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Foreword

Shiloh has always stood as more than a gathering. It is a prophetic convergence — a divine appointment where eternity intersects with time and destinies are recalibrated by the Word of the Lord. *Shiloh 2025: Breaking New Grounds – Opening Night Session* is one such moment.

This message does not merely introduce a theme; it establishes a foundation. Before new grounds are broken outwardly, they must first be broken inwardly. Before commanding the supernatural, one must validate the authenticity of new birth. With apostolic clarity and fatherly authority, the preacher calls the Church back to the core — repentance, faith towards God, the consciousness of eternity, and the living proof of salvation expressed through love, joy, peace, and meekness.

There is a weight in these pages. The insistence that salvation is not a philosophy but an experience. The emphasis that the supernatural is not a special calling for a few but the heritage of the redeemed. The reminder that meekness is the table manner of the Kingdom. These are not motivational lines; they are covenant realities.

What makes this opening session particularly compelling is its balance of doctrine and impartation. Scripture is not quoted for information but for activation. The rod of command — the Word of God — is placed back into the hands of the believer. The altar call is not sentimental; it is surgical. The charge to self-examination is not optional; it is urgent.

May the light that began on this opening night continue to shine in your heart. And may the evidence of God upon your life become undeniable.

Welcome to Shiloh 2025. Welcome to new grounds.

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— *Chief Editor, Livingsermons.com*

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Main Message

Begins Here:

Opening Exhortation and Prayer

Hallelujah. Praise the Lord.

Shiloh 2025 — *Breaking New Grounds*.

That is your new status.

Lift up your two hands, everyone, and one more time give God thanks. Give Him thanks for the privilege to be in His presence again. It is what you come for that you find. I was there for the Word. I was not there for a show; I was there for the Word. And I was in the Spirit, and then I heard.

For everyone who is here for the Word — because He upholds all things by the word of His power — if you are here for the Word, you are returning with it.

Encounters!

You will find me talking about what God said to me fifty years ago. That is an encounter. That is not information. Information does not last that long. Encounters do. Many here will not only have a lifetime encounter; you will have a generational encounter. It will answer in the life of your children and your children's children in their generations.

And so shall it be.

For all the great men of God here at Shiloh, next-level grace is following you back. For all our traditional rulers, government officials, governors who are here, you are going back with a new order of grace to excel in your engagements and enjoy God's backing, in the name of Jesus.

For all men and women around the world tonight, this opening night will open a new chapter to your life, in the name of Jesus.

Thank You, Heavenly Father.

Now speak to us tonight and grant each one access to his or her own Word. In Jesus' name.
Amen.

Chapter One

Gateways to Commanding the Supernatural

All breakthrough stories in Scripture are orchestrated by the supernatural. How could a farmer be asked to build an ark, and the ark was built, and it floated on water without leakage? The supernatural. How could a man step into greatness at seventy-five, at the commandment of the Lord — and it happened? The supernatural.

How could an eighty-year-old man undertake the rescue of a people abandoned for four hundred years — and succeed? The supernatural. Behind all breakthrough stories in Scripture is the supernatural at work. What method could clear the Red Sea for three million people to pass? The supernatural.

How were they fed for forty years in the wilderness? The supernatural. What about protection from wild beasts? The supernatural. The reason many are stranded is that we have played down on the asset for breaking new grounds — the supernatural.

A Clear Mandate

Back in 2000, the Lord handed down this clear mandate to me:

“Go and teach the world to operate in the supernatural the Bible way.”

That is, reenacting the Acts of the Apostles in all facets of human life. Bringing Bible days back to our streets — real life. Releasing the sons of God on the earth as pace-setters and solution providers.

Teaching the hands of men to war and their fingers to fight — “so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms” (Psalm 18:34, KJV).

Making the Kingdom of God real on the earth.

While rounding up my preparation for Shiloh 2025, on December 2nd this year, the Lord said to me:

“My son, set yourself and go ahead to demystify the supernatural.”

It is not a calling for special people. It is the heritage of the redeemed. Every child of God is born into the family of the supernatural.

Jesus said:

“Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again... So is every one that is born of the Spirit.” (John 3:7–8, KJV)

The same year I got saved, I got healed of tuberculosis. So is everyone that is born again. Everyone born again is born to operate in the supernatural — naturally.

The Rod of Command

The Lord said:

“Let them know that it is the heritage of every child of God to operate in the supernatural.”

“I and the children whom the Lord hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel” (Isaiah 8:18, KJV).

“And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following” (Mark 16:20, KJV).

But we can only command the supernatural by the Word — the rod.

