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# Foreword

*In times marked by uncertainty, economic hardship, fear, and spiritual decline, God continues to call His people into a higher realm of victory, dominion, and supernatural preservation. In this timely message delivered at Shiloh 2023, Bishop David Oyedepo unveils one of the greatest mysteries of the Kingdom – the supernatural power of love.*

*This book is more than a sermon transcript; it is a spiritual call to deeper fellowship with God. Through profound scriptural insight and practical kingdom wisdom, the reader is shown that genuine love for God is not merely emotional expression, but a covenant pathway into divine presence, revelation, wisdom, protection, and supernatural flourishing even in hard times.*

*As you journey through these pages, expect your heart to be stirred toward stronger devotion, greater hunger for God, and renewed confidence in His unfailing presence. The truths captured here reveal that while faith may be tested, love never fails.*

*May this message ignite in you a fresh passion for God and position you to flourish victoriously in every season of life.*

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## Introduction

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Jesus! Hallelujah!

We are in a great feast of the Great King. He has been feeding us with life, and the feast is still on in the precious name of Jesus. This feast will deliver maximally in your life.

“But the meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way.” — Psalm 25:9 (KJV)

Where meekness stops, insight stops. It takes meekness to access light. The meek will He guide in judgment, and the meek will He teach His way.

There are people you want to sit down and counsel, yet they already know everything.

“Oh yes, I did that.”

“Yes, I know that.”

“I handled that years ago.”

Then one may humourously say, “I think your case is beyond me. Maybe what I have is only the stethoscope. I don’t have the X-ray machine, I don’t have the MRI, I don’t have the scan. Your case has passed my level, so move on to where they have MRI and scans to help you out.”

Because all that I know, you already know.

It takes meekness.

I come into church and ask the Lord, *“I must have my takeaway from this service.”*  
Even when I am the one teaching, I must have my takeaway from the service.

“What are You teaching me? What are You showing me?”

By the grace of God, tomorrow evening we shall be releasing two volumes of materials published from my archives. They are my takeaways from His presence. It happens daily.

When you see one who already knows, he will never know anything more.

“Oh yes, that topic? I dealt with that two years ago.”

“When it comes to tithing, I am an expert.”

No.

Come as one who does not know, and then He teaches.

In the precious name of Jesus, may the things we have learned today add value to every one of us.

It is the light — not the person. It is the light.

You will never walk in darkness anymore in the precious name of Jesus.



## **Shiloh: A Feast of the Word**

Shiloh is a feast of the Word.

We are gathered to be taught the way forward.

We are gathered to learn the way out of unwanted situations.

We are gathered to be taught the way to command breakthroughs at impossible times.

We are here to be conferred dominion by reason of the authority and light we receive from God.

This Shiloh will make the greatest difference in everyone's life — including your life — in the precious name of Jesus.

Thank You, Jesus, for Word One, Word Two, and Word Three. We have been fed, and we thank You for it. Now we are here again to be fed again.

Thank You for being there for us.

In Jesus' precious name.

Amen.



## God's Exemption in Hard Times

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Among the oncoming holocaust of the end times are what the Bible calls *pestilences* — things that have gone beyond material talk.

Incurable diseases. Plagues.

Matthew 24 tells us clearly:

“For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.” — Matthew 24:7 (KJV)

Finance cannot handle pestilences.

During the COVID-19 saga, people died like wood even in developed nations. Medical expertise equalled zero in the face of pestilence.

Wars and rumours of wars — money cannot handle that.

Yet, God has a plan of exemption for His people.

# **The Greatest Spiritual Force**

I will be speaking on a subject that looks so simple, yet it is the most powerful spiritual force in the realm of the Spirit.

Three forces are central:

- Faith
- Hope
- Love

But the greatest of them all is love.

This is not about merely knowing it. What matters is becoming an experience of it. That is what makes it profitable.

My prayer is that this will no longer remain theory in anyone's life, but become an experience to celebrate for life.

