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Foreword

There are moments in the Kingdom when God gathers His people, not merely to inspire them, but to realign them for destiny. This message is one of such moments.

In a generation overwhelmed by darkness, distractions, and spiritual compromise, this timely teaching by David Oyedepo comes as both a prophetic warning and a divine invitation. It is a call back to true spirituality — not mere religious activity, not church routine, not theological arguments, but a genuine walk with God rooted in holiness, obedience, revelation, and consecration.

Throughout these pages, the reader will encounter timeless Kingdom truths delivered with clarity, conviction, and apostolic authority. The emphasis is unmistakable: spirituality remains the foundation for flourishing in hard times. In seasons where many seek shortcuts, this message redirects the believer to the ancient pathway of walking with God.

One of the strongest burdens carried in this message is the necessity of spiritual sight. Again and again, we are reminded that transformation does not come merely through reading, hearing, or even preaching the Word, but through seeing what God is revealing. Revelation remains the gateway to transformation.

This book also confronts modern distortions surrounding grace, holiness, faith, and consecration. With scriptural precision, the preacher establishes that grace does not excuse sin but empowers victorious living. The believer is challenged to denounce every form of compromise and to embrace a life that truly pleases God.

Perhaps most importantly, this message restores confidence in the certainty of walking with Jesus. Though the path of obedience may appear slow at times, it is

always sure. The testimonies, exhortations, prophetic declarations, and altar call captured in this transcription all point toward one central truth: those who walk with God will never be stranded.

As Chief Editor, it is my prayer that this book will not merely be read, but deeply received. May every veil be lifted from your spiritual eyes. May your hunger for righteousness increase. May every barrier to revelation be broken. And may the truths contained in these pages become living realities in your walk with God.

Welcome to a message that calls believers back to the fear of the Lord, the power of sanctification, and the beauty of a life fully surrendered to Christ.

Grace and peace.

— Wisdom Epsi
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Gateways to Flourishing in Hard Times

Hallelujah!

Thank You, Jesus.

Another Shiloh is here. The One at the first Shiloh twenty-five years ago is also here tonight. May His presence impact each one's life in an unforgettable way.

May everything reserved for each one of us here and around the world at this time come through without delay.

We have seen strange things by the hand of God ever since Shiloh commenced, in confirmation of His Word, and He is still here. May every word that comes through in your direction enjoy speedy confirmation.

This shall be a bailout Shiloh for every one of us.

“The sun shall no more smite thee by day...” — Psalm 121:6 (KJV)

God will rewrite your story.

Would you lift up your two hands and express your personal expectation tonight? Let Him know why you are here. Let Him know what you are looking forward to.

In Jesus' precious name, we have prayed.

Let us, in acknowledgement of Jesus, sing this anthem of gratitude unto God:

*All the glory must be to the Lord,
For He is worthy of our praise.
No man on earth should give glory to himself,
All the glory must be to the Lord.*

Jesus is behind the diverse manifestations and testimonies that we hear. Jesus is behind the light that has come our way from time to time since Shiloh began. Everything marvellous in our midst is Jesus. Everything enviable among God's people is Jesus. Everything great about your life is Jesus. Everything great about this Commission is Jesus.

All the glory must be to the Lord.

Thank You, Jesus. We acknowledge You behind all the glorious events we have been experiencing thus far. Receive our thanks, in the name of Jesus.

Now speak to us tonight. Let there be a mighty visitation this night, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Give the Lord a big hand of praise.

Please be seated.



A Call for Spiritual Renewal

By the prompting of the Holy Spirit, I will be taking us on the journey captioned:

“Gateways to Flourishing in Hard Times”

Nothing ever takes God by surprise. He is ahead of time. He knows the end from the beginning.

He knew there would be hard times, and He already has a plan to rescue His people from it. We shall be exploring, all through this event, the way out of this hour of horror — the key to our exemption from the global heat coming upon the earth.

I have a prompting to lay a foundation tonight for what will be happening throughout this Shiloh.

“If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?” — Psalm 11:3
(KJV)

Our rescue begins with salvation, but demands spiritual renewal for delivery.

“How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation...” — Hebrews 2:3
(KJV)

Our escape begins with salvation. We are rescued from the kingdom of darkness and translated into the Kingdom of His dear Son.