“And thou shalt take this rod in thine hand, wherewith thou shalt do signs.” (Exodus 4:17, KJV)

That rod is symbolic of the Word. We do not cry for signs. We lay hold on the Word to command signs. We lay hold on the appropriate Word. You do not cry for access through a door to which you have a key. The key is the command. My prayer is that you return with the appropriate rod that puts you in command of every challenge in your life.

Chapter Two

The Principal Manner at Every Kingdom Feast:

Meekness

The principal table manner at every Kingdom feast is meekness. Only the meek can be taught. Only the meek can be guided. Moses was described as:

“Very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.” (Numbers 12:3, KJV)

Yet this Moses was a terror to Egypt by divine mandate. He crossed the Red Sea. He saw three million people fed supernaturally. He saw water come from a rock. And yet Jethro could correct him.

What meekness!

Without meekness, you cannot partake of any Kingdom feast. “But let it be the hidden man of the heart... even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.” (1 Peter 3:4, KJV)

Do not read your Bible as though you already know it. Do not listen to messages as though you have heard them before. You cannot be teachable without meekness.

The Journey Begins with Genuine New Birth

The journey into the supernatural begins with becoming a child of God. Being born again is not a social emblem. It is an experience with tangible proofs. New birth begins with repentance from dead works.

“Repentance from dead works.” (Hebrews 6:1, KJV)

Where no repentance exists, new birth is fake. Repentance means change. There must be fruits worthy of repentance.

“Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance.” (Luke 3:8, KJV)

“Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.” (Matthew 7:20, KJV)

Salvation without change is fake.

The Fruit of the Spirit: Vital Proofs of New Birth

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.” (Galatians 5:22–23, KJV)

It is one fruit with several components. We examine three tonight:

1. Love

When one is saved, love for God comes alive.

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

Love enhances obedience.

“If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land.” (Isaiah 1:19, KJV)

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

If the love of God is not there, your salvation is not genuine. Love does not rejoice in iniquity (1 Corinthians 13:6). Rededication is a restart when the proof of redemption has faded.

2. Joy

David called it:

“Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation.” (Psalm 51:12, KJV)

No truly saved person is designed to live in depression.

“Joy unspeakable and full of glory.” (1 Peter 1:8, KJV)

Jesus:

“Who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross.” (Hebrews 12:2, KJV)

The joy of salvation is the greatest cure for depression. When Christ came, it was announced as:

“Good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.” (Luke 2:10, KJV)

3. Peace

At new birth, Christ — the Prince of Peace — comes to indwell you.

“My peace I give unto you, not as the world giveth.” (John 14:27, KJV)

It is not psychological peace. It is divine peace.

“And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:7, KJV)

“The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.” (Exodus 14:14, KJV)

God takes over our battles from the platform of peace. And that peace comes alive at new birth.

Can I hear your amen?

Chapter Three

The Reality of Salvation: An Experience, Not a Philosophy

I have seen that peace manifested in several difficult situations. One time, we lost our bearing in a helicopter. The captain said, “I don’t know where we are.” There were other people on board. I do not know what was going on in their hearts, but I was so restful. I said, “Okay, land anywhere you see. We are landing; we are not going somewhere.”

Another time, there was a loud blast on the plane while we were on our way to Israel. Boom! We could not tell where it came from. I said, “Peace, be still.”

It is when crisis springs that you find the worth of what you carry — that you are so restful in Christ. May this come alive in each one of us, especially where it is already fading. Salvation is not a philosophy. It is not an ideology. It is an experience.

Salvation is an experience. And the journey into the supernatural begins with the validity of new birth.

Foundational Pillars of Genuine Salvation

1. Faith Towards God

Hebrews 6:1 speaks of:

“Repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God.” (KJV)

Faith towards God comes alive at new birth.

I got saved in February 1969. By November, the plague of tuberculosis, which I had long battled, came in full force. Meanwhile, I had been feeding on Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

One night, I woke up and saw that the boys in the dormitory had moved their beds away from me. I felt like a leper because I was coughing uncontrollably. I stood behind the dormitory and said: “Jesus, if it is true that You did all that is recorded in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, do it again.”

That was only nine months after I was saved. Faith towards God comes alive at new birth — no guesswork. These are deposits of redemption that we keep developing as we invest more in the Word of God.

2. The Consciousness of Eternal Judgment

Hebrews 6:2 also speaks of:

“Resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.” (KJV)

We must remain conscious that a day is coming when the city of men shall be judged. One by one, we shall stand before the judgment throne. When you are saved, that consciousness comes alive in you. It will not allow you to rejoice in iniquity; rather, you will seek a way out of it.

When you see a believer living carelessly, the question arises: is he saved?

My prayer is that all of us will make it to heaven.

3. The Call to Self-Examination

These are fundamental proofs of salvation.

In the name of Jesus, no one will miss his step.

“Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves.”

(2 Corinthians 13:5, KJV)

Self-examination is the only way to remain on course — on this highway of eternity.

