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ISAIAH 60:1

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FOREWORD

Every believer in Christ has been given all things that pertain to life and godliness. Why, then, do two believers saved on the same day, under the same pastor, end up living such different lives? In this message, ministered at Summit Bible Church, Apostle Joshua Selman answers that the difference is not the life they received but their access to light.

Opening with Isaiah 60:1, he lays a foundation: victory and dominion are God's desire and our heritage in Christ, and more and more is our destiny. He then draws a firm line between access and manifestation, defines light as illumination, functional knowledge, wisdom and understanding, and shows from Genesis 1:5 that a person is not in their day because of the hour on the clock, but because light has come. The second half of the message turns to patterns: the laws and principles God ties to every result, which explain why the same glory can be reproduced wherever the pattern is kept.

The tone is that of a teacher at a conference: direct, practical and illustrated with everyday pictures, including a cheque that is never cashed, two identical phones, a stadium at night and a musician playing at the front of the church. The message ends in prayer for light, a prophetic declaration over a new season, the Esther anointing and an altar call.

This edition has been prepared from the live transcript. The preacher's words, order and voice have been preserved. Only time stamps, sound cues, songs and unnecessary repetitions have been removed, chapters and subheadings have been added, and punctuation and capitalization have been corrected.

Read it with a Bible and a pen at hand, and ask the Lord to show you the light and the patterns connected to the glory you desire to see.

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MAIN MESSAGE

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CHAPTER 1

THE PROMISE OF LIGHT AND GLORY

EMPOWERED BY LIGHT

Someone, by the end of this conference, you will manifest the reality of dominion. For you, it will not just be something you're trying to confess into being. It will be your reality. It will be your experience, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Isaiah chapter 60 and verse 1. I'm teaching on the topic "Empowered by Light." We'll consider a few things.

> **ISAIAH 60:1**
> *Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.*

Two words I want you to pick there: light and glory. "Your light has come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon you." Verse 2 says:

> **ISAIAH 60:2–3**
> *For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.*

Verse 3, I like this: "Gentiles shall come to your light, and their kings to the brightness of your rising." May that be your testimony, in Jesus' name.

Scripture number two: Proverbs chapter 4 and verse 18. I received this for myself: “But the path of Joshua Selman is like the shining sun.” The NKJV says, “that shines ever brighter.” It shineth ever brighter. The KJV says, “more and more unto the perfect day.”

> **PROVERBS 4:18**
> *But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.*

A perfect day. Hallelujah.

GOD'S DESIRE IS VICTORY AND DOMINION

Now, to establish a foundation for my discussion with us: it is God’s desire for believers to walk in victory and to walk in dominion. It’s important for us to know that it is God’s desire for you and I, regardless of our current situations, to walk in victory and to walk in dominion. Do you believe that?

You have to believe that it is God’s desire. You see, when you’re not sure whether something is the will of God or not, it will affect your faith, because your faith must be predicated on your understanding that you are in the will of God. To the degree to which you are confident that you are in the will of God, you’ll be able to exercise your faith. So settle it once and for all: it is God’s will for you and I, every one of us here, to walk in victory and to walk in dominion, that whilst we’re about advancing His program on earth, we walk in victory and we walk in dominion.

OUR HERITAGE IN CHRIST

Number two: victory and dominion is our heritage in Christ. It is our heritage in Christ. The Bible reveals to us in Ephesians 1:3 (Paul was speaking to the church in Ephesus), “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us.” Not “will bless,” not “is about to bless”: He hath blessed us already with every spiritual resource, or blessing, in heavenly places in Christ. Hallelujah.

It says, “Worthy is the Lamb that was slain.” He has received for us riches and blessing and honor and power, and so on and so forth. It is your heritage in Christ to walk in victory. It is your heritage in Christ to walk in dominion. The Bible says, “Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph.” Then it says, “Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory.” Say, “I am victorious.” This is a Bible-believing church. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so. So dominion and victory is our heritage in Christ.

MORE AND MORE IS YOUR DESTINY

The third thing I want you to know is that more and more is your destiny in Christ. Oh yes, more and more. I like that expression. That means, to the believer in Christ, you should never have a better yesterday. Never have a better yesterday. No matter how great yesterday was, today and tomorrow should surpass it by far. Do you believe that?

That means, although you have seen the glory of God now, I expect that the next time I see you, it should be ever increasing. Ever increasing. “The path of the just is as a shining light, that shineth brighter and brighter, more and more, unto the perfect day.”

Job 8 and verse 7, a profound scripture: “Though thy beginning was small…” The only part of your life that should be small is your beginning. Once it is beyond the beginning, it shouldn’t be small again. Who is receiving it? Though

your beginning be small, once it crosses the realm of beginning, smallness should die. It says, "yet thy latter end should greatly increase." Hallelujah. Do you believe this?

THE GLORY OF THE LATTER HOUSE

Haggai chapter 2. We'll read verse 3, and then, for the sake of time, we'll jump to verse 9. I'll read verse 3, then we'll read 9 together.

> **HAGGAI 2:3**
> *Who is left among you that saw this house in her first glory? and how do ye see it now? is it not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing?*

There is such a thing as former glory. "Who saw this temple in its former glory? And how do you see it now in comparison? Is it not in your eyes as nothing?" But that's the good news in verse 9. Give us verse 9, Haggai 2. Hold on: you know what temple that is? Not the building. You.

> **HAGGAI 2:9**
> *The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the Lord of hosts: and in this place will I give peace.*

Do you believe this?

CHAPTER 2

WHY WE CONTEND FOR DOMINION

IT GLORIFIES GOD UPON THE EARTH

Now, very quickly: why should we desire victory, and why should we desire dominion? It's important for us to have a biblical understanding as to why every believer should contend to walk in the experience of victory, triumph, advancement and dominion. Let me give you a few reasons.

Number one, very quickly: our dominion, our fruitfulness, our results, our being victorious brings glory to God upon the earth. It is how God is glorified upon the earth: our walking in victory, our manifesting dominion.

God, I sense the anointing in this place. You see, as you are listening, I want you to know that two things are happening to you. Number one, there is a dimension of knowledge that is coming through the gate of intellect. But there is another dimension that is spirit communication. This is beyond the realm of words. You are being quickened. Ezekiel chapter 2: "Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak unto thee." And he had no strength. Verse 2 says, "And the spirit" (not information) "the spirit entered into me… and set me upon my feet."

So your manifesting victory and dominion in ministry, your being fruitful, your excelling, is how God is glorified upon the earth. It's important for you to know this. So when we contend to walk in victory and to manifest dominion in every area of life, it's not just some carnal pursuit. It is because there is a desire within us to see God glorified.

