



The Saints Gathering Church
Raising proofs of a victorious life in Christ

Daily Devotional

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GOD'S UNSTOPPABLE PLAN

KEY TEXTS: Psalms 24:1-2, Acts 17:22-27

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. All the world belongs to the Lord. The earth doesn't belong to presidents or governors. Our ground for propagating the gospel is that Jesus has claims on all men. There are no boundaries for our God. This should be your conviction as one sent by God to reach the people of the world with His gospel.

In Acts 17, Paul explains that man's purpose is to seek the Lord. God's plan is that all people in every nation will seek Him. There's a God-sized hole in every man's heart that only God can fill. So God's plan is that all men will repent and know Him. God has committed this mandate to our trust. In Luke 24:47, Jesus instructed us to go into all the world and preach repentance and forgiveness of sins in His name. In Mark 16: 17, Jesus said to preach the gospel to every creature. In Matthew 28:18-20, Jesus told us to make disciples of all nations. From these three accounts in the gospels, you can see clearly that the vision is to reach the whole world with the message of God's grace.

God's plan is inclusive of all nations and races. In 1 Tim 2:2-7, you see that He wants the whole world saved, and He wants you to partner with Him in fulfilling that dream. Now this is why you are ordained and called to preach the gospel. Jesus has done His part in providing salvation for all mankind and has sent us all over the world with news of His saving power.

You are part of this sacred call. You are included in God's great plan to reach the world. What a privilege. What an honour. Dear believer, you have a message for the whole world.

PRAYER

Dear Father, you have called me to reach your world with your message. I yield to this sacred call today. I surrender my life in service to your will and plan. Amen.

FURTHER READING

1 Corinthians 5:1-21

GOD'S UNSTOPPABLE PLAN

KEY TEXT: Daniel 2: 36-45

Yesterday, we began examining God's plan for the world. The plan is to save the whole world. This was spoken of in the Old Testament letters, although in promissory terms. Today, we will take a look at some of the prophecies.

In the key text, King Nebuchadnezzar had a dream and needed an interpretation. Daniel, the Hebrew boy, was able to tell this dream and interpret it accurately by God's wisdom and help. From verses 44-45, you can see the plan of God—to set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed. And, this plan is sure to happen. Also in Daniel 7: 9-18, you find another prophecy referring to this same plan of God. This kingdom of God shall have an everlasting dominion that all nations and people will bow to. What an assurance.

In Daniel 2:34-35, we see that “the stone was cut without hands,” implying that this stone was set up supernaturally. So who is this stone? In the Scriptures, Jesus is referred to as a Rock. You can see this in Romans 9:33 and 1 Cor 10:4. Furthermore, in Scriptures, mountains refer to kingdoms (Jer 51:24-25). So, the prophecy refers to the fact that the kingdom of God will take over all the kingdoms of the world.

The plan of God is that all nations will flow into His kingdom. The kingdom of God will fill the whole earth. The people of all races and tribes will find their way into this kingdom of our God and the saints of God will possess the kingdom forever and forever. We are taking over the world for our King. Glory to God!

PRAYER

Father, I align myself to your unstoppable plan on earth. May my eyes open to see this vision even much more and to part in it. Amen.

FURTHER READING

Daniel 7:1-27

GOD'S UNSTOPPABLE PLAN

KEY TEXTS: Numbers 14:21, Habakkuk 2:14

God's plan to reach the world cannot be stopped. God swore on His longevity that as surely as He lives, the whole earth will be filled with His glory. Since He lives forever, His plan must surely succeed. This plan has been in motion since the creation of the world. Many kings and kingdoms have tried to stop God's plan, but they've died and collapsed, yet God's plan continues to unfold.

As a child of God, you have joined this stream of prophecy. David was in this stream. God spoke about the Son of David who will have a kingdom that will last forever (Isaiah 9:6-7). And that plan was fulfilled. We find that God became a man and came as that David's Son! God's plan cannot fail. Whether you participate or not, it can't fail. But the good news is that you're implicated in this prophecy, and when you align with it, you can't be defeated. You have found a moving train that can't be stopped. Even when you feel so tired, hold on to the train. It's going to get there. By God, you will leap over walls and run through troops!

Some believers have let human-set limitations hinder them from dreaming big in God's call. But these things are insignificant to the call of God. Don't worry about how the big visions God has put in your heart will come to pass. The God who called you made a slave boy a prime minister. He made a shepherd boy a king. The child born in a manger became the Savior of the whole world. He is the great and mighty God, the all-sufficient One.

The earth is the Lord's, and He can use any man. Not only is your victory prophesied, the failure of the systems of this world set up by Satan is also prophesied. God will crush these satanic systems shortly (Romans 16:20). So, rise up and take on God's call with all courage.

CONFESSION

My ministry is in God's oath. God swore on my ministry that as surely as He lives the earth will be filled with His glory. I am part of those causing it to happen. Omnipotence and providence backs me. Predestination backs me. Thank you Lord.

FURTHER READING

Luke 5:1-11, Acts 2:14- 45

GOD'S UNSTOPPABLE PLAN

KEY TEXTS: Micah 4:1- 2, Luke 13:29

We started this study a few days ago, and we have been looking at this unstoppable plan of God. It is prophesied that people from all nations shall flow into God's kingdom. You shouldn't be discouraged by the surge of immorality and evil in the world. God has said to you that if you ask of Him, He will give you the heathen for your inheritance (Psalms 2:8). The fate of the heathen is sealed. They must hear your words and come to know the Lord through you.

In the work of ministry that God has sent you to do, you must believe that you can't fail. The one who sent you goes with you and backs you up. The men will come from all corners of the earth. Whichever country you enter, you must believe and see the men being raised to seek the Lord. God is working all over the world.

In 1 Peter 2:2, Peter speaks of the fact that when you came to that Rock (Jesus), you also became a rock, a living stone. This Rock is birthing more rocks. So, the multiplication of the kingdom of God is your fruitfulness in this kingdom. By your faith in Christ Jesus, you have become a rock. As a rock, you will stand in satan's way of ruining the lives of multitudes.

