

# Inspiration today

## *Victory in Life*

Every living organism is subject to death. Many believe in God and assert that with God nothing is impossible. Many more don't believe in God and blame Him for all their tragedies and calamities. If there is God and nothing is impossible with Him, why did mum or dad or my pretty little angel die? Why did not God stop them from dying? A student was expelled for not meeting the minimum required attendance to continue his studies, so he put the blame on the Vice Chancellor, because as head of the university he should have stopped him from skipping classes. Today, fish, birds and generally wildlife are dying by ingesting industrial and plastic wastes which are gradually entering the human food chain. Why is God doing nothing to stop mankind from doing this. What will life be like if God has to intervene in all the affairs of man. Surely, it will be boring, robotic, without freedom or soul or affection.

Only the bible has the answer to this mystery. "The Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it. But the Lord God warned him, you may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden— except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die." Genesis 2:15-17 NLT.

Man has freedom to choose his moral actions but not the prerogative to choose its consequences and we know that every action has its own consequences, good or bad. God created man in His image and likeness with all of God's attributes of love, peace, righteousness, wisdom, creativity, kindness, mercy, everlasting life etc. These godly attributes are latent in man and waiting to be released when man chooses God by faith as his life and continues in relationship with Him.

"Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us..... Genesis 1:26 NLT Unfortunately, mankind (Adam) chose death at the garden of Eden through disobedience.

"When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned..... But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of forgiveness to many through this other man, Jesus Christ..... For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ. Romans 5:12, 15-17 NLT

When the sin problem is taken care of in anyone's life, death will automatically end but unfortunately sin has a tight grip on mankind and has become his nature.

"And I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. I want to do what is right, but I can't. I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway. But if I do what I don't want to do, I am not really the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it..... Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. So you see how it is: In my mind I really want to obey God's law, but because of my sinful nature I am a slave to sin." Romans 7:18-25 NLT

"But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead. He is the first of a great harvest of all who have died. So you see, just as death came into the world through a man, now the resurrection from the dead has begun through another man. Just as everyone dies because we all belong to Adam, everyone who belongs to Christ will be given new life." 1 Corinthians 15:20-22 NLT

God's free gift of victory in life through Jesus Christ is available to ANYONE who would receive it. It is a choice one must make NOW to qualify for the resurrection with Jesus Christ. Call on the Lord Jesus NOW and ask Him to please save your soul.

Abundant blessings

## March BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Emmanuel Adeniyi 1 <sup>st</sup> ,       | 2 Ifeoma Keren Ezenekwe 3 <sup>rd</sup> , |
| 3 Ezekiel Agbonghile 6 <sup>th</sup> ,     | 4 Ezenekwe Chukwuma 7 <sup>th</sup> ,     |
| 5 Pastor Chijioke Ikeri 10 <sup>th</sup> , | 6 Michelle Sobande 14 <sup>th</sup>       |
| 7 Jerry Ukpog 23 <sup>rd</sup> ,           | 8 Stepheny Eromosele 26 <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  
First & Third Sundays  
Last Thursdays every month

### Thursdays

Bible Study 6pm—7.30pm

### Prayer Meeting

5pm daily except Thursdays



## 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

Today's Sunday School—Lesson 29

## WHO SHOULD I MARRY?

**Memory Verse:** "Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the Lord" Prov. 18v22. Lesson text: Genesis 24v1-19

### A. The relationship with God first

Marriage is God's idea and creation, it all started from Him (Gen. 2v18). God will only guide those who trust in Him for guidance (Jer. 10v23). He will not lead His people astray (1 Cor. 14v33). He wants us to know and do His will and He is actively involved in revealing it. Therefore, before seeking God's will in marriage, develop a relationship with Him (Ps. 119v130; Ps. 119v105). You must not live your life in fear but in fellowship with God (2 Tim. 1v7). Develop your God's given ability to hear from Him and master how God speaks with or guides your steps when making decisions (Ps. 85v8; Ps. 37v23). Discover your purpose through a relationship with Jesus Christ (Jn. 18v37). This will reduce stress, give your life meaning and prepare you for eternity (2 Pet. 1v3-4). You must be found working faithfully in His church playing your part in building His kingdom. Like Adam and have a source of income before thinking of marriage (Gen. 2v15-18). Gainful employment is a prerequisite because marriage is not for lazy people. Marriage is for matured adults, not juveniles.