## **Genuine Love for God**

### **Anchor Scripture:**

“But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.” — 1 Corinthians 2:9 (KJV)

Genuine love for God makes a believer a living wonder. It turns believers into pathfinders, pacesetters, and trailblazers. Love for God gives believers access to the deep things of God that make high flyers on the earth.

Eagles do not fear the heat on the earth. They soar above it.

So also, genuine lovers of God rise above the gruesome issues of life. They ride through storms smiling.

You cannot set traps for eagles. They are above the human sphere.

You cannot threaten eagles with fire. Fire burns on the earth — not in the sky.

Love for God makes a believer an impossible case for the devil.

## **What Makes Love the Greatest?**

### **Divine Presence**

What makes love the greatest spiritual virtue is divine presence.

“And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.” — 1 John 4:16 (KJV)

True lovers of God are indestructible. He that dwells in love dwells in God, and God in him. What makes love the greatest spiritual virtue? Divine presence. Money cannot buy divine presence. Position cannot buy divine presence. Love does not struggle in battles. Battles clear the way when love is coming.

“He trembled the earth at the presence of the Lord.”

The sea saw them and fled.

You become more than a conqueror — not fighting, yet winning.

You can beg food from a neighbour and receive it. But you cannot beg rescue from pestilence.

Many doctors passed on during COVID-19. Medical expertise proved helpless.

One hidden secret is this: as your love grows cold, His manifested presence moves farther away.

So you must keep your love for God alive.

It is your ultimate security in these hard times and uncertain days.

Divine presence dissolves mountains. Seas dry up before it.

## **The Secret of the Secret**

I once said — and some of you may have read it in my books — never claim to know my secret until you discover my heartbeat for God.

The secret of my secret is my heartbeat for God.

I love God so much.

I love this Jesus more than I love myself. He is the only One that counts in my life.

When you wear divine presence as a garment, you will go through the bitterest warfront unscratched.

Check your heart carefully.

Love for things, fame, position, and reputation has ruined many people.

But true love for God makes a believer indestructible.

## **Rooted and Grounded in Love**

“That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love...” — Ephesians 3:17 (KJV)

Rootedness and groundedness in love means love has become your foundation.

“...that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.” — Ephesians 3:19 (KJV)

Can pestilence molest God?

Can fear threaten God?

Can calamity capture God?

There is a place prepared for all saints — not just apostles, prophets, or pastors. God is raising people in the likeness of His power in these end times.

## **Wearing God as a Garment**

Our love for God enables us to wear God as a garment. The same way Jesus did. When Jesus appeared, demons cried out immediately. They could not stand Him. You too can wear His presence daily — not only in church.

When He takes over the affairs of your life, you can sleep peacefully. It is settled. My prayer is that everyone here will plug into this power line.

## **All Things Working Together**

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

When the love of God is at work in a man, great things begin to happen on their own accord. Things line up in your favour naturally. No area of anyone’s life here shall run dry again.

Unfortunately, although all believers possess this supernatural virtue of love as a fruit of the Spirit, many have not learned how to engage it.



## What Is Love?

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### 1. A God-First Lifestyle

Love for God implies a God-first lifestyle.

“Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart...” — Matthew 22:37 (KJV)

Everything about your life places God first.

### 2. Placing God Above All Else

Love means placing God above everything else — including yourself.

“If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children... yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.” — Luke 14:26 (KJV)

God must remain before your face continually.

### 3. Kingdom Advancement Priority

“Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” — Matthew 6:33 (KJV)

Kingdom advancement priority brings supernatural additions into one's life.

Things begin to come together on their own accord.

## **4. Loving What God Loves**

“Lovest thou me?... Feed my sheep.” — John 21:15 (KJV)

Love for God is practical.

It is proven by passion for souls and commitment to God's kingdom agenda.

God's love always carries proofs.

## **5. Self-Denial for Christ's Sake**

“If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.” — Luke 9:23 (KJV)

Love demands self-denial.

