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¹ Matthew Chapter 17 but let me read it from verse 14 to get a complete picture; for a text, very reverently.

¹⁴*“And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a [certain] man, kneeling down to him, and saying,*

¹⁵*Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatick, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water.*

¹⁶*And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him.*

¹⁷*Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me.*

¹⁸*And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour.*

¹⁹*Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, why could not we cast him out?”*

Why could not we cast him out? May the Lord add blessing to the reading of His Word. (*Congregation replies: Amen!*)

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² God bless you, be seated. That is what we want to look at this morning – Why they could not cast him out? And what we're looking at church is a ministration the Lord gave to me a few weeks back. And when He speaks, He's speaking not only to me – but He's speaking to every one of us here.

³ These are the disciples of Jesus Christ who have heard the Lord Himself say, ***“these signs shall follow them that?”*** (Congregation echoes: believe!) ***“In my name, they shall cast out devils”*** and here they are; a devil is before them and they could not cast him out. He said, ***“Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost has come upon you”*** Amen (Voice in background shouts: amen!). He said, ***“I give you power to tread upon serpents and scorpions”***, He said, ***“Nothing shall by any means hurt you”***. But is that our testimony today? Amen. (Congregation says: Amen!)

⁴ A very unusual topic. But I don't know which other way to title this exhortation than to call it, “The Toothless Bulldog”. I look at the believer as the toothless bulldog.

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⁵ A bulldog is a very huge dog. I keep dogs in my house very wild ones. So, I know a little bit of the behaviour of dogs, but this dog is a big bulldog – very scary. When you see it naturally you will be afraid that this dog will tear you to pieces. When he barks like this, Fear! But this dog is toothless. The only weapon he has is his teeth. And here he is barking and barking and you suddenly discover or the intruder discovers that this dog *dey* bark but *e no get* teeth. Will you be afraid of that dog again? (*Congregation replies: No!*) I'm talking about a Christian. Praise the Lord. (*Congregation shouts: Halleluyah!*) Blessed be the name of the Lord. (*Congregation shouts: Halleluyah!*)

⁶ There is a gift in the Bible that is known as, you know among the 9 gifts according to 1 Corinthians chapter 12, the gift of the word of knowledge, the gift of the word of knowledge. Praise the Lord! (*Congregation shouts: Halleluyah!*). The gift of the word of knowledge is the ability to know something and it comes in 3 ways. I have taught it several times here.

⁷ **Through vision**; some of you sit down like this or you're in your prayers, wherever you are and

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suddenly you're in another realm. Sometimes like a trance as if you want to fall asleep and when the revelation is over, you come back to yourself. It is called a trance. The gift is by vision or some of us **hear audible voice**. A voice will be speaking to you – you will turn you won't see anybody then you will know that the spirit of God has just spoken to you. Audible voice! Some voices are loud enough for you to hear, some, very still small voice.

⁸ Another one is **dream**, and that is the commonest one among all human beings particularly spiritual dreams by Christians and then the word... I mean... **inspiration** that comes to you like a thought but it is different from your normal thought because the one for the thought, it doesn't take long before it comes to pass. That's how you will know that, "so this thing it's God that spoke to me". It's the one that causes you to know something, immediately you see it fulfil immediately.

⁹ Maybe you stand at the bus stop and it just occurred to you as if something is telling you, "get out from this place; get out from this place! Get out from this place!" And you're saying, "*Ah ahn, which kain thought I dey hear like this?*" Then while

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you're still there, you see one *molue* driver *wey* him break *don* fail; *dey* clear everybody *dey* pass, you say, "Oh! So, it was God talking to me. I think say *na* my thought."

So, 4 ways:

1. Vision
2. Audible voice
3. Dream and,
4. Inspiration

¹⁰ All these is God revealing something to you. Now don't confuse it with the other gifts. Listen, Prophecy, listen very well o, Prophecy is; you don't have part to play even in it. The power of God, it's the Holy Ghost coming to use a vessel to speak. He comes – that is why sometimes you even prophesy and you don't know what you spoke when you come back to yourself. The same thing with speaking in tongues, I'm talking about the genuine one. Not the one your pastor taught you in your church. "They spake as the spirit gave them utterance" not as they willed to speak. Even interpretation, word of wisdom, even the healing, the discernment of spirits, it is all God Himself coming to just use a vessel to fulfil whatever purpose.

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¹¹ But when it comes to the word of knowledge you have a part in it. Some dreams that we receive they are answers to enquiries. You're disturbed and you're saying, "Lord, I want to know your will concerning this. I don't know why this thing is happening around me Lord, let me know it" in your dream, God can use the dream to give you the answer. Through dream, and when I say dream it includes visions. I'm talking about the word of Knowledge generally. Some of them are instructions from God. Instructions to you to carry out to avert some dangers, or to receive a particular blessing – something you are waiting for – instructions from God. Praise the Lord. (*Congregation says: Halleluyah!*) Some of them are solutions to some problems, exposing the secrets of the enemy and so that you will know the given instructions for you to receive and have some bearing. Er, I don't know how to explain this. I have an example in the Bible.

¹² The Syrian soldiers – anytime they are planning to come and attack Israel, God will come to Elijah and reveal their battle plan to Elijah or is it Elisha, Elisha! Each time! That gift was a gift of the word of Knowledge. And then He will tell him, "They are

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coming with so-so-so number of men, and they are coming through the eastern gate or they're coming through this area, and they'll be coming, so-so-so time" and then Elisha will run to the king of Israel and say, "see o, they're coming like this, they're coming like this" and then the Israeli army, they will now plan their ambush. So, while they're like this they will jam the Israelites.

¹³ So, one day the king of Syria say, "something is happening, there is somebody here, an agent in our midst that is always going to Israel to reveal our battle plan", and somebody said, "*king o, no o there is one prophet there, his name is Elisha. Anytime we dey plan, e get the juju wey him dey do (Pastor Laughs) wey e dey know. Na him be the problem o*" and we know the rest of the story. How one day they went and surrounded the house where Elisha was to finish Elisha. But did they succeed? (*Congregation replies: No!*) Well my emphasis is not the story but how the gift of the word of Knowledge also works. Praise the Lord.

¹⁴ Sometimes too that you have some danger around you, you are close to somebody that you know? is harmful, is dangerous but you don't know. You-

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you're playing a Christian, Christian love. You open all your heart, open all your secrets you don't have any secret you open up. Meanwhile he's a dangerous person. God can use that dream, that vision, that revelation, the word of knowledge to reveal to you that this person you trust so much – Be careful o! See what he's capable of doing or is planning to do. So, it makes you to be cautious around the person. Amen. (*Congregation echoes: Amen!*)

¹⁵ But where I am concerned is the revelation of a problem that is coming. A revelation of a problem that is coming or is existing that is the one I am referring to. You have seen the problem. God has revealed it. You have seen the – anytime a blessing is coming my way one demon will come and collect it. Once he comes in the dream I see it when I wake up. No matter how I pray and fast, it doesn't come to pass, the thing must happen. Pastor I've been facing this frustration for years, I need deliverance. For your information, every prayer against a problem is a prayer of deliverance. Am I correct? (*Congregation replies: Yes!*) Every prayer against a problem is a deliverance prayer.

