

Heaven: What Is Your Story?

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he message in this edition is to stir you to search yourself out. Everv man. woman. institution. organization, family, business and community existence, whether big or small, has a story. Within the days we have already spent in this year, because you are alive, you already have a story and something to tell. Some people have stories of achievements, some have stories of bereavements, some have stories of frustration, some have stories of joy and some have stories establishment. Some people have had moments that redefined who they are and what they stand for. Some people have stories of healing, supernatural provision, supernatural deliverance, challenges, betrayal and wounds. Some people have stories of honour and dishonour. A lot of people have stories.

When it comes to heaven, everyone you see on the street wants to go to heaven. If you then ask how they plan to get there, they would say they do not know. Heaven has always heen а conscious manifestation life in the humanity, because those who believe that there is a God know that there is a place where that God dwells. Jesus Christ also did not leave us in the dark about heaven. When He sent His seventy disciples out two-by-two and they came back, we read what happened in Luke the 10:17-20. "And seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. And he said unto them. I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt vou. Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because vour names are written in heaven." Jesus Christ was bringing consciousness of heaven back to His disciples. Even though they had gone out, demonstrated the power of God to cast out demons and had come back to report to Him what happened, He said they should not let that be their focus.

Do not let your achievements on earth be your focus. You may already have a story this year. Your story may be good or bad, of achievements, deliverance, wounds,

Jesus Christ had a story about heaven. He did not keep quiet. He kept saying He was not from here and that He was going back to His Father healing or of anything, but Jesus Christ is telling you not to let it be your focus. Do not let whatsoever you have achieved be your focus. The place your focus should be is the place the devil was sent away from, which is heaven, and then rejoice because your name is written in that place because anyone whose name is not in the register of heaven will not get to heaven. This is what Jesus Christ was telling His disciples in practical terms. The disciples had a story, but when they came to Jesus Christ He told them that was not the story they should go about with or rejoice about. He said they should rejoice because their names were written in heaven. So, from that moment, they began to have a story about heaven. A lot of people are relishing themselves in things that are not the focus of heaven. A lot of people hold on to their own conception of what their lives are. They have a story and they are telling the story correctly and factually, but when it comes to heaven, Jesus Christ says do not rejoice in that but rejoice in this. You need to have a story that rejoices the heart of God about heaven. That is why the question is asked: Heaven: what is your own story?

What is heaven? John 14:1-3 reads, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

- Heaven is the dwelling place of God. Jesus Christ described Heaven in that passage as His Father's house; that means Heaven is our heavenly Father's house.
- 2. Heaven is the dwelling place of Jesus Christ Himself now. He said He was going away to prepare a place for us and then He will come and take us to be with Him. In Luke 23:43 we see what Jesus Christ told the thief that asked Him to remember him when He gets to His kingdom, "And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." So Jesus Christ is there in heaven and He says the person that confesses Him would also be with Him.
- Heaven is the home country of true Christians. That is why the

song writer says, "This world is not my home, I am just passing through, my treasures are laid up somewhere beyond the blue, the angels beckon me from heaven's open door, And I can't feel at home in this world anymore." Unfortunately, Jim Reeves passed on to glory shortly after singing that song. A lot of believers do not have a story about heaven. Jim Reeves sang his own story. He knew that his citizenship was not of this earth. Heaven is the home country of true Christians and make-believe believers. Philippians 3:20 says, "For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ" The New King James Version of Bible reads. "For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ," This means that Jesus Christ is going to come from Heaven and our citizenship is where He is. For those who are true Christians, their home country is heaven and when the time comes for them to be whisked away from here, their marks will identify them. Those who have their stories correct

- about heaven will have the mark
- Heaven is Mount 7ion for those 4. whose names are written in the Book of Life, Mount Zion is a place where those who are saved get to and walk in. It is a place of the authority of the living God. It is a place of purity. It is a place of consistent deliverance. It is a place of liberty. Hebrews 12:22-24 says, "But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God. the heavenly Jerusalem. and to an innumerable of company angels, To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel" Everyone that has their name written in the Book of Life is already in that place called Mount Zion. It is a place of dominion. It is a place of cleansing that is procured in the Lord Jesus Christ by His blood.
- **5.** Heaven is a city designed and built by God.

