

# Inspiration today

## THERE IS HOPE FOR YOU

**Job 14:7-9** *For there is hope for a tree, If it is cut down, that it will sprout again, And that its tender shoots will not cease. Though its root may grow old in the earth, And its stump may die in the ground, Yet at the scent of water it will bud And bring forth branches like a plant.*

Someone may say that this scripture makes reference to a tree and not to a human being. The truth is that many times in the bible, human beings are likened to trees. One example is *Psalms 1:3*:

***He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.***

Another example is in *Isaiah 61:3*

***To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.***

If there is hope for a cut down tree with its roots dead, **THERE IS HOPE FOR YOU.**

A life without hope is drab and miserable. Hope is a driving force especially when rooted in truth. God's Word is the only incontrovertible truth. *John 17:17* says:

***Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.***

The 'scent of water' in our opening scripture also refers to God's Word as seen in Eph.5:26. God's Word has a 'scent' and when we constantly attack a situation or a condition with God's Word the condition or situation will surrender and God's Word will prevail. God's Word is designed to always prevail no matter the odds (Acts 19:20).

Use the appropriate Word against sickness, demonic oppression, fear of any kind, bondage to bad habit, marital issues, business failure etc. Everything responds to the Word because the Word came from God and not from man.

Hope is the link between one's expectation and its manifestation. There is no future without hope. *Jer. 29:11* says:

***For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a FUTURE and a HOPE.***

Therefore if hope dies, the future is bleak. But that's not your portion. You have a glorious future in Christ. Don't let the economy or the politicians tell you what tomorrow looks like because they are not there yet. Only God who knows the future from the beginning can tell you what the future holds for you. He says in *Job 22:29*

***When they cast you down, and you say, 'Exaltation will come!' Then He will save the humble person.***

Your health will be fully restored again, you will recover all your financial losses, everything you are looking up to God for will touch your hands, you will get back that thing that was taken from you. When tomorrow comes, you will sit in wonder to celebrate something amazing and there shall be no sign that you ever lost anything. When you look to the past, you will have no regrets because tomorrow will be so beautiful for you in Jesus name. Whatever you don't have today will be surplus tomorrow and those who mocked you today will be too ashamed to face you tomorrow. Those who mocked your God will bow to Him in surrender. **THERE IS HOPE FOR YOU** in Jesus mighty name.

Abundant blessings

(Courtesy Pastor Nelson Bushel)

## June BIRTHDAYS

1Tassyana Silveria-Sow 1<sup>st</sup>, 2Paul Maiyegun 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3Nzechukwu Ikeri 6<sup>th</sup>,

4Fortune Nwosu 11<sup>th</sup>, 5Anne Okolotu 13<sup>th</sup>, 6Sophie Okeregha 14<sup>th</sup>,

7John Maiyegun 21<sup>st</sup>, 8Tobiloba Ogunti 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9Blessing Nwadike 30<sup>th</sup>,



## 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**  
the First & Third Sundays of each month and Last Thursdays of each month

### Thursdays

Bible Study 6pm—7.30pm

### Prayer Meeting

- Sundays 9.30am and 5.30pm
- 5pm daily except Thursdays

### Healing Rooms

1st Saturday of the month 1-4pm  
A safe caring & confidential environment to receive Christian prayer for all kinds of physical, mental, emotional & spiritual healing through the name of Jesus



# Notices

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

♠ **Last Thursdays of each month**  
Holy Communion Service

♠ **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

♠ **July 1st— July 30th**  
Second Lap RCCG 2018 fasting. Note that dry fasting is an option as led by the Holy Spirit

♠ **3 stage biblical prayer course**  
One Saturday a month for 6 months at various locations. Fee: £250

♠ **Evangelism**  
Evangelism every Saturday beginning from May 12; 19 and 26 throughout summer months at 10.30am. God beautifies the feet of those that bring the gospel.