John 15:8: “Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.” John 15:16: “Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain.” Hallelujah.

Matthew chapter 5, from verse 13 to 16: “Ye are the salt of the earth.” Not “like” the salt of the earth. “But if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.” Then it says, in verse 14, “Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.” In that similitude, it says, “Let your light so shine before men.” He wants men to see your good works, and then they glorify your Father in heaven. Hallelujah.

Ephesians 2:10, the Bible says, “We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.” Ephesians 3:10 says, “To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God.” The manifold wisdom of God. So we contend for ever-increasing glory, because that is how Jesus is glorified upon the earth. Are we learning?

YOUR RESULTS ARE EVANGELISTS

Number two: our walking in victory and our being impactful has the capacity to draw many to Jesus. When we walk in victory, when we manifest dominion, when we live impactful Christian lives in ever-increasing dimensions of glory, it sustains the power to draw many to Jesus.

I recall John 4, when you read from verse 28 to 30. There’s a narrative of the woman at the well. Remember, the Bible talks about a woman at the well who had five husbands; the sixth was not even her husband. And she meets with Jesus, and they began to converse. Eventually she found out He was a prophet,

and she probed Him around the matters of worship. The Bible says that when He answered her question, she left her waterpot and ran to the city. Her orientation changed immediately. She gathered the entire city and said, “Come, see a man.” The compelling power of her witness drew people. The Bible talks about a madman of Gadara. When that man was healed, he brought Decapolis, ten cities, to Jesus.

It matters that you produce results. Let me tell you this: your results are evangelists. There is a sermon only results can preach. When you walk in dominion, power, grace and ever-increasing glory, your life becomes a living epistle. It preaches the mercy of God. It preaches the grace of God. It preaches the power of God. It preaches the wisdom of God. Do you believe this?

CHAPTER 3

ACCESS IS NOT MANIFESTATION

ALL THINGS HAVE BEEN GIVEN

Every believer in Christ has access to the spiritual resources available for our walking in victory. So the Bible tells us that once you are in Christ (in Christ, meaning you have received the life of God), as we read in Ephesians 1:3 earlier on, we have been given every blessing in heavenly places in Christ. Second Peter 1:3 and 4 says:

> **2 PETER 1:3-4**
> *According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*

How many things? All things.

THE CHEQUE THAT WAS NEVER CASHED

Every believer in Christ has access. Now, please pay attention. Access does not mean possession. This is where the discussion gets deeper. In Christ you have access, but access does not mean manifestation.

I can give you a cheque of 10 million naira. I have given you the potential to have 10 million naira under a certain condition, not under every condition. There are conditions tied to it, to turn the cheque to cash so that you are able to

use it. Did you know that an individual can hold on to that cheque for the rest of his life, in need of 1 million, whereas he has, say, in this illustration, 10 million, and never be able to maximize the potential?

Did you know that your not cashing that cheque misrepresents the benevolence of the giver? Anybody who has to learn about the giver by looking at your life may think he was not a giver. Yet it's been given to you. But because you do not understand the law of conversion, the dynamics that turn spiritual realities into experience…

Is somebody learning now? And this is my assignment tonight: to show you, through the lens of Scripture, how to cause the word to become flesh. The Bible says, "And the Word was made flesh." The word became wealth. The word became influence. The word became healing and health. There is a technology that converts spiritual realities to find expression here and now. Are we learning? Please pray in the spirit for one minute. In Jesus' marvelous name we pray.

CHAPTER 4

LIGHT MAKES THE DAY

WHAT LIGHT MEANS IN THE KINGDOM

Now, please listen. Walking in the reality of dominion, victory and fruitfulness demands light. Light. And I'll explain to you what light means in the kingdom. When we talk about light in the kingdom, it's a very complex word. If you are to walk in and manifest dominion and victory in experience, the non-negotiable requirement is that you must access light.

Light here means illumination. Light means having a functional knowledge of the truth. When we talk about light in the kingdom, it refers to illumination. It refers to possessing a functional knowledge of the truth: not a theoretical knowledge, a functional knowledge of the truth. Light also extends to mean wisdom. Light extends to mean understanding. Hallelujah.

GOD CALLED THE LIGHT DAY

Light, in Genesis chapter 1 and verse 5. A very profound scripture. Please give it to us.

> **GENESIS 1:5**
> *And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night.*

Look at that scripture carefully. He called the light what? And the darkness He called what? So another word for light is day, and another word for darkness is night.

He called the light day. That means you are not in your day when it is 12 noon. You are in your day when light comes. So you can be in your afternoon, chronologically speaking, and you are still in the night. And there are things that follow the night season. It says weeping endures for as long as you are in your night. If light has not come, even if it's 12 o'clock, even if it's 2026, even if it's 2027, provided your light has not come, your day has not broken.

He called the light day, and the darkness He called night. So every time you are in darkness, bankrupt of light, bankrupt of illumination, the Bible says you are in your night, whether it is noon chronologically or not. So there are many people who are in their afternoon, but they are in the night. The realm of the spirit does not recognize afternoon. It recognizes light or darkness. That's what defines day or night.

And He says, once you are in the night, weeping endures. It's not just that weeping comes; it can endure. That means years don't take away the presence of darkness. It can endure. Weeping has the power to continue in the life of a man until daylight. It says, "but joy cometh in the morning." So it can be 12 midnight chronologically, but the realm of the spirit does not acknowledge it as darkness, because my light makes it day all the time. Day all season.

Is someone learning now? The price for dominion and glory is light. And like I said, light here is a very composite word: light, wisdom, functional knowledge, understanding.

THEY WALK ON IN DARKNESS

Psalm 82:5: "They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course." Verse 6 says, "I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High." Not just the preachers among you, not just the missionaries among you. All of you are children of the Most High. The tragedy is in the next verse: "But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes." Light.

He called the light day. He called the darkness night. If you do business in the night, you will most likely not prosper, because nobody can see you. Now, watch this. Did you know that there is beauty when there is light? I can see your color. I see that is red. I see that is blue. But if you switch off the light, you don't have to change what you are wearing; I cannot reward you. I cannot appreciate you, because the capacity to discern your difference has been taken away. Is somebody learning now?

So two people can do ministry. One is doing ministry in the day; one is doing ministry in the night. His John 3:16 can be received, because he's speaking from a standpoint of light. Another person can say John 3:16, but he will be left alone, because he's ministering in the dark. Two people can do business, with the same formula and the same strategy, but one is functioning in the day, whereas another person is functioning in the night. Is somebody learning?

In this kingdom, dominion in any area is based on sufficient knowledge, not sentiments: sufficient knowledge, manifesting the glory of God in and through your life in ever-increasing dimensions.

