

GOD'S JUSTICE SYSTEM (*Episode 2*)

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*To the glory of the **Almighty God**,
the Giver of life, wisdom, and revelation,
without whom there is no message, no grace, and no ministry.
All praise, honour, and thanksgiving belong to Him forever.*

*And with heartfelt honour,
This book is dedicated to **Apostle Femi Lazarus**,
a faithful servant of Christ,
whose yielded life, teaching, and obedience
continue to bless the Body of Christ
and advance the Kingdom of God in our generation.*

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Introduction

Every generation is marked by voices raised by God to bring clarity, light, and direction to His people. Apostle Femi Lazarus is one of such voices—carrying a rare blend of prophetic depth, apostolic authority, and pastoral grace. His messages are not mere sermons; they are living streams of truth that nourish the believer’s spirit and shape the destiny of nations.

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As you journey through this message from Apostle Femi Lazarus, I urge you to read not with the eyes of curiosity but with the posture of a disciple. Take time to meditate. Pause when the Spirit nudges you. Confess the truths boldly. And allow these words to become flesh in your own life.

This is not just another book. This is life. Receive it as such.

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Main Message

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Opening Prayers

We bless You, Lord. Blessed be Your holy name.

Thank You, Father. There is none like You, Lord, in all the earth.

*We give You praise, we give You glory, we give You adoration. Blessed be Your
holy name.*

*Thank You because the entrance of Your Word brings light and understanding to
the simple (Psalm 119:130). We receive Your Word and ingest it tonight. It will
profit us, and we will grow thereby.*

*As newborn babes, we desire the sincere milk of the Word (1 Peter 2:2). Thank
You, Lord Jesus. In Jesus' mighty name we have prayed. Amen.*

The Danger of Itching Ears

Now, while closing PPC this morning, I said some very important things that I know were directed to the body of Christ. And now, I speak to you.

You cannot thrive and grow as a Christian if you have itching ears. You cannot.

You may be blessed and edified by different voices, but you can only be trained in your local assembly.

We have members, but I am only a pastor to those who see me as their pastor. You don't pastor everyone until they acknowledge: *"This is my house and this is my pastor."*

And one of the ways you know that they acknowledge it is that they pay attention to the doctrine of the house, particularly when it is in line with Scripture, and they submit themselves to be groomed.

The culture of Christianity, where we change churches like boxers—this way you won't grow, and you will not become much. Why? Because there will be no continuity. To be established, you have to be rooted. Amen.

You have to be rooted and taught.

Rooted in the Word

I want to specially thank God for those of you who make it to Bible study every week. Celebrate yourselves. It is a sign that you want more. And you have to take it.

For some reason, the media gave me a very excellent scripture:

"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears."

—2 Timothy 4:3 (KJV)

This is happening now. I've seen it in the Nigerian church. Messages have been weaponised. Once a message is being taught, people start thinking of where it applies—to their neighbour.

If Nigerians put your message on their status, there is someone they want to see it. Yet, oftentimes, those doing that are the very ones the message also applies to!

The Wickedness of the Heart

For instance, in recent times, there have been more complaints online, particularly when it comes to the subject of marriage, about narcissists. Even narcissists are complaining about narcissists. So, who then is the narcissistic person here?

People look for preachers who endorse certain aspects of their lives so they can shame those who are telling them the truth. That is the wickedness of the heart of man.

Everybody may sit in church, but some are as stubborn as a calf. There is nothing you teach that will make them change. Their heart, the Bible says, is seared with a hot iron (1 Timothy 4:2).

Lost in Church

2 Corinthians 4:3 says:

“But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost.”

Listen: Being in church does not automatically mean you are found. You can still be lost.

Verse 4 continues:

“In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.”

Blindness can follow people to church. Why? Because of itching ears.

Do you know what it means to have itching ears? It means this: when your ear itches, you will look for something to put inside it. That is how some believers are. They look for any message—junk food of the soul.

“This one said this.”

“That podcast said that.”

Most of it is rubbish. And they put it inside. These are dangerous, wicked, angry, offended folks filling themselves with strange voices.

A Serious Charge

We had a meeting today, and I wrote something down—something I wanted to tell you.

If people meet you and they are not interested in listening to your pastor, you have failed.

