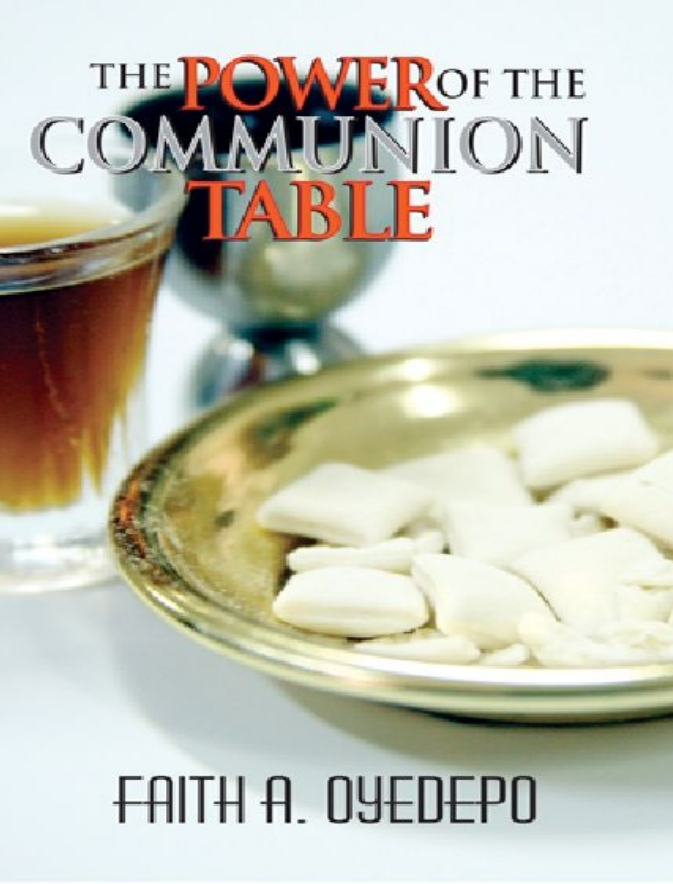


A close-up photograph of communion elements. In the foreground, a silver-colored metal plate holds several pieces of white, rectangular communion bread. To the left, a glass of dark red wine is partially visible. In the background, a silver-colored metal chalice is out of focus. The entire scene is set against a plain white background.

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Introduction

And he (Jesus) said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables:

Mark 4:11(Emphasis mine)

The Kingdom of God is a kingdom of mysteries. An understanding of these mysteries gives you mastery over the affairs of life. You become a master over situations and circumstances that take others to ransom! You exercise dominion and take charge.

“What is a mystery?,” you may ask.

It is a hidden truth. The Communion Table, also known as the Lord's Supper is not an exception.

The nearer we are to the end of the age, the more of these mysteries will be unfolded to the Body of Christ. Also, it will enable her to gain command and disarm every opposition, thereby establishing her strong position.

There is a mystery behind the Communion, the depth of which we (the Church, the Body of Jesus Christ) have only begun to explore. The early Church discovered and enjoyed it, so it was said of them:

And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and

***breaking bread from house to house,
did eat their meat with gladness and
singleness of heart.***

Acts 2:46

Quite a number of Christians today, partake of the Communion - eat the bread (Flesh of Jesus Christ) and drink the wine (Blood of Jesus Christ), without a good understanding of what they are doing. To many, it has become a religion, tradition or routine to share of the Lord's Table, though they partake regularly.

On the other hand, some others do not see any need for the Communion; so they 'slot' it into their Church order of service, once in a 'blue moon.' There are others who do not even

partake of it at all. Both ways, they are robbed of the tremendous benefits inherent in this powerful kingdom mystery. For this reason, many are snared in holes (Isaiah 42:22). What a tragedy!

The apostles, who left a mark on the sands of time, did not take the Communion lightly; they were so particular about it that they broke bread daily, both in the temple and from house to house. This is made abundantly clear in the above scriptures (Acts 2:46).

If it is your desire to enjoy the many-sided blessings that Jesus Christ purchased for you at Calvary, make a mark in the kingdom and make

maximum impact in life, the Communion is one of the vital weapons you must be armed with. It is a vital tool you must put to work.

Little wonder then, Jesus commanded the believer to partake of it, not just occasionally, but often!

The scripture says:

And when he(Jesus) had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

After the same manner also he took the cup when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

*For as often as ye eat this bread,
and drink this cup, ye do shew the
Lord's death till he come.*

1Corinthians 11: 24-26 (Emphasis
mine)

When you obey God's
commandments, He makes you a
commander over life's circumstances!

The Communion Table – The
Lord's Supper, is a New Testament
mystery designed by God to give the
believer unhindered access to frequent
mastery, in every area of life. The
following testimony will show you how
a sister tapped into the Holy
Communion, which prevented her from
having a caesarian operation:

Safe Delivery Without Surgery!

“In the ninth month of my pregnancy, the doctor insisted that I must do an X-ray. I complied, and the result showed that the baby was too big for my pelvis to allow for natural birth.

I reacted to this by raising the report up and prayed. Then I went to the doctor's office and told him I would not undergo any operation. I later told my husband, who asked me whose report I would believe. I said, ‘The Lord's report,’ and we proceeded to the Communion Service.

As Pastor Faith Oyedepo was ministering, it was as if she was talking to me when she asked, ‘Whose report would you believe?’ My husband just

looked at me and laughed. Immediately, I was convinced that as soon as I took the Communion, every yoke would be broken. At that prospect, all my nerves became relaxed.

The following week, I was at the clinic, and another doctor referred to the report and told me I would not make it without surgery. Again I declared that I would make it, because I knew the God I served. Then I went on a fast the following day, and worshipped God in a way I had never done before.

After the worship session, I went into labour, and the baby came out right there in the car, before we got to

the hospital! The baby weighed 4.2 kg. The doctors were surprised, that I had no tear or cut. I was examined for internal bleeding, but there was none. God did it and I give Him all the glory.”

— **Mrs. Ifezue.**

This woman had something to show all the medical personnel, just as Jesus had declared. He said that as often as you eat His flesh and drink His blood in remembrance of Him, you will have something to show for it. You will be showing the validity of His death till He comes. Whatever He died for will be evidenced in your life, to show that He did not die in vain.

This testimony shows the potency

of the Blood! When you have a correct spiritual perspective of how the Communion works, and you apply yourself to it by faith, you too, like many others including myself will begin to live in the realm of the miraculous.

This book: ***The Power Of The Communion Table*** will show you how.

Chapter 1

The Communion: What Is It?

Then Jesus said unto them, verily verily, I say unto you, except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

John 6: 53

In clear terms, Jesus shows us what the Communion is in the above scripture. You cannot have a good understanding of this, put it to work and not live an outstanding life.

The truth is: your depth of understanding of the Communion will determine the level of the divine benefits that you can draw from it.

Your understanding of this mystery is, therefore, very crucial.

Oh, that God will unfold to you a better understanding of the mystery behind the Communion, so that you, too, can begin to tap into the many-sided benefits it carries from now on!

What then, are the contents of the Communion?

From the above scripture, among many others, there are two main contents of the Communion. Let's examine each of these briefly here.

The Flesh

The first content of the Communion is the bread - the Flesh of Jesus Christ.

Concerning this, the Scripture says:

AND as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; his is my body.

Matthew 26:26.

During Communion, when a piece of bread is blessed, it ceases to be ordinary bread; it becomes the Flesh of Jesus. Jesus even refers to it as ‘meat indeed’ in John 6:55. What a mystery!

Think of this: what ordinary bread is to your physical body, is what the Flesh of Jesus in Communion is to you spiritually. Food is required for physical growth; in the same vein, the

Communion is required for healthy living spiritually. It is that serious!

The Flesh of Jesus Christ, the bread of life (John 6:48) when taken in Communion is a covenant meal. It is the most nutritious food a man can ever eat. Remember: you are what you eat!

So, whatever cannot be found in the Body and Flesh of Jesus Christ (confusion, weakness, failure, fear, sickness, deformity, terminal diseases, poverty, foolishness, etc) is not meant to be found in yours, when you partake of the Communion as prescribed.

I see you go from strength to strength by the mystery of the Communion Table, from today.

The Blood

The second content of the Communion is the drink – the Blood of Jesus Christ.

Concerning this, the Bible says:

And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it;

For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Matthew 26: 27-28

When a cup of drink is blessed at Communion, it becomes the Blood of Jesus Christ, so much so that Jesus Himself calls it ‘drink indeed’ in **John 6:55**. This is a great mystery!

Each time you partake of the Communion, a spiritual blood transfusion takes place! Therefore, whatever cannot be found in Jesus' Blood is not permitted to be found in yours, when you drink His Blood in Communion.

It is a known fact that the state of being of a person is traceable to the blood content of such a person. The Scripture is very clear concerning this when it states:

For the life of the flesh is in the blood; and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls...

Leviticus 17: 11

Please be aware: when you drink

the Blood of Jesus Christ at Communion, His very kind of life is infused into your being; so you have what it takes to begin to live like Him!

The Blood is your stronghold (Zechariah 9: 9-10). You can always turn to it by partaking of the Communion.

Remember: In Egypt, the Passover blood exempted the Israelites from the assault of the death angel (Exodus 12:12-13). Christ, our Passover Lamb is already sacrificed for us (1Corinthians 5:8). The Blood of Jesus, when taken in Communion will exempt you from every assault of evil.

It is your turn to begin to turn to your stronghold via the Communion! I

can assure you, you will be glad you did!

The Preparation

“How do you prepare the Communion?,” you may ask? The Scriptures have not left us in the dark concerning this.

In Matthew 26: 26-28, the Bible says:

And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body.

And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying,

Drink ye all of it;

For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

To prepare the Communion, therefore, all you need to do is to follow the example of Jesus in the above scripture. Take any available bread, bless it, break it, and give it. In the same manner, take a cup of drink, give thanks to God for it and serve it. What a mystery indeed!

Really, it doesn't have to be any 'special' kind of bread or drink; it is just what is available! Many have made a religion out of this. In the process of looking for the particular kind of bread and drink that Jesus used, they lost the

real essence and blessings inherent in the Communion. Henceforth, you shall neither be deceived nor robbed of your inheritance!

In the above scripture, most likely, Jesus took out of the same bread they were eating and the same cup from which they were drinking. He blessed, broke and served it to them as Communion. Amazing, isn't it?

Please understand: it is not so much of the 'kind' of bread or drink used that matters, but the understanding and faith with which you partake of it. It is that simple!

A medium, not a symbol!

At the Communion Table, when you eat the bread (flesh) and drink the cup (blood), you are not partaking of a symbol, but of the actual Flesh and Blood of Jesus Christ.

Sadly, some people make the mistake of thinking that the Communion is just ordinary bread and drink; nothing can be farther from the truth! Before it is blessed, it is ordinary bread and drink; but it ceases to be so the moment it is sanctified. After it has been blessed, it then becomes the actual Blood and Flesh of Jesus Christ Himself indeed. Isn't this truly a mystery?

Take particular note of the fact that John 6:53 did not say, 'except you

partake of a **symbol** of my body and blood!’ No! Rather, it says: ***Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except you eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.*** So, as long as you see the Communion as a symbol, it profits you nothing.

The Communion is a medium, not a symbol. What is the difference?

A **symbol**, defined by *Oxford Advanced Learner’s Dictionary*, is an “image, object, etc that suggests or refers to something else; an emblem... a mark or sign with a particular meaning.”

A **medium** on the other hand (as defined by the same source) is a

“substance in which something is transmitted; means by which something is expressed or communicated.”

In essence, as a **symbol**, the bread and drink taken at Communion are representative of the actual Body and Blood of Jesus Christ; but as a **medium**, the bread and drink taken at Communion are the actual substances transmitting the very life of Jesus Christ Himself to those who partake of it. Can you see the difference?

This explains why Jesus emphatically said: ... ***Except ye eat of the flesh*** (not a symbol, but the actual thing), ***ye have no life in you*** (John 6:53)! Having been sanctified, the

bread and drink at the Communion Table are transformed into the actual Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. It is a mystery indeed!

The process of the Communion transmitting life into man's system can be likened to the way mosquitoes bite a man and deposit malarial parasites into his system. However, unlike the negative effect associated with mosquitoes' bites, the Communion for the believer is laden with eternal benefits. We shall be examining some of them shortly.

Partake Worthily!

It is very important for me to clearly state at this point, however, that it can be very deadly to partake of the Communion unworthily! This explains why the scriptures command everyone to examine himself/herself before partaking of it.

First Corinthians 11:27-30 says:

Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.

For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning

the Lord's body.

For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

This spiritual 'drug', the Communion, which makes for life, health and strength when taken worthily, can also cause weakness, sickness and untimely death if taken unworthily.

“How then does one become worthy to partake of the Communion,” I can hear you ask? This is a very crucial question.

Primarily, it is by becoming born again. The Communion Table is to be served to and enjoyed by only those who have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, who have accepted Him

as Lord and personal Saviour.

Before the Lord's Table is served, either in Church or in homes, it is usually safer and advisable to give opportunity for salvation, in case there is anyone who is not yet born again, so that such a person will not heap condemnation upon himself/herself.

Also, any known sin should be confessed and forgiveness sought and received from God.

Secondly, to partake of the Lord's Table worthily, faith is required! The benefits inherent in the Communion deliver results to you according to your faith!

Jesus himself speaking in Matthew 9:29 said:

..., According to your faith be it unto you.

So, your faith must be in place. Remember, faith is essentially of the heart! Without faith, nothing gets transmitted to you, even if you partake of the Communion. You have access only by faith (Romans 5:2)!

It is equally important for you to always examine your heart and ensure that faith is present, before you partake of the Communion, so that it does not become mere religion with no life to offer you.

Don't forget:

... For whatsoever is not of faith is sin.

Romans 14: 23(b)

Take note of this: one of the reasons why the early Church was accorded such a dimension of triumph was because they broke bread, not just in the temple, as was mentioned earlier, but from house to house.

For God to unleash on the Body of Christ (the Church Universal), the former and the latter rain in the same month as prophesied in scriptures (Joel 2:23), the Body of Christ today must be ready to go beyond what the early Church did, as it pertains to the Communion!

So, the early Church partook of the Communion by breaking bread both in the temple and from house to house. To experience a greater level of glory than

they did, the present day Church cannot afford to limit the breaking of bread in Communion only to the temple (Church); it should be done from house to house and at home.

Presently, in our own ministry, Communion Services are held in Church on specific Sundays of the month, as well as from house to house at the Satellite Fellowships. In addition, I personally often partake of the Communion at home! I can tell you this: the effect has been amazingly fantastic!

As you also begin to partake of the Lord's Table (not unworthily, but worthily), in Church, from house to house and at home, may you begin to

experience a greater dimension of the manifestation of the power and the glory of the Lord in your life, than you ever imagined!

Look at this sister's testimony:

Five Years Snake-Like Movement Gone!

“For five years, there had been this strange snake-like movement in my body. Because of this problem, I had been to so many churches for deliverance. Sometimes, those pastors would say that the strange object had gone; but the snake-like movement kept recurring.

It was a friend of mine who invited me to Winners' Chapel and assured me

that I would get my healing here. I replied that I had been to different churches yet there was no solution to the problem. However, I made up mind that I would come to the Church in Canaan Land.

Last Sunday, during the Communion Service, I prayed to God that as I was here because of my challenge and I believed that after taking the Communion I would be made whole. I prayed and believed God for my total healing.

