# STRATEGIC LEVEL PRAYER JOURNAL AUGUST 2024

# TEACHING YOUR HANDS TO WAR AND YOUR FINGERS TO FIGHT.

@ The praying into the womb of the month AUGUST 31, 2024, Time: 5:00 pm.

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The imperative for a powerful priesthood today
The consecration and separation that informs priesthood Raising an altar
for the ministry with ever lighted fire Repairing vandalized destinies
through understanding of the priesthood. Employing spiritual revelatory
guided missiles in warfare.

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SHAPE YOUR DAY, MONTH AND CONSEQUENTLY YOUR YEARS



May the Lord grant you understanding of this prayer journal as you pray, consequent upon which there will be changes in your life or your prayer group or Family, Church, Nation, and Continent. What is presented are not Jewish Dates or the Jewish calendar but what the LORD instituted which we all see manifested in the movement of the Moon every month. The enemy has always manipulated these bodies for which believers are just becoming aware. This season is also a special edition of revelation which brings a new breath of fresh air without adding to the word of God but confirms it and makes our faith stronger.

#### You may wish to pray in two ways:-

- 1. You can pray using the whole journal to pray into the womb of time according to the authority level granted to you by your appointment in the Lord. Expect the prophetic germination [as you saturate the ground and the womb of time with God's ordination] to happen. In any case ensure your seed remains in the ground as investment for the coming year. Determine, and command what this month should deliver to you and what it should not and must Not.
- 2. You can also use this daily for your prayers AND DEVOTION to prevail at the gate of each day, especially on critical days of intense warfare in the heavens. Remember that the day starts from 6pm for the next 24 hours. If you are in Britain for instance the time will be early hours of the next day in Hong Kong @ your 6pm.
- 3. This document may seem lengthy, but it shows the effort that was generated in prayer. You can keep it and save it for use in a good way.

Pray that your prophetic faculties will be on the rise and be enlarged and sharp...<u>visions</u>; <u>dreams</u>; <u>interpreting symbols</u>; <u>applying parables</u>; <u>riddles</u>; <u>revelation and predictions</u>; <u>accurate delivery of words of wisdom and words of knowledge</u>; <u>intercessions</u>; interaction with heaven etc.. Divine decrees to cause the future and many other such faculties.

Ignorance of what every month holds for you, your family, community, nation, the church and the continent at large has caused many to perish, miss out or not fully access what God has in store for them.

Understanding the heavens and what they signify every month is another very key aspect as we enter this new level of our assignments among the nations. While the kingdom of darkness has used astrology, prognostications, and all manner of demonic methods to control the activities on earth using the heavens, the church continues in ignorance. They have even employed materialism to blind believers in Jesus Christ, whereas *all things are yours* 

We thank God for the many people whom He is raising in different parts of the world to understand what the heavens hold for us every month. As you seek deeper understanding, the Holy Spirit will guide you into greater revelations. Amen.

#### **We Are Ambassadors For Christ**

Therefore we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God (2 Cor. 5:20).

In prison, Paul described himself as 'an ambassador in chains' for the gospel (See Eph. 6:19-20). God has called His people to be ambassadors in this world for Him, to proclaim His kingdom and to encourage people to be reconciled to Him in relationship. I say 'in relationship' because, through the cross, God in Christ has already done everything necessary to reconcile all people to Him. But if they continue to see themselves as estranged from Him they will not enjoy the kind of relationship He desires to have with them as His sons.

Dictionaries define the word 'ambassador' as

- a diplomatic official of the highest rank appointed and accredited as a representative in residence by one government or sovereign to another
- an authorized messenger or representative
- an agent, an apostolic delegate, messenger, minister, or emissary.

#### Our citizenship is in heaven

He has rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son (Colossians 1:13).

We have been taken out of one kingdom and transferred into another. We are now under the authority of God's kingdom.

For our citizenship is in heaven. (Phil 3:20).

Our citizenship is not of the country of our birth or residence. Though that might be true in the natural sense, spiritually we are citizens of heaven. This means we are connected to heaven and our authority comes from heaven. We are citizens of a heavenly kingdom but living on the earth.

If you were of the world, the world would love its own, but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, because of this the world hates you. (John 15:19).

Jesus has chosen us as His representatives out of the world, so we are not tied to the restrictions of this realm. The kingdom of heaven is a spiritual realm, a higher authority than the natural

realm. It has more and greater dimensions of authority and power than this realm. In fact, this physical realm is held together by the power that comes from that spiritual realm.

This temporal realm had a beginning and will have an end. Once we come into eternity, everything that is wrapped up in this time will be left in this time. Sin will be left in this time. There will be no more remembrance of it in eternity. But we are already of eternity: though we live in this natural realm, we are constantly connected to that realm of heaven.

#### Ambassadors of heaven

As you sent me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. (John 17:18)

Jesus is talking to the Father about his disciples, about us. We have been sent on a mission. We are gateways of heaven on earth, bringing heaven to earth. We come to administer that kingdom in this natural realm. When we lay hands on someone and see a miracle, we are bringing what is in heaven (complete health and healing) to the earth through the power and authority flowing through us as ambassadors of that kingdom.

We take our orders and get our authority from heaven. Our protection and our provision come from heaven. We live by the laws of heaven, the economy, and the political system of heaven. Certainly, we need to honour those in authority over us in the natural realm, right up until it conflicts with the authority of heaven. Then, we defer to that higher authority.

Consider the British Ambassador in a foreign country. The embassy is considered British soil and is protected by British troops. The ambassador and staff take their orders from London, and represent British interests, operating under British rules and culture. They are in constant contact with the home country. They do not operate from personal opinions but on orders from home. That is exactly what God is calling us to do.

The whole church is an embassy, and our individual lives are an embassy: foreign soil to this world, protected by heaven. We have authority, but only as we act on orders from heaven (and not earth). As citizens of heaven, each of us has a sphere of kingdom authority to exercise. In and around our lives we have authority to rule over our circumstances, situations, and the place that God has put us in, representing one kingdom (heaven) in another kingdom (earth).

#### New services and systems

Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mould... (Romans 12:2 Phillips).

We are not to be influenced by earthly culture, society and customs, but rather we are to influence them and transform them. In the UK, our National Health Service is excellent as far as it goes, but as Christians we have (and can administer) a new health service. Our health service comes from heaven.

We enjoy and administer new economic and financial services. We sow into God's kingdom and He blesses us, honours us, and multiplies it back. We then have more than enough for all our needs, with an abundance for every good deed He calls us to do (see 2 Cor.9:6-12).

We have a new education system. We are not limited to what our minds can understand. We are connected to the source of all knowledge, the omnipotent, omniscient God, who is in heaven and in us. We have all the education we need because it comes from the source of life. We can receive revelation, prophetic information, and have a heads-up on every situation because we are connected to a realm which sees the future as clearly as the present and the past. The spiritual realm is not limited by time and space like this natural world.

We are to be a new society. That means new attitudes, new ideas, a new culture, new behaviours, new abilities, and new powers.

We have supernatural abilities, even beyond anything imagined by Marvel comic book writers. We can look into the hearts of men and see what is there; we can lay hands on the sick and see them recover; we can work all kinds of other miracles. We have authority over nature. Jesus wants us doing everything He did, and more (see John 14:12). We have the supernatural power of heaven at our disposal. The kingdom (and our ambassadorship) is of a supernatural realm, operating in this natural one.

#### Sown into this world

Jesus presented another parable to them saying, "The Kingdom of Heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seeds in his field... The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man, and the field is the world; and as for the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom; and the tares are the sons of the evil one" (Matt. 13:24, 37-38).

Every believer is a son of the kingdom and has been sown into this world to produce the fruit of the kingdom and to bring God's rule to earth. We are not just here to influence the world, but to colonise it. When the Pilgrim Fathers went to America, they extended the government of Britain to America. The church is a colony of heaven on earth, and so too is each of our lives.

But we do not control, manipulate, or force people into accepting the kingdom we represent. This is not medieval Christendom, with its forced conversions (often at sword-point). We bring and demonstrate the good news. As sons of the kingdom, we bring the fruit of that kingdom so that people will want to be engaged with the God that they see through us.

He presented another parable to them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field; and this is smaller than all other seeds, but when it is full grown, it is larger than the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches" (Matt. 13:31).

The kingdom started really small, with Jesus. By the time Jesus ascended back into heaven, there were still only about 500 disciples. Yet the kingdom did not stay small, and the church now has a substantial presence in most nations of the world. In the early centuries, the number of Christians to non-Christians was 1 to 350. Today it is 1 to 6. The kingdom is advancing and growing.

He spoke another parable to them, saying, "The kingdom is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three pecks of flour until it was all leavened" (Matt. 13:33).

We are to permeate the whole world with the good news of the gospel of Jesus. We bring a message of good news that God is not counting anything anyone and we demonstrate that message by how we live. We are called to influence the world, to restore it to its original condition and ownership.

That is why we have to be good ambassadors.

**Isaiah Lawon 25/07/2024** 

# Do this every day. Learn the protocol of presenting yourself. Allow God to do these things in your life. He will transform you more and more into the image of Jesus

#### Die to self-----live unto God's resurrection life

- self-centredness, selfishness
- Self-importance, self-promotion, self-control
- Self-respect, self-esteem, self-worth, self-image
- Self-reliance, self-sufficiency, self-belief, self- expression
- Self-denial, self-righteousness, self-help, self- improvement
- Self-gratification, self-indulgence
- Me, myself and I have got to die.
- Remove all layers of self-righteousness.
- Remove all the masks that I hide behind
- Remove all my defensive behaviour patterns.
- Remove all my coping mechanisms.
- Remove all my mindsets and strongholds that I have built to defend my false beliefs and values.