WHAT GLORY IS

And by the way, I hope you know what glory is. The glory of a thing represents all of the characteristic features of that thing that make it worthy of admiration, that make it expensive, or make it worthy of worship. So when you talk about the glory of a thing, you have to investigate all the qualities that make that person or that thing desirable.

The glory of my phone is in the features of the phone. That's what justifies its being expensive. Are we together now? So if I want to know the glory of my phone, I would have to read the manual to see the speed and all of those things. So when you say "the glory of God," you have to break down the dimensions of God and investigate the distinctive features that make Him worthy of worship: His wisdom, His goodness, His power. Is somebody learning?

Now, when we talk about the glory of God, it says, “Arise, shine.” Now you understand. Then it says, “for thy light is come.” Not “your light is there.” You don’t arise because your light is there; it’s always been there. But the day it comes to you (like “He sent a word into Jacob, and it hath lighted upon Israel”), then He says, “the glory of the Lord is risen”: the wisdom of the Lord, the goodness of the Lord, the power of the Lord. Your life becomes an effulgence of the limitless possibilities of the kingdom.

CHAPTER 5

KNOWLEDGE ACTIVATES THE LIFE OF GOD

ALIENATED FROM THE LIFE OF GOD

Listen. You see, the life that we have received, this zoe life: activating the riches that are embedded in that life is knowledge dependent. In Ephesians 4 and verse 18, Paul made a very profound statement. He said, “Having the understanding darkened…” He’s speaking to believers in Christ. He says, “being alienated…” I find that scripture profound. How do you get alienated from the life of God? I have received the life of God, but I am alienated from the profit of that experience because of the blindness.

So I am in Christ, but I may not experience the riches, the goodness, the potentials that have come with that life that I have received, because activating and releasing the riches in that zoe life is dependent on knowledge. Light.

This is the reason why, even after you are saved, you are ushered into the ministry of the teaching priest. Jeremiah 3:15: “I will give you pastors.” You have the life of Christ, but to activate that life so that you walk in the profit of it, you need to be fed with knowledge and understanding.

SAME LIFE, DIFFERENT LIGHT

So you can find any two believers, perhaps believers in Summit Bible Church, Brother A versus Brother B, saved the same day, mentored under the same pastor, and you find out that their spiritual lives, or, generally speaking, the quality of their lives (the manifestation of the glory of God within and through their lives), can be so far apart. And you wonder why. The problem is not the life they received in Christ. It is the same life. The difference is their access to light.

One has, through the sacrifice of alignment, through discipline and diligence, taken advantage of the grace of God and contended for light, whereas the other is still shadowboxing in assumptions, hoping superstitiously that maybe things will change, like we say, "One day, e go better." No. You define your possibilities when you pursue light. Hallelujah. Glory be to God.

MY PEOPLE ARE DESTROYED

Hosea chapter 4 and verse 6. The first two words. I find those two words very, very disturbing. The first two words, please, if you can shout it. One, two, go: "My people." Whose people? And yet they are destroyed.

It didn't say enemies. It didn't say Assyrians. It didn't say the Hittites, the Jebusites. My people, just like the Assyrians; my people, just like the Jebusites, are destroyed. Their destiny seems to be the same, although they are My people. And the reason is the lack of knowledge.

> **HOSEA 4:6**
> *My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.*

THE EYES OF YOUR UNDERSTANDING

In Ephesians chapter 1 (Pastor Nathaniel spoke a bit about that when he was speaking), when you read from verse 16 to 19, Paul prayed a prayer that seemed to be a burden in his heart. It was over the people he so cherished, the church in Ephesus. He says, "I cease not to give thanks for you," although you are saved. He says, "making mention of you in my prayers." What's the context? "That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory…"

What is He called? When he talks about the Father of glory, he then talks of the spirit of wisdom: "the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him." Verse 18 says, "The eyes of your understanding" (that's where the problem is) "being enlightened." The Amplified says "flooded with light." "That ye may know" (the word is epignosis: to come into oneness with that information) "what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints." And then verse 19 says, "And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe." Light.

CHAPTER 6

LIGHT YOUR CANDLE

THE LOST PIECE OF SILVER

Light. In Luke chapter 15, let's read from verse 8 to 10. Are we learning? Luke 15:8 to 10.

> **LUKE 15:8**
> *Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it?*

How many pieces of silver? So in other words, this woman has treasure. The Bible says it is possible that she can lose one piece. But when you lose one piece, the first way to remedy that situation is to do what? Light a candle. Do I have believers in church?

Every time there are losses and depletion and the bankruptcy of glory, how do you respond to that situation? You don't cry around. You don't whine around. It says the believer's response to darkness and losses and pain, when things are not working in your life, rather than giving excuses, is: in a hurry, light your candle. Something about the absence of light was what authorized the loss in the first place.

Light your candle. When the candle is lit, then begin to sweep. You sweep through meditation. Proverbs 18 and verse 1:

> **PROVERBS 18:1**
> *Through desire a man, having separated himself, seeketh and intermeddleth with all wisdom.*

It says, "Through desire." What desire? The desire to excel. The desire to maximize destiny. The desire to reveal the fullness of God in you. If that is your desire, it says any man burning with that vision, that desire, the Bible says he separates himself. Then he seeketh. That's like sweeping. So you get light, and you begin to search.

There is a way out. "Why is favor not working in my life? I'm a child of God. Favor should follow me, should surround me as a shield. But since that is not the case, I take responsibility. I light my candle." "Why am I buffeted by sickness and disease? In spite of the fact that it's been nailed to the cross, it does not seem to respect that reality in my life. Rather than blaming, I light my candle." Someone say, "Light your candle." No, it's not a cliché. Light your candle.

Let's finish up that scripture. Luke 15 and verse 9:

> **LUKE 15:9**
> *And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost.*

So the whole business of losing treasure and finding it was predicated upon light. Is somebody learning? Light.

A REQUISITE LEVEL OF KNOWLEDGE

We need deep enough knowledge. Not just knowledge; we know some things. But you see, every dimension of possibility or reality in the kingdom has a requisite level of knowledge and intelligence. I'll just show you that, and then we'll pray. Breakthrough, favor, dominion, influence and all of these spiritual possibilities that have been purchased for us in Christ depend on a certain kind of understanding and spiritual orientation to be activated in your life. Are we learning?

First Corinthians chapter 8 and verse 2 is a scripture that I personally found very instructive. Here's what it says:

> **1 CORINTHIANS 8:2**
> *And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know.*

Perhaps you may have heard me give this illustration. How many of you know you don't need to score zero to fail the exam? You just need to not get the cut-off point. So if the cut-off point is 50 and you score 49, you did not get zero, but you still failed. So when they gather those who did not write the exam, and those who got zero, and you, you will all be in the same category. There will be no difference. Now, you tried; at least you passed some questions and failed others, but on average you are still right there. So the one who did not write the exam, the one who scored zero and the one who scored 49 will all be in the same category. There is a requisite level of knowledge.