After taking the Communion, from then till now, I have not noticed any strange snake-like movement in my body! I just want to bless the name of the Lord! I thank the Lord for His total

healing upon my life!” —**Lilian, O.**

Chapter 2

The Relevance Of The Communion

It takes an understanding of the relevance of the Communion, to access the amazing benefits contained therein. The scriptures talking of its relevance say:

For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

1 Corinthians 11:26

Then it continued emphatically,
But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and

drink of that cup.

For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

1 Corinthians 11:28-29

So, it is essential to know what you stand to benefit from the Communion, each time you partake of it. That way, you can position yourself to lay hold on these amazing benefits.

What then are these benefits? Come along with me as we consider some of them here briefly.

Eternal Life

When you partake of the Communion worthily, you get connected to the real source of life. John 6:54 says:

Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

God is the source of eternal life and Jesus is connected to Him. When we connect ourselves to Jesus, eternal life will flow from God through Jesus to us. That is why Verse 57 of that same chapter in John says: ***As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.***

Each time you partake of the Communion and you eat His Body and drink His Blood, you are connected to

the real source of life. The life of God is injected into your system and you are empowered to manifest the lifestyle of Jesus. You are no longer expected to operate the ordinary human life, but eternal life, since you are hooked to the source of eternal life.

At the Communion Table, there is a spiritual injection, a release of the very life of God into your system, which enables you live a limitless life.

Many, even after partaking of the Lord's Table, still limit the life of God deposited in them. They regard themselves as humans, so they experience what ordinary humans go through. However, if as the scriptures admonish, you see yourself as a god,

then human limitations will be far from you. “Gods,” you may ask? Yes! Psalm 82:6 says so, and you ought to believe it because God cannot lie. Read what it says:

I have said, ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High.

To operate as a god on this earth, you obviously must have eternal life – the God kind of life resident in you. Jesus, while He was here on earth was treated with respect and dignity; no one could push Him around. No one could manhandle Him, because He had eternal life – the God kind of life in Him.

There is no obstacle that can stand on your way, when you begin to tap

into the amazing supernatural strength available in the Communion. The Communion is the fuel of eternal life. It keeps the eternal life (which is already inside you) going.

In essence, the moment as a believer, you partake of the Communion, there is a divine connection established between your life and the very life of God. That connection is renewed as you partake of the Communion regularly.

As often as you desire, you can draw from the eternal life now resident in you and reflect the life of God in your place of work, in your family, your business, your health, your finances, etc.

In your family life for instance, malice, strife, hatred, nagging and quarrelling won't survive because eternal life is being supernaturally injected into you, the believer, each time you partake of the Communion. Contrarily, there will be constant chaos in a home where there is no connection between God – the source of eternal life and man.

If truly that supernatural injection that connects man to God via the Communion has been taken, one can confidently say, “Peace be still” to every wind of life.

Eternal life, God's very kind of life, is imparted every time you partake of the Communion. As you walk in the

consciousness of this, you will be supernaturally empowered to subdue kingdoms, wrought righteousness and exercise dominion in every department of your life!

Indeed, the Body of Christ shall begin to experience greater supernatural breakthroughs, especially, as they begin to walk in a greater understanding of the relevance of the Communion. This implies that whatever has been a stumbling block on your path shall be rolled out of your way. God's glory shall envelop you to such an extent that will be evident to all.

The Communion serves as the connection between the believer and

Jesus, the source of life. That is why John 14:6 says:

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

There are certain kingdom benefits that can only be contacted through the Communion – fasting, Word study or prayer cannot deliver those same benefits; as potent as they are. This is because each of these kingdom weapons has its place and one cannot take the place of the other.

The truth is: except you partake of the Communion, you cannot enjoy the benefits it carries!

Raising Up

Apart from connecting you to the source of real life, let us examine another very important relevance of the Communion. **In John 6:54**, the Bible says:

Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

When you partake of the Communion worthily, it effects a supernatural change in position for you. Jesus Himself speaking concerning this says: *I will raise him up...*

To 'raise up' means to effect a

change of position from a lower realm to a high realm. If you pick something from the table and place it on the ground for example, can you claim to have raised it up? No! So, when Jesus says, “*I will raise him* (the believer) *up*,” it means, “I am going to multiply, increase and catapult him; I am going to change his position.”

This second benefit of the Communion affects you, the believer in Jesus Christ, in the present world and in the world to come: it has present as well as future day relevance. That is why it says: ... *I will raise him up at the last day*. Let us examine the first type of raise, which is relevant to the present day.

Raising Up - In This Present World

Deuteronomy 28:13 says:

And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them.

It is sad to say that many Christians are satisfied with being the tail, when God has made provision for everyone of us to be right on top!

If you are not experiencing positive changes in your marital life, business, career, finances, health, or spiritual

life, it is not the will of God. He has destined His children for the top, in every sphere of life.

Rather than watch you as an individual wallowing in self-pity, God sent Jesus to die for you. By His resurrection He raised you up. God wants to raise you up physically, spiritually, from the plague of polluted thoughts, financially and in all spheres of life.

The Communion is the medium through which God raises up the believer from everything that can limit God's move. However, you as an individual, need to give God a chance to raise you up. He wants to raise you up from a lower to a higher realm,

from the realm of lack into the realm of abundance, from the realm of sickness to the realm of divine health, etc.

Anytime you partake of the Communion from henceforth, be confident that as you do so in faith, God will supernaturally raise you up through it. Remember: what you expect determines what you experience!

Think about this: If God does not lift his children, who will He lift? If He does not increase and multiply His people, should He raise those who are outside His kingdom?

Indeed, God is set to multiply His people; but because they have limited Him in the Communion and by their

unbelief, His hands are tied. Henceforth, it shall no longer be so in your own life!

Raising Up – In The Future

Again, be reminded that **John 6:54** says:

Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

The phrase “...the last day...” could have diverse interpretations. It can be interpreted to mean the end of times, the latter days. Also, it can be interpreted to mean the hereafter, after death. We shall examine the lifting

effect of the Communion Table with respect to these two interpretations here.

Let us examine the “...last day...” in John 6:54 meaning the end of times, the latter days. Without any doubt, no one needs to be told to know that we are in the last days. These are the days described by Apostle Paul as perilous times (*2 Timothy 3:1-4*).

These are indeed the last days and God is determined to raise and distinguish the believer in every area of life. Joel chapter 2 describes the state of affairs at this time as being bleak for the inhabitants of the earth; but for the believers, the earth shall be like the Garden of Eden. What a distinction!

Read this amazing scripture along with me:

A day of darkness and of gloominess...

A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth... the land is as the garden of Eden before them...

And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

Joel 2:2, 3 and 24

This confirms that there is going to be an astronomical lifting of God's people spiritually, financially, materially, physically, etc., these last days. One way this is going to become a reality, is through our understanding

of what the Communion stands for and our partaking of it worthily. In essence, that scripture in John 6:54 which talks about God raising His people through the Communion, has a present **day relevance**.

Earlier, it was mentioned that the Communion is meant to raise us up now and in the last day. However, it has been established that we are already living in the last days, so God's lifting is imminent. May you not miss your own! This is the first interpretation of John 6:54.

Here, let us examine the ability of the Communion to raise up on the last day, the hereafter.

Raising Up – In The Hereafter

What we have examined in the preceding segment is that God is determined to supernaturally raise up the believer these last days. This raise will be so undeniably obvious to all. Financially, you will not only have enough money to pay your bills, but enough also to feed the hungry. Spiritually, God will move you up to a higher realm!

Speaking about the relevance of the Communion for the future, in the hereafter, it is important to take note of what the Bible says, pertaining to believers who are dead. Second

Thessalonians 4:13-18 emphatically discusses the hope of every believer who dies. Verse 13 says:

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

The rest of that scriptural reference states that at the sound of the trumpet, those who are asleep in Christ shall rise up first, while those who are alive will be caught up in the air. This way, both the living and the dead shall be joined to the Master.

The Bible in John 6:54 categorically states that if we partake of Jesus' Body and Blood in the Communion, we are assured of

resurrection. In other words, we are not like people without hope. When our journey here on earth is over, God will raise us up at the resurrection.

Death has no power over the believer; we cannot die. Believers do not die, they only sleep! On the last day, when the trumpet sounds, believers who have slept will be raised up. What a joy that God has not left us without hope!

There is a supernatural quickening force embedded in the Communion, capable of defying the law of gravity. Remember: Jesus is the resurrection and the life (John 11:25)!

So, as you partake of His Body and Blood in the Communion, you are

partaking of His resurrection power. His Body and Blood taken in the Communion are like helium in an airship that makes it so light; it can rise high and travel fast. We need to load ourselves with so much of the Body and Blood of Christ that we find it commonplace, to experience diverse lifting above prevalent circumstances and ultimately experience rapture when He returns!

May you begin to partake of all these benefits of the Communion in a greater dimension from henceforth! See how the Communion healed this brother of 15 years internal heat and stomach pain:

15 Years Internal Heat & Stomach Pain Healed!

“Since 1995, I had been suffering from internal heat and stomach pain. Because of these health challenges, I had undergone surgery twice, and yet there was no solution.

I joined this Commission on June 13, 2010. When I came last Sunday, I began telling God I had come to seek His help. I told Him that I won't leave Him alone until He blessed me.

During the communion session, I took the communion and I began to confess the Word of God saying, that my body belonged to God. I prayed that since my body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, every sickness, disease, or

virus be cut off!

I glorified God in my spirit, and that was how the sickness disappeared!

On getting home, I started noticing the symptoms again. I prayed fervently and used the Word against the attack.

To the glory of God, both the sickness and the symptoms disappeared finally! I am totally healed!”

— **Clement, L.**

Chapter 3

Communion For Understanding

The Bible records in Luke chapter 24 verses 13 to 16 how Jesus met two of His disciples on their way to Emmaus. He went with them, but their eyes were 'holden' so that they could not recognize Him.

When these disciples got to their destination, they constrained Jesus to stay with them. However, after breaking bread with them in Communion, their eyes were opened.

The Bible records:

And it came to pass, as he sat at

meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them.

And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight.

Luke 24:30-31

Jesus met them, accompanied them to their place of abode and broke bread in Communion with them, and immediately, their eyes ‘popped’ open. The ‘eyes’ being referred to here are not physical eyes, because they walked on the road to Emmaus with their physical eyes open! So, the above scripture is not referring to their physical eyes, but the eyes of their mind, the seat of understanding.

In Genesis 13:14-15, the Bible says concerning father Abraham:

And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward:

For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed forever.

Obviously, the physical eyes of Abraham could not have been the instrument used to see the boundaries of his inheritance; that scripture refers to the eyes of the mind, the seat of understanding.

This was true of father Abraham;

therefore as sons and daughters of Abraham, how far we go in life is determined by how well we see with our eyes of understanding!

So, your exploits in life, business, family, finances, health and spiritual walk are totally dependent on how well you see with your eyes of understanding.

This explains why the Psalmist exclaimed in Psalm 119 verse 144(b):

... Give me understanding, and I shall live.

Definitely, your understanding plays a crucial role in determining your level of impact in life. Without adequate understanding, you cannot live an outstanding life, and the

Communion is one primary means of having your eyes of understanding opened!

Interestingly, no one's eyes of understanding can be opened on behalf of another, just as no one can partake of the Communion on behalf of another. Each one has to consciously take practical steps in getting this done. It is a personal, non-transferable responsibility.

There is a limit to how much of your inheritance you can possess, until the eyes of your understanding are adequately enlightened. No wonder then, that Apostle Paul earnestly prayed that the eyes of our understanding might be enlightened.

See how the Bible renders it:

Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints,

Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;

That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

Ephesians 1:15-18

In essence, it is to enable us to comprehend the depth of what God has

in store for us. The doors have been opened and the iron gates have been broken. How much you are able to possess will be determined by how much you see with your eyes of understanding, and partaking of the Communion opens your eyes of understanding!

And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them.

And their eyes were opened...

Luke 24:30-31

We need to have our eyes opened so we can see, because what we cannot see, God is not committed to establish. What your mind cannot comprehend,

God cannot put into your hands.

As we partake of the Lord's Table, there is an opening up of the eyes of our minds, which is the eyes of our understanding and there is a breaking off of every limitation placed on our minds by the enemy.

If all you can comprehend is limited to what your physical eyes see, then you are still walking like the unbelievers in the world. The great man of God, Archbishop Benson Idahosa of blessed memory said, "*Blind minds are worse than blind eyes.*" This is very true!

In **2 Corinthians 4:4**, the Bible clearly states:

In whom the god of this world hath

blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

The minds of the people of the world have been blinded by the devil – not their physical eyes, but the eyes of their understanding, the eyes of the mind.

A man who is physically blind is not as handicapped as a man who is mentally blind. The physically blind can still think and as such make progress; but the mentally blind is incapacitated, even though his physical eyes are intact. Mental blindness is worse than physical blindness!

The good news is: the iron gates

against your eyes of understanding have been broken at the Communion Table. You and I are to determine whether we will possess our possessions or not.

Refuse to be limited by the things that your physical eyes see. You check your pocket, for instance, and find N100.00. If all that the eyes of your mind can see is N100.00, then God will be unjust to give you more. You may then live and die in poverty, yet God is not to blame.

Yes, it may be a fact that what is physically available in your pocket is N100.00, but if with the eyes of faith you see more than what is there presently, God will honour your faith

in His ability to sustain you. Besides, He will make sure that you never lack or suffer hunger. However, you must see it and speak it out before you can receive it from God. The Communion empowers you to do this!

The same is also true of divine health. In case you have been told that you have a particular kind of sickness in your body, when you partake of the Communion, receive supernatural understanding to see that so-called sickness supernaturally flushed out of your body, while you live a healthy life.

The same thing applies in all other areas of life: protection, longevity, family, career, etc. It is time to begin

to break off from all natural limitations and consciously making a choice to see as God expects us to see, each time we partake of the Communion.

Whatever you desire from God, whenever you approach the Communion Table, focus the eyes of your mind on what His Word says. As long as the eyes of your mind can comprehend what God's Word says, God's hands are no longer tied and He is able to release the answer you require.

With the eyes of your understanding being enlightened by the Communion, I see you scaling new heights, breaking new frontiers and establishing new horizons in every

sphere of life from henceforth, by the supernatural hand of God. Welcome to your next level in life!

Look at how this sister scaled the walls of body heat and ulcer via the Communion:

Seven Years Body Heat & Ulcer Over!

“For seven years, I had body heat and ulcer.

When I attended the Leadership Diploma Course of the Word Of Faith Bible Institute (WOFBI), I continued trusting God for my healing.

Last Sunday morning, I told my husband how I was feeling. When I suggested going to the hospital, he

objected it adding that I would receive my healing the same day.

To the glory of God, after taking the Communion, it has been wonderful! The body heat and ulcer were destroyed!”

— **Fruitful, E.**

Chapter 4

Communion For Strength & Discovery

Someone has said, “*Life is a marathon, not a sprint.*” This is very true of the believer’s walk of faith.

The journey of faith is long and inner strength is required to be able to make the most of it and arrive at the expected destination.

The mystery about the Communion is that there is supernatural strength and power embedded in it. No wonder, the apostles were emboldened by the

Communion and it enabled them to preach the glorious gospel with power and authority. Though persecuted and imprisoned, they were undaunted and impossible to subdue.

I want to draw a parallel between the account concerning Prophet Elijah, found in 1 Kings 19:1-8, and the Communion Table. The Bible records how Elijah on Mount Carmel defeated and destroyed 450 prophets of Baal. Elijah was a great man of God, used mightily of God to do many wondrous deeds. He was described as the 'troubler' of Israel by King Ahab, because he troubled the evil Ahab and his wicked wife Jezebel.