- Remove all patterns of thinking, philosophies, ideals, lies and values not of your kingdom
- Remove all layers of doubt and unbelief
- Remove all my emotional layers of rejection, insecurity, fear, dependence,
- Remove all layers of guilt and shame
- Remove all layers of anger, resentment, bitterness and unforgiveness
- Remove all layers of control, independence, stubbornness and rebellion, pride and self-sufficiency.
- Give me revelation of my true identity as a son of God
- Renew my mind to the mind of Christ
- Meet all my unmet needs in yourself
- Heal all my unhealed hurts
- Restore my soul
- I receive your unconditional love, acceptance, affirmation, approval
- I stand transparent, naked and unafraid before you
- I hear you say, "I see you and I love you"
- I receive your value, esteem and worth
- I receive your strength, patience, perseverance, courage, boldness, humility and confidence
- I step back into this realm to walk in the ways of your kingdom
- Manifest your glory through me on earth as it is in heaven



# Fullstature Missions International

# Reaching 40 fresh Tribes around the World has its underpinnings. Support our missionaries!

# Thank you for Praying for and Giving to the work.

We want to thank you for responding to our appeal. As we begin a new year please include us in your budget. Your giving in the past did make a the difference by being the difference. We are grateful.

God continues to move powerfully through the events fields, and it is truly amazing to see lives transformed by Him. He has answered the cry of many who echoed the words of Psalm 71:2, 'In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me!' by bringing His rescue and life where it was so desperately needed. We want to thank the Lord for sending students to be trained for ministry around the world. The has used many of our leaders to raise student from many places. We have students The Gambia, Benin Republic, Ogun, Oyo, Cross River, Rivers, Niger State etc. These are resident students and while others live off campus.

We thank the Lord for hitherto He has helped us through you. Thank you.

We trust you will continue to help us as the Lord gives you a hundred-fold return on whatever you lay your hands on. The following addresses are still relevant

1. Going to our website (https://www.fullstature.net/) On our home page, go to the right top corner and click on "Charity Choice" then enter the Name "Fullstature Missions international" and follow through.

https://www.charitychoice.co.uk/fullstature-missions-international-12727

- 2. Or https://www.fullstature.net/donate-usa. You donate by PayPal or Pay Simple.
- 3. You can also send Donations and credit in Nigeria in favour of "Fullstature Missions international"

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Branch: Bodija, Ibadan, Nigeria

Account No. 1011822382

You can do a bank transfer to this account from anywhere in the world. Thank you.

Or please call +234 802 333 9638 send an inquiry to fmi@fullstature.net

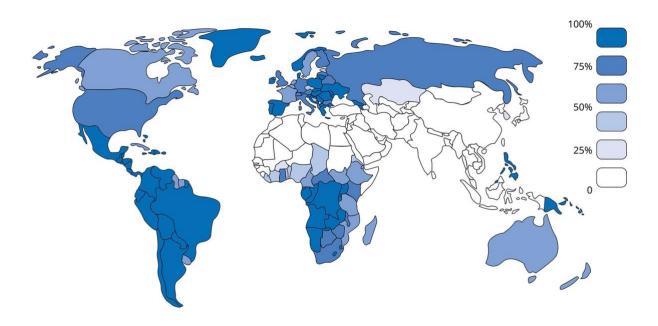
## PLEASE Continue to PRAY FOR US!

Fullstature Missions International is an agency of God for world Evangelization committed to extending God's kingdom through missionary training and sending, engaging God's people in purpose through activating the prophetic; equipping the believers in Christ through the full stature message; establishing believers in Christ through fellowship and community and evangelizing the lost through the power of the Holy Spirit. From the first Fullstature missionary's journey to Riverine Areas of Ijaw, Apoi, Ikale, Ilaje and Zarma tribes in 1994 and Ghana in 1995 to now more than 40 tribes in several countries in a cross-cultural setting, the Lord has engaged us to bring the joy of Christ to every corner of the earth.

The current programs run by the FMI in the mission fields range from: -

- 1. Missionary Mobilization-Conducting Annually Advancing World Missions Conferences.
- 2. Missionary Training- Founded and running the Fullstature College of the Bible and Missions, now patterning with the University of Ibadan that means more funding!
- 3. Missionary Sending-Sending missionaries to the tribes on fresh grounds and villages and planting churches among these tribes and with family and travel costs. We serve in several countries.
- 4. Church Planting Initiatives Strategic planting in Gateway points
- 5. Education Missions Building primary and Secondary Schools amidst the poor.
- 6. Founding and Running an orphanage
- 7. Literature publications-Books, Devotional, Strategic level Prayer Journal, Joining Hands to Pray
- 8. Tertiary Institutions Student's Work as Students Missions Organization
- 9. Community development-provision of boreholes, school fees assistance to extremely poor children, clinics, advocacy
- 10. Rescue of vulnerable children
- 11. Media outreach on Weekly Radio (105.5 FM) and literature.
- 12. Raising leadership standards for biblical and theological education.
- 13. Education of the children of missionaries
- 14. Medical Missions
- 15. Administration and leadership training.
- A. Pray that GOD will teach your hands to war and your fingers to do battle so you can break the steel bows of the witches, wizards, sorcerers, necromancers, diviners, monthly prognosticators, astrologers, traffickers of familiar spirits and the queen of heaven (Ps 18:34; Ps 144:1)
- B. For any army to win a war, they will ensure their air-force is in place. Whether it is simple Calvary in ancient times, or soldiers positioned on the city walls, or on high hills or elevated places, these have the best view of the battle. For you to overcome the enemy in this spring season, ensure that the heavens are in agreement with you. Speak to the heavens over the month and ask them to declare the glory of Jehovah. Command the sun, moon, stars and every heavenly being to do Jehovah's bidding, and to do that which they were created for to give Him pleasure (Ps 19:1-2, Rev 4:11)
- C. Galatians 3.13-14 Jesus PAID IT ALL for every single territory and every single individual more than 2000 years ago before they were nations and before they even

- sinned or did anything good or bad. Appropriate the finished work of the Cross of Calvary over each territory and its people wherever they may be. Their deliverance was already sorted out. Proclaim this truth over the lies of the enemy
- D. These people groups have the opportunity to enter into the blessing of redemption. Salvation is their blood-bought right. The enemy has deceived the Ecclesia into a position of weakness and hopelessness. Pray that the church will arise triumphant in this season and recognize her powerful and authoritative role to steer the nation into the path of redemptive purpose at the place of prayer.
- E. Pray against idolatrous festivals that fall in February. These festivals of men have become cause for untold damage to relationships and a greater sense of loneliness for others. It is a season where in nations like Namibia, they record the highest number of suicides. When people feel abandoned or rejected because they have not been remembered with "gifts", there is a sense of guilt when relatives, friends or colleagues cannot afford to spend lavishly or give "time off" to employees during these festivals. Marriages have experienced breakdown because at Christmas or Easter certain expectations were not met in terms of time spent with loved ones, gifts and holidays given to significant others, illicit affairs exposed, sickness even death from overindulgence and reckless abandon in morals and general behavior. Yet funny enough, you never hear of such damage to relationships because of the 7 real Feasts of Jehovah. Ask Jehovah to deliver you and kingdom citizens at large from the traps of the enemy wrapped up in these various celebrations.
- F. Pray for strong Christian families.
- G. Pray for our ministry partners for financial provision.
- H. Pray for Christian spouses for our children and for our children to extend the kingdom.
- I. Pray that the leaders of the nations would have a Damascus experience.
- J. Pray for our children who are disappointed with the Body of Christ and sees it as hypocritical, that they will build a personal relationship with Jesus.
- K. Pray for the financial resources that we need to advance the work of the Kingdom in the nations.



Source: World Christian Database, <u>Accessed May 2023</u>; \*Graph reports Christian affiliation, or membership, not belief, practice, or theological beliefs.



#### % of Global Christianity

#### **Ranking of Countries**

#### **Growth and Decline**

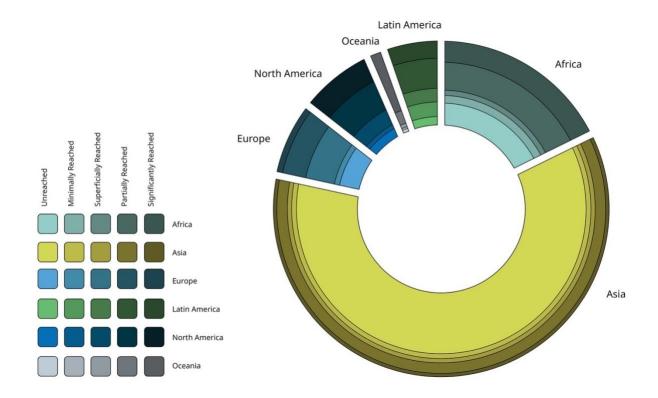
Over the past century, Christianity witnessed its most marked growth in Sub-Saharan Africa and its most marked decline in the Middle East, North Africa, and Western Europe.

