

# **BIBLE FAITH EVANGELICAL MINISTRIES (BFEM)**

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## **TOPIC: IN-DEPTH STUDY OF THE BOOK OF ACTS OF THE APOSTLE**

### **CHAPTER 1**

The entire book of Acts is the post-resurrection ministry of Christ and the book is divided into four major areas. They are:

- a) The Ascension of Christ
- b) The Descent and Acts of Holy Spirit
- c) Spread of the gospel in Europe, Africa, Asia
- d) Historical background of the Apostles and Early Missionaries.

### **DETAILED EXPOSITION OF THE BOOK**

**Verse 1)** Former treatise – this refers to former words or discussion that the writer wrote to Theophilus in Lk 1:3

**Verse 2)** The Holy spirit is now the agent and active representative on earth to carry on the work that Jesus did and taught about throughout his life (Acts 5:1-3,4,9).

**Verse 3)** This verse reveals that Jesus showed himself to the disciples at various times in a span of 40 days and speaking to them about many kingdom of God issues.

### **WE SHALL NOW LOOK AT THESE ISSUES DISCUSSED BY JESUS**

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|---|----------------------------------|
| 1) His Authority                        | Matt. 28:18, Luke 24:49          |
| 2) Global Evangelism                    | Matt. 28:19 ; Mk 16:15; Acts 1:8 |
| 3) Water Baptism                        | Matt. 28:19                      |
| 4) Observance of Christ's Commandment   |                                  |
| 5) Signs of Gospel                      | Mk 16:17-20                      |
| 6) Necessity of His suffering           |                                  |
| 7) Resurrection and Ascension necessary | Lk 24:46                         |

8) The need to wait for the endowment of Power to propagate the Gospel – Lk 24:49, Acts 1:4-8

V 21-26 here we have an account of Judas replacement. Two names were nominated – Joseph and Matthias. They cast lot and the lot fell on Matthias and he was numbered with the eleven.

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**TOPIC: DYNAMICS OF DILIGENCE**

**TEXT: Proverbs 12:24; 22:28-29**

The Almighty God that we serve is not against the prosperity and progress of His children on the earth. In the Book of Psalms 35:27, the word says God takes pleasure in the prosperity of His Servant. Any genuine success that is rooted in the Lord is never a game of chance, neither is it a result of “Luck” as many want us to believe these days. According to the two texts read above, the diligent individuals will become excellent people on earth.

Many keep groping in the midst of a life that projects darkness and lack of progress because of their despise for the force of DILIGENCE. Put succinctly, DILIGENCE is a deliberate and tenacious WORK. If you sincerely examine many lives, you will see nothing but a work pattern that is very hazardous in nature.

To be diligent is to be guarded, cautious and orderly in your doings. Diligence also includes being watchful, vigilant and persistent on the issues of life that matter to you.

Lack of diligence has the potentials to negatively affect virtually all facets of human life with terrible consequences.

Lack of diligence can scuttle homes, careers, academy, and even the church ministries. The danger embedded in the pangs of laziness on one's assignment is enormous. Unpalatable stuffs like destruction, poverty, slavery and unprofitable selfishness can result from laziness.

Lack of diligence can make one a loser both physically and spiritually.

### **What is involved in an authentic diligence?**

- 1) Rigours – labour is not a curse. After the creation of man, God immediately gave him the specification of the work to do in the garden “to dress and keep it” (Genesis 2:15). The rigours the children of Israel went through in the land of Egypt has been part of what made them very skillful people on the earth till date (Exodus 1:13). You must stop running from things that may inconvenient or place a hard demand on you. You must realize that some “sweats” in life have the potentials to finally produce “sweet endings”
- 2) Punctuality – while it is true that some people do labour, yet they are not constant at doing it. The man Joseph proved that doing things at the proper time pays. He (Joseph) was so used to his daily schedule that he was made the master of the house of his boss, even as a slave boy (Genesis 39:5,11). Truly , punctuality is the soul of any serious business, kingdom matters inclusive.
- 3) Meticulous Attitude – this concept is the art of becoming the lover of details. This is being careful and precise in what one does. This is the thoroughness that makes one become a methodical and conscientious individual. For instance, Apostle Paul said he became all things to all men so that he could win some of them on the Lord's side (I Cor. 9:19-27). Please, be sincere in your response; when last did you apply the necessary wisdom to gain accuracy in what you do both physically and spiritually?
- 4) Attentiveness – without concentration, one may not gain much in this heavenly race. The Lord is interested in our attention to Him and His Holy Words (Proverbs 4:20). Jesus commended Mary for paying attention to

Him when the master visited their home (Luke 10:38-42). Diligence remains incomplete without deliberate contemplation.

- 5) Application – Diligent people love to put knowledge into practical. If you are a hater of implementations of some of the good facts you encounter in life, the scripture says you are self-deceived (James 1:22-25). For instance, the Lord has made the day, it is your responsibility to rejoice and be glad in it (Psalm 118:24).
- 6) Heedfulness – This has to do with taking to correction. Without a readiness for improvements and revisions, one's diligence will be very wobbling. Job 36:11; Proverbs 10:17

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TOPIC: **THE PRICE YOU CANNOT PAY**

Text: Lev. 4:1-6; 27-31

### Introduction:

At one time or the other, we must have uttered statements like “I cannot afford this” or “No, the price is too high”. Truly some things are too expensive. You simply cannot pay for them even if you save your entire earnings. For such things, you probably never will.

