third factor as seen in the attitude and response of the olive, the fig and the vine trees to their colleagues is: **FOCUS** and **COMITTMENT**.

For the sake of emphasis, let's read those verses together again:

"The trees said to the olive tree, reign over us!"

But the olive tree said to them,

'Should I cease giving my oil,

With which they honour God and men,

And go to sway over trees?'

"Then the trees said to the fig tree; 'You come and reign over us!' The fig tree said to them, 'Should I cease my sweetness and my good fruit, And go to sway over trees?

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Which cheers both God and men, And go to sway over trees?

Looking at the above conversations, the three trees knew destiny is not all about them but it's all about God. They were therefore unwilling to pursue any other career outside their life's assignment and ordination; not even when it was going to accord them a royal title. - **That's the power of focus and commitment.** To them, anything outside God's original intention for their creation was regarded as **"Swaying over Trees."**

This parable is an eye opener to the role purpose plays in embracing opportunities.

Opportunities are good, in fact we all pray for them to come our way, choosing a life career is also good but both of them must answer the goal of God for our lives before we say 'yes I do'. Maybe I need to ring this to our hearings again; 'We are God's goal on earth and until that goal is discovered and becomes a centre of interest in our lives we have not started living. In destiny journey, there are so many side attractions and distractions, understanding His goal would help us to discern when to say Yes or No.

Don't go after title, it might just mean "Swaying over Trees". What you've been structured to do or be might look iess popular to people, but so far it makes God smile, stick to it.

Focus is key in destiny journey. A woman who goes to market with the intention of buying food items may end up buying "bend down and select items" because of so much noise and bell tolling, calling the attention of less focused buyers.

When a man focuses on nothing, he ends up becoming nothing. Nothing plus Nothing simply means 0+0 which is equal to Zero.

Embracing what is outside your major course is a waste of time and resources because you will account for every singular minute you spend on earth - hence be careful of what you invest your time in.

CONCLUSION

Don't Sway over Trees! Don't Abort His Dream! The benefits of swaying over trees do not have any eternal relevance; you only enjoy its benefits for a while here. Rick Warren in Purpose Driven Life says - Whatever is not eternal is eternally useless.

God's dream for us is eternal, and attached to its fulfillment is an eternal reward. - He will reward you when He comes to take His brides away.

Stay awake! Stay in purpose and Stay focused!

WALKING WITH GOD (PART 2 Contd) (ABRAHAM WALKED WITH GOD)

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James 4:8 (AMP) Come close to God [with a contrite heart] and He will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; and purify your [unfaithful] hearts, you double-minded [people].

Deuteronomy 5:33 (AMP) "You shall walk [that is, live each and every day] in all the ways which the Lord your God has commanded you, so that you may live and so that it may be well with you, and that you may live long in the land which you will possess."

INTRODUCTION

From the study of Abraham's life so far, it can be deduced that he walked with God to the best of his ability. Every child of God should seek to follow Jesus at best.

In this previous studies, some of the attributes that gave him access to be able to walk with God were discussed which include communion, absolute obedience, faith, generosity, intercession and service/honour to God. In this study, we shall examine more of these attributes in Father Abraham.

May the Holy Spirit enlighten us in Jesus name, AMEN

YOU CAN DO MUCH MORE

John 14:12-15 (AMP) I assure you and most solemnly say to you, anyone who believes in Me [as Savior] will also do the things that I do; and he will do even greater things than these [in extent and outreach], because I am going to the Father. 13. And I will do whatever you ask in My name [as My representative], this I will do, so that the Father may be glorified and

celebrated in the Son.

14. If you ask Me anything in My name [as My representative], I will do it.

15. "If you [really] love Me, you will keep and obey My commandments.

God is expecting so much from His children. He has deposited in us gifts and virtues that will enable us to do greater works than Jesus did while on Earth as His representatives. Luke Chapter 12 verse 48 says to whom much is given; much is expected (paraphrased).

God is ready to do more for us when we keep and obey His commandments. Why giving part of ourselves, gifts, talents and resources to God when we can give Him all? The fact is that everything we need to fulfill the divine purpose has been fully provided for by God, all we need to do is to discover these treasures and put them into use. God's command that we

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should walk before Him was never without a provision and assurance. God is ready to be a Father to anyone who is ready to live for Him.