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¹⁶ So, the idea of you saying, “*I don pray, pray, pray – tire. Make I go for deliverance*”, show me any gift in the Bible called, “gift of deliverance”. Show me any ministry in the Bible called ministry of deliverance. So, there’s nothing like, “let me go for deliverance”. The truth is this - If you don’t have the ability to pray for your problem to go, the same reason why that problem could not go – anywhere you go that problem will still remain. Deliverance is deliverance.

¹⁷ Now I am concerned about gifted brethren especially those who parade themselves as “visioners”, “prophets”, “prophetess”, those who see vision and they are quick to tell you, “*Brother, I see a snake; while you were praying, as you dey dance, snake dey dance around you*” and you want me to look at you that you are a gifted sister by such revelation. And such people, (*Pastor Laughs*) Praise the Lord. (*Congregation echoes: Halleluyah!*) The commonest gift in the body of Christ, the commonest one is not speaking in tongues o, the commonest gift is the gift of the word of knowledge because almost everybody here looking at me, you *dey* dream. Now, but, I want to help those of us who are gifted.

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¹⁸ The question is this: Amen, “Why will I see a problem” now listen, listen. If God comes to you - you have - listen oh, you have no right to say, “Thus saith the Lord” until you actually hear, “Thus saith the Lord”. People operate this gift wrongly. Ministers sitting down there you can hear me please. It will benefit us a lot and help us in our ministry I’m telling you.

¹⁹ When I see a snake dancing before you, it will not be your portion brother, *(the brother replies; Amen!) lai lai*, your level is higher than a snake. But in case, *(Congregation Laughs)* in case if I see a snake dancing before you or let me put it this way. Or I see you sister, maybe you’re looking for the fruit of the womb – I didn’t know and I see you with a child, I see you with a child, holding a child and then and then - now remember, all I saw was a child. I didn’t hear voice. I didn’t hear even the meaning of that child you hold because it can mean several things. *(Brethren shout: “Oh yes! Ride on Sir!”)*

²⁰ Be careful how you give your messages! Say what you see. Sometimes the person you are giving the revelation understands what you’re seeing more than

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you. Amen. And people who jump ahead of the grace of God in their life they will say, “Sister, are you looking for the fruit of the womb? She say, “Yes” they will say, “this is thus saith the Lord, by this time of life next year you will have a child”. Did God talk? (*Congregation replies: NO!*) Amen. Then 4 years after the pikin never come. And before you know what, a genuine gift because you did not operate it properly is made to look like a false gift. Amen.

²¹ When I’m teaching you, I’m teaching you as the oracle of God. Amen. (*Congregation replies: OH yes!*) I have been pastoring a ministry that has raised up gifts. There are more gifted people seated in the congregation now than those you know. Praise the Lord. And I’ve taken time to study these gifts. And because I want to know, God reveals - you know, how the working of the Spirit, how it is. So, when I teach you apply it, it will help you. It’s for your ministry not my own because I will never make such stupid mistakes. I know better than to do that.

²² You will never hear me say, “Thus saith the Lord” when I didn’t hear him say, “Thus saith the Lord”. Tell him, you have no right to say, “Thus saith the

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Lord” and even give time until you have heard, “Tell my daughter, by this so-so-so-so time she will have her child” then you can say, “this is Thus saith the Lord”. And you can bank on it; you can stake your life on it, that is, when you can say, “If it doesn’t come to pass, then call me a false prophet”, because you are sure you heard. Amen. Praise the Lord. (*Congregation says: Halleluyah!*) Now, now, so that is one of the reasons.

²³ Why will God reveal to me a demon? God does not entertain any of us. No revelation is for entertainment. Every revelation has an expectation from God from you. Listen church, any time, God shows you, all of you, Ikpo, Joseph, Boboye, Jaiyeola, (*Congregation Laughs*) Thomas, all of you. Amen. (*Congregation replies: Amen!*)

²⁴ Listen, when God shows you something it is because you have the ability to do something concerning that matter. (*Congregation replies: Halleluyah!*) God never shows you a revelation so that you will go and meet ministers that will fast and pray for you.

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²⁵ Your dream, God, if you don't have the ability to do something over that dream, God will not give you that dream. He will go and give somebody else that dream for you. That is how God works because he will not entertain you. The day you catch this thing I'm telling you. You'll be a better Christian than this. And the fact that God gives you that dream. It is because, He, God, has given you the ability to handle that matter. He has given you the ability to handle that matter. That's why I told you, I say, "When you have a dream, and you wake up", I say, "Nobody tells you what you should do. Your spirit man, the reaction you receive when you wake up determines how you will handle that problem."

²⁶ There are some dreams when you wake up. You start fast immediately. You don't eat that day. And nobody told you to fast. *You wake up, you come see say, your husband pack your load throway for house, throway for outside then you see am dey hold another hand dey bring another woman inside and you wake up then you go say, "which kain dream be this, ah, it's not my portion, ah, it's not my portion"*. Your spirit will be so troubled until appetite to eat that day will not even come and it is God's own way of putting a desperation inside of you so that you

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can act immediately to counter that thing that you saw. And if you don't act, it must come to pass.

²⁷ Okay! That is one, what of this category which is the one I'm facing now. You see it, in the name of Jesus I bind you, I cast you out – enter spirit, speak in tongues. *The demon go stand dey look you like this. (Congregation Laughs) In fact e go dey vex say you dey disturb am. Amen.*

²⁸ When I travelled recently, a young man, an elderly man, he's not young came to me and say, see an unusual problem he has. That the demons pursuing him, He said the people pursuing him; he sees them in the dream. He say until sometimes in the dream when he say, "I plead the blood of Jesus against you" he say they too will say, "me too I plead the blood of Jesus against you" (*Congregation Laughs*) that's a very serious situation.

²⁹ When he told me I say, "ah" he say, "*pastor na so o*" and he said his own got worse. He said he fasted for, for how many days, very long fast – dry fasting. Went to the mountain, he said, when he came down, said it became worse. And in fact, they had to rush him because it's like he started like running mad

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after the fast. So, I had to tell him, “Your case is serious”. But why will you plead the blood and a demon will say, “*na blood? We too plead blood against you*” (*Congregation Laughs*) there are some of you that have the same problem.

³⁰ Seven sons of Sceva, - they too they went to cast out demons but there was a question they had to answer, “Jesus I know, Paul I know, but who are you” Amen. There are some of you that if you go for deliverance. You carry people even to your village for deliverance, you come back for deliverance. In your dream the demon will come and meet you, “so you brought people abi? You will see” *and you will think say na joke e dey joke. True true your eye go see ween that year.* Why? There are expectations from you. We have authority, we have power. Amen! (*Congregation echoes: Amen!*) Praise the Lord. (*Congregation shouts Halleluyah!*)

³¹ So, my wife will be hearing this for the second time now. I asked her a question, eh, Ebele, I asked you a question while we were inside a car travelling and something dropped in my heart and I asked you, “What is the difference between authority and power”, she couldn’t give me the answer. With all

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the big big grammar in her mouth (*Congregation Laughs*) then me too, with my own definition I could not break it down.

³² Because, Praise the Lord, it is authority that gives power. So, power is derived from authority. So how do I define it now? So that's all I told her too is my answer. We have authority from where we derive power. But many of us, we have the authority but we have no power. Amen.