From the time Christ paid for our sins with his blood on the cross, no one can pay for sins anymore. The price tag for sin is simply too high. No sacrifice can be precious to God again other than the one made with the precious sinless blood of Jesus on the cross.

Who can afford to pay for sins again when the scripture states clearly that “for the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” Rom. 6:23.

Even in the old Testament days, unintentional sins were still regarded as sins. Take note that your motive for sin will not cancel the price to pay for such sin. Sin committed even unintentionally is an offense to the holiness of God and pollution to His tabernacle.

## **PURPOSE OF SACRIFICE**

God designed sacrifice as contained in our text as a way to seek forgiveness and restore relationships with Him. To put an end to animal sacrifice, God decided to come into our physical world though in human form to pay the full penalty for our sins. The reason is simple. We cannot afford to pay for our sins. This God did through His Son Jesus Christ.

Before the sacrifice of Jesus, animal sacrifice accomplished two purposes: 1) the animal symbolical took the sinners place and paid the penalty for sin (2) the animal death stood for a life given so that another life could be saved.

This gives us the exact picture of what Jesus would come to do.

## **FINAL SACRIFICE**

However, Christ’s death became the last sacrifice required. He paid the price and took the punishment once and for all for those who trust in him.

Animal sacrifices, since the event of the cross became void and of no consequence. We can all be freed from our sins by turning away from them, trusting in Jesus Salvation and accepting the forgiveness He offers.

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## ***Inspirational Hymn***

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the  
Sound!  
That saved a wretch like me;  
I once was lost, but now am found;

Was blind, but now I see.

2. 'Tis grace that taught my heart to  
Fear  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!
3. Through many dangers, toils and  
Snares,  
I have already come  
'Tis grace that brought me safe this far  
And grace will lead me home.
4. Yes, when this heart and flesh shall  
Fail,  
And mortal life shall cease  
I shall possess within the veil  
A life of joy and peace Amen.

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TOPIC: **SONS OF PERDITION I**

Text: John 17:6 -19

## Introduction:

Jesus specifically referred to the cross as his 'hour' in the book of John. It was on the cross that the divine fulfillment and mother of all sacrifice would take place, and God would give eternal life to all those who believe that Jesus is the son of God (vs. 3).

While Jesus rejoiced and glorified God about those disciples who received eternal life he also pointed out the loss of the son of the perdition. Interestingly, this son of perdition Jesus was referring to was not among the Pharisees or Sadducees. No he was also among his disciples who ate and wine with him.

Perdition signifies doom, destruction and colossal waste. Among the twelve disciples of Jesus, there was one son of perdition, JUDAS who up till today is a symbol of betrayal, doom, destruction and waste of efforts and anointing.

## **SOME TRUTHS ABOUT JUDAS**

Jesus made it clear in vs. 12 that he protected all the disciples that God gave to him and that none was lost except the son of perdition. Let us now dig deep into the scripture to bring out the lessons here.

Firstly, Judas was separated from the disciples because he was never one of those given to Christ (John 18:8-9). In any vineyard of Christ Jesus on earth, including our cherished ministry, it is quite possible to have a Judas or Judasses who are not divinely numbered among us. Their mission is to sell out the Man of God or the ministry whenever the opportunity presents itself.

Secondly, Judas had never really been a believer. The years he spent with Jesus, the apostolic ministry he witnessed and participated in were not enough to make him

believe because he was a child of doom. (John 6:64-71). If one Judas could be found among the twelve chosen by Christ, do not be surprised if you see one or more of such in our church today. This calls for eternal vigilance.

Thirdly, despite the years of intensive teaching of the word by Jesus, on the mountain, the plain land, on the sea, Judas was not cleansed. (John 13:10-11). Judas was never bathed, never cleansed. He was unsantifiable, unteachable and the word of God had no impact on him. Look out for the likes of Judas among you and be vigilant.

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### ***Inspirational Hymn***

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Loving Saviour, hear my cry    | 2. Tho' I perish I will pray |
| Hear my cry, hear my cry,         | I will pray, I will pray;    |
| Trembling to Thine arms i fly     | Thou of life the Living Way, |
| O save me at the Cross!           | O save me at the cross!      |
| I have sinn'd, but Thou hast died | Thou hast said Thy grace is  |
| Thou hast died, thou hast died,   | free                         |
| In Thy mercy let me hide          | Grace is free, Grace is free |
| O save me at the cross!           | Have compassion, Lord on     |
|                                   | me;                          |

Lord Jesus, receive me,  
No more would I grieve Thee  
Now blessed Redeemer,  
O save me at the cross!

3. Wash me in Thy cleansing blood,  
Cleansing blood, cleansing  
blood;  
Plunge me now beneath the  
flood  
O save me at the Cross!  
Only faith will pardon bring,  
Pardon bring, pardon bring



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TOPIC: **SONS OF PERDITION II**

Text: John 17:6 -19, 2 Thess. 2:3, Heb. 10:36 – 39

In the first part of this study, I presented to you the clear contrast between eternal life represented by Jesus Christ and perdition, represented by Judas.

In that study, I also pointed out to you, that Judas, though among the disciples was never divinely recognized as a disciple as he was never saved and cleansed from the beginning.

Today we shall talk about the nature of Judas, his likes in the church today and their end.

Like Judas, one can follow Jesus for years, yet will not allow the WORD to live in him. As believers, having been crucified with Christ, He must live in us (Gal. 2:20). Today, the modern day Judas can craftily find his way to the altar and numbered among the ministers, yet not being part of our ministry.

