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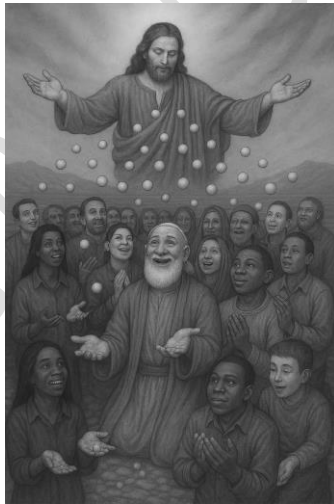
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MINISTRY CALL AND MANDATE

**“Tell My People To Get Ready –
That I Am Coming Soon.”**

(The above were the words of Jesus Christ to the author
in 2011 when He called him into ministry)

Validating Scriptures:

- Matthew 24:42 (Brackets and Emphasis Mine)
Watch (BE PREPARED – GET READY) therefore: for ye know
not what hour your Lord doth come. (KJV)
- Revelation 22:20 (Brackets and Emphasis Mine)
He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come **quickly**
(SOON). Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. (KJV)

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Dedication

*This devotional is dedicated to the fulfillment of the purpose
of the call of God in my life.*

*May it cause many believers awaken to the implications of our identity
as the Bride of Christ – the Blessed Hope; and our responsibilities
as Ambassadors of the Kingdom of God – to announce
Jesus to the world through the gospel.*

*Ultimately, may it help us to be better prepared and ready to depart
with our Lord Jesus when He appears to physically take us
to be with Him forever as He promised.*

Amen.

Revelation 22:10

**And he saith unto me, SEAL NOT THE SAYINGS OF THE PROPHECY of this
book: FOR THE TIME IS AT HAND.**

(KJV)

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Introduction

Imminence! – “A Day Is As A Thousand Years . . .”

Certain bible scholars believe we are living in the concluding portion of 6000 years counting from the fall of man in the Garden of Eden (4000 years from the sin of Adam to the victory of Jesus Christ through His sinless crucifixion, and 2000 years from the crucifixion year 32 AD to the approaching year 2032 AD). The bible tells us that the world and all in it was created in six days, and that God rested on the seventh/Sabbath day (Genesis 1-2). We are also told in 2 Peter 3:8, that one day with the Lord is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. This book was written around the middle of the year 2025 AD. If the information above is near accurate, then we probably have about 7 more years to the completion of six prophetic creation days (6000 years), after which comes the seventh prophetic day Millennial Sabbath of the Lord (1000 years).

There is however, another crucial prophetic scenario to be considered. Daniel 9:24-27 tells us that a total of 70 prophetic weeks (1 prophetic week = 7 years; 70 prophetic weeks = 490 years) have been given for the ushering in of everlasting righteousness, the fulfilment of all prophecy, and anointing of the Holy of Holies. The counting for the 70 Weeks starts from the commandment to restore and build Jerusalem by King Artaxerxes I to its fulfilment (7 prophetic weeks = 49 years); From the restoration of Jerusalem to the crucifixion of Messiah the Prince (62 prophetic weeks = 434 years). The corresponding prophetic equation is as follows: 7 prophetic weeks + 62 prophetic weeks + 1 Final Prophetic Week = 70 prophetic weeks. This Final Prophetic week of 7 years is what is popularly known as the 7-year Tribulation Period. From the passage of time, and with increased understanding, it became obvious that this final prophetic week did not immediately follow the crucifixion of Jesus the Messiah. The Body of Christ continued on earth after the Head (Jesus Christ) was taken into heaven, and will continue to restrain the commencement of the 70th Week until taken out of the away.

The above scenarios leave us with the hair-raising realization that the rapture (the catching away of the awaiting Church into heaven by Jesus Christ Himself as He promised in John 14:2-3) is indeed imminent, because this event MUST HAPPEN before this Tribulation Period of 7 years can commence. The Body of Christ on the earth/the true Church (the 2 Thessalonians 2:7 Restraint of the

prophetic 70th Week) must FIRST be taken out of the way (raptured) before the final prophetic seven years can begin to count.