³³ Listen church. Recently the Inspector General of Police in Nigeria, he ordered that no policeman going on official duty should go in mufti. Ehn? Sister Patience, am I correct? Confirm because you be *olopa*. Ehn? I read it in the papers. Ehn? It's confirmed? (*Sister Patience replies: Yes Sir!*) That no policeman, ehn? (*Sister Patience replies: Yes Sir!*) should go on any official duty with mufti. You must wear your uniform. Why? Because the uniform is the symbol of the authority by which you are going for that duty. Am I correct? (*Church replies: Yes!*) You are driving your motor - a big truck - driving and coming, suddenly somebody wears shirt and trouser with slippers and do like this (*Pastor waves his hand in demonstration as an officer trying*

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to stop a moving vehicle for inspection). Will you stop? (*Congregation replies: No!*) Why? By what authority are you standing like that? But if that same man withdraws and wears yellow fever uniform and stand and do like this. (*Pastor waves his hand in demonstration as an officer trying to stop a moving vehicle for inspection*). Before the hand go up you will match your brake. Am I correct? (*Congregation replies: Yes!*) Why? It's because the symbol of authority is with him. (*Congregation applauds*) Blessed be the name of the Lord. (*Congregation replies: Halleluyah!*) Halleluyah (*Congregation replies: Amen!*). That is the problem with Christianity.

³⁴ “I give you power to tread upon serpents and scorpions”, that is the authority. That is what gives you the power. But what identification will you have to confirm that you have that power? From morning till evening, they tried to cast out that spirit – all the disciples, none of them. Can we go back to Matthew chapter 17 – none of them could cast out that spirit. I want somebody to learn something. For those who have ears to hear. Apply what I'm teaching you this year, demons are in trouble around you. Amen!

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Blessed be the name of the Lord! (*Congregation replies: Halleluyah!*) Hallelujah!

³⁵ Here is it, verse 19:

¹⁹***“Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out? - Despite the authority you have given us, ²⁰And Jesus said unto them, - Number 1! That is where we are going now. Why could we not cast those spirits out? Why can’t you wake up and stop that problem from coming to pass that you saw in the spirit? Why is that demon husband still tormenting you? Why is that problem not hearkening unto your command? Despite you are born-again – filled with the Holy Ghost. Why? This message is for all of us. Number 1 - According to Jesus - Number 1, Praise the Lord. If you’re going to write them down, I have 5 reasons why it is like that. He said, - **Because of your unbelief:** - How can you say it is because of my unbelief? How do I not believe and I’m going there to cast out devil? That is Number 1, Because of unbelief. Why will Jesus tell disciples who saw a demon and they started conducting deliverance and still say, “It’s because of unbelief?” Listen church, you may stand before a demon and you are casting out, “I bind you, I cast you” and yet it is still an action, embedded there is***

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unbelief. You'll ask how? Then why did you go to cast out the spirit?

³⁶ Now, now, now have you ever entered a house and then it has dogs and you know those dogs can tear you down and then you try to be bold, Ok, let me not go that way. Praise the Lord! (*Congregation replies: Halleluyah!*) Praise the Lord! (*Congregation replies: Halleluyah!*)

³⁷ I want to look at somebody who says, “*I no dey fear anything, I no dey fear, I no dey fear anything. Me I no dey fear anything*”, then he has to walk in the midnight, cross graveyard before going to where he's going in the midnight. “*Them say na graveyard be this, ehen?* So what? I cover this graveyard with the blood of Jesus (*Congregation Laughs*) - I am untouchable, I am unstoppable” then you enter. How will you know? Small time you hear one noise – kiiiiiii (*Congregation Laughs*). Is that faith? (*Congregation replies: No!*) Is that faith ehn? (*Congregation replies: No!*) Hallelujah. (*Congregation replies: Praise the Lord!*) Praise the Lord.

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³⁸ I have been with some people conducting deliverance. Ehn, you were the one because I know I was doing deliverance in the room, I mean this my office here. Last week or so and somebody was sitting in the waiting room. *ehn?* Yes, I heard you. I was overhearing you telling him, He say, “*why you run?*” I heard Jerry say; “*why you run*” I’ve forgotten who it was. When we were praying the person was, “Jesus! Fire, Holy Ghost, fire, fire, Holy Ghost, fire” *the truth is the fire that the person was praying in the room na prayer of fear*, “that demon will not come and meet me here, will not come and meet me here. Father, Holy Ghost Fire, Fire” so when he heard the person they were doing the deliverance for, manifesting and screaming some things out, he said, “*ah, I no fit siddon here*” *he run commot for outside. (Congregation Laughs)* Praise the Lord. *(Congregation replies: Halleluyah!)*

³⁹ Everybody is guilty of it o, including me. I said, “Lord, one day, Lord! I want to see you. Lord my condition! How will I stay – that time 15 years no child – come here now and tell me why. *(Congregation Laughs)* I’ve been serving you since I gave my life to Christ and now see this reproach.

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⁴⁰ Now I don't understand anymore. Come and tell me Lord. I want to see you now. Lord, I want to see you now." It was in the midnight I was alone. In the sitting room, it's a duplex nobody was downstairs. All of them are upstairs. *Na only me dey there*, one rat moved. (*Congregation Laughs*) *One rat! Na rat o!* My eyes closed. I heard the noise. My head grew 10 times bigger than this one. (*Congregation Laughs*) I ended that prayer. I carry my bible. (*Congregation Laughs*) I went upstairs. *I no fit stay again. But I say I wan see God, na only rat don come, fear catch me.* If God, himself come *nkor?* I will die! (*Congregation Laughs*) So that type of prayer is actually a prayer mingled with fear, mingled with fear. Praise the Lord.

⁴¹ See! Unbelief! You are praying and you are crying, you are praying and you are crying because of fear. So, number 1, you have to have confidence. Unbelief will hinder the manifestation of the power of God. That's why, how many times, several times in the bible. The first thing every time God wants to manifest himself by allowing the devil to come near you first before he will step in, the first thing He will tell you is, "Fear not!" because if you fear, you will disturb what He wants to achieve. Amen!

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⁴² Once that yellow fever wears his yellow fever cloth in Lagos, LASTMA, once he wears that cloth even if *na* fake one he wear the fact that he look like yellow fever, you will match your brake first. Once he wears that there is a boldness that comes before him when he is in uniform.

⁴³ So, it will be funny to see a man in uniform standing there without confidence. Something is wrong! It simply means the uniform he's putting on, he's not a genuine uniformed person, or he's a uniformed person but he's doing illegal business. Illegal business! Illegal duty! So unbelief! That is number 1.

⁴⁴ Number 2, Amen! (*Congregation replies: Amen!*) Praise the Lord (*Congregation replies: Halleluyah!*) He said, Number 1, because of unbelief, number 2, he then let them know, he said, “***21 Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting***” so, number 2, lack of prayer and lack of fasting affects the authority you have as a Christian. It affects the gift you have.

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⁴⁵ I told a minister who said that he flows more in the spirit when his stomach is full. He cannot - that minister has never fasted for long unless you force him, he may fast up till 6PM and you must watch him o. If you take your eye *commot* he go enter somewhere. “It’s not by works of righteousness but by his grace alone” (*Pastor Laughs*) “It’s not he that willeth.” They know all those scriptures. Amen. So, I had to tell him, I say, “this gift you have, can’t you see its limited. Are you more gifted than Jesus Christ?”