If, when people meet you, they were once listening to your pastor but have now become discouraged, then the devil is wearing you like a garment.

Boldness in Witnessing

If people meet you and they are not interested in learning from your pastor, you have failed.

Anybody close to me knows that if you are quiet about the impact of God’s Word in your life, I don’t trust you. I shouldn’t trust you. Why should you be quiet?

Those who are playing bets are not quiet. True! When the Super Falcons won, you saw it on everybody's status. They were not quiet. But when it comes to the Word of God, some say, *"I'm just an introvert."*

You are not! You are simply not established.

In fact, the bulk of the reason why people keep quiet about the impact of the Word is so that when they jump churches, nobody will know. Sorry, but it is the truth. **Enduring Sound Doctrine**

Don't become that kind of Christian. The Scripture says:

"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine..."

—2 Timothy 4:3 (KJV)

Sound doctrine requires endurance.

There are days you will shout, *"Deep!"* There are days the Word will make you weep. But listen—it is not a weapon fashioned against you, it is a weapon fashioned for you.

This culture of victim mentality—*"They don't like me"*—only shows how you feel about yourself.

The Power of Scripture

Why did I say that? Let's go to 2 Timothy 3, starting from verse 15:

"And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

—2 Timothy 3:15 (KJV)

Look at the next statement:

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

—2 Timothy 3:16 (KJV)

Doctrine means *teaching*. Reproof means conviction. The Amplified Bible puts it this way:

“Every Scripture is God-breathed, given by His inspiration, and profitable for instruction, for reproof and conviction of sin, for correction of error and discipline in obedience, and for training in righteousness—in holy living, in conformity to God’s will in thought, purpose, and action.”

If you are living in sin, the Word should convict you. You should deal with it, not pamper it. Sin is a stubborn stain!

How can someone be planning after service to go take a hookup, and the person heard the Word and still did it? What kind of Word is that?

That is not what the message of grace looks like. Where sin abounds, grace abounds much more—not to make you sin, but to give you strength above sin.

Submitting to Correction

Today, the world is trying to school the church. But it will not work.

Some say, *“I don’t like Apostle’s messages these days. When I first came, he was teaching about trauma. Now that I am no longer traumatised, I can’t connect again.”*

Are you still traumatised? No! We have taught about trauma, about dysfunctionality. We have written books for you. But you must grow!

Hear the Word: *“Reproof and conviction of sin, correction of error, discipline in obedience, training in righteousness.”*

How can you say somebody is your pastor if they cannot discipline you? Who in your life has the authority to discipline you? If you cannot be disciplined, you are not under authority.

Discipline brings obedience. Obedience brings training. Training leads to holy living and conformity to God's will in thought, purpose, and action.

The Call to Training

As an apostle, I am sent to different locations part-time. And one of my prayers is this: *"Lord, may those You want me to hold not discover it when it is too late."*

There is a difference between teaching and training. What you are hearing now is *teaching*. Training is not by proxy. You must be present to be taught, and you must trust the process of training.

Presence is not the same as access. Training requires trust. Why? Because training is reshaping. And the person being reshaped must trust the process. If you don't, you will be offended.

It would have been better not to train you at all than to train you and you become offended.

That is what the Word is for!

Training in the Local Assembly

This is why, in a local assembly, the elementary or beginner's level of training is to be a steward. At that level, the system itself trains you.

If you want to travel, you tell the head of your department: *"I am requesting permission to travel."* It is not the same as saying, *"I will not be around on Tuesday."*

That is beginner's level. It takes humility to seek permission.

If you think people have no reason to lead you, that is the very reason you should fear them. Because God sees what you are not seeing. He placed them there. If you pay attention in humility, God will raise you up.

God will never trust you with height if you cannot cope with depth.

Marriage and Authority

Not like some who want to marry, yet we are struggling to even know who they are.

“Who is she?”

“Oh, she used to come. She used to sit on the right side there. She attends Bible study.”

Yet she was never established, never rooted in training.

Brethren, it is with this same Bible. Let’s read it again:

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”

—2 Timothy 3:16–17 (KJV)

If you start a good work you are not equipped for, it will soon become a bad work in your hands.

That is why you must be trained and taught.