Like Judas, he may be given programmes though the heaven is shut against him. What you do in the vineyard is not as important as who you are. Judas was among the seventy missionaries who performed miracles. He still remained Judas. (Lk.10: 1, 17, 20). His name was not written in heaven.

Like Gehazi, Judas heart was filled with greed. Again the church must be vigilant for the likes of Judas, who may be planning to sell the Man of God and even the ministry to Satan (Matt. 26: 14-16).

Those with the spirit of Judas are not usually repentant. They scoff at rebukes and are always quick to point out the leaders errors. Watch out for their likes and keep your distance from them (Matt. 26:20-25, John 13:21-30).

No miracle or anointing or message can stop the likes of Judas from going to hell because they belong to the world, even as they mix with the church (John 17:9, Jude vs. 4).

Let all Bfemites be vigilant and pray always against the spirit of Judas in our Ministry.

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### ***Inspirational Hymn***

1. My soul is so happy in Jesus,

For he is so precious to me,  
His voice it is music to hear,  
His face it is heaven to see.

I am happy in Him,  
I am happy in Him,  
He soul with delight,  
He fills day and night,  
For I am happy in Him.

2. He sought me so lone ere I knew Him,  
When wand'ring afar from the fold,  
Safe home in His arms He hath brought me  
To where there are pleasures untold.
3. His love and His mercy surround me,  
His grace like a river doth flow;  
His spirit, to guide and to comfort,  
Is with me wherever I go.
4. They say I shall someday be like Him,  
My cross and my burden lay down;  
Till then I will ever be faithful,  
In gathering gems for His crown.      Amen

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TOPIC: **BLESSED LIKE ABRAHAM**

Text: Gen. 12:1-4, 17:1-6

Like a thunderbolt, God suddenly lit up the lives of an old, childless but faithful couple with strong instructions which require strong determination to comply with.

“Get out of your country, from your family. And from your father’s house”. Those are urgent, desperate instructions for a seventy-five years old man. God followed with strong promises to make Abraham great and bless him. (Gen. 12:2) God made his promises irrevocable by swearing in his own name. And the Abrahamic covenant was born.

Abraham responded without doubt and set out on faith and total submission to God (Gen. 12:4-6). Again at the age of ninety nine years, God appeared to Abram and commanded him to walk before Him and be blameless. On every occasion, Abraham yielded to God’s commandments and every step of faith and submission he took opened unimaginable floodgates of blessings for him. He truly became a great nation and tremendously blessed.

As Abraham’s descendants, we can become great and blessed without measure if we come out of our comfort zone of sin. As we are blessed, we must obey God further by being a blessing to those who come our way.

As we submit to God’s words unconditionally, He will bless those who bless us. Because of His covenant which is irreversible, He will curse those who curse us. Why? Because every curse on a child of God is meant to render God’s covenant with him ineffective. (Gen. 12:3).

If we are determined to walk before God blamelessly in holiness like Abraham, God will multiply us exceedingly (Gen. 17:1-4).

Take note that the covenant was not for Abraham alone but also for all his descendants (Gen. 17:9-10). God’s faithfulness has not stopped and will not stop. Our submission to Him must also not stop.

***Inspirational Hymn***

1. There shall be showers of blessings  
This is the promise of love;  
There shall be seasons of refreshing,  
Sent from the saviour above  
Shower of blessings  
Showers of blessings we need,  
Mercy drops round us are failing  
But for the showers we plead.
2. There shall be showers of blessing  
Precious reviving again;  
Over the hills and the valleys  
Sound of abundance of rain.
3. There shall be showers of blessing  
Sent them upon us, O Lord!

Grant to us now a refreshing;  
Come, and now honour thy word.

4. There shall be showers of blessing

Oh that today they might fall,  
Now as to God we're confessing,  
Now as on Jesus we call.

Amen

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TOPIC: **UNMERITED FORGIVENESS**

Text: Gen. 33: 1-11, I John 1:8-9, Col. 3: 12-13

Esau was a cheated man. A man deprived of his rights with the connivance of his brother, Jacob and mother. He had every reason to see Jacob as his bitter enemy.

Jacob had been struggling all his life, even with his brother Esau right from his mother's womb (Gen. 25:26). When Jacob lifted his eyes and saw Esau, coming his way with four hundred men, his guilty conscience told him, Esau was coming for war. Jacob arranged his family defensively and put his favourite wife, Rachel at the rear.

But revenge was not on the mind of Esau. Forgiveness already filled his heart. God had blessed him too (Gen 33:8-9) and he welcomed Jacob his brother. Like in Joseph's case

it was a great family re-union (Gen. 33:4-5). As children of God, forgiven and cleansed from all sins, we must be willing to forgive those who offend us, especially those with repentant heart like Jacob. (Col. 3:12-13).

Jacob too was repentant and was not prepared to fight his older brother. The weight of his guilt forced him into exaggerated greetings “.....he bowed himself to the ground seven times until he came near to his brother”. Jacob was not confrontational. He did not provoke Esau. No, he admitted his wrongs and asked for favour (Gen. 33:10-11).

Vital lessons to learn here. Genuine repentance attracts unmerited favour. Jacob, formerly a cheat, was willing to retribute and bless his brother in order to restore the family's broken relationship.