⁴⁶ Jesus Christ was always fasting, he was always praying early in the morning he will wake up while his disciples are sleeping – *e don go mountain*. He will stay there as the day is breaking, he has prayed and taken over control of the day then he come and wake these ones, then when he wake them the days *job don start*. He wake them say, *oya o let’s go to the other side*. They say, *ehn?* They wash their – master say, “*make we go the other side*” Are they on the same level? (*Congregation replies: No!*) Praise the Lord. (*Congregation replies: Halleluyah!*)

⁴⁷ William Branham, it was after his death that they discovered the cave that he used to go and withdraw.

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Regularly, dry fasting, 3 days, regularly! And it is his secret place, nobody will know. His wife didn't know. All he told his wife is, "don't worry, if you see I don't come back be sure we shall meet in the rapture. In case I don't come back because I'm going to be with the Lord anything can happen. He had a lamp. In that cave there was a slab of rock there, that was his bed, and then another slab of rock that was his table. And then he took, Hausa people call it, *achibaba*, I don't know what they call it. That thing they put rope and them put oil under, *ehen*, that normally burn, *wetin* you call am? That's all until he died.

⁴⁸ People decided to look for it. They found it. Is there anybody in this age that had the anointing that man had? Can't we also learn something that that was the secret of his testimonies? If somebody who the angel was always by his side; born from his mother's womb a prophet; hearing the voice of God from the age of 7; anointed with mighty miracles signs and wonders, he fasted more than anybody else in this age. Who are we his followers that think God will expect less from us and then we expect to achieve the same thing he achieved in his ministry?

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⁴⁹ How many of us here can face the temptation like William Branham faced when he was in a crusade, and a bully – you know the story – that anytime there is any minister that comes for crusade, that’s the man that goes to scatter the crusade. So strong, that nobody can stop him, He was possessed, he was lunatic. A huge giant! When he’s coming everybody run. And that crusade must scatter unless police comes and grab him. You know, shock him, render him powerless and pack him away.

⁵⁰ William Branham was at the podium before thousands of people in a crusade and that man landed there and from the back was cursing and shouting, “today, you nonsense, you fake, I will see the end of you. I will this, I will that” then the ministers, the ushers, and the security men were trying to rush to him to grab the man because he was coming to the podium. William Branham said, “Leave him! This is Satan versus God!” (Congregation applauds) And the man was raking and coming with strength and to finish him. And William Branham stood, He said, “Satan! Before me you will bow here!” And the man came when he reached the podium – He bowed. (Congregation applauds) Church! Listen! Was it at that podium

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William Branham received that power? No! He prepared himself for that before he came to that crusade. (*Voices from the congregation shout: Yes Sir! That's right! That's right!*) I'm not speaking to you only; I'm speaking to myself too. Every one of us, Praise the Lord! (Congregation shouts: Halleluyah!)

⁵¹ Fasting! So many of us don't know that soldiers and athletes, soldiers and athletes – an athlete is going to run 100m dash in 1 minute, correct? 100m dash, how long does he run it? Less than 1 minute. 10 seconds, 15 seconds but to be able to run and make any impact within 10 seconds, 11 seconds. He has been training for hours. I want you to learn that.

⁵² Amen, Praise the Lord. That's why I say that it is not in the church here we the ministers that handle microphone – that do deliverance - it is not in the church here we pray. We pray before coming to church, we pray before coming to church! And don't go and handle any spiritual problem that you are not spiritually prepared to handle. If not, that problem will disgrace you. Praise the Lord. (*Congregation shouts: Halleluyah!*) The axe, even the kitchen knife – women, don't you always sharpen your knife in

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the kitchen; that you use in the kitchen? If the knife is not sharp, you exert more energy in using that knife than when you have sharpened the knife. (*Voice from the congregation shout: Yes Sir!*) Your prayer life is enhanced by that fasting and your personal devotion – prayers, before you launch out for the day. That’s how it is. So, that’s number 2. Praise the Lord.

⁵³ Even further to that; Fasting & Prayer, yes na, Apostle Paul said, “***Bodily exercise profiteth little***” there is also spiritual exercise. As you begin to do it, some of you will begin to practice it now. You will practice fasting and prayer. Let me tell you that when you start to do physical exercise. You want to start jogging; aerobics or anything, the first day you try, at the end of it all, you will find pains in your muscles, correct? (*Voice from the congregation shout: Yes Sir!*) Seriously! Sometimes the pain will be so much until the second day you will not like to go. Ehn? But when you ignore that pain and you keep going, the more frequent you go when you expect the pain to increase later on the pain will decrease and the body will adjust and you will not feel that pain again. So also it is with fasting.

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⁵⁴ When you start to fast for consecration. The first day of your fast anywhere you *dey* go will be upside down – Hunger! When you say, “I will not eat food or water for 2 days, for 3 days” by the end of the first day, if you don’t know you will give up because you will think you will die. That is when your body will crave for food and water more than any other time. Why? You are undergoing an exercise that the body is not used to. You are introducing something that is strange to the body because it’s not used to fasting so it cannot accept it but when you force it on the body, the second day - by the end of the second day - you will discover that the hunger has reduced.

⁵⁵ When you enter the third day you will not even feel the hunger again, why? The body has now accepted that, “*the thing wey I dey reject, e be like say they want make I accept am*”. So, don’t use hunger to disturb your spiritual progress. Fast is not fast if you don’t feel hungry when you start and the more frequent you fast, Amen (*Congregation replies: Amen!*), what you are doing is you are empowering your spirit man. Fasting is not only for minister; it’s for every Christian, (*Voice from the*

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congregation shouts: That's right! That's right!)
Because what the minister faces you will face it too.

⁵⁶ You're a believer. You've entered a battle field, ***"I give thee power to cast out devils"*** it's not only for ministers, it's for every believer "these signs shall follow them that – Believe" Blessed be the name of the Lord! (*Congregation replies: Halleluyah!*) Halleluyah! (*Congregation replies: Amen!*) Because those of us who use inverters; if you don't charge the battery well-well will it give out power? Ehn? (*Congregation replies: No!*) Ehen, if the battery doesn't receive charge – see battery, see the inverter, see the battery. The inverter is depending on the battery and the battery too cannot function until you charge it. And the charging – the battery does not charge itself. It receives charge from an external power. And our own charging comes from above so that we can give forth power. If you don't have that power – charge from above by laying yourself under the son of God to release that power and charge you, you too you will speak like those disciples, "why can't we cast out this and why are this and why are that" Praise the Lord. (*Congregation replies: Halleluyah!*) Blessed be the

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name of the Lord. (*Congregation replies: Halleluyah!*)

⁵⁷ Number 3 – reason, why you can't cast out any spirit. You can't chase that demon husband away from your life, demon wife away from your life. It is because the name of Jesus has no more power in your mouth. "***At the mention of the name of Jesus every knee must bow***" but it depends on which mouth is calling that name – Jesus.

