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GRACE to overcome sin

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## **THE QUESTIONS THAT WILL MAKE YOU GREAT**

Please help me answer the questions that will be consistently asked below with patience;

### **Why do you hate JESUS?**

I know it may sound funny or somehow to you, probably you're thinking in your heart that "I'm a Christian and I believed in Him so I do not hate Him or I'm a Muslim and I don't have anything to do with Him" let us all examine ourselves, is the life we're living truly worth it? Please be sincere and are we just being referred to as a person, Muslim, Christian or redeemed (saved or born again)? Please note this is beyond religion. *"These are they which were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are they which follow the lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed among men, being the first-fruits unto God and to the lamb (Revelation 14:4).* I know it may be ringing in your mind that this does not concern me and perhaps I'm not a man or I'm still a virgin. JESUS said that; *"But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, and blasphemies"* (Matthew 15:18-19).

You may now be thinking of how this now concerns you? it is written that *"Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully"* (Psalms 24:3-4). Now permit me to ask you this.

## **Why did people hate JESUS?**

Some because of religion forgot that there are only two type of things in this world “either **GOOD** or **EVIL**”. This was unleashed unto man through deception of the serpent in the Garden of Eden. Some cannot even give a concrete reason why they hate JESUS but I’m putting it to you that we hate Him because He is good and always emphasize love, unity, truth, holiness, righteousness, the kingdom of GOD among all other good things and hated evil. *“Thou hath loved righteousness and hated iniquity; therefore GOD, even thy GOD, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows”* (Hebrews 1:9). JESUS came to the world to save man from sin and makes us dead to it, but because we love sin due to our flesh (self) we hate Him. Permit me to ask you this question. **Do you hate sin?** It is written that *“And this is condemnation, that light is come into this world, and man loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil”* (John 3:19).

## **Do you love JESUS now?**

JESUS said *“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”* (John 14:21). Are you keeping his commandments? Remember HEAVEN is real and so also is HELL. Nobody can see God and inherit His kingdom except through JESUS. *“if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him”* (John 14:9). Therefore if we do not love JESUS and keep his commandments then we will not inherit the kingdom of GOD. *“Now this I say, brethren that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of*

*GOD; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption” (1 Corinthians 15:50, you can also read Galatians 5:20-21 and Ephesians 5:5 for more on that)*

**Do you want to inherit the kingdom of GOD?**

Remember life is a race, but to finish well and earn a prize is very important because nobody wants to be a loser. To achieve this we need Extra strength as a participant in this race of life. The extra strength we need is GOD, GOD with the race of our life is = GRACE which brings about a great end which is HEAVEN and not a bad end which is HELL. JESUS is the grace you need, to have an expected end (HEAVEN). Please stop hating JESUS but love him, surrender your life to JESUS today so that you can also inherit HEAVEN, you can never tell what will happen in the next moment but JESUS can and tomorrow might never come. Don't end your life in HELL.

## **THE UNRELENTING ENEMY**

In accordance with the scriptures, the philistines are one of the greatest enemy of Israel they're restless at going to war against Israel (God's people), even when other enemies of Israel relax, they don't. Likewise today as Born again and Children of God we have an unrelenting enemy who is always at war against us, satan by name otherwise known as the devil. Note: I'm not saying that man has only one enemy, but of all the enemy of man, satan does not relax even when others do.

Permit me to share with you this, in the light of God's word as it is written. Considering 1 chronicles 20:4-8.

*“Verse 4: And it came to pass after this, that there arose a war at Gezer with the Philistines; at which time Sibbechai the Hushathite slew Sippai, that was of the children of the giant and they were subdued. 5: And there was war again with the philistines; and Elhanan the son of Jair slew Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, whose spear staff was like a weaver's beam. 6: And yet again there was a war at Gath, where was a man of great stature, whose fingers and toes were four and twenty, six on each hand and six on each foot and he also was the son of the giant. 7: But when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimea David's brother slew him. 8: These were born unto gaint in Gath, and they fell by the hand of David and by the hand of his servants”.*

From the above verses, it is discovered that Israel has a stubborn enemy and a great one to be precise for before that time they have been coming to war against Israel. It is derived that they were subdued at first but they won't just give up yet they lost the

second time, instead of quitting they still came again the third time and fell. They fell not because they were weak, because the verses made us to understand that they are giants which tells us that they are powerful enemy. So also Christians (Israel of today) have three great enemies namely;

1. Self

2. Sin (even though many will say it is the world, yes that's true but this you must know that the world itself in it's own nature from the beginning of creation is not an enemy until when man was subjected to the spirit of sin in the garden of Eden, so it is not the world that's the enemy but the powers that manipulates it against God) and

3. The third is Satan which is the greatest of all the enemies (don't be curious, I know you might have heard that self is the greatest because it's the closest to man but examine this; all other enemies of man either great or not are subjective to Satan because he has power to use them as devices even though they are enemies themselves)

Since the time satan persuaded man to kill the spirit of God in man through disobedience that made man to unleash unto himself the spirit of sin in the garden of Eden, up till now satan has not stop working and he's looking for means day by day to make sure man did not prevail. I pray that satan will not prevail over us in Jesus name. Please let us examine some scriptures to ascertain this fact. In Mathew Chapter 4, it can be discovered that the devil also known as satan even the tempter did not go alone to tempt Jesus but subject the two remaining great enemies to help him against Jesus; from verse 3, he subjected the spirit of self to Jesus but failed. Then stepped up to the

spirit of sin in verses 5 and 6 to Jesus but failed again. Then he stirred up himself (devil) to Jesus in verses 8 and 9 and failed totally. So also in 1 chronicles 21:1, when satan saw that all the enemies he stirred up against David did not prevailed in chapter 20 then he went to him personally to provoked (persuaded) him to number Israel even when God warned David through Joab. Therefore remember that satan means business and we need to be at alert always. The word of God gave us an illustration of what to expect as long as we are on earth in Revelation 12:12. Note: All other enemies of man can function as satan's device at any point in time and his aim is to persuade man against the counsel of God's word. I pray that every power that wants to corrupt our Israel shall fail and lose their existence over our lives in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

**Six (6) things that will help us overcome this unrelenting enemy**

1. Salvation (we have to be born again) John 3:3 / 1 Peter 1:23
2. Read and meditate in the word of God (Bible) Joshua 1:8
3. Pray without ceasing 1 Thessalonians 5:17 / Acts 12:1-7
4. Fasting Mathew 4:2
5. Total submission to God (Humility) James 4:6-7,10 / Mathew 4:1
6. Unconditional love Colossians 3:14



## **WINNING THE ISHMAELITES**

**Genesis 16:7-12, Genesis 17:15-21, Judges 8:24, Mathew 7:7-8,17-19, Mathew 5:16-17,37 and 48, Psalms 83:1-16, Mathew 22: 36-40, Mark 12: 29-31, John 3:16, John 14:15.**

As you are a witness of the present situation the world find herself, It is evident that part of the ways the devil is using against the covenanted (God's Children i.e me and you) is the increase breeding and sustenance of the Ishmaelites in terms of belief, character, attitude and faith.