Signs Of The End And The Rise Of Rapture Scoffers

That said, so many signs of the end-times have been fulfilled. Some of those already fulfilled include: Wars and rumors of wars; Earthquakes in various places; Roaring of the seas and waves – Tsunamis; Pestilences; Increasing persecution of saints of Jesus Christ all over the world; The growing incidence of false Christs (some of them men of God who turn the attention and hearts of their followers to themselves, and to the things of this world, in the name of Jesus); Departure from the faith and cleaving to demonic ideologies; The love of many waxing cold; Unusual celestial signs/ events; and Fearful sights in the heavens (demonic UFOs/UAPs), among others.

Another major sign of the end-times is the growing incidence of scoffers among the ‘born-again’ Christian community. Scriptures warn in 2 Peter 3:3-5 of brethren who will mock or minimize the message of the return of our Lord Jesus to take His Body - the awaiting Church. We are warned in verse seventeen of the same chapter to “ . . . **beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness**” (KJV). These brethren are described in this scripture as ‘wicked’ highlighting the truth that such persons have already departed from the true faith, having become consumed by the love of and affairs of this world. In Jude 1:18-19, they are described as divisive, worldly, and not (no longer) having the Spirit of Jesus.

Called Into Ministry With A Specific Mandate

In 2011, in an encounter with the Lord, He asked me when I was going to serve Him. I had made a promise to the Lord about a decade earlier to serve Him with a ‘caveat’ that I needed to achieve my financial dreams first, so as not to be dependent on ministry work in a way that might make me sin against God. At that point, I was unaware of Mathew 6:33 that says we should seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and everything else would be added unto us. I had done the opposite of this scripture – seeking earthly things first, and utilizing prayer and pledges in an attempt to put pressure on God to bless my enterprises. The Lord however, saw my heart – that I loved Him, though I was in error, and visited me in His mercy. I laid down my personal goals/dreams and told God that I was now ready to serve Him and do His will. He led me into

a 40-day period of fasting, and in the midst of it showed me in a trance, the theme of my ministry – **“The Rapture and the Second Coming of Jesus Christ”**. I asked Him “what do you want me to do?” and heard His voice say to me **“Tell my people to get ready, that I am coming soon”**. When I asked “How?”, He responded “Write a book – When it is finished your ministry will start”.

I wrote my first books ‘Midnight Now (Vols 1 & 2) and published them in 2018. In 2017, I started a house fellowship and was led to begin producing devotionals monthly for weekly use in the house fellowship. These are the materials which have now been re-edited and adapted for this book – Endtime Manna, which the Lord put in my heart to put together and publish.

“Go Ye Therefore Into The Highways” – Are Your Lights Burning?

In order to take personal responsibility for the Great Commission as every faithful believer should and must in some capacity, my wife and I later started a neighborhood evangelism outreach. This has grown into a routine after-Sunday-church-service thirty-minute outreach, and we, in addition to four other families, cover major road intersections in four neighboring cities. We stand on the sidewalks and hold up printed gospel messages to occupants of passing vehicles. Through this effort, we are able by God’s grace to minister the gospel to passing motorists, as well as provoke passive but willing Christians unto necessary good works. Occasionally, we are approached by people needing prayer and counseling, and we minister to them as the Spirit leads us. Indeed, I cannot fully explain how blessed we all feel after each outreach session.

Regarding His return to take us to be forever with Him, Jesus said in Luke 12:35 that it is crucial that our loins be girded about, our lights burning. Our ‘lights’ is a reference to that which is in us, and which is capable of drawing men away from danger to safety – our testimony (declaration) of Jesus Christ, and should not be conflated with upright behavior or charitable actions, which is expected by default of all believers. Jesus says we should be diligent about this responsibility. In Revelation 12:11, the raptured Church (the Body of Christ) caught up to God along with the Head of the manchild (Jesus), is said to have overcome by the blood of the Lamb, **AND BY THE WORD OF THEIR TESTIMONY**. There is an error which is being promoted by some ministers, I believe unknowingly, and this is that all believers (including those whose lamps have become extinguished because they put it under a bushel) will make the rapture.

