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Mechanical
Workshop

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We are forever thankful to

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*who graciously towed us into
His workshop and in a moment
passed us out brand new in Him.
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like us.*

—|Dedication

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1 | A Knocked Engine

A very dear Christian brother of ours and a personal friend, owned a Peugeot 504 Salon Car. Of course, the day he acquired the car many years ago, it was a very major event for the whole family. As long as the car was in good condition, it answered to all Mr. Joseph would ever have wanted in a car. Unfortunately, without warning, the engine of this car suddenly knocked. For sometime therefore, it was grounded. When he contacted his mechanic to cost the repairs, the bill was close to the amount required to purchase a functioning second hand car, even a Mercedes Benz 200. The only way to repair the knocked car was to replace the entire engine.

For several months therefore, our friend was

between two options; either simply sell *off* what was left of the car and purchase another or repair the old one. As it were, while he hesitated, his office offered him his long overdue car loan. Money was no longer a limitation. This consequently put him in a stronger position to opt for a new car. Besides, someone else waited eagerly to take over the grounded car, should Mr. Joseph decide to sell it.

Finally, our friend was ready. He was going to repair his knocked car and keep it.

Pressed by friends to rescind a seemingly unwise decision, he was heard to confess that he had developed a fixation for his car. Somehow; he did not want to part with this Servant. He was emotionally attached to his car. He **liked** the Peugeot 504. He would repair and keep it.

“You can’t repair this car, Mr. Joseph” his mechanic warned him. “The engine has knocked beyond repair.”

“Then we shall replace the engine” he emphatically replied.

“You don’t need all that trouble”, the mechanic insisted, “You are far too rich for that. Just buy

another better and modern car. What's more, I shall even help you get a good bargain for this one".

Mr. Joseph smiled, "You don't understand" he explained. "This car has become like a friend. You know, a part of me. Something close to a son. Therefore, as a faithful friend, I have an obligation to stand by it."

You can't fault that! The mechanic surely couldn't. Hence a new engine was purchased and the car repaired. After the job was done even the mechanic remarked the car indeed had become new.

Later, though the colour, registration number, model and brand remained the same, all who had known the car before the engine was replaced would unanimously agree that of a truth, Mr. Joseph has a NEW car.

2 | A Knocked Heart

AND GOD said, “Let us make man in our image after our likeness and let them have dominion over...all the earth”...
Genesis 1:26.

IN THE FAMILIAR Story of the Creation, God created the entire world and furnished it with plants, birds, water, animals, etc. by simply saying: “LET THERE BE”.

However when it came to the creation of man, God had to summon a meeting of the Supreme Godly Council. This obviously, was the most important work of creation God was about to effect. The issue was thus deliberated upon and two important decisions were made, namely; the HOW of man, and secondly the WHY of man.

We see in Genesis Chapter 1 verse 26, that God made man in **His image** and **likeness**. This would mean that in a limited sense, God reproduced Himself in man. This settles the issue of the HOW of man.

In the same breath, God went ahead to reveal the WHY of man by promptly assigning him the responsibility of harnessing, taming, having dominion and ruling over all the Earth constituency.

Logically, he was to render account of his stewardship to God. To make a success of his task, man was to keep in fellowship with God, receiving instructions and direction daily. On His part, God would direct, protect and provide for man. The greatest reward as long as man fulfilled the purpose of God for his creation was ETERNAL LIFE. A life free of want, fear, sickness or disease and certainly devoid of death. He was intended to live forever. He was meant to eternally administer the earth, in reverence, worship and obedience to God. Ecclesiastes summarises the purpose of man on earth as follows;

“Fear God and keep His commandments; for this is the whole duty of man” Ecclesiastes 12:13b

If God could delicately form the eye with such awe-inspiring artistry or the contours on a man’s body with amazing details, the veins in a man’s flesh with surprising network and scientists would readily concede that every minor detail in a man’s being is for a definite purpose, would it not only be logical to agree that God has a purpose for man himself? It would be below logic to think that man is created solely to come into the world, acquire knowledge, wealth, power and then die. It would be a little unreasonable to think that God is not interested in how we live our lives. There is a purpose for that life. You are only a steward over it.

Like Mr. Joseph’s car, Man has a definite purpose.

In the beginning, man (Adam and Eve) was fulfilling this purpose until he sinned through disobedience and his heart, which is his spiritual Engine, knocked. Since then, every man born into

this world arrives with a knocked engine (Heart). Little wonder. Romans 3:23 says:

“For all have sinned and come short of the Glory of God”.

Hence, the imagination of man’s heart (or the performance of his engine) is evil (faulty) continually-Genesis. 6:5.

Like Mr. Joseph, God had two options: He could destroy man and in His omnipotence and sovereignty, create another brand of man or He could repair man. The Almighty God, not in any way limited for resources, the Creator of the universe who created the first man by simply moulding clay and breathing life into him-Genesis 2:7, could create a billion other souls within the same time it took to make one Adam. For that matter, God could create another specie of mankind without a free will and in consequence, settle the obedience issue permanently. That would be less problematic and save time as well.