As you meet men, they should come and know the peace and grace of the Lord Jesus. So don't back down. Don't be afraid of satan and his ploys. Remember, your victory has been guaranteed by God's Word. Hallelujah!

CONFESSION

I am a rock. God has anointed me to preach deliverance to the captives and set them free.
To bring hope to a hopeless world. The devil will die a terrible death by virtue of my
ministry. I won't back down. Glory to God!

FURTHER READING

Ephesians 2:1-10, Philippians 1:1-6

GOD'S UNSTOPPABLE PLAN

KEY TEXT: Acts 27:21-25

The world is filled with broken and hopeless people, and it's easy to get overwhelmed when serving Jesus loses its joy and fulfillment. Then the man sent to reach the broken now becomes broken along the way. Apostle Paul, in our key text, understood that some things come first. In your walk with God, you are first of all His, and then you serve Him. Primarily, God desires you to have a real fellowship with Him. It's a real father-child relationship.

Some people don't serve God at all, which is terrible. Some others serve, but they don't know they belong to God. They think their being pleasing to God is based on how people receive their message. As a minister of the gospel, you must never forget this—your life should be a display of God's love and grace. People should look at you and see that there is something distinct about you. You shouldn't come to a hopeless world feeling hopeless. That's not God's plan for you.

The apostles had a deep assurance of their relationship with God and being accepted by Him. Even when they were witnessing amidst persecutions and rejections, their joy never left them (Acts 5:41-42). They went all around the world preaching that God changes lives. They were not just eyewitnesses but living witnesses of God's transformation.

You are to witness the invisible Christ to this world. You are to embody this message of love and peace. You shouldn't let anything, even hardship while serving, rob you of the joy of your salvation. Even if men reject you, don't return sad and depressed. Nobody or nothing should take away the joy of your salvation. You are not broken, but blessed always and at all times in Christ Jesus. Hallelujah!

CONFESSION

I am God's child. He is my dear, dear Father. I belong to Him. I don't lose sight of this as I serve the Lord. I don't let the devil cause me to despair. Amen.

FURTHER READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-31

THE FIRE OF THE HOLY GHOST

KEY TEXT: Matthew 3:1-12

In the Christian faith, there's such a thing as the fire of the Holy Ghost. This fire can burn constantly and never go dim. Fire is often used to describe several things in Scriptures. For instance, when the children of Israel left Egypt, the Bible mentions that by night, a pillar of fire surrounded them to give them light. This signified that God was with them.

Fire also symbolizes purity. In Matthew 3:12, the Bible uses a powerful illustration; that just like a farmer separates wheat from chaff, the fire of God destroys the things that have no value in a man's life. When a person has an encounter with the fire of the Holy Ghost, one of the things that happens is that it burns away those things in their life that are chaff. These things will be burnt up with unquenchable fire.

Another description of fire is passion. The fire of the Holy Ghost births a life of passion. A lot of times, people think that the Christian life is boring because they have not encountered the fire of the Holy Ghost. God did not call you to live a Christian life without passion. He didn't call you to struggle in your walk with Him. He called you to a life of unending, unquenchable passion. And you can only enjoy the Christian life when you're full of fire.

In Acts 1:8, when Jesus Christ sent His disciples into the world, He said to them, "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you..." Something was going to happen to them that would mark them with power, and that was the fire of the Holy Ghost. Just like the apostles, God has called you to live a life full of the fire of the Holy Ghost.

CONFESSION

I have been called to live a life full of God's fire. There's the fire of the Holy Ghost in me. I refuse the empty life. I was made for more!

FURTHER READING

Acts 1:1-8, Exodus 13:1-22

THE FIRE OF THE HOLY GHOST

KEY TEXTS: Psalms 18:28, Psalm 36:9

From our study yesterday, we saw that the fire of the Holy Ghost is very integral in your Christian life. Today, we will explore another aspect of fire. Fire represents light. In Psalms 18:28, David talks about God lighting his candle. He seems to imply that a man is like a candle. And if you know how a candle works, a candle is not designed to light itself but it is designed to give light.

Man was designed to be lit by God, he cannot light himself. If God does not light a man's life, he's like a candlestick without light; he will have no purpose. It is the work of the Lord to set a man's life aflame. That means that when you come to Him, He will surely set you on fire.

For the man that is not born again, the Bible makes it clear that he is in darkness. It is not because he is a bad person or anything, it is just that there's no light in him at all. It does not matter if he has all the nice things in life. Without Jesus, his life is empty. The light is not just something He gives to you, the light is who Jesus is. It's only God that can lighten a man's darkness.

In Psalm 36:9, David would write that God is the fountain of life, that in His light we see light. This seems to indicate that a man who does not have God in his life is yet to start living, he is yet to experience that supernatural life that God gives. And it is only when that man experiences God that he will have light. As a believer, your life should be a burning example of how God's life and fire can transform a man. You're to be a wonder to your world, and it's possible by the Holy Ghost.

CONFESSION

Jesus is my light! He is not only the giver of light; He is the light. I was not designed to light myself. It is the Lord who lights my candle. My life is lit by His Spirit.

FURTHER READING

2 Samuel 22:1-29

THE FIRE OF THE HOLY GHOST

KEY TEXTS: Genesis 1:1-4, John 1:1-5

Man was designed in such a way that only the life found in Jesus can truly satisfy him. You cannot satisfy your own hunger because that hunger isn't natural but spiritual.

Spiritually, darkness is the absence of God. That was why in the beginning, God spoke to an earth that was without form and void. Darkness was upon the earth, but God spoke light to it and there was light. When light comes, the darkness will disappear. Looking at John 1, from the beginning of the chapter, the Bible shows us that darkness could not comprehend that light. And then in verse 4, it goes on to show us that life is found in Jesus and in His life is the light of men.