### **Lowest % Christian**

### **Countries with Lowest % Christian**

234	(8)	Afghanistan	0.02
233	*	Somalia	0.03
232		Yemen	0.06
231	*	Morocco	0.09
230	(A)	Western Sahara	0.15
229	<b>©</b>	Tunisia	0.20
228	C	Turkey	0.21
227		Mauritania	0.23
226		Niger	0.26
225	C	Maldives	0.29

Source: World Christian Database, Accessed May 2023

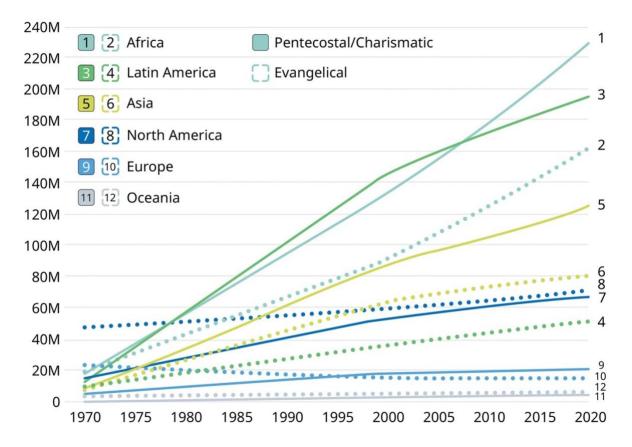


# <u>Unreached People by Region- Source: The Joshua Project, 2023</u> Definition

Unreached people groups are those who lack an indigenous church capable of evangelizing their own people. People groups are distinct social groups where shared language and cultural practices create communal belonging.

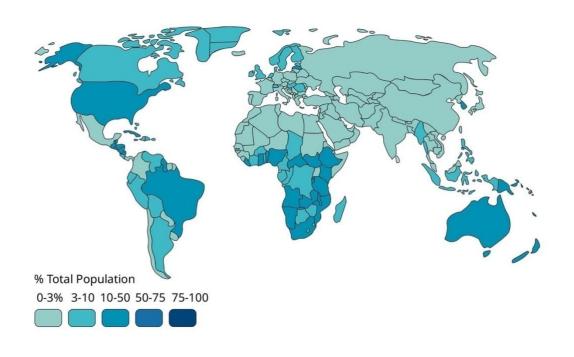
#### Missionary Challenge

The countries that have received the greatest amount of Western missionary attention over two centuries contain the greatest number of unreached and unreached people groups: China and India (which once included Pakistan and Bangladesh).



Rise of Evangelicals and Pentecostals- Source: World Christian Encyclopaedia pgs. 25-26, 2020; M = Millions

Global Evangelicals- Source: World Christian Encyclopedia, pg. 25, 2020



# Global Pentecostals/ Charismatics-Source: World Christian Encyclopedia, pg. 25, 2020



#### PROPHETIC PRAYER FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 2024

David and others prophesied often in the Psalms about the whole earth experiencing salvation. These were prophecies about the kingdom. David, who was a king, prophesied often about the greater kingdom of his Seed, Christ, the Messiah. Some of those prophecies in the Book of Psalms are shown below:

- "You are My Son ... I will give You the nations for Your inheritance" (Ps. 2:7–8).
- "All the families of the nations shall worship before You" (Ps. 22:27).
- "The earth is the LORD'S" (Ps. 24:1).
- "According to Your name, O God, so is Your praise to the ends of the earth" (Ps. 48:10).
- "You who are the confidence of all the ends of the earth" (Ps. 65:5).
- "All nations whom You have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord" (Ps. 86:10).
- "The nations shall fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth Your glory" (Ps. 102:15).
- "Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, and Your glory above all the earth" (Ps. 108:5).

The vision of the prophets was always global. The kingdom would not be limited to Israel but would encompass all nations. The scribes and teachers understood this but did not

understand how it would be accomplished. It would come through the death of the Messiah, the descent of the Holy Spirit and the preaching of the gospel.

When reading these scriptures there should be no doubt of the plan and purpose of God. This purpose comes through the church, the new-creation people, who will become a global phenomenon. The church could not be limited to Jerusalem. The Book of Acts is the story of the church and kingdom breaking out of the framework of the old covenant and breaking forth throughout the whole earth.



# **Adopt-A-Missionary- A Missions' Strategy**

https://www.fullstature.net/adopt-a-missionary

...a strategy for loving the missionary family as well as the people groups, they serve

Adopt-A-Missionary is a mission strategy that has gained momentum in missions over the years. What makes this strategy different is its focus. Historically, churches have focused on

countries, and mission agencies have focused their attention on people groups. Adopt-A-Missionary focuses on missionary families, or what we can call message bearers.

For 5 years, my wife (of blessed memory) and I served as missionary representatives to the Kenyan peoples of East Africa. We divided the nation of Kenya into 6. Working with the missionary on ground we had a plan to evangelise the nation. We raised teams of two by two from Nigeria and planted 6 churches throughout the country. In the last 29 years + the FMI missionary teams have been helped by God to open the gospel among 40 unreached people groups. Our FMC churches faithfully prayed and the missionaries that we served with, and the church has supported them financially.

In 1990 for example, we were relocated to Kano with two major tribes- the Kanawas and Magusawas. We were led of the Lord to pay more attention to *tribal missions in 1993*, *where the gospel has never been heard while maintaining a church base*. Thankfully, our churches have continued to pray for and support the mission's effort with this strategic ministry.

#### **ADOPT-A-Missionary Defined**

What then does it mean to Adopt-A-missionary? It means committing yourself as an individual, fellowship group, local congregation, denomination, or mission agency to pray for and commit resources to win souls, establish believers, administrate the work within a specific people group through a missionary family or families. This commitment is continued until the believers in that people group can reach the rest of their people without outside (cross-cultural) assistance.

We are agents of God praying, giving, and serving to see an adopted family reach out to bring sinners into God's family. This is the true meaning of Adopting a missionary family. One day this will be accomplished, and every tribe, tongue, people, and nation will give glory to God around His throne (Rev. 5:9).

#### **Adopt a Missionary Family**

Fullstature Missions International is committed to the work of missions and has developed a ministry to bring into focus the Great Commission (Matt 28:19-20) set forth by Christ and to support missionary families need. We ask that your family prayerfully consider adopting a missionary family to be a blessing and to be blessed. After you have made an adoption, we encourage you can send your missionary family an email to share about your family and to ask them to share with you. The FMI becomes a bridge to help people you may never know or meet. You can reach out to the missionary during Holidays, birthdays, or anniversaries or just at any time. Commit to lift your missionary up in prayer. (Phil 6)

It is also our desire to support more missionaries through our ministry budget than we currently can do. The missionaries we support currently are under-supported. In other words, the support we grant is not adequate. In most cases, we are nearly able (with Naira) to provide what will keep body and soul together leaving projects in the field undone. This is where you pause and do something.

It is our goal to ensure that every Missionary, supported through, (what we call) the General Fund which includes the "Faith Promise Offering" (FPO), are missionaries we, as a ministry want to support.

The money these Missionaries receive is totally dependent on what is given by the individual or families who have adopted them.

**Example:** Missionary "Felix" may have two families in First Baptist Church which chose to adopt him. They do so for a combined support of \$200 per month, one for \$75 per month and one for \$125 per month. Should the family who chose to support Missionary "Felix" for \$125 per month be unable to do so for any reason, Missionary "Felix" would only receive \$75 for that month. There will be a "shortfall" and the family who was unable to give what they had purposed to give would not be contacted and asked, "Where is your contribution".

If you have a desire to support a Missionary, please feel free to fill out a "Adopt-A-Missionary Request Form" and return it to our ministry office.

#### **Build a Relationship**

Develop a relationship with your adopted missionary family. Learn about their ministry and their ups and downs so that you know when to Praise God with them and when to lift them up in prayer. Being a missionary can have some very hard times and there is great comfort when a missionary knows that God is always there and that there are people supporting them at every step.

#### **Faith Promise**

In addition to your commitment to get to know and pray for your adopted missionary, you may consider supporting your missionary financially. Among some of the greatest difficulties that missionaries face is having their financial needs met. Missionaries typically spend a significant amount of time raising monies to support their ministries which in turn reduces the amount of time out in the field.

Would you prayerfully consider financially committing to a missionary? If you agree please fill out the form below and send separately.

#### Thank you.



### **Missionary Adoption Promise Form**

<u>Fullstature Missions International Conference Centre for the Nations, 4 Parliament Highway, Secretariat</u>

**Donor Information (please print or type)** 

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#### **Donation Instructions**

You can give a general gift or toward your specific missionary for a tax-deductible contribution. If you have filled out this faith promise form, you will receive a missionary's name and account to give toward, and/or you can give a general gift to be used by MAP

https://www.fullstature.net/adopt-a-missionary.

#### YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT THIS JOURNAL

The Strategic Level Prayer Journal is a daily devotional with God's timing (Kairos) attached. It is published monthly by faith and support of the brethren.

Please support the continued publication of this journal.

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#### WERE YOU BORN THIS MONTH? DECLARE THE DAY BLESSED

Even if this is not your month of birth, pray into the day of your birth on a weekly basis (that is the weekday on which you were born). Take time at regular basis to be praying for yourself and prophesying over your own life. Speak into the foundations of your life and prophesy good things.

• Thank Him for your specific day of birth. Declare that day blessed.