But we must maintain the required spiritual state to actualise it.

That is why many people who are born again are still struggling for survival, even in soft times. How then will they survive hard times?

So, Part One of this series is captioned:

“A Call for Spiritual Renewal Towards Flourishing in Hard Times”

“Good understanding giveth favour: but the way of transgressors is hard.” —
Proverbs 13:15 (KJV)

“Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings. Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill with him...” — Isaiah 3:10–11 (KJV)

Behind the struggles of many believers is the lack of the fear of the Lord.

Nothing flies in hard times like the fear of the Lord.

Joseph flourished as a slave. Joseph flourished as a prisoner. What was his testimony?

“I fear God.”

Nothing flies in hard times like the fear of God at work in a man.

Daniel was indestructible because he lived and worked in the fear of God.

“Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find none occasion nor fault...” —
Daniel 6:4 (KJV)

They said:

“We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find it against him concerning the law of his God.” — Daniel 6:5 (KJV)

Remember, Daniel had purposed in his heart not to defile himself with the king’s meat. The fear of God gave him his place in destiny.

The king thought to set him over the whole realm.

“The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant.” — Psalm 25:14 (KJV)

God showed Daniel secrets that took him to the top, and because he maintained the fear of the Lord, he remained there.

Nothing flies in hard times like the fear of the Lord.

Spirituality: Custodian of Great Destinies

This is why spirituality — the fear of the Lord — is the custodian of every great destiny in the Kingdom.

“For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.” — 1 Corinthians 3:11 (KJV)

“Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure...” — 2 Timothy 2:19 (KJV)

The Scripture goes further:

“If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master’s use...” — 2 Timothy 2:21 (KJV)

Every great destiny in the Kingdom has its root in the fear of the Lord.

And let me tell you why we are starting this way:

Revelation is inaccessible without the fear of God.

“The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him...” — Psalm 25:14 (KJV)

The secret things belong to God. Only what He reveals can be accessed.

What you hear is not the same as what He shows you. What you read is not the same as revelation.

That is why, in the same meeting, somebody catches light that turns his life around forever, while another person leaves without understanding anything.

It is not given to everyone.

It is time to renew our spiritual altar.

We are in a season where everyone will need revelation to escape the horrors of the day.

“But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God...” — 1
Corinthians 2:14 (KJV)

You cannot remain carnal and access divine mysteries.

It is time to clean up to secure your great future.

Today, you can hardly tell the difference between many Christians and unbelievers anymore. In those days, when someone misbehaved, people would say:

“You call yourself a Christian?”

But today, many people are reading the Bible like newspapers. Nothing is entering. Nothing is changing. There is no impact.

Why?

Because stories are not equal to mysteries.

“The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him...”

We must return to the foundation.

These games are becoming too much.

People say, “There’s nothing you do — God just loves you.”

What a lie!

God turned His back on Solomon, whom He loved.

It is time to return.

God will be revealing things to us here, but you cannot access them unless you are on key. You may hear the words, but you will not see them.

And only what you see can become yours.

“Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.” — Proverbs 1:23 (KJV)

There must be a turning if you will see what God is showing.

No One Prospers Beyond His Spirituality

The sure foundation of every great destiny in the Kingdom is a deliberate departure from whatever displaces God.

No believer’s life can ever be more fulfilling than his spiritual life.

“For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.” — Romans 8:6 (KJV)

No one can prosper and sustain prosperity beyond the level of his spirituality.

Please listen carefully.

Too many people testify:

“God blessed me yesterday, but I cannot see it today.”

We need a repositioning. We need a reorientation to sustain the blessings of God.

“Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.” — 3 John 1:2 (KJV)

Your prosperity rises to the level of your spiritual prosperity.

No one can command the supernatural above his spirituality.

The sons of Sceva said:

“We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth.”

And the devils leapt upon them and tore them apart.

Why?

Because spirituality cannot be borrowed.

Gehazi was given the rod by Elisha to lay upon the dead child, but the child did not wake.

Why?

He was not a worthy vessel through whom such power could flow.

And later we saw the condition of his heart:

“My master hath spared Naaman... I will run after him, and take somewhat of him.” — 2 Kings 5:20 (KJV)

The heart of man is deep and desperately wicked.

“I the LORD search the heart...” — Jeremiah 17:10 (KJV)

No one can command the supernatural above his spirituality.

