

Inspiration today

THE EYE OF FAITH

Faith sees the invisible

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” Hebrews 11v1

Scriptures tell us that faith is a spirit, it therefore means that one can see the invisible with the eyes of faith. There is greater necessity now than before for partnering with the Holy Spirit to get quality out of life now and hereafter.

“But as it is written: “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him. But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.” I Corinthians 2v9-10.

It is therefore certain that whatever one sees with the spiritual eyes will build an unshakable faith that brings the invisible to reality.

Secondly, God performs quickly what one sees and believes in the invisible realm.

“Moreover, the word of the LORD came to me, saying, “Jeremiah, what do you see?” And I said, “I see a branch of an almond tree.” Then the LORD said to me, “You have seen well, for I am ready to perform My word.” Jeremiah 1v11-12

To get Abraham to believe His promise for a child, God made him see the invisible.

“And the LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him: “Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are— northward, southward, eastward, and westward; for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever.” Genesis 13v14

When one looks from or beyond his or her present season to a glorious invisible season faith is activated and miracles happen. The woman with the issue of blood saw herself touching Jesus’ dress and being healed while still at her home and God made it happen for her. That job, that breakthrough, that spouse, that house, that baby etc you see in the invisible realm will surely and soon be a reality in Jesus’ name.

Abundant blessings

38 THEN PETER SAID UNTO THEM, REPENT, AND BE BAPTIZED EVERY ONE OF YOU IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS, AND YE SHALL RECEIVE THE GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST.

ACTS 2

May BIRTHDAYS

1 Edna Holmes 6th, 2 Lee Kelly 8th, 3 Trudy Glendhill 11th,

4 Sarah Abereoje 20th, 5 Dave Inana 21st, 6 Chimonye Emmanuel Ibe 22nd,

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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.

♣ **Sunday May 6th**
International Sunday

♣ **Saturday May 26th**
Evangelism and social action conference at Redemption House from 10am to 5pm

♣ **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

In the past two days, we have examined what causes the need for revival and the divine template God has established for obtaining revival from heaven. The question we will be considering today is this: Does the Church of the 21st century need revival? I strongly believe the answer to this question is yes. You may wonder why I believe so. When you critically look around you with the eyes of the spirit, you will observe several things that have resulted in the Church falling short of the glory of God in this modern generation.

You will also observe that it is increasingly becoming difficult to uphold biblical principles in the public arena in many nations of the world, especially in the western world. The mention of the Bible, reading of any portion of Scripture, and the observance of devotional prayers are outlawed in academic institutions at all levels, in offices, and in other public places in some nations that were previously proud to be identified as Christian nations just few years ago. The Church has consequently toned down the commandments of God and stepped down Bible doctrines in many places whenever it is opposed by the acceptable culture and popular opinion of the people. The church, including some very big denominations, has clearly departed from biblical doctrine on issues relating to salvation, mercy-killing, marriage, divorce, remarriage, abortion, homosexuality and many more issues.

As seen in today's memory verse, in every generation, God is always seeking for watchman who will speak His mind to the people, irrespective of the circumstances, warning them against doing things that are contrary to His will. Many Christians, including prominent Christian's leaders, have openly abdicated this responsibility in public places because of the fear of losing face. If we will please God, we must stand firm in the sound teaching of His word (**Ezekiel 3:17-21**). This is where the problem lies: many preachers and teachers of the word are no longer warning the Church against apostasy and wickedness because of the fear of losing "valuable" members.

Our Lord Jesus Christ sent messages of warning to the seven Churches in Asia, and we also must do the same today (**Revelations 2-3**). We must stand firm on genuine repentance as demanded and witnessed in **Proverbs 28:13**, **Acts 3:19**, **2nd Samuel 12:13** and **Psalms 51:3-4**. Note that repentance is not limited to unbelievers alone; every sincere child of God will always engage in self-examination to avoid the presence of unconfessed sins in their lives (**1st John 2:1-11**). Finally, warring brethren must be reconciled in line with **Matthew 5:21-24** and **Psalms 133:1-3**. As you seek God's face for revival today, He will answer you by fire in Jesus' Name.

Prayer Point

Father, Please help me to be a faithful watchman in this generation in Jesus' Name.

Open Heavens Daily Devotional Lessons was written by Pastor E.A. Adeboye, the General Overseer of the Redeemed Christian Church of God

LIFE

Memory verse: "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" John 14:6. **Bible reading: John 15:1-19**

A. What is the origin and purpose of life

Where did we get life from? The answer of course is, from our parents. Where did they get it from then? Life originated from their parents and so on. Inevitably one as to trace life back to Eden and the creation of man (Gen. 2:7). It is easy to see that all life comes from God (1 Jn. 5:11-20). No wonder Jesus said, "I am the life", since Jesus is God.

Life is a moment of time to prepare for the long, unending eternity. In this brief, fleeting time called life, we are to accomplish our divinely appointed assignments. We also have to answer one question "where do I wish to spend eternity? Is it forever with the Lord Jesus in Heaven or with Satan in a burning hell? The purpose of life is to let you personally choose the abiding place of your soul. Have you made the choice yet?

B. How long is the life span and with what can life be compared

Before the flood that destroyed the first world, the length of life of man was an average of 846 years (Gen. 5). After, the flood, the life span was reduced to 393 years (Gen. 11). At the time of Moses, there was a further reduction to 70-80 years (Ps. 90:10). In comparison:

1. Life is like a journey (Gen. 47:9). We are travelling on this journey whether we like it or not. Birth is an automatic start. To some, it is a long journey but to some, it is short. Whether it is long or short, provided it ends in Jesus, then, all is well that ends well.
2. Life is like a dream (Ps. 73:20). Most dreams last at most a few minutes and soon after waking up, most dreams are forgotten. Similarly, some people live and are forgotten as they die. Nevertheless, those who live for Christ live forever. For example, how many of the contemporaries of the apostles are remembered today?
3. Life is a shadow (Eccl. 6:12). A shadow is much a poor imitation of the real thing. Similarly, our physical life is a very poor imitation of eternal life just as seventy years is a poor imitation of eternity.
4. Life is like a vapour (James 4:14). How quickly it vanishes away! This is why it is wise to lose this life in order to inherit the next because the next life never vanishes.
5. Life is like a tale (Ps. 90:9). Life is like an interesting story that is soon told and people look for another form of entertainment. However, when we have been in heaven for a thousand years, we shall just be beginning eternity and our joy will just be starting.
6. Life is like water spilt on the ground (2 Samuel 14:14). In a moment, the earth absorbs the moisture and it disappears.
7. Life is like a flower (Job 14:2). First we see the blade, then the leaves and afterwards, the beautiful bud. Slowly, it opens and we gasp at its beauty. Then it withers and is gone, gone so soon, so quickly

Conclusion

To choose Christ is to choose life, for Christ is life (Phil. 1:21). Today, make the right decision. Allow Jesus into your heart today and your case is settled forever.

Open Heaven for today BRINGING DOWN REVIVAL II

Memorise: Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. Ezekiel 3:17

Read: Nehemiah 8:1-10 (KJV)