However, in Chapter 19 of 1 Kings,

after the annihilation of the prophets of Baal, Ahab returned to his wife and reported the situation to her. They took counsel together and decided to retaliate. So, in I Kings 19:2:

Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, so let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time.

Surprisingly, Elijah who had just been mightily used of God and miraculously called down fire from heaven which consumed hundreds of prophets of Baal, fled because of the threats of one wicked woman! Verses 3 and 4 says:

And when he saw that, he arose,

and went for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongeth to Judah, and left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers.

1 Kings 19:3-4

Can you imagine a great servant of God, such as Elijah – a wonderful instrument in the hands of God, being threatened to the point of giving up? He was so discouraged that he sat under the juniper tree and declared that he was no better than his fathers, who

were already dead and gone!

In other words, Elijah was actually saying, “What am I really living for?” At a crossroads and faced with the threat of execution, Prophet Elijah thought there was no way of escape. He had suddenly forgotten the kind of God he served, what He (God) did and can still do through him (Elijah).

Are you in a situation right now where all hope seems lost? Have you just received a negative medical verdict? Are you faced with a financial holocaust? Are you going through a disaster in your family? Is your career about to hit the rock? The list goes on.

The good news is: there is no closed case with God! Refuse to give

up! No matter what the situation may appear to be, there is hope. Concerning you in that situation that you are in, God's Word says:

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

1 Corinthians 10:13

Assuredly, there is a way out of that predicament. You will come out victoriously in Jesus' name! To the children of Israel through Elijah, God said:

How long halt ye between two

opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him.

1 Kings 18:21

Refuse to halt between two opinions! God will surely bring you out!

With inner strength, the physical sword of Elijah of the Old Testament could successfully handle and overcome all the prophets of Baal. The Sword of the Spirit in the hands of a New Testament believer will do a lot more! This explains why the scripture says in 2 Corinthians 3:7-8:

But if the ministration of death, ..., was glorious, ...; which glory was to be done away:

How shall not the ministration of

the spirit be rather glorious?

The events that took place in the days of Elijah in the Old Testament were under the ministration of death, yet it was that glorious. Now, these are the days of the ministration of the Spirit; more glorious things will certainly take place. You shall be a partaker!

When the Sword of the Spirit, the Word of God, is effectively put to work coupled with the impartation of inner strength via the Communion, great exploits will be wrought. Hebrews 4:12 describes the Word of God thus:

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the

dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

We need grace to make full use of the Sword of the Spirit. Jesus, in warding off the attacks of the enemy, said in Matthew 4:4: ...***It is written...***

Queen Jezebel in I Kings 19:2 planned in consonance with Ahab, to deal ruthlessly with Elijah, for wiping out 450 of Baal's prophets. In the same vein, the devil keeps planning how to destroy the anointed of the Lord. He keeps planting 'Jezebels' in people's families, businesses and careers: taking counsel with forces of darkness to harass the children of God.

Never mind the enemy's threats: Jezebel and Ahab could not prevail against Elijah; the devil and his cohorts shall not prevail against you! There is no power but of God (Romans 13: 1) and no weapon formed by the enemy shall prosper against you (Isaiah 54:17).

However, as we shall discover very soon, Elijah received a supply of strength from a heavenly source, which was enough to instill courage into him and empower him to withstand the threats of Jezebel.

Nonetheless, before Elijah was visited with strength, he forgot who was at work inside him. He forgot that he had not slain the prophets of Baal by

his own might. Having begun in the Spirit, he now slipped back to the flesh. That is why Galatians 3:3 asks:

...Having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?

Perhaps Elijah believed that he had lost the strength needed to battle with Jezebel; perhaps he felt that his strength dissipated with the slaying of the prophets of Baal.

Perhaps, all these feelings of insecurity came because Elijah failed to tap into the source of strength resident in the Communion. While he slept under the juniper tree, an angel of the Lord touched him and said: Arise and eat.

In essence, the angel was saying,

“Arise from complaining and murmuring. Your murmuring will not bring you the desired results, neither will wishing you were dead bring you to your expected end.”

Don't give up on that challenging situation of your life. Don't quit, because “quitters never win and winners never quit.” These must have been implied in the angel's message.

How does all this relate to the issue of Communion for strength?

And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat.

1 Kings 19:5

Amazing, isn't it? What the angel

had prepared for Elijah to eat could not be eaten lying down! Just like the angel touched Elijah, God's Word is touching you as you read this material, energizing you to rise up from your slumber. It will quicken you; it will open up to you how best to keep standing and how best to stay on alert.

The journey is long and strength is required; but I believe that the same way the angel of God came, touched Elijah and said, "Arise and eat," is the same way God's Spirit through this book is saying the same thing to you to arise! ***Lift up your eyes to the hill from where comes your help*** (Psalm 121:1).

Lift up your eyes from the pains and grief; lift up your eyes from those

circumstances that tend to weigh you down. Arise and eat; as long as you keep eating, your strength will keep getting renewed. It is true that the journey is long, but as long as you keep eating the Flesh and drinking the Blood of Christ in the Communion, your strength will keep increasing. 1 Kings 19:6 says:

And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head.

As long as Elijah was complaining, telling God how he wasn't better than the dead, he could not see God's gift right beside him – the cake baked on the coals and the cruse of water (representative of the Flesh and Blood

of Jesus in the Communion).

As you go through this material, I see an end come to every complaining and murmuring in your life, so that you can see and begin to enjoy the miraculous provisions of God in every area of your life!

Another related account that readily comes to mind is found in Genesis 13:14-15. After Lot was separated from Abraham, having chosen the better portion of land and leaving his uncle, Abraham, with the worse part, God said to Abraham:

And the Lord said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward,

and southward, and eastward, and westward:

For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever.

From this account, it is very clear that you can only possess what you can see. Whatever you cannot see, you cannot lay hold on.

Surprisingly, Elijah didn't doubt the word of the angel or analyze his statement carefully. He never questioned the Word from the Lord; he simply obeyed, rose up and looked, as he was instructed to.

In the same vein, the Communion Table is intended to be a medium of strength and discovery. For this reason,

God has deposited in it supernatural elements that make for the renewal of strength. He still beckons on mortal man with a regenerated spirit, to come and partake freely of the life-giving Body and Blood of His Son Jesus Christ. God has reserved strength and discovery for His people, but only an understanding of the same will motivate us to constantly be so imparted, whenever we partake of the Body and Blood of Jesus at the Communion.

May be you are an Elijah under the Juniper tree of discouragement, as you read this book, please be aware that there is hope for you! There is enough treasure in God's Word, which if you

plug into, will lead to a discovery of the potentials in you.

Amazingly, many people on earth today have not yet discovered their hidden abilities and capabilities, gifts and potentials, investment and treasures deposited in them by God. They have not yet begun to tap into them. God, who opened Elijah's eyes so he could see the cake and water inside which lay his needed strength and potentials, will do even more in your life!

Henceforth, as you partake of the Communion, may the treasures in you begin to find greater expression, bringing greater profiting and expansion to the Kingdom of God!

As Elijah looked, what he saw was an oven – with fresh cake on it! Fresh cake from Heaven's bakery! That cake must have been made of some supernatural substance for it not to have finished after a hungry Elijah attacked it the first time. Just one piece of cake, but Elijah could draw nourishment from it time and time again. It was enough to fill Elijah till he was satisfied.

In John 6:35, Jesus, speaking of Himself said:

... I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

In John 6:48, Jesus said: I am that

bread of life.

Elijah ate just one freshly baked piece of cake with a cruse of water and received strength and vigour; he had enough strength to continue his life's journey and arrive at a glorious finish.

In like manner, at the Communion Table, the very life of Jesus, the Bread of Life is freshly imparted to us each time we partake of it, thereby enabling us to live truly satisfied and fulfilled lives. As we eat freely of Him, we will be invigorated and empowered, deeply satisfied.

So, by faith, partake of the Lord's Table and draw nourishment time and again. Partake of it often! 1Kings 19:6 says:

...And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again.

Worthy of note is the fact that: Elijah ate, drank and then went back to sleep. He didn't realize the worth of that which had been given to him. That is why the angel of the Lord came to him again and said: ...Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee.

Many people come to the Lord's Table and return without the consciousness of what has taken place in their lives.

Refuse to eat the Lord's Table and go back to sleep spiritually; don't eat it and remain indifferent. Don't eat the Body and drink the Blood of Jesus, and

go back with your sicknesses and diseases. Don't partake of it and go back without the initiatives needed to discover your gifts. So much is loaded into the Flesh and Blood of Jesus made available at the Communion. Lay hold on your desired portion and receive strength from God, so you can begin to live an outstanding life!

As you begin to partake of the Communion, your life will never run dry of creative ideas that will distinguish you!

Elijah having eaten of the cake and having drunk of the water completed his course without Ahab, Jezebel or any other agent of the kingdom of darkness, being able to overcome him. Your

testimony shall be brighter.

Jesus, during His earthly ministry, was a practical interpretation of hard work; yet He was never reported sick or any evil force ever able to overcome Him. That blood when taken in the Communion is able to impart you with the same qualities at work in Jesus. It will supply you with enough strength and courage to run the race and obtain the prize.

As ambassadors of Christ, you and I must learn to tap into His Flesh and Blood in whatever area and whenever we experience weakness, be it in the natural, or spiritual. Even if you feel so weak like pushing a car with dead battery, supernatural strength for the

journey to higher heights is available to you at the Communion.

Refuse to accept that negative medical verdict! The devil has no power to terminate your life. With this understanding, begin to react against the sicknesses and diseases ravaging your body. Boldly declare that you have the life of God in you and therefore have overcome. Whatever your condition, as you partake of the Communion, make up your mind to drop that sickness and tap into God's strength.

Are you sick in your body? Maybe as a student or a career person, do you find it impossible to excel? In your social life do you find it difficult to

relate well with people without running into problems? Do all the members of the congregation see you as a 'spiritual giant,' yet you know your true spiritual state is worse than that of a dwarf?

Be true to yourself, present yourself before God and ask Him to help you. Remember, He is a very present help in time of need (Psalm 46:1). He knows your needs, so lay them down at His feet and become a free person.

Obedience Is The Key!

When Elijah was told in I Kings 19: 7 to ...*Arise and eat; because the*

journey is too great for thee, he arose immediately and obeyed. Because he obeyed, he received strength. The first time he ate the same piece of cake, he went back to sleep. The second time he obeyed and ate it, he received strength. Though it looked small and insignificant, there was enough in it to sustain him for the next 40 days. Imagine enough energy to walk for 40 days!

Similarly, the Flesh of Jesus and His Blood that you partake of during Communion may look small and insignificant, yet the very life of Jesus is imparted through it. Your obedience is all that is required.

Via the Communion, the grace you

require to enable you do God's will and accomplish His purpose in your life is imparted. There is indeed a very great mystery in the Flesh and Blood of Jesus. What Elijah never knew was in him, became uncovered after he ate the cake and drank the water.

No wonder, the Christians in the first century Church continued daily in the breaking of bread. As long as they did, they constantly overcame the adversary. I am most certain that they discovered the secret behind the Lord's Table. The Communion, when correctly applied, turns you to an overcomer indeed!

There was a time in our family, when our first son, as a baby, was sick.

The doctor assured my husband and I that it was a normal incident especially for children about to cut a tooth. He was running temperature, vomiting, he could not sleep well and he had cold which persisted for some days.

One day, my husband decided to find out from God's Word whether the symptoms were to be expected. After a thorough search, he discovered that children are a blessing from God (Psalm 127: 3) and the blessings of the Lord make rich and add no sorrow (Proverbs 10:22), no weeping, no vomiting or sleeplessness.

So, he looked for a small piece of cake, dipped it inside water and after quoting some scriptures rounded off by

saying, “Boy, you are going to eat and you will not vomit. It is well with you, spirit, soul and body.” Lo and behold, that was the end of the challenge!

Ever since, to the glory of God, all our children bring out teeth without hues and cries. Truly, the Communion is the conveyor of God’s blessings.

The Scripture says:

The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?”

1 Corinthians 10:16

I pray that as you put your faith in Jesus, the Living Bread, you will receive strength for the journey

throughout your life. As you continue steadfastly in sharing the Lord's Body, God will open your eyes to discover the hidden treasures deposited inside you and empower you to put them to work.

The following testimony shows how a sister's genotype was changed by the Communion:

33 Years SS Turns To AA!

"I'm here with my testimony, this morning, to return all glory to the Greatest Physician, to make null and void the doctor's report, and to validate the sure Word of prophecies as declared by the servant of the Lord.

I was born over 33 years ago,

with the disease Sickle Cell Anemia (SS). This sickness had brought pains of all type to me. It led to my humiliation, shame, loss of marital relationships, and various opportunities.

After joining this Commission, my hope of enjoying divine health came alive, knowing that there is hope for she that is joined to the living.

I began to apply myself to every word coming from this altar. I engaged in a dangerous kingdom service, as I quickly joined the Children's Church Service. Then God opened my eyes to the light behind Exodus 23:25, as a condition for my healing.

The Communion became my folic

acid, paludrin, fofrin, e.t.c. going against all the things that the doctor said I shouldn't do. Suddenly, the changes began. All through 2009 till date, I'm yet to experience the first crisis.

In order to show forth the glory of God, I quickly keyed myself into the declaration of our Daddy, Bishop David Oyedepo when he said we should go for medical tests, and we would be told that the sickness was no longer there.

I went for my genotype test on Wednesday 6th, and on the 7th day of the first month of our year of restoration, God fulfilled the restoration agenda in Jeremiah 30:17 in

my life, as He turned the SS to AA. Here in my hand is the medical report showing my new status.

God did not only change my genotype, He destroyed the physical signs easily identified with the disease. I now have a clearer eye balls that used to be yellowish, a high PVC level that used to be very low, and God gave me strength like that of a horse. Indeed, God is faithful!”

—**Aderonke, A.**

Chapter 5

Communion For Acquaintance With God

Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee.

Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways.

Job 22: 21 & 28

Anywhere, any day, anytime, light is the master of darkness. God's servant, Bishop David O. Oyedepo, often says that the supremacy of

darkness is only in the absence of light. When light comes, darkness, no matter how intense, bows out. In Genesis 1:2-3, the Word of God says:

And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

And God said, let there be light: and there was light.

Darkness was master until light came. The moment light emerged on the scene at creation, it toppled darkness and was established as the superior of the two. So, light is not competing with darkness; it is simply the greater of the two.

God's Word talking about light in

Job 22:28 says:

And the light shall shine upon thy ways...

God is the Father of light. When God's light shines upon your ways, as **Job 22:28** points out, there will be no darkness on your path. When there is no darkness on your ways, you will have no occasion for stumbling.

John 11:9-10 says:

Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world.

But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him.

You will also notice that **Job 22: 28** talks about the light shining on your ways (plural, not a singular way). In other words, every way you turn, light shines upon you: whether family, business, career, health and in all realms. God's will is that light constantly shines on your ways.

Light is beautiful; its very presence brings relaxation. Just as it is in the natural, when you desire to enjoy the glow of electricity shining through your light bulbs, you have a responsibility to put on the switch before the light can come on. In the same vein, there is a requirement that needs to be fulfilled for the light from God to flow to you. That requirement

is:

Acquaint now thyself with Him...

Job 22:21

There is more to this Scripture than meets the eye. The meaning of the word ‘acquaint’, I discovered is: to familiarize yourself with someone or get to know someone.

God’s Word says: ***Acquaint now thyself with Him.*** In other words, God is calling us, as believers, to draw closer to Him, to familiarize ourselves the more with Him and get to know Him better.