This is not so, and indeed cannot be, because it outrightly negates scripture. There is a reason Jesus taught on the Parable of the Ten Virgins. When the hour of reckoning came, the lights of the foolish virgins had gone out, but the lights of the wise virgins were still burning, and they made it to burn even brighter by trimming their lamps. Only the wise virgins made it into the wedding, and this is because they held onto the grace of God to avoid distractions and to engage in their assignment as light of the world (Mathew 5:14-16) constantly presenting the Light – Jesus Christ to the world (John 8:12).

Revelation Of The Man Of Sin/Man Of Lawlessness

In conclusion, one of the most critical signs given to the Church as clue to the imminence of the Rapture is the sign of the revelation of the Man of Sin/the Man of Lawlessness (2 Thessalonians 2:1-3). **We are explicitly told in this scripture that there will be no rapture unless he is revealed.** He is known as the Prince of the Covenant/Agreement (Daniel 11:22) and shall midwife the prophetic covenant/agreement with Israel and the nations, which needs to be in place before the rapture and onset of the final prophetic week (7 years – Dan. 9:27) of the 70 Weeks Prophecy (Dan. 9:24-27). This ‘Agreement’ will guarantee the peace of Israel for the first three and a half years of the 7-year Tribulation Period (Rev. 12:6), after which this same ‘Prince of the Covenant’ (Dan. 11:22) will violate the Agreement (Dan. 9:27), and Israel and Jerusalem (the Outer Court) will be trampled upon and besieged for another 42 months or three and a half years (Rev. 11:2).

This Prince of the covenant is the seventh king of the seven prophetic kings of Babylon (Rev. 17:10-11), and Babylon is always the most powerful nation on earth in every prophetic era. He is the beast that politically WAS – AND IS NOT – AND YET IS (REV. 17:8). In Rev. 13:1-3, politically, HE WAS GIVEN POWER – THEN HE WAS WOUNDED TO ‘DEATH’ (HE LOST POWER) – THEN THE ‘DEADLY’ WOUND WAS HEALED (HE CAME BACK TO POWER AGAINST THE ODDS OF ‘DEATH’). **In Rev. 13:14, we are also told that he survives an assassination attempt and has an injury scar to show for it.** Unfortunately, even if this person was alive today and wore a fiery face cap that screamed his prophetic (political tenure) identity, it appears this might be of no value to some believers. In fact, you could even be ‘quarantined’ in some Christian circles for warning about this possibility.

However, we should be able to have our suspicions - to some degree at least if we are truly watching for the appearing of our Lord Jesus to rapture us as we have been commanded to, and ought to be doing. Apostle John, in Rev. 17:10 noted that there were seven kings in Babylonian prophetic destiny, of which five had lived and died, and the sixth was alive at the time he wrote the book of Revelation. He took note, and so should we. The revelation of the seventh king would lead to the ushering in of the 70th week of Daniel's 70-Weeks prophecy through the instrument of the rapture. There is a reason the bible gives us the revelation (appearing) of this seventh king as a critical sign of Rapture imminence (2 Thess. 2:1-3). There is a reason his personality and prophetic actions are so extensively described in scripture, and this is so that the end-time Church would take note and put their acts together before the rapture (1 Thess. 5:3-6). Have we been doing this, or have we been deceived? Have we been looking down (hoping for a future in this doomed Babylonian world system), instead of looking up (in expectation of a glorious destiny and of His appearing to take us), as commanded by Jesus? THERE IS A CONSEQUENCE FOR BEING DECEIVED, AND FOR BECOMING INSTRUMENTS OF DECEPTION (2 Tim. 3:13).

May the mercy of our Lord help us all - May the fires of our first love be rekindled - May we receive boldness and grace to be doers of His works and let our lights shine, instead of just being hearers of the word that do nothing with what we hear (2 Tim. 3:7-8). May this book be a blessing to all that read it, in Jesus's name. AMEN!