THE ISSUE IS INTENSITY

Please look up. Did you know that, in our illustration, if you have your phone light, your phone light has light, but not enough to make this beautiful church bright enough? If we switched off all of these lights right now and you used your single phone light, we would notice that there is light there, but not enough to drive away darkness. So the issue for some is intensity.

Have you been to the stadium in the night? You would not even know that it is night, because the light there drives away darkness. The reason why darkness still seems to linger is that the light you have does not have that kind of intensity.

HOW TO GET TO THE CITY

Ah, Ecclesiastes 10 and verse 15. The Bible says, "The labour of the foolish wearieth every one of them, because he knoweth not how to go to the city."

Now, the fool here is not an insult. It's a description of a kind of person. That person can be a believer. The word "fool" here is not like when we tell people, "You are foolish." It just means you are bankrupt of light, wisdom and understanding. It says that person can labor, but the labor of the foolish wearies them, because he knoweth not how to go to the city.

He knows there is a city. Are we together? He's visionary enough to know that there is a great tomorrow. But how to get there? There are many of us who have seen our tomorrow in our dreams. We have seen a great destiny. Every time the pastor preaches, he paints a picture from Scripture. You know that you are ordained for grace and glory. But you need to know how to get there.

Did you know that if you don't know how to get to a place, the first thing that suffers is speed? You will have to slow down, because you are not sure if you have passed the place. You see that? Now, if I know the house is around this street, but I don't know the exact house, it will compel me to underutilize the

potential of my car. I have to slow down because I'm not sure. But if you know with certainty that this is house number 107, you come with confidence. Confidence. Are you learning so far?

Light is connected to glory. Light is connected to dominion. You will only arise and shine. Not because 2026 is over. Let me tell you the truth: next year can still look like last year. It can still look like this year. Next year does not change because of time. It changes because of the introduction of light. The day your light comes, your night is turned to day: high-level spiritual illumination. Are we learning?

CHAPTER 7

THE TRUTH WE KNOW AND ENGAGE

BECAUSE OF TRUTH

Now watch this. In Psalm 45 and verse 4 (let me tie up a few things, and then we'll pray), it says, "And in thy majesty ride prosperously because of truth." You ride prosperously upon your high places in life and destiny because of truth: that you have found the truth, and that it sustains the power to make you free. He says, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Divine health is a reality in Christ, but there is a certain kind of understanding that releases it into your life in experience. Longevity is a reality in Christ, but enjoying the reality of longevity depends on a certain kind of spiritual orientation. Are we learning? Supernatural finances, economic emancipation, is part of God's program for you, but there is a level of intelligence and understanding that can make it your reality.

Influence, kingdom influence, is God's ordination for you, but not under every condition. There is a certain level of understanding. For example: "If I be lifted up." So if you desire kingdom influence, you must learn the dynamics of death to the flesh. If you don't know how to die to the flesh, you cannot be trusted with the influence of the kingdom. Are we learning?

So the Bible calls this body of knowledge "marvellous light." And it says it is upon transacting this knowledge that the believer's dominion is established in experience.

THE SAME LORD IS RICH UNTO ALL

So when you find certain people, as though God isolated them and decided to magnify Himself in their lives, it's not as though He loves them more than others. The Bible is clear as to the fact that "the same Lord over all is rich unto all." He does not love Nathaniel Bassey, and He does not love Dr. Andy Osakwe, more than He loves you. No, the same Lord is rich unto all.

But our possibilities are not just predicated on the love of God. They are predicated upon the truth we know and the truth we engage: the truth we know, the truth we understand and the truth we engage. Hallelujah.

TWO IDENTICAL PHONES

Let me give you this analogy. Let me work with your mind, for the sake of time. I can have Brother A and Brother B. Let's use the iPhone. What's the latest iPhone? Eighteen? So let's use the 18. So this gentleman over here has an original iPhone 18. Another gentleman, Brother B, has an original iPhone 18.

Now watch this. Did you know that if you watch both brothers navigating their phones, you would almost think the phone of one was fake, relative to the excellency of the navigation of the other, because he downloaded certain apps that did not come by default? So you buy the phone, you bring it out of the case, then it begins to beep. There are certain apps that you need to make that phone efficient. Whether you download the apps or not does not make your phone fake, but it will stop its efficiency.

So you find out that someone, either through the beeping of the phone or through learning, has been able to find certain apps that he can put on his phone. And when you find him navigating the same iPhone 18, you are wondering, "Is mine different from yours?" That iPhone is like your life. It is the same eternal life. But someone has pressed to download wisdom. Someone has pressed to download favor. Your life becomes remarkably efficient. Is

someone learning?

DILIGENCE IS A MYSTERY OF THE KINGDOM

I was so inspired when I listened to Pastor Nathaniel's story. Did you hear him? Through his stories you would see an interplay of the principles of the kingdom. Albeit you see the grace and the mercy of God, within the jurisdiction of the grace and the mercy of God you see the workings of certain principles: the time invested in prayer, the time invested in consecration, the time invested in learning. Did you hear him say he invested nine hours? Did you not know that diligence is a mystery of the kingdom? It produces a certain kind of believer.

It says, "The soul of the diligent shall be made fat." Is it not in your Bible? What was the scripture? "Seest thou a man diligent in his business? He shall stand before kings." Diligent in what?

So someone can be studying his Bible voraciously, learning, reading books, investing, whereas another believer is just freelancing his spiritual knowledge. The same Lord is rich unto both of them. But your outcomes, in terms of the glory of God manifested through you, will not be the same, because justice and judgment are the habitation of His throne.

The Bible says, "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest… shall not cease." Listen: tomorrow is not a wish; tomorrow is a harvest. If you don't sow towards tomorrow (sow diligence, sow commitment, are we together, taking advantage of the resources of God's mercy and grace to maximize your today for the sake of tomorrow), you might not walk in the glory of God.

THE SPIRIT AND THE BRIDE

Many times believers like to give excuses. And sometimes, because we think God is sovereign, with all due respect, we suddenly become irresponsible: “If God wants to bless me, He has the power. He parted the Red Sea.” And we use all those scriptures to excuse our lack of commitment.

It is the Spirit and the bride that say, “Come.” The Spirit can say, “Come,” but the bride must agree and say, “I agree.” The Spirit and the bride say, “Be healed.” The Spirit and the bride say, “A great tomorrow.” As for the Holy Ghost, He is always desirous of blessing us, to see us manifest dominion. But the bride is not cooperating with the Spirit.