Take particular note of the word ‘now’ in the above scripture. It says: ***Acquaint now...***” not tomorrow, not someday in the near future, but NOW!

That is because tomorrow might be too late. There is an English proverb which says, “Don’t put off until tomorrow what you can do today.”

No wonder, Hebrews 3:15 says:

***Today if ye will hear his voice,
harden not your hearts, as in the
provocation.***

There is freshness, newness and uniqueness about each day. This is because there is only one of its kinds. There are no two days that are ever the same. Even the calendar never repeats itself!

Each day may have the same 24 hours; each may even have similarities such as the same weather, temperature or even events that may continue for a

few days, yet no two days are the same. Each is peculiar in its own right.

If each day is new, then we need to renew our relationship with God each waking day. We need to acquaint ourselves with Him on a constant basis. Proverbs 3:5-6 says:

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

(Emphasis mine)

Learn to draw closer to God, present each day to Him and cause His will to be done in it. Make it a way of life to involve God in everything you do. Whether it is a decision to make, a

step to be taken, a business to transact or a trip to undertake, let God be at the centre of it all. You must acknowledge God, if you want His light to shine on your way. Acknowledging God in all your ways is to seek a closer walk with Him on a constant and regular basis.

Each rising day holds new questions for which definite answers must be sought. The Bible says: ... ***Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof*** (Matthew 6:34). That means, yesterday's answers are for yesterday's questions. Each time there is a decision to make or even a business to transact, you must acknowledge God again afresh.

If you are truly acquainted,

intimate and close to God, you will present each step you are about to take before the Lord and ensure you receive specific directions. Never assume that because someone else tackled a particular problem using a given technique, you too can do it the same way. No! Remember: God deals with us as individuals and we therefore cannot afford to be presumptuous.

To buttress this point, let us consider Aaron and Miriam. Exodus chapter 12 records that both of them complained about Moses' Ethiopian wife. God passed judgment on both of them: Miriam was leprous but not Aaron. I want you to consider this: they both partook of the same crime but one

was struck with leprosy, the other was not. This establishes the fact that God deals with us as individuals, not as a group!

Remember Joshua the son of Nun, servant of Moses. When it was time to possess the land of Ai, the people said:

Let not all the people go up; but let about two or three thousand men go up and smite Ai.... for they are but few.

Joshua 7:3

Rather than inquire from God, Joshua listened to the people. What was the result of this misplaced confidence?

...And they fled before the men of Ai

Joshua needed directions from the Lord. He did not consult with God; he just assumed that since Jericho had been a walk over, Ai, which was proportionately smaller, would be chickenfeed. He got a terrible surprise. His level of acquaintance with God, however, saved him further embarrassment, because God in His mercy revealed the root cause of the problem to him and proffered the solution.

If you, as an individual desire light to shine on your ways, if you don't want to stumble in life any longer, if you don't want to engage in continuous battles and struggles fruitlessly, you

need to constantly strengthen your relationship with God. Get acquainted with Him to know Him more. Get intimate with God, get close to Him, and don't allow anything, anybody or any situation of life to come between you and Him. Don't allow anything to separate you from Him (Romans 8: 38-39).

According to Job 22:21, God intends that every believer enjoys abundance of all things. However, there is a condition attached to it. Verse 21 says:

Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee.

In essence, 'good' is God's

programme for every believer; but acquaintance with Him is a prerequisite before this can be enjoyed.

Please be aware: your relationship with God is the number one target of the enemy. You must guard it jealously. No matter how difficult the situations and circumstances of life that you are faced with, never question God's integrity. The reason is because the object of attack is your faith and your confidence in God.

Once your faith wavers, doubt and unbelief comes in, creating an avenue for the enemy. No wonder, the Scripture says:

Neither give place to the devil.

Ephesians 4: 27

If there is any time in history, when man needs to draw closer to God, it is now. Man needs God now than at any other point in time. There is so much chaos, calamity, confusion and rebellion in the world today than at any other time in history; so, there is need to be better acquainted with God and His ways.

It is true that no man can come to the Father except He is drawn; but as long as we are believers in Jesus Christ, then God has drawn us into a relationship with Himself. ... ***He hath made us accepted in the beloved (Eph 1:6).*** Nevertheless, the closer we are to God, the more of Him we know. Those who spend more time with Him know

Him more.

How Does The Communion Help Us Get Acquainted With Him?

**It provokes God's indwelling
presence in us.**

Talking about the Communion in John 6:53-56 the Bible says:

Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood; ye have no life in you.

Whoso eateth My flesh, and

drinketh My blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

For My flesh is meat indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. He that eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him

Biblically, when you take the Communion, you are getting yourself practically acquainted with the Master as explained in John 6:56:

He that eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, dwelleth in Me, and I in him.

The life of the Master can only flow through Him to us, when we dwell in Him. As the branch of the vine is guaranteed nourishment from the vine, in like manner, we are guaranteed

abundant life as we stay hooked or connected to Him.

In essence, when we partake of the Lord's Table, we eat of the life in His Body and Blood. Our oneness with Jesus is greatly strengthened, when we partake of Him at the Communion.

Just as God and Jesus are one, we become one with Jesus as we eat of His Flesh and drink of His Blood. As His life flows into you, you become a master of situations, just as He was and still is the Master of situations. No storm, no matter how strong, could interrupt His rest.

Anytime you are confronted with a situation beyond your ability to handle, just tap into the supernatural ability of

God through the Communion. Whatever problem could not overcome Jesus will not be able to overcome you.

It provokes a divine Longing In your Soul

The Communion will create a constant hunger and thirst in your heart to know more of the Master. It will create a desire to get closer and better acquainted with Him. In Psalm 42:1, the Bible says:

As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God

Many times, when we come into

the presence of God, we are in a hurry to leave because there is no real thirst for Him. For many, it is more like a religious rite; there is no longing in the soul for a deeper relationship with God.

We have heard it said, for example, that prayer is a pillar of Christianity. Unfortunately, many pray merely to fulfill that requirement, not because they hunger for God, but out of a sense of religious obligation. Partaking of the Communion worthily taken can effect a positive change in these areas.

Jesus could spend all night communing with God; it wasn't a chore, it wasn't a burden. Though He must have had prayer burdens sometimes that propelled His praying,

most other times, He simply yearned for God's presence so He took out time to commune with Him.

The prayer lifestyle of Jesus can be transmitted through His Flesh and Blood at the Communion. Also, Jesus confidently faced storms time and again and overcame them. That order of lifestyle is also obtainable at the Communion Table.

In essence, Jesus becomes the force behind the life that operates in you; you simply begin to live like and by Him. May this become your experience, henceforth!

This testimony you are about to read shows the potency of the Communion:

I Can Now See With My Eyes!’

“On December 7, 2009, my landlord came to the house with some boys to beat one of the tenants. So, I went there to separate them.

I never knew when I got to the hospital, until I felt a sharp pain of a needle on my eyelid on the hospital bed.

After stitching the wound, they said I would still see again with my eyes. But three weeks after, I couldn't see anything.

Today before the Communion time, when the altar call was made, I came out, even though I couldn't still see with my eyes. After taking the

Communion in the first service, I discovered that I can now see with the eyes.”

—- **Michael, A.**

Chapter 6

Levels Of Acquaintance

And when the man that had the line in his hand went forth eastward, he measured a thousand cubits, and he brought me through the water; the waters were to the ankles.

Again he measured...the waters were to the knees. Again he measured the waters were to the loins.

Afterward he measured... and it was a river that I could not pass over: for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be

passed over.

Ezekiel 47:3-5

In any relationship, there are different levels of acquaintances. Every individual is acquainted to several people in varying degrees.

For instance, your colleagues at work know you to some extent, but your best friend definitely knows you more. However, your wife surely knows a lot more about you than your colleagues and best friend put together. So, acquaintance is in degrees.

If it is so in the natural, then it is more so in the world of the spirit. The closer you are to someone, the more of that person's character, mannerisms, preferences and priorities you know.

Perhaps, the more of someone you know, the more you will be able to vouch for that individual.

Ezekiel 47:3-5 aptly describes certain levels of relationship; though without a doubt it also refers to the anointing. In the above scripture, take note, however that there was a constant: ***...he measured a thousand... Again he measured a thousand... Again he measured a thousand... Afterward he measured a thousand"*** (Verses 3-5).

This shows that God is constant; you can never weigh Him and find that He has gained or reduced in weight. His measurements are always the same. He is the same yesterday, today and

forever (Hebrews 13: 8)

Someone once said that the sun is constant, but if you can't see it, it is not the sun that shifted, it is you. To some, God's ways appear so opaque and so translucent that they are confused by His every move. But this is not God's will. God is no respecter of persons. He desires that we all know Him intimately. The Bible says:

Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons; But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

Acts 10:34-35

God does not reveal Himself to some more than to others. God's ways

are equal and constant; man is the only variable.

Some believers have an ankle deep relationship with God; they are casual inquirers. They do not have the time to seek God's face diligently. They are satisfied with spending five minutes with the Lord each day. Their relationship is shallow. These have the Word of God planted in their hearts, but are very susceptible to the birds of the air, to the stones of life and to the thorns and thistles, all of which try to choke out God's Word in the believer's heart.

While some are ankle deep in their relationship with God, others are knee deep and yet others are loin deep, while

a few others are virtually swimming in the river of their relationship with God. Psalm 103:7 says:

He made known His ways unto Moses, His acts unto the children of Israel

Moses and the children of Israel were not at the same level of relationship with God. Moses experienced God's acts just the way the children of Israel did, but he knew the source of these acts. He knew God's ways. Surprisingly, Moses constantly sought to know God more! He said in Exodus 33:13:

Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy way, that I may know thee.

Moses was not satisfied with his knowledge of God, or his level of acquaintance with Him; he wanted to know more of God. Many get satisfied too soon with their knowledge of God. Moses, who had seen God face to face wanted more of Him, still yearned to know God more.

Come to think of it, how much of God do we really know? Moses spent 40 days in His presence without food or water, just drinking into God's presence. We pray at most for a few hours and we feel we have arrived. The secret to pressing forward in life is in yearning to know God more.

Please note: where you are today, is only good enough for the now. If you

stay there for too long, sudden mischief might catch up with you. It's time to draw closer to God, develop greater confidence in Him and trust Him more to be able to say: If God said it, I believe it and that settles it for me!

It is time to stop viewing God from a distance. We need to draw closer to press forward against all odds, to get to know Him more and to get better acquainted with Him. The closer we are to Him, the more His light shines on our path. The more acquainted we are with Him, the more light we enjoy.

Because we need more light each passing day, we must to be ready to allow ourselves get better acquainted with Him. We must never allow

ourselves to be deceived by the enemy, to think we know everything there is to know about God. No, we are just beginning; we are just in the kindergarten stage of our relationship with God.

There is so much about God in His Book (The Bible) that we are yet to discover. The more we discover about God, the more confidence is built up on our inside. This helps us to stand upon whatsoever He has said and to enjoy more victory in our day-to-day lives.

Let us briefly consider the four levels of relationship at this point:

*** Ankle Deep**

This is the first level of relationship. At salvation, a man can be said to be ankle deep in his relationship with God. This must be because before a man gets born again, he does not have a relationship with God at all; he is completely out of the waters. The one with this ankle deep relationship is just getting to know God.

He begins to attend fellowship, learn how to pray and study the Bible. Though with little understanding, yet people begin to see positive changes in him. He has cut off from most of the sinful things he used to do, though sometimes he may still ask, "Why must I not do this or do that?" He is still a babe in the Lord. What he

requires is milk, not meat.

For every one that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

Hebrews 5:13

He has to be taught the principles of the doctrine of God.

...Not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,

Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

Hebrews 6:1-2

This is the point at which the foundation must be laid. If the foundation is faulty then the building

will definitely collapse at some point. That is why many backslide after years of being said to be born again – their foundation was faulty.

*** Knee Deep**

This is the second level of relationship. At this point, the believer is baptized with the Holy Ghost. He speaks in tongues, and he is learning to enhance his relationship with God. The Word of God becomes easier for him to understand.

He attends Church regularly and joins a service group. He begins to chew the meat of God's Word. He has

an understanding of certain mysteries and knows why God says he should do certain things. He is beginning to mature.

However, as the word ‘knee deep’ implies, much of him is in the water, not all of him. He is still exposed to some degrees of carnality and he still has to battle with negative thoughts and vain imaginations.

There is plenty of room for growth and improvement.

*** Loin Deep**

This is the third level of relationship. At this point, God speaks to him; he

can decipher God's voice. He is led by the Spirit. He is a son, no longer a babe. He has insight; God's Spirit reveals deep things to him.

However, at this level, how much of God he sets himself to know will determine whether he progresses or remains stagnant. He must discipline himself to seek God more and to press forward. This is what usually makes the difference between those in this level and those in the next level, swimming in the waters.

At this point, don't just admire those who are progressing spiritually; be willing to pay the price they have paid to arrive where they are. Begin to develop your potentials and refuse to

accept the *status quo*. Constantly desire to grow, relying on the Holy Ghost. Romans 6:16 says:

Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servant ye are...

Nothing at this point happens by chance but by choice; so, choose to grow in Christ so you don't groan in crisis!

*** Covered**

This is the fourth level of relationship. In this category are those who through faith and patience have obtained the promise. The waters cover them; they

are filled to the brim with God's Holy Spirit.

They know God's ways and love to dwell in His presence. They carry God's presence around. They may be preachers or laymen, but they are separated unto God's service. They have an aura of God. There is a key in Ezekiel 47:5 which says:

... For the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over.

The waters have risen, but they must be swum in. People in this level of acquaintance with God must keep swimming in the waters. To give up at this point is to begin to drown.

For those at this level of

relationship, the current of the water in the river carries them along. This is why the Scripture says ***it is not by power nor by might but by the Spirit of God*** (Zechariah 4:6). The Holy Spirit is the One that keeps us afloat. Without Him, it will be a fight against the tide.

Secondly, that verse says: ***...A river that could not be passed over.*** There is a secret which must be held on tightly to. I believe it means that anyone at this level of relationship must never get to a point where he/she ever thinks he/she has enough and therefore never needs more of God.

Take note: the river was never meant to be passed over; it is a continuous flow, signifying ceaseless

hunger and thirst for God.

This explains why Apostle Paul exclaimed in Philippians 3:10: ***That I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death.***

Let me state categorically as I conclude this chapter, that all these levels of relationship with God can be greatly enhanced by constantly partaking of the Flesh and Blood of Jesus at the Communion Table. May this become your regular experience from henceforth!

The testimony below authenticates the efficacy of the Communion:

Six Years Chest Pain Healed!

“I had a chest pain for six years now. I had gone for various tests in the hospitals to no avail. So, I stopped taking the drugs that were prescribed for me.

Just this morning, after taking the communion in the first service, I had this serious pain and I held on to God. Now, the pain is gone forever.”

— Folake.

Chapter 7

Benefits Of Acquaintance

Acquaint now thyself with Him, and be at peace...

Job 22:21

Your getting acquainted with God is primarily for your good, not God's. You are the one to benefit from such relationship, not God. There are tremendous benefits in getting acquainted with God, some of which shall be considered in this chapter.

Peace

As you get acquainted with God, you enjoy peace. Abundance of peace is one of the cardinal benefits of being acquainted with God, and how this is needed these days more than ever.

The more acquainted you are with Him, the more at peace you are. In today's world, peace is a scarce commodity. There is so much chaos in the world today; the hearts of men are failing them for fear.

