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This is one of those rare teachings that presses the heart back into divine order—where life is not governed by circumstance, but by spiritual laws already established in Christ.

In this message, the preacher unfolds a kingdom perspective on flourishing in difficult seasons. Not as theory, not as motivation, but as covenant intelligence—rooted in Scripture, tested through experience, and expressed with bold spiritual conviction. It is a reminder that redemption is not only for salvation, but also for exemption; not only for eternity, but for victory in present realities.

Across its flow, the message builds a clear progression: understanding exemption in Christ, walking in genuine love for God, embracing the law of seedtime and harvest, honouring prophetic grace, and cultivating patience as a covenant requirement. Each of these truths stands not as isolated ideas, but as interconnected pillars of kingdom life.

What makes this manuscript compelling is not merely its subject, but its urgency. It calls the believer away from passive confession into active covenant engagement. It challenges the reader to move beyond admiration of Scripture into the practice of Scripture—where transformation is no longer postponed, but experienced.

As you engage this ebook, may it do more than inform you. May it reposition your thinking, refine your spiritual posture, and awaken a fresh commitment to live by kingdom principles even in times of pressure.

Because in the kingdom, hardship may be global—but flourishing is covenantal.

— *Wisdom Epsi*  
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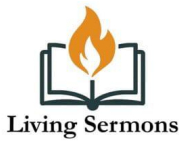
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**Main Message**  
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## Introduction

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“Hardship is a scriptural agenda that cannot be averted globally, but can be avoided personally through covenant practice.”

In this powerful Shiloh 2023 message, Pastor David Ibiyeomie unveils covenant principles that guarantee supernatural security in difficult times. Drawing from Scripture and personal encounters with kingdom prosperity, he teaches that redemption exempts believers from the negative currents of the world system.

This message is a call to rise above economic hardship through covenant understanding, genuine love for God, and obedience to the law of seedtime and harvest.



## Covenant Security in Hard Times

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Praise the Lord!

Every time I come here, I do not know where to start from because there are altars you climb — even if they call you fifty times, you still have to behave yourself all fifty times. So, I do not take coming here for granted. It is only a privilege. Even if I do not preach, I will still be fulfilled.

The theme is *Redeemed to Flourish in Hard Times*, and my subtopic is: **Covenant Security in Hard Times**

Now hear this before I say anything.

We were taught prosperity by our father himself in Bible school. He started the prosperity teaching. So, if the headquarters of prosperity teaches you, you believe that you will succeed.

I heard him say something the first time I ever listened to him. He said with authority:

“I can never be poor!”

I said to myself, “How can a man speak like this?” Because where I was coming from, they never preached that way.

He said:

“I can never be poor! Have I ever asked any of you for a dime?”

I was amazed that somebody could speak with such boldness.

So, I too began to say:

“I cannot be poor.”

But poverty did not leave simply because I confessed it. My situation did not change immediately. Deep down in me, I knew I was still struggling and begging stylishly.

The worst form of deception is self-deception. If you do not know it, you do not know it. And what you do not know, do not pretend to know.

I discovered that I did not really understand this mystery yet.

At that time, I was already seeing miracles as a brother. I prayed for people and saw them drop crutches. But when it came to money, I did not get it.

Then I told myself:

“Discover the secret of this man.”

So, I picked up the book *Breaking Financial Hardship*, locked myself up for seven days, and prayed:

“God, show me the secret of kingdom wealth You showed my father.”

When I encountered light, prosperity stopped being mere statements. I now understood the secret.

Out of the things I have learned from him, I will share with you today.

Praise the Lord!

Hear this and hear me well:

Hardship is a scriptural agenda that cannot be averted globally, but it can be avoided personally through covenant practice.

Isaiah 60:2 makes us understand that darkness may cover the earth and gross darkness the people, but the Lord shall arise upon His people.

Hardship is global, but exemption is personal.

Those who dismiss God's financial methods will suffer man's financial crises.

I pray that before this Shiloh 2023 is over, you will have a new story to tell!

## **Be Conscious of Your Exemption Status in Christ**

### **Factor One: Know Your Covenant Exemption**

2 Corinthians 8:9\ Corinthians\ 8:92 Corinthians 8:9

“For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.”

Redemption has moved us from the realm of scarcity into the realm of plenty through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

Every child of God is entitled to supernatural exemption from the negative currents of life. The covenant puts us in a position where our case becomes positively different. In a time of famine, Isaac experienced supernatural exemption and became exceptionally prosperous.

Genesis 26:12–14Genesis/26:12-14Genesis 26:12–14

Isaac had possessions even in recession.

Galatians 3:29 says:

“And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.”

That means whatever Isaac experienced, you and I can also experience. No matter what is happening in the world, your own case shall be different in the name of Jesus!

