

# Inspiration today

## His Everlasting Arm

"The eternal God is your refuge and dwelling place, And underneath are the everlasting arms; He drove out the enemy from before you, And said, Destroy! DEUTERONOMY 33:27 AMP.

The month of May according to numerologist symbolizes grace and I pray that God's abundant grace will locate you this month in Jesus' name. The scripture above says that God's everlasting arm is underneath you. This implies that forever He will hold you up from falling. So many years ago I was literally pushed out of a joint business in which I had invested thousands of pounds and many years. I hit the lowest ever in my life and I was at the verge of depression and then I found Jesus, surrendered my life and all to Him and He picked me up and set me on His everlasting arms.

My life today is a great testimony. Since then I wouldn't say there have not been some ups and downs but never in any have I gone down low again because underneath me is His everlasting arm. You maybe going through challenging seasons in your business or finances but be assured that the One who holds the world in His palm has His everlasting arm underneath you. Your business cannot go under but rather He will pick it up and set it upon a solid rock. Doctors may have given you disheartening news about your health but be encouraged today that the great Physician has His everlasting arm underneath you and you will sing a new song.

Things of God or promises of God most times seem unbelievable and unlikely to happen. For example God told a 90 year old Sarah that she would bear a child and she did. What about Mary the mother of Jesus who never met with a man and God said she will bear a son. The statements seemed foolish and impossible when God spoke them but they happened. What about when Jesus told the mourners at the house of Jairus that her dead daughter was asleep and laughed Him to scorn because they were sure she was dead. But Jesus went in and brought her out alive.

If God spoke the world into being and upholds it with His word be assured that with His everlasting arm underneath you, there is no chance of you going under. See your situation in a different light today and trust God for a change or a reversal for the best. Grow in grace and be highly favoured.

Abundant blessings

## May BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Edna Holmes 6<sup>th</sup>, 2 Lee Kelly 8<sup>th</sup>, 3 Trudy Glendhill 11<sup>th</sup>,  
4 Sarah Abereojie 20<sup>th</sup>, 5 Dave Inana 21<sup>th</sup>,  
6 Emmanuel Chimonye Ibe 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7 Inioluwa Shotala 28<sup>th</sup>,

## Notices

Children aged 7 and below **MUST** be accompanied to the restrooms at all times

♠ Use of disabled toilet

Male Children, 12 and under are no longer allowed to use the male toilets. Henceforth, they should use the disabled toilet

♠ Evangelism

Every Saturday 10.30am at Tuebrook, 11am City Centre

♠ Water Baptism

If you are born again and want to be water baptised by immersion, please see Pastor Christiana Ikeri



## Dominion Assembly

Jesus Christ the same yesterday,  
and today and forever.  
Hebrew 13:8

### Vision/Mission Statement

1. To Make Heaven
2. To take as many people as possible with us
3. Committed to Spiritual revival in the Merseyside region and the United Kingdom
4. To make Holiness our lifestyle
5. Helping members grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ through the Word, Prayer & Evangelism
6. To be relevant in our community through helping the elderly, the homeless & the vulnerable
7. We will pursue these objectives until spiritual revival comes to our Nation & the world is reached for Jesus Christ our Lord

### Services Sundays

Prayer meeting 9.30am

Church Service  
11.00am—1.30pm

Evening Service 6pm—7pm

Holy communion Services  
First & Third Sundays  
Last Thursdays every month

### Thursdays

Bible Study 6pm—7.30pm

### Prayer Meeting

5pm daily except Thursdays



# THE CHURCH VIEWS ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

**Memory Verse:** "The Lord trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth Ps. 11v5.

**Lesson text:** Rom 12v9 — 12

## A. Consequences of Domestic Violence

Domestic violence is in stark opposition to God's plan for families. While discipline is important, it is distinctly different from violence and abuse. Domestic violence usually birth unpleasant consequences. Some of which are:

