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Foreword

At a time when nations tremble under economic uncertainty, fear, instability, and widespread despair, this message emerges as a prophetic compass for believers seeking to understand God's agenda for the last days. Through the unveiling of covenant truths, Bishop Oyedepo presents a clear distinction between surviving hard times and flourishing in the midst of them.

This book is not merely a sermon transcript—it is a Kingdom manual on responsibility, covenant practice, obedience of faith, applied revelation, and spiritual alignment. It reveals that victory in difficult seasons is not accidental; it is covenantal.

One of the most striking emphases throughout this message is the call to move beyond passive Christianity into practical Kingdom engagement. The reader will encounter powerful truths concerning:

- *The days of great contrast*
- *Covenant responsibility*
- *Applied revelation*
- *Obedience of faith*
- *Kingdom prosperity*
- *Divine exemption*
- *Walking in supernatural manifestations*

Perhaps most importantly, this message restores dignity to Kingdom living by teaching believers to stop waiting helplessly for change and begin engaging scriptural principles that produce transformation.

As you read, may the light contained in these pages provoke fresh understanding, renewed faith, and practical obedience in your walk with God. May every chapter stir

you into deeper covenant alignment and position you to flourish regardless of the conditions around you.

We believe this publication will remain a lasting spiritual resource for believers, leaders, ministers, and Kingdom seekers across the nations.

May your life become a living testimony of God's faithfulness in hard times.

– Wisdom Epsi
Chief Editor, LivingSermons.com

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Main Message
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Introduction

Jesus, we are gathered again at the feet of Jesus. And every time His light breaks forth, a new chapter opens up. May a new chapter be open to everyone again tonight. As you step out of this prophetic feast, you will not need to tell anyone you came—it will show in your life. Light does not require announcement; in the midst of darkness, it simply shows.

As you step out of this prophetic feast, it will be evident that you have met with Christ. How many have caught some light since Shiloh began?

Lift up your two hands and thank God for light. Thank Him for the light that has come your way as a person. Give Him praise, the Father of Lights. Thank Him for brighter light tonight.

In the precious name of Jesus Christ, we give thanks. Expect brighter light tonight. God never leads backward; He leads forward. Expect encounters with brighter light tonight.

Thank You, heavenly Father.

Give the Lord a big hand of praise.

You may be comfortably seated.

God has never ceased to confirm His Word in the life of those who believe. There is nothing God has shown you here that will not come to pass as you engage with Him, in the name of Jesus Christ.

We are in a day of great contrast.

The Days Of Great Contrast

Joel 2:1–3 paints a picture of the last days:

A day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness... yet a great people shall emerge. We are in the days of great contrast—two opposite realities happening at the same time.

Isaiah 60:1 declares: *“Arise, shine; for thy light is come...”*

Yet it also says:

“For darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people...”

What a contrast—gross darkness and great light existing side by side.

Matthew 4:16 confirms it:

“The people which sat in darkness saw great light...”

We are indeed in days of great contrast. We are in days where devastation and celebration occur simultaneously. Malachi 3–4 reveals it clearly: while one group experiences desolation, another walks in exemption and blessing.

Egypt mourned while Israel flourished in the same environment. Genesis 47 shows it—while others were selling themselves into bondage, Israel dwelt in Goshen and multiplied exceedingly. Same land. Same season. Different outcomes.

These are days where each person must consciously choose their side. God will not choose for you. Obedience places you on the side of blessing. Disobedience places you on the side of hardship.

Deuteronomy 28 makes it clear—two sides of life are presented: blessings or curses, depending on obedience. There are prayers that do not produce results if responsibility is not taken. God will not take responsibility for your choices. He empowers, but He does not replace responsibility. Grace is not a substitute for discipline. It is an empowerment for obedience.

The Shift In The Spiritual Realm

There is a shift in the realm of the Spirit. A shift from promises to covenant reality. We used to declare promises; now we walk in covenant understanding. A covenant is not claimed casually—it is entered intentionally, consciously, and deliberately.

God's covenant is established on responsibility.

The Covenant Realm

In the covenant realm:

- Every area of life comes under divine order
- Marriage, business, and destiny are governed by covenant principles
- The believer operates under divine integrity and backing

This is not a casual walk—it is a covenant walk. Promises may be broken, but covenants stand. There is a shift from seeking self to seeking first the Kingdom of God.

