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THE EVIDENCE OF THE CROSS

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Jesus had three major pieces of evidence of the cross in his body. (1) The holes in his hand as they nailed his hands to the cross of Calvary. (2) The holes in his legs as they nailed his legs to the cross, and (3) the hole in his ribs as a Roman soldier pierced him with a spear as he hung on the cross (**John 19:34**).

You will discover that these three holes are still in the body of the resurrected Christ, the celestial form of his body, with which he ascended to heaven (**John 20:27**). It was because he was putting on a celestial body that he told Mary Magdalene not to touch him after His resurrection. Moreover, he had not yet ascended to the Father (**John 20:17**).

And so, Jesus in his celestial body still had the holes in his hands, legs and ribs. Those holes were wounds on his natural body with which he died on the cross of Calvary, but they were not wounds on his celestial body. The celestial body cannot carry wounds, it is a spirit kind of body. They were openings on his celestial body and not wounds.

That is to say, the resurrected Jesus who is seated at the right hand of the Father still has those openings in his body. Those are some of the signs with which the saints will recognize him when he (Jesus) returns to the earth to rapture his own, and also, during the millennial reign. They will see the openings in his hands and legs.

Why would the resurrected Jesus still leave the openings in his hands, feet and ribs? That is what I am going to be showing you briefly.

THE OPENINGS IN HIS HANDS

The openings in his hand are to ensure that whatever is in the hands of God the Father can flow through the same opening to your own hands. It is an everlasting opening that no one can shut. If you understand this mystery, you cannot be failing in the works of your hands; that is when you understand what it means to prosper because of God the Father and through Jesus the Son.

Some want to prosper through toiling. The people who don't understand what it means to be prosperous in Christ Jesus think that way. You prosper because you are in Christ Jesus—your hard work then becomes an expression of your faith (**James 2:17-18**), but not the reason for your prosperity.

Apostle Joshua Selman said, "virtues flow through scars". When He said that, I understood what he was talking about. Every champion has a scar. And the scar is not a curse, it is proof of his championship. The evidence that Jesus was a champion on the cross of Calvary was the scar (the opening in his hand).

One lady came to me for prayers, her life was in shambles. Nothing was working in her life as well as the lives of her family members. One of her brothers was jailed for an offence he never committed. Her entire family was poverty-stricken. Indeed, her case was serious and complex. She said she had been to many pastors before coming to me, and that the challenge persisted. When she said so, I told her that I wasn't going to lay my hands on her because I am a pastor, I was rather going to lay my hands on her because of what Jesus had done on the cross of Calvary. So that the virtue would flow from the hands of God the Father through the opening in the hands of Jesus, to my own hands and unto her life.

I then laid hands on her with the understanding of the opening in Jesus' hands. What was like pieces of bottle were dropping from her skin. That was how she was set free from the shackles of the devil, got gainfully employed, and her brother was released from prison. The Christian that understands the mystery of the opening in the hands of Jesus will always lay hands on the sick and have them recover.

It was after Jesus appeared to T. L Osborn and placed His hands on Osborn's hands that his healing ministry exploded, with all manner of diseases being healed in his programmes.

When Osborn was narrating what happened, he said he saw the holes in the hands of Jesus, as Jesus placed his hands on his own hands. Something flowed through those openings in the hands of Jesus into Osborn's hands.

Your prosperity as a covenant child of God is because what is in the hand of the Father flows through the opening in the hands of Jesus unto your own hands. It is a prosperity that is divine—that is what makes you different from the people of the world.

THE OPENINGS IN HIS LEGS

The scripture says that the whole of the earth is the Lord's footstool (**Isaiah 66:1**). There is no part of the earth that the feet of Jehovah do not cover. That is to say, His feet have the widest and fullest range of coverage you can ever think of on earth. It is because His feet cover the whole of the earth at once, that He can give to you wherever the sole of your feet shall tread upon (**Joshua 1:3**). Just as no one can give you what he/she does not have, no one can give you what is beyond his/her coverage.

One of the things that Jews are known for is that they subdue wherever they find themselves. A Jew can start as a gateman in a company and later own the company. Both History and scriptures attest to the fact of the Jews taking over the place they inhabit. And scripture calls you the New Testament Jew (**Roman 22:9**). The Jews were taking over Egypt, and that got Pharaoh worried and he ordered that every son born into any Hebrew family in Egypt should be killed (**Exodus 1:15**). He was terrified at the rate the Jews were multiplying.

The secret behind the multiplication of the Jews is the fact that Jehovah, the God of Israel, has every part of the earth as His footstool, including Egypt. And so, God is not a foreigner anywhere, and that is why He can give anywhere as an inheritance to His children on

earth.