Who's an Ishmaelite? Ishmaelite is any personality born into the lineage of Ishmael by blood, belief, faith, behaviour, attitude, or by his/her works.

**Who's Ishmael?** Ishmael is a personality as a result of circumstance that tend to claim the glory, position, authority, people or things which does not rightfully belong to him (a prototype not the actual thing).

### **Attributes of an Ishmaelite:**

1. They are wild man and their hand is against every other man. Gen. 16:12.
2. They dwell among us freely and are a great nation but bear no everlasting covenant with God. Gen. 17:17-21
3. Once you join yourself with them you will lose completely the everlasting covenant of God for your lineage like Esau did even though God blessed him but there was nothing like God of Abraham, Isaac and Esau in the Bible. Gen. 28:8-9

4. They have, use and love possessions (material things like Gold, silver e.t.c.) that could cause problems for covenant children. Judges 8:24-27.

5. They do not believe in Jesus or do not obey His commandments

### **Why winning the Ishmaelite?**

1. God loves all men. John 3:16.

2. God and the host of heaven must be happy with the generation of man

3. So that God's people can enjoy God's peace, love and everlasting life even here on earth and life after.

### **How to win the Ishmaelites?**

1. **Genuine Salvation and sustenance:** Before someone can win an Ishmaelite, you need the power, knowledge, wisdom. All these works under the command of the Holy Spirit which is the evidence of genuine salvation and the ability to sustain the salvation which makes your inner life perfect before God. John 3:16, 18, Romans 10:8-10 and John 8:36, Mathew 5:48.

2. **The Great testimonies of God in our lives:** Many are times we misconstrue this for wealth, fame, power, membership or possessions in general. To have peace surrounding you, your family and the ability to feed God's people around you with the truth always, are great testimonies to mention a few. Act 2:37-41.

3. **Pray for the genuine Salvation of their soul and its sustenance** Romans 1:9, Act 12:5, 2tim. 1:3

4. **Evangelism:** Preach the gospel of Christ to them Mathew 11:28-30.

**Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Act 2:37.**

5. **Obey the commandments of God in Grace (JESUS)** Mathew 22:36-40 and Mark 12:29-31.

**Brethren let us witness to the world to save them from destruction. Witness to the unsaved in your family (John 1:40-42), neighbourhood, place of work, town etc. Friends let us witness to the world, so that they can be a partaker of eternal counsel of God. Remember God loves the world to be saved and man is the tool. (We are the tool)**

#### **PRAYER POINT**

1. Lord help me to love sinners and witness to them powerfully.
2. Equip me o Lord for fruitful evangelism.
3. Lord, may you not have any reason to require the blood of anybody from me on judgement day.

## **THE PRESERVATION OF GOD**

No matter how dangerous a man's environment, job, family, friends are or how strong, resourceful, wise his enemy could be, if the Lord preserve a man, family, finances, life, relationship e.t.c, the man will always overcome every challenge he/she faces, be it the one prepared for or the ones unprepared for. I want us to look at an example from the scripture in the book of first Chronicles 18:1-6. It is written that David prepared to take Zobah unto Hamath as he has done unto the Philistines and Moabites earlier, in order to establish his dominion by the river Euphrates. Little did he know that a stronger force lies ahead to help Hadarezer king of Zobah, I mean about twenty two thousands Syrians not to talk of the warriors and people of Zobah that died with their king that day. David went with only twenty eight thousand people. And verse 6 made it clear that all the victories David had was because God preserved him whithersoever he went.

What is preservation? Preservation is a deliberate act of keeping something valuable safe from decay or spoilage. It is known that you can only preserve what you know and have with you. Permit me to site an example; if you want to preserve tomatoes, first you have to go to the market and buy it. On getting to the seller at the market, you have to price and then pay for it before you can be allowed to take it home for preservation. Please note that the selling is at the seller's choice because he/she may deliberately not want to sell to some category of people or even accept/reject the price. Likewise for God to preserve man he needs to know and have us to himself. Examine this:

***God = Buyer***

***Price = Jesus***

***Market = Earth***

***Seller = our existence on earth (our body)      Tomatoes = our soul and spirit***

We're valuable to God and He didn't want us to be a waste, that's why Jesus came from heaven to pay the price for me and you. So that God can know, have and preserve us, that's why Jesus always emphasize that he didn't come to do His own will but the will of His Father. God is the buyer my brethren for us to have the privilege to dwell where He is, in His kingdom (Heaven). He sent His Son to die for us. Many us today claim to know God but have not allowed ourselves to be completely bought and broken by the price of Jesus on the cross. This goes beyond just going to church or calling ourselves Christians.

There are six things that will happen when God preserves a man: The man will always be an overcomer, the man will be safe, the man's enemies will lose their freedom, the man will have dominion, the man will be congratulated by respected and honourable people and lastly, the man will never fail God. I pray God will preserve us in Jesus name, AMEN. The truth is He cannot preserve you if you've not accepted the great price Jesus paid for all. The Good news is that, you can do that now just say this words:

***“Lord Jesus I thank you for the privilege given to me by you paying the price for my preservation, forgive all my sins through your mercy and truth, come into my life, write my name in the book of life and preserve me, be my Saviour and Lord, in Jesus name I pray. Amen”.***

If you took that step with me, I'm using this opportunity to congratulate you. I pray God will continue to bless you. Thank you for your time.

# **THE TALE OF BARRENNESS**

## **BARRENNESS**



*Best Awaiting Resolutions, Real Enough, Needing Necessary Eternal Supreme Sovereignty.*

Barrenness implies a bad – nature or state of abnormal wellbeing. It does not mean that all hope is lost or that we can't make it again. The current world is now a habitation for barrenness caused by the mistakes of the generations past even if we can't recall any, based on our family or background's past due to the fact that we are not yet born then, at least we can still consult Genesis 3:1-24 (The fall of man from the Garden of Eden).

But for a child of God (the Lord chosen) in most cases, barrenness is the preservation for the best, to show God's supremacy Genesis 11:30. Sometimes barrenness is attributed to a land of poor facilitation for the goodness that awaits.

In Genesis 12:1-3, God told Abraham to move away from the environment that lays barrenness, for the greatness God wanted to do. Little did he know that God was actually working His way to break the abnormality in his life (the land he dwells). So also, we are experiencing barrenness in some areas of our lives today even when we don't know, so many are incapacitated resourcefully via this attribute barrenness that has crept into the world system, making things that are abnormal to look normal and vice versa.

Also in Matthew 21:1-5, an ass was laid barren for a certain period of time by been tied just for it to be made glory as it has been written according to the verse 5. During the time it was tied, it was barren because it could not perform its function of carrying man, rendering it completely useless until the appointed time.

The truth is that, a challenge in your life is barrenness, and no one on this earth can claim to be free from challenges except those who are dead and those whom God has made. But before they are made, they are once barren one way or the other because of one challenge or the other. It is not a crime to be barren but it is stupidity to die been barren whether spiritually, physically, morally, financially, maritally, socially e.t.c. because if God wanted that, Jesus would not have come to the earth to give us victory over all forms of barrenness.