The Raw Christian

Some Christians talk, and you can immediately tell nobody has ever sat on them. They are as raw as raw yams. You can’t eat it. If it touches your body, it will scratch you. Very raw.

And you—dating such a girl or such a guy—your joy is that you have *freedom*.

That freedom will soon turn to mourning. I am telling you: serious sorrow.

You think you will be happy with somebody who is not under authority? You will soon become the victim.

And once you become the victim, there will be nobody to call your spouse to order, because there was never someone they could be accountable to. At least, if there is someone they can listen to, part of the problem is already solved.

A Final Warning

I don't even know why I am speaking like this. Maybe because of time, people are rushing into marriage. But if you marry anti-purpose, you will pound the remaining time of your destiny into waste.

Never let desperation take you there. There are many fools in kaftans and many fools in fine gowns. Yes, and many fools are preaching too!

Selah.

The System of God's Justice

Now, I began laying the foundation on Sunday about the system of God's justice.

Let's read John 3:16 together:

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” —John 3:16 (KJV)

On the cross, what was demonstrated was not only the love of God but also His justice. We are going to go deeper into that.

At the cross, God was punishing sin once and for all. The punishment was so great that Jesus cried out:

“My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?” —Matthew 27:46 (KJV)

Sin was judged in Christ. Through one man's disobedience, sin came into the world, and death through sin. Yet, by one man's obedience, we have access not only to life but also to the gift of righteousness.

But notice this—it is “*whosoever believeth.*” It is available, but you have to take it.

The reason why anyone who refuses to accept Christ will go to hell is that rejecting the death of Jesus is a grievous thing.

The Day of the Lord

Think about it. Many of you, while you were on campus, knew notorious boys in your class. They disturbed everyone. The lecturer was teaching, and they were pressing their phones. Yet, have you seen how sober they became during exams?

As you file in, they whisper, “*Guy, abeg, I dey your back. No, anyhow, oh!*”

The once noisy, notorious fellow becomes so calm before examination.

In the same way, a day is coming when the whole earth will be silenced before Him and will tremble.

The Bible calls it “*the great and dreadful day of the LORD*” (Joel 2:31). On that day, the earth itself will melt at His wrath.

That is why anybody who can feel pain must be given the opportunity to escape the wrath of God.

Make sure your family members are saved. Because if they die unsaved, you will never see them again. Eternally, they are gone.

Justice and Judgment

So, God loves. And how did He demonstrate it? He gave.

Now look at Psalm 89:14:

“Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face.” —Psalm 89:14 (KJV)

Read it again! *Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne. Mercy and truth shall go before thy face.*

The Amplified Bible says:

“Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; mercy and lovingkindness and truth go before Your face.”

The DB Translation puts it this way:

“The seat of Your kingdom is resting on righteousness and right judgment. Mercy and good faith come before Your face.”

The Contemporary English Bible says:

“Your throne is built on righteousness and justice. Loyal love and faithfulness stand in front of You.”

The Message translation says:

“The Right and Justice are the roots of Your rule; Love and Truth are its fruits.”

This means two things:

1. If God takes sides on any matter, He will always do what is just.
2. God is no respecter of persons (Acts 10:34).

Responsibility and Preparation

Let me illustrate. Suppose God says to a man, *“I will pour My grace upon your life. You will go to the ends of the earth. You will take My Word to nations. I will do amazing things through you.”*

You hear it and rejoice. But if you fail to prepare, you are like a car without fuel.

Another brother may not have had such a dramatic word, but he is preparing. He will move forward. At a certain point, regardless of what God said, your lack of preparation will mess you up.

Is it God that stopped the car? No. A car without fuel will stop on its own.

God said, *“I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee”* (Hebrews 13:5). He is inside the car with you. He has not left. But your lack of preparation is enough to limit you.

Even then, He is just. He will use you at the level of your preparation.

The Limitation of Conscience

Let me explain further. Your conscience can be taught.

For example, you may be saved, filled with the Holy Ghost, yet under poor teaching, your conscience can be educated that prosperity is a sin. It will then start to alarm you about wealth the same way it alarms you about sin.

God will still use you, but you cannot spread widely. Not because the devil stopped you, but because your own mind has contained you.

That is why, when God speaks a prophecy, it does not make it automatic. You are still a factor.