- Ike Odumodu

**N.B.: IF ANY BELIEVER MISSES THE RAPTURE, DO NOT, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE, EVER TAKE THE MARK OF THE BEAST. IF YOU TAKE THE MARK, YOU CANNOT REPENT ANYMORE. YOU WOULD BE DOOMED FOREVER TO THE LAKE OF FIRE. DETERMINE AT THAT POINT TO LAY DOWN YOUR LIFE IF NEED BE, AND SECURE ETERNITY WITH JESUS. THERE WILL BE SO MUCH DECEIT. DON'T BE A VICTIM OF THE LIES AND THE FLESH.
SEE REV. 13:15-18; 14:9-12.**

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EPISODE 1

The Blessed Hope and the Imperative of Preparation

Read: Luke 21:36; Titus 2:11-13

MEDITATION 1

Introduction

As many know by now, the Blessed Hope of Christianity stands for the hope of our eventual reunification in body and spirit with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ when He shall appear in the sky to receive us unto Himself as He promised (John 14:1-3; 1 Corinthians 15:51-53). It is the hope that we shall be physically transformed to be like and have the same type of body as Jesus (1 John 3:2-3). Consequently, He commands all believers to watch (be prepared/ get ready) and pray in order not to be caught off-guard by this event (Mark 13:33-37). The scriptures expressly warn that no believer will stumble into this glorious destiny by chance. Jesus tells us in Luke 12:35 to take steps to ensure we are prepared – to ensure that our lights are burning. Every believer that will qualify to be ultimately and eternally joined to the body and spirit of Jesus Christ must love and value this unqualifiedly glorious honor and prepare himself for it (1 Corinthians 2:9; Mathew 7:6; 2 Timothy 4:8). Such a believer must first understand what the Blessed Hope is, and then love it and anticipate it (Revelation 22:20). May the Lord grant us all the grace and presence of mind needed to carry us into His bosom on this glorious day in Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayers:

- Lord Jesus, please grant me the grace to be ready for you when you appear to take your Church home, in Jesus name.
- Father, I cast down every distraction that will try to make me lose focus on Jesus. I pray in Jesus name.

MEDITATION 2

The Condition of the Church in the Last Days

- The last days Church is said to be asleep just before the rapture. She is largely unaware of the unfolding signs of the imminence of the

appearance of Jesus Christ, and must be woken up – Mathew 25: 5-7; Mark 13:35-36. Any believer who has woken up to the midnight cry of imminence must either be increasing his efforts to reach the unsaved with the gospel, or be crying out to God in prayer and fasting for the grace of revival of a fire ‘going out or gone out’ – Mathew 25:7-9.

- Generally the last days Church is fallen from the faith – 2 Thessalonians 2:3; 1 Timothy 4:1.
- The Church in Sardis is a metaphor of the last days Church. A dead Church does not reproduce (engage in evangelism) – Revelation 3:1-6.
- Examine yourself regularly (2 Corinthians 13:5). Present your weaknesses before God and ask for strength and grace (Hebrews 4:16). Judge yourself lest you be judged (1 Corinthians 11:31).

Prayers:

- Father, grant grace to your Church in these last days that their eyes may open to see the signs, and their ears to hear the midnight cry, in Jesus name.
- Father, rekindle the fires of love for you in your people once more. By our own selves we can do nothing, but our hopes and eyes are upon thee, O’Lord. We pray in Jesus name.

MEDITATION 3

Categories of Last Days Believers

The bible tells us that in the last days many would be lovers of pleasure, self and worldly things (2 Timothy 3:1-5). Many would also be apostate lovers of false teachings who have departed from the faith (1 Timothy 4:1)

- **Foolish Virgins** – Their sense of judgment is affected by the prevalence of apostasy, worldliness and iniquity in the Church (Mathew 24:12). They become careless about the commandment of our Lord (Luke 12:35) to ensure their lights keeps burning – they become complacent about declaring the gospel as ambassadors of the Kingdom (they run out of oil) and their light goes out (Mathew 25:8). Though they were initially expecting the Bridegroom, they were disqualified by their complacency (Mathew 25:11-12).