- Thank Him that He ordained that you will be made manifest on earth on a specific day in that month at a specific hour and minute.
- Thank Him that He has a purpose for your life, and it will be fulfilled.
- Ask Jehovah to forgive you where you have for one reason or another, ignored or rejected to recognize your day of birth.
- Thank Jehovah for the day of your conception. (Psa 139:13)
- Thank Jehovah that when He thought of you, he already thought of your entire life. Thank Him that He did not leave anything to chance. (Isa 49:1)
- Thank Him that he knew exactly what your redemptive purpose was going to be. (Psa 139:16)
- Pray that He will reveal the original you more and more as you enter another year of your life. (Psa 139:13-15)
- Pray that He will restore the heavenly label, and the heavenly name He gave you before you were conceived. (Jer 1:5).
- Speak into the foundations of your life and prophesy good things.
- Prophesy that you will live and not die prematurely in any area of your life. Your family will live, the work of your hand will live and grow from strength to strength, Deut 33:6, Psa 27:13, 118:17.
- Prophesy and proclaim the blessing of Levi upon your life as a priest unto Jehovah (2 Pet 2:9, Deut 33:8-11)
- Prophesy and proclaim the blessing of Benjamin upon your life, Deut 33:12.
- Prophesy the blessing of the wisdom of Issachar in every area of life. Wisdom to establish the work of your hands, your family, as you grow a year older, 1 Chron 12:32, Deut 33:18b-19, Prov 24:3-4.
- Prophesy the blessing of Dan concerning your role as a leader. Prophesy over your inheritance that Jehovah will indeed ensure you leave an inheritance for your descendants, Deut 33:20-21, Psa 16:5-6.
- Prophesy the blessing of Joseph. Speak to the earth and declare that the earth will bring forth its best for you in this new year. Prophesy to the heavens to declare the glory of Jehovah over your life every day of this new year, Deut 33:13-17, Lev 26:4-5, Hos 2:21-22, Psalm 19:1-2, Isa 55:12.
- Prophesy that you will grow in your spirit man into a matured son so you can receive your inheritance. Wherever you go in this new year, creation will experience release from frustration, Rom 8:19-20, Gal 4:1-2.
- Praise Jehovah that your birthday marks the entry into another season of Jubilee. Thank Jehovah that immediately you were born, you cried out prophetically blowing your own jubilee cornet, and prophetically rejoiced in yourself. Ask Him to give you joy no matter your circumstance, to rejoice on this day.



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# PERSONAL PRIESTHOOD (III)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2024 Scripture: Matthew 3:11; Acts 10:38

We will now look at the Holy Spirit in the ministry and teaching of Jesus Himself. First, we need to see that John the Baptist, who came specifically to introduce Jesus and prepare the way for His ministry, introduced Him under one particular title, "the Baptizer in the Holy Spirit." I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. (Matt. 3:11 NIV)

Notice the distinction between Jesus and all the men that had come before Him: "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire." This ministry of Jesus as Baptizer in the Holy Spirit is mentioned in all four Gospels. The Bible attaches particular importance to it.

We find, too, that the Holy Spirit was the sole source of power for the entire ministry of Jesus. Until the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus at the Jordan River after John's baptism, He never preached or performed a miracle. He waited for the Holy Spirit to come upon Him.

In Acts 10:38, Peter, speaking to the crowd of people gathered in the house of Cornelius, described the ministry of Jesus: God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and...he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. The result of the triune God in action on the level of humanity was healing: "He went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil." This was the secret and the source of the ministry of Jesus.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 2024 Scripture: Acts 1:1-2

Even after the Resurrection, Jesus still depended on the Holy Spirit. This is a remarkable fact. In Acts 1:1-2, Luke started with these words:

In my former book [the gospel of Luke], Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.

Luke was speaking about the ministry of Jesus during the forty days between His resurrection and ascension. It says that Jesus gave instructions to His apostles through the Holy Spirit. Jesus is our pattern of total dependence upon the Holy Spirit. He relied on the Spirit for the power for His miracles and for His teaching; He did nothing apart from the Holy Spirit. The challenge of the ministry of Jesus is a challenge to us to depend on the Holy Spirit just as He did. Jesus not only moved in. the power of the Holy Spirit throughout His ministry, He also promised that His disciples would receive the same Holy Spirit that had empowered and inspired Him.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2024 Scripture: John 7:37-39 He also promised that His disciples would receive the same Holy Spirit that had empowered and inspired Him. In John 7:37-39, we read the following:

On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

Here is a tremendously dramatic contrast. We are first presented with a thirsty man: "If anyone is thirsty." Then, through the incoming and indwelling of the Holy Spirit, this same man who had been thirsty and without sufficiency for himself becomes a channel for "streams of living water." He is no longer in need, but a source of supply through the Holy Spirit. For every believer, the Holy Spirit is to be a limitless resource.

The writer of the gospel then went on to make it clear that though the promise was given during the earthly ministry of Jesus, it was not fulfilled until after Jesus had been glorified. He said, "Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified."



Covenant gives you access as a son of God to understand the ordinances of heaven. If you have any doubt why is that even the children of Adam are going to the moon and understand the movement of the heavenly bodies and going on tour in space?

DECLARE YOU ARE NOT UNDER THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SUN, THE MOON AND THE STARS. PROCLAIM THAT YOU HAVE THROUGH CHRIST ATTAINED AND acquired GOD's ordained knowledge for the heavens, AND you proceed to set up their dominion here on earth (Job 38:31-33). The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night (Ps 121:6). But I am the LORD thy God, that divided the sea, whose waves roared: The LORD of hosts is his name. And I have put my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou art my people. (Isaiah 51:15-16).

For any army to win a war, they will ensure their air-force is in place. Whether it is simple Calvary in ancient times, or soldiers positioned on the city walls, or on high hills or elevated places, these have the best view of the battle. For you to overcome the enemy in this spring season, ensure that the heavens are in agreement with you. Speak to the heavens over the month and ask them to declare the glory of Jehovah. Command the sun, moon, stars and

every heavenly being to do Jehovah's bidding, and to do that which they were created for - to give Him pleasure (Ps 19:1-2, Rev 4:11)

GOD created the heavens and gave them their role in creation – to determine the times and seasons on earth (Gen 1:14-18). It is a must for every kingdom citizen to study and understand the heavens and know our role as stewards of His estate toward them – not the Ungodly astrology, horoscope and other occult practices.

Once we acquire GOD's ordained knowledge for the heavens, we will be able to set up their dominion here on earth (Job 38:31-33). Remember that in Matthew 28:18-20 Jesus commissioned the fledgling Ecclesia with all the authority given to Him to go out into all nations and disciple them. This authority included that which is in heaven and on earth. It is our duty to answer in the affirmative, the question that Job was asked concerning the visible firmament in Job 38:31-33.

The New Moon will occur on AUGUST 4, 2024 @ 11:13 UTC. The daily physical shape of the moon in the sky determines the difference between the sickles and the bows.

- Enter the gates of this month with thanksgiving for all that the LORD has allowed you to experience in the past season.
- Command the gates of that day to be lifted up unto the LORD for the King of glory to go in and for His purposes alone to be accomplished. Ps 24:7-10
- Declare the Shalom of the LORD at every gate of this new season. The gates of this season will be gates of righteousness and praise and the walls salvation. Wherever the man of peace shall be, the peace of Jehovah will rest upon them. Wherever there shall be a man of violence, they shall be judged in this strong season of judgement and retribution, Psalm 118:12, Isa 60:18-20, Rev 4:11
- Read Isa 33:22 and bring any area of justice e.g. court cases, family feuds, village disputes, and land or business disputes before the LORD. Remind yourself that beyond the human justice structures whether councils of elders, judges, or tribunals, He remains our Judge, our Lawgiver and our King and Isaiah reminds you that He will save you.
- There have been activities in the nations which begun a season of widespread judgement. It has resulted in generalized disorder, disorganization, imperfection, and disintegration in especially in the economic gate of society. After this, Jehovah will reshuffle, reorganize, restructure, rearrange, and reorder those gates to create an environment for them to align with His purposes, which have been planned for this season and favors kingdom citizens economically. Jer 29:11, Eccl 2.26.
- Pray Psalm 61-63. When you are overwhelmed, may the LORD be your Refuge. Pray this for the Ecclesia in the territory.
- Pray that in this season of judgement you will be a sharpened arrow which the LORD can shoot forth and you will land on target Psa 127:3-5
- Pray through Isaiah 28:5-6. If you will become an instrument of justice and judgement in this season, remember that it is the prerogative of the kings to deal with such matters. Ask for a kingly anointing to carry out this activity. Ask the LORD to be your glorious crown in your capacity as a kingly priest. Also ask the LORD to be the Spirit of Justice to you and to all kingdom citizens who sit in judgment and a source of strength as you turn the battle at the gates.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2024 Scripture: John 14:15-18 In John 14:15-18, Jesus said to His disciples, *If you love me, you will obey what I command.* And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth [this is one of the titles of the Holy Spirit]. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

There are some important points we need to notice here. First, Jesus said, "The Father...will give you another Counselor." What is the meaning of the word "another" in that context? It means that Jesus, as a person, had been with His disciples for three-and-a-half years. He said, in effect, "Now, as a person, I'm going to leave you. But when I go, another person, the Holy Spirit, will come in my place."

Second, He used a particular word to describe the Holy Spirit that is translated "Counselor" in the New International Version. The Greek word is parakletos, and the Catholic versions translate it "Paraclete." A paraclete is "somebody called in alongside to help." Other translations are "Comforter" (KJV) and "Helper" (NKJV, NAS). Here we have the three related concepts: counselor, comforter, and helper.

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2024 Scripture: John 14:15-18; 16:7

Third, Jesus went on to point out that the Holy Spirit will remain with the disciples forever. Again, there is a contrast with His own relationship to the disciples. He was basically saying, "I've been with you a brief three-and-a-half years. I'm leaving now, and your hearts are broken. You feel you're going to be left without help. But I'm going to send you another Helper, the Holy Spirit, and when He comes, He'll never leave you. He'll be with you forever." Then Jesus said, "I will not leave you as orphans, but I'll come to you." The implication there is that without the Holy Spirit, they would have been left as orphans with no one to care for them, help them, or instruct them. But through the Holy Spirit, full provision had been made for them.

A little further on in the same discourse, Jesus returned to this theme: But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. (John 16:7 NIV)

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2024 Scripture: John 16:12- 15

Jesus was going, but another person was coming in His place. In John 16:12-15, Jesus returned once more to this vital message: I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth [Jesus emphasized the personality of the Holy Spirit by using the personal pronoun "he."]. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.