This is an indication that the man without Jesus does not have this light. He is in complete darkness. You were designed to need that life; you were designed to be lit up by that light. Now, a lot of people do not want God in their life, they just want God to fix something in their life, probably a money or marital problem. They just want God to satisfy their physical need and not their spiritual need. And they can never truly be satisfied because God did not create them that way.

There's such a thing as the light of life. This implies that with Jesus in your life, darkness will not be part of your experience in this world. What a beautiful assurance from God's Word! In John 8:12, Jesus would say of Himself that He is the light of the world and those who follow Him will not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. You can refuse a life of confusion and uncertainty and insist on walking in light in every aspect of your life.

CONFESSION

I was created to be satisfied only by the life that comes through Jesus Christ. I was designed to desire God's fire and to long for His light. I walk in the light of life.

FURTHER READING

John 8:1-12, John 12:44-46

THE FIRE OF THE HOLY GHOST

KEY TEXT: Matthew 3:1-11

From our previous studies, we have established that God created you to want His fire. You were designed to want more than the ordinary life. This is why there's a yearning in you for something beyond the natural. In Matthew 3:11, John the Baptist, speaking of Jesus, said there was One coming after him that is mightier than he, and He was going to baptize with the Holy Ghost and with fire. Jesus is the One who baptizes with the Holy Ghost and fire!

You were not designed to go about life without having any passion. There are some people who desire to serve God and would want to know God better, but they cannot imagine themselves without addiction or sin or they fear what people will think of them. What they need is the fire of the Holy Ghost. Do not be comfortable with being held hostage by a sinful habit. In John 8:38, the Bible says, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." Insist on walking in freedom.

Sin carries with it an illusion of freedom but it is actually bondage. The Bible calls the kingdom of satan, the kingdom of darkness. satan is the ruler of that darkness and sin is his way. But Jesus has washed you. He has set you free. He has brought His light into your life to lighten that darkness. You have to hate that captivity of the devil.

God's fire is for you, no matter where you are in your walk with Him. In Exodus 24, even after Moses had performed all the mighty miracles, God still called him up to the mountain to be with Him. The same applies to you. It is time to ascend the mountain of God. God has something in you for your world. It's not enough that you are not committing sin, there's more for you in God. There's a whole world to reach for Him.

CONFESSION

I was created for more than the ordinary. I was designed to burn with the fire of God. I am not made for a lifeless or passionless walk. My life is good for the fire of God.

FURTHER READING

Revelation 1:5-6, Job 14:7-9

THE FIRE OF THE HOLY GHOST

KEY TEXT: John 4:1-14

One thing that has been emphasized repeatedly in this study is the fact you were created to desire God's fire. Take for example a new born child, he was designed to depend on his mother for sustenance. In that same way, God designed you in such a way that only He can satisfy you. It is man's rebellion that makes him think that he can light himself up. But that cannot work. But that never works.

Looking at the story of the woman at the well, when Jesus met her, He offered her living water saying that she would no longer thirst after she has drank of this water. Before she met Jesus, she had likely been thirsting for love and acceptance. But Jesus told her that after she had taken of the water that He offered, she would never thirst.

That same woman who had been rejected by people, after she encountered Jesus, went back into the town to preach to the people. And the whole city came to Jesus because of her. She was instantly lit up when she met Jesus and her life never remained the same. The fire of the Holy Ghost will make a preacher out of any man. When anyone encounters the fire of the Holy Ghost, they automatically encounter purpose.

Jesus baptizes with the Holy Ghost and with fire. So, do not settle for a Christian life that has no fire. You were designed to long after the Lord, you were designed to want Jesus. You were designed to have purpose, to have the fire of God. So, stop hiding your hunger for God. God is always stretching out His hands to fill the hunger inside you.

CONFESSION

I was designed to want God's fire. I was designed to reach out for the supernatural. I choose a life full of zeal, full of passion, and full of fire!

FURTHER READING

John 4:1-30

BORN OF THE WORD

KEY TEXTS: John 3:1-8, 1 John 3:1

We know who the Christian has believed—the Lord Jesus. We also know what he has believed—the finished work of Christ. Now we want to know who the Christian man is. A lot of people struggle in Christianity because they think God is telling them to do what they cannot do or to become who they are not. And so they struggle all through because they feel God has instructed them to act who they are not. But, the Bible reveals something different and profound.

When the Christian says Jesus is Lord, he is otherwise saying, the Word is Lord. We believed in Jesus because the Word of God told us so. We would not have known who Jesus is outside the Word. In John 3:1-6, you can see that Jesus was very emphatic in His discussion with Nicodemus about a ‘birth,’ Nicodemus was confused and asked how it is possible and then Jesus explained further.

John in 1 John 3 says ‘behold’ what manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God. Everytime you are told to ‘look’ or ‘behold’ in the Bible it simply means what the writer is telling you to pay attention to is something that you won’t see with your natural eyes, because it is a spiritual reality. It means that if you do not pay attention you will see yourself only as who you are in the natural.

Your mind can get carried away with wanting to have some many disciples or wanting some other thing from the Lord that you soon forget who you are in Christ and what God’s Word has said about you. This will only lead to a life of struggles. You must hence learn to slow down a bit, so that you can first look at what is yours before you start looking at what you can get. This is how the Christian life ought to be.

CONFESSION

I believe that I am born of the Word of God, a child of God by a definite spiritual birth. Jesus is Lord, and therefore, the Word is Lord over my life. I am a child of God now and forever.

FURTHER READING

John 3:1-18

BORN OF THE WORD

KEY TEXTS: 1 Peter 1:18-24, James 1:17-18

From the study yesterday you must have understood that the believer is born of God and God is his Father. Peter records it in a way that is very vital as seen in our key text. In verse 23, he informs us that the Word of God is seed. Peter then classifies the seed as one that is not corruptible. He's trying to let you know that the seed of the Word is very different from natural human seed which can be corrupted by various factors.