God can promise you a long life, yet you die young—because of your own choices.

Thank God for the prophecies in your notebook, but if you do not align with them, you will watch them come to pass in another person's life.

Say it loud and clear: **God is a just God!**

Say it again: **God is a just God!**

Sons of God by Love and Justice

Let's look at more scriptures.

1 John 3:1–2 (KJV):

“Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.”

What manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us—that we should be called the sons of God! Yet notice: in demonstrating that love, the Father did not cut corners. He still offered up, once and for all, His only begotten Son. He watched Jesus die so the demands of sin would be fulfilled.

This is love, but it is love executed through justice.

Reading with Discipline

Now let's discipline ourselves in the Word. Many people struggle with the Bible, saying, *“I don't understand it; King James is too hard.”* If that is the case, begin with a simpler translation.

Tonight, we'll read **Hebrews 7** from the Passion Translation. Pay attention closely, because it will open your understanding.

The Priesthood of Melchizedek

Hebrews 7 tells us about Melchizedek:

- His name means *king of righteousness*.
- He was the king of peace, ruling in *Salem*, which means peace.
- He was also a priest of the Most High God.
- He has no recorded father, mother, or genealogy.
- He was never born, never died—his life is a picture of the Son of God, a king-priest forever.

When Abraham returned from battle, Melchizedek blessed him. Abraham responded by giving him a tithe of the spoils.

Do you see? The principle of tithing did not begin under the law of Moses. It existed before Levi was even born. It was the response of a grateful heart to God's victory.

So, never think that God's work depends on whether you give. No! If you withhold, you only cheat yourself and remain at a low level.

The Superiority of Melchizedek

The Scripture continues:

- Abraham, though the greatest patriarch, still paid tithe to Melchizedek.
- Melchizedek blessed Abraham, showing he was greater.
- The Levitical priests received tithes, but they were mortal and died.
- Melchizedek, however, is presented as living on.

This even means Levi, in Abraham's loins, also paid tithe through him. In other words, your acts of faith and generosity today can affect the seed yet unborn in your lineage.

A New Priesthood

Hebrews asks: If the Levitical priesthood could bring perfection, why did God send another priest—Christ—after the order of Melchizedek?

Jesus was not from Levi's tribe. He came from Judah, a tribe with no priestly connection under the law. This was deliberate. God was beginning something entirely new.

From the moment Christ came, the Levitical priesthood ceased. A higher priest had arrived.

The Priesthood of Christ

Our Lord's priesthood is not based on genealogy but on **the power of an indestructible life.**

The priesthood of Christ was enacted through resurrection!

As the Psalm declares:

"Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek." —Psalm 110:4
(KJV)

The Superior Covenant and Eternal Priesthood

The old order of priesthood has been set aside as weak and powerless, for the law never made anyone perfect. In its place, God has given us a far better hope—one that brings us into confidence and intimacy with Him.

Under the law, worship was only an obligation. Sacrifices were offered for sin, but there was no living relationship with the One to whom those sacrifices were

made. How tragic it is if believers today still offer sacrifices without knowing God personally!

But in Christ we have something better. Are you saved? Are you born again? Then you already have confidence to relate with God, not in fear but in assurance of His love.

You see, there are relationships in life where people may love you, yet you lack confidence in approaching them. But with God, it is different. He loves you, and you can relate to Him boldly, with full assurance of faith.

A Priesthood by Oath

The Levitical priests were appointed without an oath. Their office was temporary, for death ended their service. But Jesus was not appointed in that way. God confirmed His priesthood with a solemn oath, saying:

“The Lord has sworn and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.” —Psalm 110:4

This magnifies the truth: we now have a superior covenant, for Jesus Himself is its guarantor.

Think of what a guarantor means. In your own language, in simple terms, it is someone who stands surety, who bears the full weight of responsibility. That is what Jesus has become for us.

An Unchanging Priesthood

Under the old system, there were many priests, because they died and had to be replaced. But Jesus holds His office permanently. He lives forever and will never have a successor.

Therefore, He is able to save completely and eternally everyone who comes to God through Him. He is the Saviour of yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Truly, *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever* (Hebrews 13:8).

