

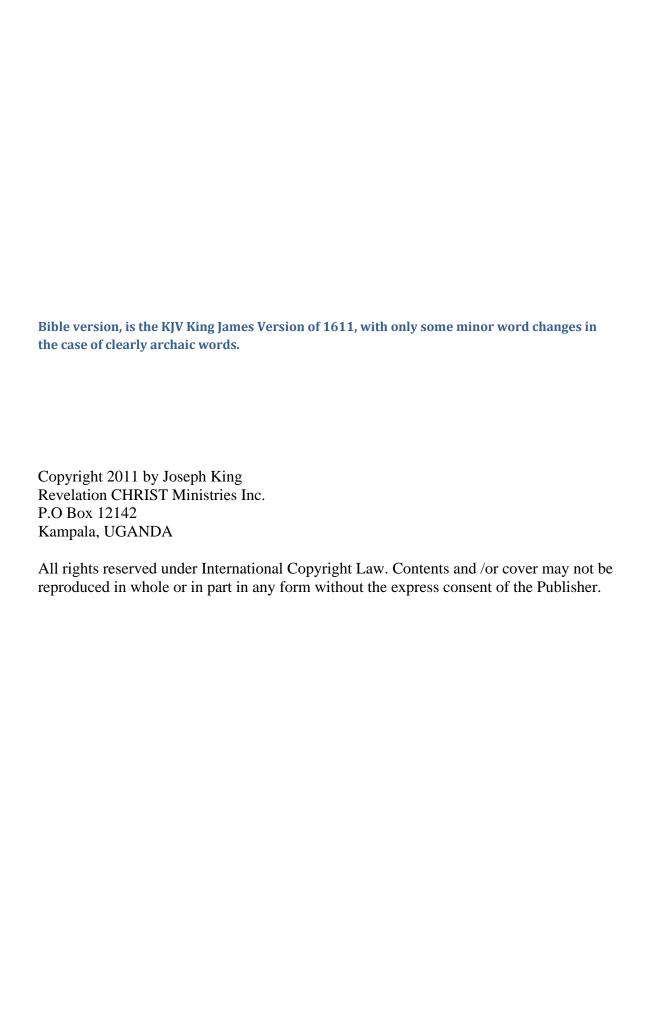


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CAN BE
HEAVENLY BETTER.....

CHANGE YOU MUST BELIEVE IN



DEDICATION:

This book is written with you in mind. I believe in you, in your being, your abilities, and your life. I believe you can outlive your fears, seize your chances, and be all that GOD purposed you to be. In that prospect, I believe you can change; yes, I believe your later can indeed be heavenly better. YOU CAN CHANGE.

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Permit me to express my gratitude to the author and center of change, to the FATHER and the SON without whom change would be completely elusive. Thanks be to GOD who causes us to triumph in CHRIST through whom change is possible. Because HE lives, you can face tomorrow; yes, because HE lives, you can change.

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THE POSSIBILITY OF CHANGE

So it happened just as the man of God had spoken to the king, saying, "Two seahs of barley for a shekel and a seah of fine flour for a shekel, shall be sold tomorrow about this time in the gate of Samaria." Then that officer had answered the man of God, and said, "Now look, if the LORD would make windows in heaven, could such a thing be?" And he had said, "In fact, you shall see it with your eyes, but you shall not eat of it." And so it happened to him, for the people trampled him in the gate and he died. 2 King 7:18-20

Never doubt the possibility of change. In the dynamism of life, all things can alter; everyone can transition, nothing is inherently fated to stagnate. All beings, whether seen or unseen, were designed and purposed to encounter change. This is part of the glory of God: In HIS omnipotent creativity, HE has occasioned a force field of dynamism that provides for the guarantee of change in all that HE has majestically created, sanctified and programmed.

From the very beginning when HE created the heavens and the earth, and the latter was formless and void, God evoked profound and momentous dynamism (Genesis 1:1-2). Disputing the darkness that sought to halt HIS divine progress in the scheme of creation, HE spoke Light into existence (Genesis 1:3). And from thenceforth, HE triggered a spontaneous and incredible force of change in a series of creative episodes that have never ceased. Everything continues in this legacy of change.

As such, God is indeed the master of change. HE is its author and finisher, its alpha and omega. There is nothing that God is not able to change. HIS abilities in this regard are impeccable, HIS testimony elaborate: God has changed what seemed to be impossible disasters into glorious wonders. HE has converted men deemed to be perpetual failures into incredible victors. When HE acclaims HIMSELF as the first and the last, HE implies HIS omnipotent ability to shift and turn every in-between to suit HIS will. Throughout scripture we witness HIM change men, families, nations,

empires, and even entire generations to align to HIS mandate.

In this divine orchestration of people, time, and things, we have seen paupers rise to become kings, enslaved nations that have been bound for generations being set free, barren wombs of women long past their fertility giving birth to promised children, and waters that had for always been colorless turn bloody red; we have seen desert places turn into gardens, a shepherd boy become commander of an army, a slave girl become queen of an empire, and seemingly insignificant prophecies become momentous occasions of historic proportion.

Throughout the scriptures, God is presented as the effective changer, the supreme recourse to realizing privilege: When men hungered for food in desert places, when they cried for water, or when they lamented their plight, God always and incredibly intervened in amazing measures that changed what were hopeless circumstances into glorious occasions.

It is in this regard that although the warrior Joshua and the nation of Israel were not prepared for change when Moses the great prophet died, God nonetheless demonstrated HIS immortal flexibility by appointing him to take over from whence Moses had left:

After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, it came to pass that the LORD spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying: "Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving them- the children of Israel. Even the place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses. Joshua 1:1-3

While Israel may have panicked at the loss of Moses, while Joshua may have been bewildered as to what must be the next step following the absence of great leadership, the LORD of change, God Almighty, was ready for change.

A similar lesson is demonstrated in God's articulate and immediate response compared to the devastation suffered by the prophet Samuel following the failures of King Saul. While Samuel was heartbroken and at loss of what to do, God had moved on: In HIS legendary wisdom and foresight HE had already found for Israel another king to replace Saul:

Now the LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go; I am sending you to Jesse the Bethlehemite. For I have provided Myself a king among his sons." 1 Samuel 16:1

God knew better than to get wound down by delay and personal failures of those he'd chosen. Infused with excellence and resolute in HIS ways, HE turned course from the compromising Saul to an obedient David. God was ready for change.

How is God able to do this? Simple: HE is committed to excellence, to realizing results, to benefiting all of creation. There is no one more committed to ideals like HE is, no one more desirous for the best like HE is, no one more determined to abound like HE is, or more likely to improve, reform, or progress affairs as much

as God can and does. HIS visionary qualities coupled with HIS glorious appreciation for brilliance and immortal sovereignty evoke HIS interventions whenever HE so requires.

This is the fundamental lesson we can observe in HIS love for men: When men fell, forsaking their glory for lying vanity, when they lost their privilege as the glorious beings HE had created, HE did not just sit their and hurt. HE immediately began to orchestrate the remedy. HIS first response to man's failure was to change the man's garment of leaves with the skin of an animal (Genesis 3:21). Then HE prophesied how the ultimate solution would occur citing that the seed of the woman would crash the head of the serpent (Genesis 3:15).

The rest is history: From Abel to Abraham, from Joseph to Moses, from the prophets to the kings till the birth of Christ and for everlasting, God orchestrated change as across generations and through diverse experiences and means HE crafted the birth to the ultimate solution

of humankind. That answer is Christ Jesus- the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6). And if God (more precisely, the Father) is *the master of change*, then Jesus is *the center of change*. God ultimately changes everything to suit HIS love for HIS Son:

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

Colossians 1:15-17

My friend, Jesus came to change the world. HE came to give men the ultimate change that had eluded them since the fall of Adam. This may explain why HE never left anything the same way HE found it, nor did HE leave men the same way HE found them.

I particularly love the account given by Mark regarding a paraplegic that had been lowered through a roof and placed right before HIM. The man's condition seemed hopeless and certain to be his consistent burden till he died. But he had a few friends that believed he would get his relief at the feet of Jesus. They prospected this most unlikely of changes and did all they could to realize it; and they got it. **Jesus never disappoints** where change is needed:

Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men. And when they could not come near him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you." And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, "Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" But immediately when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus, within themselves, He said to them, "Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise, take up your bed and walk?' But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"- He said to the paralytic, "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified

God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!" Mark 2:3-12

My question is very simple: Can Jesus see your faith right now? Can you believe HIS infinite ability for change? Or are you going to succumb to cynical traditionalists, prejudiced dimwits, and arrogant scorners who tailor-suit what they think everyone deserves?

As you hold this book, you hold profound prescriptions for more than the change you need. In its pages are insights to all the change that you can master. Backed by the testimony of divinity, assured by my experience with glory, and inspired by the mighty Spirit of God, I am convinced that God is more than ready to lift you from faith to faith, from height to height, from glory to glory (2 Corinthians 3:18). HE is ready and willing to change you.

But are you ready? That paralytic was ready: Tired of being tired of his crippling incapacitation, he'd anticipated his miracle. He refused to allow distance and congestion to block him from receiving his long awaited change. Motivating his friends, risking further

injury if he dropped off the roof, and finally arriving at the LORD's feet, the center of change, he was ready for change.

CHANGE YOU MUST BELIEVE IN seeks to place you at those precious feet of truth. It seeks to cause you to anticipate change even in the most damning of circumstances. In these pages, you will learn how both the master of change and the center of change value that you awaken to the infinite possibilities of change inherent in you. You will realize that you can change, everybody can change. As you digest its varied and profound contents, you will be transformed into another man; a man that changes and effects changes wherever you go.

So, if God is indeed the master of change, and Christ the center of change, this book seeks to anoint you to be an agent of change. And in this assignment, you will recreate your days and convert your circumstances so that your later is better than your former. Never again will change elude you whatever the regard. Never

again will you be the victim of fate or others. Never again will circumstances dictate your fortune however their weight.

And please, forget about those scorners and mockers who have commented on your trouble as though they are God or HIS counsel. They will not have the last word. Fortunately for you, neither does the master of change or the center of it pay them any serious attention.

With their own wicked eyes, they will see you rise, pick up your bed and go. With the same eyes by which they have beheld your tragedy, they will witness your deliverance. Some of them stand warned as they may be crashed in the progress of your change. Although they may see it, their doubt and treachery will be rewarded with their exclusion at the wonderful benefits of your change.

To be sure, it doesn't really matter: Either way, whether you have supporters or scorners, your progress is now fait accompli; CHANGE YOU MUST BELIEVE IN is a

work that is intended to revolutionize you to occasion the dawn of a new day.

Open your heart, surrender to God's word, and allow your tomorrow to be better. NEVER, NEVER, NEVER doubt the potential of a glorious tomorrow. As you hold this book, you stand close to immortality; I can see you grasping THE FUTURE IN YOUR HANDS and shaping it to line with your glorious vision of a heavenly hereafter. Now, LET THE WORDS THEREIN SINK IN YOUR HEART. In that sacred venue lies a glory that the eyes of men may never have seen but nevertheless an amazing possibility all eyes will wonder at. This book is only a platform for a future that is knocking at the door of time and space, awaiting your knowledge and understanding. In this sense, the book can be seen as a vital key to an excellent tomorrow. Use it, ITS ALL YOURS!

LATER CAN BE BETTER

And the LORD restored Job's losses when he prayed for his friends. Indeed the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then all his brothers, all his sisters, and all those who had been his acquaintances before, came to him and ate food with him in his house; and they consoled him and comforted him for all the adversity that the LORD had brought upon him. Each one gave him a piece of silver and each a ring of gold.

Now the LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning. Job 42:10-17

Several people that have prayed to the LORD and have experienced a delay regarding what they have asked have suffered impatience, a loss of faith; some have even been offended with God. Often times, these responses belie an ignorance of the wisdom of God: Just because God may not respond as immediately as we prefer, does not have to evoke negative reactions on our part.

When the scriptures advise that whoever that comes to God must know that HE is a good rewarder of them that diligently seek HIM (Hebrew 11:6), they do imply more than the fact that God is faithful when we ask. They also suggest that HE reserves the discretion as to when HE should respond. Sometimes we may have to be diligent. In these times we should be persistent in hope and are well advised never to relent once we have tabled our requests before HIM (Luke 11:24).

The wisdom in this counsel has to do with trusting God's judgment regarding when HE decides to respond to our plea. While it is indeed the case that in many requests that we present to God HE does send urgent or what at least seems to us as immediate responses, in some cases when HE delays there is always divine wisdom involved in the timing.

Those who get frustrated at HIS timing are often ignorant of the benefits of divine programming. In their self-conceited and impatient requests they err in questioning the generosity of God or HIS established faithfulness to all that seek HIM. They overlook the fact that God does have a program regarding our lives and

often times prefers that we activate HIS divine program rather than we experience HIS divine intervention.

Consequently, it is vial that we appreciate the wisdom of HIS 'silence' or 'delay' in these times. To be sure, understanding God's divine program is essential to having a fulfilling prayer life. It enables us to present prayers that are suited to God's will so that we do not ask amiss as the apostle James suggests some do with consistent disappointment (James 1:6-8).

The person that has sought to understand divine programming learns over time that later can indeed be better.

The exemplary example set by the LORD offers ample lessons for all of us in this regard: Jesus may have wanted urgent protection from HIS adversaries when HE earnestly prayed at the Garden of Gethsemane, however HIS knowledge of God's divine programming caused HIM to switch HIS request to suit *God's will* over and above *HIS need* (Luke 22:42). Rather than escape the impending danger HE faced, HIS surrender

to God's divine programming moved HIM to despise the shame that HE would suffer and endure the cross (Hebrew 12:2).

In the end, HE was the better for it: The scriptures declare that as a result of HIS obedience unto death, God resurrected HIM, and has now so highly exalted HIM and given HIM a Name superior to that of the angels and every other thing in heaven, on earth, and under the earth (Philippians 2:8-9; Hebrews 1:4).

The results of settling for God's will far outclass the possibilities HE could have gained if HE had had HIS needs addressed.

This is what so many believers do not understand. Many that pray are not intimate enough with God to know whether HE has a program regarding what they seek from HIM. Many are not aware of this dimension in their prayer life and treat God as if HE is ignorant of their condition and circumstances. They underestimate the omniscient ONE in their petition. Often times they

regard their prayers to be an introduction to God regarding their conditions.

In their fear, they are ignorant and even offensive to God for presuming that they educate HIM on their plight.

And yet, this is furthest from the truth. God knows all things and is aware of our every need long before we pray:

And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard of their many words. Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him. Matthew 6:7-8

It helps to know that God is informed. There is nothing going on HE does not know of (1 Corinthians 4:5). And for the believer, who must be privy to this revelation of God's omniscience, it is important to realize that the steps of a good man are indeed ordered of the Lord (Psalm 37:23). **The life of the believer is a divine**

program with nothing left to chance. God orchestrates his affairs to suit HIS divine intentions.

This is regardless of the prevailing circumstances, whether they are perceived as good or bad. That is why the apostle Paul hilariously concluded:

And we know all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. Romans 8:29

He knew from his intimate and tested walk with God that negative circumstances did not nullify the plans of God in the life of a believer. Instead, he was aware that whatever the occasion, regardless the circumstance, God has programmed that it should conclude with benefit for the believer. So, rather than embracing anxiety attacks in the face of difficulty or even life threatening trials, he knew the believer that understands the omnipotence of divine programming will not only survive but thrive.

It is this perception that lays the ground for anyone to appreciate that *later can be better*. This is the wisdom that Joseph realized worked greatly for him in spite of the fact that at the tender age of fourteen, his own brothers sold him as a slave to a foreign nation. Discounting both their betrayal and the trials he suffered in Egypt, and firmly blessed in his latter years, he counseled his brothers as much:

I am Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt.
But now, do not therefore be grieved or angry with
yourselves because you sold me here for God sent me
before you to preserve your life. For these two years the
famine has been in the land, and there are still five
years in which there will be neither plowing nor
harvesting. And God sent me before you to preserve
a posterity for you in the earth, and to save your lives
in a great deliverance. So now it was not you that sent
me here, but God; and He has made me a father to pharaoh,
and lord to all his house, and a ruler throughout all the
land of Egypt. Genesis 45:4-8

From this passage, we can observe that at the time Joseph was being beaten and cast into the pit, at the time he was being sold as a slave, it may not have been apparent to anyone that something glorious would turn out in the end. Certainly, the incident must have seemed tragic to Joseph as it was to his father, Jacob, who was deceived that the young lad had been eaten by a wild animal (Genesis 37:31-35). For his brothers, their intentions were sinister and their prospects for Joseph were dismal. And yet, God overruled all impressions and occasioned something glorious that would bring amazing benefit to Joseph personally, and public deliverance for his family, Egypt, and indeed all the nations.

For all categories involved in Joseph's story- be it Joseph, or his brothers, or his father, later certainly turned out to be better. As such, we must appreciate that there were several episodes in the earlier days of his story when he could have preferred *divine intervention* at the expense of *divine programming*: For instance, he might have hoped that his brothers would love him and not be so offended at him; he might have prayed that they would not beat him so bad or throw

him into the pit; he might have desired that God would touch their hearts and prevent them from selling him to Egyptian raiders; he certainly might have hoped against hope that his new master would release him and enable him return to his family; and in prison, we see him depending on the favor he had rendered the butler to evoke what he hoped would at least yield his imminent release. He must have prayed and prayed, and prayed. And yet matters seemed to get worse every passing moment.

From his brothers angry beatings and insults he was thrown into the pit, from the pit he was sold to slave traders, and from slavery he was falsely accused and sentenced to prison. In prison, he was forgotten even after he had rendered a good turn to the butler by correctly interpreting his dream. In all accounts, divine intervention seemed far shorter than what he might have desired.

And yet, unconscious to him, unknown to all his assailants, the hand of God worked for him in all

circumstances to ensure that he was within the framework of God's divine program for his life.

My friend, when divine intervention does not seem forthcoming, awaken your spiritual antennae to divine programming. Understanding God's divine program for your life may enable you to better appreciate when divine intervention will occur. And as I have said, so often in God's divine programming LATER CAN BE HEAVENLY BETTER.

Once we switch our mentalities from urging divine intervention to appreciating divine programming, we then graduate spiritually from seeking our ways to living God's will. The transformation is not cosmetic as it literally adjusts our very souls from being conformed to the patterns of this world to being filled with the Spirit of God. It is only thence that one is able to master the incredible mind of Christ (Romans 12:2).

Also essential for believers to realize is the fact that while divine intervention preoccupies us with what God can do for us, divine programming awakens us to what God has already done as well as what HE is doing for, in, and with us.

Believers that are preoccupied with a need for divine intervention presume that God is idle regarding their situation. On the other hand, those aware of divine programming are conscious that God is constantly watching and working for their benefit. Rather than panic and anxiously call on God 'to do something', they assume what I may call a do-nothing-God-has-done-it attitude.

The latter conscience is a richer one and will occasion a more meaningful walk of faith and fellowship with God.

It is in the understanding of the virtues of divine programming that the apostle James cautioned the Church to appreciate trials:

My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete wanting

nothing. James 1:2-4

The elderly apostle knew that many believers in the face of trial are more inclined to desire divine intervention rather than be aware of divine programming. He knew that the former would at best yield short-run gains and at worst discount the ability of God to translate what seem to be hostile and unfavorable circumstances to the amazing benefit of the believer.

The believer that is divinely programmed is a victor in all circumstances. He is more than a conqueror. He does not have to wait for victory, he is conscious that victory is assured. He is aware that he is a divine work-in-progress that will culminate with an obvious and popular glory regardless of the trials endured. That kind of believer will keep their praise up, their joy up, their courage up. They are aware that whatever the circumstance, regardless their condition, they are part and parcel of an omnipotent activity that is certain to guarantee their favorable outcome in the end. In their endeavor, in their trial, they acknowledge that the end

of a matter is better than the beginning. Rather than panic in the urgency of an intervention, they are cool in the patience of God's program (Ecclesiastes 7:8).

If only Job had been privy to this wisdom, he would never have doubted God and complained bitterly about his plight. Because he limited his perception of the tragedy he suffered within the narrow parameters of divine interventionism, he sunk in a depression of futility and anger against God. Instead of appreciating the faithfulness of God, instead of counting on the justice of God, instead of believing on the righteousness of God and of his own right standing with God, instead he descended in the mire of carnal frustration that moved him to question God's integrity and his own righteousness.

On the other hand, had Job assumed the perception I am sharing here, of divine programming, he would have seen the end from the beginning and therefore appreciated the favorable outcome that was certain to occur inspite what he'd suffered. He would have been

moved to believe in God's faithfulness, justice and righteousness. Further still, he would not have doubted his own favorable position before God as a righteous man. Job would have been equipped with the clear vision of his better-later and would have been upbeat and resilient in what he suffered. I am sure that this most radical of perceptions would certainly have reduced the number of days he lamented in the tragedy he suffered.

My friend, I am not quite sure where you are in terms of your perception of the trials you experience. The book of Job in so many ways articulates to us what *not* to think, say, feel, and do in any tragedy. Of particular importance is the need for everyone to profoundly appreciate that your later can indeed be better regardless the tragedy experienced. Just as Job's mess was turned around when he repented his perception so will your fortune, if you will switch on the light of divine programming.

The moment you do, you will certainly have several critical advantages that eluded Job in his trials- You will undermine your misery, increase your faith in God, brighten your moment, frustrate the devil, and even redeem the time. Ultimately, you will command your days and shift that privilege from the hands of evil. Together with God, you will program your days into glorious accounts.

Consequently, it is to those children of God that desire true victory, to those that seek a more fulfilling walk with God, that I have been commissioned to deposit CHANGE YOU MUST BELIEVE IN. Beloved, there are no desperados in God's Kingdom. In this Kingdom, all is well because God is in-charge and you can join HIS charge if you care to understand HIS programming.

The believer that is conscious of divine programming, in fact the one that masters it, is a believer that ranks with omnipotence to command their blessing rather than cry out for it. A LATER CAN BE BETTER attitude

positions you to command your future as you join divinity in altering by faith what seeks to dismount you from God's privileges. It makes a prophet out of you as you seek to know and work within God's unseen and unknown plans. **Understanding divine programming converts you from** *a subject of life* **to** *a master of destiny*.

This kind of believer is ahead of his time. He is not waiting for God to move; he knows God has already moved on his behalf. He is not perennially asking for divine intervention; he is constantly activating it. Nothing in the life of such a person is stagnant and vulnerable to circumstances. Instead, he is above circumstances in a realm of divine activity that shapes and forms the material realm.

And that is what this book is all about. It seeks to switch you from the narrow and limited confines of religious duty where men are trained to be infant victims that are constantly helpless and desirous of an intervention from God into a marvelous person that is rich in the knowledge of God and is active in partnering with HIM. The latter is then converted to being a revelation of God among men.

As you read through its pages, and as they unplug wrong attitudes that have misguided you over the years, join God in occasioning a glorious life for yourself and several others that will be the better for it because of who you will become.

CHANGE YOU MUST BELIEVE IN is a divine tool that has been placed in your arms to ensure that your latter years are infinitely better than your former. Never again after this will you be a victim, never again will you be a failure, never again will you be limited and afraid. This book is a progressive manual given to you to glow from glory to glory, from height to height. If you have never shined, this is your season to light up. Once you switch into divine programming, there is nothing that can stop you.

Let your light so shine that men may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven (Matthew 5:16). It's time for your BETTER.

IT IS FINISHED!

For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it. For we who have believed it do enter that rest, as he has said:

"So I swore in My wrath, they shall not enter my rest."

Although the works were finished before the

Although the works were finished before the foundation of the world. Hebrews 4:2-3

Before we can venture further into the glory of the future, it is vital that we undertake to find the foundation of this teaching. The foundation strengthens the guarantee of the glorious future I am talking about here. It does add the necessary credibility so that this work is not some psycho-babble hype or pompous carnal impression that I am presenting in the Name of the LORD.

Notice as well that the sub-title does not read LATER WILL BE BETTER or LATER IS BETTER. The CAN that precedes the BETTER tells a serious point: CHANGE

YOU MUST BELIEVE IN is not a mystical proposal guaranteeing you of an approaching utopia. It is all about the plausible *possibilities* of reshaping tomorrow so that it is actually superior to the now and the former. And the reason it is a possibility centers on the fact that not everybody is willing to decline from their carnal ways in preference for something divine. To be sure, not everybody that aspires for change really likes it. Few can be found that will do whatsoever change requires.

Consequently, it leaves the matter significantly within our determination. If we abide by the words that I share here this possibility of a better-later is guaranteed. However, if we do not, then we can settle for the usual, the same old, same old; if not, we tempt the unfortunate possibility that later risks being worse.

Consequently, it is important that we realize that there is an *almighty* possibility that guarantees the better in our later. When I say LATER CAN BE BETTER, I am venturing way beyond human wisdom into the

knowledge of God. In other words, the CAN before the BETTER is not merely my assurance as much as it is God's omnipotent guarantee. The words I employ in this revelation are not merely my words as much as they are of the ONE that has sent me.

This divine authenticity makes LATER CAN BE BETTER more than a promise. It is the CHANGE YOU MUST BELIEVE IN; an audacious truth, an unshakeable reality for the one that will venture deep into understanding and activating their divine program.

Being God's word, its guarantees require the faith of the reader. For its results to manifest, the reader would have to activate their faith. In this, I am convinced that no book of itself ever changed a person. What is indeed the case is the cooperation of its reader with the words communicated in the book. And in this regard, I seek to work together with you in conveying to you divine possibilities that have the potential to convert your future beyond the current dictates that may have defined your life up till now.

Your LATER CAN BE BETTER if you mix your faith with the words you are reading. It is therefore possible that not everyone that reads the book will have a better-later. But I can at least guarantee that everyone that reads it as God's word, everyone that reads it in faith, everyone that reads it into the deepest recesses of their being, everyone that will read it again and again until they penetrate beyond the letters therein into the spirit of the word, will activate a force field of supernatural dynamics that will alter their lives henceforth and forever more. They will arrive at the glory God has always prepared for them.

From thence, they will venture further into greater glory, into greater heights as they activate a divine program of infinite wonders.