- **Wise Virgins** – These ones hear the word of God and take it seriously. They immediately begin to take steps to ensure they are obedient to the commands of the Lord to be light through the declaration of the gospel. Because of this, they are therefore considered wise – Luke 6:48

Prayers:

- Send your word O’Lord and shatter the brass gates of false teachings that have held your ‘very elect’ captive for long. It is not possible for these ones to remain deceived forever. We command their release now in Jesus name.
- Father, release unto your Church the grace of the wise virgins – the lovers and doers of your word. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ.

MEDITATION 4

The Parable of the Unfaithful Steward and the Importance of Preparation – Luke 16:1-8

- The admonition in this parable goes to all believers that will hear the midnight cry. How will you react to it? Jesus advises us to take measures to ensure that we are not left out in the cold when He shall appear for the rapture.
- Watch and pray always for God’s grace and mercy to keep you ready for the great day of His appearance (1 Peter 4:7; Luke 21:36; Mark 13:33).

Prayers:

- Father, make me wiser than the unfaithful steward. By your wisdom I shall prevail in Jesus name. Amen.
- Lord Jesus, I wait in excitement for your appearance in the skies to take me. Preserve me holy and cause me to be acceptable in your sight from now to that moment, in Jesus name.

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EPISODE 2

Running the Heavenly Race - The Dangers of Weights and Besetting Sins

Read: Hebrews 12:1

MEDITATION 1

Introduction

Beloved brethren, I wish to inform you this month that our walk with Jesus can be likened to a race which is run for a prize. However, whereas earthly races, be it the race to 'make it' in life, or the race to achieve one set earthly or secular objective or the other, all end in the acquisition of a perishable prize, if you win. The heavenly race is run for a glorious and eternal prize. Some believers commence the heavenly race but along the way allow distractions to come in and change their focus. This is spiritually deadly. We are strictly commanded in Hebrews 12:2 to look singularly unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. We are commanded to run with discipline, conviction of purpose, self-control, and faith in order to obtain the prize (1 Corinthians 9:24-27). As we do this, we are also warned to beware of false prophets and teaching which aim to derail us from the heavenly race by presenting to us a 'another Jesus', 'another gospel' and hence, 'another spirit' (2 Corinthians 11:4). How we respond to their teachings determines our spiritual well-being or decline and apostasy. He that receives right teaching will flourish, but he that receives/accepts wrong teaching will suffer loss of even that which he had (Mark 4:24-25). Finally, we are reminded that it is Christ-like, when wrong is visited on us, to take it with love and patience for the sake of conscience towards God (1 Peter 2:18-23; Philippians 2:14-16). May God help us even as we examine ourselves by the Spirit of God and judge ourselves, that the power of God may be unhindered to help us set our lives straight by His grace, in Jesus name. Amen.

Prayers:

- My Father and my God, as I run this heavenly race, keep me from distractions that can derail and prevent me from making heaven, in Jesus name.

- Lord, grant me the spirit of discernment as I wade through the shark infested waters of false teachings in these end times. I pray in Jesus name.

MEDITATION 2

The Weights of Man-Made Doctrines and False Teachings

- The danger of man-made doctrines is that they oppose the doctrine of grace, stagnate our spiritual lives, and make our 'good' works unfruitful (Gal. 2:21; 1 Timothy 6:20-21). They are thus dangerous weights which must be shed if our Christian lives must flourish.
- The danger of false teachings is that they lead to erroneous beliefs and erroneous deeds. They are out-rightly toxic and can asphyxiate our faith. Examples include 'the doctrine of Balaam' (Rev. 2:14), and the 'doctrine of the Nicolaitans' (Rev. 2:15). This is why Jesus says that He hates it. We shall talk about these doctrines in later episodes.
- When we follow teachings that are unscriptural by the standards of grace, our worship of God becomes vanity (Matt. 15:9), and all our giving and works could be rendered fruitless and invalid.
- We must turn 'sharply' from all teachings of error that rob us of our liberty in Christ (Gal. 5:1) and turn us from the truth (Titus 1:13-14). These are often the works of 'false brethren/teachers' and places those who abide by them under spiritual bondage.