There are people we have wronged too and then ran away or even remain adamant. Our repentance and willingness to restore relationships can earn us unmerited favour

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### ***Inspirational Hymn***

1.Loving Saviour, hear my cry Hear my cry, hear my cry, Trembling to Thine arms i fly O save me at the Cross! I have sinn'd, but Thou hast died Thou hast died, thou hast died, In Thy mercy let me hide O save me at the cross!	Tho' I perish I will pray I will pray, I will pray; Thou of life the Living Way, O save me at the cross! Thou hast said Thy grace is free Grace is free, Grace is free Have compassion, Lord on me; O save me at the Cross!	Wash me in Thy cleansing blood, Cleansing blood, cleansing blood; Plunge me now beneath the flood O save me at the Cross! Only faith will pardon bring, Pardon bring, pardon bring In that faith to Thee I Cling; O save me at the cross!
Lord Jesus, receive me, No more would I grieve Thee Now blessed Redeemer, O save me at the cross!		

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TOPIC: **HANDS THAT LIFT UP HANDS II**

Text: Ex. 17:8-16, Matt. 27:55-56, Rom. 15:26, 2 Cor. 8:1-7, Rom. 16: 1-16

In our last lecture, we looked into how Israel overcame Amalek under the leadership of Moses. We also saw Aaron and Hur sustained the heavy hands of Moses through the battle. God gave Israel victory because the leaders were in one accord and actively cooperated with their leader.

In 2 Cor. 8, Paul flaunted the generosity of Macedonia people to the Corinthians. He gave them special recognition in his speech because of their financial assistance to his ministry. They held up the hands of Paul and he sang about them on top of the roof.

The Macedonians were great givers: **i.** during affliction **ii.** Despite the poverty in the land **iii.** With great joy **iv.** Freely without any coercion **v.** beyond their means.

They greatly inspired Paul in his ministry. Paul in turn boasted about them to the Corinthians so that they could do the same.

#### **DIVERSE WAYS OF LIFTING UP HANDS:**

1. **FINANCIALLY:** As enumerated above. Blessed are those who take it upon themselves the cost of nourishing God's servant financially.
2. **EMOTIONALLY** – Men of God have their time of crying, lamenting and sorrow. It takes great hearts among the brethren to quickly locate such leaders and offer one's shoulders to them. Paul had a lot of them mentioned in Rom. Chapter 16.
3. **THROUGH CONSTANT PRAYERS:** This effort requires no money, yet it is very powerful. Prayers make things happen and turn things around especially in time of distress.
4. **CLOSING GAPS:** No matter how good and endowed a servant of God may be, there will certainly be some aspects where help will be needed. Some may not be outstanding in visitation or evangelism, some in administration. You can fill this gap silently and humbly, in order to make up for this deficiency.



The important thing is that the hands must not come down. You may be the one to sit him on a stone or to reduce his burden in one way or the other. Your duty may be a quiet one or a loud one.

Just lift up the hands and let God take the glory.

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### ***Inspirational Hymn***

1. I am Thine, O Lord I have heard  
Thy voice,  
And it told Thy love to me;  
But I long to rise in the arms of faith,  
And be closer drawn to Thee.  
Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
To the Cross where Thou hast died;  
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer,  
Blessed Lord,  
To thy precious, bleeding side.
2. Consecrate me now to Thy service Lord,  
But the pow'r of grace divine;  
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,  
And my will be lost in Thine.
3. O the pure delight of a single hour  
That before Thy throne I spend,  
When I kneel in pray'r and with  
Thee, my God  
I commune as friend with friend.
4. There are depths of love that I  
Cannot know  
Till I cross the narrow sea;

There are heights of joy that I may  
not reach  
Till I rest in peace with Thee. Amen.

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TOPIC: **JESUS – OUR PASSOVER LAMB**

Text: Exodus 12: 1-13

The Passover was instituted by God for Israel immediately after the warning of the death of all first born in Egypt. It was a commemoration of God's deliverance of Israel from Egypt. It was also a shadow event of the coming Saviour –Jesus Christ. He is the lamb through whom man shall cross from death to life (John 5:24).

At the inception of Jesus Ministry, John the Baptist prophesied publicly that Jesus was the Lamb of God who took away the sin of the world (John 1:29). While Paul described him as our Passover, sacrificed for us (I Cor. 5:7). Peter called Jesus, the lamb without blemish and spot (I Pet. 1:18-19).

A curious look at our text shows that all the conditions of the Passover lamb glaringly point to Jesus as the coming messiah and our atoning sacrifice

- 1) The lamb must be without blemish (vs. 5) Jesus was sinless and without blemish.
- 2) The lamb must be a male (vs. 5 ). In his human form, Jesus was a male and young.
- 3) The lamb must be slain in public (vs. 6). Jesus died publicly on the cross
- 4) None of the lambs bone must be broken. Not one of Jesus bones was broken. (John 19:33, Ex. 12:46).
- 5) The lamb's blood was to be sprayed on the Israelites doorpost; those who had the blood on their doorpost shall escape death. Through Jesus death and blood, we are saved from coming judgment (Rom. 5:9, Col 1:14, Heb. 9:22).

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### ***Inspirational Hymn***

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| <p>1.   What can wash away my sin?<br/>             Nothing but the blood of Jesus!<br/>             What can make me whole again?<br/>             Nothing but the blood of Jesus!</p> <p>      Oh precious is the flow<br/>             That makes me white as snow!<br/>             No other fount I know;<br/>             Nothing but the blood of Jesus</p> | <p>3.   Nothing can for sin atone-<br/>             Nothing but the blood of Jesus!<br/>             Nought of good that I have done-<br/>             Nothing but the blood of Jesus!</p> |
| <p>2.   For my cleansing this I see<br/>             Nothing but the blood of Jesus!<br/>             For my pardon this my plea-<br/>             Nothing but the blood of Jesus!</p>   | <p>4.   This is all my hope and peace<br/>             Nothing but the blood of Jesus!<br/>             This is all my righteousness<br/>             Nothing but the blood of Jesus!</p>  |

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**TOPIC: BREATH OF PRAYER**

**Text: I Thess. 5: 15-19, James 5:13 – 18**

Some of the Drunkards and smokers are people in the society we should pray for. Some of them have drunk and smoked to the extent that their breath has been polluted. Even if they do not smoke or drink for three months, they breathe alcohol and nicotine.