God’s Plan for His People in Hard Times

Let us give appropriate attention to the foundation, to secure the beauty and colour of our destiny.

Jesus came to save us from our sins.

“And thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.” — Matthew 1:21 (KJV)

That mission has not changed.

No one can flourish in hard times without spirituality.

“They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.” — Psalm 37:19 (KJV)

OCR does not fly with God.

In famine, they shall be satisfied.

We must get back on key to realise God’s agenda for these uncertain times.

“Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him...” — Psalm 33:18
(KJV)

To do what?

“...to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.” —
Psalm 33:19 (KJV)

His eyes are upon them that fear Him — not people playing games.

There Are People Who Will Never Feel the Heat

Someone said, “Let us tell ourselves the truth — if the whole earth becomes like an oven, nobody can escape it.”

Wait.

Egypt burned like an oven under the wrath of God, but Israel never felt it.

There was thick darkness in Egypt, but there was light in Goshen.

All the cattle of Egypt were destroyed overnight, but not one cattle belonging to God’s people was missing.

There are people who will never feel the heat, no matter the temperature.

The God who brought Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego out of the fiery furnace without even the smell of fire upon them has a plan for you.

I have zero fear about tomorrow.

Zero fear.

We did not get here by tricks.

What has not made me beg for forty-one years is real.

This thing is real.

Your days of struggling are over.

I do not know what it means to pray for money. This is my mouth. God is my witness.

The moon has no light of its own. It only aligns at a particular angle to the sun, and what we call moonlight is merely the reflection of sunlight.

Jesus is the Sun of Righteousness.

When we align with Him, we reflect His glory.

Whatever is cutting short your access to God's agenda for this hour, I command an end to it tonight.

God's Blessings Know No Reversal

The good news is this:

If it is the blessing of God, no devil can reverse it.

“I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee...” —
Genesis 12:3 (KJV)

You do not have to spend your life shouting at devils. When God blesses a man, oppositions collapse on their own.

God's blessings know no reversal. You will not suffer reversals anymore.

Give the Lord a big hand of praise.

The Danger of Losing Our Stand with God

This is why the devil is trying to inject unrighteousness into the Church — to keep believers away from their inheritance and bring them under the same pressure as the world.

No one can exercise spiritual authority above his spirituality. Authority is not achieved; it is conferred.

“Well done, thou good and faithful servant...” — Matthew 25:21 (KJV)

We lose everything when we lose our stand with God. Samson rose up and thought he would shake himself as before, but the grace had departed.

The one-man army of Israel suddenly became helpless. They gouged out his eyes because the grace had departed. No one can be more honourable in the Kingdom than he is spiritual.

“He shall be a vessel unto honour...” — 2 Timothy 2:21 (KJV)

Honour demands the fear of God. No one’s stewardship can ever be more profitable than his spirituality.

Jesus said:

“Depart from me, ye that work iniquity.” — Matthew 7:23 (KJV)

They said:

“Have we not done many wonderful works in thy name?”

But He answered:

“I know you not.”

Stewardship without spirituality is empty.

Activity is not the same as spirituality.

A calling is not the same as spirituality.

God will be showing us great things on this mountain. He will be unveiling lifelines in our direction, but to see them, we need to clean up.

We need to clean up.

So then, what is spirituality?



A Crave for Godly Living

Spirituality is a crave for godly living — exercising oneself unto godliness as a way of life.

“For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.” — 1 Timothy 4:8 (KJV)

It is a crave to please God at all costs.

Jesus said:

“And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.” — John 8:29 (KJV)

“I do always the things that please Him.”

That was the secret behind His continuous fellowship with the Father.

The Scripture also says:

“Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.” — Hebrews 12:4 (KJV)

This is not about grammar, Hebrew, or Greek. It is about living righteousness.

“He that doeth righteousness is righteous...” — 1 John 3:7 (KJV)

I told you why we are doing all this: you may read the Word and still not see it.

What you read does not change you. What you see changes you.

“But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed...” — 2 Corinthians 3:18 (KJV)

We are changed as we behold Him.

Even what you preach does not necessarily change you. It is what you truly see that transforms you.

That is why many people preach powerfully, yet there is no visible transformation in their lives.

Some preach prosperity so eloquently, yet remain in poverty.