Prayers:

- Lord, let every man-made doctrine that threatens to make my works unfruitful be exposed and banished from my life in Jesus name.
- Father, may I never lack the grace and strength to turn sharply from false and erroneous teachings, in Jesus name.

MEDITATION 3

The Dangers of Besetting Sins

- We are encouraged as believers to face up to and deal with sins that persistently oppose or trouble us - sins which corrupt and make our

walk with God unfruitful. We are encouraged to fight (pummel our bodies through spiritual exercises – 1 Corinthians 9:27), having Jesus as our example, and knowing that besetting sins targets our soul (Hebrews 12:1-4).

- We are chiefly warned to beware of: Fornication (sexual immorality and idolatry); Uncleaness (lacking morals or a sense of right and wrong); Inordinate Affection (improper passions, lust); Evil Concupiscence (ungodly desires); Covetousness (inordinate desire for things, idolization of materialism) – Colossians 3:5; Ephesians 5:3.

Prayers:

- Father please grant me the grace to always realize that besetting sins aim to keep me from your presence and kingdom, and that resisting them will never kill me. I pray in Jesus name.
- Father, grant me the determination to challenge and overcome every besetting sin in my life. By the faith and strength of Jesus I will prevail. Amen.

MEDITATION 4

Looking unto Jesus . . . (Hebrews 12:2-4)

- To live a successful Christian life, we must, spiritually-speaking, have our eyes fastened on Jesus. Not by our faith or strength, but by His faith and strength (Gal. 2:20).
- We can access the faith and strength of Jesus Christ through His word (Luke 8:18; John 15:5).
- We can access the power of the Holy Spirit to overcome besetting sins through fasting and prayer (Mathew 17:19-21; Isaiah 58:6).

Prayers:

- Lord Jesus, please touch my spirit and increase my appetite for your word in Jesus name.
- Lord, as I embark on a fast to break the chains of besetting sins, let the power of your Holy Spirit be present deliver me, in Jesus name.

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EPISODE 3

The Dual Feet of Christianity - The Great Commission and The Blessed Hope

Read: Mathew 28:19-20; Titus 2:11-13

MEDITATION 1

Introduction:

Our Lord and Master Jesus Christ was explicit in His dual mandates to believers in Acts 1:8-11, which I also refer to as the dual feet of our faith. The first mandate is popularly known as 'the Great Commission' which was clearly stated in Mathew 28:19-20 - we are to be His witnesses and ambassadors on the earth in our various capacities – Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, uttermost parts – as He leads us. This is the first feet of our faith which everyone that will triumph in our pilgrimage and race to heaven must heed. The second foot of our faith which everyone that will triumph in the race to heaven must also heed is the 'expectation of His return to take us to be with Him and in Him forever'. This is right feet of our faith and is expressly stated in Acts 1:10-11, Titus 2:13, and also John 14:2-3. It is also popularly known as the Blessed Hope. Every believer that will qualify for the rapture must abide by these two mandates, holding himself personally accountable, in order to be balanced and to successfully run the race of our faith. To neglect any of these two feet would be like running this race on one foot, and such a believer would be deceived to think he will make it. To neglect both feet is to be a joker – such a believer is floating and merely pretending to be running a race. In both cases, victory at last as a member of the final body of Christ (which shall be conclusively sealed at the rapture) is impossible. In the world today, the Blessed Hope appears to be the more neglected aspect of the two mandates, as many ministries seem to be more focused on the first foot 'soul-winning' efforts that would ensure that their numbers (and income) continue to increase. It is however, apparently the second foot that is meant to ensure that the first foot does not slip, and that we remain spiritually-minded (Romans 8:6), and refuse to 'mind earthly things' (Philippians 3:19). The bible therefore refers to all ministries/churches who fail to confess/profess/teach that Jesus Christ will physically return to the earth in the rapture and at His second coming (1

John 4:3; 2 John 7) as operating by the spirit of deception and antichrist. The failure to teach this doctrine results in the people of God being led astray as they are automatically denied truth given by God to quicken and sustain their faith and works till the day of the appearance of our Lord. Get ready brethren, Jesus is coming soon – very soon. Live your life in this hope and get busy in the Lord’s vineyard as you wait.