Since that promise was fulfilled, the Holy Spirit is now the personal, resident representative of the Godhead on earth. He is the interpreter, the revelator, and the administrator for the Father and the Son. Jesus said, "He will take from what is Mine and impart it to you." But He added,

"All that belongs to the Father is mine." The Holy Spirit, then, is the interpreter, the revelator, and the administrator of all that the Father and the Son have—all is revealed, interpreted, and administrated by the Holy Spirit.

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2024 Scripture: John 20:19-22

As with many of the promises of the Bible, this promise of the Holy Spirit was not completely realized in a single event; rather, it was fulfilled in phases. The first phase took place on the day of Jesus' resurrection. In John 20:19-22, we find the following:

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side [He demonstrated He was the same one they had seen crucified]. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

The twenty-second verse makes an important statement. The Greek word for Spirit, *pneuma*, also means "breath" or "wind." This act of breathing on them was related to the words Jesus spoke: "He breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy[breath: Holy Spirit, the breath of God]"

In the new creation, Jesus is the resurrected Lord and Savior who has conquered sin, death, hell, and Satan. Having done this, He appeared to His disciples and breathed into them the breath of resurrection life. This was a new kind of life, one that had triumphed over all the forces of evil, death, and sin. This supersedes the first breadth which made man a "living soul". Through that experience, the disciples passed out of the old order and entered into New.

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2024 Scripture: Acts 2:1-4; Acts 2:32-33

In Acts 2:1-4: When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Pentecost was the actual manifestation and fulfilment of the promise. The <u>Holy Spirit</u> <u>descended from heaven, in person</u>, in the form of a mighty wind, filled each one of them individually, and gave each one a new and supernatural utterance in a language they had never learned. At the end of this second chapter of Acts, Peter gave a theological explanation of what had taken place: God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact. Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. (Acts 2:32-33 NIV) Again, all three persons of the Godhead are in this verse. Jesus the Son received the Holy Spirit from the Father and poured out the Holy Spirit on the waiting disciples in the Upper Room in Jerusalem. At that point, the final fulfillment of the promise of the coming of the Holy Spirit took place. The Holy Spirit Himself was released from heaven by the Father and the Son together and descended upon the waiting disciples in the Upper Room in Jerusalem.

Notice that at this point, Jesus was not merely resurrected, but He was also exalted and glorified. Remember, too, that in John 7:39, the writer of the gospel had pointed out that the promise of the Holy Spirit could not be fulfilled until Jesus had been glorified. Now the Spirit is "within and Upon"

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 2024 Scripture: 1 Corinthians 6:19.

Second, in 1 Corinthians 6:19, Paul said something even more dramatic. He revealed that not only is the corporate body of Christ the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit, but it is God's purpose that the body of each believer also be the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit:

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?

That is one of the most breathtaking statements found anywhere in the Bible! If we are believers in Jesus Christ, our physical bodies are to be the dwelling place of God the Holy Spirit.

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2024 Scripture: John 14:16-18

What does it mean for us, practically, that the Holy Spirit has come to be our Helper (Paraclete)? We will begin by looking again at the passage in John 14:16-18 where Jesus gave this specific promise:

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor[Paraclete] to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. [You can see that this is a promise only for believers, not for the world.] I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. The word paraclete, derived from a Greek source, was simply transliterated into English. It literally means "someone who is called in alongside to help." A Paraclete is someone who can do something for you that you cannot do for yourself.

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2024 Scripture: John 14:16-18

- 1. On earth, the Holy Spirit pleads our cause. The things we cannot say right, He says for us; the things we do not understand, He interprets for us.
- 2. In heaven, Jesus is our Advocate with the Father; He pleads our cause. Just think, we have the two greatest Advocates in the universe. We have Jesus Christ, the Son, at the Father's right hand, and we have the Holy Spirit on earth. With two such Advocates or Attorneys, how could we ever lose the case?

Let me go on and amplify what Jesus said about this Advocate, who is our Paraclete—our Attorney, Comforter, Counselor, and Helper. I John 14:16-18, cited earlier. "The Father...will give you another Counselor" (v. 16). You must understand the importance of that word "another," as it indicates a person. Jesus said, "I'm a person. I'm going away. When I go, another person will come to be your Helper. I've been your Helper while I was here, but now

I'm leaving. You're not going to be left without a Helper, though. There'll be another Helper that will come."

*He will stay with you forever* (v. 16). Jesus said, "I've been with you three-and-a-half years. I'm leaving you, but don't be heartbroken, because there is someone else coming in My place, and He'll never leave you. He'll be with you forever."

"He lives with you and will be in you" (v. 17). There is importance in the phrase "in you." This Advocate or Comforter is going to live in us. We will be His resident address.

"I will not leave you as orphans" (v. 18). By implication, if He had gone away and made no provision for them, the disciples would have been left like orphans, without anybody to care for them, help them, or explain things to them. For some people this is almost too much to give away!! This is what we REFUSE TO GUARD JEALOUSLY AND WE NOW TURN IT INTO EXCUSE TO SIN!



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#### **Crescents and Quarter Moons**

When the moon is shaped like a C or its mirror image (Sickle), it is considered a crescent moon. The quarter moon is shaped like a D or its mirror image and considered to be a bow. The occult will use the bow shaped moon to shoot arrows of wickedness to the unsuspecting in order to draw unfair advantage in various areas of life. The occult uses the crescent moon as sickles (e.g. Hecate's sickle), for harvesting the gains of the ignorant and for demonic strength and fortification with intense enchantments.

- Proclaim Psalm 148 and Command all creation especially the crescent and Quarter moons to praise GOD as instructed in Psalm 19.
- Proclaim Psalm 64 and fasten that judgment into the heavens.
- Proclaim Isa 26:1-9 and command the heavens to receive this instruction and reject every other voice of destruction; For strength and fortification "Trust in the LORD forever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength". Isa 26:4
- GOD abhors enchantment so He warned His people not to be involved in enchantment. (Lev 19:26b). Pray that the occult, involved in intense enchantment will equally and certainly face the fierce wrath of GOD. Is 13:9
- Lunar Events (These are periods when evil manipulators of nature invoke anxiety and make some become lunatic). The First Quarter moon will occur on AUGUST 12, 2024, 15:18 UTC and the Last Quarter Moon will occur on AUGUST 26, 09:26 UTC. The quarter D shaped moon or its mirror image is used as a bow.
- Pray that the quarter moons will praise the LORD in their season and listen only to His bidding.
- Pray that during the waxing quarter moon, the LORD's covenant portion for kingdom citizens in this season will wax with the quarter moon.
- Pray that during the waning quarter moon, there will be manifest, a release of the covenant portion of the LORD for Kingdom citizens in the territory.
- The kingdom of darkness uses the bow-shaped moon to shoot arrows of confusion, death and destruction at the ignorant. Proclaim Psa 64 over every arrow of the enemy, whether they are spiritual arrows, words, etc. Proclaim Psalm 91 during the quarter moons. Thank the LORD that He breaks the bows of the wicked and turn their arrows back to sender to destroy them in their own devises (Sam 2:1-4)

The occult often uses the crescent moon as Hecate's sickle for harvesting the gains of the righteous who are ignorant. Hecate was a Greek goddess that was worshiped as the goddess of the moon, the night, dogs, sorcery, and ghosts. Hecate was often depicted as the guardian of doorways or crossroads.

This is also the time when they increase their enchantments, for strength and fortification

• For all those that handle the sickle at the time of harvest for unjust gains, pray that Jehovah will send His fishers to fish them out of their hideouts and hunters to hunt them for destruction Jere 16:16. Rev 14:14-20.

MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2024 Scripture: John 16:5-7 In John 16:5-7, Jesus said the following: Now I am going to him who sent me [the Father], yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" Because I have said these things, you are filled with grief But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you [the Comforter]; but if I go, I will send him to you.

Notice what happened immediately after the Holy Spirit came. There were three immediate results:

First, they understood the plan of God and the ministry of Jesus far better than they had ever understood it while Jesus was on earth. It is a remarkable fact they had been very slow and limited in their understanding, but the moment the Holy Spirit came, they had a totally different comprehension of the ministry and the message of Jesus.

Second, they became extremely bold. Even after the Resurrection, they still hid away behind locked doors for fear of the Jews. They were not willing to stand up to preach and proclaim the truth, nor were they equipped. The moment the Holy Spirit came, however, that changed. Peter boldly and straightforwardly told the Jewish people in Jerusalem the whole story of Jesus and laid at their door the guilt of His crucifixion.

*Third, they had supernatural confirmations*. The moment the Holy Spirit came, miracles began to take place. It was just like Jesus being back with them in person, for Jesus said, "When the Holy Spirit comes, I'll come back in Him. I will be with you. I will not leave you as orphans."

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2024 Scripture: John 14:25-26

In John 14:25-26, Jesus said to His disciples,

All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Counselor[the Paraclete], the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

Two functions of the Holy Spirit that are mentioned in verse 26 are important: <u>He is to remind</u>, <u>and He is to teach</u>. He was to remind the disciples of all that Jesus had already taught them. I understand this to mean that the record of the apostles in the New Testament is not subject to the weaknesses of human memory but is inspired by the Holy Spirit. The disciples might not accurately have recalled some things, but whatever they needed to remember, the Holy Spirit Himself brought to their remembrance. When we minister you suddenly remember a word ... a story.. an illustration... a parable...a scripture... in that instance we know and recall something that the Holy Spirit ministers to the congregation or to someone.

However, He did not merely take care of the past, He also took care of the future. He taught them everything they needed to learn. That is also true for us today. He is our present teacher here on earth. Jesus was the great teacher while He was on earth, but now He has handed over the task to the Holy Spirit, His personal representative. Whatever we need to know about the Word of God, the Holy Spirit is here to instruct us. Teaching is revelation of what you not know before...it may be for now or the future....

#### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2024**

#### Scripture: Acts 9:17

In Acts 9:17 we read....Then Ananias went to the house [where Paul was] and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul [who later became Paul], he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

Immediately after that, Paul began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus was the Son of God, the very thing he had been denying. But the moment the Holy Spirit came in, he had a totally different understanding. It was like the transition from darkness to light. It was not something gradual, but almost an instant transformation because the Holy Spirit, the teacher and author of Scripture, was in Paul.

When speaking about the Holy Spirit as the interpreter and the revelator of the Word of God, we need to bear in mind that not only is the Bible the Word of God, but Jesus Himself is called the Word of God. In John 1:1, we read of Jesus,

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2024 Scripture: Hebrews 6:4-5

The next main result of the coming of the Holy Spirit is that we are lifted onto a supernatural plane of living. Two very interesting verses in Hebrews describe Christians by a New Testament standard:

In Hebrews 6:4-5, those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit, who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age.

Here, five things are listed about the New Testament believers:

- 1. They have been "enlightened."
- 2. They have "tasted the heavenly gift"—the gift of eternal life in Jesus.
- 3. They have "shared in the Holy Spirit, "or been made partakers of the Holy Spirit.
- 4. They have "tasted the goodness of the word of God"—that is, God's Word has become living and real to them.
- 5. They have "tasted...the powers of the coming age."

All Christians believe that in the next age we will function in a totally different way. We will be set free of many of the limitations of our physical bodies, because we will have a different kind of body and a totally different lifestyle. But many Christians do not realize that through the Holy Spirit we can taste a little of that lifestyle right now in this life. We can "[taste]...the powers of the coming age." We can only taste them, not appropriate them in their fullness, but we can come to know a little bit of what the next life is going to be like even during this life.

This is part of what personal priesthood is about. Our ability to use these in preaching the everlasting gospel.

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 2024

#### Scripture: Ephesians 1:13-14

Paul used a very interesting phrase in this connection. In Ephesians 1:13-14, he wrote the following to believers:

And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory. The word "deposit" is a fascinating word. The Holy Spirit is God's deposit in us, right now, for the next age. I have made a study of the word used here. In Greek, it is arrabon, which is really a Hebrew word.

The Holy Spirit is the Lord's deposit in us. He makes a down payment of the life of the next age in us right now by giving the Holy Spirit. When we receive that down payment, we are set aside, not to be sold to anybody else. It is the guarantee that He is coming back with the rest to complete the purchase. That is why Paul speaks about having a deposit "until the redemption of those who are God's possession."

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2024 Scripture: Acts 16:8-10

One area in which the supernatural was particularly manifested in the lives of the early Christians was in the supernatural direction that they received from the Holy Spirit. In Acts 16, we read about Paul and his companions on his second missionary journey. They were in what we call Asia Minor today, and Scripture says they were "kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia....They tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus [or Jesus, through the Holy Spirit] would not allow them to [enter Bithynia]" (Acts 16:6-7). So, they tried to go west, and the Holy Spirit would not let them. Then they tried to go northeast, and the Holy Spirit said, "No." Acts 16:8-10 continues with the following: So, they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas [that was northwest]. During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them in Macedonia:

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2024 Scripture: Acts 16:6-10

That is a very significant incident, and it is our example of the supernatural intervention and guidance of the Holy Spirit. It would have been natural for them in that geographical situation to go either west into Asia or northeast into Bithynia. It was unnatural to pass those two areas, go northwest, and then cross over into the continent of Europe.

However, if we look back over the subsequent history of the church, we see that the continent of Europe played a unique role—first, in preserving the Gospel through the Dark Ages; and second, in becoming the main continent for many years to send forth the Word of God to other nations. God had a sovereign purpose that included many centuries ahead. Paul and his companions could never have discovered it by natural reasoning, but through the supernatural direction of the Holy Spirit, they walked right into the full purpose of God. All history has been affected by that supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

We must return to these apostolic principles directed from the third heavens. Take time to pray at this point.



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The moon is a faithful witness to covenantal promises, Ps 89:37. Pray that the moon will faithfully witness in the heavens the seasons of Jehovah's love, mercy, grace, power, 7 fold

Spirits of the LORD, spiritual and physical healing and every covenant blessing the LORD has ordained for you, your family and kingdom citizens in your territory, Ps 65:11.

The full moon causes the ebb and flow of waters causing the tides to rise and fall. The earth is more than 70% water and so is the human body. The full moon influences the waters of the human body. That is why during the full moon the bodily and emotional responses are heightened and crimes of passion escalate. Pray that during the full moon, the moon will not strike you in an untoward manner, but it shall yield its best for you. Pray this for the Ecclesia and your territory.

In this season when the heavens speak of redemption preceding judgment, pray that those who are prone to worship of the moon will begin to sense the One who created the full moon

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2024 Scripture: Romans 8:14, 26-27

The third vitally important way in which the Holy Spirit helps us is in our prayers. In Romans 8:14, Paul described our need of the Holy Spirit's guidance to lead the Christian life: For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. In order to become a Christian, you must be born of the Spirit of God. But in order to live like a Christian and come to maturity after you have been born again, you must be led continually by the Spirit of God. The form of the verb that Paul used there is the continuing present. "For all who are being [continually] led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God." They are no longer little babies, but mature sons and daughters. Further on in Romans, Paul applied this principle of being led by the Holy Spirit particularly to our prayer life. He emphasized the necessity of the guidance of the Holy Spirit to pray correctly.

And in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself [the personality of the Holy Spirit is emphasized] intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2024 Scripture: Romans 8:26

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Sometimes, even if we think we know what to pray for, we do not know how to pray for it. Paul called that "our weakness." But he told us that God sends the Holy Spirit to help us in that weakness, to know what to pray for and to know how to pray for it. In a certain sense, Paul's language suggests that the Holy Spirit moves in and does the praying through us.

The key to effective praying is learning how to be so related to the Holy Spirit that we can submit to Him. Then we can let Him guide, direct, inspire, and strengthen, and many times actually pray through us.

# WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2024 Scripture: Isaiah 66:8; Galatians 4:19

The first way is referred to in those verses in Romans 8:26-27. Paul said, "The Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words." I would call that intercession, which is one of the high points of the Christian life. He spoke about "groanings too deep for words." Our finite, limited minds do not have the words to pray what needs to be prayed. So one of the ways the Holy Spirit comes to our help is to pray through us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words.

This is a very sacred experience, a spiritual travail that leads to spiritual birth. Isaiah 66:8 refers to this: As soon as Zion travailed, she also brought forth her sons. No real spiritual reproduction in the church can occur without spiritual travail in prayer. It is when Zion travails that she brings forth her sons. Paul confirmed this in Galatians 4:19: My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you.

Paul had preached to those people, and they had been converted. But for them to become what they needed to be, Paul recognized that it would take more than preaching, it would take intercessory prayer. He described that intercessory prayer as being "in the pains of childbirth," or "groanings too deep for words." Have you tasted this type of prayers ever in your life?

# THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2024 Scripture: Romans 12:2; Ephesians 4:23

A second way in which the Holy Spirit helps us in prayer is that He illuminates our minds. He does not actually pray through us in this way, but He shows us in our minds what we need to pray for and how we need to pray for it. There are two passages from the epistles that speak about the work of the Holy Spirit in our minds. In Romans, we read the following: And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Only a renewed mind can find out God's will, even in the matter of prayer. Ephesians 4:23 says the following: *That you be renewed in the spirit of your mind*. The renewing of our minds is done by the Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit moves in and renews our minds, then we begin to understand the will of God, and we begin to know how to pray according to the will of God.

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 2024

Scripture: Acts 2:4; 1 Corinthians 1:5; Colossians 4:3

The third way in which the Holy Spirit helps us is that He puts the right words in our mouths, often unexpectedly.

And they were all filled [that is, diffused throughout their being] with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues (different languages), as the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak out.

That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge.

Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds:

# SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2024 Scripture: 1 Corinthians 14:2

A fourth way the Holy Spirit helps us in prayer is one that is mentioned many times in the New Testament. He gives us a new, unknown language, one that the natural mind does not know. Some people today speak about this as a prayer language. Paul said in 1 Corinthians 14:2,

For anyone who speaks in a tongue [an unknown language] does not speak to men but to God. Indeed, no one understands him; he utters mysteries with his spirit.

And in verse 4 of that same chapter, Paul said the following:

He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself. This kind of prayer serves three basic functions:

- 1. When we pray in an unknown tongue, we are not speaking to men, but to God. To me, that is a tremendous privilege in itself.
- 2. We are speaking things our minds do not understand. We are speaking mysteries or sharing God's secrets.
- 3. As we do this, we are edifying ourselves, or building ourselves up.

Further on in 1 Corinthians 14:14, Paul said the following: For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. Here is a situation where the Holy Spirit does not illuminate the mind, but He simply gives us a new language and prays through us in that language. We must not use one form of prayer to the exclusion of the other. Paul said very clearly, "I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my mind" (v. 15 NIV). Both kinds of prayer are possible.

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2024 Scripture: Romans 7–8:15

PRAYER, CONFLICT AND SPIRIT WAR- We have been dealing with NORM in the last 23 days. But believers find themselves living below normal and some just give in! No, it must not be so.

We see that having gifted us with presence of Himself we yet experience some conflicts. We see the battle in Romans 7–8:15 is warfare with the power of sin energized by the flesh of the believer. Paul's answer to the sin war we face with the flesh is the answer he also gives in Galatians, "But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh" (Gal. 5:16).

