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Foreword

is with deep reverence for the Word of God and gratitude for the ministry of the Spirit that I present this publication drawn from Shiloh 2023: Hour of Visitation, Day 3 — Redeemed to Flourish in Hard Times, delivered by Bishop Thomas Aremu.

This message stands as a timely call back to the foundations of Christian living—sanctification, holiness, and obedience. In an age where spiritual compromise is increasingly normalised, the clarity of this teaching brings the believer face to face with the unchanging demand of Scripture: a life separated unto God.

Sanctification, as powerfully expounded in this sermon, is not presented as a suggestion for the deeply committed alone, but as the essential evidence of a life truly transformed by salvation. It is both a calling and a process; both a divine work and a personal responsibility. The believer is shown that flourishing in the kingdom is not accidental, but rooted in consecration, discipline, and consistent alignment with God's Word.

What makes this message particularly urgent is its balance of conviction and hope. It does not merely expose the dangers of sin; it also unveils the pathway to victory. It shows that purity is possible, grace is available, and a transformed life is within reach for every believer willing to walk in obedience.

My prayer is that this publication does not remain merely informative, but becomes transformational. May every reader encounter a fresh conviction, a renewed hunger for holiness, and a strengthened resolve to walk worthy of the calling of Christ Jesus.

— Wisdom Epsi
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Main Message
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Opening Charge/Prayer

Hallelujah!

Shall we lift up our two hands to Heaven and enter His gates by appreciating Him for the commotion of light that we received yesterday? Our visitation was electric—revelation upon revelations.

Let us acknowledge Him. He said:

“Ye that are far off, and ye that are near, acknowledge my might.”

What He has done, He did it, and He is here to do it again. Father, thank You. In Jesus’ mighty name we have given thanks. Amen.

Today again, God will surely visit us.

That “Amen” is too low!

I said, today again, God will surely visit us!

If your neighbour is not saying what you are saying, say it to yourself:

“Today, God will surely fix me!”

As you have said before the Lord, so shall it be done unto you in the name of Jesus Christ.

Prayer

Father, we are here before You again. Send Your Word with power.

Let everyone under the sound of my voice be moved by the power of Your Word. Show us what to do next in the name of Jesus Christ.

Whatever correction we need, Father, we are set to receive it, for Your Word is profitable for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness.

Father, all these we receive of You now, in the name of Jesus Christ.

At the end, we shall glorify You.

In Jesus' holy name. Amen.



A Lifestyle of Sanctification

Welcome once again to the Hour of Visitation.

I want to appreciate God's servant, my father in the Lord, who has given me this privilege. Over the years now—forty years—I have been learning under his tutelage, and I am still learning.

I choose to remain a learner, using what has been done, getting more to be done, and going forward in destiny. Thank you, sir, for the privilege.

Hallelujah!

We have been hearing words of power—words that are electric, words that are changing us from the inside to the outside. I believe God that in this session, God will add to what He has already given us in the name of Jesus Christ.

My assignment is to teach on: **Covenant Steps Towards Living a Sanctified Life**

A sanctified lifestyle shall be your lifestyle from now.

I see your struggle with sin coming to an end at Shiloh 2023 in the name of Jesus Christ.

Every rising and falling into sin comes to an end today. But we must know the steps. I will be delivering them one by one, and you will do well to take heed.

There may be one or two things you already know, and there may be others you have never known before. I urge everyone—both here and across Winners' Chapel worldwide—to take heed to what you hear, because every step leads somewhere.

These covenant steps will lead you to a better life—a life of holiness, righteousness, and uprightness in the name of Jesus Christ.

The Devil's Strategy

Let me tell you the secret of the devil:

If he cannot get you into sin, he cannot get you destroyed.

Sin is a bait in the hand of the devil by which he captures his victims.

We are talking about flourishing. The Scripture says:

“The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree...” — Psalm 92:12 (KJV)

So flourishing is open to all, but not all can have it except by following specified terms.

What Is Sanctification?

We have heard that word many times. Some of us grew up hearing it constantly. In those days, somebody would come and say:

“Brother Thomas, pray for me. I have lost my sanctification.”

Where we are coming from, sanctification was not optional. It was never:

“One of these days I will be sanctified.”

No! No! No!

You must be sanctified. There was a compelling force upon us by the Holy Ghost through our leaders, teaching us that we must come to the level of sanctification.

And let me tell you, sanctification is the next definite experience after salvation.

If you are still rising and falling into sin and wondering whether you are truly saved, your challenge is that you are yet to come to the level of biblical sanctification.

The Will of God for Every Believer

“For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:

That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour.”

— 1 Thessalonians 4:3–4 (KJV)

The good news is that one of the purposes of this message is to help us know how to possess our vessel—our humanity, our body—in sanctification and honour.