### B. How then do we recognise His will in Marriage?

The scripture is clear about the fact that God does not want his people to be joined with unbelievers in marriage (2 Cor. 6v14-16; 1 Cor. 6v15-17). How then do we recognise His will in marriage as believers.

1. Through guidance we obtain from the word of God (Prov. 3v5-7). God has placed His word in our hands so we can have a more objective set of guidelines to follow than dreams, feelings and impulses. Despite your dreams and conviction, pray to have scriptural backing (Prov. 18v22; Gen. 2v22; Prov. 19v14)
2. God will work in you to do His will. He will use circumstances and situations to perfect His will for your life (Rom. 8v28; Phil. 2v12-13). You must therefore remain sensitive to the guidance of the Holy Spirit ; paying attention to doors He opens and closes to direct your path
3. Through the advice of elders in faith or spiritual heads in the church (Ps. 1v1; Prov. 19v21; 11v24; 15v22; Acts 1v24; Tit. 2v3-5). Do not despise Godly counsel from spiritual heads (Prov. 14v29b; Isa. 52v12)
4. Passion for sex, peer/parental pressure, age, poverty etc. may influence your hasty decision. Do not allow any of these to cloud your sense of reasoning or push you into marriage. Watch and pray to overcome temptations (Matt. 26v41)
5. The environment you are and the friends you keep may also influence your choice. Therefore, keep company with believers and not unbelievers (1 Cor. 15v33)

**Conclusion:** Prayer, pure word of God, worship, fellowship and service for God and right environment of good spiritual nourishment are factors that aid our spiritual sensitivity. As a child of God, you have His word, His spirit with you and His ministers to guide and counsel you.

## Open Heaven for today MASTER OVER CIRCUMSTANCES

**MEMORISE:** Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. **Matthew 18:18**

**READ: Isaiah 54:14-17**

When you look at the situation of many people in the world today, one is prone to forget that God did not create man to be a victim of circumstance. According to the eternal word of God which is true, man was actually created to be master over circumstances (Genesis 1:26-30). What then is responsible for the sorry state mankind is in today? Well, when man yielded to sin through disobedience, sin suppressed him, placed him under the control of circumstances. However, the good news is that over two thousand years ago, this situation was reversed by Jesus Christ, the Saviour of mankind, and all who are willing to tap into God's provision for escape through Him can once again become masters over all circumstances today.

Today's Bible reading makes it clear that ruling over circumstances is our heritage as children of God. Understanding the truths in these scripture verses holds some keys of living above circumstances indeed. The first truth is that sin attacked the righteousness that man inherited from the One whose image he carried, and so he became subject to circumstances.

Secondly, only when walking in the righteousness that emanates from God can anyone be established and put in charge of all circumstances. It's from this reason that the eternal word of God says in Proverb 14:34:

**"Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people."**

Sin enslaves but righteousness liberates. The story was told of two domestic workers named John and Moses. One day, John killed one of his master's ducks by accident. Though he buried it to cover up his mistake, Moses knew about it.

Consequently, Moses began to torment John because of his sin and blackmailed him to do the chores meant for both of them. Eventually, the burden became unbearable for John. Unknown to Moses, John decided to confess his sin to his master, which he did. To his great surprise, his master forgave him and counselled him to be careful whenever he was taking care of the rest of the ducks. Moses woke up the following day thinking it was business as usual, not knowing that John had been set free. When Moses threatened to report John to their master about the slain duck, John told him that he had confessed it already and had been forgiven. Many people are under the bondage and condemnation of the devil today because they are still trying to cover their sins. The only way to be free is to acknowledge your sins, confess them and accept the righteousness that has been made available for you through Jesus Christ (Roman 10:3). The Bible says that we shall be established through the righteousness that Jesus Christ bestows upon us, and no weapon formed against us shall prosper. What a blessed assurance! Turn to God today through Jesus Christ our

**ACTION POINT** Using today's memory verse, bring every circumstance surrounding your life under subjection to the will of God for you through the Name of Jesus.

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