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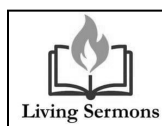
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The message you are about to read carries a clear call back to divine order—a recalibration of the believer’s focus from self to God, from personal ambition to Kingdom purpose.

In this teaching, Dr David Ogbuehi presents a foundational truth that runs through the entire counsel of Scripture: Christianity was never designed to revolve around man, but around God and His Kingdom. When this order is restored, life finds clarity, prayer regains structure, and worship returns to its rightful place.

At the heart of this sermon is a strong contrast between two systems of living—the egocentric and the Kingdom-centric. One is shaped by the fallen nature of man, marked by self-preservation and self-promotion. The other is shaped by the nature of Christ, marked by surrender, obedience, and divine purpose.

The reader will be guided through Scripture, practical illustrations, and spiritual insight into what it truly means to seek first the Kingdom of God. It is not merely a doctrinal statement, but a lifestyle of alignment—where God is first, His will is central, and man becomes a vessel for His expression in the earth.

As you engage this message, may your understanding of prayer, worship, and Christian living be redefined. And may your heart be strengthened to embrace the higher call of becoming an extension of God’s Kingdom in your generation.

This is not just a sermon to be read, but a truth to be lived.

— Wisdom Epsi
Chief Editor, LivingSermons.com

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Introduction

The worship usually, in a service like this, has about three major segments. Sometimes it could also include an after-service. There is pre-service, there is post-service, and I am not discussing those two parts here. There are things that happen before the service starts—preparations, prayer meetings, and all of that. Then there are follow-up activities after service.

But inside the service itself, there are usually about three major sections. One section of the service is when we turn everybody's eyes upward to Jesus, and the success of the service often depends on what happens at that point.

So when that period comes, people are praying, they are worshipping. You notice that worship leaders who know how to do their job, like the angels, sing songs that turn everybody's eyes on Him.

If anything happens that makes that moment about people, that service has turned into entertainment. And a lot of people who go to church actually go expecting to be entertained.

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Kingdom-Centric Christianity Defined

Our subject today is kingdom-centric Christianity—the type of Christianity that focuses on God and on His Kingdom, not on man. The opposite of kingdom-centric Christianity is egocentric Christianity—the one that focuses on man, focuses on us.

So what we are doing here is helping you understand kingdom-centric worship. A kingdom-centric approach to Christian life and ministry focuses on the King and on His Kingdom first. When we focus on Christ, we call it a Christocentric approach: Christocentric lifestyle, Christocentric ministry, Christocentric Christianity.

“My King is my Master. He is my Saviour. He is my Lord.” The focus is on God. The focus is on Jesus. One of the errors going on in today’s world—especially as I listen to Nigerian pastors, preachers, and Christians—is that everything is being made about themselves.

Pastors get on the pulpit and engage in self-promotion. They want to tell you which encounters they had, how they drank tea with angels, and all of that is to package self, package ego, and position themselves in the hearts of the people. But that is what leads to the fall of Christianity.

Because after all of that, you cannot save anybody. You cannot heal anybody. You cannot deliver anybody. No man has the answer—no, not even us who are pastors. If you point

people to Jesus and help build the bridge between people and Christ, their problems are dissolved.

Matthew 6:33 – Kingdom Priority

Maybe I should read a text first: **Matthew 6:33**.

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

Please note the word first.

You are going to see this scripture from another light today.

If you reverse it and start seeking your needs first, seeking what you want first, you have overthrown the order of the Kingdom in your life.

It is called kingdom priority.

Instead of putting God first and His Kingdom first, you have reversed the order, and your problems become more complicated. Your problems are not solved.

If pastors do this—if they position themselves first and glorify themselves—they have overthrown Kingdom order.

You cannot save anyone. You are a sinner like them. You are a man like them. It does not matter the branding you give yourself.

Without Jesus, we are all bankrupt. We are all hopeless.

God Revealed Through Creation

Every lesson in the Bible has something in nature that can be used to explain it. The relationship between us and God is illustrated in nature. And there are many things in creation that help us understand spiritual truth.