In Genesis 17:1-21, why did you think God emphasis on the birth of Isaac through Sarah? Despite the fact that Abraham has consented to Sarah's advice to sleep with Haggai who gave birth to Ishmael, It is because the Lord has chosen Sarah and Whosoever the Lord has chosen cannot die barren. Just like Sarah, we are chosen, no matter what we are going through even when it deviates from normalcy in terms of man's understanding, knowledge and wisdom. Let us always remember one fact that ***“nothing is impossible for God to do”*** for those who truly trust, believe, have faith, waiting on and living God's Word. Nobody would believe that Sarah could give birth at that age but she did, nobody would believe that the ass that carried Jesus will carry Him because he was kept where no man can think of, but it did carry Jesus.



The only case whereby a woman died without a child unto the day of death in the bible was that of Michal the daughter of Saul (David's wife) who actually despised David in her heart because David gave honour to the Lord via leaping and dancing before his people to exalt God (2 Samuel 6:16). Please never exalt man above God because who is man before God the creator of all things.

One thing that I'm sure of, God cares very much about man (God's chosen) and his seeds (spiritually, physically, morally, financially, maritally, socially e.t.c.) John 3:16, He doesn't just give man a seed, but a great seed or let me say the best seed.

**For that to happen, for barrenness to be broken, the following must be in place**

1. A right environment has to be put in place. Why did you think Mary was chosen by God to give birth to our Lord Jesus Christ? It is simply because She kept her body and bed undefiled despite the fact that she has already a fiancé (Joseph) yet they understood heavenly order concerning marriage, that God could look for no other virgin except her. For us today the right environment that needs to be in place is genuine salvation. We need to genuinely surrender our lives to Jesus and love Him. Remember we can't claim to love Jesus without doing what he expect of us. That is, to be perfect like our Father in Heaven, to flee from every form of evil (no more sin). John 3:16, John 14:13-20
2. The word of God: We need to allow God's word to live in us. Gen. 12:1-3, Mat. 1:18-25, Mat. 21:2-3, Mat. 8:8-13, Exo. 3:5
3. Obedience to God's word and those God has placed to help us. Mat. 21:6-9
4. Having Faith totally without any slight disbelieve

## **Prayer Point**

1. Lord Jesus place me in the right environment for me to be fruitfully (specify the area we know we still have issue). Lord Jesus I totally surrender my life to you.
2. Send Your word to me Lord, Please speak to my life Jesus

When your word comes Lord fill me with the Holy Spirit which the Spirit of obedience and faith, that I will obey, believe and do accordingly to Your word.

# **THE GREAT DESIRE**

**Main Text: Luke 19:4:-** *And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycomore tree to see him: for he was to pass that way. (KJV)*

What is Desire?

Simply, Desire is what a man wants, to which he/she is willing to go to any extent to get or even abandon the things already possessed for its acquaintance. God so much desire to dwell in man and to give man power, for us to live a victorious life. This was possible through sacrificing His only begotten son Jesus, for all of Humanity. So we can also say, Desire is what we love.

Due to revelation we would be considering today only one personality and that is Brother Zacchaeus. From Luke 19 verse 2 and 3 we obtain the following attribute or should we say characteristics of this Brother

**Brother Zacchaeus:**

- 1. Stature – Little**
- 2. Community status – Chief**
- 3. Wealth status – Rich**
- 4. Identity – A publican (a sinner)**

Despite all that Zacchaeus had (he had money, being a chief gave him influence), he knew those things was not enough to have a good life. Only God and the privilege to be with Him in Heaven, is the only quality measure, for a good life.

So he sought to see Jesus, to know him, desired to be with Him and even if possible want Him to come to his house. All these efforts was because he knew, Jesus was not a respecter of man that He can be lured with riches or community status. So Brother Zacchaeus ran and ran, ahead of any other man, just because he so much desire to see Jesus that day or nothing else matters (that's what we can call a great desire). Even when he thought of any other thing that can hinder him from seeing Jesus, which was his height, the main text made us to realize that he climbed a tree.

Now let me ask myself this questions:

- 1. To what extent am I willing to go, just to truly see Jesus? Because I desire to know, see, speak and be with him.***
- 2. What are the things that can hinder me from truly seeing him?***
- 3. What do I need to do, to see Him myself? Without any man (Whether fake or true) describing him to me.***

For our Brother, those questions were the main drive that eventually got him saved and his household that day.

The most surprising thing was that there were many people following Jesus that day (just like the present day church) but there was none that Heaven bare witness in the Bible; that Jesus went home with, except Bro. Zacchaeus. This happen not because Zacchaeus called to Jesus but because Jesus being God in form of man knew his thoughts; that on getting to the place, He could not but just look up, saw him, call his

name and told him to make haste and come down; for today, He (Jesus) **‘must’** abide at Bro. Zacchaeus house (19vs5).

From verse 7: *and when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, that he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner.* It is confirmed from this verse, that there were multitude present on that occasion but only Zacchaeus was qualified for Jesus to dwell with. Why is this? It is because of the ‘great desire’ Bro. Zacchaeus had. This reflect in his speech to Jesus when He abide with him in verse 8.

This you must know: Both **‘salvation and bondage’** are **products** of a **man’s desire**

Jesus knowing the thoughts of our brother as recorded in verse 8, made him to realize, that salvation is not by our righteousness, but by the Grace received through our desire to know Him; who has made us and as attached us to His covenant which He made with us, Being a partaker of the **Heavenly seed**. So Zacchaeus and his house was saved that day.

Are you living a life not worthy of Heaven, and you know deep down within you that your life is a mess, or you’re thinking of running after prophets, herbalists e.t.c or your own desire is to get a good wife/husband, job, house, Car, Money e.t.c.

**Believe me, those things will come and go, as long as Jesus is not in your life, not to talk of His word dwelling in you.**

Are people mocking you as a sinner? Don’t worry, for today salvation is come to you. All you need is to desire with all of your heart, that Jesus come into your house (life),

for Him only, has the power to save you from all that you're struggling with. Just call unto him right there, as we pray together;

**Prayer point: *It is written that; For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he. (Prov. 23:7)***

1. Lord Jesus, help me to desire you with all my heart
2. Lord Jesus, help me to truly see and know you
3. Lord Jesus, let me be truly saved
4. Lord Jesus, baptize me with your Holy Spirit and Fire
5. Lord Jesus, write my name in Heaven (Book of Life)
6. Lord Help me to be a Your witness unto people
7. Thank You Lord for saving me and for answering my prayers

In Jesus name we have prayed. Amen.

## **LUST: The source of all the corruptions in this world**

**Main Text: 2Peter 1:4; 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. (KJV)**

What is corruption?

Corruption is doing what is not right i.e what we cannot find in the word of God but in existence. In another form we can say it is, what is not supposed to be found somewhere but actually found which is against the divine natural existence mandate or laws and regulations..

From the main text Corruption in this world is through lust and one cannot lust without seeing with the physical eyes and translating with human wisdom, what one can gain from it which in all cases eventually result to nothing but more stress to further exploit irrelevant things with necessity. Corruption is as a result of following the direction of what we see which is contrary to what is right and true. It is only the word of God that is always right and true.