Such people constitute health hazards to their neighbours. Their eyes are constantly red, lips burnt and fingers tainted. With the odour oozing out of them, you can easily trace them if they just walk through a path (Pro. 23:29-35, Pro. 20:1).

The book of James 5:13-18 is a call to believers to pray virtually over everything in the believers life. Every situation of our lives calls for prayer, whether in sorrow or joyous mood.

To many in the world, prayer is scary, boring or perhaps a waste of time. But prayer becomes attractive and interesting the very moment our mind agrees that this is communication between us and our father in heaven and creator. What a privilege we have to be able to commune with God. The creator of the universe unhindered. No booking of appointment. No notice. No writing of application.

The believer walks in confidence when he prays without ceasing. There is nothing going on in his life which he has not discussed with the father of All Possibilities.

Among the numerous prayerful people in the scripture, Moses stand out as one in constant touch with God.

- i) He has a lengthy conversation with God on his suitability to lead Israel (Ex. 3:7-22, 4:1-17).
- ii) He interceded for the Egyptians (Ex. 8:9-11)
- iii) He pleaded with God over the sinful Hebrews (Ex. 32:11-13, 31-34).
- iv) He asked for water for Israel – Ex . 15:24.
- v) He interceded for Miriam – Num. 12:4-14
- vi) He prayed and asked God for a successor – Num. 27: 15-17.
- vii) He prayed to enter the Promised Land – Deut. 3:23-25, 34:1-4.

We must become prayerholic, prayer drunk until our breath shall become a breath of prayer oozing out in holiness.

***Inspirational Hymn***

1. Pass me not, O gentle Saviour  
Hear my humble cry,  
While on others Thou art calling,  
Do not pass me by  
Saviour! Saviour! Hear my humble cry  
And while others Thou art calling,  
Do not pass me by
2. Let me at a throne of mercy  
Find a sweet relief;  
Kneeling there in deep contrition,  
Help my unbelief.
3. Trusting only in thy merit  
Would I seek Thy face;  
Heal my wounded broken spirit,  
Save me by thy face.
4. Thou the spring of all my comfort,  
More than life to me,  
Who have I on earth beside Thee?  
Whom in heaven but thee?                      Amen.

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## TOPIC: **TRUE RELIGION**

Text: Isaiah 58:1-12, 56: 1-2, James 1: 26-27

It is easy to act like a religious person, even when one is far away from God as the sun is far from the earth. Anyone can go to church, get along with church activities without being sincere.

In the days of Isaiah, the people substituted true worship with religious rituals – going to the temple daily, fasting and listening to scripture readings. God was never impressed. As God was not moved a bit with all the bigotry of those days, he is also not impressed with the hypocritical religionists of this generation who delight in approaching God in ritual worship.

What good is your religion if it does not affect the way you live. In this dispensation, God has shown us the way to live; He has given us a model to follow in the person of Jesus. The pattern of living acceptable to Him is holiness (John 14:6-7).

The Isaiah 58:13-14, we discover that Israel delighted in fasting as well as breaking the commandment of keeping the Sabbath holy.

Today, religious people still miss a vital point of living – establishing a solid relationship with God and this cannot be achieved unless one is born again (John 3:3, John 1:12-13). They also miss another vital point. That what you do to man, you do to God (Matt. 25:31-46).

Our meetings, fasting and lectures are meaningless if we are merciless to people, oppress the widows and the poor among us.

We are time wasters if we keep on denying people their rights and close eyes to holiness as commanded by God. “Pure and undefiled religion before God and the father is this, to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world”. James 1:27

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### ***Inspirational Hymn***

1. Blessed assurance Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God;  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood,

*This is my story, this is my song  
Praising my Saviour all the day long  
This is my story, this is my song*

*Praising my Saviour all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight;  
Vision of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending, bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I'm in my Saviour am happy and blest  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Fill'd with His goodness, lost in His love                      Amen

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## TOPIC: **THE EMMANUEL PROPHECY**

Text: Isaiah 7:10 – 14, 9:6-7, Matt. 1:18-25

“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Emmanuel”. This globally acclaimed prophecy comes up and become popular songs each Christmas period, reminding the world and believers in particular on the fulfillment and importance of the prophecy.

The word was sent to the world during the time of King Ahaz through Isaiah. Truly as seen in the book of Matthew a virgin, Mary by name conceived and gave birth to Jesus who is also called Emmanuel, meaning “God with us”. According to theologians, a measure or level of this famous prophecy was also fulfilled in the time of Ahaz whose new wife gave birth to a new son (Isa.8:3) as a sign to Ahaz. This might be a shadow of the real fulfillment.

But this school of thought can be dismissed on two grounds. One, Isaiah’s wife was not a virgin. He had a biological father. Two, only Christ Jesus is called wonderful and not Isaiah’s son.

This prophecy came to pass in the birth of God’s only son. He is the only child truly named wonderful, counselor and prince of peace (Isa. 9:6). For everyone who accepts him as the saviour, his life and destiny (government) shall be upon His shoulder.