When I found this personally, I made up my mind that I would take advantage of the grace of God, and I would engage, and go for light, and press for light, and press for higher light, for greater light. And I look at my life today, and I can only say, “To God be the glory.” It is the mercy of God. But I submit to you, by the authority of Scripture: this life you see was programmed.

Now, it’s an uncomfortable admission. You know, sometimes humility is a wonderful virtue, but it can stop you from telling the whole truth. And if you really want to help people, it’s sometimes an uncomfortable truth, but it’s good to say it. It was the mercy of God and the grace of God maximized, not just grace available, because grace can be abused. Who is learning?

So the word for you tonight is that the glory of God being revealed in your life is not just tied to God’s desire. He always desires it. But it’s tied to light.

CHAPTER 8

GOD IS A GOD OF PATTERNS

LAWS THAT GUARANTEE CONTINUITY

God is a God of patterns. Let me wrap up by saying this. God is a God of patterns. The meaning of that is (please look up): every time God starts a process, He initiates the process, and then He ties laws and principles around that process, so that He does not repeat it again. The knowledge of the laws and the principles is what guarantees the continuity of that result. Did you understand that?

So the Bible says God made, as we know, the first man (at least as our dispensation interprets it) and the first woman, and did not have to mold them again, because He programmed a law we call reproduction. I hope you know that until Adam and Eve came, that was the first visible expression of spreading through reproduction. It was always through creation. Are we together now? So He programmed it such that even unbelievers can engage that law and that principle, and then they procreate. Are we learning now?

God gave us a functional mind and programmed a principle around that mind: that your level of transformation can turn you, and release literally a magnetic property within you, that can attract possibilities into your life that are consistent with your thoughts, superior or otherwise. It is a law. There are many other spiritual laws that altogether bring us into the experience of dominion. God is a God of patterns.

DO THIS, AND THE GLORY SHALL APPEAR

Let me show you one scripture. We're about to pray. Leviticus chapter 9 and verse 6. When we find it, I request that we read in concert. Are you ready? One, two, go.

> **LEVITICUS 9:6**
> *And Moses said, This is the thing which the Lord commanded that ye should do: and the glory of the Lord shall appear unto you.*

And after you do it, what's the result? So if the glory of the Lord does not appear unto you…

"Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it." You want water to turn to wine? It is a possibility, but not under every condition. And Mary told them the secret. The Savior is already there; His presence is there. But there are things He demands that you do. As soon as they were prepared to do, the instruction came: "Fill six waterpots. Draw it out without verifying, and take it to the governor of the feast. Risk your life that much, as proof that you trust Me." The Bible says, as they went (not as they tasted, as they went, fearful but obedient), suddenly water was turned to wine.

When you read John chapter 2, where we got that portion of Scripture, verse 11:

> **JOHN 2:11**
> *This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory.*

What did He do? He manifested His glory, once there was an adherence to patterns.

PATTERNS FORERUN THE GLORY OF GOD

Now, patterns forerun the glory of God. Every time you see the glory of God revealed in the life of a pastor or an individual, it is because certain patterns have been kept. Please look up. There is a pattern. And by "pattern," I mean a spiritual precept, a mystery of the kingdom, spiritual principles.

So when you find a believer prosper financially with integrity, it is because the glory that you now call wealth has answered to adherence to that pattern. Are we learning now? When you find a church like the Summit Bible Church flourishing and increasing, the pastor will tell you, "It is the mercy of God." But when you say, "Pastor, tell me the truth sincerely," albeit by grace, he will begin to teach you that this result you see is a composite of anointing, leadership, administration, excellence, character and track record. All of these together are the patterns connected to this glory.

So when you want to see the glory, you don't wish it. You don't claim it. You find the patterns, because it is a pattern. It does not care who engages it, once you engage it in truth.

How many of you know that this exact building can be replicated anywhere, such that if you were blindfolded and carried there, you would think you were here? The master builder: because of the plan, the architecture. That's called the pattern. And once you give that to any serious architect, he does not even need to be here to see it physically. He will replicate the result verbatim. It is the presence of patterns that makes God a just God. So when you complain and say, "God, I did not choose where I came from," He says, "You can choose where you go to, because there is a pattern that can correct that anomaly." Who is learning now?

THE SOUND THAT FOLLOWS MASTERY

So every time you find the glory of God revealed… Now watch this. He's playing keyboard for me. Play anything, just whatever. You guys, just play anything. Now listen to what is going on here, my friend.

That sound is the glory that follows that level of professionalism. As you listen to it, you're hearing him play very effortlessly. This was not premeditated. How many of you know he was not born that way? The same thing he's playing, I can play too. But as anointed as I am, because I lack the knowledge of the pattern to produce that sound, you can give me the gift, and the gift will be useless to me, because the glory of that gift is released when the pattern is understood. Is somebody learning?

Now watch this. Did you know that just for this, someone can give this gentleman a seed? Just for this, someone can invite him somewhere. Literally, if he finds another pattern, the law of endorsement, it can increase his ministry. Because, you see, endorsement is who is standing by you, not who you are standing by. Who you are standing by is alignment, but who is standing by you is endorsement. Listen: you can run to a rich man and stand by him. That's not endorsement. He did not come; you went.

TAKING AWAY FAILURE THROUGH MASTERY

Believers, please listen to this. How many of you are into fashion professionally? Not trying, not learning; you've gone far, commendably. How many of you know that if I ask you, as a professional, to dress the pastor and his wife for one year, you will not be afraid, because you have studied enough, and with confidence you can dress the pastor? How many of you are cooks or chefs, into food, restaurants, whatever? You are confident; you know what you can do. No fear. Let me see your hands. I'm not going to embarrass you. Don't worry.

Now listen. Some of you could not raise your hand. Does it really mean you don't cook at home? What it means is that we can't bring you before the globe and say, "Cook." And the difference is that there is still uncertainty in your patterns. What is the difference between the one cooking at home and a chef? He has been so trained, he can stand before the world and say, "Watch me." He has taken away failure through mastery. Are we learning now?

WHEN YOU BUILD BY PATTERNS

Believers, if we get this, we know that God has given us the power in Christ to define and redefine our possibilities.

So let me borrow the Hallelujah Challenge from Pastor Nathaniel. It is the grace of God, and it is the mercy of God. But brothers and sisters, by reason of the proximity of friendship, I can tell you, by the mercy of God, I can describe the dynamics. I know the things that were engaged. So we took advantage of the grace of God, and there are things that were put in place. Listen: when you build by patterns, you don't fear storms. You don't fear storms, because it is formidable. Hallelujah.