In James 1:17, James tells us that God gives good gifts. Verse 18 informs us that being born of the Word of truth was God's own will, we did not lobby for it or try to twist His arm. Who you are and what you can do is because you are a product of the Word. Whatever the Word is saying to you is already in you.

You are not struggling to do the Word. You are of the Word. For example, when God's Word tells the believer that he should forgive, it is first a revelation that you can forgive and so you ought to. In Romans 5:5, the love of God has been shared abroad in your heart by the Holy Ghost. So, what the Word of God is asking of you has already been deposited in you.

Faith is accepting that what God says is, is. In Matthew 5:40-44, Jesus Himself said that the world has sold us an ideology to love our enemies but Jesus said love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, pray for them. Jesus Himself is saying when you love your enemies, you are acting like your Father. It is not external, it's your nature. You are just as your Father is. You can be gracious. It is in your nature.

CONFESSION

I am born of incorruptible seed. God's Word is not just an instruction; it reveals who I am.
Love and forgiveness are my nature, not a struggle. I act like my Father.

FURTHER READING

1 Peter 1: 1 - 24

BORN OF THE WORD

KEY TEXTS: James 1:19-22, Romans 6:8-12

God will never go against His Word. So when you accept the Word on a particular matter the Word in itself is able to transform, to work. Verse 21 of our first key text says to lay aside all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness and receive the engrafted Word with meekness. James says to put aside all those abundance of foolish arguments, ideologies, opinions that are anti God's Word and receive God's Word with humility.

Verse 22 of our key text says, do not be a hearer of God's Word alone, be a doer as well. This means that when you do something outside who the Word says you are, you are deceiving yourself. The word is 'paralogizomai' and it is from two words 'para' meaning besides and 'logizomai' meaning to count. When you put the two words together, they mean to miscount, to count aside. So when a believer says he is full of depression he is miscounting, counting aside, deceiving himself.

Our second key text, verse 11, says to reckon (logizomai), to count yourself dead to sin. Paul said the first step is to count yourself dead, so your view of yourself has to change because there has been a rebirth. In your mind you must see that because Jesus is alive and you have received him, you are no longer subject to what held you down.

You have become alive to God. So what is your count? You can never be depressed; you're full of love. So before you do, you must reckon. You must educate your mind first and then do. It is just like a bird learning how to fly, the bird must first know, reckon that there is the ability to fly in it and then it flies. You are not trying to be—you are.

CONFESSION

I receive God's Word implanted in me with humility, knowing it has the power to transform me. I lay aside all contrary thoughts. I refuse to deceive myself by actions outside my true identity in God.

FURTHER READING

James 1:1-22

BORN OF THE WORD

KEY TEXTS: Ephesians 1:7, Ezekiel 36:25-27

The believer in Christ is not a repaired version of their old self but a brand-new creation. You are born of the Word and filled with the Spirit of God. When you got born again, God did not patch up your past. He blotted it out completely. From our key text, we see that Scripture assures us that through Jesus, we have redemption and the complete forgiveness of sins. This means nothing in your past has the legal right to define your present or limit your future in God.

This is such good news. We see an example with Paul the Apostle. Paul, once a persecutor of the church, became one of the greatest apostles. His past didn't disqualify him because redemption removed it. Likewise, God sees you clean, and it's not because you've earned it, but because you are born of the Word. You are the product of His eternal plan.

Some believers want to serve God but they fear they may not last long. It is faith in the enemy to believe that God's Word cannot keep you or keep you for long. The Word of God is designed to transform you. According to Ezekiel 36:27, God didn't just clean you up, He put His own Spirit and laws within you. You now have a new heart, a heart of flesh that naturally wants to go God's way. You are programmed to obey God, not by pressure, but by nature.

So when you say, "I can't live right," you're denying your own divine DNA. The Word of God is not just a book, it's the seed that birthed you and will grow you to maturity. Trust it. Reckon it. Walk in it.

CONFESSION

I am born of the Word and redeemed. My past is erased, and I stand perfect in Christ. God's Spirit and His Word live in me, guiding my thoughts and actions. Nothing can undo what God has done in me. Glory!!!

FURTHER READING

2 Corinthians 5:17-21, Hebrews 8:10, Jeremiah 31:33

BORN OF THE WORD

KEY TEXTS: Colossians 2:9-10, Ephesians 1:3

“For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness...” (Colossians 2:9-10, NIV). As a believer, your identity and completeness are not found in your achievements, background, or self-effort, they are found in Christ. The moment you received Jesus, you stepped into His fullness. You are not on a journey to become complete; you already are complete in Him.

This means you lack nothing spiritually. Even if there are areas of your life where it seems you're struggling or you haven't "figured out" yet. God's Word says your answer is not outside. Your answer is already in Him, and you are in Him. That flaw, that challenge, that delay doesn't define you. The Word defines you, and it says you are complete, lacking nothing. Dare to believe that the Word of God is your reality. Refuse to accept any experience inconsistent with the Word of God. When you believe what God has said about you and stand on it long enough, it will change your experience.

When you are born of the Word, you are born into the same power that raised Christ from the dead. You are born into freedom, born into love, born into dominion. You are not bound. You cannot be held captive by sin, fear or the lies of Satan. You have been placed far above it because you are seated with Christ. This is your new reality.

Satan is not more powerful than God, and since you are in Christ, Satan is not more powerful than you. Stop living as though you're trying to fight for victory; you are fighting from the place of victory. Accept the Word. Believe what it says about you. You are not trying to be whole, you already are, in Christ.

CONFESSION

I am complete in Christ. I lack nothing because His fullness is in me. I am not bound. Freedom, love and power are my reality. Satan has no authority over me, because I am in Christ. The Word is my truth, and I walk in its fullness every day.

FURTHER READING

Ephesians 3:14-19, Romans 8:33 - 39

THE SEPARATED LIFE

KEY TEXTS: Luke 4:1-4, Romans 1:1

One thing we have as a certainty in the Christian faith, is the life of victory. Jesus said, be of good cheer, I have overcome the world. Apostle John speaking about the believer, said “whatsoever is born of God overcomes the world” (1 John 4:4). So, by the triumph of the Lord Jesus, the believer has legally been given victory.