In times of crisis, this Jesus is the true counselor and He shall be the true eternal father and brother to all believers.

When the wicked runs to and fro, seeking for elusive peace, those who accept Christ as their counselor and Lord shall dwell in perfect peace (John 14:27, John 16:33).

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### ***Inspirational Hymn***

1. Praise the king of Glory, He is God Alone  
Praise Him for the wonders, He to us  
Hath shown;  
For His promised presence, All the  
pilgrim way,  
for the flaming pillar, and the cloud by day,  
Praise..... Him, shining angels,

*Strike.... your harps of gold,  
All.... His hosts adore Him,  
Who.... His face behold;  
Through... His great domination,  
While.... the ages roll  
All His works shall praise Him (2ce)  
Bless the Lord, my soul!!*

2. Praise Him for redemption, free to  
Every soul;  
Praise Him for the fountain that can  
Make us whole;  
For His gifts to kindness and His

Loving care  
For the blest assurance that he  
answers prayer.

3. Praise Him for the trials sent as  
cords of love  
binding us more more closely to the  
things above,  
for the faith that conquers, hope that  
naught can dim,  
for the land where loved ones  
gather unto Him.                      Amen

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**TOPIC: POWER OF HEALING IS REAL**

**Text:** Ex. 15:22-26, Matt. 10:1,7-8

One of the most basic truths of the scripture is that God is the creator of all things, including man. We should also know that the ultimate power to put right whatever is wrong with all creatures is with the creator.

God healed Marah for Israel to let them know he was the healer of all things he created. Thereafter he made a covenant of healing with them based on total submission to Him alone.

In our second text, when Jesus sent out his disciples to preach, he also gave them authority to heal all manners of sickness and diseases. This confirms the word of God in 3 John vs. 2

Our texts are clear testimonies that God reaches to us, offering His son to transform all aspects of our lives. The salvation plan of God is not just about making heaven but also entitles us to His healing and prosperity while on earth.

One of the names of God is Jehovah Rapha. The Hebrew word ‘rapha’ means to cure, repair, mend, restore to health/perfection.

Exodus 15:26 confirms that God’s healing is not limited to the spirit or soul but all physical sicknesses and cure (Gen. 20:17, Lev. 13:18, 14:3). We deny ourselves the right to God’s healing if we do not report any ‘bitterness’ of our flesh to God as Moses did on Marah. To us believer, the power of healing is real and God is the source of that power.

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### ***Inspirational Hymn***

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| 1. The Great Physician now is near,<br>The sympathizing Jesus;<br>He speaks the drooping heart to cheer,<br>Oh, hear the voice of Jesus! | 2. Your many sins are all forgiven,<br>Oh, hear the voice of Jesus!<br>Go on your way in peace to<br>heaven,<br>And wear a crown with Jesus. |
| Sweetest note is seraph song,<br>Sweetest name on mortal tongue,<br>Sweetest carol ever sung;<br>Jesus! Blessed Jesus!                   | 3. All glory to the risen Lamb!<br>I now believe in Jesus<br>I love the blessed Saviour’s name,<br>I love the name of Jesus.                 |

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**TOPIC: UNASHAMED WORKERS**

**Text: 2 Tim. 2: 12-16, I Cor. 3: 9-15, Acts 2:42 - 47**

Workers in the vineyard of the Lord Jesus Christ are those who are divinely recognized to have surrendered all, including their lives to Christ and work actively to enlarge the Kingdom of God here on earth. They work day and night, committing their resources to please their master, Jesus under the authority of their God given leaders.

As stated in Acts 2:42, such brethren “continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrine and fellowship”.

All believers are called to join forces with God, to become His fellow workers, building upon Christ’s foundation that which shall stand the test of fire and endure to the end. (I Cor. 3: 13-15).

The unashamed worker is he who will endure and remain faithful to God’s vineyard even when the sea is rough. The unashamed worker will be bold to proclaim the savior, Jesus to sinners in the open. He is not a secret disciple. He preaches holiness openly.

The unashamed worker holds on fast to only the truth of the WORD, correctly and doggedly applying the word in the world of darkness and falsehood.

The unashamed worker is very careful of what he builds on God’s foundation, knowing fully well that his works shall still be tested by fire

Brethren, take note that the acceptable and approved works are the one that will remain after testing. To be diligent is to study the word of God purposefully to know the mind of God and His will for you daily.

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## *Inspirational Hymn*

1. We are never, never weary of the  
grand old song;  
Glory to God, Hallelujah;  
we can sing it loud as ever, with  
our faith more strong  
Glory to God, Hallelujah;

*O the children of the Lord have  
a right to shout and sing  
For the way is growing bright, and  
Our souls are on the wing;  
We are going by and by to the  
Palace of the king  
Glory to God, Hallelujah;*

2. We are lost amid the rapture of  
Redeeming love,  
Glory to God, Hallelujah!  
We are rising on its pinions to the hills above;  
Glory to God, Hallelujah!

3. We are going to a palace that is built of gold  
Glory to God, Hallelujah;  
Where the king in all His splendour  
We shall soon behold;  
Glory to God, Hallelujah;

4. There we'll shout redeeming mercy

In a glad new song,  
Glory to God, Hallelujah;  
There we'll sing the praise of Jesus  
With the blood-wash'd throng,  
Glory to God, Hallelujah;

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**TOPIC: PRAY UNTIL SOMETHING HAPPENS**

**Text: Luke 18: 1-7**

The core lesson of our study is the persistence of the widow. She was poor and hopeless with no one to turn to. Her last hope of succor happened to be this ungodly judge who did not fear God talkless of a poor widow.