Paul said:

“And this I do for the gospel's sake...” — 1 Corinthians 9:23 (KJV)

Nothing of value is free.

Only genuine disciples become apostles in effect and impact.

As discipleship proves genuine, apostolic grace begins to emerge naturally.

It is not something organised or manufactured. It is something one grows into.

Thank You, Jesus. Somebody's story is changing now.

## **What Makes Love the Greatest Spiritual Virtue?**

What is in love that makes it the greatest spiritual virtue?

We began by establishing that when a believer is truly in love with God, he dwells in God and God dwells in him. That makes him a living wonder.

“If God be for us, who can be against us?” — Romans 8:31 (KJV)

All true lovers of God carry divine presence, and divine presence makes the believer more than a conqueror.

With faith, you put up a fight before victory comes. But with divine presence, you walk from victory to victory without sweating.

His presence clears every barrier on your path.

You become more than a conqueror — winning without struggle.

That is your new realm.

## **Love Makes a Believer Failure-Proof**

It is important to know that staying in love with God makes a believer failure-proof.

“Charity never faileth.” — 1 Corinthians 13:8 (KJV)

No matter the hardship on the earth, you never know failure.

You may not have a job, yet God gives you insight that creates jobs for others.

God is an awesome God.

People may think your case is closed, yet you are ordained to become their rescue.

They closed the case of Joseph, but God opened it again.

God is above every situation and every circumstance on the earth.

Therefore, never mind what is going on around you. Just take your rightful position in God, and things will keep answering according to His Word.

## **Love Gives Access to Revelation**

God's love never lacks proofs.

Every true lover of God commands open proofs. One major thing about the love of God is that it enhances our access to revelation. "Henceforth I call you not servants... but I have called you friends." — John 15:15 (KJV)

A servant does not know what his master is doing, but friends have access to divine secrets.

Again:

"But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard... the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit." — 1 Corinthians 2:9–10 (KJV)

The larger a believer's heart for God, the greater his access to revelation.

And revelation brings spiritual illumination that shatters every gang-up of darkness.

You arrive somewhere, and darkness immediately knows that someone carrying divine presence has arrived.

The love of God grants unlimited access to light.

The real famine is not the famine of food and water.

The real famine is the famine of the Word.

"There shall be a famine... of hearing the words of the Lord." — Amos 8:11 (KJV)

That is where true famine begins.

Everything loses control when the Word is no longer accessible.

Man's life begins to collapse when access to the Word is cut off.

But the love of God gives us access to revelation.

You shall never run revelation dry anymore.

Absence of revelation is the breeding ground for frustration.

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.” — Hosea 4:6 (KJV)

Therefore, it takes revelation to break forth in hard times.

## **Love Empowers Faith**

Faith delivers according to the level of love at work within us. “For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing... but faith which worketh by love.” — Galatians 5:6 (KJV)

Faith gains value through love.

“And though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.” — 1 Corinthians 13:2 (KJV)

Love gives strength and value to faith.

## **Love Gives Access to Divine Wisdom**

David was described as a man after God's heart. Repeatedly, Scripture declared that he "behaved himself wisely."

The love of God opens believers to the wisdom of God because Christ — the wisdom and power of God — dwells in them.

When we carry and sustain His presence, wisdom flows naturally. It is not enough to encounter His presence once. We must sustain His presence. When His presence leaves, everything leaves.

That is why it is not enough to be saved; it is important to remain steadfast in the faith. Likewise, it is not enough to fall in love with God; it is vital to stay in love. Staying in love means retaining His presence. And His presence makes all the difference.

## **Love Is a Choice**

Love is a choice.

"Choose you this day whom ye will serve." — Joshua 24:15 (KJV)

God will not make that choice for you. You make the choice yourself. May you make that choice today and enjoy its blessings for life. Light has come, and darkness has fled.