In Genesis 3:4-5, it is an ethic of the devil (Satan) to use lust to lure man to see things, which are irrelevant to man growth in God's presence. Satan's main aim is to distract man from wanting to always dwell in Gods' presence because he knew that God's presence in man's life means total victory (always). So satan always looks for means to make man see things as if we can measure up to becoming god ourselves without needing God, neglecting the fact that we cannot truly survive on our own in this world

without God. We should remember that since when man lost God's presence in the Garden of Eden until the time Jesus Christ came to this world, the life of man was never balanced. Jesus came to give all man what he/she has lost from the time of Adam and Eve.

**NB:** "God's presence makes man to see with his spiritual eyes while satan makes man to see with his physical eyes"

In that Genesis 3:5, satan made man to see that he doesn't need God to be like God and in verse 6; man **saw** (lust). From this action, corruption entered the world of man.

**NB:** satan cannot force a man to do anything until he/she yields to seeing the option he gives, which looks beautiful, fast and stress free. This is always contrary to God's word. That's why on judgment day, man will be responsible for all his actions, reactions and activities whether deceived or not. A similar case is stated in Genesis 3:11-19 (Remember always that God's word is perfect and complete).

One of the greatest goodness/tragedy of man's nature is that when we see things we always tend to share with others. Man is a social being and will naturally extend his downfall or greatness to others (its man's nature). The question is; what do I and you extend (share) to others?

Let us treat more examples in the bible: Genesis 9:21-28; something prompted Ham the father of Canaan to see the nakedness of his father Noah (lust) and also he choose to implicate his two brethren but Shem and Japheth choose to do the right thing because there was spiritual sensitivity that even when they were presented physically with lust they still did what is right.



Genesis 12:15-20; why would Pharaoh took Sarai into his house? Are there not beautiful woman in his palace or in Egypt? The fact is that lust made him unsatisfied with what he already had because satan used his princes to tell him to see, this nearly got him and his nation into trouble.

Also in Genesis 13:10-11; Lot lusted after a well-watered area and choose for himself Sodom and Gomorrah, an area that nearly got him and his family destroyed. In short his wife was destroyed because she covet after the city they left behind by ignoring divine instruction and she became salt.

Genesis 25:32; Esau saw no big deal in selling his birthright to his brother Jacob, even at the point of hunger because of what he would eat, he saw the delicious food. Also in Genesis 29:9-20; Jacob care less about God's position for him concerning his marital issue unlike that of Isaac's because he choose for himself what he saw. I meant the beauty of Rachel.

Numbers 13:31-33; The spies Moses sent to spy the land apart from Caleb and Joshua saw not God and His word but saw giants which made them to bring evil report of the land to Moses and the children of Israel. They corrupted themselves because of this with disbelieve and dragged as many as possible with them, causing destruction to many lives as a result.

1 Samuel 8:1-7; The elders of Israel want Samuel to give them king to judge Israel because of what they saw. They forgot that it was God in Samuel that judged Israel and not Samuel himself. So they lusted after what they saw all other nations doing because Samuel was aged and his children walk not aright. This is one of the problems

we are experiencing today in churches. Many serves the people God is using and not wanting to see personally that God or experience Him themselves. It is so sad that many don't even know the God they claim to be serving and eventually when they detect any fault with the leaders, pastor or man of God, they will castigate him, withdraw themselves from church, some will even lure people with tender faith to withdraw from the faith they claim with their words whereas we do not even understand the faith itself genuinely.

**NB:** The problem is not the man or men of God, the major problem is us”

What do we seek, Man or God?

1 Samuel 13:9-11; in verse 11 Saul saw that people were scattering from him just because he was been patient and trying to do the right thing by waiting for the Samuel (the ordained), so he decided to look in the direction of the multitude and ordained himself as a prophet by performing a sacrifice he was not ordained to do.

**NB:** To us all that God as handed things in our care, never get carried away by the trends, attitudes, actions or reactions of people towards what is right and true (God's word), just continue to trust God patiently through humility, perseverance, love, honesty, prayer and God's word. I pray that the Grace to do God's desires, God will grant unto us in Jesus name.

We can also read the following scriptures for more examples which I am trusting God through the Holy Spirit that our spiritual eyes will open to understand the truth he wants us to know. We can read Genesis 6:1-6.

Also in Joshua 7:20-21, Achan saw among the spoils (good garment, silver and gold) from the war. Lust made him to corrupt Israel by bringing those items into their midst, this got the whole nation into trouble. In Judges 16:1-4, Samson corrupted himself by joining himself to a harlot and also Delilah because he saw (lust). We also know his ending.

**NB:** The product of corruption that comes as result of lust is always devastating. Most times, there is no second chance. “So it is better not be corrupted than to be revived because “if” it is a genuine revival, it is like starting all over again and that is even “if” there is a privilege of a second chance.

2 Samuel 11:2-5; David saw and corrupted himself (lust). We know what it gave rise to.

**NB:** It is not a crime to see because even with God we have to see but if what comes to our sight is not in accordance (i.e contrary) with God’s word (bible our Guide) then we should not follow the direction of what we see, as it is a temptation. It is better to pray under such circumstances.

2 Samuel 1:1-16; that young man wanted honour and praise for himself by wanting to please David due to what he saw that transpired, knowing Saul wanted David dead. This made him to lie not knowing he is only writing a letter to his own death. In Esther 3:5, Haman saw that Mordecai did not bow to him and lusted after pride because God allowed him to be promoted. We all know how he ended the destiny of his house.

**NB:** It is stupidity that will make a man to be envious of others, particularly at the foolish, when he/she sees the prosperity of the wicked from Psalms 73:3-22.

“What a man see is what he experience”, “man can only see what he seeks”. This implies we can only see evil when we seek it, and good when we seek it.

Ezekiel 23:4-22; Aholibah saw the ways of Aholah her sister and corrupted herself also. Her end was stated in verse 22 just like her sister’s ending.

### **How to overcome lust**

I will also like to share some examples in the bible before discussing further the solution as it is relevant to know that people have been able to overcome lust before which I pray we shall also become overcomers in Jesus name. At this point, I want to make some references:

- Caleb and Joshua saw God in the midst of Israel and knew victory is assured even when they have not gone to war (God’s presence) Numbers 13:30 & Numbers 14:6-8
- Moses’s saw a bush burning with fire and not consumed, he could have ran away because that is contrary to human knowledge. He decided to take a look and his spiritual ears and eyes was opened to know what God wants him to do. If we were in Moses’s shoes, in this modern day, many would have impatiently run away shouting (“Emo wolu ooo”, Yoruba language meaning “Trouble has entered the society”).

**NB:** No man born of a woman can actually do the work of God but it is God that chooses to do His work in every man's life.

- John the Baptist saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove from Heaven upon Jesus when no other man can see this, because God has ordained him to come ahead of Jesus and also, he has God's presence in his life. Mark 1:10
- Paul saw Jesus in the midst of a bright light shining upon him in the book of Acts that took him to a street called straight, because God desire to save his life
- Isaiah saw also the Lord in Isaiah 6:1
- Stephen saw heavens opened when he was stoned to death

The question I want to ask us is;

What do I and you see? Or better put, What are you and I seeing today?