Consequently, the foundation that I refer to in this chapter can be derived from the fact that there is a divine program regarding life and everything. Nothing just happens. To be sure, **long before you were born**, **long before you showed up in the womb of your**

mother, God set an agenda of activity that includes you (Psalm 139). The privilege was not peculiar to Jeremiah when the LORD summoned him:

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations. Jeremiah 1:5

Every believer shares this benefit. It is for this reason that the apostle Paul cautioned against priding in the carnal and temporal abilities of the flesh citing:

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:8-10

Few believers are aware of this reality. Few realize that there is more to them than what is going on. When the scriptures talk of blessed assurance, many believers do not realize that they refer to something more than material benefits or a promised heaven. Appreciating blessed assurance must take us back to the divine program God instituted for our benefit in Christ Jesus in the foundation of the world.

From this we can deduce that God sorted out our lives long before we were available to mess it. In that foundation, HE programmed us for good works, for glory, to accomplish things that would bring praise and honor to HIS Name. Especially important is the fact that Paul notes that this was a gift from God, a work of HIS grace: Meaning that God gifted us long before we showed on the scene.

My friend, there is nothing like an ungifted believer: Every believer, infact, every human being, was gifted by God long before they were born. When people marvel at how I am able to compose songs, perform in concerts, heal the sick, write books, plant and pastor churches around the world, conduct massive evangelical campaigns, and mobilize relief among other things, I am often more impressed as to how God enabled me with these gifts before I was born. Rather

than boast in these abilities, I am acutely aware of the grace by which I function. I am also significantly aware that far from being peculiar to me these privileges are general to all mankind. The difference is I have chosen to acknowledge my divine program. I am sure that anyone that awakens to this reality will unleash incredible gifting that God gave them long before they were born.

Understanding things this way distinguishes the love of God from any other love: While most people are given gifts for what they do, God gave us gifts so that we would do good works. HE loved us before we did anything. More seriously, HE loved us so that we would be able to do well, to perform wonderfully.

This love is indeed an amazing foundation for every believer. It is the guarantee that the believer is gifted with divine power to do incredible things. It is an empowering love that qualifies the believer to accomplish efforts way beyond their human ability. Every believer needs to know this love as it connects him to infinite ability. Understanding its inestimable measure produces miracle working power.

Writing again to the believers in Ephesus, Paul bears out the intimate connection between understanding this love and activating supernatural power to do good works:

For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family on earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height- to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us. Ephesians 3:14-20

What is blessedly revealed here are five interconnected and incredibly amazing spiritual dynamics that define and underpin divine programming, namely- being strengthened in the inner man by the Spirit, Christ dwelling in the heart by faith, comprehending the love of God, being filled with the fullness of God, and the exceeding greatness of God's power at work in the believer. Altogether, they constitute a critical basis upon which any life can build a most amazing better-later.

Consequently, what must become apparent is the fact that God has indeed placed in the spirit of everyone the very good works HE established in the foundation of the world. All that everyone can most accomplish, the most incredible feats that the individual can perform, all was sealed in the spirit of the man before the foundation of the world. Indwelling the spirit of everyone is God's divine program for their life.

Essentially, everything necessary regarding your heavenly-better tomorrow and infinitely thereafter has already been done and sealed in your spirit- IT IS FINISHED!!!!

However, most people are not even conscious that they are first and foremost spirit beings. A lot of people, even saints of the LORD, are still so sensually driven to the extent that they are remotely aware of the existence of their inner man and the divine programming that he carries. They are not aware that all the glory that they ought to live, all the wonder that they ought to enjoy, is not somewhere out there, not even in heaven, but firmly sealed in their spirit.

It is infact in this regard that the wise philosopher commented:

That which is has already been. And what is to be has already been; and God requires an account of what is past. Ecclesiastes 3:15

My friend, King Solomon, the author of this profound statement, was not talking about a timely past of historic events here. On the contrary, he was alluding to a more serious past in the sense that he was aware that life had been programmed before history begun its course. He knew that God had set an agenda of past,

present and future events before time begun to tick. He also appreciated that God expected that men should live within this experience.

And to be sure, he was aware that this experience is a glorious one. He compared it to be of greater essence than the vanity aspired for by most people. That is why he lamented:

Truly, this only I have found: That God made man upright, But they have sought out many schemes.

Ecclesiastes 7:29

And still bemoaning the inferiority of this same deviance from God's original intentions for man, he laments:

God has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in the hearts of men, except that no one can find out the work that God does from the beginning to end. Ecclesiastes 3:11

It is most important to gravely consider and deeply appreciate these things because they really are very serious.

Solomon was right that God had made man upright (some translations actually refer to perfect). Everything had been gloriously set for him. In the creation of time, everything in it was intended to be beautiful for every man. Your yesterday, your today, your tomorrow is beautiful as far as divine programming is concerned. There is nothing like a bad day, or sad event, or evil experience in the finished work of God. Everything was gloriously and meticulously done, and sealed into your spirit.

Solomon was wise enough to realize that the failure, hurting, shame, and vanity that so characterizes the lives of most people is explained by the sheer fact that none of them has taken the trouble to find out what God has already accomplished and sealed in their spirit. Men have left perfection in preference for their own ways with utter disappointment.

My friend, life was made to be perfect, glorious, and incredibly wonderful. Not only was it *fait accompli*, it is still possible now and in future for us to live out what has already been divinely programmed. If we have lived as most people have lived, a life suited to the patterns of this world, unconscious of the gift of God, we can learn better and live a far richer and enhanced life than we have had hitherto fore.

Our LATER CAN indeed BE HEAVENLY BETTER. No one needs to be the victim of fate, chance or the workings of evil when such a guaranteed glory is possible. This is the critical reason Jesus came. In his own words:

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that more abundantly. John 10:10

Herein, HE reveals to us the workings of Satan by fitting it in the context of death while qualifying HIS intervention as a life-giving effort. What Satan has been so successful in doing is diverting mankind from divine programming to mortal (worldly) speculation. In the end, most men have ceased being conscious of their spirit while being conscious of everything else. Consequently, one can in a sense say that the mission of Christ is to restitute the spirituality of the human experience.

My friend, the true life of a man, the excellent works of a man, the glory of a man, are all vested within the spirit of a man. Short of being spirit-conscious, man has no life worth a dime. A life presumed from a material plane is a great deception that only yields a harvest of decadence laden with many sorrows.

That is why the wise and wealthy King Solomon who experimented with such a life in all that it could offer concluded how it is nothing more than chasing the wind, all of it is vanity (Ecclesiastes 1:14). It also explains why God warned Adam that the day he would eat of the fruit he would die for HE knew that such disobedience would be occasioned by the tendency to

shift from being a spirit-conscious being to a material-oriented one (Genesis 3:3).

When God said the man would die, he did not refer to the death of his body but to the loss of the man in more serious terms. For when Adam ate the fruit, he ceased being aware of the glorious life inherent in his spirit. Although his body did not waste away on that fateful day, nevertheless the man switched from glory to grass, from faith to fate, from blessing to curses. This change from the perspective of God, from an appreciation of true knowledge, is comparable to switching from life to death.

Mark you, it is that life that had enabled him to reign supreme over the earth even as God reigned in heaven. That spirit-conscious Adam was a revelation of God on earth with power and authority over the land, sea, and the air. He was the epitome of royal divinity with a mandate over all creation.

As long as Adam lived out of his spirit he was immortal and lived in a blessing beyond finite

measure- everyday was glory, everything was glory, everywhere was glory. Never conscious of lack, his prayers were never a list of petitions or a call for divine intervention. He lived in a realm of divine programming where God figured out and fulfilled his needs long before he was aware of them, such as when he needed an abode, and more explicitly when he needed a companion (Genesis 2:8, 18, 21-25). As the man was busy living from his spirit, God was busy giving to his benefit.

All this magnificent benefit closed with man switching from being a spirit-conscious being to a material-oriented one, from being immortal and imperial to being mortal and inferior. Man ceased being a master of divine things and became perennially preoccupied with vain things.

This was never God's plan. This was not how it was intended from the beginning.

Unfortunately, with this switch that is so correctly referred to as the FALL, came all other vices like hatred,

disease, poverty, envy, theft, jealousy, anger, sorcery, fear, adultery, and such. Every passing generation of men consolidated this vain program, this materialism, so that the human experience got worse and worse. To be sure, the extent of discrepancy between what God intended men to be or how HE intended them to live and what they are or how they live, is as far as the heavens are from the earth (Isaiah 55:9).

This enormous discrepancy includes even the best of mortal man: the richest man on earth does not even begin to compare with the poorest in heaven. The same can be said about the strongest, the wisest, the best of them all; none compares with the weakest, the most foolish and the worst in heaven.

Appreciating this remarkable inconsistency is the point Jesus sought to make when HE compared John the Baptist to the least in the kingdom of heaven:

Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist;
But he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. Matthew 11:11

The same comparison is well captured by the veteran apostle Paul in his communication to the church in Corinth:

Where is the wise man? Where is the scholar? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world... For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength. 1 Corinthians 1:20-25

To reconcile this infinite gap is the basic reason Jesus came. Where God had intended man to live a life full of glory, a life such as HIS, man had descended in a downward spiral of chaos and gross failure. So Jesus came to lift men out of this abyss.

To be sure, HE came to set the record straight. But it is interesting that HE compared the fall of man in the hands of Satan to such loss as being stolen from, being killed, and destroyed in the hands of a thief (John 10:9). Meaning that the man that lives without being conscious of his spirit is indeed living a robbed,

murdered, and fatal life regardless of the apparent benefits that he may be enjoying.

That is why HE lamented:

For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Mark 8:37

On a most serious note, I raise this up to qualify the abundant life Jesus talked about. Many have understood it merely in material terms and yet it is that, and so much more. After all, King Solomon in all his riches had failed to find this life (Ecclesiastes 2:1-17). Similarly, the rich young ruler who sought to know how one could gain this life testified to the fact that it is superior to having material endowments (Mark 18:18-23).

Jesus came to restore to man more than material benefits. Make no mistakes about it; man did not just lose the Garden of Eden and the abundance therein. He lost more than that, and that is regardless of the fact that subsequent generations of men lived in cities and planted themselves beautiful gardens and yet none had anything to compare with the glory of Adam before the fall.

Consequently, it must be understood that Jesus came to give us back more than cities and gardens. HE came to restore us to be the spirit-conscious beings we were always intended by God to be. HIS mission was to return us from the vague patterns of life Satan and his devils had crafted us to live by, to the victorious life of glory that God had purposed us to enjoy from the very beginning.

Jesus sought to return us to the foundation, to the beginning when God created us in HIM to be a type of divinity clothed in humanity. Living among us, especially during HIS three year ministry, HE demonstrated to us how a perfect man ought to live. HE also showed us how much we had lost in abandoning our spirit-conscience. HIS life was a string of one wonder after another so much that those who accompanied HIM were amazed as to the kind of man HE was (Mark 4:41).

As a spirit-conscious man, HE walked on water, calmed storms at a single command, healed all that were sick, multiplied food, changed water to wine, raised the dead and so much more than HIS apprentice were able to document (John 20:30). In those three years, HE demonstrated for those who cared to perceive how much man had fallen from glory and how much there was for him to gain if he could only be reconciled to God's divine program.

During HIS life on earth, Jesus lived within that experience. HE never did what HE did out of any whim or driven by any ulterior motive other than living a life that had been sealed in HIM. This is what HE meant when HE said:

I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me. John 5:30

HIS life was the wonder that it was because HE lived strictly within the dictates of the Spirit and therefore within the will of God. HE never ventured outside this parameter. What HE did was the result of what HE heard from the Holy Spirit.

The consequence of this order was that HIS judgment was righteous. HE was able to live an inerrant life, one without mistakes, without failure, without confusion. HE knew what to do, how to do, and when to do. HE lived within HIS divine program and therefore mastered a life of glory and wonder.

Something else that is significant in this regard is that Jesus demonstrated that **living out of the spirit is living out the mission assigned one by God.** In other words, when God instituted HIS divine program in us all, HE commissioned us.

In testifying that HE was sent, and that HE lived within the commission of HIS assignment, Jesus sought to return us to living God's will. HE also sought to awaken our consciousness to the fact that we are all in this sense missionary beings with a divine assignment. No one is a mistake or an accident in waiting. All of us are a spirit sent from God to accomplish works that HE has already ordained that we should perform.

And yet, this sense of commission, of divine assignment, had eluded everyone. Before Christ, most people assumed life on a trial and error basis. Many still do, even many among believers who have not received the knowledge that you are reading now. Many live from one mistake to another, never sure about what they are here for.

That explains why so many people live for such vain objects like other people, money, enjoyment, or even their careers and nations. And that explains the disillusionment that defines most lives. All those that seek after these things have found in them no real satisfaction. Many do not realize that they have robbed themselves of such great glory and fullness of life.

If only they had known better *how to live*, they would have known better *what to live for*.

My friend, life must be lived the way Jesus lived; inside-out and not outside-in. People need to learn to find out from within, the essence of their life. Only till then will they learn to genuinely aspire for the glory of God. And it is only then that they will live the fullness of the abundant life Jesus talked about. This is also what Jesus meant when HE revealed, "I am the way, the truth and the life" (John 14:6). HE came to return us to HIS life from which we were made. And HIS life is the only truth, the best way; every other experience is a blunt lie, a mirage that will be exposed for its emptiness.

Although in appearance these carnal courses may seem profitable, they are in proper perspective dangerous routes to ultimate destruction (Proverbs 14:12).

At this point, let us return to Paul's revelation in which he seeks that we may be strengthened in the inner man by the Spirit of God: This was the life that Jesus lived among us and the one that HE calls us to. As such, we are to aspire to be strengthened in the inner man or rather to be made more aware of the inner man. It is only then that we can have consciousness of the royal divine attributes we are destined for abiding in us.

My friend, it is down deep in the recesses of our being that critical truth abides. It is here that we find our true self, our true life, our destiny. It is in that reverend place that God has written HIS glorious will for our lives. And once our souls (our will, intellect and emotions) can be brought to the subjection of our spirit, an effort only possible by the working of the word of God and the glorious Holy Spirit, once this is done, then we are able to appreciate the love God has for us in all its facets, in all its measure.

What is so amazing about this experience is that it enables anyone that shares it to be awakened to their exact resemblance with God. All of a sudden the complete comprehension of the love of God catapults its benefactor to the revelation that it has always been God's intention that they be identical to HIM in all HIS virtue and attributes, in all HIS glory and power.

The believer is then lifted from merely *believing in God* to actually *believing like God*. HE grows from merely being in the family of God to becoming a *bona fide* member of the God-family. That person is not just a child of God as in *being a son of God* but he is transformed into one that *functions as a son of God* or rather, one that 'works the works of his Father'. HE is in this guise able to do as much as HIS God or rather HIS Father (John 10:37-38).

It is to this kind of person that Paul attributes such power within their being, such ability in their spirit, that is able to accomplish beyond what they may previously have been praying for, or what they may previously have been wishing for. That person has been translated into another being and is no longer living as a descendant of the first Adam but is effectively a product of the second Adam, Christ Jesus.

And this Christ-like person is not necessarily a Christian in the sense of believing in Christ and being a member of a sect that does. He is actually not religious and does not subscribe to any of the religions that believe in Christ. On the contrary, HE is acutely aware of the perversion these groups bring to the purpose of God in Christ Jesus. Besides, as I have said, HE does not merely believe in Christ but believes like HE does. Rather than be content at being *a member of a religion*, such a person is more intent on being *a revelation of God*.

Consequently, he is a master of life. He is nothing short of a new creation living out of his spirit the divine program of a glorious life determined by God. In that life, mistakes are canceled, failures are eliminated, and troubles are subdued. The person that lives according to divine programming is victor, glorious, perfect, and rich. He is an answer to a world of problems, a light to a season of darkness. Such a person cannot be hidden or subjected beneath the patterns of this world. Rather, they are on their way up being nothing less than a city set on a hill (Matthew 5:14).

And this, my friend, is the life intended for all men. It is written in the volume of the books in heaven. It is also

scribbled in the spirit of every man. It is the most assuring guarantee of a better-later.

It does not matter what deprivation you may have suffered. It does not matter what failure may have occupied you in the course of life. It doesn't even matter what disease may have plagued your body todate. It does not matter whatever the case may be. Once you cease living according to the pattern of this world, once you permit the Spirit of God to strengthen your inner man, once you comprehend the completeness of the love God has for you, once you live out of your spirit so much that you evoke the incredible well of power and glory therein, your LATER WILL BE HEAVENLY BETTER.

Switch on your spirit, turn on the inner man, and activate a power beyond words. Never again will you be a victim or subject of evil, darkness, and defeat. Your future will be infinitely far greater than your past that it will certainly be difficult for those that presumed to know you before to figure you out.

Some people talk about saving for a future or investing with hopes of reaping in the future. Others that are less practical but more religious talk about giving to God so that HE gives to you. They speculate on seasons of sowing and reaping, on the giving of tithe and the opening of the windows of heaven whereby God will pour out a blessing beyond storage.

All the above are indeed beneficial as means to a prosperous end but what I reveal here is infinitely greater than all of them. I have revealed a divine investment of incredible proportions that God banked in your spirit. There is seed-wealth of incredible proportions that God has sown in your spirit long before you were born. In that ground lie infinite amounts of possibilities way surpassing material realities.

I dare say it: Your spirit handles an account that far exceeds the amount in all the world's banks put together. Do not neglect it. Spend from it. Don't speculate when everything you need is at hand. Always

remember and seriously consider these wise words of both divine caution and counsel:

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap eternal life.

Galatians 6:7, 8

My dear, the truth be told: IT IS FINISHED. All your life has been excellently and magnificently done. Your inner man is the glorious key for you to translate from mortality into immortality, from limitation to infinite possibilities, from corruption to eternal life. Assisted by the mighty Holy Spirit, your inner man wields a future of immense glory that no other means can ever extend to you. Out of your spirit are resources that will enable you live a LATER far BETTER than any life you have ever known hitherto fore. So get into your spirit and start spending, it's all yours.

GOD HAS A PLAN

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11

Once we realize that we are sorted out, that God has indeed finished the works of our lives and sealed them in our spirit, it is imperative that we appreciate the order of that life. It is vital that we appreciate that when God works out on anything, HE does a meticulous work. God is not chaotic. HE is the paramount standard of peace, order, and intelligent design. HE is the epitome of excellence. Anything that is contrary to this is the work of evil, and often the result of overlooking the finished work that HE has sealed in us.

What is very vital for all of us who detest chaos and confusion is to identify with God's plan for our lives. Our better-later is guaranteed in that plan. It is beneficial in these matters for us to shift from the wrong and misguided impressions that heathen,

carnal-minded people have who presume on ill-fate being some kind of God occasioned disaster.

My dear, God does not plan evil, he just can't. That is not HIS methodology of work. The apostle James clarified on this conviction to the believers in Jerusalem that were enduring persecution. Many had wrongly entertained the notion that God had occasioned the trial. He disputed this perverse impression citing:

Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. James 1:12, 13

On the contrary, God's methodology of work, HIS plan for us, ensures that we overcome in any and every trial.

Consequently, any evil, chaos, trouble, disease, whatever the misfortune experienced by anyone is not the working of God that HE sealed in their spirit but the workings of evil prevailing in this world. It is the devil, who the apostle Peter revealed, that roams

around seeking who he may devour (1 Peter 5:8). Jesus also traced the cause of chaos in this regard when he described him as a thief intent to steal, kill, and destroy (John 10:9). Then in the same breath HE revealed God's plan for us, which incidentally HE came to restore, as giving us abundant life (John 10:10).

Now this is not the persuasion of many people, even believers. Several times when calamities hit, some people are quick to attribute them to God. Some are even euphemistically called 'acts of God'.

It is sad when one considers the goodness of God, when one has been revealed to HIS amazing kindness, to see men, or worse still, HIS children, attribute evil works to HIM.

God is not evil and will not do evil. HE is not chaotic, or disastrous. Those who accuse or impute evil to HIM grossly misunderstand HIM. They remind me of Job who errantly lamented as if the loss he had suffered when he lost all his children, animals, and properties in a single day were the efforts of God:

Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I shall return there. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away;
Blessed be the name of the LORD. Job 1:21

Many religious people like to use this persuasion when they lose a loved one or incur a gross disaster. And yet it is wrong. It was excusable for Job to use it because HE did not know any better. However, any critical study of this righteous man reveals that this errant persuasion set the wrong foundation for him in dealing with what had gone wrong. This errant persuasion slid him further into a downward spiral of chaos that compounded his misery.

Subsequent chapters in Job's account reveal that he grew more bitter with God as a result of this wrong impression. Of course, reading the account from the beginning gives us the benefit of knowledge that Job did not have by which we know that it was Satan behind all his loss. However, this was not obvious to Job as is often the case with many of God's children when disaster hits.

It is amazing that he was offended against God yet he had been upright and zealous in his devotions to him. Many zealous believers that suffer disasters conclude like Job against the LORD. They impute evil to the ONE that desires only good for them.

Why is this so? Why did Job, a righteous and devoted man misunderstand God? Why do many believers use his arguments to explain their loss? The answer can be found in having zeal without knowledge (Romans 10:2). So many believers like Job, are so caught up in religious devotion without caring so much to have divine revelation regarding the LORD they worship. Many that do are vulnerable to the workings of evil simply because they do not know the ways of God. You see, there is a world of difference between presuming the ways to God and knowing the ways of God.

Just because someone presumes the ways *to* God does not necessarily mean that they may know the ways *of* God. By the ways *to* God, I refer to religious ritual and tradition while the ways *of* God pertains to HIS

knowledge, HIS will, HIS wisdom and plans. Job, like many believers, was caught up in exercising the ways to God and had not grown to knowing the ways of God. As a result, his later turned from one bitter state to another to the point where like many religious practitioners do, he begun to accuse God and regretted his life altogether.

As so many do, at one point he wrongly lamented:

May the day perish on which I was born, and the night in which it was said, 'A male child is conceived.' May that day be darkness; May God above not seek it, nor the light shine upon it. Job 3:3-4

The same wrong lamentation continued, getting worse and worse, more erroneous the more he spoke:

Know then that God has wronged me, and has surrounded me with His net. "If I cry out concerning wrong, I am not heard. If I cry aloud, there is no justice. He has fenced up my way, so that I cannot pass; And He has set darkness in my paths. He has stripped me of my glory, and taken

the crown from my head. Job 19:6-9

Of course nothing can be further than the truth: Job, like so many believers, like so many practitioners of religion, misunderstand God, the cause of misfortune, and how to deal with evil.

To begin with, regretting being born is just the wrong thing to do. In the next chapter, I will be dealing more exhaustively on this subject but just for the record, your birth regardless the circumstances was a glorious opportunity. Your birth is a critical guarantee that you can, and should resolve the problems that you, your loved ones, or any others may face. Without your birth, it is inconceivable that you would be able to resolve the difficulties that you face, or those that your loved ones face, or those that others face.

You are not born for trouble as Job mistakenly suggests (Job 5:7). On the contrary, you are born as an answer to the cries of many. You are a solution with answers sealed deep in the recesses of your spirit. And the only way those answers have a chance of resolving calamities begins with your birth. So your birthday is a

critical opportunity for yourself, your loved ones, and countless others.

Consequently, your birth gives God's plan a chance. Job was way out of line in suggesting that God need not seek the day HE was born. He exposed his ignorance in these matters.

Brethren, God seeks our births. HE looks forward to our birth. That is why HE revealed to Jeremiah how HE knew him before he was in his mother's womb, and even called him to be a prophet before he was yet born (Jeremiah 1:5).

God is that excited about our births and has indeed been so since the foundations of the world when HE established HIS glorious plans regarding our lives. To be sure, God celebrates our birthdays before we are born. Our births occasion the incredible opportunity for HIS plans to come forth. When we are born HIS word has indeed put on flesh and dwelled among men. Every born child is a divine opportunity that can convert God's will from a spiritual vitality into a

timely reality. In the flesh, we have the opportunity to activate HIS glorious works.

My dear, when you understand things this way, you shift from merely practicing the ways to God to acknowledging his ways. Short of this shift, even though you may be pious, devoted, and convicted in your faith and religious observations, you remain vulnerable to the attacks of Satan. You also risk offending God by grossly misunderstanding HIM and the plans HE has for you.

This is where Job erred in accusing God for hounding him. In this he was no different from the children of Israel before him who accused God for trapping them in the wilderness because of the giants they feared to confront in the land of promise (Numbers 13).

Both imputed evil against God because they were ignorant of HIS methodologies, they were ignorant of HIS plans for them. To be sure, they underestimated the love God had for them; they failed to grasp just how much HE was committed to them.

And so many believers are that way: They are ignorant of God's ways even though they may be well versed with ways to HIM. They may know how to tithe, give offerings, pray, observe the commandments, they may even be gifted by the Spirit so that they speak in tongues, work miracles, and prophecy, but many are ignorant of God's ways. They lack knowledge and as a result, they suffer for it.

From HIS lofty abode in heaven, God observes and ponders:

My people perish for lack of knowledge (Hosea 4:6).

Offended at Job's ignorant complaints, HE asks:

Who is this who darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Job 38:2

So many of God's children do not realize that their lack of knowledge strengthens the devils hold against them. Inspite of their fears, anxieties, and complaints against God, they gravitate from worse to worse forsaking their glory for lying vanities (Jonah 2:8).

Think about it: The children of Israel all died in a wilderness when they could have thrived in the Promised Land. Similarly, Job need not have suffered for as long as he did if only he had known the truth from the beginning. If only he had considered how much God was for him, how God could not impute evil against him, so much would have been saved. If only Job had known more than religious observation, had he ventured into the knowledge of God, he would have overcome the hostility he faced soon as it showed face. Had he cared enough to discover his divine program his response would have been different: Rather than seek divine intervention, he would have activated it.

In the end, his conditions were changed not because of his ignorant complaints but inspite of them. To be sure, positive change came to him because true knowledge finally dawned on him. His *bitter-experience* turned into a better-later because he switched from complaining against God to comprehending the love of God:

Then Job answered the LORD and said: "I know You can do everything, and that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You. You asked, 'Who is this who hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. Listen, please, and let me speak; You said, 'I will question you and you will answer Me.' "I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, but now my eyes have seen You. Therefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes." Job 42:1-6

As a result of this conversion, Job received double what he had lost (Job 42).