The world does not have peace, so it cannot offer it to anyone. Money can't buy it, so it cannot be purchased in any supermarket. God Almighty is

the sole custodian of peace.

This explains why the Bible categorically declares: ***Acquaint now thyself with Him, and be at peace...***

If you accept the responsibility to acquaint yourself with God, peace shall flow unto you like rivers. So, if you desire peace in your home, business and every sphere of life, then get acquainted with God. Peace is a product of acquaintance with God Almighty. The less acquainted you are with Him, the less peace you enjoy. No wonder, Paul the Apostle said:

That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings...

Philippians 3:10

Paul was longing to get closer to God, to know more of Him, despite the depth of relationship he already had with Him.

Have you noticed that whenever you are troubled and seem not to be at peace, your relationship with God is in question? Jesus is the Prince of Peace, He is the Author of Peace. So, anytime peace eludes you, check your relationship with God, perhaps you have shifted focus.

God is the constant, and man is the variable (Hebrews 13: 8). So, if you are troubled in any area of your life, the first thing you need to do is to strengthen your relationship with God. Find out what His Word says

concerning that particular aspect of your life, and stake your life to it.

The life of Jesus was characterized by peace. Remember when He was in a boat and the storm arose, which filled it with water. His disciples panicked and concluded that He did not care that they were about to perish.

The ship was threatened with capsizing and yet Jesus was asleep! That must be absolute peace in the midst of danger. How we need that dimension of peace today in a world characterized by danger, fear and uncertainty!

The good news is that even in the midst of the storms of life, the peace of God that passes all understanding can

rule your heart and enable you to go through life as if those storms never existed.

A deacon in our Church shared a testimony of how he and his wife physically withstood armed robbers, when they were attacked. According to his testimony, when the robbers charged at them, he and his wife boldly kept spraying the anointing oil on them. As they were doing so, the robbers were moving back. Ultimately, those vicious men took to their heels; meanwhile, they had raided the other three flats. That is peace in the midst of the storm!

Without peace in the heart, the oil in their hands would not have produced

such a testimony. What is on the inside is what makes life on the outside produce results for you. God's will is that you be established in peace. He wants to release peace to you in every area of life.

You can increase your level of peace by getting better acquainted with God. Once you constantly keep drawing closer, that peace from the Prince of Peace will keep on flowing to you. John 14:27 says:

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

If the world promises you peace, it will certainly be temporary; it's here

today and gone tomorrow. It will surely be unstable; it is like holding one's breath. Only the peace that comes from God can stand the test of time because

...Whatsoever God doeth, it shall be forever...

Ecclesiastes 3:14

God's peace is ever-abiding; it is resident in the heart and flows outward. It is possible for two different people to have similar things happen to them, yet their reactions may be different. One may be so disturbed that he grumbles and complains, while the other may be so relaxed and composed, confident of God's ever-abiding presence – he has peace like a river.

Please be aware: each time you

partake of the Communion, the Blood of the Prince of Peace flows into your veins and the peace of God replaces fear and uncertainty. So, the peace of God that passes all understanding can be transmitted to you via the Communion.

One of the reasons why some people are easily moved, when faced with challenging situations in life, is because they neglect the Communion or partake of it unworthily.

The Communion is capable of transmitting peace into your system. My prayer is that as you begin to partake of the Communion regularly and worthily, you will begin to experience genuine and lasting peace in

every department of your life - your heart, business, home finances, health, career and relationships.

Good Becomes Your Portion

This is another benefit of getting acquainted with God. The second part of Job 22:21 reads:

***Acquaint now thyself with Him...
thereby good shall come unto thee***

This is not debatable, because everyone knows what good is. Financial and material abundance, comfortable home to live in, buoyant career, healthy body, healthy relationships, etc, are all good. But how

much good you enjoy is determined by how much of God you know.

Searching through the pages of scripture, it is easy to find several people who were acquainted with God and unto whom good came.

Abraham was acquainted with God and God not only fulfilled His promise by giving him a son in his old age, but Abraham became very rich in gold, silver and cattle (Genesis 13:2).

Solomon walked with God; he was so acquainted with God that he was blessed with so much wisdom, gold and long life in a strange dimension — the kind that the world is yet to experience again. 1Kings 3:12-13 says:

I have done according to thy

words: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall arise like unto thee...

And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honour...

Dorcas was a woman who loved the Lord and was full of good works. She was in such a close relationship with God that even after she died, God arranged for her to come back to life (Acts 9:36-39). Good came unto her. You are next in line!

Good is simply of God because James 1:17 says:

Every good and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from

the Father...

If good gifts come from God, then there is need to draw closer to Him so as to be correctly positioned to receive the good that He has to offer.

Isaiah 1:18-19 reads:

Come now, and let us reason together...

If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land

From the above scripture, it is evident that God wants to get acquainted and be intimate with us; if we are willing to draw closer and yield to His dictates, then good will come our way.

The land God promised to take Israel into was a good land flowing

with milk and honey (Exodus 3:8). Psalm 85:12 has this to say:

Yea, the LORD shall give that which is good; and our land shall yield her increase.

God is good and He gives only good things. Therefore, chances are: the closer you are to God, the more good you enjoy.

God's Law Is En-grafted Into Your Heart

When you are acquainted with God, another benefit you stand to enjoy is that God's law is en-grafted into your heart!

After Moses had spent 40 days on the mountain, getting acquainted with God, God did something amazing. Exodus 32:18 says:

And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon Mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.

Having spent time drawing closer to God, God gave Moses His laws grafted upon tables of stone. Later, Moses out of annoyance broke those tables of stone. But God out of His mercy gave him another chance to have the laws re-written on another set of stones.

However, for the believer today,

our relationship with God is at a different dimension. This is because Jesus has been revealed and the Holy Ghost given. We are more privileged because as we spend more time in God's presence, His laws are engrafted not just on tables of stone which can be broken, but on the tables of our heart. 2 Corinthians 3:3 says:

Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistles of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.

Also, Job 22:21 says:

Receive, I pray thee, the law from his mouth, and lay up His Words in

thine heart.

From these scriptures, you will discover that the law is from God's mouth; so to be able to receive it, a certain level of closeness is required. Remember: God speaks with a still small voice. I Kings 19:11-12 says:

And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the Lord. And, behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the Lord was not in the earthquake:

And after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire: and

after the fire a still small voice.

If you read further, you will notice that God chose to speak to Elijah through the still small voice. Elijah could not have heard God, if he did not have a deep relationship with Him.

Those sins that you, as an individual, have been struggling with will be a thing of the past, if you will strengthen your relationship with God and draw closer to Him. You will then be able to tap into the holiness available in God. God's nature will begin to rub off on you; you will begin to conform to His image.

The Bible says something so powerful about association in Proverbs 13:20:

He that walketh with wise men shall be wise...

When you associate with wise men, you will reflect the wisdom of the wise. In the same vein, when you walk with God closely, you will begin to reflect His nature.

You Are Built Up

Another benefit is that as you get further acquainted with God, you get built up. You begin to mature and to develop. The grace of God is multiplied upon you. Job 22:23 says:

If thou return to the Almighty,

thou shalt be built up...

God wants you to grow up beyond the stage you are right now. He wants you to mature. He is not pleased to see you go round in circle.

Ezekiel 27:4 says:

...Thy builders have perfected thy beauty.

When you allow God to build you up, He perfects your beauty. As you spend time in God's presence, He opens you up. To be spiritually matured is to have an intimate relationship with Him.

Iniquity Is Far From You!

To be acquainted with God is for iniquity to be far from you. There is no meeting point between you and iniquity. What a benefit of eternal value this is, especially because iniquity separates man from God and subsequently from heaven eternally (Isaiah 59:2)!

Psalm 119:11 says:

***Thy word have I hid in mine heart,
that I might not sin against thee.***

As you draw closer to God, His Word increases in your heart; subsequently, iniquity stays away from you. You no longer struggle with sin; it just doesn't find a place in you anymore.

David was a man acquainted with

God; he was conscious of his every move. He wanted to please God above all else, and he was therefore careful not to transgress His law.

Perhaps that was why, when he fell into sin, God did not destroy him. Notice that when David was confronted, he fell down repentant. He knew God enough not to excuse his action. He did not put the blame on Bathsheba for bathing in the open; he simply fell before God in genuine repentance.

On the other hand, Saul, whose sin was not as grievous as David's, faced a greater punishment, because he did not possess adequate working knowledge of the ways of God.

Truly, David was a man after God's own heart; he knew God and longed to please Him. As you get acquainted with God, even when you transgress, God pardons you as long as you repent and do not return to those sins.

Financial Prosperity

Financial prosperity is another benefit of acquaintance with God. Those who seek God are never sent away empty; they never experience emptiness. God's word says in Isaiah 45:19:

I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth: I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me in vain: I the Lord speak righteousness, I declare things that are right.

God is faithful and just. He knows your every need and He alone can give it without any trace of sorrow or sleepless nights. All the things that unbelievers are running after and dying for are meant to be additions to you, not what you should chase after.

The Bible says in Haggai 2:8:

The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts.

All that you will ever need are available with God; so there is no need to go elsewhere in search of them.

What you need to do is to strengthen your relationship with God, and you will be in command of all those things.

Matthew 6:31-33 reads:

Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? Or, what shall we drink? Or, where withal shall we be clothed?

(For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

The closer you are to God, the closer financial prosperity is to you and vice versa. When you are in a strong

relationship with God, frustration and struggles become a thing of the past.

God's utmost desire is that you prosper, be in health and at peace at the same level to which your soul prospers (3 John 2); but the level of your acquaintance with God is the determining factor! Remember, Job 22:21, 24 says:

Acquaint now thyself with him...

Then shalt thou lay up gold as dust, and the gold of Ophir as the stones of the brooks.

God Becomes Your Defence

When you are acquainted with God, one of the benefits that you enjoy is that the Almighty God becomes your defence. Friend, when God becomes your defence, you are truly heavily defended!

No matter what you might be going through right now, the truth is: you are too defended to be defeated! The last defeat you had shall be the last you will ever experience.

In the natural, the closer a child is to his father, the more fatherly protection he/she enjoys from him. Imagine, just for a moment, a father and his son about to cross a busy road. Instinctively, the father would reach out to hold the hand of the child and

look around carefully before crossing the road.

If an earthly father would demonstrate such level of care, our heavenly Father would watch over us a lot more. As the scripture rightly says:

If God be for us, who can be against us?

Romans 8:31

The Bible also says in Psalm 125:2:

As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the LORD is round about his people from henceforth even for ever.

So, among other things, acquaintance with God brings a covering. Job 22:21, 25 says:

Acquaint now thyself with Him...

the Almighty shall be thy defense

May you begin to enjoy the defence of the Almighty in every facet of your life, from now on in a higher dimension than you ever imagined!

Delighting In the Almighty Becomes Easy

Delighting in God is another benefit of being acquainted with Him. See, this is how it works.

Without any doubt, God delights in His children. He is excited when we

break new grounds, make new discoveries, and explore new opportunities. However, very few believers truly really delight in God.

Those who truly delight in God do not see it as a burden to spend time with Him; they love Him and cannot think of anything better they would rather be doing. When they say, "I love You Lord," it is genuine, it is sincere, it is the whole truth.

There are many servants and sons of God, but few are His friends. Abraham was a friend of God. He loved God and would do whatever He (God) asked him to do. He was such a one in whom God could confide in. Genesis 18:17, 19 says:

***And the Lord said, shall I hide
from Abraham that thing which I do?
For I know him...***

What a relationship! God could not hide anything from Abraham because they had reached a level of acquaintance, where God could actually predict what Abraham would do and how he would react in different circumstances. Job 22:21, 26 says:

***Acquaint now thyself with Him...
then shalt thou have thy delight in the
Almighty,***

How much you delight in God, therefore, is a function of your level of acquaintance with Him. You acquaint yourself first with God and then it will become easy to delight in Him. You

will also yearn to please Him and be satisfied with Him. Isaiah 58:2 says:

... They seek Me daily, and delight to know My ways...

To delight in the Lord is closely tied to seeking Him daily and desiring to know His ways. As you seek God daily, delighting in Him becomes effortless and easy.

He Will Hear When You Pray

Answered prayers are one other benefit of being acquainted with God. In 1 John 5:14 the Bible says:

And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing

according to his will, he heareth us:

God is not duty-bound to hear every prayer. God answers prayer, that is true; but He answers only those said in agreement with His Word. However, how can someone who is distant from God know what is in His Word?

Elijah was a man well acquainted with the ways of God. He knew enough of God to enable him confidently challenge the prophets of Baal to a fire-calling contest. In fact, from his poise and confidence, it was obvious that he expected his prayer to be answered. God answered him without delay. Elijah prayed in 1 Kings 18:37-38:

Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the

LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again.

Then the fire of the LORD fell...

God hearkens to the cry of His beloved. They don't have to spend ages waiting for an answer; He answers speedily. Job 22:21, 27 says:

***Acquaint now thyself with him...
Thou shalt make thy prayer unto Him,
and He shall hear thee...***

Only those who are close to the Master have an assurance of answered prayers. As you strengthen your relationship with God and get more acquainted with Him, may you begin to enjoy speedy answers to your prayers for ever!

What You Decree Shall Be Established

This is another benefit of acquaintance with God. Remember how Joshua looked up at the sun and moon, while fighting against the Amorites and commanded:

***Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon;
and thou Moon, in the valley of
Ajalon.***

***And the sun stood still, and the
moon stayed, until the people had
avenged themselves upon their
enemies...***

***And there was no day like that
before it or after it that the LORD***

hearkened unto the voice of a man...

Joshua 10:12-14

Joshua decreed that the sun and moon should stand still, and they did for about a day longer; God hearkened unto his voice and established his desire. Job 22:21, 28 says:

Acquaint now thyself with Him...

Thou shalt also decree a thing and it shall be established unto thee...

A deep level of acquaintance with God is a prerequisite to being able to decree certain things and seeing them established. Interestingly, Joshua didn't even pray before he spoke. To him, it was not necessary; he knew God and was confident that God would hearken to his voice.

Many wonder why they make certain pronouncements and they backfire. Such people need to deepen their relationship with God and get better acquainted with Him. Elijah said:

As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.

1 Kings 17:1

This was a man who had a high level of acquaintance with God and truly, by his word no rain fell for three and a half years. Notice the phrase, “***...before whom I stand...***” Elijah had a firm, solid and strong relationship with the Lord, not one leg in and one

leg out.

Jesus, though tempted, refused to jump down from the pinnacle of the temple not because He could not have decreed safety upon landing, but because that would be yielding to temptation and contravening God's law.

Please be aware: any decree, which contradicts God's law, shall not come to pass, let alone be established.

**Seeing The Positive In Every
Situation**

Another benefit of acquaintance with God is that you will be able to see the positive in every situation.

The truth is: no matter the situation that you find yourself in, there is the positive side of it. It is sad to say, however, that not many ever get to see it. May you begin to see it!

Job 22:21, 29 says:

Acquaint now thyself with him...

When men are cast down, then thou shalt say, There is lifting up...

That is: no matter what is happening, say what you want to see, not what the world says! Not many people can do this.

As a believer, you must get to a point in your Christian walk when you

can no longer be discouraged by circumstances. You must get to a point where instead of looking at the problem, you look up to God who has the solution.

Do you remember the three Hebrew children? They were so close and intimate with God that they could boldly face death and say:

...O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king.

But if not, be it known unto thee, O king...

Daniel 3:16-17

Shedrach, Meshach, and Abednego knew their God and realized that He could and would deliver them; so they made bold declarations. Though they were confronted with death, what they knew of their God was more. They saw deliverance coming their way, and they got it. They knew their God, so they were strong and did exploits (Daniel 11:32).

