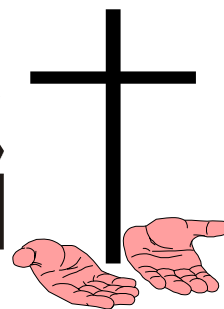


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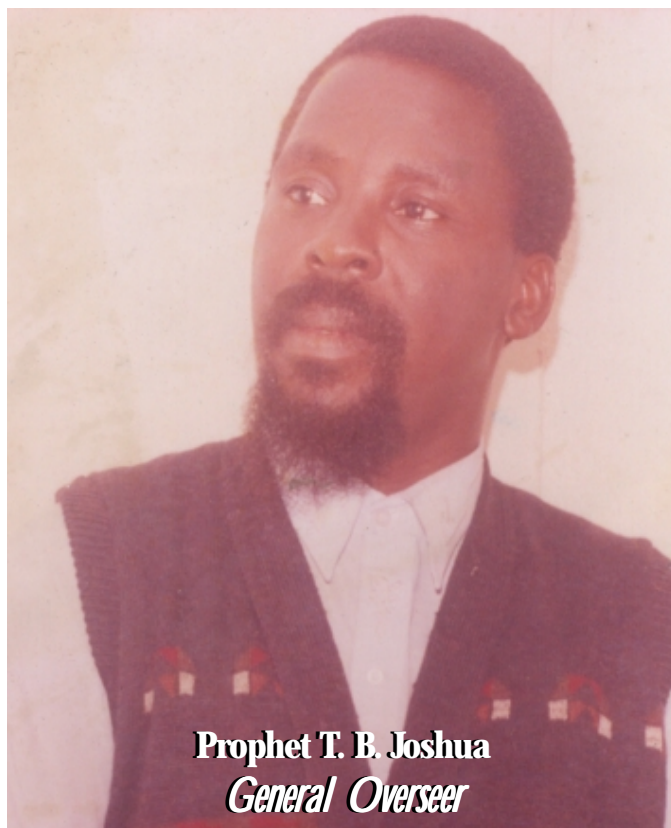


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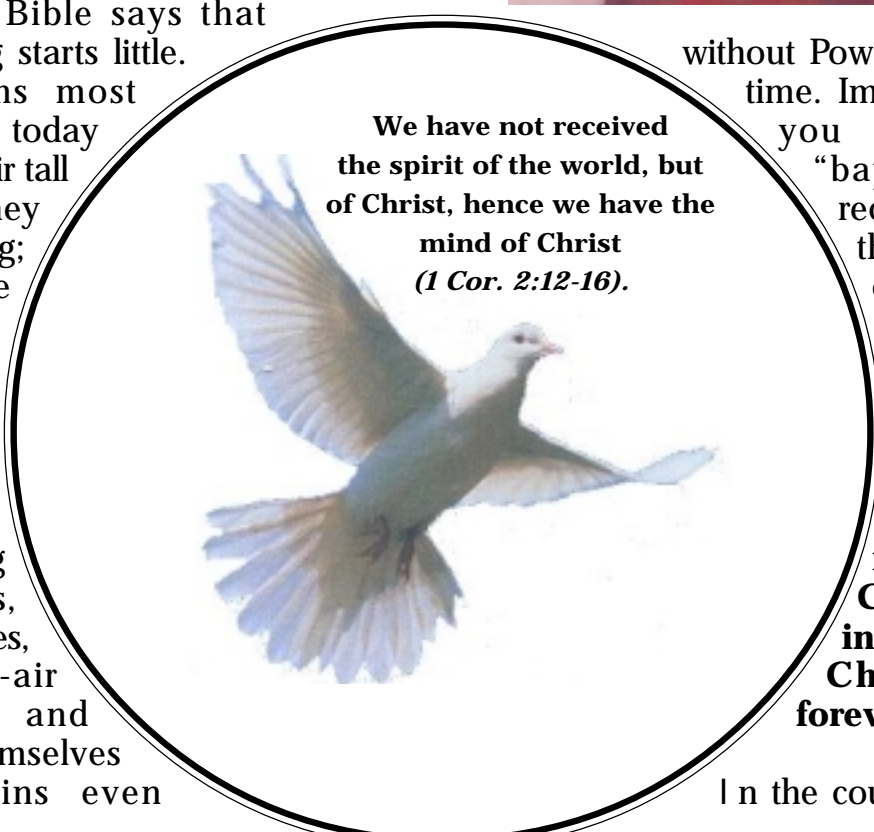
FATHER we thank You for Your message, and for making us to know that sin is unrighteous and not pleasing to You. We also thank You because You are faithful and merciful to forgive our sins in Jesus Christ's Name. Amen.