The High Priest We Need

Hebrews 7:26 describes Him as the High Priest who perfectly fits our need—holy, blameless, incapable of deceit, exalted above the heavens. Unlike the former priests, He does not need to offer sacrifices daily for His own sins and then for the people. Instead, He offered Himself once for all.

The law appointed flawed men as priests, but God appointed His perfect Son by an unbreakable oath. Jesus is the High Priest who is complete forever. Hallelujah!

The First and the Second Adam

Hebrews 4:15 explains further:

“For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.”

Jesus understands humanity. He was tempted in every way, yet He conquered sin.

To grasp this, consider the difference between the first Adam and the second Adam, Christ.

The first Adam had no mother. He did not develop in a womb. God Himself moulded him from the dust of the earth and breathed into him the breath of life, and he became a living soul. The processes of growth that normally happen in a mother's womb—formation of organs, flesh, and breath—God performed directly in Adam's creation.

From then on, every child would come through a woman's womb, with seed given by a man. But after the fall in Genesis 3, God gave a promise:

“And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.” —Genesis 3:15 (KJV)

The seed of the woman would one day crush the head of the serpent. That promise was fulfilled in the second Adam, Jesus Christ.

The Seed of the Woman

When God said, *“I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel”* (Genesis 3:15), it made no biological sense. A woman does not have seed; she receives and incubates seed. Yet the prophecy pointed to a time when a woman would have seed—not from a man, but from God Himself.

The first Adam failed. His life, his vital force, came directly from God. If justice required that the equation be balanced, then the second Adam—the one who would undo the failure—must also receive life directly from God, not from man.

Scripture says:

“The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.” —1 Corinthians 15:45 (KJV)

Adam was called a living soul because he never gave life. Before he could, corruption entered. But Jesus, the second Adam, died and rose again, and now the Church is still being birthed from His loins. Hallelujah!

God in Flesh

When Jesus came, the very life of God was formed inside the womb of a woman. He grew fingers, eyes, ears, a nose, and a head. If you saw Him, He looked 100% man, yet He was also 100% God.

When the Bible says God sent His only begotten Son, it doesn't mean God gave birth to Jesus in the way we think of human birth. From eternity, there are three who bear record in heaven—the Father, the Word, and the Spirit (1 John 5:7). These three are one. The Word became flesh (John 1:14). That process of becoming flesh is why we call Him the Son of God. He is the Word—He is God.

In Him dwells the fullness of the Godhead bodily (Colossians 2:9).

The Corruption of the First Adam

The first Adam sinned. From that moment, every seed that came from his loins was born with the nature of sin. Through his rebellion, sin entered the world, and as the father of the natural man, every child born of Adam's seed carried that same corruption.

This sin is not first a verb—it is a noun. We are not sinners merely because we commit sinful acts; we were born sinners. It was the state of our existence.

Because of Adam's sin, the law was given. Men had to continually offer goats, rams, and bulls to atone for their sins. Think of how the sons of Eli abused the sacrifices—they feasted on what should have been holy. Imagine if salvation still depended on sacrifices!

Some of you should thank God you were not born under that covenant. Imagine bringing your chicken to the priest, and he rejects it because it is bald! [Laughter] He sends you away to fry it, season it with pepper, remove the head and legs—and then eats it himself! That was the corruption of the system.

But thanks be to God, Jesus Christ has paid the price once and for all.

The Final Sacrifice

Say it aloud: **“He paid the price!”**

He nailed sin to the cross once and for all.

And this is the justice of God: Adam’s failure brought corruption, but Christ’s obedience brought righteousness. Yet this does not permit anyone to sin. Grace is not a licence to indulge the flesh; it is empowerment to live above sin.

Christ’s Death and Our Freedom

The Bible says:

“For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.”
—Hebrews 4:15 (KJV)

Jesus satisfied the criteria fully. It was not enough that He merely died—anyone can die. The requirement was that He must die sinless. God did not cut corners for Jesus. He did not faint on the cross—He truly died.

Romans 6 explains this clearly:

“What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid... Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptised into Jesus Christ were baptised into his death?”

We were buried with Him by baptism into death so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too may walk in newness of life. If we have been planted in the likeness of His death, we shall also share in the likeness of His resurrection. Our old man was crucified with Him so that the body of sin might be destroyed.

Therefore, we are no longer slaves to sin. The one who has died is freed from sin! And if we died with Christ, we believe we shall also live with Him.