Abram did an amazing thing. Though without a child, he agreed with God that he was going to be a father of nations; so he allowed God to change his name to Abraham. Imagine a man without a child for 25 years after God had promised, walking around with a name, which meant father of nations.

People must have laughed him to scorn, but he did not let that stop him from standing strong on the promises of God.

The Bible records that Abraham ... ***against hope believed in hope...*** (Romans 4:18). He counted on the faithfulness of God, so instead of being cast down he saw a lifting up.

God Himself, the Bible records, ***calleth those things which be not as though they were*** (Romans 4:17). God could have despaired when He saw the world without form and void (Genesis Chapter 1), but He refused to be discouraged. When God arrived at the scene of creation, He spoke the positive - light, instead of acknowledge what He

saw - darkness.

The negative is part and parcel of everyday life, but you must consciously choose to see the positive before it can become a reality. Daily, life is filled with challenges, but you can walk free by choosing to see the positive aspect and confessing the same.

The importance of positive confessions cannot be over-emphasized. That scripture in Job 22:29 says: ***When men are cast down, then thou shalt say, There is lifting up.***

When you say what God's Word says as against what you feel or what you are experiencing, your expectation

becomes established. Whatever your situation, discover what God's Word says: stand on it, confess it and you shall have what you say.

In concluding this chapter, I want to say that for the above benefits to accrue to you is totally dependent on how acquainted you are with God. Note that acquaintance comes by partaking of the Communion worthily with understanding.

The testimony you are about to read confirms the veracity of the Communion:

Three Years Lump In The Breast

Gone!

“I had this lump in my left breast for three years now. I was even billed for an operation. It came with terrible pains.

This morning, while in the service, the bishop prophesied that every case was settled! I believed God!

As I took the Communion, everything disappeared.”

— **Augusta, A.**

Chapter 8

The How To!

*Through wisdom is an house builded;
and by understanding it is established:*

*And by knowledge shall the
chambers be filled with all precious
and pleasant riches.*

Proverbs 24:3-4

It is understanding that makes anything outstanding. Until you know the 'how to' of any subject, life will ever be a frustrating journey. It takes wisdom, which is the correct application of knowledge, to live an

outstanding and established life in the kingdom.

In the preceding chapters, it has been established that acquaintance with God is a must, for you to enjoy the benefits of acquaintance such as: peace, the good of the land, the law being engraved in the heart, being built up, iniquity being far from you, financial prosperity, the Lord becoming our defence, among others.

However, in this chapter, we shall consider how to get better acquainted with God and strengthen our relationship with Him.

There are two major ways of getting acquainted with God and strengthening our relationship. The

record of the account in Acts chapter 6 and verse 4 clearly reveals this. Read this with me:

But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

The Word of God and prayer are the two major ways of real acquaintance with God. Although there are other means, but they all draw from these two.

The early apostles, who were spiritual pillars, knew the secret to maintaining an ever-blossoming, buoyant and robust relationship with God; they were not ready to trade it for anything!

They stood against odds and fought

every form of distraction and maintained focus; so they could enjoy real strong and intimate relationship with God, and fulfill destiny. If they had to do that, you and I cannot afford to do anything less today!

Let us examine each of these briefly at this point.

Acquaintance Through The Word

One major way you can get acquainted with God is through His Word.

You know a man by his words, and the more of a man's words you are exposed to, the more of him you get to know. In the same vein, you get to

know God by His Word. The more of God's Word you are exposed to, the more of Him you know. This explains why Colossians 3:16 says:

Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly...

As you spend time studying God's Word, you will get to know more about His person and character. God's Words are written clearly in the Holy Bible. The only way to find out His likes and dislikes is by studying His Word.

For lack of appropriate knowledge of God and His Word, a Christian may die of sickness even though God has made provision for him to live a sickness-free life! He may die of poverty and lack, not being aware that

Jesus was poor so he could be rich! Peace may elude him except he discovers that God has made provision for him to live a peaceable life.

So, Colossians 3:16 could be paraphrased as: ***Get acquainted with God's Word.***

You must learn to take in the Word of God carefully and purposefully, to extract the nutrients embedded in each sentence until your profiting appears to all. Spend time in the Word by attending Word-based Christian meetings, as well as in personal study.

Really, the best time to get acquainted with God and strengthen your relationship with Him is when it is just you and Him. Learn to get

hooked to the Word of God and allow it to rule your heart.

I read a book written by Late Archbishop Benson Idahosa, where he said he once heard the father of Dr. Kenneth Copeland say that even if he discovered suddenly that the Bible is no longer true, he will still live by it. When I read that, I said to myself, “Wow! What a stand!” But really, you can afford to stand on any Word God has spoken because His Word is sure. Psalm 119:89 says:

Forever, O Lord, Thy Word is settled in heaven.

God has magnified His Word above all of His names (Psalm 138:2). So, we need to familiarize ourselves more

with this highly magnified Word of God. If at the mention of the name of Jesus, every knee will bow and tongues confess, then imagine what will become of those knees and tongues at the proclamation of God's Word!

The reason why some people are easily moved when confronted with challenges, is because of their level of acquaintance with God through His Word. Joshua Chapter 1 records the account of God's priceless instruction to Joshua, the son of Nun. Moses was dead, and Joshua had been chosen to divide the land for the children of Israel. He would require much courage, especially because the land to be divided had to first be captured and the

inhabitants driven out.

Joshua knew there were giants in the land; remember he was a member of the team that spied out the land. God knew that when confronted with the giants and their fenced cities and iron chariots, Joshua would require courage to stand firm and unshakable. So, God let Joshua into the secret of unending triumph. Joshua 1:8 says:

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

The key to ceaseless triumph is access to the Book Of The Law. What was Joshua to do with it? He was to meditate on it day and night and observe to do according to all that is written therein.

We all want our ways to be prosperous, we want to accomplish our mission on earth, we want to enjoy success in our calling; but the secret to sweatless triumph lies in acquaintance with the Word. Day and night, Joshua was instructed not to let The Book Of The Law depart from him; in other words, he was to spend quality time in the Word daily. It was the price he had to pay. Note that it did not stop at just meditation; he was expected also to

take steps to do all he had learnt.

The more time you spend studying the Word, the more grace is released to you to put to work what you are studying.

Approval in the world comes with approval in the Word.

2 Timothy 2:15 says:

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Studying precedes showing. If you will study diligently, God will approve of you and will manifest you to your world. It is your turn to be manifested, but quality and quantity time investment in Word study is a

requirement. You need to build up yourself in the Word and that acquaintance with God through His Word will produce an unshakeable confidence in God, even in the midst of challenges.

Acquaintance Through Prayer And Fasting

The importance of prayer in your quest to get acquainted with God cannot be over-emphasized.

Prayer is your communication link with God. Therefore, to pray is to commune with God.

It is a known fact that every strong

relationship thrives on the maintenance of a very good communication link between the parties involved. In the same vein, prayer enhances the strength of our relationship with God.

This explains why the scripture clearly states:

And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint.

Luke 18: 1

Pray without ceasing.

I Thessalonians 5: 17

By creation, man craves to commune with God; prayer therefore provides an avenue to satisfy this crave. No wonder then, the fire on the prayer altar is not expected to go out

(Leviticus 6: 13).

When a believer is no longer excitedly interested in consistent prayer, such a one is getting farther away from God and his/her relationship with God gets weaker.

If you must enjoy a strong relationship with God, prayer is not optional but mandatory. Reason is: what breath is to the physical body of man is what prayer is to your spiritual life; so, to be prayerless is to be lifeless!

It is important to mention at this point that it is essential to learn to pray both in your understanding and in the spirit (tongues). When you are baptized in the Holy Spirit and you pray in

tongues, you have a prayer advantage.

Read what the scripture says about this:

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit ...

Ephesians 6: 18

But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost.

Jude verse 20

In case you are not baptized in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues yet and you are a believer, I strongly admonish you to make it a priority. You don't know what you are missing if you are not baptized in the Holy Spirit yet! Jesus is the Baptizer!

I gave my life to Jesus and got born again as a teenager. Also, I received the baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues in 1976. Since then, it has been an amazing and fulfilling adventure.

For guidance on how you can be baptized in the Holy Spirit, you can also contact me through the address at the back of this book.

Personally, I enjoy spending the early hours of the day in prayer, communicating with God and strengthening my relationship with Him. From experience, I have discovered that this is what makes the rest of the day productive for me. It is not enough to just pray, but to pray

effectively and fervently!

Please be aware: quality and quantity time must be spent in prayer, even though it is not just how long you pray that is important, but how effectual and fervent your prayer is.

James 5:16(b) says:

...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

“What makes prayer effectual and fervent,” you may ask? There are several factors, but one of the most prominent is fasting.

Fasting enhances your communication in prayer in no small measure. This is the reason for considering acquaintance with God through fasting and prayer here.

Concerning fasting, Jesus said in Matthew 17:21:

Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.

So, prayer and fasting go hand in hand; prayer becomes effectual when coupled with fasting.

“What then is fasting,” you may ask? Fasting is doing away with food so as to humble the soul and the flesh and in turn strengthen relationship with God through prayer and Word study.

Fasting is meant to be part and parcel of your Christian worship and programme. It is a spiritual exercise. This explains why the scripture says:

Moreover when ye fast...

But thou, when thou fastest...

Matthew 6: 16-17

Notice the word 'when' in the above scripture. So, fasting is meant to be an issue of 'when', not a question of 'if'.

Care must be exercised, however, to ensure that this does not become a religion. Again, it is not how long your fasting is that determines its productivity, but the spirituality with which it is offered.

Whenever fasting is not coupled with prayer and Word study, it is mere punishment and hunger strike!

As a ministry, we have specific days of prayer, fasting and Communion, both separately and combined. The effect has been

overwhelming, I can tell you! You shall not miss your portion!

The testimony below shows the effect of the Communion on our sister:

‘I Now Have Sufficient Blood!’

“I joined this Winners’ family on February 17, 2008. Since 2006, I had been sick. I had a blood disease that compromised my immune system for three years. I had been on drugs ever since.

I had fainted several times, due to the sickness, and had always been rushed to the hospital, each time.

When I joined this Commission, I kept hearing different testimonies erupting from the Communion Table.

So, I made up my mind to come for any Communion Service with a craving in my heart that I won't take it as an ordinary Communion, but as the Blood of Jesus that would complement my blood and make it more than sufficient. I started taking the Communion in faith that I'm healed of my diseases.

Three months ago, I went to my doctor for medical check-up. I was surprised at the report I got. The doctor said I now have sufficient blood! I'm no longer short of blood."

– **Agatha.**

Chapter 9

Proofs Of Acquaintance

And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of ..., and of the prophets:

Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

Hebrews 11:32-34

There is a line-up in the scripture of men who were acquainted with God. They were men who walked uprightly before God, whose lives were pleasing to Him. As they walked closely with Him, peace was their portion, they fed fat on the good of the land, they were built up, iniquity was far from their tabernacles, they laid up gold as dust and they had their delight in the Lord.

These last days, I am persuaded that God wants us to be drawn in closer Communion than the men of old.

In this dispensation, since Jesus has been revealed and the Holy Ghost released, entering into God's presence has become easier and a lot more can

therefore be accomplished.

Elisha, the prophet of God, was a man who knew the ways of God. He had an insight into angelic intervention. Psalm 34:7 says:

The angel of the Lord encampeth round them that fear Him, and delivereth them.

When the king of Syria sent a host to compass around Elisha, his servant woke up early and was taken aback when he saw the great host. Elisha woke up but did not lose his cool, when his servant told him about the host of Syria. He knew that greater is He that was with them than those with the host of Syria.

So, Elisha prayed and said:

Lord, I pray Thee, Open his eyes that he may see. And the Lord openeth the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha

2 Kings 6:17

Elisha's servant was troubled at the sight of a mountain full of Syrian soldiers on horseback and in chariots. If he had been better acquainted with God, he would have understood that they that were with him and his master were more than they that were with the Syrian army (Verse 16).

Prophet Elisha was so acquainted with God that he knew God was able to deliver even in the midst of danger. In

the midst of danger, all he said was, ***Open his eyes*** (2 Kings 6:17). The prophet was not agitated; he didn't even need to go and see whether the chariots of fire were there or not – he had got to that level of closeness and had a knowing that God was a Deliverer.

God still delivers! That same God who delivered the brother who was attacked by robbers mentioned earlier, is still the same today. He is your Deliverer!

So, when you are confronted by evil or danger, remember that God who delivered the prophet Elisha from the host of Syria is still alive today. He hasn't changed.

Imagine yourself being surrounded by heavenly chariots of fire. Picture yourself being surrounded by angels who excel in strength. They are there, they are real, but you must get acquainted with God so that you can become more aware of them.

Paul, the great Apostle to the Gentiles desired to know God so much; his cry was, ***That I may know Him (Philippians 3:10)***. Paul knew so much of God that he finished his course with joy; the enemies arrayed against him could not overpower him.

No matter the situation you may be in right now, let your heart be at peace. God who delivered Apostle Paul will surely deliver you, whether the

weapons fashioned against you are known to you or not. However, such peace only comes from God and you can only have access to it when you draw closer to God.

A viper in the Island of Melita bit Paul; he just shook off the snake into the fire and remained unaffected. Acts 28:1-6 has the details of this account. There is a degree to which a man can get acquainted with God that he becomes unaware of attacks by the enemy.

John, the beloved, was the disciple who usually rested his head on the bosom of Jesus (John 13:23). He must have been close enough to hear the heartbeat of the Master. We are told

that Church history records how he was thrown into hot oil and yet could not be destroyed. As a result, the source continues, he was banished to the Island of Patmos because he could not be destroyed.

By virtue of John laying his head on the chest of the Master, he knew certain things other disciples didn't know; so he became an impossible case to the world, I believe. This is God's will for you and I that we get closer to Him so we can become impossible cases to the devil.

Think about **Abraham**, an old man of 75 years, packing his belongings and setting out for an unknown land. He didn't know where he was going, yet he

set out on the journey, simply because God said so. If he were not intimately close to God, he would have thought it was a demon asking him to leave his domain!

Abraham was close enough to God to recognize His voice. He was so confident that God could not lead him astray; so he obeyed Him. Thank God he did, because from nobody, he became a father of nations. From poverty, he became very rich in cattle, gold and silver. Abraham was so acquainted with God that he was known as the friend of God (James 2:23).

Noah was a man well-acquainted with God. In his days and times, when men were lawless and dwelt in iniquity,

Noah distinguished himself by staying closer to God. The Bible tells us that rain had never fallen before that time, yet Noah believed God when He said He was going to send a deluge. He was so intimate with God that He knew that whatsoever God said was final. So, he didn't argue when God said:

Make thee an ark of gopher wood;

Genesis 6:14

Perhaps, he employed others to assist him in the actual construction, yet none of them partook of the great deliverance. They might have laughed at him, but that didn't mean anything to him; he was so acquainted with God that he knew that someday, sometime, in accordance with God's Word, rain

would fall. At the end, God distinguished Noah. You shall be distinguished!

The storms of life are raging hard; it is time to get acquainted with God. Now is the time to pay more attention to your relationship with God more than ever! As you do, the storms of life will bow to you.

J e s u s, our perfect example exhibited the highest level of acquaintance when He said:

I and My Father are one

John 10:30

He proved this, times without number. When He was confronted with the death of Lazarus, for instance, He did not panic. He knew what to do and

therefore was at peace. No wonder, all He said in John 11:41 was, ***Father, I thank Thee that Thou hast heard Me*** because He was acquainted with God the Father.