And like I have always said, he did not receive double for his trouble. Trouble has never given anyone any double. I have seen many people in trouble suffer; even die without ever getting any double. Job got double from his newfound understanding. When he understood God, when he acknowledged God's ways, he activated glorious plans God had sealed in his spirit.

This is the point: The double was always available in his trouble. It was within him. God had sealed it in him long before he was born, long before the trouble. The problem was that he was not aware of it.

Although it is generally said, and it is indeed true, that it is better late than never (it even constitutes a chapter in this divine work), it is sad to realize that so much time was wasted in religious self-righteousness, in aggravating agony, and emotional bitterness when the answer was always so present.

Job need not have suffered as long as he did. If he had graduated from merely knowing about God to knowing HIS ways, understanding HIM, he would have shortened the duration of his trial. His double was always available and it was only his thinking, and the wrong counsel of his friends, that clouded him from activating it.

My friend, your double is not far from you. It is not in some foreign prosperous land awaiting your migration. Your double is not in some promised future or in some glorious past when things were better. You didn't lose it and neither do you have to miss it. Neither is it with someone you ought to beg or manipulate or steal. It is not with someone that you have to connect with or marry. Your double, your plenty, your increase was packed in your spirit by a faithful God. Look inside and discover a glorious plan of life all worked out long before you were born.

It is a glorious plan, a great one. It is a noble, excellent, pure and lovely course of life that God would like you to meditate on (Philippians 4:8). It features no evil, only good. It is God's gift to you and you must know that HE sponsors no failure, no chaos, no disaster:

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first fruits of His creatures. James 1:17

The profit of those who understand things this way is the incredible opportunity of cruising a journey that will position you above all things. My friend, God's plan for you begins, climaxes, and continues with your ultimate superiority over every circumstance, over every foe, over everything. HE has commissioned you to be HIS best, a special specie among all HIS creation. As such, HE earnestly desires that you should be subject

to nothing, bound by no one, and free to experience all the glory and goodness HE has programmed for you.

Forget what doomsayers and scorners may be saying to you. Do not pay attention to evil however persuasive its arguments or seductive it's luring. Turn aside from those who reason with perverse impressions that have no bearing to the glory God has deposited in you.

What is of essence is that you seize, take a firm grasp of your inner man and the plan that he keeps for you. Use the word of God to provide light for your spirit so that you are able to perform and experience the glorious life HE intended for you from the beginning. And when evil strikes, when you encounter setbacks, regardless the circumstances, keep your eye inside. Understand

the plan and walk it. Meditate on it, believe on it, rehearse it till it manifests.

What took Job 42 chapters may well take you this one chapter. Your later is planned for. Do not for one moment consider that there is, in any remote way, a you without a future or with a damned one for that matter. Brother, mum, whoever you are reading this revelation, your future is all set and ready. It is a glorious one, a marvelous one.

By spiritual discernment and the knowledge of Christ, I can see your spirit. I know the glorious details therein and it is all good. As such, I can see you in the future and you look much better than you look right now. I can see you in the future and you live much better than you are living right now. I can see you in the future and you think much better than you are thinking right now. I can see you in the future and you are much better than you are right now.

You are a spirit-conscious man that is gloriously aware how everything about you is realigning to suit God's glorious plan for you: Diseases are quitting out of your body, enemies are making peace with you, and finances are connecting with you as you abound from faith to faith, height to height, health to health, and from glory to glory. The increase of this divine prospect has no bounds; its rewards are infinite and its possibilities beyond enormous. That is the inheritance of the believer.

Think this way, enter into your divine program and activate God's reverend plan for your life. Do not stray to the left or the right. Do not be deceived by the carnal senses however pressing their lures. Stay on course and unveil a better-later than anyone had ever comprehended. It's all yours!

BORN FOR A MISSION, CALLED FOR A PURPOSE

Do not think in your heart that you will escape in the king's

palace any more than all the other Jews. For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise

for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house shall perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this? Esther 4:13-14

The epilogue provides a suitable setting for us to venture further into the paramount subject we are dealing with: Here was a testing period in the life of a young woman that had enjoyed the privilege of being lifted from obscurity where she was a mere Jewish slave girl in the kingdom of Persia to becoming queen of the kingdom. At the particular point of the test, evil threatened to wipe out every benefit she had gained together with all her people.

From the perspective of a Jewish slave girl turned queen, her later seemed to be turning from better to bitter.

What could she do to avert the bitter and strengthen the better? Is it possible that better for a former slave cannot be a long lasting affair? Was the bitter of her Jewish past a sentence so strong that it nullified any gains of her better-later? Does Esther offer any lessons on how yesterday's bitterness can be thoroughly buried so that life can be forever enjoyed?

The story of Esther is a most educating account of how fortunes change so that life can switch from bitter to better, and stay better. The principles that guide its plot have a lot of lessons that they offer anyone seeking to ensure that their later is better than their former. They also educate on how we can indeed ensure that the fate of the *bitter-past* need not wipe out the *better-later* that you can enjoy.

That said, the overriding principle in the account of Esther is the essence of destiny in everyday life. It tells of how once we are conscious of our mission in life, once we awaken to our divine calling, how nothing bitter can contend and overwhelm us. This is God's plan for us, the benefit we are entitled to from HIS divine program.

Esther tells you that **you are born for a mission, called for a purpose.** You are not some fated entity that can be tossed by every passing plot of evil. On the contrary, you are born with a mission and called with a purpose that is so powerful once you are aware of it. In your hands, lies the better-later you are entitled to. More than that, awakening to your calling can guarantee a better-later for several others connected to you.

Within your spirit is the amazing power to convert your fortune and that of several others. The Esther story also invites you to take note of the reason for fortune beyond personal pleasure. There is a more significant reason for your later to be better than your personal enjoyment. In your hands lie the grand possibilities of loved ones, an entire nation, and even many nations.

A lot of people in a perverted generation driven by sensual desires, and preoccupied with personal advantages, are not aware that they risk losing the very advantage that they are selfishly pursuing. Their tendency to be consumed with what they lust for, driven as it were by their carnal desires, is a most deceptive means of guaranteeing a better-later. It may seem to work just as Esther could have presumed that she was safe in the palace but the end of it is fatal:

There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death. Proverbs 16:25

Esther tells you that there is more to life than meets the eye. There is more to the business of life than you can figure out with your Japanese calculator, western appetite, or whatever human standard you adopt. Rather than look through the lenses of the carnal mind, rather than look outside at what is going on or what we have, Esther invites the wise to look inside. Look into your spirit and discover your mission and purpose in life.

Jesus told of a tragic story pertaining to this logic:

The ground of a rich man yielded plentifully. "And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?" "So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years, take your ease, eat, drink, and be merry."

"But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?" Luke 12:16-21

This is what the people of this world do not realize. And like I have said before, even several believers and ministers as well, are caught in the same trap of sensual living. Like the rich fool in the LORD's story, they are busy living from the outside, making calculations based on what they observe with their eyes rather than seeking to know what their spirit carries. Several have discovered too late that what they treasured with their carnal senses were lying vanities and not true riches. In

their constant preoccupation with self, they have gained the world and lost their soul (Matthew 16:26). Some have also learnt too late when even the world they selfishly pursued eludes them or drives them from trouble to trouble.

Fortunately for Esther, she was blessed to be mentored by a spiritual man, Mordecai.

And therein is another vital lesson: Her story also reveals the benefit of spiritual mentoring. Everyone needs to be surrounded with people that are able to discern hearts, times, and the will of God. In a perverted generation where most reasoning is clouded with carnality and sensuality, it is profitable to avoid wrong fellowship:

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful. Psalm 1:1

The apostle Paul also counseled thus:

Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness?

and what communion has light with darkness? 2 Corinthians 6:14

It is essential that we properly appreciate Mordecai's essence in Esther's story: Hadn't Esther had the benefit of Mordecai's counsel from her childhood; it is possible she may not have become queen in the first place. Fortunately for her, she still valued his advice even after she was queen (Esther 2:20; 4:15-16).

This is also where many believers go wrong: They may listen to spiritual counsel at some point of gross disadvantage however, when they gain in life they begin to identify with the patterns of the world and are less inclined to attend to spiritual counsel. Unfortunately for many, they lose the very benefit that has occasioned their pride.

This seems to have been King Saul's curse: It is instructive to note that Saul was privileged to have the mentoring company of Samuel. Hadn't such opportunity crossed his path, it is possible he may never have become King of Israel.

For Saul's story in the scriptures begins with him looking for lost horses belonging to his father unaware that destiny beckoned him to be king of Israel. He was greatly privileged that the company he kept as he sought his father's horses counseled him to visit the prophet Samuel who in turn discerned Saul's divine program as deserving him a greater role than the domestic assignment he had settled for.

Carefully observe the choice of words that the prophet shared with Saul when they met for the first time:

I am the seer. Go up before me to the high place, for you shall eat with me today; and tomorrow I will let you go and will tell you all that is in your heart. 1 Samuel 9:19

What did the prophet mean by telling him what was written in his heart? Of course he meant all that God had downloaded into his spirit long before time begun intending that Saul should walk in, his divine program: He referred to the essence of his birth, the purpose of his call.

And this essence, this purpose for Saul turned out to be king of Israel. The prophet Samuel revealed as much:

Is it not because the LORD has anointed you commander over HIS inheritance? 1 Samuel 10:1

And yet this destiny was unknown to Saul before this experience. Not even his father knew about it or all that were dear to him. And to be sure, Saul was petrified by the prospect and at some point contemplated against it because he despised himself (1 Samuel 10:21-23). Further still, quite a number of Israelites also despised Saul although they demanded for a king (1 Samuel 10:27). And yet, contrary to all opposition, the Spirit of the LORD moved on his behalf so that he arose to the occasion and fulfilled this destiny call.

It is difficult to imagine how Saul might have activated his divine program to royalty without the mentoring influence of Samuel. It is possible that hadn't Saul sought and honored Samuel's counsel when they met, he would never have been anything more than another son to his father. He might even have failed to find the horses he was looking for.

So it's quite unfortunate that he chose not to continue to benefit from the wise mentoring of the prophet. His better-later turned into a bitter-end simply because he substituted Samuel's counsel with that of the people under his authority. Once he became king of Israel, he progressively declined the counsel of Samuel in favor of his own self-conceited ideals and the exaggerated flatters of his juniors. In the end, he suffered gravely for this pride:

So Samuel said: "Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He also has rejected you from being king".

Then Saul said to Samuel, "I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment of the Lord and your words, because I feared the people and obeyed their voice. 1 Samuel 15:22-24

Important to note on this account is that when Samuel pronounced Saul's loss of the kingdom, nothing seemed to have altered materially. Saul remained king of Israel firmly seated on its throne. However, the effect of the curse pronounced over him was a very internal matter: Saul's loss was more within than outside. He lost the throne from within his spirit with the eventual consequence of entirely losing it materially (1 Samuel 15).

As I have said, a critical reason for this loss had to do with his abandonment of good and genuine mentoring in preference of the carnal fellowship and deceptive counsel of his subordinates. He was foolish to substitute *spiritual understanding* with *natural concerns*. In the end, he lost the benefit of all that God had given him.

My friend, consider CHANGE YOU MUST BELIEVE IN as your mentoring guide. In the wise words written here are ancient truths, divine counsels that are intended to enable you consolidate your better, or in

the face of a previously bitter life, the wisdom necessary to enable you activate a better life.

Do not be conformed to the patterns of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind (Romans 12:2). Do not be seeking your life in what you can see and hear with your carnal senses. Acknowledge that your life was already made long before you were born and has indeed been sealed in your spirit. Consequently, you have a different pattern of life from that of the people of the world: Rather than seeking your life outside, live your life from inside. Recognize that you were born for a divine mission. Your life is a divine calling to a glorious purpose assigned to you by God.

Do not get caught in the trappings of what is going on outside, be it good or bad. Instead, govern your mission; respond to your call from the urgings of God's Spirit.

On a most serious note, the Holy Spirit is the most important mentor you could ever have (John 14:26; 1

Corinthians 2:13). HE is indeed nothing less than the foundation quintessential to divine living. Hearken to HIS wise and gentle counsel.

Once you assume this correct path of living, you will occasion the divine program that is sealed in your spirit. My friend, once you are within this parameter, there are not enough devils in hades or hell that can contend with you. Your enemies will come in one direction and flea in seven different directions (Deuteronomy 28:7). A thousand shall fall on your side and ten thousand on your right side but there shall be no evil that will come near you (Psalm 91:7). The believer that walks his divine program walks the path of the righteous- the one that shines brighter every passing day till the day of perfection (Proverbs 4:18).

Again, let me emphasize something here that is so often misunderstood by God's children: It is not that evil will not contend with you. Most assuredly, it will. But no weapon fashioned against you shall prosper (Isaiah 54:17). It may fashion but it will not prosper. And

though the devil comes like a flood, the Spirit of God will raise the standard (Isaiah 59:19).

That is a life of guaranteed victory. The man or woman or child that awakens to their mission, the one that discovers his purpose in life and goes for it, does not wonder for divine intervention. He activates it. To be sure, such a person does not need divine intervention. He is a divine intervention.

He cannot be beleaguered and at loss of what to do in the face of imminent danger. They know what to do. They will get the right counsel; they will make the right decision, and will not compromise, be afraid, or shrink from their divine mandate. They know that greater is HE that is in them than the devil that is in the world (1 John 4:4). Victory for that category is an assured conclusion. You can bank on it.

And that is Esther's story: When faced with the malicious threat poised against her people, she was not lost for what to do. Neither did she decline into a shell of cowardice or shrink from her divine mandate.

Mordecai, her God appointed mentor, was within her circle to guide her. In her hands, lay the reason for her birth, the urgency of her divine call and purpose.

And once she awakened to her divine program, she ventured beyond merely seeking divine intervention to actually being a divine intervention.

It becomes apparent in the story of this great life that her birth was Israel's privilege. She was available to partner with divinity so as to guarantee victory for her people. In the end, those who contended with her discovered at their terminal loss that it is fatal to work against divine programming. They paid dearly with their lives (Esther 9).

This is what several children of God need to awaken to. They need to realize that their lives have not just begun. Neither are they some frail entity that can be easily swept by any passing wind. Every child of God is predated to eternity and their story begins with Christ at the foundation of the world. Consequently, they are programmed from the rock of ages that can never

be shaken from whence they are destined for continuous increase and unrelenting glory.

This is what Paul meant when he elaborates:

For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined He also called; who He called; these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. Romans 8:29-30

And this is the pattern of the mission and purpose of the believer. You are a predestined being, divinely programmed to ascend from glory to glory. Meaning that your later is certain to get better if you can arise to the purpose of your life. If only you would realize that you were born only because you were known by God, and you live only because God has intended that you should be conformed to the image of Christ; which incidentally is a royal-priestly image.

Beloved, when I talk of born for a mission and called for a purpose, I am revealing the essence of your existence. I am dealing with the reason for your being, the definition of your true person. In one word- your destiny. Unfortunately, many people do not function from this paradigm. They presume that they are just living. Many mistakenly seek in the world to discover their essence for living: They look at a job, a business, their children or spouse, or their family inheritance, or whatever fortune or misfortune and presume that their destiny is locked in these things.

How sad, how wrong, how limited. Our destiny exceeds anything we can find in this world. That is why everything will perish, even heaven (which for sure is not our destiny), but we will remain; no doubt, to continue accomplishing our call and purpose. Our destiny will outlast heaven and earth; it is enshrined in God's word that abides and lives forever, it is an eternal mandate that begun long before we were born in this world and continues long after we pass on from the flesh.

So what is our destiny? Why are we born? What should we live for? A correct answer to these questions will certainly convert our later to be better than we ever imagined.

Our mission is to accomplish God's will, to fulfill the writing that HE has sealed in our spirit and written in the records of heaven.

You see, Esther did not lay her life on the line only because her uncle Mordecai said so, or for his sake in the sense that he was her last surviving relative. Neither did she do it for the sake of the Jews in the sense that they were her ethnicity. Her motivation was not merely driven by her sentiments but more so by her spirit. The call to this duty was derived from deep within her, from her spirit where God had sealed this cause and duty.

As such, she didn't do it for her uncle or her people; Esther did what she had to do for her God. Esther lived for God. The reason God responded with amazing victory in this regard is because HE had a plan for Israel. God attended to Esther's petition because HE was bound in covenant to Abraham and nothing, no evil, could wipe out this plan. Esther was therefore a critical factor in this plan. She was born for the benefit of Israel. Her call went so far beyond the luxury of the palace and the privilege of human royalty to ensuring God's eternal plan for Israel.

In this quest, she ventured into her predestined divine royalty that God had instituted in her. The story of Esther is therefore more than the story of a queen of Persia. More seriously, it is the story of a royal priest awakened to her divine commission and eternal essence.

As a royal priest in the line of Melchizedek, she upheld God's eternal purpose and defended HIS people from evil.

Now royalty in this sense was not peculiar to Esther and neither did salvation come to the Jews because Esther was a queen in Persia. Hadn't Esther awakened to her call, hadn't she responded to the essence of her being, God's hand was not short to save. Mordecai was right in cautioning her that God was able to provide salvation for Israel from any other quarter (Esther 4:14). God would still have occasioned another royal thinking priest to provide defense for Israel.

And it is important that we realize that this choice need not have been confined in the palatial quarters of the kingdom of Persia. God's royal priests may not be found in the palaces of men but that need not limit their divine mission and call. Palace or no palace, their divine mandate guarantees their royal and priestly function.

My dear, your royal priestly status is not limited to a palace experience. This was the eternal lesson God sought to share with us all in Moses' account. In HIS omniscient wisdom, HE let Moses fail to deliver the children of Israel while he lived in the privileged quarters of Pharaoh's palace (Exodus 2:11-15). HE demonstrated the superiority of Moses' divine royalty over human royalty when as an old rugged man unable

to speak and seemingly armed with only a shepherd's rod, HE used him to trounce Pharaoh, destroy Egypt, and deliver the Jews (Exodus 4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14).

My friend, do not wait to get in a human palace before you discover royalty. Discover divine royalty and no human palace will be too much for you. For your information, Esther did not assume royalty when she joined the king and became his wife. Rather, if the truth is correctly told, she joined the king and became queen of Persia because she was royal. Her divine royalty programmed her for human dignity. Royalty and divinity were inherent in her being, sealed as it was in her spirit. She was born for divine royalty, to be above and above only. Her distinguished position as queen of Persia was in this regard therefore the result of a divine move.

And by the way, this was not peculiar to her as I have said before. Everyone of us has been programmed by God to be royal and divine. As such, that is our mission, our manifest destiny, our call and purpose for living. Like Christ, when mockingly asked by Pilate regarding this matter, we too can declare:

You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice.

John 18:37

This is the vital, everlasting, and incredible truth written in our spirits. This is what men lost in the Garden, and subsequently, throughout time. But this is what Jesus came to restore to us. This is what HE came to bear witness to. HE came to awaken us to our divine royalty, our heavenly commission, our manifest destiny.

Until we acknowledge this birthright to divine royalty, we will remain clouded in fear, subject to the elements of this world, and lost of our cause and purpose. Wake up to your real self, recognize your true call, and you will soar beyond imagination. This is what the apostle Paul writing to his young apprentice,

Timothy, called the mystery of godliness (1 Timothy 3:16). Similarly writing to the church in Colossus he explained how it had been lost to mankind but had now been revealed in Christ:

The mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but has now been revealed to His saints. To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gen-tiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Colossians 1:26

This is what Paul ministered wherever he went. This was the heart-beat of his ministry. He didn't preach Christianity, the way most know it today. He never sought to establish another religion. He didn't seek to gain a following, or establish a religion the way many have done. He sought that all men, where possible, would awaken to their original self where they were created in Christ, in divine royalty.

Observe attentively his noble cause, consider his persistent objective. To the Colossians, he continues to reveal:

Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. Colossians 1:27

To the Galatians, he warned against receiving any other gospel before revealing:

Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Galatians 3:24-27

And to the Ephesians, he was more elaborate, getting into details of why different spiritual gifts were given to the Church:

And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors, and some teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of

Christ. Ephesians 4:11-13

What a marvelous plan, what a glorious intention. This is God at HIS ultimate best. It does not get better than this. This is it. This is the big IT! I mean, what a ministry God has given us. What a goal lies on our shoulder.

Writing to the Corinthians, Paul referred to it as a ministry of reconciliation, revealing:

Now_all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. 2 Corinthians 5:18

And therein lays the mission of a book such as this: In these pages is a ministry of reconciliation. My reverend objective is to reconcile your impressions of who you think you are with who you really ought to be.

When I declare that LATER CAN BE BETTER, I am not simply making rhyming sense, neither am I merely

making timely promises. I am talking about CHANGE YOU MUST BELIEVE IN. Do not doubt the infinite measures of glorious possibilities available to you.

To be sure, this book seeks to correct more than time lost. The convictions that guide my teaching hinge on eternal matters that define your purpose for living and your true image and likeness.

In this commission, I seek to fulfill the purpose of Christ in your life. My friend, Jesus did not come to establish a collection of religions; neither did HE seek to build a wide following of religious enthusiasts.

HIS mission and our commission is a lot more serious than that. HE never sought to make us into some wimpy freaks that are perennially asking heaven for a divine intervention.

Far from it, HE sought to establish us on a solid foundation from which we would function as a divine intervention in this world. Like Paul, I agree that the work of Christ is never complete until we have discovered why we are born and what our manifest **destiny is.** Until we do, we will never realize our ultimate potential, we will miss our royal privilege.

Any person that comes to the full appreciation of this revelation ceases to be another person among many. He becomes one of a kind, a unique and peculiar individual clearly distinguished from the frail lineage of humanity. That former identity has passed away and has been supplanted with the divine royalty we call CHRIST, what Paul also called a new creation and the apostle James referred to as a type of first fruit of creation (2 Corinthians 5:7; James 1:18).

So CHANGE YOU MUST BELIEVE IN is not about converting you into Christianity or even making you a better Christian. Quite far from that: My intention here is to reconcile you to the image and likeness of Christ. Rather than Christianize you, I hope to convert you into Christ, into the very epitome of royalty and divinity. And it is from this vantage point that you can command your later to be better.

In this sense, the book you are reading is relevant to you whether you are atheist, non-Christian, or even Christian; as long as you have not yet awakened to your inner person and are unaware of your divine program then you are welcome to the truths therein.

If you are in Christ, then you have come to the essence of your being. You have arrived at the possibility of the most perfect you there can ever be. It is here that you come to terms with your natural birth, recognizing that you were born for royal and divine reasons. You realize that you couldn't be a mistake. You also close the doors to mistakes. The more conscious you are of your Christ-likeness, the more perfect your path becomes, the more certain and glorious your future becomes.

Your hopes and dreams cease to count on the vitality of anything else other than Christ in you where all the promises of God are made YES and AMEN! (2 Corinthians 1:20). Oh yes.

The one awakened to this conscience is no longer hoping that the doctor's report will be good; or, hoping that the economy will be favorable; or, hoping that the young man they love will be attracted to them and propose their hand in marriage. The one that wakes up to this privilege ceases to hope in the promise of anyone or anything. All their hope is in Christ. All their glory is in Christ. And Christ is in them, their hope of glory (Colossians 1:26).

If they want a good medical report, they can look inwards; if they want a good economy, they can look inwards; if they want a good spouse, they can look inwards; if they want a good country, they can look inwards. Whatever they desire, whatever they need, is not in the hands of someone else or whatever seems outside their sphere of influence. All they need is in there, in Christ who dwells richly in them by faith (Ephesians 3:17).

Neither are they separated from what God has in store for them in heaven. The very Kingdom of God is within them (Luke 17:21). In this reality, God has in fact willed that they establish HIS will on earth as it is in heaven (Matthew 6:10). They are able to manifest here on earth, in present reality, the glory of God that reigns in heaven; which essentially means that their later can actually be heavenly better. My dear, the difference between your past and your now, from your later, may well be as high as the heavens are from the earth.

What do you need to do to enjoy that kind of later? Well like I have said over and over, wake up to it. Do what Esther did and recognize that there is more to you than the palaces of men. There is also more to you than anyone can be able to destroy. Look inwards and discover why you were born and what you are here for. Appreciate that there is more to you than meets the eye. Find out from God's word, believe the witness of Christ, study and acknowledge the ministry of reconciliation, and you will be on your way from glory to glory.

It will not matter whether you have heard any glory before. The glory of the latter shall outclass the former (Haggai 2:9). That was Esther's story: When she awakened to her call, she was able to reign as queen in a greater fashion than before; with greater regard from the king. She became one of his leading counsels. Moreover, not only were her people saved from impending holocaust, they also gained unprecedented prominence throughout the kingdom, and her own uncle became second to the king as prime minister (Esther 9; 10).

That is your lot even as you read. As you discover the cause of your life, you will celebrate your birthday. So will several others. Thanks be to God Almighty you were born to grace the occasion of life. In you lies the glorious purpose that eliminates any curse, any evil that may have sought to destroy you or/and others.

Look, refuse to despair. That is not your heritage and manifest destiny. You are a child of destiny for whom all things are working together for good (Romans 8:28).

And neither are you going to die just yet. Not that it makes much difference for you because for you to be absent from the body is to be present with the LORD. And, your presence in the body is, to be sure, beneficial to us all (Philippians 1:21).

Nonetheless, rather than die, far from it, after awaking to this revelation of Christ in you, you are mandated to live. You will live to *demonstrate* the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living (Psalm 27:13). And more than that: You will live to exhibit the glory in you for the benefit of all men and the praise of almighty God.

The world needs you to bear witness to this truth. Men are suffering in darkness ignorant for answers. What is necessary to the human episode is the light in you.

So heaven is counting on you to program it to the benefit of all men. Reveal your divine royalty in manifest wonders that will bring many back to God. In you, is the answer that many sick people need, in you is the answer that many economies need, in you is the light that many trapped in all manner of darkness need. You are the salt of the earth, the field of

God's power, the anchor for many drowning in life's ocean.