Graciously however, like Mr Joseph, God chose the slower alternative of arriving at His purpose.

He decided to “repair” man. He decided to provide man a new Heart (Engine), to replace the sinful (knocked) one.

In the time God’s plan of Salvation (repair) was being packaged, Satan, the devil, a new and very wicked prospective master, was eagerly waiting to assume full lordship over the fallen and vulnerable man. To the devil’s chagrin, the only wise God presented a program of redeeming and rehabilitating the fallen man in the form of a human lamb called JESUS. This Jesus, before He paid the supreme price to purchase the necessary new engine by which man could become new; said:

“Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God”. John 3:3

Jesus was saying here that except a man receives the new Heart, (new Engine) he cannot be reconciled with God.

In the book of Ezekiel chapter 36:25-27 God says:

*“Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and Ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols will I cleanse you. A new **HEART** also will I give you, and a new **SPIRIT** will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh and I will give you an heart of Flesh. And I will put **MY SPIRIT** within you, and **CAUSE** you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgements and do them”. (Emphasis added).*

The clean water in verse 25 is the word of God. Ephesians 5:26 says that God will sanctify and cleanse the Church (members of the body of Christ or believers) with the washing of water by the word. John 15:3 also confirms that one can be made clean through hearing the word of God. This word of God or the Bible which has the power to cleanse from all sin is so vast and encompassing that no matter how much time you spend studying or teaching it, at the end, you would have comprehended so small

as to amount to a mere sprinkling.

Yet the preaching of this WORD is the only power by which God saves any man. Romans 1:16 declares this truth:

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation”.

First of all, in the story of the knocked car, we saw that only Mr. Joseph as the owner could take a decision as to the fate of the car. Similarly, God alone created and owns man so He alone decides the means of man’s salvation. Ezekiel 18:4 declares:

“Behold, all souls are mine...”

Secondly, Mr. Joseph’s emotional attachment compelled him to repair his car. God’s LOVE made Him to save man. John 3:16 says:

“For God so LOVED the world that he gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life”.

Thirdly, as the engine is the centre of a car's operation, even so the heart is the centre of a man's life.

Fourthly, the mechanic replaces the engine. God replaces the heart.

Fifthly, once the new engine is in place, engine oil must be put in for lubrication so that the engine does not knock again. God gives a new spirit—Ezekiel 36:26 or new desires/new nature to facilitate godliness. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says:

“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things (manners, spirit, desires, conduct, motivations, ambitions) are passed away. Behold all things are become new”. (Amplification added).

Sixthly, the element that ignites the car and causes acceleration is gasoline (fuel or diesel). The **Spirit of God**—Ezekiel 36:27 **causes** or enables the new man, in fact watches over him to help him please God.

Seventhly, the Colour, Registration mark, Brand and Model of the re-engineered car may not change. The Complexion, Name, Nationality and Sex of the man so reborn does not change.

Eightly, to appreciate the futility of man attempting by any means other than that provided by God to re-establish fellowship with God, simply imagine how much impact Mr. Joseph's car would have made, had it attempted to have itself repaired.

Ninthly, we all, like the car, must humble ourselves like little children, lay aside our academic, financial, mental, political and social status and achievements, then meekly submit to God the greatest Mechanical Engineer to replace our spiritual engines without attempting to analyse either his wisdom or method. Jesus said:

Verily I say unto you, except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven. Matt 18:3-4.

This is a strictly spiritual experience and the carnal mind will always fail to comprehend. However, Jesus told Nicodemus as He is still telling every man today that this reality of the New birth can be understood and should be received as we receive the reality of the wind.

Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. John 3:7-8.

Jesus is saying, just as the wind is not visible itself but when we see trees and objects moved or lifted, we accept this as evidence of the wind, we will only understand this spiritual reality by seeing its evidence or fruits.

Ye shall know them by their fruits... every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. Matthew 7:16-17, 20.

3 — | **Morals Cannot Save**

B *UT WE ARE all as an unclean thing and
all our righteousness are as filthy rags;...*
Isaiah 64:6

Some very honest intending fellows would list a hundred wrong things they DON'T do and a thousand other good things they DO. In the end, they would persuade you to agree that they need no new birth. Such people plead praying regularly, helping the poor, giving to the church, paying tithes, supporting servants of God, non smoking, gifts of dreams, visions, priestly parentage, non drinking, regular Bible reading, singing in the choir, keeping one partner at a time outside of marriage, water baptism, Holy communion, confirmation,

membership—even leadership—of church societies, rendering to others what they expect others to render unto them, integrity, honesty, fasting and yearly observance of Christmas, Easter, and Lent, among others as the basis for their hope of eternal life. Now, these morals are very good.