Jesus talking about the Communion said:

As the living Father hath sent Me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth Me, even he shall live by Me

John 6:57

This means that His life is transmitted into us, each time we partake of His Body and Blood in the Communion. The Communion strengthens our acquaintance with God, and creates in us a hunger and thirst for deeper fellowship with God.

Jesus was so much in tune with God that He knew even when an attempt was being made on His life. We found it recorded in scriptures that they attempted to kill Him 11 times and He escaped 11 times. Even when it was time for Him to die, He did because it was the time appointed. If Jesus made it, then you and I can. The Communion releases the grace to overcome the storms of life.

We have examined closely the lives of some men in scriptures, who were acquaintances with God and how it profited them. You are next in line!

There are also others who were not intimate with God, and they had to pay dearly for it. You shall not be one of

such.

Remember: the Lord gave Saul (1 Samuel 15: 1-15), an express commandment to wipe out the Amalekites. For whatever reason, Saul allowed the people to persuade him to spare Agag and a few choice sheep. He did not know the gravity of his crime; he did not know just how angry God was at the Amalekites for refusing Israel's passage through their land. He was not acquainted with God's Word. Even when Prophet Samuel confronted him with the bleating sheep he could hear, Saul denied it outright.

Nathan confronted David with a crime he had undeniably committed. The scene was the same, but the

outcome was different. While David was spared, though punished, Saul's throne was taken from him. The secret was acquaintance. David knew God and knew that

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit... and a contrite heart... He will not despise

Psalm 51:17

Unlike David, instead of falling down and begging for mercy, Saul blamed the people and made excuses. The truth is that Saul was not in an intimate relationship with God; he was far away from God. He didn't understand God's ways.

God's desire is that you make it in life and ministry. He yearns to impart

you with precious gems, but you must draw closer to Him so you can tap into them. James 4:8 says:

Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you.

All you need is to draw near to Him, for if God be for you, who can be against you? You are on the winning side!

This testimony shows how a sister was healed from kidney and liver diseases via the Communion:

Kidney And Liver Disease Healed!

“Sometimes last month, I started having waist pain. The pain was so much that I couldn’t explain it.

Last week, I had a terrible pain in

the night. So, I went to the hospital, and the doctor declared that I had an infection of the kidney.

I went for blood and urine tests and scan last Friday. My husband said after the scan, they noticed a problem in the liver again, and a swelling in the urinary tract.

My husband said I should set myself for an encounter on Sunday, since it was a Communion Service for our Covenant Healing Day.

After the Communion Service, I started sweating profusely, and I knew my healing had taken place.

On Monday, I got back to the hospital, and it took the doctor a very long time to attend to me after my file

was passed to him. I wondered what was going on. So, I went in to meet him myself, and asked what was wrong. He replied and said, ‘Catherine, I can’t understand. I was looking at your result and couldn’t find any of the problems. Everything is cleared.’

--- ***Mrs. Olabanjo.***

Chapter 10

Impartation Of Wisdom

Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

Proverbs 4:7

God's wisdom works! Wherever wisdom is found, it cannot be hidden. The Communion is the wisdom of God in action. According to God's servant, Bishop David Oyedepo, this wisdom manifests itself by the proofs it commands.

Why do we need wisdom?

It is the principal thing. In other words, outside wisdom every other thing won't work. Wisdom is the principal subject in the school of life. In the natural school, if you fail the principal subject, no matter what you score in your elective, you will not graduate. The same thing is applicable to wisdom in the school of life.

Supernatural wisdom comes from above. This wisdom is the correct application of God's Word. We are also told from scriptures that the wisdom of God is the kind that creates solutions. God by His wisdom brings

solutions to every situation of life at home, at work, in your health, in your career and in whatever has been a concern to you.

The wisdom of God that creates solutions will create the required solution in every area of your life. By the wisdom of God, every area of concern in your life shall be turned to celebration. God's Word makes it very clear, however, that God's wisdom is many-sided in nature. Ephesians 3:10 says:

To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God.

The Communion is one of the

manifestations of the wisdom of God for this end- time. When we partake of it, we become agents by which God Himself will teach principalities and powers a lesson. God will be teaching the devil, the adversary, principalities, powers, dominion in heavenly places, on earth, wherever they may exist, through your hands and my hands a lesson.

The Communion is also a medium of transmission. A medium is simply the substance by which something is transmitted. So, when we partake of the Lord's Table, we are partaking of a transmission of, among several others, eternal life. God's Word makes it very clear in John 6:54-55 which says:

Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed...

In other words, the Communion transmits into you and me eternal life. That eternal life swallows up everything that is contrary in our system.

As a woman and as a mother, I know the value and the importance of inoculations that are given to babies from birth. When a child is born, there are different kinds of inoculations as the child begins to grow that the child is expected to take. As long as these are taken, you can be sure that prevention

is already put in place.

In the world, there is this common saying that “*Prevention is better than cure.*” We don’t have to wait as believers until we get into tight corners, before we begin to rush to take the Communion. I like to remind you that every Communion Service and every Communion you have ever taken in time past, can be likened to inoculations of eternal life fortifying you against the rainy day. It gets you strengthened for the day of battle.

Remember, the Word of God makes it clear in Proverbs 24:10 that: ***If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small.*** You don’t wait until battle begins before you start

preparing. You get ready and you live ready. As long as you are ready and set, when the battle erupts, you are already equipped to win it.

So, all the previous Communion Services you have attended and the entire Communion you have taken in faith in time past are not wasted. They have helped in inoculating you in readiness for the days ahead. When the battles of life erupt, you will never fail!

Bishop Oyedepo says over and again that the battles of life don't have examination timetable; they just erupt. But once you are living ready, no matter what time the battles of life erupt, you can be sure that you are already connected to eternal life. The

good news is: eternal life cannot be overcome by natural life!

Just like mosquitoes carry malarial parasites that are released and transmitted into man's system when bitten by them, the same way when you partake of the Lord's Table, eternal life is transmitted into your being. Once that happens, whatever cannot withstand eternal life is not permitted to withstand you.

No matter the kind of situation you might be in, when you partake of His Blood and His Flesh in the Communion, a spiritual transfusion takes place in your life. The Flesh and Blood of Jesus are transmitted into your blood stream each time you

partake of the Communion, thereby flushing out everything contrary to God's will in your life.

Failure, for example, is contrary to eternal life; so, as you partake of the Communion, failure is swallowed up in victory.

Sickness and disease are contrary to eternal life; so, each time you partake of the Communion, you receive divine inoculations capable of flushing out sicknesses and diseases from your life.

In case the enemy has tried in whatever way to pester your life with any kind of fear — fear of tomorrow, fear of the unknown, fear of the future — because there is no fear in eternal life, when you partake of the Lord's

Table, fear is flushed out.

There was one of our deaconesses who once lived in the Northern part of Nigeria, whose daughter was kidnapped from school. They tried all they could in search of her, but all to no avail. The mother believed however, that her daughter could not be lost and therefore would be found, even though in the physical it seemed unrealistic.

Thank God for the transmission of eternal life; both herself and the yet to be found daughter had partaken of the Communion severally in time past.

According to her testimony, one of the many-sided wisdom of God that she kept on applying was continuous inoculation of eternal life by the

Communion. The mother kept on attending Communion Services in Church and would take Communion home to serve the yet to be found girl, through the girl's picture, and gave thanks to God.

Each morning, she would go to the girl's closet, bring out her school uniform and place it together with the picture and call her by name saying, "I know it is well with you. You are alive, and you are not dead. This is your school uniform; you are going back to school, and I can see you make it." She kept at it. It seemed so foolish naturally, but the wisdom of God works. That wisdom worked in her life. The Bible says:

...The foolishness of God is wiser than men.

1 Corinthians 1:25

So, she kept serving the girl the Communion in the picture. Lo and behold, far away in another state, they had already changed her daughter's name. In the natural, her return and recovery seemed impossible, but mysteriously and miraculously she was recovered and returned to her parents.

That same girl has now completed her university education and is now gloriously married. Whatever you might have lost, eternal life can recover it for you via the Communion. When men think there is no more way out, God will miraculously and

supernaturally open the door for you!

As I shared in my testimony book titled, ***Rescued from destruction***, one of the many-sided wisdom of God that was put in place for my rescue, when I was attacked, is the Communion Table. When all roads seemed completely blocked and there was no physical strength anywhere else, the many-sided wisdom of God came on the scene and established my rescue. That same wisdom of God will establish your own as well.

During that period, I took the Communion daily before any meal at all. Before any food touched my mouth, I took the Communion first! Gradually, strength began returning

and was getting multiplied, and gradually I was able to talk properly and learn how to walk again.

Now, it is not just that I am talking and walking, I am also preaching and declaring the everlasting Gospel with greater power and manifestation of the Spirit, with undeniable proofs to the glory of God and shame of the devil.

So, when you take the Communion, you are imparted with wisdom, which in turn enables you to know which way to take, so as to come out of every challenge you might be confronted with.

Whenever the devil wants to edge you out, remember my testimony. Also, remember that God is not partial.

He did it in my life; He will do it for you too. This is one of the secrets, one of the many-sided wisdom of God that came to my rescue. Your testimony shall be brighter.

Look at this testimony:

10 Years Heart Problem Terminated!

“I had been having this heart problem for the past 10 years. After I took the Communion, I couldn’t find it again!”

— **Taiwo, B.**

Chapter 11

Empowerment By The Communion

For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.

For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh

damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.

1 Corinthians 11:26-31

God alone is the source of true power. He has made provisions by which He empowers His children.

For instance, one of the provisions of empowerment for us as believers is the Word of God. The Bible says in Colossians 3:16: ***Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.*** So, as you listen to God's Word, you are empowered.

Another way by which God empowers believers is by the Holy

Spirit. In Acts 1:8 we are told:

You shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you!

If you are baptized in the Holy Spirit, it is not just tongues that you have; you have the power of God living inside you.

However, one major way by which God empowers believers is by the Communion.

The word “empower” is defined as ‘*to invest with power, especially legal power, to invest with official authority.*’ Empowerment by the Communion means: each time you partake of the Communion, it is God officially empowering you with authority and legal power.

We live in a world that is power conscious, but ‘power pass power.’

Each time you partake of the Lord’s Table, you are officially impacted again with power from on high and everything that has ever withstood your destiny will bow to you. The Bible in John 6:56 & 57 says:

He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood dwelleth in me and I in him

As the Living Father has sent me and I live by the Father, so he that eateth me (as Communion) even he shall live by me.

In other words, “When you eat my flesh and drink my blood at the Communion, you shall be empowered

to live like me.” So, the Communion is designed by God to empower the believer to live like Jesus. Thus, whatever cannot be found in the life of Jesus Christ, has no right to be found in you. Whatever cannot force itself on Jesus, has no legal authority to force itself on you.

The Communion is a mysterious source of empowerment. God designed it so that you and I can live like Jesus in this wicked world. Jesus empowered His disciples by the Communion, before He was crucified on the cross (Matthew 26: 26-27). Even after He rose from the dead, before He was taken up into heaven, He empowered them by the Communion again (Luke

24: 30 - 31).

Each time you partake of the Lord's Table, you are simply observing and doing what Jesus Himself already instituted and did. If they had results in those days, we should expect more results today.

The Communion empowers you to become a living witness for Jesus.

1 Corinthians 11:30-31 says:

For this cause many are weak and sickly among you and many sleep.

For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.

But before that, in verse 29 it says:

For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily eateth and drinketh damnation unto himself not

discerning the Lords body.

Before you partake of the Lord's Table, always examine yourself. You are to partake of it worthily, so that its blessings and benefits can be your portion. Remember: those who partake of it unworthily get weak, sickly and die; but those who partake worthily experience strength, health and longevity.

The first benefit talks about strength; so, you are empowered to be a witness in your strength. Evidently, the journey of faith requires strength — spiritual, mental and physical. You cannot be a witness for Jesus if you are a weakling. You cannot be a witness for Jesus effectively without adequate

strength in your spirit, mind, and body.

You need strength mentally to be able to know what to say, when you are witnessing to somebody about Jesus. You don't just approach someone and say, "I have come to witness to you about Jesus." You need to know what to say. You need mental strength in the form of wisdom; you need spiritual strength and you need physical strength in your body. All these are available at the Communion Table.

It is not enough to be born again, you need strength spiritually, for instance, to be able to overcome the temptations of life. God's Word tells us that there is no temptation that has come your way that is not common

(1Corinthians 10:13); but you need spiritual strength to overcome the temptations of life. One way you contact that spiritual strength is by the Communion.

Are you faced with temptation/challenges in your career, health, business, family life or studies? The good news is that triumph is available for you at the Lord's Table.

The early Church partook of the Lord's Table constantly and so they were full of strength.

I read about the great man of God, Oral Roberts. One time, he had a hectic ministration and became quite tired physically. However, he understood the secret of empowerment by the

Communion. So, he got one of his associates who administered the Communion to him and he regained his strength. He lived strong till his time on earth was over at a very old age.

Also, I remember a brother who gave a testimony in our Church some time ago. He said his second name was '*Ole*' in Yoruba, which means 'laziness' in English. According to his testimony, he felt weak and tired every time. At home, in school, everywhere and at every time, he was always feeling sleepy. That cannot be of God; it must be from the devil. In that testimony, I remember he said he fainted twice just because he fasted till 6 p.m. Weakness is not of God; it is of

the devil!

But thank God, deliverance came for him. In his testimony, he said he attended a Communion Service after which he immediately began to experience a change of story. According to him, he could now be awake by 5 a.m. and work throughout the day successfully without getting tired.

May you also begin to enjoy physical, mental and spiritual strength by the Communion from now on!

Secondly, the Communion infuses health into your system. When you partake of the Lord's Table, health becomes your portion and you need health to be a living witness. God said

in 3 John 2:

I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health even as your soul prospers.

So, health is God's will for you. Every form of sickness and disease can be terminated by the Communion, when you partake of it worthily!

The time has come when those who live in health will be spied out on; people will begin to look at them as kings and queens. I see you among such people!

Remember the first benefit is strength, the second one is health, and the third is longevity. In Psalm 91:16, God speaking concerning you, said:

With long life will I (God) satisfy

him ...

God wants to satisfy you with long life. Longevity is your portion and one way that is imparted, is by the Communion.

Reading from God's Word, you will discover that all our covenant fathers lived long. Remember, for instance, Jacob in the Bible. We are told that at the age of 130 years, he said, "I am going to visit my son Joseph," and he rode on a horse. At the age of 147, Jacob was still able to bless his sons; his mind was still very sound.

The Communion can terminate loss of memory. So, when you partake of the Lord's Table, sound mind becomes your portion.

I once told a college student, “If you are writing an examination and your result is like this now at the age of less than 30, when you are 60 years old, what will happen?” You are sitting for examination in a course that was developed by an unbeliever, why should you keep failing it, when you potentially have the mind of Christ?

If you have failed any examination before, that will be the last that you will ever fail. This is because as you partake of the Lord’s Table, you are saying, “Bye bye to failure.”

I met a young woman around 1986, who at that time was 80 years old! She just graduated from the University! I was amazed when this woman came up

to share her testimony. She said she went back to school not because she needed the certificate, but because she caught the light from the scripture which says: *For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? **But we have the mind of Christ*** (1 Corinthians 2:16).

When this scripture was fired into her system, she saw herself possessing a fertile mind, the kind that Jesus possesses, with which any academic pursuit is possible! Long life with fertile mind is your heritage and the Communion infuses this kind of life.