# **Physical Proofs of Love**

## **1. Love for His Word**

If you love God, you will love His Word. “O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day.” — Psalm 119:97 (KJV)

David, a man after God’s heart, loved the Word passionately.

“I rejoice at thy word, as one that findeth great spoil.” — Psalm 119:162 (KJV)

## **2. Love for His House**

If you love God, you will love His house.

“I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.” — Psalm 122:1 (KJV)

“How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts!” — Psalm 84:1 (KJV)

One cannot genuinely love God and despise His house.

## **3. Delight in His Commandments**

If you love Him, you will delight in obeying His commandments.

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

Obedience is proof of love.

## **4. Cheerful Service and Giving**

If you love God, you will serve Him cheerfully.

You will give willingly toward the advancement of His kingdom.

“Because I have set my affection to the house of my God, I have of mine own proper good...” — 1 Chronicles 29:3 (KJV)

Love makes giving joyful and exciting.

## **5. Love for Others**

If you love God, you will love people.

“And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.” — 1 John 4:21 (KJV)

Love for God naturally overflows into love for humanity.

## **The Spirit of Love**

There is what Scripture calls the spirit of love.

Peter truly loved Jesus, yet he could not withstand the storm. He denied Jesus three times. But after the Holy Ghost came upon him, Peter became unstoppable. The Holy Ghost empowers believers to stand strong in love even under pressure.

“And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost...” — Romans 5:5 (KJV)

The Holy Ghost fires the love of God into our hearts. That is why we must continually pray: *“Holy Ghost, fire the love of God into greater levels in my heart.”*

The Holy Ghost empowers believers to ride through the storms of life without shaking.

Jesus said to Peter:

“I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not.” — Luke 22:32 (KJV)

Faith can fail. Vision can fail because vision thrives on faith. But love never fails.

“Charity never faileth.” — 1 Corinthians 13:8 (KJV)

Welcome to this failure-proof realm of life.

## **Pursuing God Instead of Things**

Pursue God, and every good thing will pursue you. Many prophetic lifelines are fulfilled without prayer points because of genuine pursuit after God. The harder you pursue after God, the higher you fly.

Let us exchange pursuit for things with pursuit after God. Pursuit after God is key to seeing His Word fulfilled effortlessly. Things begin to happen on their own accord.

## **The Build-Up of Revelation**

Everything God teaches is a build-up. No revelation cancels another. If you love Him:

- You will serve Him.
- You will give willingly.
- Your faith will launch you into the supernatural.

Love changes your mentality. When God speaks, you simply believe. The whole Bible — written over about 1,500 years — carries no contradiction. What an awesome God.

## **Wearing His Presence**

The greatest asset of a believer is divine presence. When His presence is with you, fear disappears. Even in dangerous situations, you remain at rest because His presence cannot crash.

“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me.” — Psalm 23:4 (KJV)

His presence destroys fear. Many powerful people in the world live daily in fear because they do not know Jesus. But the believer who carries His presence lives relaxed.

You shall remain relaxed for life.

## **Closing Thanksgiving**

Lift up your hands and celebrate Jesus. Give Him thanks for the day. It has indeed been an hour of visitation. Celebrate Him. Magnify Him. Give Him glory and praise.

Thank You, Jesus.



## About the Speaker

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Bishop David Oyedepo is a Nigerian preacher, author, and founder of Living Faith Church Worldwide, also known as Winners' Chapel, established in 1981. He is widely recognised for his strong emphasis on faith, prosperity rooted in covenant understanding, church growth, and the authority of Scripture. Under his leadership, the ministry established Faith Tabernacle in Canaanland, Ota — one of the largest church auditoriums in the world at its dedication — and founded Covenant University, alongside other educational and humanitarian initiatives. Bishop Oyedepo's teaching ministry is marked by a consistent focus on the Word of God as the final authority, the power of prayer, disciplined Christian living, and the believer's victory in Christ. Through conferences, books, and global outreaches, his ministry continues to influence congregations across Nigeria and internationally.



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