Nevertheless, the word of God in Isaiah 64:6 quoted above has put paid to man's personal attempts at trying to impress an ALL HOLY and ALL RIGHTEOUS GOD. All your attempts at righteousness without first accepting God's provision is summarized as filthy rags.

Furthermore, Galatians 3:22 says :

***“But the scripture (Bible, word of God) hath CONCLUDED ALL UNDER SIN, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe (this simple preaching of the gospel)”.
(Amplification and emphasis added)***

The Word of God has concluded ALL under sin. The Word has tried and given a guilty verdict on all including you, inspite of your good morals.

The questions therefore are:

1. Of what benefit would a new Horn, Paint, tyres, Fuel or even Engine oil be to a “knocked” car?
2. What does daily washing profit such a car?
3. What has avoiding rough roads got to do with a car that has a knocked engine?
4. Can the regular renewal of a driving licence benefit a car grounded in your garage?
5. Say, which comes first, a new set of wheel covers or the engine?

Except the knocked engine is first replaced, the fire extinguisher may never be put to any use. Except the car is first repaired, the beauty of the tarred feeder road may forever be lost. Except the car is in working condition, the automatic accessories will very soon become antiquities. Behold, except a man be born again, all his good deeds are vain! **Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God!**

The Example of Cornelius

“There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the

*band called the Italian band, a **devout man and one that feared God** with all his house, **which gave much alms** to the people, and **prayed always**. He saw in a **vision** evidently about the ninth hour of the day **an Angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius,** and when he looked on him, he was afraid and said, what is it Lord? And he said unto him; **Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God.** And now send men to Joppa, and call for one Simon whose surname is Peter: He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the seaside: he shall **tell thee what thou oughtest to do...**" Acts. 10:1-6 (Emphasis added).*

Glory to God forever! If you are not impressed with the CV of Cornelius, we don't think any other religious CV could possibly impress you. Just look at that. A devout man, one that feared God with all his house, gave much alms, prayed always, saw

visions and spoke with Angels of God.

A man whose prayers and alms, even the heavens acknowledged as having caught the attention of the Living God.

Let us take a closer look. A devout man would be one that took his religion seriously. A Pious man. One devoted to his religion. A solemn, dutiful and earnest follower or believer.

One that feared God with all his house would imply that he taught his family and entire household the fear of God.

Can you take it? It is on record that Cornelius gave not just alms but **much alms** to the people. It would appear all kinds of people benefited from his benevolence and not just the poor.

He prayed always. God had to be very impressed to have caused this virtue to be recorded. A man who probably prayed at least three times a day or may be more.

Cornelius even saw visions. He had the ability to peep into the spiritual and interpret events or issues in the future.

He also enjoyed Angelic transaction. Angels

directly from God ministered to him face to face.

All these are great qualities and probably cannot be said of all of us today. Or in your case, they can.

The only award for a man of such intimidating credentials should be heaven. You know what we mean? Let's face it, what's there to add? This was a good man and the heavens bore witness. He was a man greatly esteemed among men and evidently recognised by heaven. His attributes were considered memorabilia. The Angel confessed to him, **THY PRAYER AND THINE ALMS ARE COME UP FOR A MEMORIAL BEFORE GOD.** Pity, the Angel did not complete the statement deservingly. Something like; **FOR THE REST OF THY LIFE THEREFORE, EAT THOU AND DRINK FOR WHEN THE LORD COMES, YOU SHALL BE THE PERSON NEXT TO PAPA ABRAHAM BECAUSE GOD HAS ACCEPTED THY PERSON.** This would have been a perfect and worthy reward for such a person. Anything less would seem unfair or wouldn't it?

You know your case is perhaps, like that of Cornelius. You are even a philanthropist and you see

visions. You have even gone a step further than Cornelius because in your case, you have built a Church or is it churches? You are giving your neighbourhood bore-hole water, free of charge. These are great attributes and we believe God most certainly takes notice of them.

1. Unfortunately; you are not any better than an armed robber or murderer because of them. You know why? Being devoted or dutiful to a cause or religion does not guarantee salvation. We have met people who swore they would die devoted to their faith. We have been thoroughly impressed by their commitment to their religion or Churches. Remarkably, they had turned around at the right moment and accepted Christ and become saved. There are, of course, some Hare Krishna or Guru Maharaji devotees. There are some traditional religions where the practitioners are earnest enough to offer their own children as burnt sacrifices to demigods. Now, do't faint. You dare not even vomit. They are devoted enough to die protecting their faith. How about those suicide bombers in the Middle East?

By the way, do you notice in verse 7 of the same scripture that Cornelius also had a devout soldier that waited on him continually? Did that make the soldier saved? It sure did not. Why? Because devotion or dutifulness to a religion, cause or master does not guarantee salvation.

2. Certainly, the fear of God must equal salvation? Any God fearing person most certainly must be in rightstanding with God? Unfortunately, that is not necessarily the case. The book of James chapter 2 verse 19 reveals one of the characters of devils as a tormenting fear of the Almighty. What's more, the devils' dread is founded upon a belief in the omnipotence of Jehovah.