**Back to 2 peter 1:4**, We can escape lust and corruptions that is in this world via the following:

- (1) Loving God with all our heart and life, Matthew 22:37
- (2) The exceeding great and precious promises given unto us by God through Jesus, so that we can be partaker of His great divine nature.

These promises are;

1. Salvation: We need to be genuinely saved (Truly born again) John 3:17
2. Eternal life: John 3:16, Matthew 25:46, Mark 10:30
3. Victory: 1 Corinthians 15:57, 1 John 5:4

4. Holy Spirit: John 14:16-18, Luke 11:13
5. Grace of evangelism and deliverance: Matthew 10:13, John 15:16
6. Love: Matthew 5: 43-48, Mark 12:33, Luke 6:27, John 13:34-35
7. Peace: John 14:27, John 16:33, Mark 5:34, Luke 1:79, Luke 7:50, Luke 8:48
8. Divine provision: Luke 5:1-9, John 6:5-14

And many more, just allow the Holy Spirit to lead you as you meditate.

**Some prayer points:** For it is written that whatsoever we shall ask in the name of Jesus shall be granted unto us, therefore;

1. God's presence is key: My life, receive the abundance of God's presence in the name of Jesus
2. My life (body, soul and spirit), receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit in Jesus name
3. My life, receive the power and grace to sustain God's presence to the end through the fullness of the fire of the Holy Spirit, so that I can finish this human race well (heaven)
4. My spiritual eyes be opened in the name of Jesus
5. Lord Jesus, save me from all forms of lust that may come my way in Jesus name
6. Lord Jesus, save Nigeria and the world at large from the corruptions that dwells in it for Your name sake

## **ARM OF GOD: A great tool for man's deliverance**

Arm is an essential part of a man's body which is denoted for performing special functions. An open arm is known to mean good reception therefore we can say it symbolizes love (embrace). When a man's arm is stretched out, it is either to embrace, comfort and welcome or to reject, fight against something.

Arm of God: - This is a great tool for man's deliverance, as it is stretched out always to deliver man from his oppression (bondage). Man has been in bondage of sin (evil) right from the Garden of Eden through the sin of Adam and Eve. Even though we are not qualified for God's love yet He stretched forth His arms unto us for salvation, deliverance, sustenance and life. God desired to have man back to Himself so that we can have back the nature, heart of Him and get connected back to His Spirit. John 3:16 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."

What are the things man needs to be delivered from?

1. Sin – This is the greatest tragedy of man's existence. It enters man's life and generations as a result of disobedience to God's words. For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. (Romans 3:23)
2. Satan – Satan is an unrelenting enemy and he was the one who misled man to come out of God's presence in the Garden of Eden. This was because he wanted to have a solid ground to afflict man with death as a result of evil to lay siege upon

man's soul. satan knows; as long as man lives in sin, he has power (control) over man. NB – This is because satan is the father of all sinners (John 8:44)

3. Arm of flesh (man's pride or ego) – When man is placed in the position of power, there is a pride that flows in him and if care is not taking, he/she will abuse that power, using it unnecessarily and this most times means oppression to other people. Examples are; pharaoh, king of Egypt in Exodus 5:2-5, also sennacherib, king of Assyria in 2 chronicles 32:8-15
4. Culture – In John 4:9, the woman of Samaria said unto Jesus that; “how is it that thou, being a Jew, asketh drink of me a woman of Samaria? For the Jew have no dealings with the Samaritans.
5. Sickness/Disease – In John 4:46-47, the son of a certain nobleman was sick to the point of death and had to come to Jesus for deliverance. So also in John 5:5, a certain man who was at a pool called Bethesda had an infirmity (disease) for 38years and Jesus had to deliver him. There are countless of other examples in the bible which Jesus shew unto us.
6. Poverty – It is poverty for a man to put all his strength in what he knows how to do best or what he has been trained to do and still have nothing to show for it after series of trying. In Luke 5:5, Simon Peter answered Jesus and said unto him, Master, we have tolled all the night and have taken nothing. This implies that it is possible for a man to work so hard and still have nothing to show for it.
7. Death – Man was not originally created by God to die. But when man ate of the fruit of the forbidden tree, death entered into the lineage of man (Genesis 3:1-6).



Remember Romans 5:12; “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned

**The arm of God means salvation which serves as a tool for man’s deliverance:**

Jesus Christ has been given unto man by our Father in Heaven who loved us so much, and stretched His arm of mercy towards man. All he desires from us is to surrender our lives to Jesus completely and continue to trust and believe in Him. Then only can we enjoy in fullness all the functions of God’s arm as a tool for man’s deliverance. Remember Revelation 3:20; “Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him and will sup with him and he with Me”.

**God’s arm delivers man from the following;**

1. Sin – From 1Peter 2:21-24, Jesus Christ has delivered us from our sins and has bared it in His body on the cross that we being dead to sins should live unto righteousness. **It is impossible for a man that have Jesus in his/her life not to live right.**
2. Satan – Jesus has delivered us from satan and his tricks by showing us practically how to defeat him (In Mathew 4:1-11). This bible verses reveals to us some critical tools satan uses against man, over and over again. These are;
  - i. Food – the desire to eat
  - ii. Pride or Ego – wanting to boast of the privilege one enjoy by showing off what God has placed in us or our care

- iii. Serving other gods apart from God alone who hath made us (i.e allowing not only God and His words to decide one's faith)

Jesus was victorious over satan by not allowing all these; showing unto us that we can also be victorious over satan. We can summarize the victory of Jesus over satan based on one attribute – obedience to God's words alone. Remember satan used these three things against Eve and eventually Adam in the garden of Eden (Genesis 3:1-6)

**NB: Nothing else matters importantly in life except the word of God (Jesus)**

3. Arm of flesh (man's pride or ego) – Deuteronomy 4:34, 5:15, 7:19, John 8:3-11 and Isaiah 52:10. All these bible verses testify that the arm of the Lord delivers from the arm of flesh
4. Culture – In John 4:7-9, 4:40-42; Jesus delivered the Samaritans from the cultural code of conduct of the Jews. Which I can deduce from the verse 9 that “Jews thou shall not have anything to do with the Samaritans”. In verse 40, It was so clear that many Samaritans have started dealing with a Jews.
5. Sickness/Disease – John 4:50, John 5:8
6. Poverty – Luke 5:4-7
7. Condemnation – John 8:3-11
8. Death – Romans 5:21

I'm trusting God that the Holy Spirit would lead us more on this and show us more of what He wants us to know.

## **Prayer**

- Arm of God, enter into my life and deliver every aspect of it that needs deliverance in Jesus name.
- O' Lord, empower me to always be obedient to your word alone through the help of the Holy Spirit
- Thank You Lord, for You always answer prayers

Once again I want to say thanks for sharing your time with us on this article. Do enjoy a life filled with Grace to be free from sin. Remember God's presence + man's race = Grace.

# **THE GRACE THAT NEVER FAILS**

There is a **Grace** *that never fails* or in other words I can also say, *the promises that never fails*. Before we dig deep into the article proper I want us to know and understand what Grace is?