⁵⁸ It's not every mouth that say, "In Jesus name" and there will be response. Amen. (*Congregation replies: Amen!*) And number 1; that name has no power in your mouth because of irreverence to that name. If you do not reverence that name that that name is the name of your creator. No true son, true daughter of a man jokes with the name of his or her own father. Everybody respects the name of the father that gave birth to you. It's only Christians that don't know, that name - Jesus, that it should be revered. We jest with that name. We joke with that name. We play with that name and so it loses its power and value in our mouth because at the time you are supposed to use it, it will still sound as play-

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play in your mouth. So, you don't derive the benefit from it.

⁵⁹ When a young small boy, David and Goliath, David came to face Goliath. When he can say to Goliath, "you come against me", after Goliath boasted that "I will feed you to the fowls of the air, I will do this, I will do that" because of his strength. For somebody, a small child like that it was not a vision he saw but there was something he cherished. The bible says, God was introducing himself, he said, "I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob, that is my name forever" David knew that. And he looked at him, "you come against me by your might, by your weapons, by your size, but I come against you by the name of the God of Israel". (*Voice from the Congregation shouts: thank you Lord!*)

⁶⁰ You are standing before somebody that can cut off your head. A small tiny boy like that and you're not afraid. Why? He knows what that name can do. He has confirmed it. He was watching over the sheep of his father; a bear came, another time a lion came, as tiny as he was, he pursued those two deadly animals and delivered the sheep of his father with his bare

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hands. “Is it you this uncircumcised philistine that will stand against me?” Jesus is the same yesterday today and forever. “I come against you by the name of the God of Israel” and the only weapon he had, oh, they were five of them and he released only one oh. He was going to release the five of them. Only one! There is power in the name of Jesus. I say, “There is Power!”

⁶¹ When they were criticizing William Branham – The Trinitarians (Father, Son, Holy Ghost). All over they were criticizing him, “False preacher, he doesn’t believe in trinity” one day one sorcerer, a woman, with her invocation and enchantment. He called ministers and Christians who were boasting, “You people say you have power, I will show you that you don’t have any power.

⁶² Let’s demonstrate power now! Mount Carmel showdown! Amen. (*Voice from the Congregation echoes: Amen!*) And a table was set and she began to make invocation, incantation, invocation, incantation and the table rose by itself and hang in the air. *Anybody wey say Satan no get power, it’s because you never jam Satan.* Halleluyah. (*Voice from the Congregation echoes: Amen!*) And

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everybody gathered there and were looking. William Branham was passing, and asked, “*wetin dey happen there?*” They said, “See what is going on”. He went there and saw it and heard the woman boasting. Then he said, “give me chance” Amen! Oh, I wish I will have that type of confidence. Praise the Lord.

⁶³ And then he turned and looked at – “*all of you dey criticize, see what will happen now*”, “you table, in the name of the father, come down!” the table balance “so that name, “father” cannot bring you down ehn?”, “In the name of the son, come down!” the table *kakaraka*, in fact it went higher. “So even the name of the son cannot bring you down?”, “In the name of Holy Ghost, come down!” maybe it even went higher, I don’t know. So, it couldn’t come down. He said, “so you can see now, but that there is a name”, (*Congregation shouts: Amen!*) “at the mention of that name” (*Congregation shouts: Amen!*) “Every knee must bow”. He said, “Let’s confirm it now. Now you table, you will not only come down and stay but come down and crash to pieces IN THE NAME OF JESUS!” the table fell down and crashed to pieces. (*Congregation applauds as Pastor sings*) “*There is power in the*

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name – (Every one responds with: that name JESUS!)” There is power in that name! (Voices from the Congregation shout: Yes Sir! I hear you!) Praise the Lord.

⁶⁴ *You say you dey see vision, anything you see dey come to pass.* William Branham was with a group of people that work with him suddenly a vision broke forth. He saw a vehicle passing and then a little child was crushed, and he saw people gathered and in that vision, he saw himself going and then he laid his hand on the child and the child came back to life. And then he told everybody, He said, “Open your Bible and write it down. It shall come to pass that I will be somewhere one day and this this this will happen according to the revelation” He said, “Write it in your Bible”. He too he wrote it, the date, the time he received the revelation.

⁶⁵ They travelled to another country for a program or so and while they were passing somewhere they saw people gathered and then he was asking, what was happening, some were crying, some were – a truck drove past and hit a small boy. The truck didn’t stop, it went and the boy was there dead. And when he came, he saw - then he told all the people around

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him, he said, “Open your Bible, is this not the vision I said I saw? Is that not this?” He said, “if this child that we are going to meet now does not come back to life, then God did not talk to me – it means I am false”. He went there, everybody was crying, he said, “don’t cry” and he went where the child was lying down – dead. He laid his hand and began to pray and he reminded God, “Lord you revealed this to me so-so day. Confirm it now. That everybody will know that you talk to me. Let this boy come back to life” the boy coughed and came back to life. (*Church applauds*) Yes! Halleluyah.

⁶⁶ I think one of the testimonies of the book written by Robert Liardon. That testimony and the picture of the boy is there. Praise the Lord. But there are some of us that will see that vision. We go go pray, pray, pray, nothing will happen. William Branham did not hear a voice, “that through you I will raise that ...” he only saw a vision. Amen. (*Congregation shouts: Amen!*) And he went. If he saw it then he will do as he saw it in the revelation. What will stand against that his prayer?

⁶⁷ We have authority church! God has given us the power. And that is why he is giving such

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revelations. I have given you – Praise the Lord. (*Congregation shouts: Halleluyah!*) Number 3, I said, “The name of Jesus has no more power in your mouth because of irreverence” Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be the name of the Lord. (*Congregation shouts: Halleluyah!*)

⁶⁸ Number 4, why you cannot cast out that spirit? Because Jesus said, “Satan cannot cast out Satan” Let that mean something to somebody. Satan cannot cast our Satan. Halleluyah! If you harbour any unconfessed sin, the Lord will not hear you. The psalmist said, ***“If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me”*** Amen. That’s why he said, ***“thy word have I hidden in my heart that I may not sin against you”*** Any unconfessed sin behind you, you’re wasting your time you cannot go to the battle, you can’t go to the battle and win. And that demon husband, that demon wife, is described as the accuser of the brethren. He will continue to pursue you if you have his property.

⁶⁹ Jacob had to leave Laban for his freedom. Went with his two wives, but one of them took the idols of the father – Laban. Rachel, she did that therefore, Laban was justified to pursue them. If you hold any

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property of the devil he will continue to pursue you. If you are ignorant, it's a different thing. But in a church like this where we have told you God's standard for righteousness, what you should permit around you and what you should not permit around you. And if you keep them, you have no excuse again. The accuser of the brethren will accuse you, "You hold my property, you hold my property" some of the things we put on – women - they are the property of mammy water. Anytime mammy water is connected to you through that item, you can't therefore go for deliverance from mammy water. You can't wake up and say, "*I see myself dey swim for dream* - I cancel that. From now on I will not go again" *na lie. As you dey sleep finish after that prayer, na there you dey again.* Why? The property is with you, Satan cannot cast out Satan. Blessed be the name of the Lord. (*Congregation replies: Halleluyah!*)

⁷⁰ Yes now! As I was with Moses, so I will be with you. That is what He told Joshua, God told Joshua. The first battle they defeated. The second battle what happened? Achan went and took of those nonsense 'Babylonish' nonsense, and their 'Babylonish' garments. There are 'Babylonish'

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garments. There are some garments that we cannot put on because we are not Babylonians. We are Zionists! For we have come to mount Zion – the city of God and upon Mount Zion there shall be Deliverance and Holiness; and the sons of Jacob shall possess their possession. We are not of this world. So worldly garments cannot be our portion and you are standing there doing deliverance, you lie, that demon will never go. Blessed be the name of the Lord. (*Congregation shouts: Halleluyah!*) Blessed be the name of the Lord. (*Congregation shouts: Halleluyah!*)

⁷¹ Unforgiveness reduces the power of God around you. Unforgiveness takes God away from you and brings satanic forces all around you. All these hinder the power of God around you.