Furthermore, Jonah the run-away-prophet of God found himself amongst unsaved mariners on his voyage to Tarshish. The Bible says in Jonah chapter 1 verse 5 that when the raging of the seas began, each mariner cried unto his god. In verse 6 the ship-master or Captain confirmed that Jonah's God was different from their gods.

*So the shipmaster came to him, and said
unto him, what meanest thou, O*

sleepers? arise, call upon THY God, if so be that God will think upon us, that we perish not Jonah 1:6 (Emphasis added)

Take notice of, *thy* God; not *our* God. This suggests that the mariners knew that Jonah's God was not their collective God. Yet in verse 16, *then the men feared the Lord exceedingly and offered a sacrifice unto the Lord, and made vows.*

We are sorry to disappoint you but no, the mere fear of God is not salvation. Many who genuinely fear God in this age are still ignorant of God's plan of salvation. So, they fear God on the one hand and reject the Messiah on the other.

3. Even alms-giving falls on its face where the salvation of the soul is concerned. Alms giving can win you many many accolades among men here on earth. The United Nations may even honour you with a philanthropic award. The UN is manned by mortal men. They do not understand how you make your money. How could they possibly have found out that you sell land that is not yours, that you

don't pay the wages of those who labour for you, that all the old women who work as your subcontractors never get paid? The UN does not know that you peddle drugs or finance robberies and buy stolen goods. No one can prove that your money came from shady contract deals with corrupt government officials. Very few understand that your body is your merchandise. None understands that your medical practice thrives on abortions. All the world knows, is when you invite all the print and electronic media to come and cover your donations to the poor whom you ensured remained poor by robbing and opressing. Of course if a poor fellow approached you while the cameras were not focused, you would have them beaten and even locked up.

There was this interesting story told of a robber from the Mid-Western Nigeria who robbed and distributed his booty to the poor, in the late eighties. You know some alms giving is either a conscience laundering in the hope God would be impressed and lower the holiness standard or even worse still a binding ceremonial sacrifice demanded by the

sponsoring or patronizing cults. Are you still interested? Outside of Christ, most alms-deeds stink. The Bible says in 1 Cor. 13:3 that there is more than sufficient possibility of the most dedicated alms doer going to hell if he neglects the most vital issue of salvation.

4. Is salvation much praying then? If that is the case then there is no such thing as unbelievers. In addition, every native doctor, herbalist or juju man must be ordained Bishop immediately and we must apologize to them for holding their trade in odium. Do you know these groups of people pray even more than most Church goers? They concoct some vanity for you and you ask them whether it would work as intended. With very little exception, their response usually is "*by the grace of God*". When they even utter their incantation, they explain that they have been praying.

Have you been caught in a plane while the whether was turbulent? There is little fervency in prayer elsewhere. Everyone aboard automatically begins to pray. Even Elijah, Moses or Daniel would envy such praying.

The thief leaves his house to go steal and do you know what he does? He prays to be able to return safely. What does a prostitute do? She prays to be able to do business. How about the assassin? He prays that his victim would appear in the right place at the right time. What of the pick pocket? He prays that there would indeed be money in your wallet and not at your bank.

Do you want more? There was this Pharisee who prayed much. He was so proud of his spiritual prowess until one day, he prayed himself right into condemnation. You may check up the account in Luke 18:9-14. Right where he was recounting his good deeds in prayer, Heaven was rejecting him.

That apart, in Mark 5: Jesus was casting devils out of a particular fellow, the leading devil who claimed their name was Legion beause they were many, **prayed** the Lord in verse 10 not to send them out of the country. In verse 12, ALL THE DEVILS BESOUGHT HIM, SAYING, SEND US INTO THE SWINE, THAT WE MAY ENTER INTO THEM. Do you know an interesting aspect of this account? The following verse says forthwith, Jesus granted their

prayer. Did this make the devils saved? We all know it did not.

Are you still sold on your praying prowess? Congratulations! But mind you, whether you receive results in your prayer or not, the issue of your salvation is different and most important.

5. Salvation is not the ability to see visions. We witnessed to a family member sometime ago and he was very surprised at our spiritual ignorance. He claimed he was at peace with God and that God even spoke to him in visions. He could not understand what was left about Christianity that he did not know or did not have. He reasoned that what could be more important or fulfilling than the ability to see visions and have your dreams come to pass?

At the time, because the atmosphere was contrary, we could not tell him that the Egyptian Pharaoh dreamt dreams and saw visions—Genesis 41. Neither could we tell him of the dreams of Nebuchadnezzar—Daniel 2.

All through the ages, God, in His sovereign purpose and move, has granted people the ability to dream and to see visions. This has been without

recourse to their personal relationship with God. Do you dream and see visions? Pharoah did too, but that was not sufficient to keep him and Egypt from destruction.