## **What is Grace?**

***Grace is the beginning or re-awakening of great things in the middle of great things where greatness or goodness is not merited.***

*Permit me to tell you little about a fact; oh! I remember the lineage I'm from, particularly the genealogy of my family. I know without any contradiction based of the ethics of practice there, it knows nothing **God**-inclined but chronic idolatry and I remember the fight for my life just to become a high priest for satan out of all the first children in the extended family, satan demanded for my life despite having two senior first children ahead. But just imagine, that child was unable to be initiated, that each and every time they tried **God** scatters their plans always, for the **Lord has chosen** this child to be an **incorruptible seed** (a house) **for Himself** from a **land of corruption**. **This is a typical illustration of the Grace I am referring.***

There are different definitions and forms that refers to Grace by man but the Grace I'm exposing us to, is the Grace (Jesus) that never fails. This reminds me of a testimony I had throughout my years in the university. I know of my colleagues who are better at reading, faster in assimilation and remembering things more than I do and surprisingly I knew of some of them that had issues with one or more course but

because of this **Grace** of concern, I did not have issues with any by the time I graduated. It is not that there are no challenges on the way but I overcame them. Glory to Jesus.

**NB: This is not to mock anyone, so please let no man misconstrue this.**

Also I need to establish this fact to you: Grace is not just an attribute but **Grace is a personality called Christ Jesus**. He is the Grace that never fails and to establish this let us do some studies: Looking at the life of Apostle Paul in 1 Cor. 15:10

*But by the **Grace of God** I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all; yet not I, but the **Grace of God** which was with me.*

This verse made me to understand something spectacular, an acknowledgement of a fact that all must understand. Apostle Paul was talking about getting to the level he got to not by virtue of mistake but by the encounter of something called **Grace of God** and with boldness declaring it repeatedly to a point he said .... *but the **Grace of God** which was with me.*

Let me tell you that *any grace* we claim to be *walking in* which does not bring about the edification, sharpening of our destinies and the destinies of people we encounter, to bring out the glory of **God** as it is written in heaven, *is a bondage*. Also any Grace that gives you the license to continue in sin and not overcoming it, is a bondage. **So Grace is a perfect encounter of God himself to man to bring about perfection in him.**

The question that kept me disturbed is; “how can we encountered this **Grace of God**?” *Titus 2:11-12; says “For the **Grace of God** that **bringeth** salvation hath **appeared** to **all men**, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world”* So let me tell you this simple truth: **God** is a just **God** and Jesus has and will appear to all men whether male or female, young or old in one way or the other, so there is no excuse anyone who find itself a failure and end up in hell. This verse made it clear that Jesus cannot be faulted for any life who decided on its own to perish because He who brought salvation has appeared to him/her one way or the other irrespective of the present status of that life.

For Paul all he knew about **God** was the grace of working in the Law of Moses that brings man with partial understanding to be compelled of the rule of sin and death which man was even a failure in, according to heaven’s order until he met the Grace that does not fail on his way to Damascus.

**NB: *The Grace of God doesn’t imply the absence of difficulties, situations, challenges but He implies victory over all. Also where there is Grace of God there will always be challenges which is meant for growth.***

Earlier I shared about my success during my undergraduate programme in the university but that does not mean I did not face challenges. Let me share this peculiar one; when I was in 200level, I remember I offered a course FRN221. I saw the result when it came from the French department to the result coordination officer, I knew I passed the course excellently but when the result got to my department and I went to

check, I was told by my Head of department (HOD) that it was missing and that I should write a letter through our French lecturer to the department but something within me keep telling me not to bother that I passed excellently and concentrate on the courses that are next and I remember when I was checking my 300level first semester results my HOD told us (I was not the only one) to go and re-register for the course to avoid issues when graduating but by doing that, it means I carried over the course which I didn't and I pray using a testimony my mom once shared with me when she was doing her NCE program. I prayed through this **Grace** who gave me the admission and course I'm studying to prove Himself **God**. **The key was; I did not fail and I will not re-write any course because Jesus never fails.** And I remember this. went on to my 400level but glory to this *Grace that never fails* that by the time I'm doing my clearance the course result has been recorded and cleared. I never wrote any letter, I didn't re-write or re-register for the course but I knew it was *Grace that has proved Himself*.

Also for Paul the Apostle according to 2 Cor. 12:4-11, it was realised that there were times he had challenges with his living even after he had encountered the **Grace of God** and longed for **God's** hand to deliver him from the challenge he had; but the only response He received from **God** was the *Grace he has already received is sufficient for him*.

We all need to have an encounter with this **Grace of God** that never fails. Let me tell you this fact I learnt from a great man, a mentor; the Grace himself and another man touched by this Grace, Apostle Joshua Selman, "Nothing in the kingdom of **God** just happens by mistake".

Note: Another definition of the **Grace of God** is **God's** personality revealed to man by man as a result of His word or instruction. This can be confirmed in Col. 1:6 "....., and knew the **Grace of God** in truth:" Man can only know this **Grace of God** in the personality called **Truth** (**Grace of God** is embedded in truth). This brings me to another question: Who is this personality called truth? *He is simply Jesus*; John 14:6 says "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, *the truth and the life*; ....." **Jesus is the Truth where the Grace of God can only be found.** Remember John 3:16, "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, ....." I have the confidence to tell you that he did not fail in all areas of life but attained perfection just as our father in heaven wanted our living, becoming the first born of perfection and through death gave unto us perfection i.e never to be a failure in "ALL" areas of our lives.

**WHAT does this Grace of God brought that made it also possible for man never to fail God his creator in all areas of life again?**

1. **Salvation**: - This means to be saved from failure (sin). NB: sin is the failure of man to be obedient in totality to **God's** word or instruction. Jesus being the **Grace of God** bought for all man the ability to live a life without sin in all ramification of one's life. "Let me tell you this which my master taught me; *it is possible for you to be perfect. If it is not so, I would not have come to show you*" but for a man born by the intercourse of man and woman, you need to grow in the perfection of me (Christ Jesus). Titus 2:11



2. **Sustenance**: - When you have seen the **Grace of God**; He will not just save you and leave you like that; but rather empower you with the knowledge of **God** and make you a good man by giving you his Spirit in fullness that your faith is not corrupted and He will take you to the street called straight. Act 11:24, Acts 9:11
3. **Recommendation**: - He recommends you before Heaven and before man. Acts 9:10-11
4. **Rejoicing (joy) and Gladness**: - He brings to man rejoicing and gladness
5. **Success**: - Success goes beyond having a car, owning a company, having a big mansion or billions of possession. Success means being relevant to your generation and generations to come, through the impact you had on them while you are on earth.

There are many more but I will only talk on one more which is of great importance;

6. **Eternal life**: - Jesus gives man life, a perfection that brings unlimited joy in Heaven before the father because Jesus Himself is life.

Therefore; let me ask, why does man need to continue in failure (sin, fear, hatred, pride, anger, little or no result)? When there is already a provision for us in Christ Jesus.

Come unto Him today, He calls us, He loves us, He want to be with us, He died for us for this sake. Invite Him into your life today if you have never done that and face your failure(s) for victory. I am facing my failures now and I know victory is already in my

boat. What about you? Matthew 11:28 says “*Come unto me, **all** ye **that labour** and are **heavy laden**, and I will **give** you **rest**”.*

If you are taking that decision today kindly say this with me; Lord Jesus I accept you today, come into my life, forgive me all my sins, I know you died for me and resurrected for me to have the assurance of life, wash me with your blood, write my name in the book of life and command victory in all areas of my life. Thank You for answering my prayers and Your peace shall continue to reign in me, In Jesus name. Amen.

