

Looking Ahead



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Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward. (Hebrews 11:26).

In times like these, we cannot continue to preach Christ in vain language, we must dare to proclaim Christ and Him crucified. We should declare, like Paul, “For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.” (I Corinthians 2:2). It is time to declare the full gospel of Christ and eschew the haphazard and pop message of our contemporary society. Moses found that being a true Hebrew was more profitable than gaining the greatest worldly kingdom of his time. Royalty was counted as “dung” to him because he looked unto God.

First of all, Moses’ parents took the risk of defying the king’s command and chose to obey God. They protected their son and saved the nation of Israel from bondage. They,

like Daniel, were different from the rest of the people. In the face of watered-down gospel, where success is measured by status and wealth, where brethren join the rat-race of outdoing others at social functions and compromise the faith for a “mess of pottage,” where do you stand? Moses chose to look ahead to the reward that comes from faithfulness. We are called upon, “Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.” (Hebrews 12:2). This is a renewed call unto faithfulness. As we renew our heavenly vision, “Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach. For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.” Hebrews 13:13, 14.

As a group of ministers of God, much has been given to us, so we must make a difference. Let us focus on the need

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to disciple the next generation of Christian leaders. What is your part in this important task? Our churches are in dire need of the TRUE doctrine of Christ. The body of believers yearn for the undiluted Word of God. We must challenge the half-baked teaching of the money-doublers who have crept into our midst. We must awake from our slumber and deal with the weeds that have malnourished and suffocated our young believers and drowned the prophetic voice.

Brethren, what will be our part in declaring the whole counsel of God? How can we raise the banner of righteousness in Nigeria? What empathy do you have for the ailing church? You are here for a purpose and like Esther, “at such a time as this” you must consider your ways, remember your first love and reach out to touch lives for the Lord. Once again, “Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith”, (Hebrews 12:2a).



Are we this close to the end - Is the Mark of the Beast Technology already on ground?

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I have heard some Christian say they don't pay attention to the news. My conclusion on that position, is that such people are not praying or concerned about the happening in our world, because, if they are, they would want to know how God is responding to their prayers and also evaluate their prayer to know when to raise their prayer to the next level, especially when wickedness seem to be on the rise. I agree that we must not spend our whole day listening to news, but there's nothing wrong with knowing what is going on around you. If as a parent you're not aware what is going on in your neighborhood, you may adopt a false sense of security that can expose your family to avoidable dangers. I work in an environment where you are constantly reminded to be aware of your surroundings. You simply cannot let your guards down, else you may pay a huge price for that.

The reason I made this point is because of the news that broke today regarding a Wisconsin Software Company-Toronto Star, that has begun to implement a technology we never thought will be used in our lifetime- Inserting chips into human body, in this case, in the wrist or arm of their willing employees to give them access to several locations of the company and also allow such employee to make purchases. This clearly has all the making of the technology that will be used to ingrain the Mark of The Beast according to the book of Revelation.

The whole events leading up to the coming together of the imminent fulfilment of the Rapture of Believers, The Great Tribulation and the Millennial Reign of

Christ, have been in the works for over two decades now following the formation of the European Union, established by the Maastricht Treaty, in 1993, which has to do with the Reformed Roman Empire and the beast with ten horns and seven heads in Daniel 7 as well as in Revelation 12 and 13. We are gradually pushing to a cashless economy in most developed nations. Now not only can know what is going on in other parts of the world very quickly, but we can see them happen live through cable, satellite and now live streaming via face book live and other live streaming Apps. There certainly will be no want of the media, through which some of the events outlined in the book of Revelation such as the two witnesses who will be overcome and slain by the anti-Christ, with their bodies lying in the streets of Jerusalem and who will be raised up by divine enablement, will be seen by all. I am not an expert in Theology or Eschatology (Study of future or end time events), but I know enough to realize that the end is nearer than we ever thought.

I have always wondered how every eyes shall see that happen, but it's no longer a mystery, given the advances in technology. This recent event clearly prophesied in the book of Revelation 13:16-18, in very graphic details, leaves one wondering if indeed we are this close to the fulfilment of this life and world changing event. Friends, I hope you're ready for this big event. There's no time to waste. We're just one breath away to eternity. It could happen any moment. Never be caught dead unprepared for eternity. Taking the mark of the Beast is not an option either. The only wise option is to accept Jesus as your Lord and personal Savior, have your sins forgiven and your name written in the Lamb's book of life.

Don't delay, do it.

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From Our Prayer Coordinator, Sister Modupe Daramola

PRAYER FOR THE NATIONS, HIGHER INSTITUTIONS, NIFES BODY & ALUMNI (1 Timothy 2:1-3, Haggai 2:7, 21-22)