In Romans 8:4 the apostle says that the believer does not "walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit." He says in us "those who are according to the flesh [the unredeemed] set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit [the

redeemed], the things of the Spirit. For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace."

Next he describes the condition of the unregenerate. Since their mind is set on the flesh, they live in hostility to God. They do not nor cannot subject their fleshly minds to the law of God. Thus they are not nor cannot be pleasing to God (vv. 7–8).

Finally, he returns to believers who are "not in the flesh but in the Spirit." They are at war with the flesh and the flesh with them. They do mortify the deeds of the flesh by the spirit. Still, they are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit. The proof? The Spirit of God dwells within them. If the Spirit of God does not dwell within them they are not regenerate (v. 9).

In verse 10 Paul says, "And if Christ is in you. . . ." What he had declared to be true of the Spirit, he now declares of the Son. This is because the Spirit is "the Spirit of Christ" (v. 9). Thus Paul says, "If Christ is in you" (v. 10), and then "if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you" (v. 11). This is perfect unity between the Son of God and the Spirit in our life.

In verse 10, Paul, who has been affirming that the Spirit of Christ who indwells our being brings life and victory over the power of sin operating against us through the flesh, affirms that there is a part of our being where this life-giving power of the Spirit is working actively to put to death all the fleshly lusts.



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#### **Crescents and Quarter Moons**

When the moon is shaped like a C or its mirror image (Sickle), it is considered a crescent moon. The quarter moon is shaped like a D or its mirror image and considered to be a bow. The occult will use the bow shaped moon to shoot arrows of wickedness to the unsuspecting in order to draw unfair advantage in various areas of life. The occult uses the crescent moon as sickles (e.g. Hecate's sickle), for harvesting the gains of the ignorant and for demonic strength and fortification with intense enchantments.

- Proclaim Psalm 148 and Command all creation especially the crescent and Quarter moons to praise GOD as instructed in Psalm 19.
- Proclaim Psalm 64 and fasten that judgment into the heavens.
- Proclaim Isa 26:1-9 and command the heavens to receive this instruction and reject every other voice of destruction; For strength and fortification "Trust in the LORD forever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength". Isa 26:4
- GOD abhors enchantment so He warned His people not to be involved in enchantment. (Lev 19:26b). Pray that the occult, involved in intense enchantment will equally and certainly face the fierce wrath of GOD. Is 13:9
- Lunar Events (These are periods when evil manipulators of nature invoke anxiety and make some become lunatic). The First Quarter moon will occur on AUGUST 12, 2024, 15:18 UTC and the Last Quarter Moon will occur on AUGUST 26, 09:26 UTC. The quarter D shaped moon or its mirror image is used as a bow.
- Pray that the quarter moons will praise the LORD in their season and listen only to His bidding.
- Pray that during the waxing quarter moon, the LORD's covenant portion for kingdom citizens in this season will wax with the quarter moon.
- Pray that during the waning quarter moon, there will be manifest, a release of the covenant portion of the LORD for Kingdom citizens in the territory.
- The kingdom of darkness uses the bow-shaped moon to shoot arrows of confusion, death and destruction at the ignorant. Proclaim Psa 64 over every arrow of the enemy, whether they are spiritual arrows, words, etc. Proclaim Psalm 91 during the quarter moons. Thank the LORD that He breaks the bows of the wicked and turn their arrows back to sender to destroy them in their own devises (Sam 2:1-4)

The occult often uses the crescent moon as Hecate's sickle for harvesting the gains of the righteous who are ignorant. Hecate was a Greek goddess that was worshiped as the goddess of

the moon, the night, dogs, sorcery, and ghosts. Hecate was often depicted as the guardian of doorways or crossroads.

This is also the time when they increase their enchantments, for strength and fortification

• For all those that handle the sickle at the time of harvest for unjust gains, pray that Jehovah will send His fishers to fish them out of their hideouts and hunters to hunt them for destruction Jere 16:16, Rev 14:14-20.

## MONDAY AUGUST 26, 2024 BARRIERS TO THE NORMAL CHRISTIAN LIFE

Many Christians, including Christian leaders, fall far short of the biblical ideal, however. Why? There may be as many different reasons as there are struggling Christians.

#### 1. Viewing Salvation (as only reason) an Escape From Sin's Judgment

Perhaps many believers fall far short of the biblical norm because they are not truly interested in reaching it. For those who fit this category, the focus of their encounter with Christ is often on personal salvation from the guilt and the penalty for their sins. While this emphasis is harmonious with Scripture as one begins his walk with God, it is not sufficient for a life that could be called "Christian" in the full sense of the word.

## 2. Viewing Salvation as Receiving "God the Servant"

Others who fit the category of believers who do not truly desire to live a life totally pleasing to God have embraced a gospel of "God the servant," as I choose to call it. They have been told, directly or indirectly, that if they come to Christ, life will be pleasant from then on. All will go well. God will become their divine servant.

This is not to say that God is not the provider. One of His names is *Jehovah Jireh*. It means "the Lord, our Provider" or "the Lord will provide." He is our helper, our deliverer, our healer; but He is God, and He is not our servant.

#### TUESDAY. AUGUST 27, 2024

#### 3. The Barriers of Ignorance, Wrong Choices, and Blindness

The third observation as to why so many believers do not live the normal Christian life is quite different. Many are truly interested but are facing problems in their life about which they themselves are baffled and confused. Millions of Christians want to follow Christ with all their heart. They truly love the Lord Jesus and want to obey Him. They seem to be stymied in their Christian life, however, and they do not know why. It has nothing to do with sincerity.

Making wrong choices is wilful disobedience to the Word of God.

Finally, blindness is failure to recognize our own weaknesses. Much comes out of how we were raised both in our homes and in our churches. We fail to recognize the reality of the sin which is in our life, that is, how marred we really are. We build our life on flawed foundations. In talking about the way out of our blindness, Bill shared three suggestions: "One, we are to walk

in the Spirit of God. Two, we are to be open to the Word of God. Three, we are to be open to the help and admonition of others."

# WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2024 Scripture I Corinthians 8:4;7 & 10:19

Christians Are Facing Challenges Of Idolatry today as of old.. The New Testament Apostles Had Encounters With Idolatry But Defeated Them. Let Us Look At What We Are Dealing With.

The word idolatry comes from the Greek word *eidoµlolatria*. It is a compound word, *eidoµlon*, "idol" and *latreia*, "worship" or "service." From his succinct treatment of the character of idolatry BY OTHER GREAT PRIESTS OF THE LORD on Galatians, I draw the following ten facts about idolatry that existed by New Testament times:

- 1. It was the "typical sin of the Gentiles."
- 2. It was completely "opposed to service of the 'living and true God' "(1 Thess. 1:9).
- 3. Its fundamental error was in giving "reverence and worship to created things instead of the Creator" (Rom. 1:25; cf. vv. 19–23).
- 4. "Idols" could refer to the images of the gods (Acts 7:41; Rev. 9:20) or the gods behind the images (1 Cor. 8:4,7; 10:19).
- 5. The term *idolatry* shares this "ambivalence of meaning." It could refer to the worship of the idol itself as a god or of the spiritual being represented by the idol. Both are idolatry and both are forbidden by God (Exod. 20:3–5). Both also invite evil religious spirits to make their presence known.
- 6. Paul regards idols as "mere nonentities, yet he recognizes that demonic forces lurk behind them, so that to take part in a pagan sacrificial feast is to become partners with demons" (1 Cor. 10:19–21).
- 7. Because of this demonic dimension to all forms of idolatry, Paul admonished believers to shun idolatry (1 Cor. 10:14; cf. v. 7; 5:11; Eph. 5:5; Col. 3:5). If missionaries or Christian workers ignore or are unaware of this demonic dimension to idolatry, they will face serious problems both in the evangelization of idolaters and in leading the new converts to victory in Christ. Both power and truth encounter will have to occur.
- 8. Sexual immorality and idolatry are strongly <u>connected</u> in the Bible. This is often true today as the phallic symbols in many cities around the world indicate. Even the artistic rotundassembly halls are a pretence
- 9. As a result, the typical idol worshiper in biblical times committed both a religious sin and a sexual sin whenever he participated in specific religious ceremonies. This was especially true when the religion featured cultic-ritual prostitution, like the worship of Aphrodite, the love goddess of Corinth and Diana the goddess of the Ephesians

10. In the broadest sense, "idolatry is the worship of anything which usurps the rightful place of God." Thus Paul speaks of "the ruthless greed which is nothing less than idolatry" (Col. 3:5).

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#### THURSDAY AUGUST 29, 2024

## **Search the Scriptures**

Spiritual Power encounters that which causes deviation from the Normal Christian life and humans in general.

- 1. The Temptation of Jesus was an encounter with satan -Luke 4.
- 2. In the Synagogue: Mark 1
- 3. Among the Tombs: Mark 5
- 4. The Success of the Seventy: Luke 10
- 5. Beginnings in Acts: Acts 2, 4
- 6. Ananias and Sapphira: Acts 5
- 7. Philip's Ministry at Samaria and Peter's Encounter With Simon Magus: Acts 8
- 8. Paul's Encounter With Elymas and the Spirit Medium of Philippi: Acts 13, 16
- 9. Idolatry at Athens and Corinth: Acts 17, 1 Corinthians 8–10.
- 10. Power Encounters at Ephesus: Acts 19

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 2024

**Scripture: Luke 10:** 

The most detailed report of successful deliverance ministry by the Lord's disciples in the Gospels is the story of the seventy in Luke 10:1,17–19. It all begins in verse 1 where the seventy are given their missionary commission. Jesus sends them out "two and two ahead of Him to every city and place where He Himself was going to come" (v. 1). Though not specified in verse 1, the central focus is on deliverance ministry (Mark 6:7,13; Luke 10:17–19).