Do you really believe that your pastor can replicate the Summit Bible Church again? Do you honestly believe it? The question is: why? Patterns. Am I right? The excellence in this church is a pattern. It can be replicated in any other branch of Summit. When you go to Lagos or Ghana or the UK or the US, when you see KFC or Chick-fil-A or any of these, what do you see? Patterns. Now, how many of you know that some of the staff have never met one another, yet their results are the same? Patterns.

Look at this: a medical doctor from Ahmadu Bello University, another medical doctor from UNILAG, another medical doctor from, say, some university in the north. Three of them can meet as consultants for the first time in the surgery room and not doubt themselves. What is the secret? Not personality: patterns. If you say you are a consultant, indeed accredited by the medical council, then I

trust you. Patterns.

STUDY THE PATTERNS CONNECTED TO THE GLORY YOU DESIRE

So many believers want to see the glory of God, but we are not contending for the light and the patterns connected to that glory. Prosperity is a dimension of God's glory; there is a pattern that connects to it. Longevity is an expression of God's glory; there is a pattern connected to it. Influence is an expression of God's glory; there is a pattern connected to it. Are we learning? Favor is an expression of God's glory; there is a pattern connected to it. To be desired by a generation is an expression of God's glory, but there is a pattern connected to it.

Prospering in Abuja is an expression of God's glory, and believe me, there is a pattern connected to it, because the person giving to another person has relatives who have been begging him, and he will not give them. So he's a giver, but not to everybody. Amen.

My assignment is to challenge you: if it is the glory of God you desire to see in your life, then your assignment is to obtain grace from God and begin to study the patterns. Write a list of the areas where the glory of God is yet to manifest, knowing that in Christ all things are yours. But that all things are yours does not mean all things will manifest in experience as yours. God still remains faithful whether your life captures the experience of those truths or not. But the way to get them working is that you must become a diligent student, and you must begin to study the patterns connected to the dimensions of glory that you desire. Did you get this? Now, if you get this, then you have gotten my message.

A GRACE UPON A PREPARED HEART

Patterns. I told my friend he's going to do it for us one more time before we pray. Watch this, everybody. Remember, he did it the other time. Can he do it again? Go ahead. Thank you. Patterns.

Now watch this. Imagine how unwise it is to just kneel down and tell him, "Give me a double portion." Now, hold on. There is a grace behind that. But the value of that grace is that the grace comes upon a heart that is prepared. You see, the value of the anointing is that it comes upon a mind that has gotten the requisite level of knowledge.

This man can give me the gift of this bass. I can go home with it. You will expect me to produce his kind of result, and then I keep disappointing you. How many of you know that time will not make me a master? But if I call him and say, "My brother, this dimension of God's glory you have revealed from this guitar, is it possible that I can make it my experience?", what will be his answer? Yes. The next question will not be "thank you" and walk away. It will be, "Can you take me through?" Can I become a follower of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises?

ABOVE THE MOUNTAINS

Let me wrap up this way. Not everybody is in darkness. Beloved brothers and sisters, by the mercy of God, there are people who have found light. They have found their way. Challenges are not a generic statement. There are people who have risen. They function from an altitude in the spirit where they do not mind the presence of mountains.

The idea of mountains is only a problem if you are walking on foot or going by road. But to the person who is flying 40,000 feet above sea level, a mountain can even be a beautiful view, and he looks at the top of it while he flies over it. But someone else can be trapped right there. So when you say, "Mountains are

stopping me," there are some people who don't understand that language, because of growth, transformation, light. Are we together now? Let me request that we stand.

CHAPTER 9

HOW GOD HELPS MEN

GRATITUDE, THEN MANIFESTATION

For someone, you are stepping into a very defining moment. So my approach to the Christian faith is, number one, I come to God in gratitude, because in Christ, all things that pertain to my destiny, to its fullest, have been given to me. I don't ask if God has given. I know He's given. The assignment is not to make it happen. The assignment is to manifest it. Hallelujah. I know that God is true, and every man a liar.

Let me show you a scripture as we wrap up. First Chronicles chapter 29; we'll read 11 and 12.

> **1 CHRONICLES 29:11–12**
> *Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all. Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all.*

How does He make great? He shortens the distance between you and the knowledge of the pattern connected to that glory.

THREE WAYS GOD SHORTENS THE DISTANCE

Let me tell you how God helps men. The greatest way I know God helps men is to shorten the distance between you and the knowledge, the light component, that connects to the glory you seek to see manifest. And there are three ways He does that. Number one: the ministry of mercy. Number two: the ministry of the teaching priest. Number three: the ministry of the Holy Ghost. He reveals to you "the things that are freely given to us of God." The Bible says those things have been revealed to us for our glory. Revealed for our glory. Light comes for my glory.

Why do I know I cannot fail in life? For me, it's not just empty talk. I cannot fail, because, one, it is a verdict from God to me, and I know God is true. But number two, by mercy, He has shown me the pattern. I know the pattern that leads to the glory of God, the dimension of the glory of God that I desire.

PATTERNS THROUGHOUT SCRIPTURE

Every farmer who farms under normal conditions will have a harvest. Is that true? That is the pattern connected to it. The Bible says, "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving." It's a pattern. "And into his courts with praise." It says, "Come before his presence with singing." It's a pattern. "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty." It's a pattern.

"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." What is the secret to encounters? Consecration. The pure in heart see God. It doesn't mean only when they go to heaven; He will reveal Himself. John 14:21: "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him."

What is the secret to rising and coming before kings? Diligence, competence. The Bible leaves you with an assurance that if you are competent, "he shall not stand before mean men." "A man's gift maketh room for him." I add: the gift discovered, the gift refined, can bring you before Pharaoh and even make you the prime minister.

THE CRY FOR LIGHT

So we are going to pray. The cry tonight is very simple: "Lord, I contend for light. Thank You for where You have brought me. Thank You for the exceeding great and precious promises that You have given me in Christ. But I cry for light. I cry for light. I've compassed this mountain long enough. I cry for light. There are higher dimensions of wealth, of the anointing, of grace, of kingdom exploits. There is what I need to know." Please lift your voice and pray: "There is what I need to know. There is what I can know that sets me on course." In Jesus' mighty name I pray.

PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT

Remember the teaching we just heard, the little charge on the value of praying in the spirit. How many of you know that just having that information alone, you can begin to negotiate your possibilities as you pray in the spirit? Because the Bible says that as we pray, the Holy Ghost searches what is in the mind of the Father.

The Bible talks about "the hidden wisdom" of God. The word "hidden" is the word "classified." It doesn't mean it's hidden; it means classified, bespoke for your destiny. There are things that have been written in the library of the Father's mind. But as you begin to pray in the spirit, the Holy Ghost, on legal grounds, can reach into the mind of the Father, take the file, "Joshua Selman, 2026: What is the strategy for your victory?", and reveal it to you. Hallelujah.