What is your story about heaven? Do you really have a story? If you do not have one, you must get one. If your story of heaven is like that of the disciples, rejoicing because achievements you have on earth or sorrowful because of the pain or the relationships have been vou through, and not rejoicing that your name is written in heaven, then there is a problem. You must review your story.

Jesus Christ had a story about heaven. He did not keep quiet. He kept saying He was not from here and that He was going back to His Father. That is why the world could not have a hold on him. Everything he did was done in preparation for heaven. Every day, Jesus Christ lived with the consciousness of going back to heaven so that heaven would not reject Him. A lot of believers are not living like that. Look at what Jesus Christ said in Acts 1:6-11, "When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon

you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." Because the focus of Jesus Christ was always about pleasing His Father and returning to where He came from, He had a connection with What heaven. is connection to heaven? Some people would say they came from Heaven. That is okay, but are you going back there? Yes, you were created by the God of heaven but are you walking your story to line up with what He ordained for your life? Everyone has a story to tell.

Paul the Apostle had a story to tell and his story was very wonderful. Acts 9:1-16 reads, "And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,

And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem. And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saving unto him. Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said. I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do. And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man. And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand. and brought him Damascus. And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink. And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias: and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord. And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth, And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight. Then Angnias answered. Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem: And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name. But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake." That was the entry point Paul had into the role of those who would go to heaven. He then began to pursue it from that moment on. We see the way Paul spoke about heaven in 2 Corinthians 5:1-9, "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life. Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit. Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: (For we walk by faith, not by sight:) We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. Wherefore labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him." That was a man that had a consistent story from the day he was arrested on the way to Damascus. He said he wanted to be pleasing to God in everything he did. Every day he woke up, he was always thinking of how he could please God. He later got to a point where he began to rejoice about things some Philippians 1:19-23 that a lot of believers do not have understanding of today, "For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ. Accordina to mv earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not. For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ: which is far better:" Paul preferred to be with Christ. His story every day was that he would get closer to Jesus, to the point that he will leave this earth. Paul was focused on the rejoicing that he would have in heaven. Please what is your story? Jesus Christ said He was going away to prepare a place. What is your story for that place He has gone to prepare? How often do you remind yourself that you are just a pilgrim on earth, that this world is not your home and that you are just passing through? How often do you conduct vourself and act like this is not your final place?

Beloved, for you to have a story that would please God, there are some things you need to begin to do and focus on. Judas Iscariot had a story but, at the end, he did not please God. These things will impact your story and the outcome thereof.

One: Obtain forgiveness for your sins. A lot of people do not understand that the things they call sin, by their own definition, are what

they are running away from, but what God calls sin is not in their hearts. So they do not obtain forgiveness for the sins which they do not repent of. When we were young and the good news of Jesus Christ was being spread, we heard a lot of people say to us, "Repent for the kingdom of God is at hand..." When we attended crusades or meetings, they would ask for those who wanted to repent of their sins to come out or raise their hands and they would pray with them. The truth, however, is that anyone who has not actually confessed Jesus Christ has nothing to repent of. That is why when anyone comes to Jesus Christ, all He wants you to do is to confess Him as Lord and that He died for you and that you believe in Him. Then you are saved. The moment you are saved, everything that you subsequently do that falls short of the glory of God, whether in your thoughts, your words, your actions or lack of action, becomes a sin. The Book of Romans tells us that we have all fallen short of the glory of God. Falling short of the glory of God is sin. It is sin when you do not meet up with the glory of God and the expectation of God over your life. Unbelievers, however, do not even have this standard because they live in sin until they come to Jesus Christ.