Do not lose out on this revelation; do not neglect its glorious truth. So much depends on you, so many are counting on you. In your being, defined in your purpose, lodged in your spirit, is a whole world of answers for you and for more men than you can finitely imagine. May this truth reach your conscience for the better of us all and the eternal praise of the Father and our loving LORD Jesus Christ; GREAT THINGS HE HAS DONE!

PURPOSE IS GREATER THAN SUCCESS

By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasure of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward. Hebrews 11:24-26

So far so good? No, I think the mighty Holy Spirit has done so much better than good: So far so great, is more like it. The more we venture into the latter part of this book the deeper we swim into the river of HIS Spirit, and the closer we arrive at the mountain summit of HIS wisdom. From this vantage view, the divine possibilities sealed in our spirit become even more and obvious to us even as the prevailing more circumstances, regardless their position, are further eclipsed into oblivion.

At this stage, we can say we are walking in the Spirit, and are less inclined to fulfill the desires of the flesh (Galatians 5:16). Consequently,

ones judgment becomes more like the LORD's so that their preference is guided by truth where in these matters of a better-later, **purpose is greater than success.**

This is a vital matter for the believer in Christ. It is also critical for the world. A lot of heartbreak, confusion, disillusionment, chaos, destruction, anxiety, disappointment, anger, strife, fear, uncertainty, evil, and all the attributes of darkness hail from a wrong perception of this matter. In confusing success for purpose, many have gone astray.

This error in judgment in the part of the general mass of the human experience is the cause of all the mess that we see going on in the lives of individuals, couples, families, communities, nations, regions, and the world over from generation to generation. Men have suffered over and above the measure they can endure simply because they ignorantly have pursued after success at the expense of purpose. And they have done this since Adam fell.

It is important that we go right to Adam if we must seek to restore all things, which indeed is the business of reconciliation. We must realize that when God created man, HE did not commission him to run after success. On the contrary, HE commissioned HIM to live HIS purpose.

Now, I am aware that some religious folk with carnal aspirations may want to quickly refer to the fact that when God planted the man in the Garden of Pleasure-Eden, HE intended for the man to have success first, and in this experience discover his purpose. They may even point to the fact that after God created the man, the first thing HE did is bless the man. Furtherstill, they may argue that the first words HE spoke to the man were a commission to succeed when HE said:

Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth. See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food.

Genesis 1:28, 29

And yet, nothing can be further from the truth. Those that skip into the success God guarantees man, which indeed the above-referred passage is, err in overlooking the purpose God gives man. And the reason this oversight is critical is because the success God gives man is really based on the purpose HE had given him. Without that purpose, the guarantee of the success that God gives man pales away to oblivion and is replaced with the vanity and disaster that is so prevalent in so many lives in the world today.

Consequently, if we want to restore all things, which as I mentioned is the essence of the ministry of reconciliation, if we want to return man to having genuine success rather than have him chase after vanity, we must seek to establish HIS purpose. For it is from thence that authentic success is guaranteed. And like I have said, any search for the purpose of man should precede the success of man.

This implies that we may have to seek the details of man's creation preceding his success, before God blessed him. A good place to begin may be to ascertain the intention of God when HE created the man: What was God's motive for creating man? Why did HE embark in creating man? What did HE intend man to fulfill?

To be sure, God did not create man merely to have success, to give him material blessings, plenty to eat and drink, and a good place to live in. There was more to the man than these good provisions. Although I will arrive at this discussion later in this chapter, we will realize that similarly, Jesus came, died and was resurrected for a greater reason than giving us success. When HE talks of coming that we may have life, and have it more abundantly, HE is referring to something far more than vain accomplishment (John 10:10).

I say this because it is apparent that the devil has perverted the gospel just like it was in the days of Jesus when the Pharisees corrupted the word of God with their vain philosophies (Matthew 15:1-9). The matter was also a consistent concern of the apostle Paul in the early stages of the Church as well as a vice he foresaw

would be prevalent in the last days (Colossians 2:8; 1 Timothy 6:21).

So many preachers and teachers today are corrupted with the love of money and are caught up with the aspirations of the world. A seductive and most subtle spirit has enticed them so much that they care less for the purpose of man being consumed as it were with tempting lures of vain success.

This move of darkness akin to Jezebel's influence in the days of Elijah and Balaam's perversion in the days of Balak has persisted in the body of Christ from the early Church to this day (Revelation 2:20-23; 2 Peter 2:15). It has invaded our pulpits and consumed the desires of many ministers and saints. As a result, so many have believed the LORD merely for success; so many seek the LORD merely for success; so many serve the LORD merely for success. Sadly to say, so many are lost; not in the world, but in the Church.

And so the matter is so grave today, may be more so today than ever because sin and perversion have

increased to gross proportions so much that we do have the profound dual-irony of a lost world, and to a large degree, a lost Church. When saints are driven with the same motives with the world, when they aspire for success, seeking after the same things the heathen are chasing, then we have a Church as lost as the world.

What is critical to correcting this colossal mess is to find out the purpose of man. In this regard, it is important that we realize that the assignment of defining the purpose of man is beyond the scope of worldly wisdom. The world cannot ever find this out. It is beyond them. Neither do they have the mandate to do so.

When among errant men perverse scientists presume that man is part of the occasion of an accidental process bearing no particular purpose or/and rationale, they unconsciously rob the human experience of its most critical source of privilege and glory. Their investigations and persuasions are dubious lies evoked from hell and carefully crafted into their deluded

minds with the sinuous intention of keeping man lost, limited, and destined for eternal damnation.

To be sure, the answers to man's purpose are spiritual and can only be ascertained by the Church. This is what the apostle Paul meant when he affirmed the Church as the pillar and custodian of the truth (1 Timothy 3:15).

Necessity beckons the Church to realize that if it abdicates its mandate then humanity is doomed. If the Church follows the world as we often see today, then men are lost indeed. For the Church must lead the world. It is the Church that the Spirit has counseled all truth. While the Spirit of God is upon all flesh, HE has convicted the world concerning sin but has revealed the truth to the Church (Joel 2:28; John 16:8).

It is for this reason that Paul cautioned the believers in Ephesus:

This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that <u>you</u> should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, having their understanding

darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their hearts; who being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanliness with greediness.

But you have not so learned Christ, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus.

Ephesians 4:17-21

This truth in Jesus is the one HE came to bear witness to (John 18:37). It is the truth that HE brought to the earth and gave to the Church through HIS Spirit. And Paul is right in calling the Church from imitating the world who, in their greed and ravenous pursuits, are trapped in darkness.

It should be clear from Paul's concern that any pursuit for success at the cost of purpose is a futile course cruising to disaster. That carnal pathway ends in destruction and as such the Church has nothing to learn from it.

Instead, the world needs to learn from the Church. And in fact, when the world learns in this manner, they will not learn *from the* Church but will learn *into the* Church. Once they learn from the Church the revelation of

Christ as the profound essence of man, they will repent, convert, and become members of the Church.

And that is the mandate of the Church: We are to carry this great message, this amazing truth, to every man, in every nation so that God's omnipotent will is accomplished. In this regard, the same zeal that occupied the apostle Paul is most relevant today.

It is vital that the Church, like Paul, understood the great commission beyond the great concern of winning souls or worsestill, the dubious concern of acquiring and boasting of material benefits. Our mandate goes further than *making conversions* to actually *making disciples*; it exceeds the trivial prospect of *making money* to undertake the noble role of *making saints*. Ultimately, we must be about establishing the kingdom of God so that HIS will is done here on earth as it is done in heaven (Matthew 28:18-20).

This is the great commission and I dare say that outside this purpose, the Church has no worthy success. In executing this exemplary cause, Paul sought to bring humanity to the revelation of Christ. He understood this as the glorious ideal wherein lies every man's purpose:

Christ we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. To this end I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily. Colossians 1:28-29

Only then shall men have the most excellent success that they seek in utter ignorance. For in this truth, in the revelation of Christ, is the purpose of man that provides the foundation for the most incredible success any man can ever have, both in this present age and in the one to come.

So like I said, it is vital we seek to know the purpose of man. Why did God create man?

The beginning cited earlier in Genesis is still useful for this exercise. Consequently, we must appreciate the divine sequencing of man's creation: **Before the success** that God offered man, before HE created the man, HE outlined his purpose. God ordained the purpose of the man before HE commissioned the success of the man. We trace the purpose of the man in these omnipotent words when God said:

Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness (Genesis 1:26)

Now this text reads more like a statement of God's intention bearing in a sense no obvious purpose for the man. It resembles more like what God intended to do rather than what HE created the man for. However, when we observe this same matter from Paul's understanding as revealed to him by the Spirit, we appreciate that not only is man as image and likeness of God an intention of the Most High, but it is also the purpose for the man:

For whom He foreknew, He also predestined (read, purposed) to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first born among many brethren. Moreover, those whom he predestined He also called. Romans 8:29, 30

Further reading into Paul's revelation of man here reveals that after this purpose- conformity to the image of Christ, then we see the prospect of man's success:

Whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified these He also glorified. Romans 8:30

Consequently, we can see that justification and glory proceed from calling and purpose in God's divine programming.

So clearly, we can observe that where success is sought, it should be understood that preceding it must be the purpose of the man. And the purpose of the man is to conform to what I called in the previous chapter, royal divinity or divine royalty, or what Paul called the mystery of godliness. Ultimately, the purpose of man is to reveal Christ or manifest royal divinity.

Someone might ask how this is done on a day-to-day basis: How do we ensure we are working within God's purpose or conforming to the image of Christ on a daily basis?

To arrive at this effort is the noble intention of this book: CHANGE YOU MUST BELIEVE IN seeks to activate you into divine programming so that you are able to walk in your purpose on a daily basis. Consequently, it seeks to ensure that your life attains what God distinguishes to Joshua as *good success*, in the sense that there is indeed such a thing as *bad success* (Joshua 1:8).

I guarantee you, when life is lived within this sequence where men place their God-given purpose above their pursuit of success; life becomes the abundant glory that God intended it to be in the first place.

Now, a good place to start in appreciating ones divine purpose on a continual basis has to do with appreciating its preeminence, its superiority, above all else. If we don't have that settled, temptation will always find room to divert you from purpose to some dubious success, or trials will always sift you in the pressure to save your flesh in preference of some limited comfort. Many have in the face of difficult choices or, in the event of seductive lures changed course and sought success at the cost of purpose.

So, if we must walk daily in our purpose, or in divine programming for that matter, if we must be committed to it, we must realize that it should be a constant preference, a consistent standard; we must be deeply and passionately convinced of Christ in-dwelling us and work towards manifesting HIM in everything we do. If our better-later must so exceed the privileges of any better-past we have ever enjoyed or, if it must more than compensate any bitter-past we have ever suffered, the revelation of Christ in us and through us must always be the ground on which our success is built.

Walking in this revelation and manifesting its glorious results then demands that we consistently submit ourselves to the Spirit and the word of God.

This is how Adam lived before the fall. He begun by living in his purpose. Adam lived as a son of God, conforming into the image and likeness of God on a constant basis. In order to do so, he lived intimately with God and in obedience to HIS voice. His actions were the offspring of God's command.

He never did anything that God did not ask him to: When God placed him in the Garden, he stayed there; when God asked him to tend it, that is what he did; when God gave him dominion over the creatures and brought them to him to name them, that is what he did; when God sought for him a suitable helper, he received her and lived harmoniously with her; and when God forbade him from touching or eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, he obliged. Adam endeavored to obey God, duly submitted to HIS Spirit and HIS word, and in doing so, he activated a divine program that ensured his life was a string of wonders and good success.

It is amazing to observe the amount of success that he was able to master within this divine program. There is nothing to compare to that today: The man never sweated all that time; never did he fall sick; he was able to name every creature and fellowship with God on

such an intimate manner that many people have since never experienced.

And the amazement just increases when you consider that he lived this way, was this successful, in spite of the fact that he was not a member of any religious sect, or Christian denomination. Neither was he part of any intelligent schooling or commercial activity. Without any supra-organization, without government, Adam governed the air, the land, and the sea with incredible excellence. There was no force, no figure, no feature that contested and overwhelmed him. He was above everything that God had mandated him to govern.

And he governed everything on earth in the same excellence with which God governed the heavens. Prior to his disobedience there was nothing God found inadequate with him. He was perfect in all his ways.

Infact, it is in this sense that we must understand the measure that was employed to rob him of this grand success.

Consequently, when studying the details of what we have called the fall, we must realize that Satan never envied man's success. It is not the Garden he wanted. Not even the world in all of its glory. He couldn't careless if the world were destroyed. What Satan envied was this purpose that God had ordained for the man, he envied that man is destined to be conformed to the image and likeness of God. Satan loathed that man is created to be nothing less than a divine royal being. And he did so because this was always his wish before God cast him down. As the arch-angel Lucifer, he had desired royal divinity and aspired for it with dismal results:

How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: "I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High"

Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the

lowest depth of the Pit. Isaiah 14:12-15

This proud fallen angel could not stomach that what he had covetously aspired to be, what he thought he deserved and was severely denied, God had graciously ordained for the man to be. Discontent at being a supreme angel, nonetheless a *ministering spirit* programmed to *serve the Most High*; he couldn't fathom why God favored man to be a *governing spirit* programmed to *reign with the Most High*.

Even obedient angels that did not join Lucifer's rebellion are amazed at the love God has for man. David captured their marvel in one of his psalms when he mused:

What is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him? For You have made him a little lower than Elohim, and You have crowned him with glory and honor. You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet. Psalm 8:4-6

The angles are amazed at the purpose God crafted in the spirit of the man to be a revelation of Christ; nothing less than a sovereign spirit, a royal priest, reigning like, and with God.

Now this is the feat that Satan could not swallow. This is the privilege he coveted and had been thoroughly denied. That God, who contended against him so decisively, so that he was cast down as lightning (Luke 10:18), had preferred man to be HIS likeness and kind automatically made the man his arch-nemesis.

And so, armed with this evil vendetta he lay in the Garden seeking his malicious opportunity when he would disgrace God by causing the man to lose his purpose.

It is important to note for several reasons that in spite of his powers as an arch-angelic spirit, which for your information were not revoked from him since the calling and gifting of God are without repentance (Romans 11:29), he did not, nor could he, just coercively arrive at the Garden of Eden and forcibly expel the man. His might was not suited to the occasion. Furthermore, his intelligence must have counseled against any such measure as the man was infinitely empowered to such extent that any such contest would have been as brief and fatal as he had just incurred in heaven. For man was at that point as glorious as God, with equal power and glory. Man would have expelled this nemesis without much ado.

The options to suit his evil intentions were limited and as such diverted him from *coercive measures* in preference of *seductive moves*. Even in this regard, his approach preferred to attend to the man's soft spot- the woman. That is why we see him deceive the woman and not directly attending to the man.

Nonetheless, even in this regard a most significant point is often missed: For even with the soft spot, the devil was no match in regards to coercive combat. He couldn't overwhelm the woman in that way. She was equal in measure and stature with the man, also divinely empowered with equal measure with the Most High. The means he employed against her reveals

something more about the glory of woman than any radical feminist aspires for.

Now both man and woman fell from this high pedestal from which no coercive effort of evil was able to prevail against them because of what we are dealing with here: Satan used seduction and deception to lure the woman, and by this proxy, the man, from considering their divine mandate, their purpose, in preference for some elusive success.

Disguised as a serpent and carefully constructing his words, he tricked the woman into considering disobedience within the context of doubting her essence, or their (man and woman) purpose. Watch this:

Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God has made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not

eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die." Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." Genesis 3:1-4

Did you see that? The episode does not sound as grave as its consequence was going to be. It could have passed for any casual conversation were it not for the category of persons involved and the stakes that stood to be lost.

For one, the woman was no ordinary entity. She was man's help meet, his closest confidante, nothing less than the flesh of his flesh and the bones of his bones (Genesis 2:23). She was also part of the divine program of man, similar to him in the sense that she too was the image and likeness of God; she too was mandated to exhibit the Christ, to reign on earth like God reigned in heaven (Genesis 1:29).

And the serpent was no ordinary reptile. He was the devil incarnate, fallen arch-angel that envied man for his royal-divine purpose.

As such, he wasn't just making conversation. Neither was he just getting acquainted. He knew just so well who the woman and the man were. Make no mistakes about it, he knew exactly what they would suffer as a result of the success of his seductive lures. From his dark and evil mind, he sinuously anticipated the grave consequence that awaited man were he to lose his purpose in preference for success. Hidden in his soft words and twisted reasoning was a carefully worked attack that was treacherously lethal.

It is important that we carefully analyze his plot because herein lies significant answers for those who intend to live the glorious life intended for man. Notice that he did not question the existence of God: He didn't pretend that God was nonexistent. Neither did he shoot from the hip against the word of God. On the contrary, he actually begun by alluding to that word in a dubious questioning format aimed at sustaining a dangerous discussion that would provide opportunity to his sinister intentions.

And once the woman didn't see it coming, feeding him further with her naïve impressions to the glorious realities God had mentioned to them, he moved for the kill: He carefully graduates the discussion beyond fruits and what God said, to matters that sowed seeds of doubt regarding her identity and purpose. When he suggests that her eyes are closed, and that God seeks to prevent them (both man and woman) from being like HIM, he had presented opportunity for her to doubt her essence, man's purpose, their divine program.

It is at this point, when she did, that she shifted from divine programming to vain speculation, considering success without purpose. Unknown to her, once the devil had caused her to doubt her purpose, the temptation had succeeded. The devil disappears as she switches from *purpose orientation* to a *success mode*.

The next we see her, she is wantonly desiring temporary and shallow pleasure at the grave expense of losing her divine royalty. Cornered to preferring a lesser life than God had granted man, she eats the fruit and passes it on:

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. Genesis 3:6

Observe the simple calculations she made on such a weighty matter.

How many today do the same? Why didn't the man intervene? How could they have sunk so low?

God had made them in his image and likeness. HE had given them glory and honor. They had the benefit of eating whatsoever they desired, including the fruit from the tree of life wherein lay an even greater opportunity to venture further into their divine commission and an even more glorious success (Genesis 2:16-17). They reigned supreme over the earth from a garden where every fruit was pleasant. They had every success anyone could ever have and yet they

faulted on the basis of such simple lures like appetite, pleasure, and pride.

Well, it is vital we realize that this was possible once they lost focus, once they shifted from being *purposedriven* to seeking *easy-success*. The rest is history as they lost, not to nothing but to the devil, all the privilege they enjoyed as a result of their purpose.

Watch this: Where Satan had descended from being a ministering spirit to a rebellious one, man's rebellion positioned him to be the governing spirit he had always coveted. Although unlike God in all his ways and abilities, man's rebellion and consequent fall enabled Satan to reign over him. In succumbing to his temptation, Adam literally handed Satan the keys of death and offered the world to him with it. Due to Adam's fall, we talk of the devils kingdom instead of the Kingdom of God and that of HIS sons.

Adam and Eve lost all the success they had inherent in their being to the arch-enemy of God who continually seeks that he destroys all men, and where this is not possible or sufficient, he deceives them to pursue a dubious success at any expense so that they are utterly destroyed together with him in the last day.

Vanity fair is the game that he relentlessly plays on all generations of men seeking that they never gain sight of their true worth and calling.

And yet, all was not lost: While Satan robbed man's success and continues to dangle false impressions of it to those who will, he never gained man's divine purpose. That omnipotent privilege has never fallen in the hands of evil. Although man lost it, God preserved it, planning right from the Garden till the appearance of Christ to restore it:

And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel. Genesis 3:15

This first prophecy of the coming of Christ was God's first revelation of HIS salvation plan. And it is for this reason that we have the scriptures, the laws of Moses, and the prophets, till the first coming of the Christ. Jesus came to restore us to our purpose and therefore the glorious success God reserved for us. This is what HE meant by professing to give us life, and life more abundantly (John10:10).

To be sure, this life, this abundant life HE restores is several times more than the personal aggrandizement many preachers make it to be. It is far more valuable than material possessions. After all, men had for long walked in material success long before, and even during the days of Jesus without necessarily depending on HIM for it. The rich young ruler that sought eternal life from the LORD was greatly endowed with material abundance without the LORD's doing. To be sure, the LORD sought HIM to give it all away rather than keep it (Mark 10:17-25).

Similarly, the material riches that Zaccheus had robbed from the citizenry of Jericho had never been the result of any assistance of Christ. Infact, his story demonstrated to all and sundry how shallow that abundance is comparable to the one that Christ offers (Luke 19:1-10). When this corrupt man received Jesus in his house, he gave up and gave back several times what he'd stolen from the people as a witness of the fact that he had received a far richer life in Christ than he had lived hitherto fore.

Moreover, the LORD'S applause for this act of restitution on the part of the tax collector testifies to HIS disdain for material abundance relative to spiritual abundance.

Beloved, Jesus had in HIS teachings clarified on this:

Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses. Luke 11:15

HE knew and taught that there was more to life than the pursuit of success. So HE preached and taught on the purpose that God had for man. HE revealed that this is what God intended the man to have. HE knew that it was in rediscovering HIM, that man would be restored.

To men of all types, be they rich or poor, weak or strong, male or female, Jew or Gentile, rulers or subjects, masters or slaves, HE called:

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and My burden is light. Mathew 11:28-30

Being God and the very measure of the divine program God has for man, knowing well that this measure was sealed in the man's spirit, HE taught against seeking for success as though it were alien to man. That methodology HE identified with perversion and the ways of a world lost for who it is.

Instead, HE implored those who understood HIM, and why HE came, to seek the eternal purpose God determined for man which HE variably identified as the Kingdom of God:

And do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an anxious mind. For all these things the nations of the world seek after, and your Father knows that you need these things. But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you. Luke 12:29-31

This is the kingdom that Moses caught a glimpse of while still known to be a son to pharaoh's daughter in the comfortable confines of the palace in Egypt. Long before Jesus showed up in human flesh, yet Moses esteemed this *royal divinity* over and above that of the *earthly royalty* he had grown up in. He perceived this purpose and acknowledged it to be of greater value than the success he had in spite of his esteemed position in the government of Egypt (Hebrews 11:24-26).

As a result, he shortchanged his *apparent success* in pursuit of his *glorious purpose*. For forty years in the wilderness, reduced to rearing sheep of his father-in-law, he pondered on this cause. And God did not

disappoint: In spite of the future visitation of Christ when these matters would be fully revealed and clarified, God still visited Moses and appointed this royal divine purpose to him.

Following which, it did not matter how many years he had waited for this experience, it did not matter that he was eighty years old when he finally occasioned his divine program, it did not matter whatsoever what weakness he bore at the time. Once he became aware, once he discovered his purpose so that he could activate his divine program, his later became the *better-wonder* we read of in the book of Exodus.

In that better-later, he subjected the house of pharaoh to obey his voice; he trounced the magic of seasoned sorcerers; he delivered an entire nation from centuries of slavery; he drowned an entire army in a sea while crossing an entire nation through the same sea on dry ground; he also provided food, health, water, and governed this nation of two million people for forty years in a wilderness.

A Moses with divine purpose lived and communed with God in such dramatic success that is incomparable with even the most accomplished religious leaders of our day. He also governed and ensured the survival of his people in amazing feats of battle and public service incomparable with the most seasoned generals and statesmen of our day.

This is what you need. This is the later you need to activate. This is the better-later I am talking of here. It is not merely a successful life. It is more than that. It far exceeds that measure. Forget motivation-guru's who cannot promise more than shallow, dubious, and material success or second-rate carnal ministers who sugar-coat human philosophies and promise a short-lived success.

This kind of later I am sharing about here is more than the world can grant. They cannot even perceive it. It has not been revealed to them and they are not aspiring for it. Divine programming is for God's children. They are the custodian of this omnipotent truth. To them belong the mysteries of the kingdom, the mysteries of godliness, the revelation of divine purpose in the human experience.

Throughout the scripture, this preference for purpose over success is highlighted: God gave Noah a purpose at the expense of a deceptive success that engulfed his generation. The purpose was to be upright before him in spite of the perversion of his generation. Defending that purpose involved the construction of an ark that took 120 years during which his contemporaries swirled in vain glory. In the end, he survived the flood while they perished.

And when Abraham relished in the success he enjoyed with his father's family in the metropolitan city of Haran, God summoned him to abandon all, follow HIM, and assume his glorious purpose. Abraham believed God and it was credited to him as righteous (Genesis 15:6). Therein, he qualified to be God's friend and was the better for it even though initially he risked losing all, faced a famine, and even faced the threat of death in Egypt. His obedience paved way for God to crown him with the enviable glory of being the

patriarch of faith, the father of all believers (Galatians 3:6-9).

There is also the account of Joseph, whose purpose saw him lose the domestic success he relished in his fathers house, suffer the betrayal of his brothers, endure the bondage of slavery, and even bear the false accusations of a wanton woman with the cost of prison to top it all. But his purpose held for him a glorious end so that he eventually became the prime minister of Egypt.

There were many more in the Septuagint, whose purpose preceded their success, whose preference for divine programming came at a costly expense of what was apparently success in the understanding of their contemporaries: David's purpose cost him the privileges of being the king's general and personal musician, not to mention his deeply intimate fellowship with the king's son and marriage to the king's daughter. Several times, this divine program saw him in such odd scenarios like when he was joined with the destitute in the land, or when he dodged the javelin of

the king and flee his sword. He also found himself in the awkward position of being in exile. And yet, his purpose eventually gave him the throne of Israel and the lineage of the Messiah.

The story must also be told how three Hebrew boys consistently upheld their purpose refusing to bow before the king's brazen statue in spite of the threat of a tormenting death in the blast furnace. They were supernaturally rescued by God who enabled them to defy the fierce heat of the furnace, showcasing them as they braved its flames in the company of the Son of God. Their glorious display motivated the king to promote them to governors in his empire (Daniel 3).

There were several more whose sense of divine purpose kept them within God's divine program. Many of them at the cost of any carnal measure of success and yet still celebrated by God:

Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth.

Hebrews 11:35-38

Their pursuit of God's ordained purpose at the expense of success validates the preference God has in these matters.