- Let us pray for the leaders of all nations to walk in the fear of God in the name of Jesus
- Let us pray for all leaders that they will rule in righteousness in the name of Jesus
- Let us lift up everyone in the corridor of power that God will grant them wisdom
- Let us come against war and natural disaster in all forms in all nations of the world
- Let's come against rising forces of destabilizations against the peace of our nations.
- Let us pray for grace for all Christians in Government to shine as light to God's glory in Jesus' name
- My Father, illuminate every shrouded parts of every nation, (USA, Nigeria, etc) with Your divine light in Jesus name.
- Heavenly Father, destroy habitations of cruelties in every street and corners of our Nations & schools. Hag 2: 21
- Heavenly Father, destroy every anti-godly policies and conspiracies in this nation, our tertiary institutions and other nations of the world. Hag 2:22
- My Father, we ask for divine direction in all our outreaches so that we can always know the right side in every city and town. Luke 5:5
- Let us ask God to open the eyes of the people of the yet unreached students, lecturers, and support staffs in our Tertiary institutions in such a way that they will know the true God who is our Lord Jesus Christ. Isa 9:2
- Father, Let all our associates, student leaders, Directors

walk with the Lord on a deeper personal relationship with the Holy Spirit

- Father, we pray for divine wisdom for all our student leaders, travelling secretaries, board of directors in Jesus name
- According to your word, Lord Jesus, make Your Church exceedingly fruitful and united in love in Jesus name
- Father, make us your people who are called by Your name ONE and knit our hearts together
- Father, rid us all of ignorance and give us deeper revelation into your word for guidance into all truth. John 8:32
- Father by the power of thy truth let all yokes and burdens be destroyed.
- Father, let your peace reign in all our tertiary institutions in Jesus name.
- In the name of Jesus, we put a stop to every satanic activity in all our schools in the nation
- Lord Jesus, let there be harvest of souls to Christ in all our mission work(NIFES)in Jesus' name
- Lord Jesus, we pray for divine protection, provision and presence for all the missionaries, students leaders, associates and their families
- Let us pray for the children teachers, for strength and great wisdom to handle these children properly.
- Father, let heaven come down and your glory revealed in us in Jesus name

Congratulations to Sam and Godline Uzoagba on the arrival of their twin boys – David and Paul



The Uzoagba's testimony
 After 13 years of marriage/
 11 years of living together, the
 Lord blessed our marriage
 with 2 bouncing baby boys.
 Born yesterday June. Let the
 brethren praise God on our
 behalf.

Check out Naming Ceremony photos at the following links:

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Brethren, let us continue to rejoice in the Lord. He is the unchangeable God and faithful is He. Thank you Lord for honoring us with your blessings. Thank you Bro. Sam, our secretary and faithful pastor. Enjoy your family and may you never lack anything good.

INVITATION FOR DEDICATION – All Roads lead to Dallas, Sunday September 3, 2017.



A Nation in Distress

In today's Nigeria, many speak of injustice (real and perceived) at different levels. There are very many burning issues at hand. Herdsmen are wantonly destroying farmlands. Armed militants have arisen in many communities. Many complain of economic hardship. It has been reported, that children are dying of malnutrition in displaced people's camps. Abduction for ransom is now a common occurrence. There is famine in the land so to speak. The other day a man was butchered for eating during the time of Ramadan. The things we hear coming out of the land are mostly unbelievable. May it not get to the point that our hearts become refractory and no burden is raised.

I still believe that Nigeria does not belong to the political class. The earth is the Lord's – Nigeria belongs to God. How many of us will lay stake on the land? We need to take on the realms of education, security, transport, health and trade.

Needed: Men on Bended Knees.

Men of vision are needed that are eager to see His kingdom come in Nigeria

God is looking for men who will take co-ownership with Him. We must not fold our arms and turn our backs.

Ezekiel 22:30 "And I sought for a man among them that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.

God is looking a people who will be committed to prayer. The walls protect a city from enemy attack. But through neglect (sin), the walls can begin to crumble and a gap or opening in the wall can create a dangerous situation where the enemy can come in. God said of

Israel in Ezekiel's day, that they had allowed such a situation to develop. It was going to result in the destruction of the land, unless someone stood before the Lord in the gap on behalf of the land. This is a clear picture of God's desire for us to engage in intercessory prayer.

God's desire is made clear here. He did not want to destroy Israel. He was waiting for an intercessor so He wouldn't have to. God had chosen to reserve His power to save the nation of Israel for those who prayed. But no intercessor was to be found. Israel was defeated by the Babylonians and her people were in exile for 70 years.

Isaiah 59 reflects a similar situation. The chapter speaks of a nation that was in trouble. There was no justice, violence was in the streets and the righteous were being preyed upon by the wicked. Verses 15 and 16 show us the Lord's response to the evil that was going on. "The LORD looked and was displeased that there was no justice. He saw that there was no one, he was appalled that there was no one to intercede."

Once again, the Lord made His will very clear. He was displeased by what was happening in Israel and desired for matters to be made right. He was waiting for His people to pray, so that salvation and righteousness might be poured out upon the people. But again, there was no one to intercede. In this case, however, the Lord allowed Israel to suffer in sin for hundreds of years until His people were redeemed by the coming of the Messiah. God always looks first for an intercessor. It is His plan to accomplish His will on this planet through the prayers of the saints.

It is for this reason that Jesus taught us to pray, "Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." God has

given us the awesome privilege of partnering with Him in bringing about the advance of His Kingdom on earth.

A good understanding the place of prayer in God's plan can give us greater motivation and commitment to be the people of prayer that God is calling us to become.

2 Chronicles 7:14 - Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.

Wherever we gather around the world, let us lift our voice to heaven and stand in the gap for the progress and continued prosperity of Nigeria. Let us pray for a harvest of souls and economic and technological development. Remember Nigerian church leaders in your daily prayers.

Oh God of creation, direct our noble cause

Guide our leader's right

Help our youth the truth to know

In love and honesty to grow

And living just and true

Great lofty heights attain

To build a nation where peace and justice shall reign.

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