Prayers:

- I thank you Father, for opening my eyes to see that it is expected of me to be a constant witness and bearer of the light of the gospel. Help me not to be found wanting at your appearance - I pray in Jesus name.
- Lord, remove every obstacle that stands in the way of my being an instrument in your kingdom - in Jesus name.

MEDITATION 2

Responsibilities of a Waiting Bride - The Blessed Hope

- We are commanded to watch - be vigilant, patient and diligent (Mathew 16:1-3; Hebrews 10:36; 2 Peter 1:10)
- We are commanded to pray for ourselves and the Church (Luke 21:36)
- We are commanded to purify ourselves (1 John 3:2-3)

Prayers:

- Open my eyes O’Lord to see the signs of your coming that are unfolding daily.
- Lord, I ask for the grace for prayer to be released upon me that I might pray adequately – in Jesus name.

MEDITATION 3

Ambassadorial Portfolio of a Believer – The Great Commission

- Fruitlessness or failure to carry out our ambassadorial obligations attracts curses from heaven (John 15:2; Mathew 21:19-20)

- God's provision, protection and presence is assured only when we are committed to His work (our ambassadorial obligations - James 4:17; Isaiah 59:2; 1 John 5:18; Luke 22:35)

Prayers:

- Lord, may I never be found wanting in the discharge, in the spirit of love, of my obligations as a witness for Christ.
- Father, as I commit myself to do your will as your ambassador, I thank you for your assured provision, protection and presence with me.

MEDITATION 4

Expectations of a Rapture-Ready Bride – The Blessed Hope

- Expect to be physically changed and to possess a glorious body like the resurrected body of Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 15:51-52; 1 John 3:2)
- Expect to be caught away ('raptured') from the earth into the sky and to Jesus Christ (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18; Revelation 12:5)

Prayers:

- Lord, I long to be changed to be like you. Let this be my destiny at your appearance - in Jesus name.
- Lord, I shall not be left behind at the sound of the trumpet of God. Revive your Church O'Lord, that you may find faith on the earth at your appearance.

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EPISODE 4

Preparing for the Appearance of Jesus Christ through Practical Love for God and for our Neighbor

Read: Hebrews 10:24-25; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

MEDITATION 1

Introduction:

Love is also known as charity, and this is the greatest commandment of God (1 Corinthians 13:13). The Father gave us example of His love by sending His only begotten Son Jesus Christ to suffer, be crucified to death, and to rise again on the third day, in order to save us from our sins (John 3:16; 1 John 4:9). It is love that will ensure that we are not unfruitful (Philippians 4:14-17), that we have treasure in heaven, and therefore that we shall not miss the rapture (Luke 12:33-34). Our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, broke this commandment on love into two parts – love for our God above all else and love for our neighbor (Mathew 22:36-40). Indeed, love is the foundation of everything (1 Thessalonians 3:12). Even our faith in God cannot be valid if it is not propelled by love (Galatians 5:6). We, as the Bride should be waiting for the return of our Groom - Jesus Christ, as He commanded us to, but this also cannot be possible without love (John 14:15). This is one of the problems of the Church in this generation – the love of many has waxed cold because of the iniquity of turning from God Almighty to the love of this world, and to the god of 'Self' (Mathew 24:12). As a result, many have become skeptical about the return of Jesus for His Church. Many seemingly serve God, not because they love Him, but because of what they hope they will get from Him (Mathew 15:8; 2 Timothy 4:3-4). They serve God with preconditions, and this is not love (1 John 2:15). Such believers will not make the rapture, except they repent. May God deliver us from all of Satan's traps in Jesus' name.