6. Surely then, fasting is it? Emmmmh...er....sorry! but no, sir. Fasting is good. Even medically, fasting is good. You could lose excess weight through fasting. It is good for the health. Surgery patients are compelled to fast a few hours or in some cases, even days before an operation. Politically, some people have employed hunger strike to press their demand for certain rights or entitlements. And of course, Christians, the redeemed souls have need of fasting coupled with prayer to sustain victorious Christian living. But when fast precedes salvation, it is an aberration. Far worse however, when fasting is intended to replace salvation, it is a mockery, nay, it is suicide.

7. Certainly, angelic visitation or transaction must be synonymous with salvation? No, again. If any angels appear to you, they will only help you locate the man that will guide you to salvation.

None of these laudable deeds in themselves

whether separately or collectively can culminate in the salvation of soul. At best, like in the case of Cornelius, when the all gracious, all loving and Almighty God sees your honest intention, He sends you a “Peter” who must **tell thee what thou oughtest to do.**

For you, precious soul, who are yet to establish a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ, the Way the Truth and the Life, we believe that God has made the relevant provision for you through this book.

We must therefore invite you to come along into God’s mechanical workshop to receive a transplanting of the new heart.

4 — Why the New Heart?

AND I WILL GIVE them one heart and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them a heart of flesh: That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people and I will be their God".
Ezekiel 11:19-20.

The Scripture quoted above shows clearly that God Himself will take the stony Heart (knocked engine) out of their flesh (car) and will give them a heart of flesh for the primary reason that they may walk in God's statutes and keep His ordinances and

do them. Only then will they be God's people and He will be their God.

The following facts therefore present themselves:

1. Before you experience the new birth, God Himself describes your heart as a STONY heart.
2. The new heart of flesh is desirable to make you able to receive, understand and retain God's Word. This new heart both by destiny and composition will naturally seek after God and His pleasure. It is fashioned after the spiritual and therefore will mind the things of the spirit.
3. You cannot succeed in pleasing God with the old heart which through sin, has elected to remain in perpetual rebellion against God. That old heart is carnal and enmity against God and a determined rebel against the law of God.
4. Whereas God created every man, God does not accept responsibility for anyone who has not received the enablement from Him to be His child.
5. You don't have to start pleasing God before you come to Him. In fact, you lack the ability to

please him until you do come and receive the ability from Him. This ability is contained in the new heart.

A **stony** heart, is a spiritually knocked or lifeless heart. Pride, selfishness, impenitence, greed, wickedness, unforgiveness, lust and sin have summarily rendered such a heart impregnable to any form of godliness. It has no capacity to absorb the WORD of God. It has no ability to “see” (comprehend, understand, perceive) the Kingdom of God or the operations thereof. It is a heart too dry and solid to receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit of God which He promised in Joel 2:28 “Upon all Flesh”.

In the same way that a car with a knocked engine, no matter its aesthetic appeal or how expensive, is hardly of any benefit to the owner, so is a man with a stony heart of little consequence to God and indeed, his own soul.

5 — Getting the New Heart, Spirit and Spirit of God

THAT IF THOU SHALT
CONFESS *with thy mouth the
Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in
thine heart that God hath raised Him
from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For
with the heart man believeth unto
righteousness; and with the mouth
confession is made unto salvation.”*
Romans 10:9-10.

The New Heart, New spirit and Spirit of God are all encapsulated inside Jesus Christ. The Bible says in John chapter 1 verse 4: *In Him was Life and the life was the Light of men.*

Therefore, you have to deliberately believe that He is the son of God, was crucified for the sins of

the whole world and God raised Him up from the dead the third day, then, when you acknowledge Him audibly as your Lord, God deposits in you the new Heart and New Spirit. You are thus forgiven all previous sins both personal and hereditary.

Furthermore, God gives you the power to resist the lure of sin, for Sin shall not have dominion over you-Romans 6:14. You are in essence said to have received new grace or a new HEART. In other words, you are Born again.

This new grace in many cases will refashion your desires, understanding, aspirations, motivations etc. Old things are therefore truly said to have passed away and you are said to be a new creature- 2Corinth. 5:17.

Potentially, every human being is welcome to this grace which is a free gift of God. In Romans 10:13, the Bible gives this open invitation:

“For WHOSOEVER shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved, (Emphasis added)

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten son, that WHOSOEVER believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life” (John 3:16. Emphasis added).

It is obvious from the above scripture that salvation, nay, the offer of a New Spiritual Engine is available to everyone. Everyone on this earth both qualifies for and needs the experience of the New Birth. The offer of salvation is made to *whosoever* shall call upon the Lord.

It must be appreciated that God, aware of man’s limitations in trying to save himself, completed the salvation work in Jesus Christ whom God the Father gave to be crucified in our stead. Through the shedding of His blood, Jesus became the ticket by which mankind can come to God. ALL God requires is for man to express simple confidence in what the Creator has already done, accept same with humility and be saved. He does not expect man to “earn” eternal life by works. No wonder He declares in Galatians 2:16:

“Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified”.