The moment you come to Jesus Christ, He wipes your slate clean. Romans 10:8-9 reads, "But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach: 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" The first thing is that you confess Jesus Christ as the Lord and then you believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the death that He died for all sinners, of which you are one, then you are saved. It was not the same thing for the Jews however. It was from the Jews situation that they borrowed the term "Repent and be saved." That message was to the house of Israel because they already owned God. Originally God was their God and not just their creator. He had chosen them. They belonged to Him and He belonged to them. So they, on their own, deliberately walked away from God. This is why they are the ones who need repentance before they can be aligned with where you have started from as a born again Christian. Our requirement, as Gentiles, is to confess Jesus Christ as Lord, believe in our hearts that God raised Him from the dead and that He died because of the cross where He was crucified and then we are saved. Romans 10:10-13 says, "For with the man believeth righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith. Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." That is how we get saved. It is difficult for a lot of believers to get this understanding because the attraction is wrong. That is why you see some people confessing sins from when they were ten years old. God says He is not dealing with that. The sin He wants you to deal with as a child now is what we see in 1 John 1:4-9 "And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full. This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have

no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." John was talking to Christians in that passage. You must obtain forgiveness for your sins on a daily basis. Actually, somebody taught many years ago that you should keep a short account with God. The moment you know offended vou have God. immediately make amends. Do not go on in pride justifying your actions.

Two: Give forgiveness to others. When Jesus Christ was teaching us the Lord's Prayer, He said, "Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us..." If you do not forgive, you are indirectly saying, "Father do not forgive me because I do not forgive those who sin against me." Anyone that refuses to forgive those who offend them will not get to heaven.

Three: Daily renew your mind with the word of God. Do not let it be that the lesson of yesterday is the same one you are carrying tomorrow. You must build on it. You must have newness in your soul, in your desire, in your emotion and in your will. You must have newness. It must be improved.

Four: Maintain a clean heart before God. How do you maintain a clean heart before God? You ask Him to cleanse your heart. The heart of man is desperately wicked; who can know it but God? Say, "God, is there any darkness in my heart that I may not even recognize? Cleanse it with hyssop, cleanse it by your fire. Let the fire of the Holy Ghost cleanse my heart..." It is God that will cleanse your heart.

Five: Retain the knowledge of God in you always. I have seen some people in this country who were on fire for God when they were in Nigeria. Their revelation of God was new and fresh. They knew God to be a powerful God, a sound God and a holy God. However, when they came to Canada, they start talking about the weather. They are not retaining the knowledge of God. That is what is known as compromise. Compromise is when you have a knowledge of the living God and then compromise the vou knowledge that He has given to you. Anyone that refuses to retain the knowledge of God, God will give them over to a reprobate mind. Reprobation is God's judgment when you begin to do some things that you feel are okay by yourself,

but God is just watching you. It is a dangerous place to be in.

Six: Daily obey God in all things. The moment God brings you an instruction, obey him.

Seven: Walk in unity and love. Do not company with an ungodly Do not company with person. people who are filled with hatred. Do not company with them because you will become like them. Are you walking in unity? Are you walking in love? Or do you keep the type of friends that make you angrier? By your light, let men see the glory and goodness of God. Do you know that when you come into the situation of some people and they wonder how you remain calm despite all you are going through, they wish that they could have a life like yours? That is a good testimony.

Eight: Serve God faithfully. You rewrite your story by the service you give to God. Are you serving God faithfully? Is the work of God committed to you done faithfully? The scriptures say, a faithful man, who can find? God had a testimony concerning Moses. He said, concerning God's work, Moses was faithful.

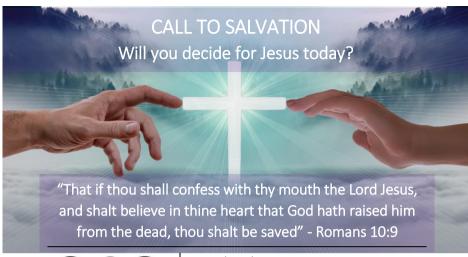
What is your story? You must do something about it. You are not writing your story for any man. You are writing it for the one who designed and built heaven, His dwelling place that you have been commissioned to be a part of. Nothing unclean will enter there. Nothing unfaithful will get there.

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Prayer Points

- Father, let your mercy restructure my life so that the purpose of building your own heaven and your mandate for my soul would be fulfilled in the name of Jesus Christ
- Where the judgement of satan, the judgement of men and the judgement of the world has prevailed and reorganised my life for hell, Father rewrite my story, in the name of Jesus Christ.
- Lord Jesus, when you come back, let me not be found wanting before

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