In our world today, it seems as though it's not possible to experience this victorious life all the time. Why does this happen? The reason for this is the lack of understanding of what facilitates this victorious life. You must understand that the Christian life (the spiritual life) is very different from the natural life and hence, it must have a different set of things that maintain its quality.

In natural life, there are things that we require daily for effective living and they directly determine our living and the quality of it. In our key text, Jesus said that food is not the only thing required for the sustenance of life. He implied that as bread will feed (sustain) the natural life, the Word of God is necessary for the sustenance of our spiritual/supernatural life.

It must be clear to you that you are in two realms of existence. And that, actively attending to one, does not translate to the efficacy of the other. Imagine going several days without food and water, and the impact it has on your body. That is similarly the effect the absence of the Word of God and prayer, has on your spiritual life. In this series, we will discover the need for a separated life, and as you imbibe it, your life will not remain the same.

CONFESSION

I understand that I am born again, and that I am in the Spirit, even as I exist in the natural. Therefore I will be diligent, to see that I advance supernaturally. Amen.

FURTHER READING

Acts 13:1-15

THE SEPARATED LIFE

KEY TEXTS: Acts 13:1-10, Acts 18:1-3

Yesterday we began looking at the separated life. We saw that for the believer to live a constant life of victory, there are things that he must pay attention to. And these things are different from what it takes to be successful in the natural world.

Let's examine the word 'separation' to help you better understand what the separated life is about. It is the Greek word 'aphorizō', and it was used in Matthew 13:49: "the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just." It is the word 'sever,' and it means to cut off entirely. It was also used in Romans 1 vs 1 where Apostle Paul stated that he was called and separated unto the gospel.

The same word was used in Acts 13:1-2, "...separate unto me Barnabas and Saul for the work where unto I have called them." This separation to a work does not mean they aren't allowed to get involved in other activities of life. It would rather mean that there is a specific work they have been called to do, even as they may get involved with other activities. Hence, separation doesn't always mean to sever. It also means to put a limitation.

This means that in your walk with God, to live in consistent victory, there are things that you are to cut off entirely from, and there are things that you could do, but with limitations. This separated life is what services the supernatural life. Without it, you will live like one who has never received the Spirit and has never come alive to God. Today and always, seek to live the separated life.

CONFESSION

The Lord Jesus has called me to an experience of the supernatural. I will not live short of this call. I pledge to live the separated life, every day of my life. Amen!

FURTHER READING

Mark 1:22-35

THE SEPARATED LIFE

KEY TEXTS: 2 Timothy 2:1-4, Mark 1:35

The call to a separated life does not mean that you should no longer participate in the world or that you should quit your secular endeavors. Paul was a tentmaker by occupation. But it didn't in any way deter him from fulfilling God's plan for his life. In our key text, He wrote that anyone who desires to please God, must not become entangled with the affairs of this life.

Entanglement means to be joined in such a way that separation becomes difficult or impossible. A man who lives this way in his interaction with the world, cannot please God. He has become conformed to the world. A soldier may participate in the activities of life, but not like a civilian would. There's a limit to how deeply he gets involved, because he has a higher priority.

This is the separated life is. It is contact without contamination. It is living with that understanding that even though you are in the world, you are not of it. Jesus lived this way. In Mark 1:35, after a whole day of working miracles, seeing the sick healed and teaching the multitude, He separated Himself a great while before the break of day, to pray. You would expect that He would take some time off to rest but He didn't. Living this way will ensure that you have a deep understanding of God as your Source.

A newborn does not struggle to suckle. The instinct inborn in him and the understanding of his dependence on another, makes him master the art early. Even he understands that the milk from his mother is his sustenance. The separated life is not optional for the man who will do the will of God. You must consciously and consistently withdraw from the noise in the natural and invest time in the unseen. When you do this consistently, your life will be marked by consistent victory.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I understand that you are my source. Every day that passes, I choose to depend on you utterly and to please you consistently.

FURTHER READING

Mark 1:21-35

THE SEPARATED LIFE

KEY TEXT: Mark 3:13-14

Before Jesus sent the disciples out to preach and perform miracles, the first thing He did was call them to be with Him. This is the principle of separation. Before getting sunk in ministry activities you must have times dedicated to being with God. How else will you be acquainted with the heart of the One who sent you?

The prophets of old, Moses, Elijah, John the Baptist, and our Lord Jesus Himself all lived this way. They withdrew from distractions to invest in the spiritual life. Moses would go up the mountain and spend 40 days (over a month). Jesus would spend whole nights in prayer. Before His public ministry, He had a 40-day prayer and fasting session. The great experiences of power that they had hence shouldn't surprise you. They were first men of intense separation.

There's a supernatural world to which you belong. But to live in the experience of it requires a life of separation. You must give time daily to prayer, study, worship, and quietness before the Lord. The guy who goes to the gym has the same time and muscles as everyone else. But by separating himself unto body-building, he develops in a way that becomes obvious to all. In the same vein, you have the same Spirit as every other believer. But how much time you devote to walking with Him is what sets you apart.

The separated life doesn't remove you from the world. Rather, it makes you more effective in it. You are to "Occupy till Jesus comes," even in your secular endeavours. So, you must engage your world. But in doing so, you must maintain contact with the supernatural world. This is the source of lasting victory.

CONFESSION

The supernatural life is natural to me. Hence I do not struggle to live the separated life. I am born of that world, I live in that world. Amen.

FURTHER READING

Matthew 14:14-25

THE SEPARATED LIFE

KEY TEXTS: Psalm 19:7-8, Psalms 119:9-19

The Word of God is His instrument for transformation. It makes the simple wise. No one gives himself to the Word and remains the same. People fall into sin because they make provisions for it. One of such ways is by failing to separate themselves unto the Word.