All the wonderful works of God you see in The Synagogue are not my works, but my faith in the finished works of our Lord Jesus Christ. They show that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever (**Heb. 13:8**). I am not the healer. I am only being used. If you are a true christian, you too can also be used to do even greater works. Paul said in **Phil. 4:13**, "***I can do everything through Him who gives me strength.***" The same God Almighty that enabled Paul to do all things also lives in every true believer. If you are a true christian, you need to start little, because the Bible says that everything big starts little.

The problems most christians face today result from their tall ambitions: They want to start big; they want to be converted and achieve the greatest feat, fame and honour in the same day. They bear big christian titles, speak in tongues, hold open-air crusades and introduce themselves as born-again even



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We have not received the spirit of the world, but of Christ, hence we have the mind of Christ (**1 Cor. 2:12-16**).

without Power - all at the same time. Imagine the big titles you bear, the many "baptisms" you have received before now, the number of altar calls you have answered, the number of times you have confessed your sins and got converted. What have been the results in your life? **Conversion is once in a life time while Christ-likeness is forever.**

In the course of all this, they

receive attacks from satan and are overpowered. This is because they have failed to start little. You just have to start little in everything you do - in business, education, family life, christian life and all other personal matters. It is this inordinate ambition which often makes you to take short-cuts (which of course are often dubious) in your haste to make it quick. A close observation of the problems many christians are facing today shows that they are caused by questionable beginnings. Anything started dubiously must end dubiously. This is the thing that is affecting your christian life today. You want to repent and become a Holy Ghost carrier at the same time. Jesus Christ did not start His earthly ministry by saying, **“Rise and walk.”** He started little. In your personal life, you want to start by living in flats, bungalows, or duplexes, and at the end you spend larger portion of your monthly income to pay rents. To be able to meet other financial needs, you dupe, steal/rob, kill, tell lies and deny God. All these you do in order to maintain the false garments of affluence you put on right from the beginning. If you have no results to show for your past life of self-deceits and sin, why do you still continue in your old ways? If you are a true christian, you should imitate our Lord Jesus Christ and learn to start everything you do in little ways. Remember that you were once a tiny embryo/foetus in your mother’s womb, but see how big you have become today. If you had also started your christian life in a little way, your situation would have been improved by now.

The Bible says that power comes on believers (not pagans) for christian services. That is , you must first become a believer before you can think of receiving the Power of God. Even so, you must wait in faith as you grow in your christian life. You cannot just jump over the middle class of believers into the highest class of the born-again/Holy Ghost carriers. In our

society today, indeed in Africa, we do not have the middle class - we only have the poor and the rich. This is the trend being reflected in christendom today: Everybody wants to graduate from being a pagan into a Holy Ghost carrier; nobody wants to remain in the level of a believer. This leads many christians to bear such big titles as Evangelist, Deacon(ess), Reverend, Pastor, Bishop, Arch-Bishop, Prophet(ess), Apostle, etc. This phenomenon has also led to the emergence of false ministers of God - a generation of charlatans.

Since you have never been a believer before you became a “Holy Ghost carrier”, from where then did you get the power for your christian services? It is like your claims of being born again are questionable. A believer waits in faith for Power from heaven. What do you understand by the word, ‘believer’? Remember, if you are a true believer before becoming a Holy Ghost carrier, you will not live a questionable life that has a break with Christ. Christ cannot take a day off in the life of a true believer:

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“He will not let your foot slip - he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep” (Psalm 121:3-4).

But today, there is a break with Christ in the lives of many so-called christians. How do we know this? You can know when you start experiencing occasional peace, joy and comfort - gifts from God which ought to be always, no matter what happens, no matter what comes.

There is no greater secret to a good life than to pray and get answer from God. What do we mean by “good life”? A good life is one that prospers in every way. God’s Will is for His children to prosper in every way. If God has been answering all your prayers, imagine what your life would be! You cannot do

without prayers, but unanswered prayers stand between you and your faith. You therefore need very effective prayers. God Almighty has made a promise of complete restoration for you if your prayers are effective.

“This is what the Lord says, he who made the earth, the Lord who formed it and established it - the Lord is his name: ‘Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know’” (Jer. 33:2-3).

This is God’s encouragement and invitation to prayer, and the assurance that your prayers would be answered. In spite of this, you pray everyday without results. One thing you fail to know is that whatever you pray for, our Lord Jesus Christ has paid the price for it on the Cross. So whenever you pray as the Bible says, look first on the Cross where the price was paid for the blessing you seek.

“...The man who does these things will live by them. Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: ‘Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree’. He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit” (Gal. 3:12-14).

He redeemed us from sickness, poverty, curses, fear and all other symptoms of satan in our homes, offices, business, schools etc. This is why you should not just open your mouth to pray without having to look on the Cross - believing and obeying.