⁷² Number 5 - The house of God is a house of prayer not a den of thieves. The house of God - That's what we saw in Mark chapter 11. He went to the temple. And what did he see happening in the temple? They were buying and selling, they were doing *Bazaar*. Bazaar; 1 bottle of Star, going, going, one bottle of Saint Martinez, Remy Martinez, going, going. As I call Remy Martinez, somebody swallow saliva that

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was his favourite. Going, going, but this one he's saying, "one thousand! Ten thousand! Three thousand" What? We're doing our annual bazaar and harvest thanksgiving. That's what was going on in the temple. And the Bible tells me, Praise the Lord, that "***we are the temple of God and any man that defile the temple of God, him will God destroy***" 1 Corinthians 3:16-17 says so.

⁷³ The Holy Ghost dwells in you then it is expected that we will keep this temple of God – Holy. Keep anything that will defile it away or you lose the power that the temple is supposed to produce. It's a house of prayer. Prayer - that is, in your mouth, what should be coming out more should be things that edify, things that build, things that bless. Amen.

⁷⁴ That's why in proverbs 18:21, He said, "***death and life is in the power of the tongue***" where he says in James Chapter 3, He said, the tongue is a world of fire, fire, fire! Let's read some scriptures, Proverbs 21. Just to emphasize this. Amen. Now if you're there proverbs chapter 21 and verse 23, it says:

"Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles."

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Underline it in your bible. *Whoso keepeth his mouth* – that is, you know, you tame your mouth - *keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.*

⁷⁵ Chapter 13 - Proverbs Chapter 13 - Two verses there; verse 2 and verse 3. It says:

²*“A man shall eat good* (you shall eat good, you shall eat good) *by the fruit of [his] mouth: but the soul of the transgressors [shall eat] violence.*

³*He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life:* (He that keepeth his mouth... What do you do? keepeth his life) *[but] he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.”* Destruction! Praise the Lord and that’s idle talk.

⁷⁶ Proverbs chapter 15 let’s read another one there, Proverbs chapter 15 verse 4. He says:

“A wholesome tongue is a tree of life: but perverseness therein is a breach in the spirit.”

I emphasize it again:

“A wholesome tongue [is] a tree of life: but perverseness therein [is] a breach – hindrance - *in the spirit”* because sweet water and bitter water cannot come out from the same fountain. The Bible says so. Amen.

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⁷⁷ Idle talk discharges the power of the tongue. You sit down and say nothing that edifies. So-so gossip. Christian will sit down, the thing *wey* no concern them is what they've been talking about for the last 3-4 hours they came together. Praise the Lord. (*Congregation replies: Halleluyah!*)

⁷⁸ All you do is to specialize in talking about other people. Negative things *na* him sweet you. Any time you speak things that don't edify, you are reducing the power – You are discharging the anointing that is in you. (*A voice from the congregation shouts: Yes Sir!*)

⁷⁹ That's why God hates gossip, God hates murmuring. Each time you do that you are discharging the power you received in your morning devotion. The last camp that you went the last mountain that you went the last fasting exercise that you went you went and charged yourself see how you are discharging it, through idle talk. Oh! Blessed be the name of the Lord. (*Congregation replies: Halleluyah!*)

⁸⁰ Remember what you speak creates the atmosphere around you. William Branham said, "Anytime you

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talk about Satan, Satan will appear there”. In an atmosphere where all they know is to fight the enemy, fight the enemy; fight the enemy! That’s the area where demons full. Yes na. “*Shey una wan fight? We go dey fight*” but where you preach love, love, love, love, Satan cannot dwell in an atmosphere of love. Because love brings down God’s presence because God is love and he that loveth is of God. I am telling you one secret. I know somebody will hear me now and follow it and practice it.

⁸¹ Anytime you talk about the Holy Ghost he will come down. Anytime you talk about Jesus he will come down. Anytime you go and begin to talk to a brother about testimonies of what the lord has done you will see the power of God in manifestation He will manifest the power there so the person you are telling will know that you are telling the truth. Amen. (*Congregation replies: Amen!*) Blessed be the name of the Lord. (*Congregation replies: Halleluyah!*) Praise the Lord. (*Congregation replies: Halleluyah!*)

⁸² That is why Psalm 1. Can we read it? It’s a psalm to meditate on. If you are not in the presence of God

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you cannot draw down god. Always know that. All I'm saying is creating an atmosphere of God's presence around you always. Then you can tap into the power of his presence in every situation. That is what the Psalmist summarizes. Verse 1: "***Blessed [is] the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, - He says, "Evil communication corrupts good manners" that's what he's saying - nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful***" The scornful are those who will never see anything good in another brother, or in another sister. Criticism! Criticism! Criticism!

⁸³ And I want you to always note – I say, "***out of the abundance of the heart – the bible says so – the mouth speaketh***". Ecclesiastes somewhere told us that, "***dreams cometh out of the multitude of business***". There are some dreams that you see; it is a continuation of the nonsense you were doing before you slept. What was the last thing that you were engaged in before you slept? What was the last thing you were engaged in before you slept? Is it not one horror film you were looking at? How *dem* use juju finish somebody's marriage. Nollywood! "I say why I like to dey watch am because I *dey* learn a lot from it that is why I *dey* like to watch am" You

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know you are lying to yourself. You are filled with a demon of entertainment and you do not know it. So you saw the juju that somebody made and scatter somebody's marriage. That was the last film you saw then you enter sleep. The next thing you will see is a juju *wey* one woman wan make to take away your husband. Yes now? Halleluyah! No, it's true now.

⁸⁴ You saw how one snake *dey* chase somebody, one woman turned to snake. *But that na the last thing wey you see, then you sleep.* Even pray you could not pray because you watched it until it was late. What dream will you have? *Na python snake na him you go dey see.*

⁸⁵ Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly. Halleluyah. (*Congregation says: Amen!*) Nor standeth in the way of sinners nor seateth in the seat of the scornful - Be careful who you make your friend - but his delight is in the word of God – the law of the Lord and in his law doth he meditate day and night. Day and Night! What is paramount in your mind is the word of God, the word of God. Let me finish it. When you do that, that person, this is what he will look like:

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³“And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper”

⁸⁶ Elijah was always passing to the mountain to pray, always passing to the mountain to pray but the 400 prophets of Ahab were always eating in the statehouse. Elijah therefore could stand one time and say, “If I be a servant of God, - he did not see vision, he was challenging his calling. Let fire – (something that has not happened before) come down and consume these nonsense soldiers that they sent to come and arrest me.” Did fire come down? (*Congregation says: Yes!*) Yes now.

