

Inspiration today

THE YEAR OF GRACE AND POWER

Congratulations to everyone reading this message. It is evident that the Lord brought you through 2018 into 2019. Last year was a mixed bag for different people. Some may have had a very glorious year and some others may have passed through difficult and challenging times. In whichever group you fall or you were somewhere in between, let us all thank the Lord who brought us through it all and we are now in the new year. God commands us to give Him thanks in all things and for all things.

"In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:18 NKJV.

"I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth." Psalms 34:1 NKJV.

He is all knowing and His wisdom is beyond man's comprehension. Somethings that were not convenient and very challenging at the very time they occurred have eventually turned out to be what was right for me with the benefit of hindsight. Looking back today, I give glory to God. When trials and difficulties assail us let us remember that victory is in Jesus Christ.

There is hope for you in 2019 and the scriptures say:

"But for him who is joined to all the living there is hope, for a living dog is better than a dead lion." Ecclesiastes 9:4 NKJV.

Again **"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. Romans 8:28 NKJV"**

As I sort the face of the Lord for the new year, He said the following:

1. That there will be greater outpouring of grace in 2019.
2. The Holy Spirit just like in the early days of Acts of the Apostles will work great wonders through His church and
3. This will lead to more awareness of the Saviour Jesus Christ like never before in our cities and all over the world.

Let us therefore with faith, position ourselves to receive from the Lord great mercies and favours as we serve Him, with the full assurance that many prodigals will return home because of His abundant grace this year.

Welcome to 2019 and abundant blessings.

February BIRTHDAYS

- ¹ Peace Kenkwo 2nd, ² Peter Hassan 10th, ³ Emmanuella Hassan 12th,
⁴ Mary Ukpong 13th, ⁵ Inuola Seriki 17th



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

♠ RCCG Fasting

Friday January 11, 2018 to Thursday
February 28th
Nigeria: Prayer for Mercy
RCCG: (Psalm 91) Divine Insurance

Today's Sunday School—Lesson 23

THE MASTER SCULPTOR

Memory Verse: "O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? Saith the Lord. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in my hand, O house of Israel" Jer. 18v6.

Lesson text: 1 Samuel 16v11-13

A. You are a raw material

God, the master sculptor, looks for raw materials. He pronounces what He wants them to be. For instance, in Judges 6v11-16, God looked at a coward, Gideon, who was actually hiding from his enemies, and saw a mighty man of valour. God picked up David from the bush and produces a giant killer and a mighty king out of him (1 Sam. 16v11-13; 17v50-51; 2 Sam. 2v2-4). Moses was picked from the backside of a desert to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt (Ex. 3v1-10). Peter was a fisherman but the Sculptor turned him into a fisher of men (Lk. 5v1-10; Acts 2v41; Acts 4v4). The Lord is looking at you today as raw material with which he can produce something great in the future (Jer. 29v11). He will make up the difference between what you can see and what He can see, He will make you the finished item that he has purposed for you to be (Jer. 32v37; Isa. 55v8-9)

B. Consequences of Rebellion

Several processes are engaged in converting a log of wood into a finished product. Similarly, God goes through steps in making you want He wants you to be. Firstly, the wood (you) is taken from the bush (Ex. 3v1-2; 1 Sam. 16v11; Judg. 6v11-12). This is the salvation stage. Secondly, the bark of the wood is stripped off. This was the experience of Saul of Tarsus in (Acts 9v1-8). This is the sanctification process. Thirdly, the hammer and the chisel

is used to sculpt the raw product. This is the shaping process. This is done on you through the word of God (Jer. 23v29) to chisel out things like covetousness, anger, impatience, pride etc. The fourth stage involves the use of sandpaper, which is to make smooth the rough edges, this is the sharpening process (Jn. 15v2). Finally is the polishing stage which is the anointing of the Holy Spirit for manifestation (2 Sam. 2v4). By then, God would have turned you from raw material to finished product, from being a sinner to a saint and from mere clay to a vessel of honour Acts 3v19-21

Conclusion

Today, stop struggling with your Maker, rather, yield yourself as that log of wood in the arms of the Sculptor

Open Heaven for today ITS NOT A SIN

Memorise: Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are right in heart. Psalm 32:11

Read: Nehemiah 8:5-12 (KJV)

The word of God commands us to "be glad in the Lord and rejoice," but sadly, many Christians do not take this commandment seriously, for various reasons.

Although some Christians would love to rejoice and celebrate on a daily basis, they have allowed the storms and challenges of life to completely drown the sound of celebration from their lives. Some others erroneously believe that gladness and celebration are contrary to the word of God because of the Bible passages that admonish us to be sober and avoid worldly pleasure. Some even believe that the bright countenance, high spirits, singing and dancing that often accompany celebrations are carnal, worldly and therefore sinful. However, I have good news for you: celebrating the goodness of God is not sin when done in moderation as the Bible prescribes. I therefore decree that God will do something in your family that will cause you to be glad and rejoice for the rest of your life in Jesus' Name.

Rejoicing in the Lord is so important that God ordained it to be a regular practice among His people. In fact, the whole of Leviticus chapter 23 is dedicated to instructions on required feasts and celebrations for the Israelite's. Celebration can take the form of rejoicing with family and friends in an atmosphere that ascribes praise and worship to God in love, peace and unity. Psalm 22:3 reveals that God inhabits the praises of His people, and He is pleased when His children are happy. According to Exodus 5:1-2, Pharaoh's refusal to allow the Jews go and celebrate a feast into their God was responsible for God's anger against the Egyptians, which ultimately led to their destruction. Anyone or anything that stands in the way of your celebration shall be destroyed today in Jesus' Name.

Gladness of heart, rejoicing and celebration are vital to the overall well-being of a person. Nehemiah 8:10 says that the joy of the Lord is His people's strength, and Proverbs 17:22 teaches that gladness of heart and joy are like medicine that brings healing to troubled souls. It therefore pays to bring healing to troubled souls. It therefore pays to acknowledge God through thanksgiving, praise and worship. However, acceptable celebration demands total submission and obedience to God, and it should serve as a means of testifying to His goodness and witnessing to neighbours about His saving power. The Joy of the Lord is a tonic that brings good health to the body and soul. As we experience the goodness of God, our joy becomes contagious and impacts positively on those around us. It also brings the reality of heaven into our hearts (Acts 27:33-36). May God's joy fill our hearts and lives always, in Jesus' Name.

Prayer Point

Father, please help me to be joyful in You all the days of my life, and fill my hearth with so much joy that my testimonies will convert souls to Your kingdom in Jesus' Name.

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