How then do we look on the Cross? You pray without results, because you do not believe in playing your part - hearing and obeying the Word of God. Because I believe I pray. The Bible enjoins you to

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who seeks finds; he who asks receives; and he who knocks the door will be opened” (Matt. 7:7-8).

Everyday you seek, ask and knock without

results, because you fail to look on the Cross where the price was paid for the blessing you seek. The Bible says that for anyone to know the value of the Name, Jesus Christ, that person must look on the Cross. Without this, when you pray and cry to God, you pray and cry in vain, because it is not praying, crying, fasting or works that saves souls. Jesus Christ has promised to give you rest from troubles and cares; are you experiencing this rest today? If you are not, the question you should ask yourself is, “Am I a true christian or not?” You fast, pray and read the Bible everyday without even bothering to look on the Cross where the price was paid for the blessing you seek. You want to be inspired whereas you fail to look on the source of inspiration. Nobody ever knew you as a believer before you started to bear christian titles. If you know the meaning of these titles you bear, you would have known the curses you are carrying on your head. Remember, you carry curses on your head when you bear titles or receive baptism unworthily.

Rather than remain a believer and wait in faith as you get educated in the word of Holy Spirit, you go about under false claims. If you are faithful to God, He is ready to endow you with anything you desire. For a long time now, you have been holding unto your doctrinal ideology, yet your life still remains unimproved. Everyday, you ask God for the forgiveness of your sins without making any practical efforts to forsake your old sinful ways of life. This is why your prayers remain unanswered.

The Bible says that unanswered prayers stand between people and their faith. Divine faith, when expressed in prayer, is a force, and has God behind it for its accomplishment. But if you do not express this divine faith in your prayer, it is like you are praying without God. Faith must always accompany prayer - all prayers must be prayers of faith. Any break in faith would mean a break in prayer, because faith cannot take a day off the life of a true believer. It is not the amount of prayer that counts, but the faith you put in the prayer. In fact, human mouths cannot be employed in Spirit prayer - you must be born-again

before you can pray the prayer of faith. When you are baptised in the Spirit, the Holy Spirit does everything through and for you. When you stretch your hand to pray over a sick person, your physical hand only indicates direction, but the Spirit Himself does the healing. This is why I stretch my hand without touching the patients and there are results. I am being persecuted because of this, and I love it all. Persecution really keeps me away from the people and secular things of the world.

I was baptised in the Holy Ghost before I became a christian. The baptism of Holy Ghost was Christ's baptism (Spirit in Spirit) - purely divine. If you are called to where the Holy Ghost is the foundation, it is God Himself who has called you to duty. The baptism of Holy Ghost is of fire - an instant result. When the Holy Ghost is immersed into your spirit, your discussion with God is not a verbal one, but heart to heart. Then you become a man after God's own heart like He said of King David:

"After removing Saul, he made David their King. He testifies concerning him: 'I have found David son of Jesse a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do" (Acts 13:22).

God wants you to do everything to His taste. He also wants you to be renewed in the attitude of your minds, and put on the new

self, created to be like God Himself in true righteousness and holiness (***Eph. 4:23-24***).

We are made in our hearts to be like Jesus Christ, not in our faces, stature, colour, or any other outward features. Remember, David was nothing to compare with Saul in terms of manly qualities.

"But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him(Saul). The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, the Lord looks at the heart'" (I Sam. 16:7).

Since we have the mind of Christ, let this mind be in you as it was in Christ Jesus. Refrain from speaking anything negative. **If you must say anything, think first and then speak about whatever things that are just, pure, noble, lovely, true, praise worthy and of good report (Phil. 4:8).** You are advised to think about these things in order to maintain the same mind with Christ. When you are accused or condemned by people in spite of the good you do, remember Christ's rejection.

I leave you here in faith and I pray that God grants you the grace to meditate on the message in Jesus Christ's Name. Amen.

Note: Before filling your prayer request and petitions, read the prayerful words of encouragement below:

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

- 1. God made Daniel, the slave, a leader.***
- 2. God looked at David, the shepherd boy, and saw in him a king.***
- 3. Moses was a murderer and God saw in him a deliverer.***
- 4. God looked at the barren woman called Hannah and saw in her the mother of a great Prophet.***
- 5. In his nineties, Abraham was childless and God saw in him the father of nations.***
- 6. God changed Saul, the persecutor, to Paul, the Apostle.***

Please God, look at me a sinner, forgive me my sins, have mercy on my petition and grant my request before you. If God could turn Moses, the murderer, into a deliverer and also wipe away tears of barrenness from Hannah's eyes; if God could bless poor Jabez, God can also turn around the situation of my life today in Jesus' Name, Amen. (Mal. 3:6 and Heb. 13:8).

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