⁸⁷ How many of us here, that is why the Bible says that “the children of this world, they are wiser in their generations than the children of light – you and me” why did it say so? The last thing that should happen to you is when you see an unbeliever challenge you, eh? When you see an unbeliever that you offend; meet you say, “Me? You will see. I will show you who I am. Fear o! Fear “There is something he is boasting by. You know why? He belongs somewhere and he is faithfully serving that

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thing. They say, “Once every month bring blood there”. Every month e *dey* bring blood there. He’s sure where he stands. He knows the power that he has.

⁸⁸ And then you too, “I will show you that I’m a Christian” the person go shake him head enter spirit look you. He *go* warn you again, “You this boy, I will waste you oh”, “Holy Ghost fire!” The guy will shake head again look you, “You this boy”

⁸⁹ Its only Christians that will not follow our God the way we should follow to retain the power. Because what is it that gives you confidence to face challenges of the day. It’s more than “I am born again” there are things that people who are born again must do to retain power. (*Voices from Congregation: Yes Sir! Fly on Brother!*) If you don’t do it, you are not better than those who are not born again anything. Blessed be the name of the Lord. (*Congregation replies: Halleluyah!*)

⁹⁰ Psalms 24! The first 4 verses there or the first 5 verses:

¹“The earth [is] the Lord’s, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

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²*For he - God- hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods. – Now this is where I am going -*

³*Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? - heey - or who shall stand in his holy place? – This is the qualification, verse 4 -*

⁴*He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. – That person -*

⁵*He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.”*

⁹¹ Go to chapter 15 Psalm 15. Are we there? Praise the Lord (*Congregation replies: Halleluyah!*):

¹*“Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill? – The answer -*

²*He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.*

³*[He that] backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour.*

⁴*In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the Lord. [He that] sweareth to [his own] hurt, and changeth not.*

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⁵[He that] putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these [things] shall never be moved.”

⁹² I'm giving you Scriptures to go and read and meditate upon. Praise the Lord. The day I read Psalm 17, I paused for a long time. The first 4 verses there, I paused for a very long time. I'm telling you the first time I came across that chapter in my private study. This is a prayer that somebody is praying before God:

¹“Hear the right, O Lord, attend unto my cry, give ear unto my prayer, [that goeth] not out of feigned lips. – You are standing before the Creator of the heavens and the earth that knows all secrets and you're saying my lips are clean? “I no *dey* lie, I'm not a hypocrite” verse 2 -

²Let my sentence come forth from thy presence; let thine eyes behold the things that are equal. – That is, “you stand, look at me now and judge me”

³Thou hast proved mine heart; thou hast visited [me] in the night; thou hast tried me, [and] shalt find nothing; - that is you have searched me, come to my secret time. In my privacy, in my secrecy you will find nothing to hold against me; O

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God that knoweth all things. He said, - *I am purposed [that] my mouth shall not transgress.*

⁴Concerning the works of men, by the word of thy lips I have kept [me from] the paths of the destroyer”

⁹³ Then you will notice why also God told King Hezekiah, “Prepare, set thy house in order. You are going home. You are dying from that sickness. You will not live” and the Bible says, I think that is 2 Kings Chapter 20. The Bible says Hezekiah faced God, “I cannot die this kind of death. Search me. Look at my testimony. Have I not done this? Have I not done this? Have I not done this? I cannot die this type of death” Job also repeated the same thing from Job chapter 31. In fact, it’s the whole chapter. He stated his life of righteousness. He made a covenant with his eye – he will not behold any maid. If he has ever, that is, lustfully look at another woman, and if he has ever slept with anybody’s wife let the same thing happen to him. If he has never made a vow and fulfilled it then let this sickness not go from him. If he has not seen somebody who is in need and he helped, then let the sickness continue. If he has not done this, he started listing all that he did that he feels he did not deserve what is coming around him.

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Blessed be the name of the Lord. (*Congregation replies: Halleluyah!*) Praise the Lord. (*Congregation replies: Halleluyah!*)

⁹⁴ It is very important that every Christian at every given time that we should be able to have that boldness and especially those of us that God has decided to use to show forth His glory on earth. We are targets of the enemy and you don't need a prophecy to know that; that the enemy is making assignment against me spiritually and physically. That's why he said, "***Watch and pray***". Watch and Pray! Prayer is what must be part of us. Prayer should not be a program for you as a believer. It should be part of you. Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord! (*Congregation replies: Halleluyah!*) Hallelujah.

⁹⁵ Take note of 2 Timothy Chapter 2; now in 2 Timothy Chapter 2, Apostle Paul, from verse 20, are we there?

"But in a great house – 2 Timothy 2:20 - But in a great house – that great house is the church of God - there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour."

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So, which vessel are you? In a great house, there are different – different vessels. “God called me, God called me” there’s no problem about that. God called you, God called you. See there is no big deal that God called you, but God called you for what purpose? - is what will interest us because God called Judas too.

⁹⁶ My attention was called to the fact that Jesus wanted to go and enter the city to fulfil a particular scripture and He called his disciple, He said, “Go, when you go you will meet a certain man he’s there standing with one animal – one donkey. So, when you go tell him that the master has need of that animal” so, that animal is called isn’t it? *ehn?* (*Congregation replies: O Yes!*) God called that animal! Oh, you don’t understand me. If you know God called you let me see your hand up. Every one of us God called us because now *wey* I talk some people no wan put up their hand up. Amen. Praise the Lord. (*Congregation replies: Halleluyah!*)

⁹⁷ God called that animal o! Then, then they brought the animal. They decorated the animal. Hey! Then the Master sat on it. As he was entering the city, they put red carpet. They stood with palm trees and

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they are shouting, “Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna! Here cometh the King! Hosanna!” And then they’re shouting they made way and then the animal *dey go like this and e dey shake head*, “*see as these people dey praise me as I dey go, see as them dey praise me as I dey go, I am great o*” was it the animal they were praising? (*Congregation replies: No!*) After Jesus stepped down from that animal, did you hear about that animal again? (*Congregation replies: No!*) There are many of us that are borrowed vessels. Take note. You’re only a vessel that God is using.

⁹⁸ Now, take note. After that man, Jesus, stepped down from that animal, ehn? Another man can go and borrow that animal again and use the animal, isn’t it? (*Congregation replies: Yes!*) Praise the Lord. (*Congregation replies: Halleluyah!*) I am telling somebody here. There are some of you that have the gift of prophecy, “Thus Saith the Lord!” *And na God dey talk*. Small time again, Satan wants to give his lying prophecy. He too will come again, say, “*hey, this vessel dey here make I borrow you too*” then he will anoint you. Then you start again, “Thus Saith the Lord!” but one was a scriptural prophecy, the other one - unscriptural prophecy. One

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came to pass; the other one did not come to pass. One comes to edify, the other one come to cause *scatter-scatter* (division). By the same vessel, *some dey come to pass, some no dey come to pass*. The reason is simple: Because you are a borrowed vessel! Whosoever will, come and use me. They are the type no matter the type of lifestyle they live it does not affect their anointing. The pastor can sleep with you and come and see anointing *yafun-yafun* will flow. Why? Because God needs a vessel to meet the cry of one of his children in the congregation and that is the vessel available he will use him for the purpose of that person. And after he's gone, Satan will come and take over again and do the same thing.