In Mark 6 the apostles simply reported to Jesus "all that they had done and taught" (Mark 6:30). But in Luke we are told what the seventy had done and, by implication, what they had taught. It is summed up in one triumphant acclamation, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name" (10:17).

This report is important because it is the only specific report of the ministry accomplished by the Lord's disciples after being commissioned. Also it is consistent with the focus on demonic encounter and deliverance in the continuation of the ministry of Jesus to which these seventy "lay disciples" were commissioned. Even more important, it settles the question of where the immediate authority for deliverance really lies—in the deliverance ministers.

The ultimate authority, of course, lies in Jesus, but the immediate authority lay in them and they knew it. Thus they declare, "The demons are subject to us, in your name." In other words, "Lord, we are doing what you gave us authority to do," they affirm. "The demons recognize our authority to exercise your authority against them. The result is they are forced to obey us."

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 2024

### Scripture: Luke 10:19

## The Promise of Delegated Authority

Jesus takes us one step further in our faith and redemptive spiritual warfare ministry. "Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall injure you" (Luke 10:19).

This is without doubt one of the greatest gems found in the precious collection of promises of delegated authority in all of Scripture. With what can we compare it? We will look at this promise severally:

1. The source of the promise. "Behold,  $I \dots$ "

Someone has said the value of any promise is directly proportionate to the authority of the one who gives it. The "I" is the Son of God whom God the Father has "appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world." He is the one who is "the exact representation of His nature." He is the one who "upholds all things by the word of His power" (Heb. 1:2–3). Thus he can later affirm, "All authority is given to me in heaven and on earth" (Matt. 28:18).

- 2. The assurance of the promise. "I have given you . . ." is not future, it is now. The verb is in the perfect tense (dedocha), an action completed. They already have the authority promised. Jesus "repeated, ratified and enlarged their commission. . . . They had employed their power vigorously against Satan, and now Christ entrusts them with greater power."
- 3. *The gift of the promise*. "I have given you *authority*..." The KJV translates the Greek word used here, is *exousia*. "*Dunamis* power is might and ability, while *exousia* is right to act." The enemy has might and ability. The believer has the right to act. He has delegated authority.

The illustration of the police officer and the trailer or turntable is often used to point out the difference. The mighty trailer or turntable comes rolling down the street. As the trailer or turntable approaches an intersection a policeman steps forward, a gnat in comparison to the mighty trailer or turntable. Suddenly he raises his hand in a signal which means "Stop!" The trailer or turntable squeals to a stop.

The trailer or turntable has power, terrible power behind it. It could crush the police officer and continue on its course without even slowing down, but it has no authority to do so. It does not possess the right to act. The police officer does. True, he has no power. What power is there in one hand with five little fingers? However, the authority of the city, the state, and even the nation stands behind him. That delegated authority brings the power of the trailer or turntable under its control.

"Behold," says Jesus, "I have given you *authority* over all the *power* of the enemy." No wonder Jesus chided the apostles for their "falling from faith," which rendered them without authority before the power of the demons indwelling the life of one little boy (Matt. 17:14–21)!

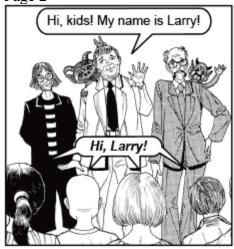
4. The opposition to the promise. It is summed up in three words, "serpents," "scorpions," and "the enemy." See references to the serpents of Psalm 91:13, one of the greatest of the many spiritual wars.

"The enemy" is used several times by Jesus in the Gospels to refer to the Devil himself. In Matthew 13 he is called, "his enemy" (v. 25); "an enemy" (v. 28); and "the enemy . . . is the devil" (v. 39). The enemy we face is the singular Devil. All our other enemies are but extensions of his evil power. Don't be intimidated. Get up and use your authority. Amen.











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God expects a *man* to marry a *woman* and have children. Any *other* way is forbidden by God. (Gen. 2:24; Lev. 18:22; Rom. 1:26-27)

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\*Those who refuse to support gays.



This is how the gays are changing the way little school kids think.

Ms. Henn really told Frankie off for

saying "Queer"... oops! Sorry.





She thinks the way they live is cool... and she said God blessed them.

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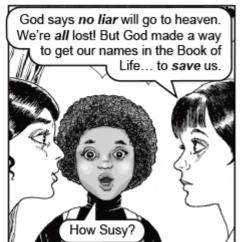


us about that?

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devil or what sin is!





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God doesn't want anyone to go to hell... so this is what He did:



He sent His Son from heaven to get rid of your sins... and get your name in the Book of Life.

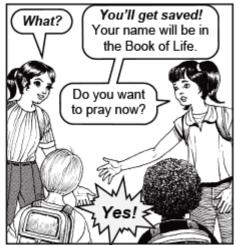
Jesus (God the Son) died on the cross and shed His precious blood to wash away our sins.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

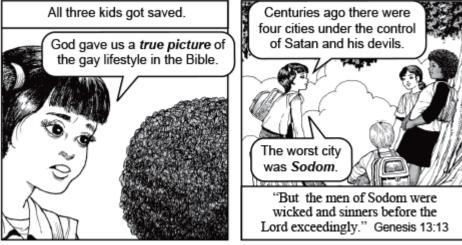
Three days later He arose from the dead. He is now in heaven and is coming back... **VERY SOON!** 

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These **Sodomites** worshipped Satan, were possessed with devils and they *hated* God.



Their stink reached heaven and God was fed up with them.

He planned to destroy them to keep their filthy lifestyle from spreading.



But there was a problem. In the city of Sodom was a man named Lot, who *loved* God...

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God sent two angels to rescue Lot.



They came to Lot's house, but the Sodomites found out.

That night the Sodomites came, trying to do nasty things to the angels.



But the angels blinded them and rescued Lot and his family.

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As soon as they got Lot and his family out of Sodom, God fire-bombed the cities and turned them to ashes.



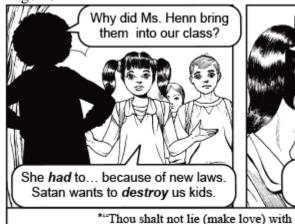
Today those **same** kind of people are back, but now they're called **gays!** 



"Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire."

Jude 7

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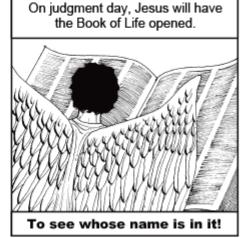


\*"Thou shalt not lie (make love) with mankind as with womankind: it is abomination." Leviticus 18:22

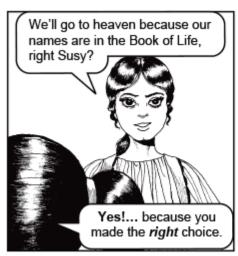
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\*Luke 17:28-29 \*\*2 Thessalonians 1:7-10



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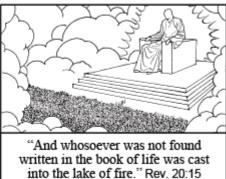
I feel so sad about all the kids who'll be tricked into believing it's OK to be gay and *not* believing Jesus.

Because none of *their* names will be in the Book of Life.

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When Jesus Christ returns to rule the world, you'll be on the winning side.



"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved... (from hell)" Acts 16:31

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## THE BIBLE SAYS THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO HEAVEN!

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

## NOBODY ELSE CAN SAVE YOU. TRUST JESUS TODAY!

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10:9

- 1. Admit you are a sinner. See Romans 3:10
- 2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent). See Acts 17:30
- Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried and rose from the dead. See Rom. 10:9-10
- Through prayer, invite Jesus into your heart to become your personal Saviour. See Rom. 10:13

#### WHAT TO PRAY

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness.

I believe that Jesus Christ shed His **precious blood** and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin.

I now invite Christ to come into my heart as my personal Saviour.

If you trusted Jesus as your Saviour, you have just begun a wonderful new life with Him. Now:

- Read your Bible (KJV) every day to get to know Jesus Christ better.
- 2. Talk to God in prayer every day.
- Be baptized, worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached and the

Bible is the final authority.

Tell others about Jesus Christ.

> Here's help to grow as a new Christian! Read **The Next Step**, available at www.chick.com.



# The Generosity Test

Interactive Q's KEEP SCORE - ADD POINTS

- 1. Do you support missionaries or other ministries?
  - a) Regularly (2 pts.)
  - b) Sometimes (1 pt.)
  - c) Seldom/Never (0 pt.)
- 2. When eating out with someone, do you offer to pay for their lunch?
  - a) Regularly (2 pts.)
  - b) Sometimes (1 pt.)
  - c) Saldom/Never (0 pte)
- 3. When driving do you prefer the other driver when changing lanes, parking and/or stopping at a stop sign?
  - a) Regularly (2 pts.)
  - b) Sometimes (1 pt.)
  - c) Seldom/Never (0 pt.)
- 4. Do you lend money to those in need and then decide to cancel or reduce their debt?
  - a) Regularly (2 pts.)
  - b) Sometimes (1 pt.)
  - c) Seldom/Never (0 pt.)
- 5. When you hear about a need do you pause to consider how to personally meet it?
  - a) Regularly (2 pts.)
  - b) Sometimes (1 pt.)
  - c) Seldom/Never (0 pt.)
- 6. Are you responsive to the Lord to give over and above your regular preplanned giving? (Tithes & Offerings etc.)
  - a) Regularly (2 pts.)
  - b) Sometimes (1 pt.)
  - c) Seldom/Never (0 pt.)
- 7. How did you do in the Generosity Test? Please visit www.fullstature.net

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