Typical of a godless man, the widows request was not granted but she continued to call the attention of the judge. She was not a quitter. She refused to let the judge go until something happens.

What Jesus is teaching us here is that if an ungodly judge will respond to the continuous request of a widow, God will certainly respond to the continuous pushing of prayers by His children. The most common word you hear in a labour room is 'PUSH'. To the doctors and nurses, you have not really pushed enough if the child is not out.

In the same manner, note that you are not yet prayer until things begin to happen in your life. As believers we must pray humbly specifically, persistently and untiringly.

- ☒ Like Jacob? Yes – Gen. 32:24-28
- ☒ Like Daniel? Yes – Daniel 9:20, Daniel 10:10-14
- ☒ Like Jabez? Yes – I Chr. 4:9-10
- ☒ Like Hannah? Yes – I Sam. 1:12-18
- ☒ Like Paul & Silas? Yes –

## Conclusion

If you are praying for something and have not received an answer as quickly as you wanted, may be a spiritual battle is going on. So just remember. God's delays are not necessarily His denials. Just because an answer has not come as quickly as you wished does not mean that it never come. Just keep on pushing.

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## ***Inspirational Hymn***

### 1. Are you weary, are you heavy hearted?

Tell it to Jesus, tell it to Jesus;  
Are you grieving over joys departed?  
Tell it Jesus alone.

*Tell it to Jesus, tell it to Jesus,  
He is a friend that's well known;  
You have no other such as friend  
Or brothers,  
Tell it to Jesus alone.*

### 2. Do the tears flow down your



Cheeks unbidden?  
Tell it to Jesus, tell it to Jesus;  
Have you sins that to men's eyes  
Are hidden  
Tell it Jesus alone.

3. Do you fear the gathering clouds  
Of sorrows?  
Tell it to Jesus, tell it to Jesus;  
Are you anxious what shall be  
Tomorrow?  
Tell it to Jesus alone.

4. Are you troubled at the thought of  
Saying?  
Tell it to Jesus, tell it to Jesus;  
For Christ's coming kingdom are  
you singing?  
Tell it to Jesus alone.

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**TOPIC: SLAVES OF FASHION**

Text: Isaiah 3:16-26, Pro. 7:10 -11

Fashion and its consciousness have been around for a long time. Different innovations in the fashion business are brought out daily to people who are bent on improving their looks at all cost, even at the neglect of inner character.

The women in the days of Isaiah were not different from many today. In their desperate bid to make themselves attractive to men, they have become slaves of fashion.

Looking good in itself is pleasing to God and the scripture does not in any way encourage shabby and filthy life style.

But the women in Isaiah days angered God by failing to be moderate and Godly in their dressings. They “walk with outstretched neck. And wanton eyes. Walking and mincing as they go. Making a jingling with their feet”.

Today, women have gone beyond this. They wear transparent clothes revealing their inner identifies, they swing their buttocks deliberately and imitate cats as they walk. (Pro. 7:10-11, Is. 3:16-17).

Men and women of Christ’s family must dress properly, with every sense of moderation, not turning ourselves to slaves of jewelries and latest attires. As the Lord promised to judge the women of Jerusalem in those days shall he judge us today if we become haughty and lousy in our dressings.

As Christian, do not dress to kill; dress to save. Choose decent dressing; not power dressing for power belongs to God.

Dress Moderately; Not Arrogantly

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### *Inspirational Hymn*

1. I am Thine, O Lord I have heard  
thy voice,  
and it told thy love to me;  
but I long to rise in the arms of faith,  
and be closer drawn to Thee.

Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
To the cross where Thou hast died;  
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer  
Blessed Lord,  
To thy precious, bleeding side.

2. Consecrate me now to thy service Lord,  
But the pow'r of grace divine;  
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,  
And my will be lost in Thine.

3. O the pure delight of a single hour  
That before thy throne I spend,  
When I kneel in pray'r and with  
Thee, my God  
I commune as friend with friend.

4. There are depths of love that I  
Cannot know  
Till I cross the narrow sea;  
There are heights of joy that I may  
not reach  
Till I rest in peace with Thee.

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**TOPIC: ALL BELIEVERS ARE CALLED**

**Text:** Rom. 8: 28-30, I John 3:1-3, I Peter 2:9-10, Eph. 4:1-4

It has been observed that many today in the Christendom do not see themselves as called by God. They assume only those who belong to the fivefold ministries are the “called” ones. Now this mindset has rendered many in the church idle and mere spectators.

The church must make it known to all believers that true worship is not complete without service. (James 2: 17-18).

All the works we are called to do in the Lord’s vineyard are all connected to the fivefold ministries (Is. 49: 1-3; Is. 61:1, Hosea 11:1).

No one is called into idleness or to become a spectator in the church. Our call is into salvation, service and holiness.

## **BELIEVERS’ CALLINGS**

All believers are called unto God by same spirit and one hope (Rom. 1:1-6, Eph. 4:4-6). Our call into one baptism places all believers in the church, the body of Jesus Christ.

All believers are called to serve God and humanity. We must use every opportunity that comes our ways to declares God's work and put them into practice (I Pet. 2:9-10). The chosen generation must serve God; hence he made us belong to the royal priesthood as priests.

Believers are called to the ultimate purpose of God. We are to join with Christ and Holy Spirit in the work of reconciliation (Rom. 8:28).