Henceforth, each time you approach the Lord's Table, convince yourself that the life of God is about to

be infused into your system. As you partake by faith, something definite shall be deposited into you. You shall not die young! Your family and your household shall henceforth be identified and known with longevity in Jesus' name!

In the following testimony, the brother took the Communion and he experienced a divine visitation:

30 Years Catarrh Over!

“I had been having catarrh for 30 years. At the Communion Table, the Lord settled me! I am healed! I give God all the praise.”

— **Joseph A.**

Chapter 12

It Works!

And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with [them], and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

Mark 16:20

Below are some exciting testimonies, to show the efficacy of the Lord's Table. As you go through them, may your faith in the efficacy of the Communion Table be stirred up and strengthened, turning you to a living proof and making a proof-producer of

you!

Come along with me!

Healed Of Sharp Pain In Tummy!

“Since 1999, I had been having a sharp pain in the right part of my tummy. People gave it all manner of names. It got to a point that I had to crawl to the place I was being treated and crawled back home.

I was at a point advised to go for a test, which I ignored, because I knew it would end up in going for an operation. I believed God for healing since then.

To God be the glory, during the

three days spiritual week of emphasis, I focused on it. I told God, ‘I’ve been partaking of the Holy Communion before, but my partaking of this particular one should bring about my desired healing.’

Immediately after the taking of the Communion, I was healed of the sharp pain in my tummy!”

– Sis. Faith.

‘I Am Now Hale And Hearty!’

“I had suffered from numbness of the body from 2004 to 2008. I didn’t

realize how serious it was. So, I thought the problem was just a minor thing that could be neglected. As it continued to worsen, I took a personal decision that the time had come for it to be sentenced.

October 24, 2008 precisely, was the period we had a series of teachings on **With Healings On His Wings**. I bought every tape on the teachings of the bishop on healing.

I headed for the Camp House to settle with the Word from October 24 to 26. I came out every night to pray in the open field, and ran round the tabernacle.

On Sunday, which was a Communion Service, the bishop was

ministering from Job 33:21-26, he said, 'Interpretation is the gateway to restoration.' The word was fired into my bones.

The bishop ministered the Communion that same day, and I received my healing. To God be the glory, I am now hale and hearty!"

— Joshua, O.

25 Years Spinal Cord Dislocation Healed!

"In 1982, I had an attack while I was asleep. The effect of that was that my spinal cord was dislocated. I had series

of treatments in the hospital and series of X-rays, but there was no solution.

After taking the Holy Communion at last Sunday's Communion Service, I left the church for home.

Few minutes after I got home, I went to toilet. When I was about cleaning up, I noticed that there was an insect which couldn't come out of me.

After a keen observation, I noticed that the insect was black and hard like stone. I poured anointing oil on it and I believed I had received my miracle.

Few hours after, the insect dropped off my body! Now I am healed! Up till date, the spinal cord problem is no more! I give glory to God!"

— **Bro. Ayo, O.**

Delivered From Death!

“I thank God for his faithfulness in my life. I joined Winners’ Chapel in 1997.

Last Wednesday, as I came back from the Mid-Week Service, the Spirit of the Lord laid it in my heart to touch my baby where he was lying.

I touched my baby and saw that his hands and legs were very cold. I rejected that saying it was not my portion.

As I tried to carry him, I saw that his whole body was stiff. As I wanted to shout for help, the same Spirit said I should apply the Communion instead. I applied the Communion on him, yet he

was still very stiff.

As I wanted to shout again, the Spirit cautioned me and said I should tie the mantle around him. I tied the mantle around him and declared what the bishop said, that I won't bury any member of my family this year.

I called on the God of Bishop Oyedepo to prove Himself in my baby's life. I called my baby's name thrice and by the third time, he answered and said, 'Yes mummy.'

I opened his mouth and poured in the Communion. The devil tried to take away my baby from me, but the God of Bishop David Oyedepo intervened and took total control.

When my baby woke up in the

morning, he said to me, ‘Mummy, I’m healed.’ I give God all the praise!”

—Mrs. M. Dada

Diabetes Healed!

“I’m testifying on behalf of a fellow brother I invited to our Mid-Week Service. He was diabetic, and that was why I invited him to the Church.

During the time for Communion, he took it twice. Also, my sister bought him the book, Signs and Wonders, and showed him where to read and expect his healing.

To my greatest surprise, this afternoon, the man came to my shop

and testified of his healing. He said he went to the hospital for a check-up, and the doctor told him that he's no longer diabetic! Praise the Lord!"

—Onyeka, C. C.

14 Years Ulcer Healed!

"I had been plagued with ulcer for 14 years. I had been to hospitals for treatment, but to no avail.

In February this year, I was rushed to the Intensive Care Unit of a hospital thrice. The doctor reported that the release of acid into my system was so much that it was affecting my heart thereby causing burns and internal

bleeding. That was why I was coughing out blood each time I coughed.

It went on like that till a Healing/Communion Service came up in September. A spectacular thing happened in Church that Sunday which jacked up my faith.

A woman testified of how God finally blessed her with a baby after 14 years barrenness. The bishop also shared testimonies of two different 14 years discoveries. I keyed into them and I knew within me that it was my service.

After that Communion Service, I was healed of the ulcer. I've not coughed out blood since then. I indeed return all the glory to God!"

— **Moyosoluwa, A.**

‘Am No Longer Short Of Blood!’

“I had been sick since 2006 of a blood disease that affected my immune system for three years.

I had been on drugs ever since. I had fainted several times because of the sickness, and I was always rushed to the hospital each time I fainted.

It was because of this problem that I joined the Winners’ family in February 17, 2008.

As I joined this Commission, I kept hearing different testimonies erupting from the Communion Table. So, I made

up my mind to attend the Communion Service with the belief in my heart that I would take the Communion as the Blood of Jesus, which would complement my blood and make it more than sufficient. I started taking the Communion in faith for my healing.

Three months ago, July 31st to be precise, I went to my doctor for a medical check-up. I was surprised at the report I got. The doctor said I now have sufficient blood! I'm no longer short of blood! I give God all the glory!"

— Sis. Agatha.

30 Years Bad Sight Healed!

“I am in the Hospitality Service Group of the Church. Also, I am a retired soldier.

I had been using glasses for the past 30 years. I had been to hospitals and taken medications, but to no avail.

While we were having our area joint fellowship, my area pastor said that we should ask for one thing. I looked round and said that my bishop does not use glasses, his mentor Pst. Enoch Adeboye doesn't use glasses, and my area pastor doesn't use glasses. I then wondered why a son of the prophet like me should use glasses!

Then I went to bed and when I woke in the following morning, my eyes were like somebody suffering from

conjunctivitis. Then I washed my eyes, took the Holy Communion and anointed my eyes.

Lo and behold, for two weeks now, I've never used glasses! I don't need them again! I am healed!"

— Godwin, I.

20 Years Moving Object Gone!

"I had been experiencing a moving object from my head to my toe for the past 20 years.

Whenever it started, it affected my brain and I would be unconscious. I would start behaving like a mad

person. My temper would be high and I would start quarrelling with people.

Last Sunday, after taking the Communion, I went home. On getting home, I felt the symptom recurring. So, I quickly took the Communion and poured it on my head. Since then, I've not felt the movement again! I thank God for healing me!"

— **Blessing, O.**

‘Indeed The Communion Works!’

“I want to testify of the goodness of the Lord and to prove to the world that indeed, the Word works. I had been plagued with peptic ulcer for about 15

years. That resulted in persistent gas in my abdomen, constrictions in my chest, pain in my limbs, migraine and tension headaches.

Initially, I tried living with all these, occasionally using my faith to get rid of the symptoms. About March 2004, the symptoms intensified and I was totally sick. I got tired of the pains so I saw my ENT surgeon, who said I had to do an endoscopy, which would cost N25, 000.

I heard a testimony from this altar when a man testified that he sowed a seed of N18,000 that should have been for his wife's operation. I keyed into this, knowing quite well that even if I did the endoscopy, which I had done

before, it was just the beginning of fruitless spending. I decided to sow this seed, knowing that with God I won't need to go for further investigations before I received my healing.

In our month of healing, when Pastor Faith Oyedepo was teaching, she said she had a mysterious illness that just refused to go. She said since she was not ready to die, she decided to start taking the Communion, among other remedies daily.

I knew I was not yet satisfied with life either, so I keyed into this and started partaking of the Communion daily. Also I continued feeding myself with the Word and praying in the Holy Ghost. To cut the long story short, all

the mysterious challenges from hell have disappeared.”

— Emeka, F.

10 Years Blood In Urine Healed!

“I had been urinating blood for 10 years, though I did not go to hospital for treatment. But when I came here on January 8, 2006 and took the Holy Communion, the blood in the urine stopped!”

— Olatobi, S.

From ‘SS’ to ‘AA’!

“I had a daughter who was ‘SS’ which made her legs to be swollen at times. However, I had been managing this problem since she was diagnosed as having that blood condition.

When I came to Shiloh 2005, I filled in the Shiloh expectation form that I wanted God to heal her of this terrible blood condition, by turning her blood group from ‘SS’ to ‘AA’.

I then keyed into every prayer that Bishop David Oyedepo prayed for everybody having that kind of blood condition. Also, I served her the Holy Communion via her photograph, which I brought along to the Church.

She had a health challenge which would require an operation. However, I

told her to tell the doctor that she is AA, believing that her genotype has changed.

After the test, the doctors confirmed that she is no more anemic and that she is now ‘AA’!”

— Edewor, T.

Sickness Flushed Out!

“I brought my son to Church because he had severe malaria attack which did not respond to all the drugs that we gave him.

But I noticed that when he took the

Holy Communion, he rushed down to the toilet to urinate. As he was urinating, I prayed that every malarial parasite, typhoid, or whatever, should be flushed out of his body, as the urine was coming out.

To the glory of God, he is now well, hale and hearty!”

— Abidoyin, M.

Divine Healing!

“I was attacked and shot by armed robbers on my leg; God miraculously spared my life. I came back to Lagos and started attending fellowship regularly. Also, I was taking the Holy

Communion and using the anointing oil to dress the wound.

At a point, I went to the hospital, did x-ray and they said I would be operated on. However, my friend told me to keep coming and taking the Holy Communion that God would operate it Himself.

On the second Sunday in the month of August 2005, after the Communion Service, when I got home, I had a feeling to clean the wound. As I was cleaning it, my hand just hooked and drew a plastic object out (shown as a proof). That was what they wanted to operate on me for.

If you see my right leg, you would think it was stitched; it was not! It was

divine healing! Praise the Lord!”

— Edoja, T.

Multiple Healings And Deliverance!

“I joined this Commission in 1998. In 1999, I joined the Hospitality Group, serving God diligently and faithfully.

I came into this Commission with all sorts of afflictions; but now I am free! One of my tablets is the Holy Communion and the prophetic utterances of Bishop David Oyedepo.

I was healed of 40 years of sneezing, itching, blocked and running nose, skin rashes, five years high blood pressure, partial blindness and

stomach pain!”

— Oyewumi, V.

Free From Sleeplessness!

“Actually in the year 2000, God healed me of the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) after coming here for an Anointing Service.

Also, for three months I had been having sleepless nights. God started restoring me in September 2004, when I came for a Holy Communion Service.

After taking the Holy Communion, I can now sleep! Also, since the Bishop declared that sleeplessness has ended, I claimed it and there is no night I do

not sleep! I thank God for this!”

— Ibeh, E.

‘The Bleeding Stopped...!’

*“We got married in 1997. Since then, we had been looking unto God for the fruit of the womb. My husband and I obeyed God’s Word in **Exodus 23:25:26**. He joined the Car Park Unit while I joined the Children’s Department — baby’s class.*

In the course of my service in the baby’s class, God’s Word came to me saying, ‘As you are faithful in what is not your own, I will give you your own.’ Whenever I’m taking care of

other people's children, either in church or at home, with all my heart and love, this Word kept reverberating in my ears. It wasn't long when I got pregnant!

When the pregnancy was two months old, I started bleeding. I came to the Church during a Communion Service and God's Word strengthened me.

After taking the Communion, the bleeding stopped! The pregnancy continued without any problem until the delivery day.

I remember the bishop saying that challenges are real, but victory is sure. Now God has given us our Samuel! He is faithful!"

— Odewale, O.

FINAL WORD

I want to charge you that from now, whenever you approach the Lord's Table, don't take it for granted. Approach the Lord's Table with all sense of seriousness, dignity, and faith, and as you do that, your portion will be delivered to you.

You should never take the Communion nonchalantly, because it is not just bread and drink; what you are partaking of are the Flesh and the Blood of Jesus. The Communion is a transfusion, so there is an exchange. As you take the cup, see the Blood of Jesus being transmitted into you and flushing

out everything that may not be of God in your life.

God's servant, Bishop David Oyedepo said sometime ago, that the anointing destroys the yoke but the blood destroys the 'yoker.' In other words, the anointing destroys the yoke but the Blood of Jesus destroys both the 'yoker' and the yoke. So, each time you partake of the Lord's Table, every yoke that may be in your life plus the 'yoker' that has put it there, shall be completely destroyed.

Always remember: each time you partake of the Communion, it is not a ceremony, but a live transmission because when you partake of the Lord's Table, you are eating His actual Flesh

and drinking His actual Blood.

In addition, you are meant to partake of the Communion often, so you can have something to show. Every time you partake of the Lord's Table, there is a reinvigoration. The early Church in Acts 2 took the Lord's Table in the temple and in houses; no wonder they excelled.

The great man of God Smith Wigglesworth, we are told, took the Communion daily. At the age of 87 when he slept, no form of sickness whatsoever was found in his body. The same way, when your time on earth is over at a very ripe age having been satisfied with long life, no sickness will be traceable to your body.

Finally, each time you approach the Communion Table, make sure you do it in faith. Romans 14:23 says: ***Whatsoever is not done in faith is sin.*** Faith is a requirement. Faith is not optional; it is obligatory as you partake of the Lord's Table.

You don't approach it as a common thing, because something positively uncommon will happen to you.

Bishop Oyedepo says, "It happens to you according to the level of your faith, not according to the volume of what you eat at the Lord's Table." It is according to the level of your faith, not according to the volume of the drink you take or according to the volume of the flesh that you grab. A very tiny

piece with faith will deliver to you
marvellously.

Welcome to a life of triumph by the
Communion!

Salvation Prayer

Everything written in this book can only profit those who have given their lives to Jesus and have accepted Him as their personal Lord and Saviour. If you have not, you too can be a part of these blessed people, who are united with Him through His Blood and Flesh. All you need to do is to realize that:

- All have sinned and have come short of the glory of God, yourself inclusive (Romans 3:23).

- Sin has separated you from God (Isaiah 59:2).

- God has made provision for you to be reunited with Him (John 3:7).

· The provision He made was to send His Son Jesus Christ to die for you (John 3:16).

The only condition God places before you to becoming His child is to accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and your personal Saviour (Romans 10:10). Having considered this truth, you can say this prayer with faith in your heart and audibly with your mouth:

***O God, I realize that I am a sinner.
But today, I come before You asking
for forgiveness of my sin. I believe in
the death and resurrection of Jesus
Christ and I believe in His power to
save me when I ask Him to.***

***Jesus, save me. Accept me as Your
child and write my name in The Book***

***Of Life. I receive and accept You
today as my personal Lord and
Saviour.***

***Thank You Lord for saving me, in
Jesus' name. Amen.***

If you have prayed this prayer from
your heart, you are now born again.

Congratulations!

For further help, you can contact the
address in this book.

Welcome to the winning company!