I HAVE FOUND DAVID MY SERVANT

Listen to me. The anointing does not just rest upon you because you want it. There is a pattern that brings the anointing. The pattern is found in Psalm 89 and verse 20: “I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him.”

The anointing does not come on those who want to use God. It comes on those who have submitted. Listen: God can find David in 2021, but find His servant in 2026. “I have found Joshua Selman, but I’m still looking for My servant. I found a businessman, but I’m still looking for My servant. I found the one who can buy and sell, but that’s not the one I want to anoint. I want the one who is My servant.” So don’t just say, “God, anoint me.” Your assignment is to maintain that posture of a servant. A servant has lost the ability to say no. It is always “Yes, Lord” with my finances, “Yes, Lord” with my time, my energy. When God finds such a man, He says, “With My holy oil will I anoint him.” Hallelujah.

REVEAL TO ME THE PATTERNS

Now, one prayer. I’d like you to open your mouth and pray. I don’t know what area of the glory of God you want to see manifest in your life. For some of you, it is your finances. For some of you, it is your health. For some of you, it is your destiny. For one minute, can you pray and say, “Lord, reveal to me by Your Spirit the patterns, the body of light and illumination, that is connected to that dimension of Your glory”?

Arise, shine, for your light is come. Arise, shine, for the patterns are now known. Arise, shine, because you have found the way of the Spirit. Hallelujah. Praise God. Let me speak over your life. My time is up.

THE GRACE THAT QUICKENS

In the name that is above all names, I stand in faith with your pastor, the apostle and the angel over this church. By mercy, I pray for you that, in the name that is above all names, the grace that quickens, the grace that causes a man's understanding to be fruitful, the grace that makes a man of quick understanding, the capacity to comprehend the mysteries of the kingdom: I release that grace upon you now, in the name of Jesus. Receive that grace now.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, I activate your spirit man: the eyes that see, the ears that hear, the heart that comprehends. I impart that grace upon you, in the name of Jesus Christ. Let light arise from your spirit, the faculty of comprehension, that you will know the mysteries of the kingdom. You will understand the laws of the Spirit. And in the name of Jesus Christ, you will engage those laws and birth the glory of God in your life in experience, in the name of Jesus.

CHAPTER 10

STEPPING INTO A NEW SEASON

A MESSAGE AND A GRACE

Number two: every time God sends us, He sends us with two things. My apologies, Pastor; just a minute and I'm done. Look at me, please. Whenever God sends a man, He sends him with a message, and He sends him with a grace. Make sure you always receive both of them. You can receive the message and then ignore the grace, or you can focus on the grace and not receive the message. What gives value to the grace is that there is an understanding of the message. Hallelujah. The Bible says, "As ye go, preach, saying…" So it starts with saying. Then, once there is a saying, the power of God is present.

You have heard the message, but by the mercy of God, I want to pray the grace on you. Listen to me: our possibilities in the kingdom are defined, number one, by our encounters. The God you know, the God you have truly met, is the God you reveal to the world.

ANOTHER TRAJECTORY

My God, I sense the anointing here. Something heavy, in just one minute, is about to rest on your destiny. I'm going to plead with your pastor to come and blow. He says, "I will open my dark saying upon the harp." "There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification."

I sense that someone, you have come to the end of a season, and it is time. I came in the spirit of a midwife, joining hands with your pastor. There is a shift.

You are stepping into another trajectory in the spirit. Listen to me.

THREE THINGS THAT HAPPENED TO SAUL

He told Saul that as he met Samuel, three things would happen to him. Number one: the donkeys that had been missing, no matter for how long, because you encounter the anointing upon Samuel, by themselves will begin to go back home. Number two: you will meet two men, each holding loaves of bread. They had something to do with their bread, but because of what is on you, the Bible says they will salute you, and they will give to you provision for the journey. Then, number three: you will come to the garrison of the Philistines, and the hand of the Lord will come upon you, and you will begin to prophesy. You will be turned into another man. We want to release these graces on you, and I want you to receive them.

Pray in the spirit for one minute. I will just ask the pastor now to blow by the Spirit, and let the wind of the Holy Ghost rest upon you. It's time for the glory of the Lord to be revealed from your spirit to the nations, from your spirit to your generation. You're praying in the spirit. An apostle is rising. A prophet is rising. A worshiper is rising. A prophetic servant is rising. A businessman is rising. Manifest yourself, Summit Bible Church.

AN OPEN DOOR

The Lord sets before you an open door. I speak to you by the spirit of prophecy: the Lord sets before you an open door, and no man will be able to shut it. A thousand cubits is measured upon you in the spirit, in the name of Jesus. Step into a new season, a new dimension. Let that river flow from the throne to your life. Hallelujah.

Listen to me. For some of you, fresh fire is coming upon your altar. There's been a distancing between you and the Holy Ghost. It's time to fan the embers of your secret place back to flames: your prayer life back to flames, the study of

the word back to flames, your consecration back to flames, your passion for the things of God back to flames. Something is happening to your spirit man. Don't be distracted. There are deposits upon your spirit man. Summit Bible Church, hear me again: you are stepping into another season.

THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM AND THE GRACE FOR SPEED

Hallelujah. Praise the name of the Lord. The Lord is releasing upon you the spirit of wisdom. The Bible says, "Doth not wisdom cry?" For the businessmen: the spirit of wisdom, witty inventions, superior dimensions of results, by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the name of Jesus Christ. Hallelujah.

Let me pray for someone: the grace for speed. It says, "And the hand of the Lord was on Elijah… and ran before Ahab." I release that grace upon you. Speed. Let the remaining two months become like two years. By the Spirit of grace, November and December, let it be like two years together: speed in business, speed in ministry, in Jesus' name. Hallelujah.

A PROPHETIC ACT OF ADVANCEMENT

Now, please, if I give you an instruction, will it look foolish to you? The Lord is giving me an instruction. Now you are going to demonstrate advancement. This is what God is ministering to me. Are we together? I'm going to release that grace, and you are going to go forward. It says, "Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward." Listen to me. Look at this: this is not advancement. This is motion, but I am in the same place. Advancement demands that your next step becomes greater than your last step. Hallelujah.

You see, prophetic instructions sometimes may not make sense, but there is the simplicity of faith. It says, "But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ." So I'm going to release that grace. I don't know how you are going to walk around; just for ten seconds. It's a prophetic demonstration that

the limits are broken, in the name of Jesus. You don't have to make the place rowdy, but in the name of Jesus, I declare advancement.