You must understand that Jesus has called you to a life of victory over sin and this can become your everyday reality. Our key text says that a man's ways can be cleansed if the man pays attention to the Word. This call to a separated life is not a stand alone. You are not called to separate unto nothing, but unto God. If you give yourself to God and to His Word, your profiting will appear to all. But if you build temptations around you, you won't struggle to fall into it.

Let it be clear to you, a man will reap what he sows. If you sow to the flesh, you will of the flesh, reap corruption. But if you sow to the Spirit, you will live in victory (Gal 6:7-8). Sowing to the spirit (the separated life) is a prerequisite to the fulfilment of the will of God. The results you want will determine where you will sow.

Also note that “sowing to the flesh” in the context of the separated life doesn't only imply sin. It can also be other legitimate activities. You must simply understand that its legitimacy does not translate to any spiritual benefit. A man who has not prayed or studied the Word for days because of work will simply be a good employer/employee, but he will certainly have the consequences of not having prayed. The victorious life only responds to a life of separation.

CONFESSION

I am a man of the Word. I am diligent to give myself to the Word of God consistently. I am not too busy or too tired. I am a man of separation. Amen.

FURTHER READING

2 Timothy 2:1-4

BEYOND SENSE KNOWLEDGE: WALKING IN REVELATION

KEY TEXTS: Matt 16:13-17, 1 Cor 2:14-16

There are two kinds of knowledge: sense knowledge and revelation knowledge. Sense knowledge is gained through the five senses which are sight, hearing, touch, taste, and smell. These senses help us interact with and navigate the natural world. For example, a blind person cannot perceive colour and just as a deaf person cannot appreciate music. The absence of a sense limits their understanding in that area. In the same way, a person can be brilliant, even getting to the highest professional level in their field, and yet still be limited when it comes to spiritual realities.

Revelation knowledge is not received through natural senses. The natural mind understands natural things, but the spirit understands spiritual things. When Jesus asked His disciples, “Who do men say that I am?”, their answers were human opinions based on observation. Some said John the Baptist, Elijah, or one of the prophets. But Peter’s answer was different, he said “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Jesus replied, “Flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father in heaven.”

Peter did not arrive at this conclusion through logic or reasoning, it was revealed to him by God. By human sense, although they saw Jesus perform miracles, heal the sick, and raise the dead, they also saw Him eat, drink, sleep, and walk as any other man. To many, it made sense to see Him as a prophet or great teacher. But for Peter to call Him “the Christ” went beyond sense knowledge, it was revelation.

Just like Peter, no one can truly know Jesus as Lord through intellect or human logic alone. It must come by revelation. Spiritual realities are spiritually discerned and that’s why every believer should seek for more than head knowledge or mental understanding of the Word, but true revelation.

CONFESSION

I am not limited by my senses. I have the mind of Christ, I'm a spiritual man and I can understand spiritual realities.

FURTHER READING

Matt 16:13-28

BEYOND SENSE KNOWLEDGE: WALKING IN REVELATION

KEY TEXT: Luke 24:32-45

Mental assent agrees with God's Word but it does not bring transformation. Revelation, on the other hand, changes how you see, think, and live. After His resurrection, Jesus appeared to two of His disciples on the road to Emmaus. From vs 32 of our key text the Bible tells us that, "...they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?"

That "burn" was not talking about a physical fire. Revelation implies lighting up. What does light do? Psalm 119:105 says, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Light keeps you from stumbling in darkness. Without revelation the believer walks in darkness. In the presence of light, you can see clearly what you couldn't see before. So revelation can be referred to as light that makes you understand the Word of God the way God intended you to.

That burning also implies setting something on fire. When a man receives revelation, it's like a fire is set in his soul that propels him to action. Immediately after these disciples received revelation, they ran back to tell the others.

Later, Jesus appeared to the rest of the disciples in vs 45 and opened their understanding, to understand the Scriptures. These disciples had heard those Scriptures many times as Jews, but for the first time, the true meaning was unveiled to them. They were able to connect the dots concerning the prophecies about the Messiah. Many times people read God's Word but cannot put the pieces together, but when God opens their understanding, revelation comes and the Word comes alive.

PRAYER

Lord, open my eyes to see Your Word as You intend me to. Let Your Word burn in my heart, illuminating my path and igniting my soul with passion for You. I walk in the light, I don't walk in darkness.

FURTHER READING

Luke 24:13-53

BEYOND SENSE KNOWLEDGE: WALKING IN REVELATION

KEY TEXTS: John 14:16-17, Eph 3:14-19

In our key text, Jesus calls the Holy Spirit the “Spirit of truth” which is the Spirit of reality. It is the Holy Spirit who makes the Word of God real to you. Revelation comes only from God, and to receive it, you must approach Him with the right heart posture.

Paul understood this, which is why in his prayer for the Ephesian church to have revelation of the love of God, he said, “I bow my knees.” This was not just a physical posture, but a posture of the heart. The first step in receiving revelation is humility. Proud people, those who believe they already know it all, close themselves off from receiving revelation. You can quote scripture and still not have revelation. And it is until you receive revelation that the Word changes your life. That is why Paul prayed that they would grasp the love of God. He knew that teaching alone was not enough; what he taught had to become revelation.

To “comprehend” God’s love is to take hold of it and make it personal. Once that happens, your perspective shifts. You cannot truly know the depth of God’s love and remain in depression or hopelessness. Revelation changes everything. For example, it takes revelation to understand that even though there are billions of people in the world, God loves you personally, independent of His love for them.

1 Peter 5:7 says, “Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.” Do you believe God loves you? Do you believe He cares? If you believe He loves you, then you can trust Him with your life. And if you have not yet seen the depth of His love, ask Him to open your eyes to see how great His love for you is.

PRAYER

Lord, I lay aside pride and approach Your Word with humility. Open my understanding. Let me grasp the height, depth, and breadth of Your love until it becomes my reality.