When self is dethroned, destiny is secured. Many struggle because self is still in control—self-interest, self-preservation, self-exaltation. But the Kingdom demands a new order: God first, self last.

The Shift From Faith To Obedience Of Faith

Faith is validated through obedience. Abraham believed—and obeyed. Faith without obedience is incomplete. It is obedience that proves faith.

We are in the realm of obedience of faith.

From Confession To Profession Of Faith

There is also a shift: From confession to profession.

Confession speaks it. Profession demonstrates it. Faith is not only declared—it is lived out.

The Church is entering a deeper understanding of giving and receiving. It is not charity—it is covenant exchange. Giving is not loss; it is covenant responsibility with guaranteed returns based on God's integrity. Philippians 4:15–19 confirms this divine order.



A New Understanding Of Kingdom Prosperity

Earlier understanding of giving lacked revelation of return. But in the covenant system, giving is not empty—it is productive. God is not teaching His people poverty; He is bringing them into covenant prosperity.

There is an upgrade in God’s agenda. This is not just generational change—it is spiritual advancement. A shift is taking place in the spirit. Those who discern it will step into fulfilment and impact.

From Seeking Help To Seeking God

There is a final shift:

From seeking help from God To seeking after God Himself.

Psalm 34:10 declares:

“They that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.”

When you seek Him, everything else is added. We are in the days of great contrast. But those on God’s side will flourish. Choose your side wisely.

The grace to walk in covenant obedience, covenant understanding, and covenant responsibility is released upon your life. In Jesus' name.

Amen.

Matthew 6:33 declares a divine order that brings alignment to life. There is a shift—from knowledge to applied knowledge. It is not enough to know; the Kingdom operates by what is applied.

We celebrate revelation, but revelation without application becomes a barrier between the believer and manifestation.

Many are full of notes, yet their lives remain unchanged. The question is not only, *“Is your notebook full?”* but *“Is your life full?”*

The Danger Of Non-Application

In the charismatic move, revelation is often celebrated, but not always applied. Yet, revelation not applied becomes a glass wall between the believer and the reality it carries.

It is like a hungry one standing before food but unable to reach it. The blockage is not lack of revelation—it is lack of application. Matthew 7:24–27 shows the difference between hearers and doers. The storm reveals the foundation.

Every testimony is the result of applied revelation. The Kingdom is designed for signs and wonders. John 3:8 shows that those born of the Spirit are mysterious and visible in manifestation, though not predictable in source or direction.

Every child of God is ordained to be a living miracle. Isaiah 8:18 confirms it: believers are for signs and wonders.

The Master Key To The Miraculous: Doing What He Says

The miracle of Cana reveals a principle: *“Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it.”* (John 2:5)

That instruction became the beginning of miracles. The same principle appears in John 9—obedience led to sight restored. And again in John 21—obedience led to abundance of fish. From beginning to middle to conclusion, the pattern remains the same: **do what He says.**

Applied insight is the master key to the miraculous.

Every testimony is triggered by responsibility. Philippians 2:12–13 shows the balance: work out your salvation while God works in you. The believer is not passive in Kingdom matters. Applied revelation is what produces supernatural manifestations.

Shift From Knowledge To Living Understanding

There is a shift from knowledge to applied knowledge. Revelation without application creates limitation. But applied revelation produces undeniable results. It is not enough to attend, hear, or write notes—life must respond to truth.

Covenant Understanding Of Prosperity

From Deuteronomy 8:18, prosperity is not a promise—it is a covenant. It is not sustained by prayer alone but by covenant responsibility. The earth operates on covenant cycles—seedtime and harvest remain constant. When covenant responsibility is honoured, divine supply is guaranteed.

The Immutability Of God's Covenant

God's covenant is anchored in His integrity. As long as day and night remain, His covenant stands.

The believer's prosperity is therefore not accidental—it is covenantal. When light breaks, understanding follows. Covenant understanding produces boldness in life and destiny.

It removes fear and replaces it with conviction in God's integrity. Those who walk in covenant do not struggle for survival—they operate in supply.

From Religious Activity To Kingdom Responsibility

There is a shift: From waiting for miracles To taking responsibility that triggers miracles. From passive expectation To active obedience. From sitting and hoping To stepping and acting. Nobody moves forward sitting down.

Every testimony comes from action based on revelation. Those who apply truth consistently see God confirm it consistently. The supernatural responds to obedience, not observation.