The hand of God is upon you. I release grace upon this prophetic act. Go forward. Summit Bible Church, go forward. Businesses, go forward. By the Spirit of grace, go forward, in the name of Jesus. Forward ever. In Jesus' name we pray. Hallelujah. Please return to your seat. We're wrapping up.

THE ESTHER ANOINTING

My last prayer for you. Please look at me. By the mercy of God (and please forgive me if I sound arrogant), I know what it means to experience the favor of God. This man you see standing before you, by mercy, I know what it means to be marvelously helped by God. And when God shows mercy like this, we don't go around bragging, but we go around also releasing that grace, because He says, "When thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren." Don't leave them. When you are converted, when you are helped, when you have received mercy, strengthen your brethren. Let your strength not be a waste. Extend it to others.

There are graces that distinguish us in this kingdom. One of them is the Esther anointing. The Bible says, in Esther chapter 2 and verse 15:

> **ESTHER 2:15**
> *Now when the turn of Esther, the daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai, who had taken her for his daughter, was come to go in unto the king, she required nothing but what Hegai the king's chamberlain, the keeper of the women, appointed. And Esther obtained favour in the sight of all them that looked upon her.*

In the eyes of how many? All that looked. Not all that wanted to bless her. Once you looked at Esther and made eye contact, something… She did not obtain favor in the eyes of all who wanted to bless her. No, there was a grace on her. The moment you looked at her, something in you would not rest until you

reached out to her. And you would think that grace only worked for Hegai. Verse 17. Same scripture. Esther chapter 2 and verse 17. Please read with me. One, two, go.

> **ESTHER 2:17**
> *And the king loved Esther above all the women, and she obtained grace and favour in his sight more than all the virgins; so that he set the royal crown upon her head.*

Stop there. That means that before she came, there were already others on the list. But once Esther showed up, that looking still worked too. As soon as the king saw her, it didn't matter who else was there. As soon as he saw her, she obtained favor above what? In his sight, more than all the virgins. So he set the royal crown. Favor, sir. Favor.

BECAUSE THE LORD BROUGHT IT TO ME

Isaac told his son Esau to go and make venison, so that he would eat and bless him. And Jacob used a crafty behavior, in partnership with his mom. And they made venison from the back of the house, and he wore a skin like that of Esau and came to meet blind Isaac. Watch this. And Isaac said, "How is it that thou hast found it so quickly?" Because, by the natural course of things, he should not have returned with that venison by then. According to the natural law, the natural process, "One year should not be you. You can't just build, buy a car, be established." No, no. "Something must have happened." Isaac said, "You mean I sent you, and you are back?" Even though he was lying, he revealed a principle. He said, "Because the Lord thy God brought it to me."

So how come your two months were like two years? He said, "Because I found favor with God, and what others were looking for, He brought to me."

In the name of Jesus Christ, I stand in faith with your pastor, and we decree and declare the Esther anointing: the grace that makes for favor, favor with men,

favor with systems. Unusual kindness. Unusual access. Unusual acceptance. Receive it in Jesus' name.

CHAPTER 11

THE ALTAR CALL

ONE SINCERE PERSON

Hallelujah. Praise the name of the Lord. Our time is up. You need Jesus. Let me just make the altar call. It's impossible to have a crowd of believers and people gathered in the name of the Lord without at least one person sent by God. The Bible says, "And the Lord added to the church daily." It's my joy and my honor to join faith with Pastor Nathaniel and your dear pastor to lead someone, just one sincere person, to this Jesus.

He is the King of glory. Everything glorious resides with Him, and it is of His fullness that He gives unto us lavishly, grace upon grace. And you are in this place, and you are saying, "Apostle, I really want to make it right with Jesus," or you are rededicating your life to Jesus Christ. Is it all right if you just give me one minute of your attention and let me make a request?

Listen. The Bible says, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." It says, "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved."

You are in this place, and you are saying, "I listened to all the preachers. It's been a wonderful time in this conference." But you know by the Spirit that you need to make it right with Jesus. Without any delay, I'm going to count from one to five. If it's all right, I'll request, even if it's just one person, to come and stand right in front of me here as a sign of surrender. You are saying, "Apostle, I want to win that war of destiny once and for all."

COME TO JESUS

I'll count one to five. Thank you. I see this dear lady coming. Who else is joining her? If you're coming, come quickly. If you're coming from up the balcony, please come. No shame, no fear. You're coming to Jesus. Two. God bless you. Summit family, can we keep clapping? Three. Who else is joining them? This is unto Jesus. You need to make it right with Jesus. Come. God bless you. Four. One more count, and then I pray for these ones. Anyone coming to join them? God bless you. Keep clapping. They are coming. God bless you, my friend. He gives you a new beginning. Hallelujah.

Now please look at me, my dear brothers and sisters. On behalf of Jesus, I still see a few others coming. God bless you. It's a new beginning. Hallelujah.

Now, we're out of time. On behalf of Jesus Christ, the Apostle of our faith, and on behalf of the angel over this house, Dr. Andy Osakwe, I welcome you. This is the family of God. I welcome you, in the name of Jesus.

And for someone who is watching by way of television, or watching by way of the internet: the Lord is moving mightily in our midst here at the Summit Bible Church, and this is an opportunity for you to make it right with Jesus Christ. Wherever you are, from your home, your office, watching from your device, as I lead these ones in prayer, let me request that you join them and pray truthfully. The Bible says that as many as will come to Him, He will in no wise cast out.

THE PRAYER OF SALVATION

To my dear brothers and sisters who are here, let me request that you lift your right hand. Let it be high above your head, and say this as loud as you can:

"Lord Jesus, tonight I have heard Your word. I love You with all my heart. I believe You are the Son of God. I believe You died for my sin. I believe You rose again for my justification. Right now, I receive Jesus into my heart as my Savior, my Lord and my King. I declare that the power of sin, Satan, hell and the grave

is broken over my life. From tonight, I'm a child of God. I go from glory to glory and grace to grace. Amen."

Keep your hands lifted. Father, thank You for these ones. By the authority of Your word, I declare their sins forgiven. I call them bona fide recipients of Your life. The grace to live the victorious life, from henceforth I release it upon you. And in the name of Jesus Christ, I declare that you are children of the kingdom. You go from glory to glory, grace to grace. And it's in Jesus' marvelous name we pray.

Now, all of you who are in front, would you do me a favor? I see a dear sister waving her hands. She represents the counselors. They have been trained. They will have a word with you very quickly. Let me request that you all go in concert. Let's honor them as they go.

Hallelujah. Praise the name of the Lord. The Lord bless you. The Lord increase you, in Jesus' name. Thank you so much, Pastor. Thank you.

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