Again He says in Ephesians 2:8-9:

“For by grace (Unmerited favour) are ye saved through faith (humble show of confidence in the completed salvation programme); and that not of yourselves (or works); it is the gift of God. Not by works, lest any man should boast”
(amplification added).

God has already completed the salvation of man and graciously offers us this ticket or new life in Christ Jesus in whom are encapsulated the new Heart, Spirit and God's Spirit. In consequence, we are not expected to do anything to be Born again.

We are simply called upon to accept God's offer: Jesus Christ. It therefore amounts to blindness, ignorance, arrogance, ingratitude and indeed an affront on the sovereignty, wisdom and integrity of God to attempt to please Him otherwise. It can be likened to the case of a three year old who smashes the family TV and when requested by Daddy to acknowledge the wrong and apologise, he refuses, promising rather that he has a plan to replace the TV. How very fantastic!.

The following steps taken in faith (a simple show of confidence in the impeccability and immutability of God and His word) would culminate in the NEW BIRTH.

1. Recognize and acknowledge that you are a sinner because God says so.

***“As it is written, there is none righteous,
No, not one: for all have sinned, and
come short of the glory of God.”***

Romans 3:10, 23

2. Recognise there is no salvation in any other name or method.

“Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved”. Acts 4:12.

3. Believe that Jesus Christ is the only way.
“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the father but by me”. John 14:6.
4. Believe that God raised Jesus from the dead.
“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.” Roman 10:9.
5. Ultimately, confess Jesus audibly as the Lord over your life.
“For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth, confession is made unto salvation.” For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” Romans 10:13.

A simple model prayer could be something like this:

Heavenly Father, I thank you for the gift of Jesus Christ . I believe I am a sinner and the sacrificial work of Jesus on the cross is for someone like me. Jesus, you who rose from the dead, save me. Please be my Lord and personal saviour. Thank you Father, for I receive a New Heart and new Spirit by faith and I am Born again in Jesus name, Amen.

6 | Maintaining Your New Status

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR NEW BIRTH. CONGRATULATIONS on your new spiritual Heart. In fact, at your sincere confession of Jesus as Lord over your life, you became a spiritual infant being introduced to an entirely new and exciting world. As an infant however, the need for growth cannot be over emphasized.

You are therefore advised to commence a deliberate and prayerful exploration of the scriptures. The Gospel of John would be a good place to begin. Through this, you will receive the spiritual milk of the word which you need for your growth.

As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby. Peter 2:2.

Next, you must find a Bible believing Church to which you must be a committed member so that you may partake of the benefits that go with fellowship.

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. Hebrews 10:25.

Besides, you are now a new creature and old things (habits, likes etc.) have passed away.

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 2 Corinthians 5:17

You need to deliberately stay away from those old things.

***Stand fast therefore in the liberty
wherewith Christ hath made us free,
and be not entangled again with the
yoke of bondage. Galatians 5:1.***

Most importantly, remember that now you are a carrier of the Spirit of God (Holy Ghost) who will help you in your Christian walk. Therefore, you must desire a meaningful walk in this truth. Hence, you need to enroll for Holy Ghost Baptism classes where you will both be taught and baptised in the Holy Ghost to receive the fulness of His power.

We pray that the Grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ will uphold you in the faith, cause you to increase in the Love of God and give you understanding in all things. Amen.

—|Other Titles By The Same Author

REGAM

(The Joshua Financial Generation)

The Moses generation of John Avazinni, Kenneth Copeland, Benson Idahosa, et al., has brought the Church out of financial Egypt. Most average Christians now understand that God takes pleasure in the prosperity of His people. The Church is thus liberated from bondage to poverty. In this hour, God is raising the *Joshua Financial Generation* that will practically inherit the financial promise land.

In this book, you will learn:

- how you can become a forerunner in this financial army,
- God's purpose of wealth,
- the Centre of the Abrahamic covenant & how to operate it in your life,
- how Church in the wilderness & The Book of Acts defeated lack,
- the Seed Law,
- your Time, Talents, Ideas & Relationships are more valuable than cash!

- how to enlarge your heart to dream, plan & achieve big financially,
- that you have right now, what it takes to create wealth,
- suggested practical guide to defeating poverty in every assembly, etc.

This book teaches you how whether as an individual, Church or Ministry, you can challenge for a portion of that wealth. REGAM is a dangerous book! It will destroy poverty in your life, Church and generation!!!

CLOUD OF OPPORTUNITIES

Numerous great destinies are wasting away while they seek or wait for opportunity. The ironical truth is that while many claim to wait for opportunity or a 'break', God daily loads us with benefits.