I have to congratulate you on that decision and I pray that the victory you have received shall be permanent in your life in Jesus name. Amen. I’m trusting God through the Holy Spirit that, He shall guide us for more instructions, and more revelations for you in Jesus name. Amen.

## **THE PATTERN (1)**

I believe there are some deep revelation the Holy Spirit want us to know about the issue of marriage (pattern). The marriage of concern is not just the physical or earthly marriage but that which is also spiritual (communion), for this is the pattern of God even our marriage with Jesus. Remember that the gospel and life is likened to a marriage.

*NB: Whenever God give us a marriage picture, talks about a partnership or the issue of marriage, never make the mistake of not knowing through wisdom, understanding and prayer (Holy Spirit), the pattern designed to be followed or pursued. God expresses all things in patterns. Every (communion, relationship) marriage is designed with a pattern.*

Let us examine some scriptures for our understanding. When God made man as referenced in Genesis chapters one and two, His intention is to commune daily with man and teach him what to do, say and the way to act or behave on earth. It is the desire of Trinity to replicate Himself in man, that's why He made man in His image after His likeness. This is a pattern followed all through the scriptures where God looked for men He could replicate Himself in them, that the life of man brings God's nature to the earth. Thus, making the earth a better place to the disgrace of the devil who thinks He can rule the earth without God and His approval, *who (God) is the pattern*. God is the pattern and without the pattern, failure is guaranteed. The pattern has never changed.

***Note: Anytime man thinks he can live without God, he has the mind-set of the devil.***

### **What is pattern?**

Pattern is the way something is made to operate/behave or is expected to function or what an entity responds to, that makes something uniquely the same or different from other thing(s). The pattern of concern in this article is God's pattern. Take for example the remission of sin before God is through the shedding of blood. This is confirmed by Hebrews 9:22-28.

According to God's order there are two categories of pattern (general pattern and specific pattern). ***The general pattern*** is that, He spoke all things been created to form through His word (Jesus). Do you know that as a child of God you have the privilege in Christ Jesus being the word of God (John 1:1-4) to speak things to life in accordance with God's will? ***The specific pattern*** is that He made all that He created in different kinds. Fishes of different kind were to live in the waters after their kinds, plants are to exist by finding root in the soil to produce fruits, food, some flowers and some just to respire. Also man is created after, to look like God (God's image), Genesis 1:21-28.

***NB: It is a pattern through which a thing is made that brings relevance to that thing.***

When God wants to commune and tarry with Israel, He gave Moses for the construction of the tabernacle, a pattern to trap His presence for man's advantage to walk with Him, and still God has not change. For because the desire of God is that, man walks perfectly with Him, He gave us Himself in the personality of Jesus to show

us *the way, the pattern* to completely please Him by the help of the Holy Spirit. God will never be committed with you without showing you His pattern of operation in the dimension you seek to know Him.

Part of the general pattern of God for making man is for man to exhibit Him and to be blessed by God, in terms of fruitfulness, multiplication, replenishing, subduing the earth and having dominion over all that God has made. Physically, man looks like he is walking in that direction but the truth is that, it is corrupted because it is not actually according to the pattern because man is trying to exclude God from the pattern, forgetting that *God is actually the pattern for our man's existence*. This is the reason for the lot of fear, complications and corruptions with many societies in the world based on our selfish desires to create things for ourselves to enslave others and gain money and superiority because we forget that we are created after the likeness of God.

The specific pattern of God for making man is that man should exhibit Him in his life which is perfectly expressed in the life of Jesus Christ. For before Jesus who is now a pattern for our existence; man in totality has failed to please God according to His standard. He has just only been merciful.

In the dispensation of creation the pattern is that, God had free access to commune with man daily but after the fall due to disobedience, the pattern was that God withdraw His free access giving man freedom to choose to demand for it. Looking for man that will seek and trust Him.

***NB: God communes with everyman at their level of seeking to know Him***

In my little study, I discovered that God has a pattern for earthly marriage which is *a man and a wife (woman)*; not one man and two or more wives, not man and man, not woman and woman etc. Do you know? God stopped looking for man to walk with from the genealogy of Cain in Genesis 4:17-24, because a man Lamech took two wives for himself in verse 19 which is contrary to the pattern of God and that was the end to the recognition of that descendant as Heaven is concerned because it was evident in Genesis 5 when the bible shows us the genealogy of Adam starting with Seth and not Abel or Cain.

Also I discovered that what really caused the fall of man was that man did not well understood the pattern of God for creation. When God created man and woman. His intention is that man and woman become one, as husband and wife and help each other accomplish the purpose of their creation. But I discovered that though when God brought woman to man, and man declared it in Genesis 2:23 (“And Adam said, this is now bone of my bones, and flesh of flesh: she shall be called woman, because she was taken out of man”), the picture man had was; he has someone that looks like him in a new form from him. Also he had issues understanding and accepting God’s pattern for creating the woman which is to become man’s wife. That’s why Adam did not carry along his wife, who was supposed to help him achieve his purpose of creation daily. This allowed the devil to sneak in with lies that brought deception. The man and woman also did not understood what it meant by the saying in Genesis 2:24 (“.... And they shall be one flesh”) which actually means that; they needs to discuss and agree to take decisions as one not two. You know if the woman understood and actually related the lie of the devil to the man, and both man and woman relate the lie to God before

taking any action to eat the fruit, man would not have fallen, because that is God's pattern of communion.

I also discovered that man did not understand the pattern until after God came in the cool of the day to commune and discovered that man disobeyed Him. All God did, opened up man to the reality of His pattern and it was thereafter Adam named woman Eve. It was still from there that Adam commune with Eve for the first time. So understanding God's pattern is important to man's existence, if man will fulfil purpose.

The world is full of lust and corruption today because we have embraced the pattern of our desires (fame, wealth, money, status, superiority, power etc.) and ignored God's pattern for our existence.

We need to understand God's pattern per time or season. For before Jesus came, the pattern of God was embedded in the law through prophets, priests and even kings, where God looks unto one for the sake of men, country or tribe, to commune with them. But after that Jesus came for the redemption of man, God's pattern is now embedded in the Grace (Jesus) through the Holy Spirit. Everyman can now commune with God easily through the help of the Holy Spirit.

So I beseech us this day brethren by the love and faith of God revealed to us in Christ Jesus to seek and walk in the pattern of God's design for our existence and it is only the Holy Spirit that can reveal it to us. Remember John 16:12-13 and John 14:16-18 & 26.

For more truth on the pattern of God, we can also read the following scriptures; Exodus 25:9 & 40, 1Chronicles 28:11-19, Ezekiel 43:10, 1Timothy 1:16, Hebrews 8:5. I'm trusting the Holy Spirit to open us up to know more of Him in Jesus name. Amen.



# **THE VICTORY OF MAN**

I thank Jesus who gave me the grace through the Holy Spirit to write this articles. I pray that our eyes shall be opened to man's victory in Christ, in Jesus name. Amen.