Death, Decay, and the Fall

When sin entered the world, death came with it. I must share an experience with you. One time, I prayed in tongues for hours. When I opened my eyes, I saw the trees, the grass, and nature with a beauty I had never seen before. And the Lord said to me, *“When man fell, everything fell with him.”*

This world is now groaning under the weight of death and decay. Malaria, headaches, and high blood pressure are all fruits of death at work. But hear this: if sin has no dominion over you, then death has no legal right over you. And if death has no legal right, sickness has no right either.

Stop expecting to be sick. It should not surprise you if you have not fallen ill for years—it should be normal! Jesus Himself was sometimes tired (John 4:6), but never once was He sick. There is no record in the Gospels of Him saying, *“Peter, my head aches,”* or being carried because of weakness. He walked in dominion over sickness.

Say it aloud: **“Death has no dominion over me!”**

Say it again! One more time!

Christ Took the Appointment With Death

Some ask, “*But doesn’t the Bible say it is appointed unto man once to die, and after this, judgment?*” Yes, but read the full verse carefully:

“... *it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: so Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many.*” —Hebrews 9:27–28

That appointment with death was fulfilled in Christ! He bore it for us. You have no appointment with death—He already satisfied it. Do not line yourself up on death row when Christ has removed you from the queue.

The Strength of the Spirit

Scripture also declares:

“*The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity; but a wounded spirit who can bear?*” —Proverbs 18:14 (KJV)

In the Amplified Bible, it says:

“*The strong spirit of a man sustains him in bodily pain or trouble, but a weak and broken spirit who can raise up or bear?*”

Your spirit, strengthened in God, is what sustains you in the face of adversity, pain, or trial. This is why walking in the Spirit is not an option—it is life itself.

The Strong Spirit Sustains

Scripture says:

“*The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity; but a wounded spirit who can bear?*” —Proverbs 18:14 (KJV)

The song we often sing declares: “*Out of my belly shall flow rivers of living water.*” That river flows out of your spirit. The Bible says, “*The spirit of a man is the candle of the Lord, searching all the inward parts of the belly.*” (Proverbs

20:27). When you sing of rivers flowing, you are speaking of life flowing from your spirit.

Water symbolises life. To say, “*Out of my belly flows rivers of living water*” is to declare that life is oozing out of you. But note this: nothing is permitted to flow from the spirit into your life without going through your consciousness. That is why the Scripture says, “*As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he.*” (Proverbs 23:7). Your thoughts can either refine or pollute the life of God that flows through you.

Spirit Versus Body

You are not your body—you are your spirit. The gym can strengthen your body, but if your spirit remains undeveloped, you have built nothing that lasts. In America, they talk about a “*summer body.*” But more urgent than a summer body is a *strong spirit.*

Ephesians 4:11–12 teaches us that Christ gave apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers “*for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.*” The word *edifying* is from the Greek *oikodome*, it means *building up*. Just like a house is built brick by brick, your spirit must be deliberately built with the right materials.

Paul said in 1 Corinthians 3:10: “*As a wise master builder, I have laid the foundation...*” You must build carefully. You cannot build a strong Christian life on thirty seconds of Scripture or ninety seconds of motivational devotion. That is not building—it is sampling.

Building a Strong Spirit

If something goes wrong with your immune system, your natural body becomes exposed. In the same way, if something goes wrong with your spirit, your entire being becomes vulnerable. You need a strong spirit that can resist symptoms and stand unshaken on the Word of God, no matter what comes.

When my wife and I were expecting our second daughter, we went for a scan. The doctor told us, *“I see a deformity in the leg.”* Immediately, I told my wife, *“This will not make conversation. It will not even become a prayer point.”* Every gift that comes from God is perfect. And indeed, she was born perfect.

Sometimes God allows dreams to test your maturity. Someone may dream you died, and the dream may be vivid. But a dream is not the voice of God until it is weighed by the Word. What determines whether you shake or stand is the strength of your spirit.

That is why Jude 20 says:

“But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost.”

You may be drinking water, eating vegetables, and taking supplements for your body—but what are you feeding your spirit? If you feed your mind with Nollywood junk or endless entertainment, your spirit will be too weak when trouble comes. But if you devote yourself to the Word and prayer, your spirit will be strong to withstand.