And honour is important. Only the sanctified will be glorified.

You are destined for glory.

“...whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.” — Romans 8:30 (KJV)

Whichever sin is covering that glory, I curse it from the root in the name of Jesus Christ!

Separation Unto God

Sanctification is:

Separation unto God for holiness, righteousness, and uprightness.

Making it right upward and forward.

And the Word says:

“This is the will of God, even your sanctification.”

Another definition for understanding:

Sanctification is a lifestyle of walking and living in the fear of God.

You are walking in it.

You are living in it.

You are clothed with it.

It is visible, tangible, and touchable upon your life.

The Fear of God Produces Greatness

That was what made Joseph—once a slave boy—become the Prime Minister in Egypt. That was what made Daniel—a captive—become president among presidents in Babylon.

This message will make someone unique and tangible. No matter how low you are today, sanctification will lead to your promotion. You may be a nobody today, but if you separate yourself unto God and remain committed to holiness and righteousness, suddenly the greatness and glory ordained for the sanctified will begin to come upon you in the name of Jesus Christ.

Inner Purity With Outer Reflection

Sanctification is:

Inner purity with outward reflection.

Some people wonder why all manner of evil thoughts keep flowing through their minds.

You keep saying:

“Satan, I bind you! Leave my heart alone!”

As we go through this teaching, you will see the process and you will embrace the product in the name of Jesus Christ.

Jesus said:

“Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.” — Matthew 5:8 (KJV)

Sanctification brings that kind of purity.

And to see God is to see solutions.
To see God is to encounter healing.
To see God is to flourish.

So shall it be for someone here in the name of Jesus Christ.

Sanctification Requires Action

Even though sanctification is the will of God, believers are required to take heed to biblical instructions in order to live a sanctified life.

This is a doing Kingdom—not merely a believing Kingdom. If you truly believe, you will act. Faith is an act.

“For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.” — Hebrews 10:36 (KJV)

The promise is flourishing, but there are things to do. Yes, you can pray your way into sanctification.

You can pray:

“Lord, sanctify me wholly.”

And the prayer in 1 Thessalonians 5:23 can be answered.

“And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly...” — 1 Thessalonians 5:23 (KJV)

But beyond instant encounters, there is an experiential dimension to sanctification.

Everything hurting your spirit, soul, and body shall depart from you in the name of Jesus Christ.

You will get to Heaven blameless, accepted in the Beloved, celebrating with the saints triumphant in the name of Jesus Christ.

Prayer Is Not a Substitute for Obedience

Prayer is not a substitute for obedience to scriptural instructions.

Jesus said:

“And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?” — Luke 6:46 (KJV)

Many times, we miss it in the area of doing. Particularly in Winners’ Chapel, we are blessed with abundance of prophetic words and prophetic instructions waiting for obedience.

Some hear them and forget them.

But from this Shiloh 2023 forward, there shall be no more disobedience and no more laxity in doing whatever He commands in the name of Jesus Christ.

Flourishing in Hard Times

You do not merely claim the fear of God—you walk in it.

Only those who walk in the fear of the Lord thrive in hard times.

Access to our inheritance demands sanctification.

“And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to 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)

There are things your heavenly Father will not release into your hands until you have the spiritual maturity to handle them.

What will God do by blessing someone who is careless with holiness?

If God gives certain people wealth before maturity, it may destroy them.

I have discovered in my small prosperity journey that God will not give you more than what you can handle—either by maturity, sanctification, or spirituality.

If He gives you more prematurely, the devil may use it against you.

That is why the need for sanctification cannot be overemphasised.

Inheritance Belongs to the Sanctified

Those who possess their inheritance in Scripture are sanctified people.

Look at Solomon.

He came from a generation of prosperity. He became the richest man of his time, but because he did not submit himself to sanctification and holiness, he submitted himself to immorality and was drawn away.

If riches will destroy a man, God may withhold them for his preservation. Sometimes your present level is a test before greater approval. If you handle little faithfully, greater things will come.

After this encounter with sanctification, I see God changing your level from glory to glory in the name of Jesus Christ.

Built Up Before Possession

Acts 20:32 reveals a powerful truth: There is building before inheritance. We are all works in progress. God builds us before entrusting us with kingdom inheritance.

And that inheritance is among them that are sanctified. Today, at Shiloh 2023, you will join that company in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

I hear this very well.

Nothing terminates rising and falling into sin like sanctification.

God told the people of old:

“Ye have wearied Me with your repentance.”

Even though you can repent, there is a limit to it.

Israel were very fast at repentance—they could weep, they could say they were sorry, they could ask Moses to plead for mercy. Yet they kept going back into sin.

In Numbers, God said:

Ten times.

Ten times I will not take it again.

And judgment came upon them in the wilderness.