Those who chose otherwise, are clearly criticized throughout the scriptures: Esau lost his birthright for this reason. He preferred short-lived success, a plate of soup at that, at the expense of his purpose. When it dawned on him that he'd lost his purpose, although he sought it with many tears he was rejected by God (Hebrews 12:6).

There is the sorry account of Achan, who allowed his appetite for cheap success to not only cost Israel the first battle with the city of Ai, but eventually it cost him his life and that of his entire family (Joshua 7).

And then there is the account of King Solomon who got lost in the trappings of success his renowned wisdom gave him, seeking and drowning his soul in all manners of pleasure. In the end, his several wives misled him to false worship with the bitter consequence of losing the throne of Israel (1 Kings 11:1-13).

Observe some of his comments on the deception of success, especially at the cost of ones divine purpose, he had this to reveal:

Treasures of wickedness profit nothing, but *purpose* delivers from death. Proverbs 10:2

There is one who makes himself rich yet has nothing; and one who makes himself poor, yet has great riches. Proverbs 13:4

How much better to get *purpose* than gold! And to get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver. Proverbs 16:16

It is not good for a soul to be without *purpose*, And he sins who hastens with his feet. Proverbs 19:2 Better a poor and wise youth than an old and foolish king who will be admonished no more. For he comes out of prison to be king, although he was born poor in his kingdom. I saw all the living who walk under the sun; They were with the second youth who stands in his *purpose*. There was no end of all the people over whom he was made king. Ecclesiastes 4:13-16

My friend, walking in your ordained purpose programs you for royalty. It transforms you regardless of your previous predisposition. It does not matter where you were born, in what condition, or what background you hail from. Pursuing your purpose activates a force field of glory that will switch your fortunes from oblivion to dominion, from obscurity to incredibility, from zero to hero. The one that finds his purpose is a right and fitting substitute of the one that hastens for success.

Having made this point with several examples throughout the scriptures, the lesson of the superiority of purpose over success, God found it timely to send Christ to reveal to us the ultimate purpose of man. Like I have said, Jesus came to restore what Adam lost. HE came to reprogram us into God's sovereign purpose for man.

When the fullness of time had come God sent HIS only begotten and imperial Son to be born in the flesh as a token of HIS infinite love for all men. HIS lowly birth in a manger reveals a lot regarding HIS mission. For God's Son, the very richness of HIS glory, became poor that we may be rich (2 Corinthians 8:9). HE also put on flesh so that frail humanity can cloth on royal divinity (Galatians 3:26-27).

In this regard, HE revealed that there was no one without purpose. HE confirmed that God never despises any man (Job 36:5). There are no favorites with HIM (Galatians 3:28). All men are created equal, all of them have a purpose, all of them can switch to infinite glory in Christ Jesus. Christ, in this sense, is our essence for living, the revelation of our ideal and divine programming.

Like HIM, we too can hilariously declare:

Behold, I have come- in the volume of the books it is written of Me- To do Your will O God. Hebrews 10:7

Jesus revealed that understanding life this way was superior to any other format for life. Distinguishing HIMSELF from those who follow the patterns of darkness and carnal calculations, HE announced:

You are from beneath; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. John 8:23

This superior qualification HE reserved for those who understood their divine program, those who would awaken to HIS mission and arrive at a life committed to the will of God as the compass of their life, their purpose and essence of living. Praying to the Father HE revealed as much:

I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. As You sent me in the world, I also have sent them into the world. John 17:14-18

That is the wonderful love of God revealed right there; I mean that is just wonderful, super, fantastic. It doesn't get better than this. God has absolutely, without question loved us. HE has believed in us even when we failed HIM and rebelled against HIS will.

When we looked down on ourselves, God sent Christ to restore our faith, to cause us to awaken to who we really are and what we are here for.

We are in the world for a reason. We are not just here, we were not just born. A thousand times NO! We are God sent. We have purpose, direction, a cause to be around. And our purpose is such as the one that Jesus had when HE came. We share that cause, we share the same calling; we too are programmed like HE was to function in omnipotent royal divinity. As HE was sent, so has HE sent us (John 20:21).

As HE was sent to conquer evil, so are we. As HE was sent to deliver men, so are we. As HE was sent to

establish God's kingdom on the earth and reign world without end, so are we. We share this royal commission, this divine and imperial cause.

Now this is regardless what the devil thinks or what the world thinks. We are beyond their sinister impressions. They may hate us, the devil may huff and puff, but we must be duty bound, set on the course assigned to us. Necessity is laid upon us to establish and extend the kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven. We have the divine mandate to restore men, to convert nations, to disciple a lost world, and to govern the ends of the earth. What is more? We will judge the world, even angels (1 Corinthians 6:2-3). And where the devil or his company contends with us we know that we know that we are not alone (1 John 4:4).

We are a kingdom, and in any contest, we are more than conquerors (Romans 8:37). Together with the apostle John, we are confidently aware that hailing from above, nothing from beneath can be victorious over us: For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that overcomes the world-our faith. Who is HE that overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God 1 John 5:4-5

That is you my friend. Victory is not estranged from you. It is not something you must beg from God, praying in many forms as though you were far from it. Victory is the consistent result of the divine program God designed for you. It is the ultimate expectation God has when HE considers you.

It lays in your faith; it is embedded in a truth written in your spirit.

Sanctify yourself with this truth, pray in the spirit and in this truth, walk in the spirit and in this truth, be conscious of it and your later will cease to be the benefit of a divine intervention but the result of a divine program.

The one that finds this kind of purpose cannot be eluded of good success. My friend, the one that

programs this purpose cruises a life that is loaded with infinite amounts of virtue. Jesus guaranteed that such a one, "is added onto all these things" (Matthew 6:33). Your needs are not limited to prevailing circumstances, regardless their condition. But your God shall supply all your needs according to HIS riches in glory in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19).

The one that has activated divine programming and is living this royal purpose is plugged to infinite and incomprehensible dimensions of blessings (Ephesians 1:3). His life becomes a wonder, a spectacular series of supernatural occasions and marvelous manifestations. This kind of person does not seek success, success seeks after him. Purpose pulls success to the one that finds it and pursues it.

Adam was *tricked* out of this realm. Jesus has *tracked* us back into it. Rather than spend valuable time *regretting* Adam's loss, let us spend the rest of forever *celebrating* Christ's gain. Adam's dispensation closed with his disobedience. Our time has fully come with our

obedience to God and sanctification in this truth. Never again should you be sorry or should men about you be ill-fated. A glorious mandate has been awakened in you through this truth to activate an imperial reality that should close fate and open fortune for you, those around you, even those estranged to you. People from near and far can count you a blessing in this realm. When you consider yourself, you just rejoice that you live in the hour to redeem time and progress lives.

And there is something to be said about this kind of better-later in view of the promises made by God in the dispensation of the law: Many believers do not realize that in Christ, all the promises of God are yes and Amen! (2 Corinthians 1:20) In their ignorance, they still seek God to fulfill promises. Some even seek HIM to make promises! They waste a lot of time. They do not realize that all spiritual blessings pertaining to life and godliness have been given to us in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 1:3; 2 Peter 1:3).

More still, many Christians, even many teachers and preachers have not yet caught the extent of superiority our covenant has over those of the covenants God made with Israel in the wilderness and with their forefathers. They still teach that staff not knowing that we are not just blessed in the city, we are the blessing in the city; we are not just blessed in the countryside, we are the blessing in the countryside; we are not just assured against the diseases of the Egyptians, we lay our hands on the sick and they recover, drink a deadly thing without any harm, and cast out devils in HIS Name. We have power over all the power of the enemy.

My friend, our Promised Land is not some territory across the Jordan occupied by heathen nations. To be sure, ours is more than a promised land: Together with Christ, we are seated together in heavenly places where we are possessors of heaven and earth (Ephesians 2:6). We are joint heirs with Christ over all things, seen and unseen (Romans 8:17). HE represents our mandate in

heaven and we represent HIS mandate on earth. As HE is, so are we in this world (1 John 4:17).

What kind of people we are tells the kind of later you can have. What you need is to equip yourself with this truth. Detoxicate, sanctify, clean yourself of all the falsehoods and deceptions that have perverted your mind over the years. Believe what you are reading right now regarding your identity and purpose.

When you pray, offer thanks not petitions regarding these things. Your needs are yes and amen in this regard; so when you pray, regurgitate these solemn truths in all thanks with hymns and psalms. Live out your purpose as a royal priest and command your blessings. This is God's will and it is pleasing to HIM:

Do not fear little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Luke 12:32

So, enjoy the glorious pleasure of your later. Do not be carnal, doubtful, and wicked in these matters. Do not question God, waiting till you see so that you believe.

This life, this purpose is in your spirit. It all depends on you to manifest what is inside:

The kingdom of God does not come with observation; or will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed the kingdom of God is within you. Luke 17:20-21

It is all within you awaiting your faith, wisdom, and confidence in this truth for it to come out. Believe it, access it, and manifest it. Your later is not anyone else's program. It is not dependant on anyone you know or do not know.

May be you are selling in a shop and you think that your better-later is dependent on the customers; or, you are working in a company and you think that your better-later is dependent on the stock exchange, or the board of directors, or even the economy or your retirement package. May be you are a house wife, and you think that your better-later is dependent on the fortunes of your husband; or, you are a child and you think that your better-later is dependent on your parents or siblings; or, you are sick of a deadly

infirmity and are anxiously waiting for the scientific society to invent the cure of that ailment before you have a better-later.

Nothing can be further than the truth. Your better-later is in you. It is dependent on God and you, and God has finished HIS part. You must do yours. God has written it all out and sealed it in your spirit. You must draw it out:

Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water, But a man of understanding will draw it out. Proverbs 20:5

Fetch that glorious account banked in you. Draw it out.

This book is spirit and life because the words that I have been graced to communicate to you are of the LORD and can therefore give you the necessary understanding to draw out God's counsel from your spirit.

As such, CHANGE YOU MUST BELIEVE IN is not a methods, promises, or psychological presentations. On the contrary, it is a vehicle that seeks to lift you up into the realm of the supernatural where your divine purpose is located. The words herein are blessed assurances that speak of a purpose inherent in your being that you can live out if you gain spiritual understanding. That purpose is the grand revelation of Christ. It also doubles up as God's counsel written both in your spirit and in the volume of the books in heaven. It awaits your wisdom. It has been patiently waiting for such a moment as the one you are having right now; when these truths become apparent to you.

So, believe them and meditate on them. Take time out and ponder over them. Destiny beckons you to a glorious dispensation that may never have occurred in the minds of those close to you. Do not just read the book and close its pages. Let the book read you and open your pages. Let the words seek you out of the cocoon of mediocrity and perversion that has been hiding you. **Deep inside you is a royal priest, a grand**

purpose that stores a success such as the world can never give you.

As such, the way up for you is mapped right down in your inner man. Remember that Moses esteemed the riches in Christ to be far greater than the treasures in pharaoh's palace. However, while he looked forward to them, they are richly dwelling in you: Do not anticipate any prospect, be it fortunate or fateful, before you meditate on the revelation of Christ inherent in your innermost being.

Beloved, fortune is in your heart, this book is in your hands, and the words therein are now working in you to do exceedingly, abundantly, far above more than you are able to ask, think, or even imagine (Ephesians 3:20).

And that, my friend, is the picture I envisage of your better-later: Christ in you, the hope of glory! (Colossians 1:26)

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER

Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us."

But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we receive the due rewards of our deeds, but this Man has done nothing wrong." Then he said to Jesus, "Lord," remember Me when You come into Your kingdom." And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise." Luke 23:39-43

What a merciful God we serve: HIS love and compassion are not past finding out any more, we have it fully revealed in Christ. HE showed us how God loves. HE demonstrated it in many intimate ways, and even taught about it (John 3:16). Ultimately, HE proved God's love for us when HE shed HIS life on the cross:

In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent

His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 1 John 4:9, 10

And in that love, it is never too late. **The love of God extends opportunity to the last breath.** As long as you have life, you are still open to God's chances regardless your past.

What many who underestimate the tenacity of God's love do not realize is that HE is constantly seeking, waiting, and hoping for the repentance of sinners. God believes in you and will patiently await your turn around. When you live in the flesh rather than in the spirit, when you are driven by carnal impressions rather than those of the Spirit of God, God still waits and seeks for a time when you will know better how to live.

In these matters, it does not matter where you have been, how you are, or who you are, it does not even matter how God may be feeling at the particular moment that you turn around; what really matters is that you do. When you do, you shall discover a paradise that HE intended just for you. You will also discover that with God, not only can your later be better but it is better late than never.

It is possible that the truths regarding divine programming that I have shared in this glorious work are coming to you at the evening of your life. You probably wish you had known much earlier these great truths. It may be that you have committed several mistakes and are resigned to fate, even concluding that your best days are over and tomorrow must only await your death.

You may even be young but your sensual living has caused you to commit fatal mistakes that have either caused permanent loss to others or even to yourself. May be you are in a prison cell right now facing *a life sentence* or they threaten to take your life in *a death sentence* and so, naturally, you may feel despondent and the devil may tempt you to disregard the relevance of such a book in your hands.

My friend, nothing can be further than such cruel impressions. To begin with, this is not the time to be

thinking naturally. This is not the time for you to be paying attention to the flesh. If there is anything that the Holy Spirit is seeking to accomplish in a book like this one, is the basic need for you to crucify the flesh and pay attention to the Spirit. The Holy Spirit knows far much more about your opportunities than you can carnally observe, more than your acquaintances, enemies, and peers can observe, and HE has communicated these realities to your spirit:

But as it is written:

"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor has it entered the heart of man the things God has prepared for those who love Him."

But God has revealed

them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so, no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the Spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. 1Corinthians 2:9-12

Do you see that? Stop listening to those who do not know better about you to find out your chances. Stop seeking to know about it from rumors, the world, opinions of men, dictates of your superiors, or from the news. No one knows better regarding your chances better than the Holy Spirit. Intimate with HIM, discover HIM in your life, attend to HIS gentle and wise counsel and you will be privy to what God freely gave you long before you were born. You will know what your spirit has always known, what it has always kept for you; for God sealed your infinite possibilities in your spirit.

Now, in that realm, lodged in your spirit, is incredible opportunity beyond human comprehension. That is why Paul affirms how eyes have not seen, ears have not heard, and neither has it entered the heart of any man what God has prepared for you.

Brother, in your spirit, time is not a barrier. In your spirit is a divine program that transcends any such factor because its details were crafted in eternity and its intentions are omnipotent. Meaning that **whenever you**

arrive at the deposit of your divine program, supernatural possibilities will take place to compensate whatever loss you may have incurred in your life time.

My friend, there is nothing in the outside that your inside cannot handle. What you need is a revelation of your life as is written in your spirit. And that is the purpose of the Holy Spirit:

I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak of His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. John 16:12-13

So, regarding things to come, all there is to know about the future, about your fortune, about your opportunities, about what is going to happen or rather what can happen, is not limited to the evening news. Neither is the possibility in the hands of your physicist, or judge, or neighbor, or boss, or even the president, or any such entity. If you seriously digest the truths I have labored to bring to you in this book, you can be above any such dictate. Real truth, real possibilities are lodged in your spirit and the mighty Spirit of the Lord searches them out to communicate to your soul so that you can be sure about what is to come.

Once you understand things this way and work on living the right way, living out of your spirit as led by the Spirit, your destiny is covered. Nothing can overwhelm you. You become a supernatural force of glory that continually changes for the best and positively impacts everything around you. Consequently, there is no such thing as such a person running out of time. Everlasting mercies have been granted to the one that lives this way.

On the other hand, time runs out for those who prefer to live according to the patterns of the world, according to their senses.

This is the moral lesson from the account Luke shares with us of the two thieves hanging on the sides of Jesus' cross: Both had been covetous and criminal, and so had lived according to their senses. Both were hanging on account of this. However, one continued in his path of the flesh to destruction unaware of the incredible possibility beside him. On the other hand, the other paid attention to his spirit. For once, even though it seemed like time had run out, he evoked his spirit which revealed to him the glorious opportunity at his side.

As a result, while the carnal, *fleshly-minded* criminal lost time, dying to absolute destruction; the *spirit-awakened* criminal redeemed the time, dying to everlasting life, peace, and infinite prosperity. Their fate was sealed by their response to the opportunity that was right at their side. That opportunity was Jesus, the sanctified truth that the Father had sent into the world.

My friend, this truth that you have held in your hands, reading to this point, is a tool for your spiritual awakening. Use it well regardless your past. It really does not matter how far into darkness you sunk, or how much evil you have done, once you awake to

these truths you can redeem the time. Your later can be a paradise from henceforth.

Those who have told you that time has run out lied to you: Whenever you discover the virtues inherent in your spirit, you disqualify the sentence of men against you. Your divine program can overrule any human conclusion. So do not let people sentence you when God has so gladly pardoned you. Do not let the world condemn you when God has so powerfully justified you. Switch your vision from what is going on around you and pay attention to what is inside you.

And this is not a religious business. It exceeds that dimension: Consider that both thieves actually appealed to the LORD regarding their fate. The carnal one mockingly sought divine intervention; he wanted to get out of the cross and escape the plight he suffered. On the other hand, the other thief genuinely awakened to divine programming and assumed a kingdom mentality. The LORD attended to the latter and ignored the former.

My friend, praying is not enough. Religious ritualizing in itself is empty that is why many believers have prayed and prayed and descended further into an abyss of despair. In their ignorance of the ways of God, they have been taught to cry for divine intervention in the vain hope that it will resolve their plight. What they need is divine programming.

You see, the clamor for divine intervention does not necessarily translate into one being close to the LORD. Both thieves were close to HIM physically but that was not enough. Both were suffering together with HIM (HE felt their infirmity) but that fellowship was not enough either. Both talked to HIM, both appealed to HIM, but that was not enough to warrant HIS attention. The thief that *sought divine intervention* spoke to God with his lips but his heart (his spirit) was far from HIM. On the other hand, when the other thief *awakened to divine programming* his heart was right with Jesus. He spoke things that were right in the heart of Jesus. It didn't matter that he was close to the LORD physically. Even if he had activated this divine program while

dying from another continent he would still have elicited the same response- that day, he would have been with the LORD in paradise.

While it is important that he spoke, it was not his lips that sealed his fate but his heart (his spirit). His spirit occasioned his lips to speak the will of God. This is why Jesus spoke about the Father seeking them that worship in spirit and in truth (John 4:23).

This is how Jesus prayed. HE prayed, "Let your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10). HE was conscious that this was possible. That is why when HE wanted to feed the hungry crowd that had followed HIM for three days into the wilderness to hear the word of God, HE did not cry, "Father, give us food to eat" however noble the intention. HE knew better and instead blessed the meal and multiplied it (Mark 6:34-43).

I especially love how HE prayed before raising Lazarus from the dead. Rather than cry to God to restore the life of HIS friend, HE declared:

Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. And I know that You always hear Me...John 11:41-42

What this means is that you may have to change the way you pray. Rather than pray in the flesh, praying as a result of your carnal observations, begin to pray in spirit and in truth.

Begin to pray divine programming prayers: Speak to God the things that are in HIS heart and word concerning you. Don't just cry, "God help me!" Wake up to the fact that HE already has and say to HIM, "Thanks dear LORD, for you have empowered me so that I can do all things" (Philippians 4:13). Confess the word; believe with your heart, your spirit, the things God has freely given to you. Instead of crying, "Heal me LORD!" Awaken to the finished work at Calvary and boldly confess, "By YOUR stripes, I was healed" (1 Peter 2:24)

Beloved, know that you are more than a conqueror in all these things (Romans 8:37). So, rather than being bewildered at what seems to be getting worse, awaken

to the truth that you are actually growing from height to height, glowing from glory to glory, abounding in all things (Romans 1:17; 2 Corinthians 3:18). Oh yes, the letter killeth, but the spirit gives life and that life is working in you, programming you for the supernatural, enabling you to manifest the works of the Father (John 14:10; Ephesians 2:10).

So there is nothing in this world that can pull you down. Nothing! You are born of the Spirit and have overcome the world (1 John 5:4). Thank God, praise HIM for HIS everlasting kindness because greater is HE that is in you than HE that is in the world (1 John 4:4). And if it seems that by carnal observation things are getting worse, do not be moved. Ignore the evidence of the flesh and pay exclusive attention to the things of the Spirit. Whatever the condition, acknowledge with all earnestness that they are temporary. Set your gaze on the things that are eternal, on the things that are forever established (Colossians 3:1-2).

The more you do, the more you are conscious of your divine program, the more you will activate it so that it

is evident throughout your life. Soon, you will be like Peter, your later is going to be so amazing that you will literally think you are dreaming (Acts 12:11). And yet, everything will be real.

Beloved, you can actually live your dream if you release your divine program. It will cause you to sing like the children of Israel:

When the Lord brought back the captivity of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing. Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad. Psalm 126:1-3

That is the rest of your life if you will activate your divine program- A life like a dream, an enviable life, one admired by men. A life filled with music, rhythm, and melody. Your divine program is a paradise of continuous laughter, of joy unspeakable and full of glory (1 Peter 1:8).

The one that chooses to live this life has more time than is possible to fathom with the carnal mind. He has entered eternal dimensions although presently existing in a time frame. Consequently, he has redeemed time: No doctor can confirm with certainty their demise. No judge can rule out their divine possibilities. No barrier, be it human or evil, can withhold such a one from everlasting praise, beauty, and peace.

This kind of guy does not need divine intervention, he is a divine intervention. Whatever he speaks comes to pass. And mountains of troubles, demons, confusion, resistance, know his voice and heed it (Matthew 17:20). When men pray, they show up with answers (Acts 10). In divine programming, they have been commissioned to be the answers to the prayers of men. They are the light of the world, the salt of the earth (Matthew 5:13-14).

My friend, it is never too late to know these things and awaken to them. As I prayerfully wrote and prophesied this revelation- CHANGE YOU MUST BELIEVE INthe LORD of heaven and earth told me to make you

aware that as you hold this book, you hold a timeless solution. Believe its truths, meditate on its details, and occasion a life that has been sealed in your spirit.

As you activate this program, you will transcend time where it seems to be a barrier. And where you seemed to have lost it, you will redeem it. In this quest, you will overcome every limitation before you, every challenge that stands against you.

It really does not matter what happened before you. And yes, you could have lived a far richer and eventful life had you known sooner the truths herein. However, it is better late than never. Thanks be to God that you have it now.

Do not blow this glorious opportunity and read this book as though it were some casual literature. This is not something to peruse through. These are words that should saturate your soul, permeate your senses, and revise your thinking. CHANGE YOU MUST BELIEVE IN is a tool more than it is a book. Its words are not merely the thoughts of one man communicating to another. Far more serious than that, they are divine

counsels of the Holy Spirit provoking you to take advantage of the immensity of divine resource that was invested in you in eternity so that you would do supernatural works and manifest the glory of God.

The thief on the cross that awakened to his divine program entered paradise the same day he was convicted by men. You too can engage this program and wake up to your paradise:

Therefore He says:

"Awake, you who sleep, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

See then that you do not walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. Ephesians 5:14-17

There is no paradise for fools. The later that I speak of is no prospect for those who do not know better. Neither can sensual men perceive these matters (1 Corinthians 2:14). Important to note in this regard is that the prophesy of a better-later is certainly not a general one in the sense that everyone will experience it. Not even every Christian will enjoy these imperial privileges. To be sure, many are called but few choose (Matthew 22:11): While every man born of woman has a spirit, not everyone of them is awakened to its reality. Many Christians are completely ignorant about their spirit and the wise counsel of the Holy Spirit. That is why the apostle Paul referred to the church in Galatia as foolish because they had learnt from him these revelations but had strayed back to carnal teachings under the influence of false teachers (Galatians 3:1).

Those who are not awakened to their spirit are fools regardless whether they are schooled or not, whether they are Christians or not, whether they are preachers or not, and are comparable to one that is asleep, or even dead. They have missed the opportunities of their life time regardless their apparent success. On the other hand, those awakened to their spirit are able to

understand the will of God and are therefore able to redeem the time.

When men cry in these evil days, they laugh and are able to answer their cry.

So, they don't cry. They don't panic. They are seasoned by the word of God that liveth and abideth forever (1 Peter 1:23). In understanding God's will, they have tapped into an infinite field of opportunities for themselves and countless others.

To be sure, their better-later is not a personal affair. It is a global mission. In their heart is the commitment to improve every life, feed every soul, cloth every body, and nourish every man. Their life is a divine mandate to bless the nations and disciple the world (Matthew 28:16-20).

My friend, as Jesus was sent, so have you been sent (John 17:18). CHANGE YOU MUST BELIEVE IN is a divine commission to you to be conscious of the unlimited power in your hands. It is a call for you to cease being a frail citizen of humanity constantly

begging God for answers. It seeks for you to engage your glorious heavenly identity so that you can implement God's will on earth as it is in heaven.

In this regard, religion is a non entity. This is not a religious matter. It is a divine concern requiring divine urgency. As such, you do not need a church building or a priest to pray over you as much as you must of necessity understand these things so that you can be the kingly priest God intends you to be (1 Peter 2:9).

Just as Jesus was sanctified and sent into the world so have you been sanctified and sent into the world. As you have read this book, HIS truths have sanctified you and they send you into the world. And in this world, upholding these revelations guarantees you to be distinguished, peculiar, set apart and above.

Go light your candle, let that light of your spirit so shine and I can guarantee you that men will see your excellent performance so much that you will release such praise in their hearts than any religion ever has or ever can (Matthew 5:16).

Just remember that when Israel cried under the task masters in Egypt, God did not send a religion; HE sent a man called Moses. Again when they cried under the frustrating band of the Midianites, God did not send a religion; HE sent a man called Gideon. When the world suffered from the trappings of sin and the decadence of evil, God did not send a religion; HE sent a man called Jesus. Today the world is crying several times over, billions are in a plethora of needs. Once again, God is not sending a religion. All the world's religions are incapable of handling the crisis of the hour.

However, the eyes of God have located you as the answer in this generation: What will you do? Will you be the man/woman that will heed God's commission to answer the cry of this your generation?