Why?

Because what changes a man is not merely what he says, but what he sees.

Revelation Changes Lives

I was already preaching prosperity before I truly saw it.

I had read Kenneth Copeland’s materials and was helping to propagate the message, but I had not yet seen it for myself.

Then I cried:

“Jesus, show me this thing!”

People are not sincere.

But somebody’s story is changing tonight.

What we are here to do tonight is to position ourselves to see what God is showing on this mountain, so it can become your lifeline.

Since Jesus showed me who pays me, I have never lacked.

He said:

“You are in My employment. I am responsible. Just stay on duty.”

Those three lines settled my life forever.

I have never needed to remind Him of His promise. He is more faithful than I am.

I have stayed on duty joyfully, faithfully, and continuously.

Something is breaking forth in your life tonight.

You Will Not Feel the Heat

The good news is this:

No one here will suffer a pinch in these hard times if you will stand in the rightful place.

Consider the widow of Zarephath.

For three and a half years, she never felt the famine. Heaven kept supplying her needs simply because she obeyed the instruction of God through His prophet.

Her last meal became a continuous meal for three and a half years.

There is someone here tonight: no matter the heat upon the earth, your family will never beg for bread.

Faith-Driven Holiness

What is spirituality?

It is a faith-driven determination to live a holy life.

Mind the words:

Faith-driven.

You cannot make it happen on your own.

“But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation.” — 1 Peter 1:15 (KJV)

“Be ye holy; for I am holy.” — 1 Peter 1:16 (KJV)

What has been written has been written.

His commandments are not grievous.

If God says, “Be holy,” then it means you can be holy.

I pray that every individual’s appetite for holiness will come alive tonight.

It will open every closed door around your life like a dream of the night.

Paul said:

“Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do...”
— Philippians 3:13 (KJV)

He was pressing forward continually.

This is not about pretending perfection. We are all pressing on to please God until our time on earth is over.

Grace Does Not Excuse Sin

People say:

“We are under grace, not under the law.”

But the demands under grace are even higher.

Jesus said that if a man looks upon a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery in his heart.

Jesus came full of grace and truth.

Many people refuse to read these truths because they want messages that please the flesh.

Many preach to please people, gather crowds, and collect offerings, but refuse to preach the truth.

That is dangerous.

There is nowhere in the Bible where sin is justified.

Sin is an aberration.

“He that committeth sin is of the devil...” — 1 John 3:8 (KJV)

It is time to renew our spiritual stance to maximise God’s agenda for our lives.

Delightful Obedience to Scriptures

Spirituality is delightful obedience to the commandments of Scripture.

“Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD, that delighteth greatly in his commandments.” — Psalm 112:1 (KJV)

The impact of such obedience extends to generations.

“His seed shall be mighty upon earth...” — Psalm 112:2 (KJV)

No games.

God said:

“Come out from among them, and be ye separate...” — 2 Corinthians 6:17 (KJV)

There is a position to stand in for God to become a Father unto you and give you His covering.

Jesus, who is full of grace and truth, told the healed man:

“Sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.” — John 5:14 (KJV)

To the woman caught in adultery, He said:

“Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.” — John 8:11 (KJV)

Jesus never condoned sin.

He condemned sin in the flesh.



Paul's Example of Consecration

Paul, whom many call the apostle of grace, made powerful statements about consecration.

“Ye are witnesses, and God also, how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you...” — 1 Thessalonians 2:10 (KJV)

He also said: “Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid.” — Romans 6:1–2 (KJV)

Again: “But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection...” — 1 Corinthians 9:27 (KJV)

Paul warned clearly:

“Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God?” — 1 Corinthians 6:9 (KJV)

Then he listed various sinful lifestyles and concluded:

“And such were some of you: but ye are washed...” — 1 Corinthians 6:11 (KJV)

If those things do not become past tense, they will block the future.

It is time to reposition.

A man can read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation many times and still see nothing.

You can read the Word and still not reflect it in your life.

But on this mountain:

“He will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people...” — Isaiah 25:7 (KJV)

Every veil over your heart is being destroyed tonight.

You will see more clearly than ever before.

Anything God shows you from His Word will begin to show in your life.

Whatever He truly shows you will change you.

If it is not changing you, then you have not yet seen it.

Tell Him:

“Lord, show me!”