ABRAHAM'S WALK WITH GOD

Genesis 17:1-2 (AMP) When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty;

Walk [habitually] before Me [with integrity, knowing that you are always in My presence], and be blameless and complete

[in obedience to Me].

2. I will establish My covenant (everlasting promise) between Me and you, And I will multiply you exceedingly [through

your descendants]."

Abraham is a very good case study of someone who walked with God all the days of his life. The Bible recorded that God

called Abraham His friend; what a great privilege! He was a choice son of God. God loved him greatly. When God wanted

to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah, He could not hide it from him. God saved Lot and his family because of Abraham.

Through Him, all generations that believe in Jesus Christ are blessed. Abraham achieved everything great we can say

about him because he paid the price of walking with God.

Here are more lessons to learn about Abraham's walk with God.

1. RIGHTEOUSNESS

James 2:23 (AMP) And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and this [faith] was credited to him [by God] as righteousness and as conformity to His will," and he was called the friend of God

Isaiah 32:17 AMP And the effect of righteousness will be peace, And the result of righteousness will be quietness and confident trust forever.

Righteousness is acting in accordance to divine and moral laws. It is having a right relationship with God.

Abraham was a man who trusted God so much with everything that God has given to him. He was a man of faith and obeyed God's command at every point in time.

Maintaining a right relationship with God will make us peaceful and to trust God forever with all that pertains to us. Abraham lived righteously to the extent that God called him "Friend".

In our walk with God, living to please God should be our priority through obedience and faith in God. The volume of our

faith in God determines the extent of our righteousness and obedience.

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2. DISCERNMENT

Genesis 18:1-3

1. Now the Lord appeared to Abraham by the terebinth trees of Mamre [in Hebron], while he was sitting at the tent door in the heat of the day.

2. When he raised his eyes and looked up, behold, three men were standing [a little distance] from him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed down [with his face] to the ground,

3. and Abraham said, "My lord, if now I have found favor in your sight, please do not pass by your servant [without stopping to visit].

Discernment is a decision making process in which an individual makes a discovery that can lead to future action. It is a spiritual gift from God to His children. It involves awareness of God's presence and happenings around us, understanding circumstances either good or bad and right actions to take when circumstances surface.

Abraham was a man who possessed the spirit of discernment. He knows what to do at the right time. He was able to recognize divine visitation through the spirit of discernment. In the above text, Abraham was able to discover the divine visitors from afar and entertained them. This action contributed immensely to the fulfillment of his purpose.

In our walk with God, we need the spirit to discern what is good, bad, right or wrong. We need to know when God is leading us, when He is working, when He wants us to take action, when He wants us to take a break, we need to understand God's ways and works and many more. All these can only be achieved through the gift of discernment.

CONCLUSION

There are lots of lessons that we can learn from the life of Father Abraham which we can also covet them so as to walk with God in perfection; blameless and complete. Genesis Chapter 17 verse 1.

REFLECTION

All these good virtues and more in the life of Father Abraham can only be achieved through the help of the Holy Spirit. All we need to do is to surrender to God and pray to Him to help us as we take deliberate steps to please Him.

If you have not accepted Jesus as your personal Lord and Saviour, the mercy of God is reaching out to you now to come to Jesus and be a partaker of this blessed life in Jesus name. AMEN.

PRAYER

Father, please help me to walk with you; that I may be blameless and complete in you in Jesus name, Amen

DANGERS OF MISSING RAPTURE

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1 Thessalonians 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

According to 1thess4:16-18, Rapture is the doctrine that at the return of Christ all believers will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. The bodies of dead believers will be resurrected First and those who are alive in Christ are caught up together with them.

After the event of rapture, the sadden words on the lips of men would be "HAD I KNOW". Those left behind will experience a deep feeling of hopelessness and regrets. There are alot of dangers attached to missing this event;

1.AT THE FIRST INSTANCE, THEY WILL BE ABANDONED BY GOD: At that time, no prayer will be answered and the blood will seize from flowing again. It's going to be real "ON YOUR OWN", such a person will be alone vulnerable to all attacks of the enemy without defense. Any believer who misses the rapture will be abandoned by God and such individual will pay the ultimate price for his negligence and carelessness.