CHANGE YOU MUST BELIEVE IN tells you that the world has been waiting for you. Don't cry with them, answer their cry!!!! You are the solution in your generation. This is your season: Not the days of Elijah or any of the prophets of old but your days. The baton has passed on, take it and run your course. From now

on and forever more, you can be who God willed you to be.

This literally means that inspite of the circumstances, inspite of your past; you nonetheless have the divine privilege to be God's best in this hour. It's not over; time is in your blessed hands.

Maximize the moment, redeem the time, and loose glory on earth. It will be loosed in heaven. Heaven is waiting for your command; don't sleep on your post: The Father has done HIS part, Jesus has done HIS, the Holy Spirit is doing HIS and is available to help you do yours.

IT'S YOUR TIME! Tomorrow is in your hands. Better still, and most assuredly, the next split second till the rest of eternity has been placed in your spirit; LIVE IT!

CHANGE YOU MUST BELIEVE IN

Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered,

"Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and

the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is

born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' John 3:3-7

As we approach the closure of this immortal discussion, I seek to emphasize on the peculiarity of the change that I believe the LORD would have you believe in. It is not the same kind with that sponsored by the world (for instance, by politicians, psychologists, medical doctors, nutritionists, motivators, a romantic

associate, a sales agent, a parent, friend, bank manager, stock broker, or any such categories of people). The change I have labored in divine love to share here is far greater than any such change. Its motive and results far outclass any change this world can ever promise.

To be sure, CHANGE YOU MUST BELIEVE IN is not in the least about the desires of the flesh as much as it is all about the aspirations of the spirit.

Consider this book as a torch shining into the infinitely gifted possibilities inherent in your inner man. Therein are to be found treasures untold, wonders beyond mortal ponder, nothing less than wealth of incredible glory. Inside you, to be sure, the real you (because that is what you really are- spirit, and not flesh and blood) is a story of glory that God Almighty wrought in eternity intending that you would unveil in time. It is a most amazing episode of miracles, signs and wonders.

Awaken to it, seize it, draw it out, and reveal to all and sundry the immense love God has for you and for all men. Switch from the limited confines of mortality, adjust from the frail abilities of the flesh, and manifest in this day and age a light so bright that will shine blessings, joy, peace and fortitude to a world lost from God's love.

You are a wonder: Fearfully and wonderfully made, God assigned you the grandest of all duties- you are destined to reveal HIM and therein, reign with HIM in a dominion of supernatural power and authority. HE made you sufficiently able to preside over heaven and earth, over all angels and animals, to be preeminent, distinguished, a first fruit of all creation (James 1:18). This most noble of intentions is duly and articulately defined and sealed in your innerman.

What is more is that it was never considered that you would ever fail. Omissions and commissions of failure, mistakes, or disappointments were never designed to be your portion. You were made and commissioned as a creature of fortune and never considered to be a subject of fate. Any negative eventuality is the result of living unconscious of who you really are, and are capable of.

In your proper essence, there is nothing you cannot do; there is nothing you cannot achieve. Beloved, you can do, and be, and have more than the finite impressions your mortal mind can ever imagine. This ability is inherent in you; it was determined for you before the foundation of the world and was packed in you when you were born. You were born with it; you live with it everyday of your life. It is your blessed inheritance from your Father in heaven.

No one has taken it away from you; no one can take it away from you. Not even God has ever considered taking it away from you:

For the gifts and calling of God are irrevocable. Romans 11:29

And if God cannot take it away from you, guess what? Satan, nor his coteries, associates, and all the gates of hell, CANNOT, CAN NEVER, ever take it from you either. He will never master that ability.

But this is what he has done: He has deceived the nations. Men have been deceived from considering

who they really are to presuming false impressions wrought in evil fancy. Since Adam pondered on the profit of the forbidden tree, evil has succeeded in causing God's most glorious creation to assume failure, decadence, fear, loss, danger, sickness, oppression, and every other presentation of darkness.

The means by which this has occurred rests upon the power of deception. Men have been deceived to overlook their innerman, their true identity, and consider themselves in finite measures.

To be sure, this has been Satan's worst and most irredeemable act: When he rebelled against God, even deceiving a third of the angels in heaven, he was not destroyed. He was just cast out of heaven onto the earth realm (Isaiah 14:12; Luke 10:18; Revelation 12:9). However, for deceiving men, for deceiving the nations, for deceiving God's most precious creation, he will be cast into the fire (Revelation 20:10).

Satan will be destroyed for deceiving men from their rightful heritage; he will be cast into the bottomless pit for deceiving men from being who God has predestined that they should be; he will be completely and irrevocably obliterated for deceiving men from living the revelation of Christ.

My friend, the most heart wrecking tragedy on earth and in all eternity has been how immortality has been hidden in mortality. When men lost the marvelous plot written and sealed in their spirit, glory was submerged in carnality.

To be sure, even the finest achievements in this paradigm stand far less than the least abilities pertaining in the spirit. Once Satan's lie was embraced by Adam (the first man), the entire human episode from the least to the greatest fell headlong from glory to grass:

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23

Instead of living in kindred fellowship with God in a realm superior to every other experience, men succumbed to ways, thoughts, and methods infinitely below glory that it became incredibly difficult, and many times impossible, for God to fellowship with him (Isaiah 55:8-9).

You have to grasp the weight of this tragedy from God's perspective: HE made man for fellowship and partnership that is why HE made HIM synonymous with divine deity. Man, in his true format, is the essence of God, a sovereign spirit, nothing less than the express image and likeness of supreme divinity.

However, with man losing knowledge of this; once he ceased considering himself as a spirit being but covetously assumed himself to be merely flesh and blood, the possibility of partnering with God became an impossible matter.

God is spirit and cannot partner with flesh. In HIS immortal words:

Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD, or as
His counselor has taught Him? With whom did He
take counsel, and who instructed Him, and taught Him?
With whom did He take counsel, and who instructed
Him, and taught Him in the path of justice? Who

taught Him knowledge, and showed Him the way of understanding? Behold, the nations are as a drop in a bucket, and are counted as the small dust on the scales.......All nations before Him are as nothing, and they are counted by Him less than nothing and worthless. Isaiah 40:13-15, 17

Incredibly superior to all flesh, HE further qualifies the extent to which partnership with fallen man is indeed an impossible affair:

For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. Isaiah 55:8-9

Fallen man, flesh conscious man, is so far removed from his original position from whence God visited and interacted with him in the Garden.

As a result of succumbing to the deception of Satan, man ceased being intimate with God, he ceased being aware of God's love as he declined to a cocoon of guilt and fear. He became progressively estranged from God, even afraid of HIM as was well demonstrated with Adam hiding in the Garden after eating fruit from the forbidden tree (Genesis 3:8).

Subsequent generations since have suffered this enormous loss. God HIMSELF pondering on it laments the fate:

The voice said "Cry out!" And he said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is like grass, and all its loveliness is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, because the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass.

Isaiah 40:6-7

And like I said, this fate included even the best of men. When King Nebuchadnezzar, the reigning emperor over the nations of the world at one point, thought himself to be of great measure within the context of flesh and blood, God cut him down to size to make this immortal point: HE unilaterally removed the kingdom from him and banished the king to be like wild game for seven years (Daniel 4:28-33).

After the sobering ordeal, the point had been made: Mortality acknowledged its frailty in the face of immortality as was well captured in the worship Nebuchadnezzar rendered God. Following his restoration after the seven years, humbled and subdued, the emperor revealed:

And at the end of the time I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my understanding returned to me, and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever:

For His dominion is an everlasting dominion, and His kingdom is from generation to generation. All the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; He does according to His will in the army of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth. No one can restrain His hand or say to Him,

"What have You done?" Daniel 4:34-35

Having said that, it is of incredible importance that we define the change we advocate for in this book. As such, it is important that we appreciate that this disparity between the immortal and highly exalted

God and mortal fallen man was never God's intention and neither does it have to continue.

This is the reason that Jesus came; this is the truth that HE was born to shed light on. Living as a spirit being in a mortal body, HE demonstrated the possibility of clothing the flesh with divinity. HE came to overturn the lie that had ridiculed the human experience by demonstrating the possibility of our immortality inspite of our mortal fate. Simply said, Jesus of Nazareth lived among us as a brilliant light shining bright enough for every man to come to terms with their immortality (Matthew 4:16).

Let me emphasize something at this point: HE did not come to set up a religion by which we should worship God. Neither did HE come to accuse man or ridicule him for his disobedience (John 12:47). Far from any such nonsense, Jesus Christ, from whom we were all made, descended from the glory of heaven to lift us up to our privileged communion with God. HE came to

make us one with the Father, to reconcile us with God, to include us in the God-family:

Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. 2 Corinthians 5:18-21

This is what makes believing HIS testimony so heavenly critical: Believing in HIM is a master key that opens one to the noble opportunity of experiencing infinite possibilities. Because Jesus was the most perfect demonstration of what man ought to be, HIS testimony is therefore the truest definition of the human experience. HE is the ultimate example, the ideal model for all men.

Believing HIS testimony positions you for the most critical change ever. Those who do so metamorphose from being mortal to immortality; they cease being the same human that God compares to the grass in the field and become nothing less than sons of God-comparable, synonymous, identical to God in all HIS omnipotent virtues.

The apostle Paul, assisted by the Holy Spirit, mastered the benefits of this experience and asserted:

Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now, we know Him thus no longer.

Therefore, <u>if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old</u>
<u>things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.</u>
2 Corinthians 5:16-17

Elsewhere, he further elucidates on the extent of change that occurs for those who believe in the testimony of Christ, declaring:

For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew, nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ. Galatians 3:26-29

This privilege is not based on any human effort or assumption. It is not by the will of man (John 1:12-13). It is not the result of any effort any man could ever master. On the contrary, it is entirely based on the compassion of God Almighty. It is HIS holy desire to lift us up from the frailty of our humanity to the enormity of HIS divinity:

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. Ephesians 2:4-7

What love, what kindness, wonderful, splendid, superb! This is the CHANGE YOU MUST BELIEVE IN. This is the revelation that you must master. This is the

gospel, the grand gesture of Almighty God to fallen man. God has not abandoned, and never has HE forsaken; from the fall of Adam to the coming of Christ, HE mapped out a way for the greatest restoration.

In Christ, HE has most graciously repositioned us to be one with HIM, to be highly exalted, greatly considered. Brethren, in Christ, you are above it all; the best there is, the finest there ever will be. It is thence that our mortality is crucified on the cross and our immortality is revived in us.

No other change ever compared to this; no other man ever promised or could ever guarantee such change. This change is lofty, over and far above any change possible in the material realm; it certainly surpasses the promise of any religion or of any doctor, teacher, psychiatrist, motivator, politician or statesman; it is change beyond any human effort.

Only God could guarantee this omnipotent change and HE did it in Christ. Infinite progress, awesome glory and majestic splendor is possible for all who believe in HIM.

This book seeks this change in your life; it desires that you forget everything else, your past, even your present, insofar as you have been only materially conscious. Awaken to this new predisposition that places you in the enviable category of divine deity. In this conviction I share the boisterous urgency of the Prophet Isaiah when he declares:

Arise, shine; And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; But the LORD will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you. The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Isaiah 60:1-3

Oh yes, the one that believes in Christ and matures in HIM has received light and now shines bright and wide for all men the revelation of Christ. Such a person is a manifestation of God's glory and has ceased being a mortal entity restricted in time and space and has converted into a divine being synonymous with

God, unlimited by time. He has become a new being, eternal and blessedly glorious.

This is the change all men need; this is the change you need. To be sure, this is the mother of all changes. Every other change is subject to it: The one that masters this change seizes every other necessary change. Once you have switched from mortality to immortality, you have indeed graduated from the realm of impossibility to the dispensation of infinite possibilities.

Anything can happen!

This is why Jesus made the astonishing assurance when HE said:

Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these will he do, because I go to My Father. And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it. John 14:12-14

What an amazing assurance: Not only are you able to do the things HE did (as awesome as they were) but further than that, you are indeed able to do more than what HE did.

Can that be possible? With you? Absolutely, if it was not so HE would never have said it. Just because you haven't done so does not mean you can't. If the truth were told, you will admit that you haven't because you didn't know any better: You confined yourself within the fallibility of the flesh, and even when you presumed to believe in Christ, you succumbed to a form of godliness that denies the power thereof.

Remember, there is no lie in HIM. HE is the truth (John 14:6). *Could HE have meant something else?* NOP! Those who suggest otherwise speak a lie from the most subtle pit of hell: They will never relent to twist and turn the forthright assurances of our dear LORD so as to hide HIS glorious privilege vested in us.

Beloved, when the master said we would do greater works than HE had done HE said what HE meant and

meant exactly what HE said. You can, and I believe, will do more than HE did if only you come to terms with the change that I am advocating for here.

To be sure, even before Jesus showed up there were those who had indeed done greater things than HE did when HE came, namely among a distinct few was the prophet Moses.

You see, Moses did indeed greater miracles than Jesus did in his three year ministry: I mean, take the fact that Jesus fed a crowd of five thousand men in two different documented occasions while Moses fed an entire nation of two million people for forty years; Jesus healed as many as came to HIM during HIS three year ministry while Moses kept an entire nation healthy without a disease for forty years; Jesus is known to have turned water into wine during a wedding feast but Moses turned the entire river Nile and all the waters in Egypt into blood; think about it, Jesus was followed for three years with large crowds drawn by the miracles that HE did so much that at some point they followed HIM to the wilderness for three days and nights but Moses was

followed to the wilderness for forty years by virtue of the astonishing miracles HE did in Egypt and continued to do in the wilderness!

Now I know that the usual critics will go running telling what they don't understand, suggesting that I have compared Moses to be greater than Jesus. And that is a lie: For one, Moses was indeed faithful in God's house as a servant while Jesus was faithful as a son (Hebrews 3:5-6). As glorious as the ministry of Moses was yet whatever he did pointed to the greater glory of Christ (John 5:46-47). Secondly, the working of miracles does not in itself rank anyone to be superior or even inferior. When Jesus said we would do greater miracles than HE'd done, HE never implied that we would be greater than HE is.

It is for this reason that when the disciples celebrated the miracles they did in HIS name, HE forbade them to do so cautioning that it were better they delighted on the assurance that their names are written in the book of life (Luke 10:20). Similarly, this is also the reason that HE will reject many in the last days who will seek HIS consideration on account of the miracles they performed (Matthew 7:21-23).

The LORD had after all prophesied that false prophets and false Christ's will indeed work great miracles and wonders in the last days so much that even the elect of God would be tempted to fall out of God's truth (Matthew 24:24). The prophet Daniel had prophesied how in the last days power would be given to the anti-Christ to work wonders (Daniel 8:24-25). And yet, these manifestations of the supernatural on the part of messengers of darkness are not to be confused with any qualitative change.

There is indeed a lot more to be shared in this regard but that is besides the object of my discussion. The point I labor to make here pertains to the fact that by the LORD's will and in HIS name, anyone that believes in HIM is able to function in greater works than HE did during HIS three year ministry.

If Moses did greater miracles than Jesus did, then it is indeed possible to do greater works than HE did. God

is not a favorite of persons (Romans). There was nothing so uniquely peculiar about Moses that should exclude you from being able to function as he did or even greater. And if there was anything peculiar about our LORD that enabled HIM to do the things HE did, that peculiarity is shared with us when we believe in HIM and receive HIM in our lives. We literally become one with HIM, able to do all that HE did, or can do.

To be sure, I believe that it is indeed possible today to work even greater miracles than Moses did. Oh yes; you see the miracles Moses did functioned from a glory pertaining to the covenant God had with Abraham and with the children of Israel. However, the covenant from which we are to function is a greater one than that bearing witness to an even greater glory. Indeed, from its perspective the other glory is no glory at all (2 Corinthians 3:7-18).

Moses indeed functioned as a human being while whoever believes in Jesus is able to function as a son of God. The former is born of woman while the latter is born of the Spirit; and Jesus, whose judgment is true ranked the least of the latter as superior to the former (Matthew 11:11; Luke 7:28).

Thus said, it is essential that we appreciate how even more significant than doing greater miracles than Jesus or Moses is the enormous privilege of using the name of Jesus.

Not everyone is entitled to this honor:

Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists took it upon themselves to call the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "We exorcise you by the Jesus who Paul preaches." Also there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, who did so. And the evil spirit answered and said, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?" Then the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped

on them, overpowered them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

Acts 19:13-16

To be sure, there is an eternal record of distinguished persons that are permitted to use the name; that record is euphemistically called the book of life. Using HIS name is the exclusive privilege of those who are written in the book, and that benefit far outweighs any wonder that you can ever do.

This is the point that Jesus sought that HIS disciples should grasp regardless the ability to work the supernatural:

Behold I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven. Luke 10:19, 20

This divine privilege pertaining to the elective listing of God's beloved exceeds any supernatural activity one may engage in. And yet, to be sure, it also underpins the possibility of doing greater works than Jesus or any of the prophets did: My dear, the one that uses the name of the LORD is one together with HIM and the Father. He has been reconciled with God; he has been included in the God-family and is able to function from the realm of infinite possibility.

Beloved, this dispensation begins and is concluded in Christ: HE is the author and finisher, the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end of this honor (Hebrews 12:2; Revelation 1:8). It begins when one believes in Christ in all HIS being and deeds and concludes when one matures in Christ so as to be able in this time and always to function as HE does; able to manifest HIS glory and power, HIS riches and honor. Beloved, the one that submits to the lordship of Christ has activated his divine program and initiated the possibilities of change at every level and to infinite extent.

This is the eternal paradox: The servant of Christ is indeed the master of life. The one that is yoked to Christ has been positioned at the right hand of the Father, superior to every being or thing in heaven, on earth, or under the earth. Christ is his LORD and he is lord over all Christ has. Joint-heirs with Christ, they possess heaven and earth, and are clothed with all power and authority (Mathew 28:18; Romans 8:17).

Such a people are a glorious wonder both here on earth and in heaven above. They wield in their awesome hands the incredible keys of the kingdom of heaven: Whatever they hinder on earth, is hindered in heaven; whatever they permit on earth, is permitted in heaven (Matthew 16:19). Heaven awaits their command. Angels beckon at their call; and all creation awaits their manifestation (Romans 8:22). Their mandate is to do exceedingly, abundantly, far above that which any man could ever wish or imagine (Ephesians 3:20).

Forsaking the flesh, exceeding its limits, they have been born into the realm of infinite possibility.

From the perspective of fallible humanity, assuming this privilege is beyond the wildest of dreams. And yet, God has made it possible.

This is the only change worth hoping for. It is the only change worth believing in. It is the CHANGE YOU MUST BELIEVE IN.

Beloved, if you have never believed in Jesus Christ as LORD of all, if you have never submitted to HIM entirely so that you die to the flesh and HE lives through you, kindly pray with me the prayer written below:

Dear LORD Jesus, LORD of all, King of all, I humble myself before you and surrender my frail humanity so as to receive your awesome divinity. I believe you are the Christ, Son of the Living God, eternal Light that shines in the hearts of all men. I believe you died for me as an act of eternal redemption by which you purchased me with your blood. I am forever yours. I am eternally pardoned. I also believe that you were raised from the dead and are seated at the right hand of the Father, forever my King and Lord. I believe that you have crowned me king and lord over all your possessions. I am no longer merely human. I am above that. I am born again, born of your eternal word and glorious Spirit. I am forever divine, a royal priest, a revelation of, Christ, a manifestation of glory. What an honor. I will never be less. I will always be blessed.

Thanks for changing me forever and for glory. Thanks for including me in Your kingdom and in the God-family. I remain forever grateful. Amen!

This is the change!

From henceforth, you are in the kingdom of God from whence you can activate your divine program and boldly walk into a later that is heavenly better:

You are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that you should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10

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The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field, which indeed is the least of all the seeds; but when it is grown it is greater than the herbs and becomes a, tree so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches. Matthew 13:31-32

This is your season, your time to shine the light of your spirit. Divine providence has ordered your steps to this material and occasioned the moment your spirit has been waiting for. I am certain that your decision to read it is more than a conscious effort. More than you has been involved. Heaven and all its virtue have gradually positioned you to open pages of destiny that will transform you beyond any imagination. This is your moment of truth, your pivot to incredibility. Like David, you too can exclaim:

Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed. Truth shall spring out of the earth. And righteousness shall look down from heaven. Yes, the LORD will give what is good; and

our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before Him, and shall make His footsteps our pathway. Psalm 84:10-13

My friend, this is the connection you have been waiting for. Everything is lined up right and ready. The gun is loaded and the enemy is in panic. When divine mercy communicates with eternal truth, divine programming is activated.

The truths that you are digesting are not empty guarantees; they are profound revelations loaded with opportunities beyond imagination. They will yield a supernatural increase as they release from your spirit the glorious intentions of God for your marvelous life. They will also step you in line with God's glorious direction so that you will always be the right man, in the right place, with the right people, at the right time.

Now that you are born again, born into this realm, let me make something clear before we get into the details of operating this grand machine I have called divine programming: The fact that you have submitted to the lordship of Christ, registers you as a son of God, a kindred of the divine deity. However, you have just been born into this privilege or rather have only just awakened to your inner man.

What this means is that you are not yet a master of this new dimension. You have only been initiated into the realm of the spirit and there is urgent need to get you to mature in its operations.

As such, although you have gained the opportunity to be conscious of your divine program, you need to learn, grow in the knowledge of activating it.

Admittedly, the conversion from flesh consciousness to spirit consciousness may seem like nothing 'really happened' or you may experience some inner peace and joy that carnally-minded people may nonetheless despise and ridicule. Just because you have believed in Christ does not necessarily mean that you are now well conversant with divine programming so that whatever you say comes to pass or so that you are able to do the impossible.

Matter of fact, you may not be able to do nothing because that is the way of the kingdom. The kingdom begins as a seed (Matthew 13:31, 32); its beginning is often so insignificant in the opinion of the carnal-mind. In heaven, there is much rejoicing but here on earth, it may seem like even nothing happened; for some, their conversion may provoke disdain, even persecution.

Do not be deceived: being born again is an incredible opportunity. It is the initial step to the realm of infinite possibility.

However, like the kingdom of heaven, the prospect of growth is necessary before the seed becomes a great tree that all the birds of the air rest on. Your conversion may seem as insignificant as the 'least of all seeds' but your growth will exhibit its glory so that like the great tree that hosts all the birds in the air, you will become the mature son of God to whom all creation is obliged. Maturing in the realm of the spirit, growing in your new found faith in Christ will position you to function as master of all creation (be it in heaven or earth or under the earth).

It is at the point of maturity of your inner conscience that your divine program is robustly active so that you are able in this day and age, and for all time and beyond, to function like God.

You rise beyond the limitation of fallen man and fallen creation (which includes all men not submitted to Christ, every being on earth, as well as Satan and all his fallen angels). And that is still not high enough: You rise above every other being in heaven (that is all the angels, the cherubims, the seraphims, and all the archangels) to be positioned where Christ is, at the right hand of the Father, God almighty (Ephesians 2:6).

And from this vantage point: you are able to do the will of God here on earth as it is done in heaven (Matthew 6:10). Your mission and essence of being gravitates to doing nothing less than establishing the kingdom of heaven here on earth.

I am conscious that there are those usual cynics that are always looking out for something wrong and finding it in all the wrong places. Most of them are often the religious kind that are dead beat against any teaching that questions there old and low yielding methods. Like the Pharisees of old, they question the very message that has been commissioned to improve their impotent ways. And in their adamant ignorance, they seek to perpetuate failure by mobilizing others to reject true knowledge. So grounded in human traditions and vain customs, they have made the glorious word of God to be of no effect at the tragic consequence of misleading the vast number of men seeking true faith (Matthew 15:1-9).

As such, these religious personalities and pseudo teachers would question my position on preferring divine programming over and above divine intervention.

Beloved, use wisdom and discern the truths herein against the lies that they purvey however sacred they may appear. Moreover, consider the vast mount of scripture available to support this revelation and the eternal determination of God to ensure the truth is revealed:

For what if some did not believe? Will their unbelief make the faithfulness of God of no effect? Certainly not! Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar. Romans 3:3

That quoted, nonetheless these agents of deception huff and puff. They have throughout time shown relentless rigor in the persecution of God's eternal word and HIS appointed prophets (Matthew 23:29-36).

Nonetheless, not ignorant of their twisted impressions and always aware of their carnal methods, I am sure they would say that I am against prayer. They will even suggest that this teaching is strange doctrine contrary to the foundation laid by the apostles.

And yet, nothing can be further from the truth. Later on in this very chapter, I will be dealing with prayer in more detail. My concern is really not against prayer but how it should be done.

Moreover, further investigation should also reveal that this is indeed the teaching of the apostles that religious imponderances and deceptive witchcraft steered the Church from. This is the ministry that Paul assured his son Timothy that was, and still is, and will forever be, the eternal prerogative of the Church which he so correctly identified as *the pillar and custodian of the truth* (1 Timothy 3:15). This is indeed that *truth* that Christ acclaimed we shall know, and by this knowledge, be set free (John 8:38). And it is indeed by this knowledge that the apostle Peter guaranteed multiplied grace and peace (2 Peter 1:2).

What is of serious essence here is realizing the greatest results out of the lives God has given us. So many do not realize that when God created us, HE expected us to live to the brim, to have an abundant life. And it is this prospect, this grand of all opportunities that Christ came to restore to mankind. As such, the revelation that I share here is geared to ensuring that you live this full life. CHANGE YOU MUST BELIEVE IN is all about reaching your utmost potential in a world where a few strive for mortal excellence and many have settled for average, and many more even for failure; in fact, a world where many guided by these false prophets and

teachers wallow together with them in a pit of deception mingled with mediocrity (Matthew 7:15, 24:11).

Even in the Church, like I have repetitively mentioned, are many believers who have not realized this full potential; many who have never known these marvelous words, this eternal truth. So many are trapped in a form of godliness that denies the power thereof (2 Timothy 3:5). So many have sought God for mediocre reasons sponsored by equally mediocre methods.

Alas, the truth must be told of how many are truly in Christ but hardly is Christ discernible in them; many are still filled with long held humanistic traditions clothed in light. As a result, the majority in the body of Christ have received modest responses from God even as they have employed modest methods in their petitions.