Because when He shows you the truth, your life must change.

A Testimony of Conscience

Paul jealously guarded his walk with God.

“And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men.” — Acts 24:16 (KJV)

Again he said:

“For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience...” — 2 Corinthians 1:12 (KJV)

Everybody needs the testimony of a good conscience.

A proud man knows he is proud.

An arrogant man knows he is arrogant.

A thief knows he is stealing.

There must be sincerity before God.

Renouncing Hidden Works of Darkness

Paul wrote:

“But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty...” — 2 Corinthians 4:2
(KJV)

You renounce what displeases God.

You do not toy with it.

You do not say, “Somehow it will go.”

No.

Enough is enough.

Everything you renounce tonight, you will never see again.

Faith and a Pure Conscience

Faith loses its potency where a good conscience is absent.

“Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck.” — 1 Timothy 1:19 (KJV)

You cannot claim to trust God while secretly trusting occult powers or manipulative systems.

Faith works in a pure conscience.

Satan wants believers out of the way, but he will not succeed.

Repositioning for Possession

Transformation begins with the renewing of the mind.

“Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind...” — Romans 12:2 (KJV)

You must reposition spiritually to possess your possession.

“Upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions.” — Obadiah 1:17 (KJV)

There is a repositioning that leads to possession.

Our inheritance demands sanctification for delivery.

“...the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.” — Acts 20:32 (KJV)

When we align with God, things begin to happen naturally.

Your spiritual life is taking a new turn tonight.

Sin Is Not Your Friend

Sin is not a friend.

Sin is an enemy.

It destroyed Amnon.

It destroyed Samson.

Sin always has a bitter end.

No one here will suffer bitterness again.

The same godliness that enthroned Joseph and Daniel will enthrone you.

The Veil Is Destroyed on This Mountain

“And in this mountain shall the LORD of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things...” — Isaiah 25:6 (KJV)

“And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people...” — Isaiah 25:7 (KJV)

“He will swallow up death in victory...” — Isaiah 25:8 (KJV)

Everything dying or dead in your life shall come alive again.

Every secret tear shall be wiped away.

Every reproach and shame shall disappear forever.

You will not suffer hardship anymore.

Stay Alive in Christ

It is not enough to be born again.

We must endeavour to stay alive in Christ by staying away from everything that destroys.

“For the wages of sin is death...” — Romans 6:23 (KJV)

That Scripture still stands.

Judas was among the twelve. Jesus had prepared a throne for him, but he lost his place.

Another man took his office.

We must stay alive in Christ by denouncing sin in all its ramifications.

“But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth.” — 1 Timothy 5:6
(KJV)

Sin can be pleasurable, but it destroys.

Sin killed Samson.

Satan did not kill him directly — sin destroyed him.

Sin tickles before it destroys.

That is why believers must stay far from it.



A Fresh Hatred for Sin

I want your hatred for sin to come alive tonight. When hatred for sin rises in your spirit, freedom follows. Every siege of the enemy designed to torment destinies through sinful entanglements is destroyed tonight.

God destroyed the entire world in Noah's day, but Noah — the preacher of righteousness — was preserved.

You will not be destroyed. No one here shall be destroyed. As we close tonight, this is the big thing: In these days of gross darkness, light is the only way out.

“Darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.” — Isaiah 60:2
(KJV)

As your light comes, you begin to shine. The Gentiles come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. The brighter you see, the greater the glory that rises upon your life.

That is why the enemy fights desperately to block our access to light. But he has failed.

I said he has failed!

For every one of us who is already born again, we must come before the Lord and engage the blood of Jesus to clear every barrier hindering our access to light. We must

cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. That is what makes the difference.

Feeding on the Word

It is time to stop merely reading the Word and begin feeding on it.

“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.” — Matthew 4:4 (KJV)

People are reading, but how many are feeding?

You cannot read to feed your stomach. You feed to nourish your body. In the same way, we must feed on the Word until it becomes life within us.

The face of covering is over.

The Power of Light

One night, I saw myself in a coffin in my sleep. But even in the dream, I replied:

“There is no wisdom nor knowledge in the grave.”

My spirit responded because when the Word enters your spirit, your spirit does not sleep.

Let this truth enter your spirit and you shall be free.

Lift up your right hand and thank God for light tonight.