2.ACCORDING TO REV12:12:THE BELIEVERS LEFT BEHIND WILL BE PERSECUTED with great wrath from satan wearing the mask of the Antichrist (Rev 13:16-17).Satan will deny anyone who still profers the name of Jesus the opportunity to buy and sell until they deny and renounce the Lord and if they are adamant, hey will be tortured.

3.THEY WILL NEVER BE THE BRIDE OF CHRIST: The bride is made up of the unspotted company of totally dedicated saints that have forsaken all to follow Jesus(Matt25:1-13).The raptured saints are the only ones given the privilege to be the bride of Christ.(1thess 4:17).Once you miss the rapture, you will miss the golden chance of becoming the bride of Christ and the benefits of being his bride.

4.THEY WILL MISS THE CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS: (2tim4:8) The crown is for those who love his appearance (i.e Those who are watching, preparing, and waiting patiently for his return).

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5.THEY WILL MISS THE MARRIAGE OF THE SUPPER OF THE LAMB(Matt22:4,Rev19:6-9):The Lord has prepared his banquet but it can only be accessed by his brides(SAINTS).This is where our Lord will be spiritually joined to the true church.

In Conclusion, Rapture should be "NO-MISS" for all believers. If you have a contrary opinion before now, you can still make amends And be prepared because no man knoweth the time(Mark13:32). To be rapturable you must first be born again by accepting Jesus as your Lord and savior Remember the bible says: **Romans 10:9-10 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath 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**. CONFESS THIS PRAYER LOUD AND CLEAR Lord Jesus, I come to you today As a sinner Forgive me all my sins Wash me clean by your precious blood Have mercy on me From today I whole heartedly accept you into my life as my Lord and personal savior Holyghost come into my life. Thank you Jesus for saving me.

ACTION POINT: The only viable and profitable option is to make the rapture and escape all these things that shall come shortly and suddenly. But never forget 1 Corinthians 10:12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

"Are You Ready for The Rapture?" PART 3 CONTD

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No. 3.- Live Right In Your Faith.

Jesus has given us ample warning about His coming again. In Revelation 3:11, He says, **"Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown."**so it is very clear and Jesus is telling us here that we can be in danger of losing our rewards ("crowns") if we don't **"hold fast".**

Dear Youth, the devil is very corny.....He knows that, if he can't have your SOUL ... he can at least cause you to lose your TESTIMONY, he can cause you to lose your EFFECTIVENESS as a Christian, he can cause you to lose your REWARDS. Satan wants you to stand before Christ EMPTY-HANDED and ASHAMED. He wants you to lose your faith and to make your Christian life frustrating or miserable. He wants to make you stumble and keep you down. He wants you to be discouraged & depressed. He wants you to worry, forsake the Lord, forsake your faith and forsake your commitment to Christ.

My prayer for YOU is that YOU will NOT lose your Testimonies in Jesus Name. Amen!

So, while you wait for the return of Jesus, you need to **"establish your faith"**. James tells us in James 5:8 – **"Be ye** also patient; establish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh."

You cannot do that by neglecting time in PRAYER ... time in the WORD ... time in WORSHIP and FELLLOWSHIP. You can't **"establish your faith"** by leaving Christ out of your daily life. You CAN'T!

No. 4.- Live an Obedient Life To the Word of God.

In the last chapter of the Bible, Jesus has some insight as to how to be ready for His return. Rev. 22:7 – **"Behold, I** come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book."

Paul also has some words of insight into how to prepare for the Lord's return - 1 Tim. 6:14 – **"That thou keep this** commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:"

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Dear Youth, The Christian life is really VERY SIMPLE!

Just follow these two principles - OBEY GOD & OBEY HIS WORD.

While we are waiting for His return, we are to live our lives in obedience to His Word.

Let's not be hard of hearing, when it comes to God's Word.....Lets not "take some" and "Leave some".

The bible warns against this in -

Deut 12: 32, What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.....

Deut 4: 2, Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

Revelations 22: 18-19, 18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

Dear Youth, Obey God and His Word COMPLETELY!

Ponder on these words as we continue in our next edition. God Bless You! Be a Wise Youth! Jesus is coming soon!

Stay Blessed and Take Charge!

See you in the next edition!

Shalom!