FURTHER READING

Eph 3:1-21

BEYOND SENSE KNOWLEDGE: WALKING IN REVELATION

KEY TEXTS: Psalm 119:18, 2 Kings 6:15-17

There are wondrous things in the Word of God, but you only see them when the Lord opens your eyes. The apostles wrote the New Testament from the revelation of the Old Testament, because God opened their eyes. Without revelation, the words will be mere words with no power.

In our second key text, the king of Syria sent men to capture Elisha. Early in the morning, Elisha's servant went out and saw the enemy's chariots and was afraid. But Elisha told him, "Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them." In the natural, they were outnumbered. But spiritually, they far outnumbered the Syrians. Then Elisha prayed, "Lord, open his eyes, that he may see." The Lord opened the servant's eyes, and he saw chariots and horses of fire surrounding Elisha.

His physical eyes were already open, but now something different happened—he saw into the spiritual. And from that moment, fear left him. Revelation will change your experiences and your reactions to circumstances. When fear comes, and you read, "God has not given us the spirit of fear," yet fear still holds you, it means it's not yet revelation to you. If it truly became revelation, fear would lose its grip over you instantly.

Elisha was not afraid because he already had revelation. And once he brought his servant into that same reality, the servant also stopped being afraid. Notice, the chariots and angels were already there, even when the servant could not see. The help you need is already present. The answers to your problems are already available. What you need is for your eyes to be opened then you'll see them and walk in them.

PRAYER

Lord, open my eyes to see the wondrous things in Your Word. Let me see beyond the natural into the reality of Your help and power available to me.

FURTHER READING

2 Kings 6:1-23

BEYOND SENSE KNOWLEDGE: WALKING IN REVELATION

KEY TEXT: Ephesians 1:15-18

From our key text, Paul prays for the Ephesian church that the eyes of their understanding would be enlightened. That's revelation. Without revelation, the Bible is just another book, words on a page, like a story you've read before. But revelation makes the Word of God real. Two people can read the same verse; to one, it's just information, to the other, it's life-changing. That's because one caught the revelation while the other didn't.

When God's Word says, "They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover," revelation makes that real to you and when you act on it, it works. You could have been sick all your life, but when God opens your eyes to see from His Word that "By His stripes you were healed," light comes in and it brings healing to your body. Revelation is the bridge between what you've heard or read from the Word of God and your experiences.

It's by revelation we know that words are powerful. Words change things. When you speak God's Word, mountains move and situations shift. The Word of God says incredible things, things that seem too good to be true, yet they are our reality. It is revelation that will make the Word of God real to you and relatable. You will expect it to work for you because you have seen it to be true even now. God does not lie. So, if you're not seeing it, ask God to open your eyes.

Make it a habit to read and listen to the Word, that's how you put yourself on the path to receive revelation. Keep confessing it, even when your senses disagree. You are putting God's Word above your feelings (senses). If God has said it, believe it, and stay with it. Revelation will come.

CONFESSION

Father, open the eyes of my understanding that they may be enlightened. Let Your Word come alive to me and move from just information to revelation. Your Word is my reality, and I will not settle for anything less.

FURTHER READING

Eph 1:1-23

PERSISTENT PRAYER

KEY TEXT: Luke 18:1-8

Prayer is very vital for the believer. It shows a man's dependence on God. In prayer, we are saying that we cannot do anything on our own and need the help of God. The statement of Jesus in Luke 18 shows us how we should pray; we should pray always. This signifies a continuous event. If the life of a christian is dependent on their prayer life, then you, as a christian, should never cease praying.

A lot of Christians want quick fixes. They find it hard to pray and continue in prayer. They pray about a particular thing and when they don't receive it, they easily tire out or give up and say that prayer does not work. Jesus' parable in our key text showed a woman who kept coming to a certain judge to have her issues solved. Do not think that the judge is depicting God, because Jesus called him 'the unjust judge' and God cannot be unjust. So it was simply a parable.

One thing we must learn from this parable is the woman's persistence in coming back to the judge to ask for what she wanted. Although the unjust judge did not respond to her, she kept coming again and again. This shows persistence. Jesus told this parable to explain how persistent prayer works.

Sometimes what you want or desire may not come when you pray for it once, but persistent faith demands that you keep praying until you get what you want. This is the key to receiving what you want in prayer. Some Christians also do not want to pray while others only see it as their last resort. This should not be your approach. Prayer is how we receive what we want and if that is the case, then we should never cease praying. The prayer that wins is the one that is prayed persistently.

CONFESSION

I am not proud. I know that I need the help of God and I get this help through prayer. I pray persistently and I pray with faith.

FURTHER READING

Isaiah 40:28-31

PERSISTENT PRAYER

KEY TEXT: Luke 11:5-8

As Christians, we must understand that prayer is continuous and persistent. We must be like that little child who will not let the mother rest until they get what they want. The child knows that if they persist, they are going to get what they are asking for.

This is clearly seen from our key text where Jesus told the story of a man who went to his friend's house at midnight to ask for bread. It was clearly midnight and all the doors had been shut and the children were now sleeping. Everyone knows not to knock on people's doors by that time. But not this guy. He was persistent. Even though the doors were not opened for him at first, but because of his constant knocking, the door was opened and he got what he was asking for.

The word 'importunity' used in the verse comes from the Greek word 'anaideia' which simply means 'without shame.' This means that the man was asking for bread at midnight without shame. This looks insane but at that point, the only thing that mattered to him was the bread.

Have you ever been on the other side of this story where you think that what you want to ask God for is too big or that it's not the right time or even that it doesn't make sense to begin to ask God for such a thing? You probably have. But God doesn't want you to think that way. He wants you to shamelessly ask for what you want. If you are like this man and you want what you desire so badly, then you are going to shamelessly pray and ask God about it. You will keep knocking until the answer comes your way.

CONFESSION

I am shameless in asking for my desires. I will not quit after some time. I stay until I receive what I am praying for.