- i. Sin and divine rejection Gen. 4v7
- ii. Hindered or unanswered prayers 1 Pet. 3v7
- iii. Contradiction of doctrines 1 Tim. 6v3-4
- iv. Shame and condemnation Obad. 10
- v. Depression and psychological stress Gen. 32v7-8
- vi. Guilt, hatred and trauma 2 Sam. 3v15, 18-20
- vii. Loss of self esteem/confidence 2 Sam. 13v19-20
- viii. Isolation, dissociation Gen. 13v7-9 and absent mindedness
- ix. Decreased productivity Prov. 12v4
- x. Broken homes (separation, divorce etc.) Mal. 2v16
- xi. Health related issues Prov. 17v22
- xii. Loss of life (suicide or murder) 2 Sam. 13v28; Gen. 4v8 and property

## B. Remedies of Domestic Violence

When domestic violence is on-going, safety is the first step to avoid injury or loss of life, this might lead to a temporary separation of the people involved while concrete steps to remedy what has gone wrong is taken (1 Thess. 5v21-22). The underlying factor(s) causing the violence must be thoroughly dealt with after which those involved must be willing to forgive wholeheartedly. Victims of domestic violence will need pastoral care support of the church leadership and where appropriate relevant victim abuse support from the local authorities. However for believers, this should not be the very first resort. The use of well trained Christian counselors to journey with them through the healing process will help a great deal in the reconciliation and family restoration. The parties involved should be made to know that:

1. Following God involves serving others, not manipulating and controlling them (Matt. 20v26-28). Apply wisdom in dealing with members of your household (Prov. 24v3-6; 1 Pet. 3v7).
2. Christians are called to sacrificially love others, especially those in their own families (Jn. 13v34; Eph. 5v1-2)
3. Be positive about one another (1 Thess. 5v13b; Phi. 2v3)
4. Communicate deeply at all times but avoid hurtful, irritating, anger, provoking languages (Prov. 25v9; Col. 4v6; Eph. 4v29). Do not go to bed without settling disputes (Eph. 4v26)
5. Pray against/about conflict (Matt. 26v41). Be sober and vigilant against Satan strategies (1 Pet. 5v8)

## Conclusion:

Domestic violence hurts the heart of God. The family is meant to reflect God's love. It saddens Him when a home turns into a place of pain. God's desire for those involved with domestic violence, both victims and abusers, is healing and wholeness.

## Open Heaven for today A BENEFIT OF THE ELECT

**Memorise:** The LORD is far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous. **Proverbs 15:29**

**Read:** Luke 18:1-8 (KJV)

The benefits of the elect are innumerable, but we still be reflecting on just one of these today, which is the benefits of answered prayers. Who are the elect in the first place? Isaiah 42:1a says,

**"Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth...."**

The elect is those with whom the Lord is well pleased. How does one become an object of God's pleasure? The Holy Spirit answers that question in Psalm 147:11, where He says:

**"The LORD taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy."**

Because God has given freewill to every person, we all have a role to play in order to be numbered among His elect. Whether people believe it or not, God has favourites. You can choose to be one of His favourites by fearing Him and willingly walking in His ways. As a man, Jesus Christ was a favourite of God because He willingly offered Himself to do God's will (Hebrews 10:5, Philippians 2:5-11). Therefore, in Matthew 3:17, God declared concerning Him:

**"This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."**

No wonder Jesus enjoyed the benefit of answered prayers to the maximum when He here in flesh. In John 11:41c-42, He said at the tomb of His friend Lazarus:

**"Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me."**

Proverbs 15:29 tells us that the Lord hears the prayer of the righteous. Righteousness is a gift of grace that we receive through faith in Jesus Christ (Romans 3:22, Romans 5:17). Faith is required to obtain the righteousness of God which qualifies us to be numbered among His elect. This issue of faith is so important if we are to enjoy the benefit of answered prayers, so much so that when Jesus taught on the place of persistence in prayer, He asked this question in Luke 18:8b:

**"Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?"**

This question needs an individual response from everyone. Beloved, you need to be one of God's elect if you want your prayers to be answered. God listens to the cry of the elect and responds positively to their requests. You can enjoy this benefit if you give your life to Christ today and continually live by faith in His word.

## Key Point:

The good Shepherd only recognises the voice of His sheep. If your prayers go unanswered, it's time for you to check your life and your faith.

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