While still leaving, believers are called to work for the unity of the Holy Spirit. This requires humility, patience and long suffering (Eph. 4:1-2).

Believers are called to be sons of God and make others outside the grace to be sons. This we are commanded to do till Christ will come (Matt. 28:18-20).

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### ***Inspirational Hymn***

1. O Lord my god, when I in awesome wander  
Consider all the worlds, Thy hand have made  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder  
The pow'r throughtout the universe display

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee

2. When through the woods and forest  
glades I wander  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in  
the trees  
when I look down from lofty  
mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.
3. And when I think that God, His son  
Not sparing  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing.  
He bled and died to take away my sin.
4. When Christ shall come with shout of  
acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my  
Heart  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art

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## TOPIC: **RUNNING WITH CERTAINTY**

Texts: I Cor. 9:24-27, Is. 40:28-31

The common word used to describe our walk with Christ and journey to heaven is 'RACE'. You usually run a race. To run is more hectic and more demanding than to walk. The counsel for you is to "run in such a way that you may obtain it" (i.e. the prize).

The runner must know why he runs. Every effort put in a race must be purposeful. In our case, the ultimate prize in heaven.

Paul had no doubt in his race as he declared to the Corinthians "Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air". (I Cor. 9:26). We must not doubt the power of God to lead us home safely. We must also look at how the past heroes of faith coasted home successfully and trusting God to favour us in like manner. We must have the champion mindset like the Paul had in I Cor. 9:26.

Certainly in his apostolic calling made Paul to sacrifice all things to achieve success. We must be willing to do the same as we are also under the same apostolic calling and authority of Holy Spirit.

Certainty of our race will enable us to discipline ourselves; forsaking some things that the flesh desires; counting as loss things that are gaining to us (Phil. 3:7-8). When the wind of life becomes hostile. We must continue the race as we totally rely on the strength of God and wait on him (Ps. 40:31).

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### ***Inspirational Hymn***

1. Ho, my comrades! See the signal  
Waving in the sky!
2. See the mighty host advancing,  
Satan leading on;  
Mighty men around us falling,  
Courage almost gone!
3. See the glorious banner waving!  
Hear the trumpet blow!

Reinforcements now appearing,  
Victory is nigh!

“Hold the fort, for I am coming!”  
Jesus signals still;  
Wave the answer back to heaven,  
“By Thy grace we will!”

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### TOPIC: **GOD’S HEALING COVENANT**

Texts: Ex. 15: 22-26, Isa. 53:4-5, I Cor. 12: 4-10, 3 John vs. 2

A child that does not have access to the wealth of his father is not different from the child of a poor man. Indeed he shall be poor.

The gift of salvation we receive from God as believers open a wide door of covenants and all its benefits to us. Our God is a covenant making and covenant keeping God. His promises are not empty promises but genuine and binding promises initiated by God Himself. One of the covenants is the covenant of healing. This covenant becomes divinely activated in the life of a believer who walks with God and believes in the healing power of God.

We must have a knowledge of this covenant. We must understand the contents of these covenants and the conditions attached.

In the various covenants of healing, God speaks clearly to keep His people free of diseases if we continue to obey him. The healing is both spiritual and physical. As the Lord heals the soul, he also heals the flesh.



The text in Isaiah speaks of the coming Messiah (Jesus) whose stripes of suffering would be our healing balm (I Pet. 2:23-24).

Also we must not be ignorant of God's healing methods especially when we are in pain and desire instant healing. We are to look unto Christ while the Lord chooses the pattern of healing. Not all healings will come at the moment of prayer as some were healed "as they went, they were healed". Imagine what would have happened to the lepers if they had refused to go and show themselves to the priests (Lk. 17:14). This is instructional healing. Just carry out simple instruction with faith and you shall be healed.

In another case of delayed healing, Jesus prayed twice for a blind before his healing was made perfect. We need not act wise. We just need to trust him (Mark 8:22-25). This is progressive healings.

Whether your healing will be instant or over a period of time, all you need do is to keep on trusting him in prayer, in faith and obedience.

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Angels descending, bring from above  
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3. Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Saviour am happy and blest  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Fill'd with His goodness, lost in His love      Amen

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**TOPIC: THE GOOD FORTUNES OF BELONGING TO CHRIST**

**Texts: I Peter 2: 1-10**

There are some revelations in our text which we may have over looked in the past, despite their implications. One of the desires of God is to have a great army

of people here on earth that will praise him continually as it is the practice in heaven.

However not all people can do this. Those who will praise God in spirit are people who are capable of walking with him in prayer, marching forward with him in daily worship and daily communion with him in prayers. Let us examine our hearts whether we fit into this description.

To begin with, believers are called a chosen generation. Now this choice began with the selection of twelve disciples who daily walked and worked with Jesus. The twelve later grew to 120 in the upper room from where thousands were added to them on the day of Pentecost. God has always regarded the people he chose as special even from the old covenant days (Deut. 26:18).

We all become part of this chosen generation when we took our lives from Satan and gave it to Jesus. Next, we become members of the Royal priesthood. In the Old Testament, the priesthood was separated from royalty; hence Saul was not permitted to offer a sacrifice which Samuel was supposed to offer. But now we combine double honours, we are now kings and priests.

Next, he declares us as a holy nation, thereby removing all our stains and silencing satan for our sake. Finally, he says we are his own special people. What else can we do than to appreciate God and praise Him all the days of our lives. Let us begin to make praises and worship our habit even as we walk and work with Him.

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