There was scarcity in Egypt, but in Goshen there was abundance. Redemption sponsors abundance.

During COVID lockdown, people were complaining everywhere. Yet, based on the teachings I received from my father, our church recorded its highest income during that period — and we were not even holding physical services.

Your mentality defines your dignity.

You must think exemption, see exemption, and believe exemption before you can enjoy exemption.

“For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he.” — Proverbs 23:7

You are not born again to suffer what the world is suffering. You must see yourself differently. The twelve spies all acknowledged the giants, but ten had faith in the giants while two had faith in God. Nobody is saying hardship does not exist. That would be self-deception.

But in the midst of hardship, what are you seeing?

Everybody goes to the same market, but those who know the truth do not suffer what others suffer.

You will not be a victim of suffering!

# Embrace the Love Factor

## Factor Two: Walk in Genuine Love for God

Mark 12:30–31Mark/12:30-31Mark 12:30–31

“And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength...”

Notice that Mark added *strength*.

Your strength may be your position, influence, resources, or authority. Whatever makes you who you are must be used to express your love for God.

Love is the foundation for all covenant practices.

Anything done without love will never produce.

Matthew 6:33 says:

“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”

Those who seek God do not sink in life.

You will never sink!

True love results in the investment of your time, effort, and resources into God and His kingdom.

When you truly love God, you place high value on Him and His kingdom.

Let me say this clearly:

If they must preach to you before you give, then you do not truly love God.

Love naturally identifies opportunities and moves toward them.

Nobody preaches to you before you buy clothes for your wife or buy things for yourself. Why then must someone convince you before you support God's kingdom?

If a man truly loves his wife and sees her clothes torn, he buys new ones without being begged.

In the same way, genuine love for God gives willingly.

Love without giving is original fake.

You cannot keep saying:

“Lord, I love You!”

Yet everything you spend money on is only for yourself.

Giving proves love.

Who you truly love, you give to naturally.

And if someone struggles to give to you, that person does not genuinely love you.

## **Obey the Law of Seedtime and Harvest**

### **Factor Three: Practise Kingdom Giving**

Genesis 8:22Genesis\ 8:22Genesis 8:22

“While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest... shall not cease.”

If this Book is true, then why are you afraid of giving?

God is not a man that He should lie.

If God says your seed will produce harvest, then believe Him.

It pains God when you doubt Him, but it pleases Him when you trust Him.

Seedtime and harvest will never cease.

Stinginess is at the root of financial pressure.

Those who plant faithfully reap bountifully.

Hear me carefully:

You can never come out of hard times if you are not a giver.

You may sing well, serve in church, or labour faithfully, but financial harvest responds to seedtime and harvest.

The Bible did not say “prayer time and harvest.”

Many prayer warriors are poor because they ignore kingdom financial principles.

## **Give Cheerfully**

Some people only begin to cry during offering time. But Scripture says in Malachi 1:13 that God does not delight in offerings presented with grief and frustration.

When God gave Jesus, He did not cry. When Abraham offered Isaac, he did not cry. When Isaac sowed during famine, he did not cry. Stop giving with a frowning face.

2 Corinthians 9:7/Corinthians/9:72 Corinthians 9:7

“God loveth a cheerful giver.”

When you are giving, put a smile on your face. Your seed is the voice your financial future obeys. You can take a seed to meet any need. The exchange price for your future harvest is your present seed. If you do not like the harvest you are seeing, then change your seed. Every farmer receives harvest according to the seed sown.

# The Best Time to Sow

The best time to sow is during hardship.

Isaac sowed in famine.

This period is not the time to hold back — it is the time to increase your giving. I did something practical during this season. While others complained, I increased my giving and doubled my offerings.

And my income tripled.

God cannot lie.

Giving provokes the blessing.

And the blessing attracts blessings.

Malachi 3:10 says:

“Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse...”

When you give faithfully, the blessing of God rests upon you.

And Proverbs 10:22 declares:

“The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.”

No matter the hardship around you, the blessing will preserve you.

Now when Abraham and Lot were together, Abraham just laughed and said:

“Lot, choose anywhere you like.”

Why did he say that?

Because what I carry, you do not carry. I carry the blessing; Lot, you do not carry the blessing. So choose anywhere.

Anywhere you drop me, I will prosper—because what I am carrying cannot fail.

Abraham understood something: a man who carries the blessing can be dropped anywhere and still flourish.

Lot did not carry that same covenant advantage.

Let me give you a practical example.

When I finished Bible school and wanted to go to Pakistan, one of my colleagues called me and said:

“There are only two places where people prosper—Lagos and Abuja. Tell me, which other place prospers? Go and stay in Lagos first. When you prosper in Lagos, then you can move anywhere.”

At that time, I believed him because I lacked understanding.