If only they would learn more, if only they could know better, which is what this book is about, they would mount the skies and excel beyond human belief. They would ascend, not from beneath, but from height to height. For the one that engages their divine program engages a force of faith that propels them from a point of advantage to even further advantage. Beloved, engaging your divine program will get you started from the top where you reign together with Christ Jesus!

My dear brethren, make no mistakes about it, for it is in this sense also that the apostle Paul earnestly prayed for all believers to be enlightened in the eyes of their understanding so that Christ would richly dwell in them by faith (Ephesians 1:18). It is also in the context of what the LORD has commissioned me to write that this foremost apostle went further to exclaim, yet again to the eternal benefit of all believers, "Christ in you, the hope of glory!" (Colossians 1:26-27).

That is why I am convinced that after understanding these truths and operating them, you will not only be distinguished in the world but also in the Church among so many relating with God.

In this prospect, I am reminded about different results the prophet Isaiah observed among the various faithful that waited upon the LORD:

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel: "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my just claim is passed over by my God?" Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, the creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall. But those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. Isaiah 40:27-31

So many believers are like the children of Israel who in spite of their religious ritualizing, castigate God for not attending to them. They wrongly presume that God has ignored their plight and refused to respond to their petitions. And yet, God is constantly aware of everyone's status quo. HE observes everyone's circumstance and is available to attend to whosoever will wait on HIM.

However, it is quite important that we realize that among those that wait on the LORD, are three different categories reflected on the results they are able to espouse from HIM: Many believers waiting on the LORD have been taught to desire to walk and not faint. Some have been taught to desire to run. A few are taught to desire to fly. Now, it is my experience and studied observation that believers that are preoccupied with desiring divine intervention constitute the first two categories. Divine intervention can indeed get you walking or running. On the other hand, divine programming is all about flying.

In your spirit is all the necessary resource to cause you to mount wings as an eagle and fly your way through life and glory. The one that activates his spirit mounts lofty heights from which they excel and abound in measures that distinguish them both in the world and in the Church.

That is the believer that doesn't just *believe in God* but *believes like God*. He is not just seeking God; God is seeking him (2 Chronicles 16:9; John 4:7-42). Together with God, they are in a divine partnership, a supernatural communion that yields wonders and fantastic glory.

Knowing, therefore, the glorious profit of living within the dictates of our divine program let us delve into the grand means of its *modus operandi*. As such, there are three means that we can employ to activate the spirit and therefore release the glory that the Father invested in us before time begun, namely- fellowship with the Holy Spirit, studious and vocal dedication to the word of God, and wise, authentic, and consistent prayer to the Father.

To be sure, activating the spirit requires more than an individual effort. It is not something we can do all by ourselves. It is a collaborative endeavor that will see you work together with the Holy Trinity in a divine engagement of intense intimacy.

In other words, God (in HIS divine entirety as Father, Son, and Spirit) is ready to enable you release the glory HE placed in you. HE is available to enable you mount up your wings as an eagle in a super effort that will secure and manifest (to all and sundry) you at HIS level, seated in heavenly places, above and above only.

Let me begin with what must be done first before anything else- FELLOWSHIP WITH THE SPIRIT: Without this fellowship, it is impossible for the other two requirements to be done. The Holy Spirit is quintessential, the critical foundation, to any proper administration of God's word and prayer to the Father. HE is the master key to your spirit and is indispensable to the exercise critical to releasing the glories therein.

I am even sure that your interest in reading and studying this book has been the direct result of HIS work in you. So, step one in this regard is further engaging HIS Person.

No one knows your spirit and God as well as HE does. HE is the one that searches the deep things of God and makes them known to us (1 Corinthians 2:10). HIS wisdom is infinite, HIS counsel beyond question, and HIS performance mandatory to anyone that seeks to activate the supernatural.

It must never be taken for granted that HE is the ONE that sealed the claim of Jesus of Nazareth to be the Messiah of Israel. HE is also the one that qualified HIS claim to being and functioning as God's Son. HE proved Jesus' ministry with many wonders that were beyond question stamps of glory:

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

Acts 10:38

And that is exactly what HE would like to do with everyone.

When the Virgin Mary curiously inquired as to how she would give birth without the knowledge of a man, the angel assured her thus:

The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. Luke 1:35

And by no means is this experience limited to Mary. Once the Holy Spirit overshadows a person, that person will be able to conceive the supernatural. Fellowship with HIM is a breeding ground for the miraculous life God has sealed into your spirit. HE is able to probe deep into the soul of man and access from ones spirit the account banked therein by the Father.

It does not matter the odds pitted against such a person. Even though one is a coward with a low selfesteem and is considered less than everyone else, the Holy Spirit is able to uncover the wealth of privilege God has eternally intended for such a person.

This seems to have been the case with Gideon: Here was a guy so fearful that he hid in winepresses and caves like most of his subdued people, afraid of the Midianite raiders. He even featured himself less than all the members of his father's house. In his estimation, he was less than average. However, God who was privy to his divine program knew better how the young man was suited to the occasion of providing grand victory for his people over the Midianites that conquered and intimidated them. The angel of the LORD was thus sent to address him as a mighty man of valor and not the coward that he thought he was (Judges 6:12).

The scriptures reveal how this conversion from *recluse coward* to *popular warrior* occurred. Again, the ministry of the Holy Spirit was critical:

Then the Midianites and Amalekites, the people of the East, gathered together, and they crossed over and

encamped in the Valley of Jezreel. <u>But the Spirit of God</u> <u>came upon Gideon</u>, then he blew the trumpet, and the Abiezrites gathered behind him. Judges 6:34-35

It did not matter how cowardly he might have been prior to this. It did not even matter that he was despised and considered least in his father's house. Once the mighty Holy Spirit prevailed upon him, he was not a coward any more. Neither could he be neglected. Fellowship with the Holy Spirit was so vital in converting Gideon into a leader among his people, not only in the battle field but also as their governor and judge.

Fellowship with the Holy Spirit is the master key to the book of Acts: The apostles that were recluse and shaky cowards following the death of Jesus Christ soon became the stern and miraculous men we read about because of the witness of the Holy Spirit.

Peter who had shamelessly denied Christ was marvelously converted into a legendary leader able to heal cripples, raise the dead, and win thousands of souls, because of the power of the Holy Spirit. At some point, so mighty was the power activated from his fellowship with the Holy Spirit that his shadow was able to heal and cast out devils (Acts 5:15).

The same can be said about the ministry of Paul, previously Saul of Tarsus the persecutor of the Church. And yet this former religious zealot tainted with the shaming record of hounding the saints and killing them was so amazingly converted into a storehouse of God's word and power so much that his aprons and handkerchiefs transmitted the power of God (Acts 19:12). In fact, Paul was remarkably known for founding his ministry on the fellowship of the Holy Spirit and desiring that those he ministered to did the same:

And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God.....And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. 1 Corinthians 2:1, 4-5

This apostle that blessed us with the revelation of God's glorious grace knew that the Holy Spirit was the essential person that *confirmed* God's word, *convicted* men's hearts, and *consecrated* his meetings. He trusted the ministry of the Spirit more than he relied on his eloquence or intellect in executing the great commission.

I believe that this probably explains the incredible results that we witness in the early Church compared to what is going on today in spite of the various theological, technological and other social-scientific benefits that are present today. Those men relied on the fellowship they heard with the Spirit in order to work the works of God. Several times through the scriptures, we read how they sought and obeyed HIS counsel (Acts 4:31; Acts10:9-22; Acts 13:1-3).

When Peter and John met the crippled man begging for alms at the gate called Beautiful, they did not bestow to his benefit the material charity he sought. To be sure, they didn't have what he asked for but they did have something better. Conscious of the power the Spirit had clothed them with they gave him what money could never do for him:

Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us." So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. Acts 3:1-7

Did you see that? I mean, this man had been in that same state since birth. He was born cripple and was certainly expected to be that way till he died. Those that lifted him and left him at the gate to beg for a living had routinely done so and were probably expecting to pick him up in the evening after a long hard day of begging.

And yet, everything changed not by might, or by power but by the Spirit of the Living God (Zechariah 4:6).

The glorious change that ensued in the man's life was far more than all his life of begging alms could ever master. The power that Peter had enforced to realize this change was not financial power, or any such material ability. Peter had relied on the divine unction of the Spirit of God who had deposited in his spirit the necessary power that could effect the miraculous.

How did Peter know that it would work? How did he perceive that it was more necessary that the man walk than beg for all his life? Well, it was not his first time to observe the superiority of the Holy Spirit over and above all else: He was present when he saw how Jesus had relied on the Holy Spirit to feed a crowd of five thousand (5,000) men without counting children and women without money (Luke 9:10-17). He was privy to the occasion when a Roman Centurion sought and believed the Master to be able to heal his servant without even visiting his home (Matthew 8:5-13). He

had seen money fail to treat Lazarus and was present to see Jesus evoke the resurrecting power of the Spirit (John 11).

And all this had begun when as a fisherman he'd failed to catch fish all night in spite of a good boat and net. Yet, he was witness to how at the instruction of the Master he caught so much fish that his boat almost sunk (Luke 5:1-10). Peter had seen quite a lot and knew so well the glorious abilities of the Spirit of God in enabling mere men do incredible things.

What Peter knew, what Paul knew, what Jesus knew, what all the prophets knew, regarding the omnipotent virtues of the Spirit of God is the first thing you need to know to deal with activating a forever better-later. No fellowship is more necessary for this cause; no intimacy more relevant for the supernatural.

It really does not matter your inadequacies; once you engage with the Spirit of God, once you become conscious of HIS counsel, you will have arrived at the necessary engine that can kick-start a better-ever after.

Romance, opulence, influence, intelligence, serenity, eloquence, impression, wonder, glory and every fantastic outcome is available at HIS will.

This benefit is what distinguishes the opportunities available to the New Testament Church compared to those that were available to the nation of Israel. Whereas, God did indeed promise them a land flowing with milk and honey, HE assures the believer a much better promise. More than a land flowing with milk and honey, the one that has the Holy Spirit is guaranteed thus:

If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.

John 7:37

My brethren, this is a covenant established upon better promises (Hebrews 8:6). Fellowship with the Holy Spirit will awaken you to the glorious deposits of wonder that God has deposited deep in your heart. Therein is far more than the glory beyond the Jordan

River. In your heart is more than time and this earth can avail.

Flowing in the realities God has buried in your spirit will activate marvels for your benefit and of those dear to you, even multitudes unknown to you.

The Holy Spirit is necessary for this omnipotent result because HE is indeed the wise counsel given to us by the LORD that knows the richness of the deposits hidden in our spirit. Working in us, HE seeks to do and to will the Father's good pleasure which amounts to enabling us be as powerful and as glorious as Christ Jesus in HIS current disposition as King of kings and LORD of lords.

Listening to HIM, obeying HIM, and fellowshipping with HIM are quintessential to manifesting the glory of God. Without HIS counsel and ability, we are unable to tap into this course of infinite possibility. However, with HIM we are set and able to do all things (Philippians 4:13).

Key to optimizing this opportunity then is to rely on HIS wise counsel regarding understanding the word of God.

This brings us to the second quintessential ingredient to activating a better-later.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORD OF GOD- Now this measure should never be underestimated. The word of God is fundamental to perceiving whatever God has done, is doing, and is going to do. Understanding it will go a long way to establish you to take advantage of whatever HE has done, whatever HE is doing, and whatever HE is going to do.

So many of God's blessed children miss out on God's benefits, so many are at a loss for how to effect change for failure to learn and understand God's word. It is indeed for this reason that God laments:

My people perish for lack of knowledge (Hosea 4:6)

Understanding God's word will certainly prepare you for change when it shows up. Furthermore, it will mature you from seeking change to actually effecting change. Understanding God's word will promote you above circumstances so that you command the better-later others have given up on or vainly hope for.

Remember that God's works were truly finished from the beginning (Hebrews 4:3). In other words, whatever God has done, whatever HE is going to do, and whatever HE will ever do, HE has already done from the foundation of the world. Now, it is important that you realize that critical to HIS works is HIS word. For God's word is the vital means through which we can be privy to HIS works. HIS word will reveal to you that better-later HE finished from the beginning. So go for the word.

This explains why Jesus being the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world, is also known as the eternal word of God. It also explains why all the works of God were made by HIM and through HIM (Hebrews 1:2):

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was

made that was made. John 1:1-3

My dear friend, God's work, HIS plan, HIS will, all HE will ever do, and that includes your better-later, is in HIS word.

This is why HE reveals how HE will never do anything until HE has shown it to HIS servants the prophets. Prophets are carriers of HIS word which in turn enables them to manifest HIS works. Moses was able to do such great miracles, perform such mighty wonders; he was able to deliver the children of Israel from Egypt even though he had failed before because he had finally understood God's word.

A closer appreciation of his incredible ministry will reveal that he often heard from God what he was to do. Moses depended on God's word. Infact, his ministry closed after he rebelled against instruction given to him. When Moses ceased to submit to God's word, God restricted him from entering the Promised Land.

This is what explains why God referred a grief stricken and anxious Joshua to its profitable virtues following the demise of Moses:

Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the instruction which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. This book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Joshua 1:7-8

We can see in this divine counsel that the word is God's prescribed remedy to overcoming tragedy: In HIS infinite wisdom, God knew that however grief-stricken Joshua was, however discouraged he may have been in the face of the loss of Moses, if he could get the word in his system, he could overcome the pain and trauma occasioned by the tragedy.

More seriously though, is the fact that God prescribed to Joshua what he'd sustained Moses' ministry with-the word. HE reveals to Joshua the extent to which the word would enable him to- watch this: *make his way prosperous*. In other words, God admitted to Joshua that the word was sufficient to enable him activate his divine program.

With the word, you can determine your course in life; you can command your fortune!

Understanding God's word will position you to manifest HIS work. It will reveal to you the incredible possibilities that God has mandated that you should walk in. It is for this reason that King David who perceived this incredible opportunity celebrated the word of God:

The word of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul;
The word of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; The word of the LORD is right, rejoicing the heart; The word of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; The word of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; The word of the LORD is true and righteous altogether. More to be desired is the word

than gold, yea than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by *your word*, your servant is warned, And in keeping the *word* there is great reward. Psalm 19:7-11

If only God's children would take advantage of God's word; if they could be as serious about it as they ought to; none of them would ever be confused, depressed, overwhelmed, subdued, defeated, and at loss of what to do in the face of the worst that hell can master. The word would enlighten them of their inherent advantage in every circumstance in life.

When David celebrates the wisdom and enlightening function of the word of God, one must realize that he recognizes its ability to shine light to the spirit so that one is made conscious of what God wrote and sealed therein. The one that engages the word therefore engages his spirit.

This probing ability of the word of God to penetrate deep into the spirit of man is also well illustrated by the author of the book of Hebrews when he reveals: For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12

Look, God's word is not merely a moral dictum sufficient to guide one to assume better character. Neither is it a pack of notable myths conjectured by men to ensure moral clarity. It is a lot more than all that. The word of God is not only true but it is alive and can be active to the one that learns to submit to it.

To this extent, it is important that we appreciate its ability to shed light into the infinite possibilities of a better-later.

Beloved, no one else, and certainly nothing whatsoever, with the exception of the Holy Spirit, is able to reach so deep into the human spirit like the word; nothing is able to permeate ones inner man and enlighten the senses of divinity like it can.

This is what gives the word of God its transformative quality. Because it is able, and in fact, mandated to shine light on your spirit, it is therefore able to awaken you to the rich deposits of glory tabernacled within.

This is so vital for many believers to realize because so many collapse to despair and some even to lunacy when they lose property, and even more so, when they lose loved ones. Like I mentioned in the earlier part of this book, many even get offended by God like Job and digress to ways that are evil.

And yet, they suffer for nothing: If only they could digest God's word, they would find solace, even pleasure. Joshua was enabled by the word to transition from a tearful mourner to a bold conqueror and mighty leader of his people by submitting to the word.

The word is a critical antidote to fear, tragedy, and loss. It can handle any and every disgrace with sufficient ability. Nothing compares to its merits in this regard. I guarantee you; the word of God is better than any other source of counsel, better than any psychiatrist, friend, confidant, or whatever recourse people tend to in the

face of loss. Its merits insofar as securing a better-after are beyond question, its testimony legendary.

David who had tested and proven its vitality esteemed the word of God to be superior to honey. He knew how sweet its taste is even in the face of bitter situations.

This disparity in terms of attention to the word may explain why Job and David spent different durations in their personal loses: Although both lost everything they had (David lost his wives, family, and property at Ziklag), yet their profound tragedies were relative experiences that lasted for different periods because of their varied regard for God's word.

On the one hand, Job *questioned* God's word and lasted a long period trapped in his tragedy; on the other hand, David *honored* God's word and rather than complain and accuse God, he consulted HIM, encouraged himself, and subsequently recovered all he'd lost (1 Samuel 30:8).

It is important that we observe that David was able to be encouraged in the midst of the accusations he faced from all his fighting men that had similarly lost their families and properties. In fact, the scriptures detail how in the absence of corporate encouragement David nonetheless encouraged himself in the LORD (2 Samuel 30). On the other hand, Job who questioned the word of the LORD fell into depression. He sunk so low into the trials of his depravity that he incurred a nasty victim syndrome from which it was impossible to get anyone to encourage him. His lamentations converted those who dared so to actually judge, argue, and accuse him.

In the end, as we observed earlier, like David, Job recovered all he'd lost, and in fact got double, not because he prayed, cried, or was assisted by his friends or otherwise, but essentially as a result of coming to terms with God's word. After God spoke to him and his mind was enlightened to HIS pure and powerful word, then the stage was set for his prosperity (Job 42:10-16).

Both accounts confirm the incredible profit of understanding the word of God. That the word of God

was indeed central to converting their tragedy into triumph is a most vital lesson to be seized by all men. Also vital to appreciate in regards to God's instruction to Joshua is the measures necessary to understand the word of God. The young man is instructed to unwaveringly stick to it, to constantly adopt its rich details in study and meditation.

So many that would like to understand God's word often decry how they are seemingly unable to understand it. They lament how they may read and read the scriptures and still not be able to perceive its depth or meaning. And when they query how it is possible to actually get to understand it I often suggest that they do exactly what Joshua was told to do-value it, observe it, attend to it, meditate in it, and it (the word), will combine with the Spirit of God to enable you to understand and do it.

My friend, any consistent adherence to the word of God in this regard will evoke the Spirit of God to counsel and enlighten the eyes of your understanding regarding the sacred and glorious truths inherent in it. Unfortunately, many that claim they read the word and fail to understand it do not value it, or observe it, or attend to it. Few certainly meditate in it. They do not because of ignorance to its vitality and therefore the immeasurable possibilities it is able to avail to those that will faithfully and consistently be devoted to understanding it.

My friend, do not make that fatal of mistakes: Don't ever take the word of God lightly. In it is every resource necessary for converting any human experience into a divine encounter. The word will transform you to be all that God has intended you to be. It will lift you from the doldrums of defeat and despair and quicken you to prominence, glory, and fantastic wonder.

In fact understanding the word of God will make a master out of you. Note that God did not tell Joshua that after he'd worked with the word that HE would prosper him. God, who knows the vitality of HIS word, who perceives the riches of its glory, actually assures Joshua how he (who? Joshua of course) will make his own way prosperous!

Infinite in wisdom, God knew so well that if Joshua mastered the word, he would activate his divine program and would therefore never need divine intervention.

Beloved, the one that masters the word, masters prosperity. The one that masters the word commands his way. He ceases being the subject of fate, or any other circumstance in life. He is in-charge of his affairs and will project his fortunes to suit his divine predisposition as a child of God.

A good understanding of the word of God is tantamount to a good appreciation of divine programming. The one that occasions this privilege is at home with God. He is not wondering what God will do next, asking when God when? Neither is he confused as to why things are the way they are, asking why God why?

They don't have questions, they have answers. Understanding the word of God is what qualifies the Church to disciple the nations. We are an answer in this world (Matthew 5:13).

I for one never understand why certain ministers of God's word are forever crusading for causes that they presume can be resolved by arms of government. Those who do so, do not realize who the Church is and why she is still here.

Let it be known to all and sundry that the solution to crime, abortion, lawlessness, economic chaos, world peace, global warming and any other problem common to man is not with government, the United Nations, the G7 or G8 or G21, or any such entity. Every solution to the problem of humanity, indeed the problem of all creation, lies in the Church. It is indeed for this reason that *all creation groans for the sons of God to be revealed* (Romans 8:19).

My friend, make no mistakes about it, the Church is the pillar and custodian of the truth (1 Timothy 3:15): As

such, its ministers ought to be well versed with its detail and dictates. As ministers of God's eternal word, we ought to realize that we bear the answers to every question across the human experience. Our mandate is to employ the correct administration of God's word so that the Church can then be the salt and light that she is mandated to be.

When the believer understands the word of God, he switches his light so bright that men are able to see his good works and glorify the Father in heaven (Matthew 5:16).

What this means is that with the word we hold the key to not only activating our better-later but further still, we can activate a better-later for those around us.

This so to say is our mandate: We are still here to ensure that humanity is not the tragedy it has become. Those who have made a religion of the Christian faith did, and do not have the faintest idea what the great commission really is all about. In their self-righteous and narrow visions, they have limited the Church's mandate to building religious institutions, giving out

tracts, and getting men to make confession prayers of conversions.

It's more than that: We are here to establish the Kingdom of God. We are here to disciple nations, to disciple men of every tongue and every tribe to the most excellent course set by God from the foundations of the world.

No government, no empire, no other kingdom, no organization has this mandate. They do not know how to do it because they are not the custodian of the truth. But we are.

So instead of crusading senators, congressmen, parliamentarians, presidents and such other authorities to address such concerns like eliminating abortion, global warming, ethnic cleansing, reducing taxes, reforming education, improving health care, ensuring justice, fighting corruption, defending religious freedoms, etcetera, etcetera.....the Church ought to know that it should be the other way round. They are the ones that need us and we are the ones that hold the solution to any and every problem in the world today.

Understanding God's word is key to getting the Church to reposition herself so that she may be who she is mandated to be. Part of the reason what has gone on has prevailed is simply because of a lack of understanding of God's word.

Go for the word, discover the infinite measure inherent in us, and you will be on your way to activating a better-later that will transcend the *personal benefit* most people aspire for to ensure the *public profit* the world so really needs.

And in this endeavor, wise, authentic, and consistent prayer, a divine worship in spirit and in truth, becomes the third critical factor necessary to activating a betterlater. It is to its rich subject that we now turn.

WISE, AUTHENTIC, AND CONSISTENT PRAYER-This is the crowning means of activating a better-later. It is the essential ingredient necessary in combining glorious fellowship with the Spirit and understanding of God's word. I am not talking about crying to God, pleading for HIS intervention and waiting for an answer; a thousand times NO!

That is divine intervention and it is shallow and offensive to God. What is beneficial and in line with divine programming is praying prayer with knowledge, wise intimacy with the Father based on the counsel of the Spirit of God and correct understanding of God's word; and doing so endlessly.

To be sure, those that pray wisely constitute the ones that Jesus revealed that the Father seeks:

Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth. John 4:21-24

Now, before you go thinking that this was a long time ago when people did not know how to pray or even long before the Holy Spirit was given to the Church, consider yet again how many today in spite of the ministry of the Holy Spirit still do no know how to pray. In spite of the fact that most believers can actually comfortably recite the prayer format that the LORD gave the apostles when they queried on how to pray (Matthew 6:9-15), many believers that recite it do not quite understand it. Many pray and pray and do not get the answers they seek through prayer because they do not know how to do it. Sadly, many like the Samaritans worship what they do not know of.

And yet prayer correctly done is a most mighty weapon for glory in the hands of the believer in Christ. If we can get saints to pray in spirit and in truth to the Father, we could reduce a significant amount of counseling services. Praying the right way, knowing what we worship, knowing how to pray, and to who we pray will enormously lift the spiritual life of anyone beyond circumstantial dictates to glorious realities.

My friend, prayer is a triggering click of the supernatural; it will do all that God can do if done as God would have you do it. That is why I am convinced

that prayer is not only important- it is omnipotent. The one that learns to exercise its abilities with expertise wields almighty power.

This was the profound lesson that the apostle James shared with believers when they faced severe persecution in Jerusalem:

The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit. James 5:16-18

The omnipotent displays of glory and power were wielded in the hands of a man of prayer. The believer that occasions the duty of wise and authentic prayer shifts from *potency level* to *omnipotent demonstrations*, from *human measures* to *divine abilities*, from *limited operations* to *infinite possibilities*.

Praying in spirit and in truth will activate divine programming and if done consistently, in fact,

habitually (just like Jesus did it), it is essential to living through ones divine program. It is through intimate engagement with the Father in a life of prayer that Jesus stayed HIS course of divine programming.

It is instructive to note that before our LORD ventured into HIS illustrious ministry, HE spent forty (40) days in prayer and fasting in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-2). Matter of fact, temptation came to HIM long after HE'd been praying.

That explains why HE was able to stand against it. It explains why HE was able to resist such diversionary but quite appealing offers like the kingdoms of the world in all their glory (Matthew 4:8-10). Satan flee from HIM because he recognized that being prayed-up as HE was he stood no chance to derail HIM. Prayer enabled HIM to resist and overcome temptation.

Prayer kept Daniel on course in the face of malice, conspiracy, and betrayal from politicians who sought to trap him. A life dedicated to prayer so positioned the prophet in a place of incredible advantage so that he

was rescued from the lions den. But the rewards of his prayer were not outdone yet: His enemies, with all their families, suffered the fate they intended for him (Daniel 6:24). And then to top it all, HIS God was pronounced the One and only true God in all of Persia (Daniel 6:25-27).

Similarly, a life dedicated to prayer from his youth set David on the course to be king of Israel in spite of the enmity he faced from Saul. It is the result of continuous worship, of yielded devotion to prayer and praise that God was able to embolden David and catapult him to royalty.