In this book, Tor Terry Shaguy leads the reader to broaden both his understanding of and search for opportunity. In the end, the honest seeker discovers there have indeed been several opportunities to success, wealth, fulfillment and happiness in his every single day. Even those seeming evil conspiracies or events are moments that could be profitably exploited. What is required

is a right understanding and attitude.

The reader is thus energized with this amazing truth based upon Biblical precedents, to recognize subsequent opportunities and fulfill his destiny.

Igniting & Sustaining Divine Favour

The Author has identified Favour as the condiment vital to a life that remains in perpetual victory. It is that seasoning that sustains a colourful and testimony-coated life. Favour is greater than all qualifications, connections, positions and wealth of this world. The author concedes that *a day of favour is greater than a thousand years of labour*. True, *Favour is the flavor of labour*.

The book challenges the reader precept upon precept to ignite divine favour and having done so, to sustain a perpetually favored life in all circumstances.

Passover

Passover identifies the blood of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world, as a line that flows from Heaven to Eden to Egypt to the cross at

Calvary and back to Heaven where it remains ever active, speaking better things than the blood of Abel.

The book reveals that the all-conquering ministry of this efficacious Blood which causes sin, death, destruction, accidents, robbers, hell, the devil, etc, to 'Passover', is the message of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. The first message. The main message. The only message.

The book records the author's personal encounters with the potency of the *Holy Communion* which has healed a number of afflictions such as fibroids, ulcers, insanity, cancer, menstrual pains, etc. in his widely-travelled ministry. ***The author then proves Biblically that Holy Communion is in fact, the Church's ultimate weapon against sicknesses, diseases and afflictions and is meant to be partaken of daily.***

Finally, this book shows how every human being with his family and property can come under the Blood protection and remain perpetually safe while all around him, the devil and all of Hell Passover.

BREAKING THE STRONGHOLD OF DEBT

Debt approaches you with a grin on its face. Once accommodated, it settles down with a snarl, to reproach you. Its handshake becomes a bear hug and it aims to strangle you. Debt steals your peace, health, vision, home and ultimately your life. In this book you will discover;

- how this '*financial cancer*' comes about
- its ultimate purpose
- how to stay/break away from the stronghold of this destroyer of visions, homes, ministries, businesses and lives.
- Biblical accounts of those who faced and overcame debts are gracefully brought to bear upon our modern day financial realities and
- ultimately, the relevant anointing and power to defeat debt is imparted as you prayerfully read, study and apply the inspired wisdom in this book.

Awake Up My Glory.

By divine design and purpose, every man has a measure of glory. As a matter of fact, all are compassed with glory and honour from creation or birth. The Psalmist marveled at this mystery who declared: *What is man that thou art mindful of him...? For thou...hast crowned him with glory and honour*-Psalm 8:4-5 Apostle Peter asserts that the Christian calling is a call to *glory* and virtue. All human endeavours thus answer to the state of the glory of the individual.

If your glory has been withdrawn as in the case of Nebuchadnezzar, you may plunge from grace to grass. If your glory has slept as in the case of Samson, you will suffer reproach from all quarters. If however your glory has suddenly awoken up as in the case of Mephibosheth or Mordecai, almost overnight, you will be restored to your rightful place among celebrities.

This book shows you how to awaken your glory so that your travails will become triumphs and your toiling will become testimonies.

Retain and Service Your Divine Bridges

At creation, God would stand back, assess His awesome creation and express satisfaction with the result. Periodically, a perfect God appraised creation in light of *divine vision* and the result met divine approval. All was okay until man began to fulfill purpose. Then God announced the unexpected; “*It is not good that the man should be alone...*” Since that moment when God had to provide Adam a helper, humanity has had to fulfill destiny interdependently. No one can succeed alone.

In life, God surrounds everyone with human relationships. They are your ‘*bridges*’ on the journey through life. Every person that crosses your part in this life has a significant part to play in your overall success here on earth. Even your harvest after you give, is channeled through people to you. Even those enemies, so-called, are necessary. However, several offensive situations will pressurize you to break your bridges. But ‘enemies’ may be obeying God in your life like Joseph’s brethren. They may be persecuting you to glory- 2Kgs 13:20-21. Enemies are your opportunity to sow seeds of forgiveness so that God can also forgive you. Those enemies may be vital bridges and if you cut them off in anger, you

may be stabbing yourself in the leg. Many people are suffering either from incurable diseases or other afflictions because they were genuinely offended and have retained their anger. Bitterness blocks you out of God's grace without which you can achieve very little. Ultimately, resentment is the fastest route that leads otherwise 'good' people to hell. This book reveals the Healing & Restoring Power of Forgiveness and admonishes to forgive at all cost. It shows how you can Retain and Service your Divine Bridges.

The Generation of Ruth.

(Winning against intimidating odds)

'When the going gets tough, the tough gets going' is a popular adage. Ruth, Mahlon's widow from Moab was one such tough lady. Widowed before she could even conceive, she ended up with an aged mother in-law, little or no education, no funds or trade in an apparently hostile new environment.