If you understand the mystery I just shared, you will never be stranded anywhere. God your Father already has every part of the earth as His footstool and has given them as an inheritance to you, His child (**Joshua 1:3**).

What is the prophetic essence of the hole in the feet of the resurrected Jesus? It's so that the capacity of God that makes the earth His footstool, can flow through the holes in Jesus' feet unto your own feet, making you subdue wherever the sole of your feet shall tread upon. If you understand this mystery, you will step on charms and no harm will befall you. As a child of God, your feet are not ordinary. This is the mystery that made Jesus say, "Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you." (**Luke 10:19**).

We know from the scriptures that the woman that prepared Jesus for burial anointed His feet, wet them with her tears, and used her hair to wipe them (**John 12:1-7**). Everything she did was on Jesus' feet and not any other part of His body. Why? It was His feet that will carry Him to Calvary, not His hand or any other part of His body. It is the sole of your feet that will carry you to where the works of your hands shall prosper. And so, the "anointing service" conducted by that woman, as led by the Spirit of God, was on the feet of Jesus.

She prepared Jesus' feet for the holes they will acquire on the cross of Calvary. The holes were created on the feet of Jesus Christ by the nails of the Roman soldiers at Calvary so that your own feet can be blessed on earth. No covenant child of God that has this understanding should ever be stranded on earth.

I have been to places where people I had never met before in my life showed up and favoured me. All because of what flows from the

Father's feet, through the holes in the feet of Jesus His son in heaven, unto my own feet as His son on earth. That is also the reason why my feet will always bring good tidings (**Isaiah 52:7**).

THE OPENING IN HIS RIBS

The rib cage covers and protects the heart. The heart is where mercy flows from. The mercy of God, therefore flows from God, through the opening in the rib cage of Jesus unto you. God will always be merciful because the opening in the ribs of Jesus through which God's mercies flow to us never closes. No wonder the scriptures would say that His mercies are new every morning (**Lamentation 3: 22-23**); because the opening in the ribs of Jesus is always new. The opening is the mercy window. Take out Jesus from the equation and you will never have the mercies of God flow to you. Every mercy that God shows you is because of Jesus Christ His son, who died for you on the cross of Calvary. Salvation from sin can only be through Jesus Christ.

Everything that God is and has flows to us because of Jesus Christ. That is why the scripture says no one can get to the Father except through Christ (**John 14:6**). And so, to despise Christ is to despise the mercy of God. The mercy of God is so powerful, that it would not allow God to count your sins against you. Mercy simply means that the judgement that was meant to be against you was cancelled. It means that you didn't get the consequences of your sins and shortcomings.

The two robbers that were nailed alongside Jesus Christ on the cross of Calvary were doomed to hell. They were paying for the consequences of their sins. But, they appealed to the mystery of mercy, knowing that it was only mercy that could give them a place in paradise. And so, they were asking God for mercy when they requested that Jesus remembers them in paradise. For mercy was

the only thing that could have made a convicted robber hanging on the cross to still make heaven.

What mercy does is that it removes your files of sins and inequities and replaces them with the righteousness of Christ Jesus. Such that the judgement that is due you is averted. That is what it means for you not to get the judgement you deserve, all because of Jesus Christ. When you understand the mercies of God, you won't kill yourself because of your mistakes and shortcomings.

King David committed adultery, and in an attempt to cover it, he committed murder. But he did not kill himself because of his sins. Those were sins grievous enough to cause a man to commit suicide, or die of guilt. But David understood what God meant when He said that mercy triumphs over judgement (**James 2.13**). That was why he prayed the way he did after he was caught in such a grievous sin. For he said to God, "have mercy on me according to your unfailing love" (**Psalms 51:1**). That was a prayer for mercy so that mercy could triumph over judgement for his sake. The law of Moses that guided Israel in the Bible days demanded the death penalty for

such grievous sins.

There is a place in God's heart for those that are condemned because of the worst of sins, and it is only mercy that can usher a man to that dimension of God. And that mercy flows to a man from God, through the opening in Jesus' ribs. That is why for as long as Jesus lives, God will always show mercy.

The ten men that were covered with leprosy in the scripture knew that the law of Moses did not permit anyone, not even Jesus Christ to relate with them in their leprosy. But because they needed that healing so badly, there was only one channel through which they could get it, and that was through mercy. Look at their prayer in the scripture, "***Jesus! Master! Have mercy on us!***" (**Luke 17.13**). And because they came via mercy, mercy triumphed over judgement and Jesus healed them of their leprosy.

The man that asks God for mercy touches Him because of Jesus Christ. The prophet Habakkuk talking to God said, "***...in your wrath, remember mercy***" (**Habakkuk 3.2**). Meaning that mercy is the only thing that quenches the wrath of God.

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