Spirituality: The Anchor of Great Destiny

Spirituality is the anchor of every great destiny in the Kingdom.

Every great destiny in God rests on genuine spirituality.

In Jesus' precious name, we have given thanks.



Call to Salvation

In these days of gloominess and darkness, everyone needs light — not merely to survive, but to thrive.

Wherever you are around the world, if you know that you are not born again, I would like to pray with you.

Some were once born again, but they walked away and lost the joy and peace of salvation. Tonight, you can return home.

“Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” — John 3:3 (KJV)

Until you are saved, the mysteries of the Kingdom remain hidden.

Wherever you are tonight, if you want to say:

“Jesus, save my soul. Forgive my sins. Make me a child of God.”

Please stand to your feet.

This shall be a night to be remembered in your life.

Prayer of Salvation

Lift up your right hand and pray this simple prayer of faith:

Lord Jesus,
Have mercy on me.
Save my soul.
Forgive me my sins.
Wash me with Your blood.
I believe You died for me.
On the third day, You rose again to set me free from the power of sin.
Tonight, I accept You as my Lord and Saviour.
I believe my sins are now forgiven.
I am now a child of God.
Thank You, Jesus, for saving my soul.
Amen.

If you prayed that prayer from your heart, you are now born again.

Denounce Every Work of Darkness

Whatever you do not want in your life again, consciously denounce it tonight.

Whatever God hates, denounce it.

Sin is not a friend — it is an enemy.

Every work of the flesh must go.

“Now I know that thou fearest God.” — Genesis 22:12 (KJV)

The proof of the fear of God is obedience.

God said to Abraham:

“Because thou hast obeyed my voice...” — Genesis 22:18 (KJV)

There is no other way to prove the fear of God except by obeying His voice, whatever the cost.

Nothing flies like the fear of God in hard times.

As you strive to maintain the fear of God, God will turn your seeming prison into a palace.

Settling With Jesus

I said to God years ago:

“Lord, whatever You cannot do in my life, let it remain undone. Wherever You cannot take me, may I never get there. Whatever You cannot give me, may I never have it.”

It is time to settle with Jesus and stop looking everywhere else.

You cannot settle with Jesus and still live an unsettled life.

Walking With God

God said:

“Walk before me, and be thou perfect.” — Genesis 17:1 (KJV)

He did not say, “Work for Me.”

Working for God is secondary. Walking with God is primary.

Everything works when you sustain a quality walk with Jesus.

“All things work together for good to them that love God.” — Romans 8:28
(KJV)

And how do we prove our love for Him?

“He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me.” — John 14:21 (KJV)

Love for God is not singing about Him. It is obeying Him.

Better Slow and Sure

Walking with Jesus may appear slow, but it is sure. Joseph spent thirteen years in affliction, but he reigned for eighty years. It is better to be slow and sure than to be fast and fall.

Many have rushed into destruction because God seemed “too slow” for them. But in the name of Jesus, receive the grace to walk patiently with God.

Clear the Ground

After King Asa heard the Word of the Lord, he removed every abomination from the land.

There are things some people must delete from their phones forever. Those things keep defiling their spirits and dragging them backwards.

Grace to dismantle every evil installation around your life, receive it now in Jesus’ name.

Prophetic Blessings

Now that we have repositioned ourselves spiritually, may the revelations reserved for this Shiloh flow freely into your life.

No one here shall miss what God is showing in this season.

It shall be clear that God has exempted you from the hardship of the hour.

So shall it be.

Thanksgiving

The foundation has been laid tonight — the foundation of sanctification and righteousness.

If the first night was this powerful, imagine what God will yet do in the remaining days of this event.

Give God thanks from the depth of your heart.

Closing Charge

I have been thoroughly blessed tonight.

My foundation has been laid, awaiting the building of the blocks.

God is a good God.

As we continue tomorrow, expect the mighty hand of God upon your life in the precious name of Jesus.

Shiloh Prayer Hour Announcement

Early will I seek Thee.

The Shiloh Prayer Hour continues tomorrow morning by 6:00 a.m. Nigeria time, across the globe.

The hour of visitation follows immediately after, and the Encounter Night continues from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The Lord bless everyone in Jesus' name.

Benediction

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives, and we shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.

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Good night, and God bless you.



About the Speaker

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