You would think this lady would throw in the towel and beg or sell her body. Not Ruth. She went clear to become one of the most important

people in Bethlehem-Judah, in her generation and for all times.

This book rubbishes every excuse for failure or mediocrity and challenges every reader to use some of Ruth's arsenal, to go out and win. You are in the generation of Ruth. You can win against all intimidating odds.

Kings & Priests

“And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.”

Rev 5:10 .

In this generation and indeed all of the New Testament, every Christian is both a King and a Priest. Your twin statuses for rule-ship everywhere you find yourself are your *priesthood* and *kingship*.

This amazing book takes the shroud off the New Testament priesthood and shows you what awesome power you have at your disposal as a saint with knowledge. The book will however offend your theology because it will also show you a better way of dealing with your '*enemies*' instead of killing all of them. Jesus said, '*Occupy till I come,*' not '*kill everyone till I come.*' You can daily get everyone including your enemies to obey God in your life.

4 Employees Every Employer Must Know.

Everyone sooner or later needs to hire the services of some professional. Whether you only need a cab driver, chauffeur or an aeronautics engineer, whether you hire only a houseboy or an entire team to run a Five-Star hotel, whether you hire a single person to run your store or you assemble an elaborate team to handle a commercial bank, if you are paying for that service, you are an employer and deserve to know the calibre of people you hire. This fact is just as true where you are building a ministry, school or any kind of practice. The truth is that your employees will make or mar you.

Most recently, on February 09, 2011, the driver of a serving minister in Southern Sudan shot his master to death at point blank.

Therefore, it is important for you to know the four families of Ziba, Jacob, Joseph and Eliezer. These are “nations” of employees and their presence will have profound influence upon your outfit.

This book teaches you how to recognize them, counsels which of them to choose and in fact, how to keep the undesirables at bay.

Terminating Ancestral & Hereditary Limitations.

Many good people struggle endlessly in certain aspects of their lives or even faith. Some people create a lot of money but never can point to visible material achievements. Some beautiful and virtuous women never have anyone propose. Other families must die within a certain age bracket. Some suffer a pattern of delays, major disasters immediately after every blessing, loss of every 1st born, divorce, and general stagnation. Other families post records of certain *'family'* ailments, etc. Generations of a famous Indian family are victims of political assassination. Another famous family in the USA are victims of tragic death. Many good Christians find themselves drawn to certain compulsive sins. Some families simply can't attain certain material, spiritual, academic, matrimonial or political glory.

In a lot of cases, these trends can be traced back up the ancestral line. Maybe hundreds of years earlier, their ancestors had sold out to Satan

either through sin or evil covenants. You, their great, grand children inherit the consequences of such sins or covenants. *These are ancestral and hereditary limitations.* You further the enemy's cause by believing that just because you are born again, the adversary will drop dead. Father Abraham was already 'born again' when he *lied* about his wife Sarah. Isaac who wasn't born at the time later *lied* about his wife Rebecca. Abraham's grandson Jacob *lied* in the matter of the blessing. Abraham's 10 grandsons from Jacob *lied* about the welfare of Joseph.

Gen37:3, Joseph was Israel's favorite and a proven astute administrator yet God didn't allow Jacob make him a progenitor of the Messiah because his mother Rachel was an idolatress, thief and liar.

This book traces the Biblical fact of ancestral and hereditary limitations and offers Biblical recipe for terminating them. It's a new day!

The 4 Stones of David.

When David went against Goliath, he picked 5 stones. Clearly, he used only one of those stones to destroy the Philistine giant. This book traces the fate of the remaining 4 stones and how they were so crucial to David's success both as King and Priest. The book further shows that every leader (political, spiritual, secular, academic and even financial) worth his salt has these 4 extra stones and they are still as critical today as they were in the ministry and destiny of King David. The book will not only help you make a success of your destiny with little stress, you will also have the joy of installing 'Kings' in your life time. Finally, it will show you how to command so much loyalty that men will risk even their lives to bless you and also offer to die in your stead.

The Birthing & Mentoring of Greatness

There is an unprecedented pursuit of fame and wealth in the Church today. All the limelights are on the Ministers with the mega Churches and ministries. In some nations, your kind of car or your Church's offering per service determines which calibre of

minister you are and the kind of ministers' gathering you may be admitted to. Somehow, some of God's servants who are not recording such great attendance in their meetings and who are not driving state-of-the-art cars are being made to feel that we are not serving the same God.

This book awakens the Church to the fact that when the Master shall return, he will not reward fame but faithfulness. None is called to be popular or famous. We are all called to be effective. Sometimes *to be effective* simply means 'birthing' a Samuel, a David, Moses, et al. Sometimes it means 'mentoring' a Ruth, Paul, Esther, et al. This book eulogizes the indispensable ministry of both biological and spiritual parents who are birthing and mentoring great achievers.

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