For instance, whenever you read something in the spiritual realm, look for something in nature that explains it. It helps you understand the Bible better. This is found in **Romans chapter 1**, where the invisible things of God—even the Godhead—are understood by the things that are created.

So everything about God has something in nature that He put there to help you understand. Even the Trinity—which is a complex subject—can be understood in simple ways.

Look at family: father, mother, and child. Look at atoms: electrons, protons, and neutrons, yet one atom. Look at matter: solid, liquid, and gas.

These different forms carry different characteristics.

If I throw gaseous water at you, nothing happens. But if it is frozen, it can injure. If it falls from the sky, it can break things.

So these forms help us understand deeper realities.

God also created man in this same mystery.

Man is a spirit being.

If someone calls your name, it is not your physical body they are addressing. It is the person inside.

Your body is the visible part, designed from the soil.

There are moments when people experience what is called an out-of-body experience—during accidents or medical emergencies—and they notice that the real “you” is distinct from the physical body.

The physical body is your house, designed to reflect your spirit, but both have different capabilities.

Your spirit can pass through walls; your body cannot.

Your spirit can travel great distances instantly; your body cannot.

Many times when accidents happen and people die physically, they have not yet transitioned into eternity immediately. Some remain around for a time.

Testimony And Realms Beyond The Body

There are testimonies of people who have experienced such realms and returned. In such encounters, they discover that spiritual existence is real and operates differently from physical life. The physical body is given so that people can relate with you on earth.

Because once you step out of your body, you are in the same dimension as angels and spiritual beings.

Angels are present even in this service, though invisible. Some people, when prayed for, will feel a hand touch them or feel something leave their body—and sickness disappears.

Some of those things are demonic powers being removed.

Love is a universal language. So is the power of the Holy Spirit. Sensitivity matters. There are people who are spiritually sensitive, and there are those who are not. When the Holy Spirit is moving, some people feel nothing. Others are deeply impacted.

Sensitivity determines perception in the Spirit. Even repentance becomes quicker when a heart is sensitive to God. Sometimes what looks small to others is corrected immediately in the heart of a believer because the Spirit convicts gently but clearly.

There are deep mysteries around faith, patience, and covenant. Sometimes situations in life test whether a person will surrender their rights and trust God fully. The Scripture says we should have faith and patience. In the realm of eternity, time operates differently. What is a thousand years here may be like a single day there.

This is why spiritual realities must be handled with understanding. The real you is not the body. The real you is the spirit within. The body is only a temporary expression—an earthly house. This understanding helps us align with Kingdom-centric Christianity, where everything points back to God, not man.

When Christ is the centre, order is restored. When self becomes the centre, confusion increases. But when the Kingdom is first, all things align.

As they were talking, two people came and sat down on the seats where the physical human beings were sitting. They came and sat on two of them.

He said, when they saw them trying to sit not knowing they were already occupying those places, they got up and allowed them to sit.

There are two operating systems in the kingdom of Christianity. One is the egocentric model or paradigm of Christian life. The other is kingdom-centric.

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Egocentric Vs Kingdom-Centric Living

The egocentric model is the lifestyle pattern of the fallen man. It is what sinners, people of the world, and the natural man who is not born again operate by.

When the fall of man happened, it introduced a law of self-preservation in man. The first law of nature in the natural man is:

self-preservation, self-interest, self-promotion—self, self, self.

It is “me, me, me.”

So egocentric Christianity is focused on self. It is focused on man. Kingdom-centric Christianity, however, focuses on God and His Kingdom. It focuses on God and His purposes. In egocentric Christianity, there is division—you have what you want to accomplish, and then you use God and people to achieve it.

People like that will sacrifice others to achieve their goals and then still try to use God.

That is how the heathen operate.

The Self-Centred Gospel And Its Danger

That type of Christianity produces selfish people, self-centred people, and self-seeking people.

If you listen to Jesus and His teachings, one thing becomes very clear: everything He taught was about self-cancellation, self-abasement, and self-crucifixion.

For example, when He called disciples, He said: **“If any man will follow Me, let him deny himself.”**

Remove yourself from the throne. But the egocentric gospel promotes self. It places man at the centre and even reduces God to a servant—an errand runner.