⁹⁹ Let's read on, 2 Timothy 2 verse 21. "***If a man therefore purge himself from these***, - I have mentioned them in psalm 15 and in Psalm 1 and in Psalm 17 - ***he shall be a vessel unto honour***, - somebody say, "I am a vessel unto Honour!" Say it! No! Say, it and mean it. Say it and mean it! Holy Ghost cannot come and use you, Go! Then Satan will come and use you, Go! No! I read it again. Verse 21:

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²¹***“If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet (suitable) for the master’s use, [and] prepared unto every good work.”*** And he said,

²²***Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.*** Pure heart! Not a feigned lip.

²³***But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes.***” And verse 24. I want to emphasize,

²⁴***And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all [men], apt to teach, patient,***” Blessed be the name of the Lord. (*Congregation shouts: Halleluyah!*)

¹⁰⁰ Finally; you must pray according to God’s will because I know somebody will ask this question let me make the clarification quickly. There are some revelations that when you see: somebody dying for instance. Personally, whenever I am going to have problem with somebody, a fight or quarrel somewhere or I’m going to fall sick. There’s a particular type of dream that I will have. No matter how I pray, how I fast, it must come to pass. Then I learnt that what God tells me is to prepare me. I’m

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supposed to know what to do as a Christian. A servant of God must not strive. So, when that fight wants to come, something will remind me, “That is the fight you saw in the dream” then I will caution myself, “Satan, you are a liar, this fight, we no go fight am” Amen! This fight, *we no go fight am*.

¹⁰¹ Listen Church! Yes, God can show you the death of your mother. Anything that will happen that will pain you; God will prepare your heart so that you don’t get too much shock. When you pray and it comes to pass sometimes it is God showing you His will that it will come to pass, it is her time to go, don’t cry it is my will. Because there are some prayers that you are praying and you are only praying against the will of God. He says, ***“this is the confidence that we have in Him – 1 John 5:14 – that if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us”***

¹⁰² You have already prayed a prayer, “Lord this relationship that I am in if it is not your will, Father scatter it” and then you dream, the guy comes to you and removes the engagement ring and then tell you *say he no do* again; you see am *dey* wed another person. Then you wake up and say, “*lai-lai*, it’s not

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my portion, it's not my portion, it's not my portion, Holy Ghost Fire, Lord, I possess my possession, it's not my portion ”.

¹⁰³ Now, now, now but remember you have offered a prayer before that revelation comes in. That's why he say, all things work together for good, we must balance these things, but my emphasis is before you can say that this is the will of God, that these things happened the way they are happening or that this sickness that has refused to go is the will of God or that this disappointment I'm facing is my wilderness, you should first look at yourself and examine yourself. “Have I been walking in the Will of God? Have I been living a life pleasing before God? How has been my prayer life? How do I fast? Do I consecrate myself? Then you can conclude whether you should adjust against next time or accept what has happened as the will of God.

¹⁰⁴ Isaiah a prophet in Babylon joined them in Babylonian captivity there and living anyhow life until the day his eye was opened in Isaiah chapter 6, He saw the Glory of God, he saw the throne of God and he realized he was a man of unclean lips. Now he now knew why he was no longer prophesying

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God is a Holy God and this my mouth, I have drank alcohol tire in Babylon, I have gone to their beer parlour, I have done, I have this, even those food that God said they are unclean – I have eaten them. Heey LORD, I am a man of unclean lips. I am undone and God wants somebody to realize that then God can cleanse that lips. One of those cherubs took a coal of fire and touched his lips. Somebody your tongue shall be consecrated in the name of Jesus Christ. (*Congregation shouts: Amen!*) Your lips will be charged for this year in the name of Jesus Christ. (*Congregation shouts: Amen!*)

Let's bow down our heads.

(Pastor Moses Alu leads the congregation in singing)

“Create in me a clean heart O Lord and renew a right spirit within me,

Create in me a clean heart O Lord and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away

Everybody,

**Cast me not away from your presence O Lord;
take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto
me the joy of my salvation and renew a right
spirit within me.**

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(Cast me not away!)

Cast me not away - That's the prayer of a sincere believer - **from your presence O Lord, Take not thy Holy Spirit from me**

Restore unto me the joy of my salvation and renew a right spirit within me."

¹⁰⁵ As you bow down your head. Take note that Samson lost his power because of sin. Somebody here too, that your mouth, you know how you have desecrated that mouth; that your mouth has made somebody to cry by the things that you spoke to that person; the insults that came from your mouth; the curses that came from your mouth; somebody is suffering from a curse from your mouth; that is the same mouth that you speak in tongue and the same mouth that you kiss a man that has not married you.

¹⁰⁶ You have defiled yourself. That's the mouth that you drink alcohol. That's the mouth you do all the dirty things with it. But Samson one day, He said, "Just one more time Lord, Just one more time, just one more time"

(Pastor Moses Alu leads the congregation in singing as brethren pray unto God)

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“Cast me not away, cast me not away from your presence O Lord,

Take not thy Holy Spirit from me

Restore – restore, somebody you need restoration, you need restoration! - unto me the joy of my salvation and renew a right spirit within me.

O Cast me not away, cast me not away from your presence O Lord,

Take not thy Holy Spirit from me

Restore – restore, Jesus! - unto me the joy of my salvation and renew a right spirit within me.”

¹⁰⁷ Let's be sincere with ourselves. Some of us we need restoration. You know how you were when you gave your life to Christ. You are no more enjoying that liberty, that grace. It's not the fault of God; search yourself! This is the beginning of the year. You live a life of defeat, defeat, defeat! Throughout last year! Let this year be a year of victory, victory, victory.

(Pastor Moses Alu leads the congregation in singing as brethren continue in prayer unto God)

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**“This is my earnest cry; this is my earnest desire,
- that’s somebody’s prayer – give me the power to
do your will, O Lord I pray**

**This is my earnest cry, this is my earnest desire
Give me the power to do your will, o Lord I pray**

Sing anointing!

**Flow in my life; cover my head to toe,
Give me the power to do your will**

O Lord I pray

Sing anointing!

**Flow in my life; cover my head to toe,
Give me the power to do your will**

O Lord I pray – It’s our prayer

Sing anointing!

**Flow in my life; cover my head to toe,
Give me the power to do your will**

O Lord I pray.”

(Pastor Moses Alu leads the congregation in singing
another song as brethren continue in prayer unto
God)

**“See me through, Lord Jesus see me through –
somebody talk to God concerning your Christian life**

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See me through, Lord Jesus see me through, there is a race I must run, there is a victory to be won, give me power, every hour, see me through.”

¹⁰⁸ I know Lord you have somebody in mind through this exhortation. Lord, God almighty, somebody is hearing what I've said and spoken today. And suddenly is realizing the careless life that Satan has taken advantage of and pulled him or her down. Lord we need restoration. Father! May you restore everyone here today, in the name of Jesus Christ (*Congregation shouts: Amen!*)

Everyone that has been backslidden; you don't used to pray the way you pray before? - You have backslidden. You cannot fast as you used to fast before? - You have backslidden. Nothing in you is zealous now for the things of God? - You have backslidden! You have backslidden! You used to go and preach to people before, you have stopped it - You have backslidden! May you receive restoration from today in the name of Jesus Christ! (*Congregation shouts: Amen!*)