Who knows whether your “always” has already reached its limit before God?

We don’t know whether He will give you up to that point or beyond it.

So let us run away from sin.

In the name of Jesus Christ, so shall it be for us.



The Demands of Sanctification

What are the demands of sanctification?

I will go through them one by one, because they place a demand on you before delivering the blessing and the glory to you.

1. Purify Yourself

Somebody shout: **Purify yourself!**

You have a personal responsibility.

“And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure.” — 1 John 3:3 (KJV)

You are now a child of God. To keep that identity, purify yourself.

The person you are dealing with is pure.

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

Nobody wants to be called a child of the devil, yet repeated sin walks in that direction.

One evidence of salvation is a departure from sin.

A new man must have a new lifestyle.

Purify yourself.

Nobody will do it for you, because nobody knows you like you know yourself.

2. Purge Yourself

Get rid of it.

Purge yourself.

Remove every evil thought and evil imagination.

“Let everyone that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.” — 2 Timothy 2:19 (KJV)

And:

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

You must purge yourself from fornication, adultery, and all forms of uncleanness.

Even pornography—remove it immediately.

Anything that corrupts your destiny, purge it.

Do not accommodate it.

3. Flee Youthful Lust

“Flee also youthful lusts...” — 2 Timothy 2:22 (KJV)

Flee means run with speed.

The Lord will help you to flee in the name of Jesus Christ.

This includes lust of the flesh, pride of life, and all cravings that are not of God.

For fornication:

“Flee fornication.” — 1 Corinthians 6:18 (KJV)

One of the highest destroyers of sanctification is sexual immorality.

Do not play around it.

A man is entitled to one wife, not multiple entanglements.

Walk in purity.

4. Abstain From All Appearance of Evil

“Abstain from all appearance of evil.” — 1 Thessalonians 5:22 (KJV)

If it looks like evil—abstain.

Do not wait for it to fully manifest.

Be sensitive.

Run from what your spirit identifies as compromise.

Protect your consecration.

5. Put Off the Old Man

“Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds.” — Colossians 3:9 (KJV)

The old man has been a long-time tenant, but he must be evicted.

Put him off.

Whatever belongs to your old lifestyle must be rejected.

There must be discipline to let it go.

6. Put On the New Man

“And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge...” — Colossians 3:10 (KJV)

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature.

“Old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” — 2 Corinthians 5:17 (KJV)

Put on the new man.

Until you do, the old nature will continue to dominate.

Let the new life take expression.

7. Give No Place to the Devil

“Neither give place to the devil.” — Ephesians 4:27 (KJV)

The devil only occupies what is permitted.

Resist him.

“Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” — James 4:7 (KJV)

Do not assume he will leave on his own.

Deal with habits.

Deal with addictions.

Give him no space.

8. Exercise Yourself Unto Godliness

“Exercise thyself rather unto godliness.” — 1 Timothy 4:7 (KJV)

Godliness means God-likeness. Ask yourself constantly: What would God do here?

Live it.

Practice it.

Make it your lifestyle.

9. Be Not Unequally Yoked With Unbelievers

“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers...” — 2 Corinthians 6:14 (KJV)

Your closest associations matter.

Do not build deep covenants with those who will pull you away from God.

Evil communication corrupts good manners.

10. Take Regular Washings in the Word

“Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to Thy word.” — Psalm 119:9 (KJV)

The Word of God cleanses.

Meditate on it daily.

Feed your spirit consistently.

11. Engage the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit empowers sanctification.

Pray in the Spirit.

Build yourself up.

Let Him strengthen your inner man.

He is the Holy Spirit—and He produces holiness in you.

12. Watch and Pray

“Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation.” — Matthew 26:41 (KJV)

Prayer strengthens obedience.

Watchfulness keeps you alert.

What you cannot overcome by strength, God empowers you to overcome by grace.



Final Charge

From this moment, I see everyone under the sound of my voice walking in obedience to these covenant steps for sanctification.

Take the step now.

Rededicate yourself.

Sanctification is your choice from today.

Father, thank You.

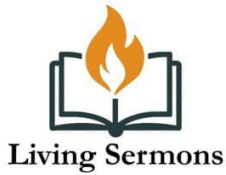
Closing Prayer

May the God of all sanctification help everyone with grace to live a sanctified life.

Your flourishing shall not be frustrated because of sinfulness.

A new style of living begins from here.

As you have heard, Jesus is Lord.



About the Speaker

Bishop Thomas Aremu is a respected senior voice within Nigeria’s evangelical landscape and a longstanding leader in the Living Faith Church Worldwide, widely known as Winners’ Chapel. Over several decades of ministry service, he has distinguished himself as a faithful steward of the Gospel, marked by doctrinal clarity, humility of service, and unwavering commitment to kingdom advancement.

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