Prayer was a key source of assurance for David. When he refers to abiding under the shadow of the almighty, in the secret place, he is talking about prayer (Psalm 91:1). And from this vantage point, he gains tonnes of assurance so that he can confidently encourage those who believe in the LORD:

Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the perilous pestilence. He shall cover you with his feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler. You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day, nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday. A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall not come near you. Only with your eyes shall you see the desires of the wicked. Because you have made the LORD, who is my refuge your dwelling place. Psalm 91:3-9

Wow, what a way to bless God's people. This is David activating a better-later for God's people in his day, and certainly to this day. I know so many believers who have gained enormous encouragement from this psalm. Many sermons have been ministered from its glorious details.

What is important to realize is that David was able to dig it out of his divine program from a profoundly deep and rigorously consistent prayer life. And from that vantage place, he guaranteed his safety in any and ever circumstance.

Now, I have heard some people recite the same words without knowing where they came from and how

David arrived at this level of conviction. Many that have uttered its verses do not have a prayer life or one that is consistent and profound. Many that recite it do not do so in spirit and in truth. So when they say the same words, their utterance is devoid of power; they speak mere words. And my judgment is often confirmed when we witness them in troubles far less threatening than the one David faced. You see them panic, call for divine intervention, some even quit on God.

The problem often is what they mentioned was merely lip service without any heartfelt conviction.

Prayer done as a result of intimating with the Holy Spirit and understanding God's word, will occasion the necessary level of intimacy and divine conviction to deal with any situation in life. Watch the life of Moses and observe this benefit: Initially when Moses sought to deliver the children of Israel from bondage without ever praying, without ever experiencing God's presence, he failed dismally (Exodus 2:11-15). He

couldn't activate his divine program in spite of being well connected to the house of Pharaoh.

It took forty (40) years in the wilderness, growing in the house of a priest called Jethro during which he must have prayed, and indeed, grown in prayer. And prayer drew him to the holy mount where he encountered the Most High.

The rest is incredible history: It did not matter that he was old and unable to speak eloquently; neither did it matter that he did not have any connections in Egypt worth mobilizing against Pharaoh.

Prayer, in God's presence, attending to HIS instruction (and here indeed is a worthy definition of what it means to pray in spirit and in truth) transformed Moses into a mighty force that almost single handedly delivered the children of Israel from bondage.

To appreciate the importance of prayer in that regard, consider that when God threatened to abandon them and send them to the Promised Land with an angel, Moses could not have none of that. Israel was

heartbroken. They realized that it was not enough to gain God's privileges without having the benefit of HIS fellowship. Moses on his part knew only so well that prayer was the key, not angels, not his ability, not even the weakness of his adversaries, to the deliverance of Israel.

Without God's everlasting presence, without intimate fellowship with HIM, Moses knew that there were no guarantees that they would thrive in the privilege they sought in taking over Canaan:

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Depart and go up from here, you and the people whom you have brought out of the land of Egypt, to the land of which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, 'To your descendants I will give it.' And I will send My Angel before you, and I will drive out the Canaanite and the Amorite and the Hittite and Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebushite. go up to a land flowing with milk and honey; for I will not go up in your midst, lest I consume you on the way, for you are a stiff-necked people.......

Then Moses said to Him, "If Your Presence does not go with

do not bring us up from here. For how then will it be known that Your people and I have found grace in Your sight, except You go with us? So we shall be separate, Your people and I, from all the people who are upon the face of the earth." Exodus 33:1-3; 15, 16

Did you see that? Prayer correctly done will so activate your divine program and thereby distinguish you from others. It will set you apart and promote you to be above and not beneath. A land flowing with milk and honey will not distinguish you; neither will angelic hosts, or victories over your adversaries. But when you begin and continue to dwell in the presence of God; when you intimate with God and abide in the shadow of his wings; when you fellowship with HIM who is Spirit, in spirit and in truth, you will activate a power of glory that will surge you to excellence and royal peculiarity.

The scriptures detail how Jesus descended the mount after night vigils in God's presence and released power healing all who were brought to HIM (Luke 6:12-19).

Correctly conducted prayer distinguished Jesus, distinguished Moses, Elijah, David, Abraham, Daniel, Solomon, and several others in the scriptures. In fact, correctly done prayer distinguished Israel and was often God's recommended remedy to HIS people:

Seek the LORD while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked man forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let them return to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him; And to our God for He will abundantly pardon. "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. Isaiah 55:6-9

I don't know whether you have seen what I saw right there: Prayer done appropriately is a vehicle that can uplift you from earthly-level to heavenly-level. The one that intimates with God will transition from human ways to divine ways, from seeking divine intervention to activating divine programming. Now I need to emphasize this 'in spirit' and 'in truth' thing, if anything, shed more light on it: Unless we understand it, we may not get the most we can from prayer. Important therefore is to realize that it has a lot to do with the glorious details that God has written in both the books of heaven and in your spirit. If you understand it this way, you will realize why it is vital that we fellowship with the Spirit and understand HIS word. Both are necessary to discover the glorious revelations tabernacled in your spirit. Those details are what Jesus refers to as 'the truth'.

My friend, if you engage these details, if you discover them in your life, and if you convert your prayer life into a confession and appreciation of these truths, these details deposited in you, you will activate your divine program.

In this endeavor, you will be the benefactor of infinite possibility. Everything becomes possible and limitation is thrown out of the window. These kind of people are the ones that God seeks to manifest HIS glory to.

My friend, part of working out your salvation is this experience of praying in spirit and in truth. Prayer becomes a vehicle that delivers, an engine that orchestrates wonder and privilege. The one that prays this way prays the thoughts of God and masters HIS ways in life.

Such a person transcends human bounds and manifests glory from the highest of heaven. Praying in spirit and in truth activates a demonstration of wonders that affirms God's majesty, power, and love for men.

This is what men need and not some religious dogma that is impotent in its ability to yield any kind of change. They do not need puny prayer vigils that engage in vain repetitions of elaborate ignorance of God's grace and generosity to all those who believe in Christ.

Real change, significant reform, incredible transformation is the result of engaging with the Father, not in our ways but in spirit and in truth, in fellowship with HIS Spirit and understanding of HIS word.

The one that does this activates a legacy of heaven on the earth. It is this kind of believer that is able to cooperate with God to establish HIS will on earth as it is in heaven.

Once these three vehicles- fellowship with the Holy Spirit, understanding the word, and wise, authentic, and a persistent prayer life- synchronize and mature in the life of the believer, once the believer is seasoned in their operations, that believer becomes a force field of glory divine.

Distinguished and crowned in power, such a believer translates from merely being *a follower of Christ* to actually being *a revelation of Christ*. He is able to demonstrate the full glory and power of God without seeking divine intervention. Like I said before, such a one is a divine intervention in himself.

Wait a minute, one might ponder: How is it some people have been born again, believers in Christ, infact, baptized both in water and the Spirit, pray in tongues, preach the gospel, even cast out devils, and yet their life is just one string of disaster after another? Isn't it presuming a lot to prospect on activating a perfect and prosperous future in the light of so many accomplished believers whose lives have not been a better-later but for lack of a better word, turned from grass to worse?

Beloved, fear not, neither be dismayed or perplexed by the prospect of a better-later regardless the failures you may have observed in the lives of others who are believers and yet the outcome of their lives is not a better-later but a bitter-after: There is more than meets the eye.

For one, no other life is as sufficient an example to you than the life of Christ, or better still the life of God almighty. When you are born again, this is the life that has been given to you. It is the life you are awakened to. Now, as we have observed, you are awakened to that life by both the word of God and HIS Spirit.

This is what Jesus meant when HE talked of being born again: HE referred to the privilege birth as a result of the word (born of water) and the Spirit (born of the Spirit).

And yet, a closer scrutiny of these things should reveal that both the word and the Spirit are indeed one. That is why Jesus affirmed that HIS word is spirit and life (John 6:63). Although distinguished in their unique entities, yet they are one in the sense of sharing the same life. As such, if a perfect reference need be given regarding the possibilities of activating divine programming with the guarantee of an everlasting course of glory, the reference should be both the word and the Spirit.

Forget brother so and so, or sister so and so, because as it were, they may indeed be still grappling with whether it is possible to believe, late alone thrive in faith. Sometimes, some of the overtly reverend people that cross our paths have more doubt and unbelief than may be obvious to you (Mark 16:14). So they should not be the pattern you seek.

What you need is pay attention to the word and the Spirit: Seek from them to know the possibilities of activating your divine program.

To be sure, it is indeed possible to be born again, a believer, even a minister, and rather than activate your divine program, you perpetuate a religious program, a form of godliness that denies the power thereof. And let me just reiterate what Paul cautions in this regard:

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting.

Galatians 6:7-8

And, just for your information, Paul was communicating to believers, to born again saints. He knew that being a believer is not sufficient to guarantee a better-later. Having believed, it is necessary to walk the faith short of which ones salvation will be compromised by the corruption that grips this world. On the other hand, he assures the believer that decisively walks in the Spirit of an everlasting better-after.

The choice is yours- whether you will permit your birth into the realm of infinite possibilities to count in this world and always or not. Let your example be the word and the Spirit from whom you have been born. Let them define for you your prospects. Let them activate for you your divine program.

In this regard, you will come to terms with your new disposition as a son of God and will keep your eye on the LORD Jesus Christ, your beloved kindred and elder brother, as your ultimate goal (Hebrews 2:11). And as you focus on HIM, as HE is, as the eternal reigning King of glory, you will be lifted beyond the frustration of human error into the celebration of perpetual wonder:

We all with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the LORD, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the LORD. 2 Corinthians 3:18

HE is the ultimate reference, the grandest inspiration, the bright morning star. Watch HIM, dwell in HIS presence, follow HIS steps, and you have the assuring pattern of a better-later endorsed at the highest level.

My friend, arise and shine for the glory of God is risen upon you: This material is yours for a glorious reason; probably several innumerable reasons. You are destined for marvel and wonder as you activate your better-later.

As you awaken to these realities and opportunities, you close the door of human frailty and carnal limitation. The Christ in you is now occasioned room to provoke the glory that has always been in your innermost. That is why sickness is in your past, so is defeat, confusion, failure, and any other tragedy. That door is firmly closed as you realize that you are not *an accident* going to happen but *an answer* to the cries of millions.

You are a blessing to the nations, a light in this generation. I see you occasioning change everywhere you go; changing cities, countrysides, nations, even entire regions. Whatever you set to do prospers and your influence is growing even as it is glowing. Reports

will go far and wide regarding your virtues. Many will seek your counsel; many will gain from your wisdom. I also see power oozing out of you healing all those in your presence: The lame can walk, the blind can see, the deaf can hear, the dead are raised because you are the force field that stops Satan's tracks wherever he shows up. In some instances, entire hospitals are emptied because of healing virtues that have come from your body as you visited their wards. And in others, stadiums are filled with those willing to receive a healing from you.

Your story has changed henceforth, and it has climaxed beyond your wildest dreams. This portion is yours and for all God's children willing to activate what HE deposited in them long before the foundations of the world. Kindly believe it, and more-receive it!

"I am the LORD, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your King." Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea and a path through the mighty waters, who brings forth the chariot and horse, the army and the power (They shall lie down together, they shall not rise; They are extinguished,

they are	quenched	like a	wick):

"Do not remember the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth;

Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness

and rivers in the desert. The beast of the field will honor Me, the

jackals and the ostriches, because I give waters in the wilderness

and rivers in the desert, to give drink to My people, My chosen.

This people I have formed for Myself; they shall declare My praise. Isaiah 43:15-21

BETTER EVER AFTER

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. For He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name. And His mercy is from generation to generation.

Luke 1: 46-50

Can you receive this revelation? Have you perceived the possibilities available to you if you understand it?

As I conclude on the subject I have presented to you from the Most High, I sincerely hope and earnestly desire that you will catch it and use it. There are mighty things to be done after understanding these things. I am also aware that so much more remains to be said on the subject considering that so much has been deposited and assigned to the royal divine experience intended for man. There is so much more than I have currently been permitted to write.

And yet, to be sure, there is no author that can collect the infinite amount of detail in your spirit and present it in a single text. In you is so much more than any single book can contain. Your life is a volume of many books coded into your spirit. As such, CHANGE YOU MUST BELIEVE IN is a catalytic undertaking intended to provoke you into probing deep into your spirit. It is a starter of sorts driving you to engage your spirit, the word of God, the Holy Spirit, and ultimately, the Father.

Essentially, if you can appreciate what your spirit holds, what he knows, what he keeps; if you can comprehend the function of the Holy Spirit as Counselor, given to guide you into all the wonderful truths written in your spirit and in the scriptures; not only will your LATER BE BETTER, more seriously, you will have a BETTER EVER AFTER.

This revelation does not offer a temporary, short-lived privilege that guarantees a seasonal better-later. It's not anything like the world gives, where you receive a remedy that has only temporal measure: You know, the things that the heathen aspire for- money, houses, lustful pleasure, job security, properties, political power, fame and the like- last only for a season. After a while they expire so that if your better-later is based on their privilege, then you have a temporal better-later that can give way to yet another season of a bitter-later.

This is the rock hard lesson musical celebrities like Michael Jackson learnt in their middle age. After running after fame and money, after being deceived of by their immortality excitable funs, personal inspirational gurus and corporate companies, they awakened to the reality that their expiry date has long gone and they are of less interest than yester years. A new breed of musicians has taken stage and command better interest. Unfortunately, instead of a better-later, they may talk of a better-past while suffering a bitternow. For pop icon Michael Jackson who passed away from a heart attack even as I wrote this work, he certainly can be said to have arrived at his *bitter-end*.

The same can be said about porn stars, prostitutes, tinpot dictators, film stars, business men, and several ordinary fellas that model after popular culture. Deceived by Satan, lured by temporal pleasure, they rigorously pursue vanity only to conclude their life in shame, loneliness, and misery.

Many that are sincere, especially when they convert to the LORD, open up and expose the fact that even when they were presumed to be in their prime, when they had money, fame, and all the pleasure they could get, they were nonetheless miserable, empty, and some even in despair. It explains why many take on to illicit drugs like cocaine, heroine, and marijuana to sooth their tattered nerves with a false calm, a dubious serenity. It also explains the high rates of divorce, suicides, and bankruptcies found among them. Quite a number end up schizophrenic and may explain the high rise of psychiatric medication and counseling in many urban areas.

This is a far stretch from what I am sharing here. What is tragic though, is when believers in Christ fall in the

same category I have just mentioned. It is so sad to see believers aspire for material goods, popular desires, or when they conform to the patterns of the world. This explains why there is strife, envy, malice, hatred, covetousness, anger, gossip, even fornication, adultery, and divorce in the Church. It also explains why many believers fear, are guilty, poor, sick, corrupt, empty, delusional, and miserable.

This is not supposed to be the case. No believer ought to be this way at all. However, many are ignorant. They believe *in* Christ but have not been taught further to believe *like* Christ. Many wrongly assume Christianity is just another faith like many in the world. They have not come to terms with what Christ really came to accomplish apart from forgiving them their trespasses. Where anything more is taught, it generally centers on healing and material gain. As such, they are unaware of more critical truths as the one you are reading now.

Ignorant of their spirit and what it holds for them, ignorant of the functional role of the Holy Spirit as

Counselor, many believers have forsaken their glory for lying vanities.

Many do not realize that everything they need is actually in them and not out there. Many have not awakened to their royal divinity and are content at being a slave in a world where they have been designed and assigned to be masters. To be sure, few believers, even Christian leaders have any serious imperial sense. They do not realize that we are here to take over the world and not to be taken over. In fact, rather than taking charge of the world most of the Church has been oriented to taking cover in the world.

The consequence of this has been unnecessary suffering among God's children:

My people perish for lack of knowledge (Hosea 4:6)

Many in the Church are as crashed, humiliated, miserable, and as confused as the world. Many fear for their future, they are not sure what tomorrow holds and shake as they pay attention to the evening news. It

explains why you hear of divorces, theft, strife, adultery, malice, and such things among the saints.

Where there ought to be a vast and marked discrepancy because of the truth, which we are custodian of; there is an unsettling and clear similarity between the Church and the world. Both of them are lost so that we have the spiritual irony of a lost Church and a lost world.

In this rather disturbing resemblance you have an incredible confusion that defies spiritual logic: You have many in the world running to the Church only to find the same old, same old confusing world there. Many in the Church are also running to the world and perpetuating confusion there too.

A similar confusion pertained in the church in Galatia with different cultural dynamics but the same problem. The apostle Paul counseled them thus:

Now I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is a master of all, but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father. Even so we,

when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law that we might receive the adoption as sons......But now after you have known God, or rather, are known by God, how is it that you turn again to the weak and beggarly elements, to which you desire again to be in bondage? Galatians 4:1-5, 9

Before Paul's ministry, Jesus had guaranteed:

If you abide by My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. John 8:31-32

The problem we are experiencing therefore relates to the fact that many believers, even teachers of the word are *converts* but not really *disciples*. Although many have indeed *logged onto the word of God*, only a few have *lodged in the word*. So many that have received the truth have not known it and are in bondage by the elements of the world. Many can say like Job that they have *heard* about it, but have not *seen* it (Job 42:3-5). While their

ears have registered the gospel, their hearts have yet to accommodate its value. So like Job they suffer under the elements of this world unaware that if they perceived what they have heard, they would be masters and not the subjects that they are.

If only the truth can be heard and perceived, it will be practiced by the Church. Once the truth sinks in we will have a completely different experience. The Church would regain the prominence that was intended for it:

Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My truth, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people, for all the earth is Mine. And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. Exodus 19:5

Conversely, the believer that awakens to the truth, the saint that activates his divine program ceases being a child that has no difference with a slave in this world. He converts into a mature heir of divine royalty that is distinguished from the rest of the world.

The truth is able to place you above every carnally-minded person. It is able to convert you from being a corruption of evil and make you a celebration of God. And this conversion can indeed be an everlasting experience. From the time you evoke your divine program, from the time you attend to the counsel of the Holy Spirit, you can consistently improve, abound, and excel in this world and in the one to come.

A BETTER EVER AFTER can be yours. It is not some romantic fantasy based on unreal impressions. It is real, more than real. Matter of fact, it already exists in your spirit. Your incredible tomorrow is already done and settled deep inside you. It will take your understanding, your awakening to it to program it in the material realm we call today and tomorrow.

This is how God lives, seeing those things that are not as though they are. Abraham lived that way too (Romans 4:17-18). Both looked inside to determine their outside. Both drew from the deep springs of their spirit

and nourished the dry wilderness that faced them. In so doing, God converted a chaotic creation story of the earth into a paradise in six glorious days (Genesis 1:2-26). Abraham beheld a child from his loins even though he and his wife Sarah were barren and long past the age of potency (Genesis 21:1-7). No wonder both believed and perceived that Abraham would have as many children as the stars in the night sky and it is so today as everyone that believes Christ is indeed seed of Abraham. Believers of Christ from every tribe, tongue and nation, and from all generations are children of Abraham (Galatians 3:29).

This kind of understanding is the prerogative of the Church, of the righteous. The world and its wisdom cannot fathom it (1 Corinthians 1:18-21). It's not their prerogative. When they promise better tomorrows, their guarantees are mere speculations based on fake notions. Many motivational speakers of this day that presume to offer principles that can turn life around are presenting shallow fancies that cannot prevail against

time and hell. Their counsel is dubious and bares the trappings of creative deception.

My friend, do not be hoodwinked, these dishonest enterprises can only guarantee a limited positive outcome however innovative their maneuvers.

Real possibilities, true opportunities are only found in the truth of God's word. In that sure foundation, tomorrow can be built without any recourse to danger. The word can shield you from any trouble, any evil, any confusion. The one that seeks it out of the spirit, the one that gains it from the wise counsel of the Holy Spirit, rules his future.

It is on this basis that a young lowly girl in the remote town of Nazareth could have a glorious turn around from being recluse and poor to confidently asserting that all generations will call her blessed (Luke 1:48): Mary awoke to her divine program and perceived these things that were contrary to her impoverished circumstances and daily appearance.

The moment she caught on with God's divine will for her life, she activated a life changing ability that she was certain would forever guarantee her fortune throughout generations. Mary did not just appreciate the glorious outcome of an immediate future; she did not just limit her possibilities to the great occurrence of her virgin birth to God's Son: She saw way beyond that and celebrated her future in many generations long after she passed on to eternity.

The same possibilities of eternal bliss were observed in the life of Joseph. In spite of the trials he encountered in his youth, once he activated this program he never looked back. Once he interpreted the dream of pharaoh, he reigned over Egypt for pharaoh, saved his family from famine, and distributed food to the world from such a vantage position that never eluded him throughout his life (Genesis 50:22-26). Joseph's betterever-after occurred in spite of his previously troubled background. No suffering in his past could show up again in his divinely programmed future.

The same can be seen in the hereafter Job was able to command following the suffering he incurred at the hands of Satan. The scriptures declare that following his perception when he understood God, he received double what he had lost. What is more, he never lost that double ever as he lived the rest of his life in a perpetual bliss that increased in glory every passing day (Job 42:12-17).

My dear, your divine program can switch you into a glorious path that will surpass your life span on earth and shine bright forevermore. This privilege is not limited to scriptural characters like Abraham and Mary. It is a possible reality that is available to you. You too can activate a hereafter that is incredibly glorious and consistent during and beyond your life span. This reality is written in your spirit. It is encoded in your divine DNA and guaranteed by God. God intends to have your life converted to a series of blessings that will last throughout your life and beyond your days on earth.

Thank God for HIS program, thank God for the truth. Truly it must be said:

Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in divine programming. When you eat the labor of your hands, you shall be happy, and it shall be well with you. Your wife shall be a fruitful vine in the very heart of your house your children like olive plants all around your table. Behold thus shall the man be blessed who fears the LORD. The LORD bless you out of your spirit, and may you see the good of divine programming all the days of your life. Yes, may you see your children's children. Peace be upon such believers. Psalm 128:1-6

If these truths are apparent to you, know it that you are in-charge of your hereafter and your life must change for the infinite better.

From the throne of grace and the summit of mount Zion, both synonymous with the depth of your spirit, you command heights and glories beyond time. From henceforth and ever more, you cannot be a victim of anyone or anything. Whatever contends with you will

bow to you. No occasion will leave you outwitted or at loss of what to do. In all circumstances, in season and out of season, you will find your way out of danger and into privilege.

So when others cry, you will be their comforter. When others are sick, you will be their healer. When others are poor, you will be their provider.

CHANGE YOU MUST BELIEVE IN is an opportunity to a very amazing hereafter. I told you before that I can see you in the future and you look much better than you look right now. You are richer, healthier, smarter, and greater. What is more is that this is BETTER EVER AFTER. Never again shall you fall to some whim, scheme, or dream of evil. NEVER!! You are made of greater staff than evil can comprehend and you know it. From now on, arrest evil, bind it, and cast it out with all audacity:

You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.

Psalm 91:13

This word is a hammer that bashes mountains (Jeremiah 23:29). If believed and celebrated, it releases an anointing that exalts your horn like that of a wild ox (Psalm92:10).

Consequently, your authority will arise to fit any and every occasion. When resistance raises its head against your prospects, you will determine the outcome. Those who doubt your abilities will only marvel at your new dispensation. Before your critics, you will shine. Before your mockers, you will triumph. Devils will know you by name; your enemies will know you by deeds. When they hear your roar, they will scatter in several directions.

That is why your enemies will make peace with you and those who doubted you will sing your song. Yes, you will be greatly honored among men as your apparent limitations pave way to an omnipotent strength that will see you surmount whatever challenge that stood before you. From now on, when the annals

of great personalities are written, they will be incomplete without you.

You will redefine possibility as you stretch achievement beyond what was previously imagined. Your trade will prosper. Your talent will shine. Your desires shall be fulfilled in such dramatic fashion that many will acknowledge your divinity.

My friend, goodness and mercies shall follow you all the days of your life (Psalm 23:6).

Sick? Not you. Poor? Not you. Defeated? Not you. You are passed that category for now and always. That picture is not receipted in your divine program; it is not your portion. You are not a frail entity anymore. Neither are you merely a human being in the sense that ordinary people are. You are infinitely more than that. Your divinity has supplanted your humanity. Your royalty has overruled your mortality and moderate predisposition.

As such, you are more than sickness can handle. You are more than poverty can deal with. You are a victor in any and every dealing. Nothing can pull you down.

Nothing can overwhelm you. You are a subject to nothing in this world and a master to all there is.

Matter of fact, the world has been groaning for your appearance. They have agonizingly awaited you to arrive at who you really are (Romans 8:19). And now that you have, they are obliged to suit your royal predisposition. Like the winds and the seas obeyed Jesus, only speak the word and your authority will be manifested. So will your distinction. Others around you will marvel like the disciples and ponder on what kind of man you are (Mark 4:41).

Ultimately, many will know God because of you. Forget those arguments with atheists regarding the existence of God. Forget those mockeries of scorning doubters who asked, "Where is thy God?" Divine programming will cause you to be a revelation of God to a perverted world clothed in deception and darkness.

Rather than run to religion for answers, men shall run to you. And when they come, you shall be the answer they longed for. They will see you demonstrate the God religious people can only talk about. You will be to them the visibility of divinity. Whatever questions they have nurtured in their perversion, your actions will resolve. Your testimony will silence critics, mesmerize cynics, and educate an ignorant mass desperate for what works. From you they will know what really works.

Many that watch you will abandon their empty fishing boats of limited provision to discover your infinite course of incredibility. You are the lesson they were waiting for. Doctors will marvel at how simply and effortlessly you remedy incurable ailments. Some will be thoroughly humbled when they witness the dead that you raise. Governors and heads of government will be awed as you neutralize national dangers and resolve crises beyond their mandate.

Whether it is citizens or statesmen, whether it is the high and mighty or the lowly peasantry, you will have answers to their satisfaction.

You are a light in this world, a salt in the earth- you are a God-kind of being. To be precise, you are God in the flesh. And this book has occasioned your light; you have recovered your salt. I am certain that these words have provoked you to peep deep inside your spirit. There, a light has flickered and glowed brighter every page you probed in this book.

As you turned its pages, probing its truths, you have awakened to your spirit. Therein are omnipotent privileges suited for a royal-priesthood. You are among that number and therefore a distinguished member of the God-family. Enjoy your privileges. Share them with those dear to you, and pass them onto your generations evermore:

Great deliverance He gives to His king, and shows mercy to His anointed, to *you* and *your* descendants forevermore. Psalm 18:50