In that order, prayer becomes nothing more than instructing God on what to do for you. And if that is the only kind of prayer you know, then you do not truly have a prayer life.

The Order Of Kingdom Prayer

Jesus taught us how to pray in **Matthew 6:9–10**: *“After this manner therefore pray ye...”*

“Our Father which art in heaven...”

This is God-centred. This is Christ-centred. Then it continues: *“Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.”*

Where is self in this pattern?

There is none. Until you have prayed kingdom-centric prayer, you have not started praying correctly.

The Heart Of Worship And Request

Whenever you come to pray, do not begin with yourself. Imagine going to your father's room in the morning and saying: "I need money. I need shopping money."

No greeting. No honour. No order. That kind of approach produces disorder. And beyond just lack of blessing, it produces deeper consequences—misalignment in life, broken relationships, and a spirit that struggles with authority.

A child who learns disrespect at home will carry it into school, work, marriage, and society.

In a service setting, some people come only expecting what they will receive. But that is not why we gather. You do not come to church as a spectator waiting for solutions to your problems. You come first to worship God.

One major mistake is approaching God as though He exists only to solve personal problems. But Kingdom order is clear: worship first.

The Leper And The Protocol Of Heaven

Consider the leper in **Matthew 8**.

He came to Jesus and the first thing he did was not to make a request—he worshipped.

"And behold, there came a leper and worshipped Him, saying, Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean."

Worship came first. Request came after. And Jesus responded:

"I will; be thou clean."

It is easy to receive from God when you understand protocol.

Kingdom first. God first. Self last.

Write this down:

God first. Others second. Me last.

This is the order that guarantees answers in prayer and alignment in life.

The modern world has become deeply humanistic—everything revolves around self.

Even relationships are now built on self-interest. Covenants are broken because personal feelings override commitment.

This same spirit enters the church when people come saying, “What is in it for me?”

But the first reason for coming to church is not you. It is Him.

Then after Him, you look around you.

Because while you are complaining about what you lack, someone else has no legs.

While you are frustrated about delay, someone cannot afford a meal.

The Kingdom Life: Living As An Extension Of God

The Kingdom-centric model of life is this: after Him, I become His extension. I become God’s extended hand to touch someone else. God’s dream is that the earth will be filled with the knowledge of His glory as the waters cover the sea.

But God accomplishes this through people. Salvation is not just about “Jesus saved me.”

It is deeper than that.

He saved you so you can become a saviour to others. He healed you so you can become a healer. He delivered you so you can become a deliverer.

He blessed you so you can become a channel of blessing. He lifted you so you can lift others. When everything becomes about you, you block a river that was meant to flow through you.

At that point, life becomes stagnant.

God does not sponsor selfish lives. He does not sponsor egocentric lifestyles. Even in ministry, this spirit has crept in.

“My ministry... my vision...”

Anytime you hear that kind of language where God is only a means to an end, something is already misaligned.

Kingdom produces servants, contributors, agents of change. Self-centred living produces consumers, scavengers, and takers.

The Systems Of The World Vs Kingdom Order

Jesus said:

“Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink...” (Matthew 6:25-32)

For after these things do the Gentiles seek. God knows you have need of these things. But He says stop seeking them first. Because when self becomes the focus, a person gradually descends into corruption, deceit, and spiritual confusion.

That is the path Lucifer took:

“I will exalt my throne...”

And he fell.

Any time we shift from Christ-centred living to self-centred living, we fall into the same pattern. The unbelievers are consumed with material pursuit. But the Kingdom calls us into a higher order:

Not self-fulfilment, but divine assignment. Not personal ambition, but Kingdom purpose. We lay down our will and surrender our lives as sons, servants, and partners with God. And then we become His means for accomplishing His will in the earth.

The vision is not yours. The mission is not yours. The Kingdom is not about your plans. You lay them down. And you come into alignment with His will.

When that happens, life finds order again. Because the Kingdom of God is not self-centred—it is God-centred from beginning to end.



About the Speaker

Pastor David Ogbueli is a respected Christian leader, teacher, and visionary whose ministry has impacted countless lives through sound biblical teaching, leadership development, discipleship, and humanitarian service.

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