But when knowledge came, I said:

“No. If it works in Lagos, it will work anywhere.”

When I got the secret my father taught, I discovered something deeper:

Do not confess what you have not proven. Otherwise confusion will follow you everywhere. Many people speak words they cannot sustain spiritually. But when light comes, your confession becomes conviction.

If you carry the blessing, it will work anywhere. But you cannot carry blessing and ignore covenant faithfulness—especially tithing and kingdom obedience.

Some people are praying:

“Lord bless me!”

Yet they are not aligned with the covenant that releases blessing.

# Understand the Place of the Prophet

## Factor Four: Covenant Alignment with Prophetic Grace

Now hear this carefully:

Understand the place of the prophet in covenant practice.

2 Chronicles 20:202

“Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.”

In the covenant, prophetic covering plays a critical role in prosperity, especially in hard times.

Hebrews 7:7

“And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better.”

The voice you listen to determines the outcome you experience.

Your reaction to a man of God is connected to God’s reaction toward you.

Look at the widow of Zarephath.

1 Kings 17:9–16

Elijah came to her in a time of famine and said:

“Make for me first.”

In human reasoning, that instruction looks harsh.

But covenant does not operate by natural sympathy—it operates by divine instruction.

That widow had two revelations:

1. This is a man of God.
2. The word of God through him carries life.

And that act of obedience provoked her harvest.

Let me share something personal.

I have been a tither from the day I understood the truth. I have never failed in tithing.

But I noticed something—there were seasons where things were not flowing easily.

Many believers experience “today I receive, tomorrow I am broke.”

But I was not satisfied with that pattern.

So I stayed with God and said:

“There is something I am still missing.”

Then the Holy Ghost spoke to me:

“You cannot prosper without being a blessing.”

At that time, in 1997, all we had as a married couple was fifty naira.

But I said:

“No devil can make us poor.”

That was the moment something broke in my spirit.

From that day, I discovered a personal secret. You must not live your life using another man’s revelation.

You need your own encounter. When I received that light, hardship lost its authority over me.

Many believers do not understand this principle.

Without a prophet, you will not make profit.

Everyone has a prophetic connection assigned by God.

Do not go to a prophet only for help—connect to the grace for direction and covering.

The widow of Zarephath did not go to Elijah for assistance; she responded to prophetic instruction.

And when she obeyed, her heavens opened. Somebody's heavens will open in the name of Jesus!

## **Factor Five: Live a Life of Patience**

### **Patience in Covenant Process**

Finally:

Live a life of patience.

Patience is a required factor in seedtime and harvest.

Galatians 6:9

“And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.”

The day you plant your seed is not the day you harvest.

Many believers complain:

“I gave last year, nothing happened.”

Calm down. Nothing is wasted in the kingdom.

Patience is holding on to expectation while maintaining a good attitude. It is the ability to wait without complaining while still serving God faithfully. Even in natural farming, a seed must mature before harvest. If you plant corn today, you cannot return tomorrow expecting harvest.

Your seed is not wasted—it is growing. Let your cloud fill; it will empty in due time. In covenant practice, you determine the timing of your rain. If I want my rain to fall quickly, I adjust my seed.

Let me give a practical illustration:

If 1,000 grams make 1 kilogram, then your harvest depends on your accumulation of seed.

Some people sow little by little and wonder why results are delayed. Others increase their seed and experience faster results. When I began to increase my giving, I saw a shift.

Your harvest is not random—it is connected to your seed.

I once had to photocopy a book I could not afford, and that revelation changed my life.

Do not assume proximity equals transformation.

Being in a place does not guarantee results—obedience does.

Some people are in church, but they are not practicing what they hear.



## **Final Charge: Put the Word to Work**

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Good messages do not make good people.

It is the application of the message that transforms destiny.

Rise to your feet and declare:

“Lord, I will put to practice what I have heard.”

Because it is not hearing alone—it is doing that changes a man’s story.



## About the Speaker

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Pastor David Ibiyeomie is a Nigerian minister of the gospel, widely recognised for his strong emphasis on faith, prosperity, and kingdom principles rooted in Scripture. He is the founder and senior pastor of Salvation Ministries, headquartered in Port Harcourt, Nigeria, a fast-growing church known for its global reach and impact through media and missions.

His ministry carries a distinct teaching grace focused on practical Christianity—helping believers understand how to apply biblical principles to everyday life. Through consistent preaching on faith, covenant practice, righteousness, and kingdom prosperity, he has influenced millions of believers across Africa and beyond.

A notable hallmark of his ministry is his uncompromising teaching on kingdom prosperity as a covenant right of believers in Christ, balanced with a strong call to integrity, discipline, and spiritual responsibility. His messages often emphasise that success in the kingdom is not accidental but a result of understanding and applying spiritual laws.



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