The Shift In The Believer's Walk

There is a transition:

- From confession to profession
- From hearing to doing
- From waiting to walking
- From promises to covenant living

This is the realm where God confirms His Word.

Healing And The Word

Health is sustained by the Word. Proverbs 4:20–22 shows that the Word is health and life to all flesh.

2 Peter 1:4 reveals that believers partake of divine nature through exceeding promises. The more the Word is applied, the more divine nature is expressed.

Divine Nature And Lifestyle

The believer's strength is in spiritual identity. Divine nature determines immunity, stability, and victory in life. This is not theory—it is Kingdom reality accessed through application of truth.

It is time to act on what God has said. Not tomorrow. Not later. Now.

Stop waiting. Start doing.

The future responds to action, not intention.

When revelation is applied, transformation is inevitable.

You are not ordinary—you are designed for triumph through applied truth.

In Jesus' name.

Amen.

God Of Special Miracles

Somebody died and was buried for four days, yet when faith came into contact with Jesus, the glory of God was revealed. If God could reverse that situation, then no case is beyond Him.

There is no “special problem” beyond the reach of a God who performs special miracles.

Declare it:

I do not have a special problem. I serve a God who works special miracles. As I engage His Word, He performs special miracles in my life.

Lift your hands and pray for grace to take covenant responsibility—grace to apply revelation until it produces manifestation.

Responsibility: The Foundation Of Life Outcomes

One of the strongest truths from God is this:

You are absolutely responsible for the outcome of your life.

No blaming. No shifting of responsibility.

Isaiah 51:1–3 reveals a pattern: God called one man, blessed one man, and multiplied one man.

Therefore, the principle applies to all.

Declare it:

I am absolutely responsible for the outcome of my life.

Take full responsibility—without excuses, without blame, without shifting fault.

Learning How To Receive

It is better to learn how to fish than to be given fish repeatedly. Learning is more dignifying than begging. Even when help is available, wisdom chooses instruction over dependency. Come unto Him, and you will find rest—not by begging, but by learning.

The Shift From Begging To Learning

There is a dignity in learning that begging cannot provide. Those who choose learning step into long-term stability. Those who depend on begging remain unstable in cycles.

Your time has come.

Declare it:

My time has come.

Covenant Access Is For The Redeemed

The covenant of God is not general—it is for the redeemed. It is accessed through salvation in Christ. All have sinned, but through Christ, access is granted into covenant life. When you receive Jesus, you step into a covenant kingdom.

This covenant is entered by choice.

If you desire salvation, restoration, or a new beginning, respond now.

Jesus calls you into covenant relationship—not religion, but life.

This is the beginning of transformation.

There is a new life in Christ.

A life of transformation.

A life of victory.

A life of the Spirit.

The fruit of the Spirit becomes evidence of a changed nature.

Sing it in your spirit:

A new way of living.

A new life in Christ.

Prayer Of Salvation And Dedication

Wherever you are, pray sincerely:

Jesus, forgive my sins.

Wash me with Your blood.

I receive You as my Lord and Saviour.

Give me a new beginning.

Write my name in the Book of Life.

From this day, I will serve You and follow You.

Declaration Of Covering And Grace

By the authority of Jesus Christ:

You are covered by the blood of Jesus.

You will run your race successfully.

You will not miss your step to heaven.

You shall finish well and strong.

Joy After Encounter

Joy is always the outcome of light. Where revelation breaks forth, transformation follows. When God speaks, life responds.

Lift your hands and celebrate His faithfulness.

The Power Of Applied Revelation

Applied revelation triggers testimonies. A life that applies truth will never run dry of testimonies. It is not hearing alone—it is doing that produces results.

The Call To Responsibility In Healing And Liberty

Place your hand where you need God's touch. Whatever is contrary to His will in your body, receive divine intervention now. There is healing power in His Word.

The same God who heals one heals all.

Declaration Of Deliverance

Every oppression is broken.

Every captivity is terminated.

Every affliction is dissolved.

Walk into your liberty. Your victory is secured.

Final Exhortation

Now lift your voice and give thanks.

The battle is over.

The victory is secured.

The testimony is released.

God has not left you without a witness.

Rejoice in His presence.

CLOSING DECLARATION

Now that the battle is over,

You are more than a conqueror in Christ Jesus.

Amen.



About the Speaker

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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