It must be conscious. It must be consistent. There are medical devices people use daily — to measure blood pressure, blood sugar, eyesight — so they do not fall victim to disease. It is time to keep examining ourselves spiritually.

There is too much show without substance today. In our time, if someone said you were a Christian, they could leave money with you and walk away. Today, you cannot say that confidently.

No decency. No discipline. But from today, anyone that sees you will see Christ.

Chapter Four

Protecting the Supernatural Content of Your Life

What many are missing is the supernatural content of life — the evidence that differentiates the believer from the unbeliever. Remove the supernatural from the believer, nothing remains. Remove the supernatural from this commission, nothing remains.

From this time onward, the evidence of God with you shall be evident.

In the name of Jesus.

All Things Are Become New

“If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” (2 Corinthians 5:17, KJV)

Lift up your hands and proclaim the verdict of newness.

Newness of strength.

Newness of health.

Newness of light.

All things become new — including your liver, your kidney, your eyes. All things become new.

New family life.

New children.

All things become new.

In Jesus' name.

The Healer Lives in You

They said to Jesus:

“Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.” (John 11:21, KJV)

But the One they were waiting for now lives in you.

“Because I live, ye shall live also.” (John 14:19, KJV)

“He himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.” (Matthew 8:17, KJV)

“By whose stripes ye were healed.” (1 Peter 2:24, KJV)

The Healer lives in you.

The Deliverer lives in you.

You are not permitted to remain sick.

You are not permitted to remain in bondage.

Take your healing from the Healer who lives in you. Every dying organ comes back to life. New birth gives you access to all redemption offers. You will wake up in the morning into a brand-new world. No one goes to bed with sickness and wakes up with it. If you retain your salvation, God will not stop manifesting Himself in your life.

So shall it be.

Altar Call: A Brand-New Beginning

Tonight is about ensuring that we are all on the same redemptive page. If you know that the fruit of salvation has no expression in your life, and you want a brand-new start with Jesus, stand to your feet. The church may know you. Your group may know you. But does God know you?

“I know my sheep, and am known of mine.” (John 10:14, KJV)

The journey begins with genuine repentance — from dead works to serve the living God.

Lift your right hand and speak to Him:

“Jesus, I repent.”

From the depth of your heart, ask Him for forgiveness and a new beginning.

Say:

“Lord Jesus, I have called on Your name for my rescue and for my salvation. I believe that upon my repentance, my sins are now forgiven. Thank You, Jesus, for saving my soul and restoring me back to the faith. By Your grace, I shall serve You all the days of my life.”

Amen.

Welcome to the Kingdom of life.

Welcome to the Kingdom of light.

No more struggle with sin. The Saviour has taken over your life.

Grace for Continuity

Thank God for your salvation. Now call for grace — grace for continuity.

“By the help of God I continue unto this day.” (Acts 26:22, KJV)

Call for grace to remain in the faith. Self-examination must be daily. From today, let there be dignity in your redemption.

Closing Charge and Benediction

From this time onward, the evidence of God with you shall be evident. You are changing levels — from glory to glory.

In the name of Jesus. Lift your hands and give Him thanks for the visitation of tonight. “Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives: and we will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.” (Psalm 23:6, KJV)

Amen.

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Congratulations.

About the Speaker

Bishop David Olaniyi Oyedepo is a man sent from God, a prophet to this generation, and one of the foremost voices in advancing the frontiers of God’s Kingdom on earth today. He is the Founder and Presiding Bishop of *Living Faith Church Worldwide* (also known as Winners’ Chapel International), with a global network of churches spread across all continents.

A visionary leader and apostle of faith, Bishop Oyedepo received the divine mandate in 1981 to “*liberate the world from all oppression of the devil through the preaching of the Word of Faith.*” Since that time, his ministry has remained a living proof of that commission—raising men and women of stature, excellence, and Kingdom relevance across nations.

Under his leadership, *Faith Tabernacle*, the international headquarters of the Living Faith Church in Ota, Nigeria, has become one of the largest church auditoriums in the world. He is also the visionary founder of *Covenant University* and *Landmark University*, both established to raise a new generation of leaders with a passion for excellence and divine wisdom.

Bishop Oyedepo is a prolific author whose books have transformed lives globally. Titles such as *The Winning Wisdom*, *Understanding Financial Prosperity*, *The Miracle Seed*, *Walking in Wisdom*, and *Success Systems* continue to inspire millions in their walk of faith and pursuit of purpose.

A father to many, a mentor to multitudes, and a voice of spiritual authority across nations, Bishop David Oyedepo stands as a testament to what it means to live for God with passion, discipline, and unwavering faith. His life and ministry continue to model diligence in service, love for God, and a relentless commitment to Kingdom advancement.

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