♠ **Water Baptism**  
If you are born again and want to be water baptised by immersion, please give your names to Bro. Henry

♠ **Sunday, June 17**  
Father's Day

♠ **Sunday, June 24**  
Marriage Seminar  
Theme: Ingredients for a successful, blissful and lasting marriage.  
Ministering: Pastor Musa Bako

♠ **Saturday August 18th**  
Drama group competition at Redemption House from 1pm to 4pm

♠ **Saturday September 22nd**  
Christian Media and communicators conference at Redemption House

♠ **Saturday September 29th**  
Helps Ministries Conference at Redemption House

Today's Sunday School—Lesson 41

## GIDEON

Memory Verse: "And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him, and said unto him, The Lord is with thee, thou mighty man of valour" Judges 6v12

Lesson text: Judges 6v11-16

### A. Character and Achievement

Gideon was a humble man who did not believe he was capable of saving Israel because his family was poor and he was the least in his father's house (Judges 6v15). An angel of the LORD appeared to him and delivered God's commission to him—he was a "mighty man of valour; God was with him, and would "save Israel". (Judges 6v12,14). Gideon was reluctant to believe that God would be with him and asked for a sign, which God gave (Judges 6v16-24). Gideon gathered an army of 32,000 men to fight the Midianites, but God cut it down to 300 so all would know that it was God that won the battle (Judges 7v2-4)

### B. Lessons from his life

1. Christians must always be ready. God may call you at any time to accomplish His purpose (Isa. 6v8)
2. You must always remember that God "gives grace to the humble" (James 4v6)
3. God gives us the power to do whatever He tells us to do, no matter how difficult it may seem to be (Phil. 2v13; 4v13).
4. Courage in the face of adversity can accomplish great things (Deut. 31v6)
5. Victory over the battles of life is not achieved through human ability but through divine interventions (Zech. 4v6; Ex. 14v13-14; 2 Chron. 20v17)

### Conclusion

Often times, when God wants to accomplish a great task, He does not call the qualified but qualifies the called.

## Open Heaven for today

### THE ENEMY'S STRONGHOLD

**Memorise: And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. John 8:32**

**Read: John 8:42-47 (KJV)**

Many people cannot identify the enemy's stronghold, and that is why they remain under his bondage perpetually. It is unfortunate to observe that even many so-called "deliverance ministers" are victims of this ignorance too! This has rendered their efforts and zeal ineffective and has even made them victims of the enemy they claim to deliver people from. What is the enemy's stronghold? The answer is found in **John 8:44**

**"Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."**

The story of how man fell in **Genesis chapter 3** corroborates the reality that deception is the strongest chain with which the devil has held men down over the ages. Many times, I wonder why those who are seemingly educated or enlightened are caught in the trap of the devil, but then I quickly remember my own days of ignorance. I remember an occasion where despite all the logic I had learnt from mathematics, I still went to a witchdoctor protection, and he gave me a charm which eventually turned out to be a lie of the devil. I had two road accidents in one day with this charm hanging in a hidden part of the driver's seat of my car. Thank God for saving me!

In **Genesis 3:2-3**, Eve told the old serpent, which is the devil, what God had said about the forbidden fruit in the middle of the garden, but the father of all liars said to her:

**"Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil."** Genesis 3:4<sup>b-5</sup>

This was the epitome of all lies, and the devil is still using this strategy to destroy people's lives and send them to an eternity in hell. Beloved, which of the devil's lies have you believed? Is it the lie that some books of the Bible, especially the epistles of Paul, were not originally written for you and so are not applicable to you? Is it the lie that tithes and first fruits are Old Testament ordinances and so should be ignored by New Testament worshippers? I pray for you, just as Jesus did, that you will embrace the truth in the infallible word of God today, and this will set you free (**John 17:17**). The great truth you need to embrace today is found in the words of **2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 3:16**:

**"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."**

### Prayer Point

**Father, please give me divine wisdom to always detect the lies of the devil so as to always, escape his snares in Jesus' Name.**

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