I believe you will agree with me that if there is no war, we won't need to talk about or understand victory. When we are now focusing on man's victory, it is then necessary to identify the war that man is fighting. The entity that man is fighting against, and the equipment of war that brings victory.

The battle that the earth has experienced or is experiencing, is not between God and the devil or God and man. It is between man (man and woman) and the devil. I want us to examine some scriptures at this point to prove it.

After that man disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden through satan's lies in Genesis 3:14-15;

*"14: – And the **LORD God** said unto the **serpent**, because thou hast done this, thou art **cursed** above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and **dust** shalt thou **eat all the days of thy life**.*

*15: – And **I** will put **enmity** between **thee** and **the woman**, and between **thy seed** and **her seed**; it shall **bruise thy head**, and thou shalt **bruise his heel**."*

From the verses above, we will discover, it was God Himself that spoke this war to life. It became a prophecy. So a question sprang up in me (Who shall win between man and serpent(satan)?). To further confuse the devil, God attached a solution, which is; when the serpent continues in his subtle way to bruise (lies) the heel of the

woman's seed, the seed of the woman shall bruise (truth) the head of the serpent. It is well known for snake killers that, once you bruise the head of a snake, the snake is defeated.

***NB: the devil does not understand prophesy***

This is how the battle is said to be by God's curse; serpent from this day, you shall feed on (man) dust all the days of your life. That means; no man to prey on, no food for the devil. Remember Genesis 2:7 (*"And the LORD **God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul**"*).

Let me ask us a question; Who does not cherish his daily food? Or who shall relax knowing fully well where the food is and go hungry without taking the food? This is the same for the serpent (devil - Rev. 12:9). This is the reason why the devil is working day and night to feed on man's soul by all sort of media (fornication, masturbation, same sex perversions, hatred etc.) through lies and deception, making man his prey, hindering and blinding them from knowing their true identity and the victory God made provisions for in Christ Jesus (the woman's seed), so that he can feed on them.

***NB: Never become a prey or meal for the devil. Luke 10:18-19***

The intention of God is that man have victory over satan and the only way provided by God is through the woman's seed (Jesus).

Now let's understand the woman's seed. In the arena of life when it comes to talking about seed, we often relate to child and children. So woman's seed is the child or fruit produced by the child of a woman. We can understand this from two dimensions: the **birth of man** and **His fruits**. The normal path for conceiving by every woman is through the man's and the woman's seed donated during their union. But Jesus was born only from the woman's seed through the Holy Ghost that the scriptures affirm in Mt. 1:18-25 and Lk.1:34-35. So the reason why Jesus had to come in the way He came is because God has spoken of it and that's is the only way for man's victory. It is possible for God to bring victory for man with a snap of His finger but He didn't do that but rather was faithful to His word by coming in the flesh as woman's seed.

**NB: The word of God is potent and will always come to reality**

Jesus is the woman's seed spoken of by birth, and also manifested as woman's seed with respect to man's fruit (the truth). Note this Jesus said that He is the way, **the truth** and the life in Jn 14:6. Why because He knew the only thing that could conquer the devil's seed (lies) is the **truth**.

How many of us know that Jesus has bruised the head of devil for your sake? You shouldn't continue in that life of lies, deception and sin again. The devil bruised Jesus' heel by condemning Him to the cross through the High priest and most Israelites as at that time because of the devil's lies, ego etc. Don't allow the devil to prey on you and cause you to rebel against your maker.

Let us examine part of the main scriptures again

15: – And **I** will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. ”

Jesus in Mt4:3-11 showed us the pattern of the victory over satan.

“3: - And when the tempter came to Him, he said, if thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. 4:- But He answered and said, it is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. 5:- Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city and setteth Him on a pinnacle of the temple, 6:- And saith unto Him, if thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give His angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. 7:- Jesus said unto him, it is written again, thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. 8:- Again, the devil taketh Him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth Him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them. 9:- And saith unto Him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down worship me. 10:- Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, satan: for it is written, thou shalt **worship** the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve. 11:- Then the devil leaveth him, and behold, angels came and ministered unto Him.

This is how Jesus bruised the head of satan through the truth (spoken and written word of God) and satan bruised Jesus heel through the suffering of condemnation to the cross by Judas deception and Israel’s ignorance to hand over Jesus to be crucified on

the cross. Jesus never yield to any of satan's lies because He knew the word of the Lord is always true and that in it victory is assured. Truth overcomes lies always

**NB: The true meaning of worship is believe**

Who will you believe (worship) today? God's word or devil's lies?

The only victory of man over the devil in this war is the word of God because it is the truth and lies cannot stand where the truth is existing.

**NB: The only personality prophesied by God to defeat the devil is the woman's seed. That the reason of the new birth (being born again).**

You can defeat the devil on your own except when you become the woman's seed who is the truth Jesus. That why Jesus said it in John 14:6 "I am the way, the truth and the life, .....". This is because He understood that the **only way, truth and life** for man's victory is Him (the woman's seed) that has the ability to bruise the head of the devil. Never trade Jesus for the devil.

There are three things the life of Jesus taught us from the wilderness temptation;

1. Understanding the truth (the word of God – **Jesus the truth**)
2. Believing and confess it (**the way**)
3. Live it (**the life**)

We can't have this victory except if we are born again. That is we die for Jesus to live in us through the ministry of the Holy Spirit. It is then we can say boldly that it is no longer we that live but Christ in us because in that, we have become the woman's seed

who had victory. Why we must be born again is because the seed of man has being corrupted by devil's lies in the Garden of Eden.

Let consider the following scriptures:

John 3:3 : - Jesus answered and said unto him, verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a **man be born again**, he cannot see the kingdom of God.      1Peter 1:23 : - **Being**

**born again**, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the **word of God**, which **liveth and abideth for ever**.      Galatians 2:20 : - **I am crucified with Christ**

nevertheless **I live, yet not I**, but **Christ in me**: the life which **I now live** in the flesh, **I live** by the **faith of the Son of God** , who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Luke 4:18 : - The **Spirit of the Lord** is upon **Me**, because **He anointed Me** to **preach** the **gospel to the poor**; He hath **sent Me** to **heal the brokenhearted**, to **preach deliverance** to the **captives**, and **recovering the sight** to **the blind**, to **set at liberty them that are bruised**. Other scriptures we can read; Acts 10:38, Isaiah 53:5-10, Romans 16:17-20, Colossians 3:3.

Jesus is the victory of man. You can only have victory if Jesus dwells in you. Are you born again in Christ Jesus? If “no”, do that now so that the devil can stop cheating you with lies and deception. If you want to take that decision we me now, you can say the declare the following words;

“Thank you God for the privilege you gave me through Jesus. I confess today by the declaration of my mouth that I accept Jesus as my Lord and Saviour, I believe He died and resurrected for my sake for life. Come into my Life and live in me through Your

Holy Spirit. This day I reject devil's lies and embrace You the truth of God in Jesus.  
Amen".

If you took that decision with me, I want to congratulate you as heaven is rejoicing over you and I assure you, this is a decision any man can regret. God be with you richly in Jesus name.