Growth Takes Time

At the gym, I once jumped from machine to machine—treadmill, skipping, weights—until the trainer stopped me. He said, “*At the gym, you break the body into segments. Today chest, tomorrow legs, another day back.*” Building takes time.

It is the same in the Spirit. You cannot rush growth. You must build layer by layer, truth by truth, day by day. That is how a strong spirit is formed.

Say it aloud: **“I am building a strong spirit. My spirit is being fed, strengthened, and matured by the Word of God.”**

Building a Strong Spirit

It is risky for a believer these days to remain unbuilt. Such a life is open to all manner of junk, all manner of spirits, infirmities, and sickness. Sicknesses are rising, and one wonders, “*Where are these coming from?*” But not for me. I don’t know about you. I said not for me!

Do you see how rich what we have in Christ is? God is just, and His plans for us are perfect.

“For I know the thoughts that I think towards you,” saith the Lord, “thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you an expected end.” (Jeremiah 29:11)

The NIV says:

“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.”

The future here speaks of longevity.

One time, the Lord warned me of the grave danger in preaching only messages that can be posted online. It is dangerous for both preacher and hearer. Why?

Because there are teachings we must pause on and engage practically—muttering the words, making them part of our daily confession.

How many believers truly go back to listen to these messages again and again? How many build the discipline of sitting with a word until it becomes one with their spirit? And then they wonder why they keep falling into sin.

Beloved, without a strong spirit, you are like a body without defence—exposed to foreign invaders and pathogens. Weak spirits are susceptible to foreign thoughts.

I learned a principle years ago: **never sleep without putting the Word of God in your spirit.** Sleep on the Word, and you will wake up refreshed.

In God's justice system, your failure to yield to what He intends to do in your life can betray His plan.

I once saw a video of a woman with a fish pond. She bought a new fish, a fingerling, and dropped it in the pond among other fish. Immediately, the bigger fish devoured it. That was not the intention of the woman, but the pond is a complete ecosystem.

Listen carefully: God will not come from heaven to rescue you from evil. Even angels will not act until you know how to petition God and activate them. Evil can befall a believer who does not know how to use what has already been given.

Many blame God, saying, "*Since it happened, God must have brought it.*" No! From Genesis 1, He has been resting. If you do not know how to pray, what ought not to kill you can kill you.

His mercies endure forever, but we must walk the Word and war with the Word.

Is there a stage in the believer's life where warfare ceases? Yes—when you have *lambano-ed* the Word, comprehended it fully. That's why sometimes I can say, "We will not pray about this matter," because it is already settled in my spirit.

My wife once quoted John 1:14, and I had studied that verse many times. That day, I checked the Hebrew word used, and I could not contain myself—I shouted!

"He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." (John 1:10–12)

I used to think *receive* simply meant "accept Him." But the word used here is **lambano**—*to comprehend, to seize, to take hold of.*

We see it again in 1 John 1:1:

"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life."

The word *handled* is also *lambano*.

So, you are not truly a son of God until you have **comprehended Him**.

As babes, you may say, "God of Lazarus, where are You?" But as you mature, you begin to say, "My Father and my God." For He has said: "I go to My Father and your Father."

We don't just call Him the God of others—we comprehend Him for ourselves.

Excavating the Rubbish

Building your spirit takes time because you are not starting on empty ground. You are racing against what has already been built. Rubbish is there—wrong conclusions about sickness, wrong conclusions about death, wrong conclusions about poverty. These must first be excavated.

Your conscience can even trigger alarms against prosperity the same way it triggers alarms against sin—because you trained it to see blessing as sin. So, you may be anointed, yet live comfortably with poverty. Why? Because, for reasons known to you, you chose it as a package.

And in God's justice system, He will honour your choice. He may use you where anointing functions, and use another where wealth functions, because He is just. Once you make your choice, your life follows it.

Do not play church. Many claim they “fell out of faith” simply because they were never disciplined. They never *lambo-ed*—never comprehended Him. But if you eat this truth, no one can talk you out of it.

How can you say, “*I'm done serving Jesus because somebody stepped on my foot in church*”? That is not faith—you never truly met Him.