FURTHER READING

Luke 11:1-13

PERSISTENT PRAYER

KEY TEXTS: James 5:16-18, 1 Kings 18:41-46

The Bible is full of stories of persistent prayer and faith. The things that were written in Scriptures were written for our examples (1 Corinthians 10:11, Rom 15:3). As you read, the Spirit of God will stir up your heart to believe that you can have what you desire. Let's look at a good example of persistent and continuous prayer: Elijah.

From our key text, we see that Elijah was described as a man of like passions as we are. This means that there is nothing different between Elijah and you. God did not love him more than He loves you. He was as human as you. Yet, Elijah prayed earnestly that it might not rain and it did not rain by the space of three years and six months. Then he prayed again and rain came.

Reading it from James' writing, you might think that Elijah just prayed once and it rained. But that's not the case. In 1 Kings 18:41-46 we see a clearer picture of what happened. Elijah told Ahab that there was going to be rain and after he spoke, he did not go to sleep or rest, he went to pray. Elijah prayed seven times just to see that what he told Ahab came to pass. At the seventh time, a little cloud arose as small as a man's hand. James described what Elijah did as the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man.

Sometimes the issue you are praying about seems not to have flinched or moved at all. But, that is not the time to quit or say that prayer does not work. It is a time to intensify the prayer knowing that things have begun to happen and if you stay at it long enough, you will have your results.

CONFESSION

I don't quit praying, I don't give up. I insist on what I want and see it come to pass through my prayers. All that I desire will come to me.

FURTHER READING

1 Kings 18:1-46

PERSISTENT PRAYER

KEY TEXTS: Gen 32:9-12, 24-32

It is important to understand that God is not your problem. Some Christians think that God is the one stopping their answers from getting to them. They pray and then when they don't receive their answers, they say it is the will of God. But God wants you to have the answers to your prayers as much as you do.

The bridge between your desires and the fulfilment of it is persistent prayer. James 5:16 says that the effectual fervent prayer of the righteous man availeth much. So effective, fervent (heartfelt and continued) prayer avails much. The word "avail" means to succeed. So persistent prayer succeeds. It gets the job done. You have to pray until you prevail, until you succeed.

Jacob is also our example of persistent prayer. He wrestled with the angel until he prevailed. He refused to let go until he got what he wanted. This is the right approach to take in prayer. For example, God has ordained you to fruitfulness. He has said to you that a little one shall become a thousand and a small one a strong nation (Is 60:22). However, you may not be seeing it yet. You must now pray until you see what God has said concerning you come to pass.

Some days it will appear like nothing is happening. Some days you might pray so much and still the number of people in your church or in your cell drops. But one thing you must not do is to quit praying or throw in the towel. It might not look like anything is happening but by God's power, things are actually changing behind the scenes. And as you constantly hit that wall in prayer it will soon come crashing down. You must persist to win. You must take God's power in prayers and prevail over the circumstance

CONFESSION

I don't give up praying. Lack of immediate results won't stop me. I will pray consistently and persistently until I get what I am praying for.

FURTHER READING

Genesis 32:1-32

PERSISTENT PRAYER

KEY TEXTS: Daniel 10:1-13, Ephesians 6:18

We have seen over the past few days that persistent prayer is how we get the answers to our prayers. There are many answers to prayers that were left hanging because the person praying did not pray through. From our key text, we see the story of Daniel when he was fasting and praying for three weeks.

In verse 12, the angel told Daniel that his words were heard from the very first day he set his heart to understand. But notice that Daniel did not get the answer to his prayer until the 21st day. The angel said he was withstood by the prince of the kingdom of Persia for 21 days until Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help him.

It took persistent prayer for Daniel to find out that it was not God that was holding back his answer. It took persistent prayer to know that there was a supernatural being stopping Daniel's answer from coming to him. It was Daniel's continuous and persistent prayer that prompted the Angel Michael to go check what was going on with Daniel's answer. If Daniel stopped praying at day 7, he would have concluded like certain Christians today would, that maybe it was not God's time or God's will.

In Ephesians 6:18, the apostle Paul tells us that there is perseverance in prayer. This means that it might take a while before you see the answer but you must never give up. Not all prayer will take long for the answers to come depending on what you are praying for. But when the answers seem to be taking too long to come, you must stand your ground and persist until you receive your answer.

PRAYER

Dear Father, help me to persist in prayer, Help me to see that it is persistent prayer that wins.
Today I choose to win in the name of Jesus. Amen.

FURTHER READING

Daniel 10:1-21

THE LOVE WALK OF THE BELIEVER

KEY TEXT: 1 John 4:20-21

John teaches us that when a man understands God's love, the fear of punishment disappears. When you know the love of God, it drives out the fear that He is against you. This understanding is the foundation upon which the Christian life is built. And because you have received such love, you are also called to show that same love to others. Just as you rejoice in seeing miracles, you should also rejoice in walking in love.

Love is not only about receiving from others—it is far more fulfilling to give love. Paul instructs us to imitate God, whose love has become our perfect example. Just as He became a Man and laid down His life for us, we are called to lay down our lives for others. Unbelievers love only those who love them back, but we are called to go further. The love of God is seen when you choose to love even when there is nothing to gain. In those moments, you are acting like your Father.

The difference in the Christian life is that we love those who hate us and even those who seek to harm us. Real power is not shown in striking down those who offend you. Real power is rather that you can kill those who offend you, but you decide not to, you decide to love and forgive them instead. Love is power and not weakness. Be bigger. The greater life is to love beyond what is expected, to take an extra step, and to constantly improve in your love walk.

You won't find a place in the Bible, where the disciples asked God to destroy those who came after them. When the disciples were threatened, they didn't pray against the government or the priests, instead, they remained steadfast in love. Our love work is like a tribal mark for us. It distinguishes us in the world. Our love is sacrificial, distinct, and enduring. That's the badge of the Christian love.

CONFESSION

I have the love of God in my heart. I can love anybody despite and in spite of what they do or do not do. I know how to be like my Father in heaven. I know how to love with all my heart.

FURTHER READING

1 John 3:1-24