Declaring the Word

Let us take some time to mutter these words:

- I receive the Word of the Lord into my spirit.
- It alters my day-to-day experience.
- There is no weakness in my body.
- The life of God is at work in me.

The Principle of Preparedness

One reason I labour hard, even into the night, meditating and preparing, is that the sovereignty of God never cancels His principles. He will never use you in an area you are not prepared for.

You may run with promises that never mature or see manifestation simply because you did not prepare. I must therefore avail myself of what the Father has prepared for me.

Paul said:

“I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.” (1 Corinthians 9:27)

This means that, even in God’s justice system, you can preach, and crowns may await you, yet you will not receive them unless you align yourself. We must reckon ourselves dead to sin and alive to righteousness.

This is why, for many, this year looks like last year, and the one before it—because they thought running with prophecy meant merely repeating it. No. You must do your part!

Confessions of Life

Say with me:

- I receive the Word of the Lord in my spirit.
- The Word of God dominates my spirit.
- His life is at work in me.
- My body is not susceptible to sickness.

Are you aware that the anointing upon your mind makes your mind sharp? In Daniel 5, when Daniel was described, they said the spirit of the holy gods dwelt in him. Intelligence is not merely hereditary—it can be inherited from God!

Confess soundness of mind. Say it:

- My mind is sharp.
- My mind is sound.
- I receive and process information at the speed of light.
- The life of God is at work in me.

Glory! There is joy in my spirit. I am not given to sadness. My joy is not circumstantial—the joy of the Holy Ghost, full of glory, is at work in me. I rejoice!

The Lord causes all that I do to prosper. Nothing dies in my hands. The life of God is at work in my hands. Everything I touch works. Everything I lay my hands upon thrives because I carry life. Nothing dies in my arms.

I see beyond the average mind. I see what the world cannot see. I receive what they cannot receive. Life is at work in me!

Supernatural Intelligence

I believe so much in supernatural intelligence. Whenever I lay my hands on my children, I pray over them: *“You are kind, you are smart, you are intuitive.”*

I don’t trouble myself over their school results, because they cannot be dull.

Everything I do prospers.

I often tell my wife that whenever I choose to go for a PhD—of course, not in Nigeria—it doesn’t matter what records exist in that institution, I will break them. Why? Because we are record breakers!

I have known this since my campus days. One day, my lecturer looked at me, held my head, and said, “*If you don’t become a professor, you have wasted this head.*” But listen, there is more to life than being a professor—we can even train professors!

Living as a System

This life we carry is not just for speaking in tongues. It governs everything.

Even when I work hard and feel stressed, I make declarations: “*I wake up strong like a newborn baby, full of agility!*” You may wonder how I keep up with my daily schedules—it is because when you live as a mere man, you have 24 hours. But when you live as a system, you have endless time.

Why should I still be struggling for rent at this stage? What have I been doing with this life? I have been robbed—not because God failed me, but because I failed to pay attention to what He has already given.

We have been blessed with all that pertains to life and godliness!

The Power of the Word

Any area of your future that looks uncertain is only so because you have not spoken life into it. This life governs today and tomorrow.

The Lord causes all that I do to prosper. Nothing dies in my hands. I refuse to be the kind of person who every time they say, “*What’s this? It’s not working.*” No! The life of God works in me.

A Story of Two Realms

Let me leave you with this story. One of the funniest scenes you can ever encounter is a natural man arguing with a spiritual man—they are speaking from two different realms.

I once shared about Bob Jones. He was scheduled to be picked up at the Kansas City airport at 1:00 p.m. His driver arrived on time. But the plane landed earlier, so Bob was waiting. When the driver came, Bob said, *“You came late.”*

The driver argued: *“No, I came by one! I keep to time!”* But Bob didn’t argue.

The same thing happened another time. Again, Bob said, *“You came late.”* The man protested again until Bob schooled him: *“If you were walking in the Spirit, you would know I would be early. But because you are not in the Spirit, you speak only according to your own time. You can be right, and yet wrong, at the same time.”*

Do you see it? God has given us these things, and He expects us to use them.

Confession of Life

Say with me:

- I see life differently.
- The life of God is at work in me.
- Everything I touch prospers.
- I am a record breaker.
- I live beyond time, beyond limitation.

Praise God. Hallelujah!

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