Prayers:

- Father, forgive us for we have sinned. Open our eyes to see our true conditions and save us O'Lord.
- Father, rekindle every dying fire of love for you in our hearts. We need your Holy Spirit to push-start us once more, in Jesus name.

MEDITATION 2

Loving God by Caring for the things He cares for (John 21:15-17)

- Jesus said that if we love Him we would keep His commandments, and ensure His strong presence with us always (John 14:15, 21, 23).
- If we love God, we would be personally and financially committed to the furtherance of the gospel (Philippians 4:15-17; John 21:15-17).
- If we love God, we would be personally and physically involved in the activities of the house of God (2 Corinthians 8:5; 1 Peter 5:2).

Prayers:

- Lord, grant us the grace to care for the things you care about.
- Father, grant me the grace to be more practical in my faith, and to obey all your commandments in love.

MEDITATION 3

Loving God by Loving One Another (John 13:34; 1 John 3:11, 4:11; 1 Peter 1:22)

- If we love God, we will engage in prayers for one another (James 5:16).
- If we love God, we will own up to our sins against each other (James 5:16), forgive the offences of one another (Ephesians 4:32), and correct erring brethren in love (James 5:19-20).
- If we love God, we would love one another through our gifts to one another (1 John 3:17).
- If we love God, we will recognize and desire the assembly/fellowship of brethren in the name of the Lord (Hebrew 10:24-25).

Prayers:

- Father, touch my heart and cause it to be tender towards the brethren and to my neighbors, in Jesus' name.
- As I reach out to others in love, grant me the grace to experience your joy in my heart, in Jesus' name. Amen.

MEDITATION 4

Love – Your Ticket for the Rapture (Luke 12:36-38; Revelation 3:14-17)

- How much treasure do you have in heaven? Do you have any at all? Are you rich toward God (Luke 12:21)? We build treasure in heaven through acts of love for Jesus and towards our neighbors (Luke 12:33-34).
- We must henceforth ensure that our love for Jesus is hot and not lukewarm (Revelation 3:15-16).
- We must henceforth strive for the grace to be filled with the love of God (Ephesians 3:19; 2 Thessalonians 3:5; Jude 21).
- We must henceforth secure our position in Christ by being doers of the word and not hearers alone (Romans 2:13; James 1:22).

Prayers:

- Father, cause me to fully comprehend what you mean by ‘treasures in heaven’ as it concerns us and cause us to place high value upon such treasures, in Jesus’ name.
- Heavenly Father, grant me the grace of sincere self-examination, and the strength to take positive steps afterwards, in Jesus name.

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EPISODE 5

Holiness without which no Man shall see God

Read: Hebrews 12:14-16

MEDITATION 1

Introduction:

Holiness is one aspect of the Christian life that many are yet to understand its vital importance, and yet, it is what we have been called unto (1 Thessalonians 4:7). As children of God, we must be constantly conscious of the white, glowing garment that is upon us courtesy of the love and sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Holiness is therefore, the consciousness of and regard for the righteousness of Christ in us. Living a life of holiness therefore refers to the resolve to cherish and maintain this righteousness of Christ in us. Any person putting on white clothes naturally comports himself accordingly, and is always careful about where he goes, where he sits, and who touches him. He is quick to take care of spots and stains on his white garment whenever he sees them, because he desires to preserve the glory and honour of his white garment (Ecclesiastes 9:8; Jude 1:23). Consequently, anyone who is not careful about his white garment will prove himself unworthy of it and is bound to lose it. It is vital to mention at this point that the easiest way to walk in holiness is to walk in love (1 Peter 4:8; Mathew 22:35-40). As we await the appearing of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, let us ensure that our garments are kept white (Rev. 3:4) because without holiness, no man shall see God.

Prayers:

- Father, make me ever conscious of my white garments of righteousness in Christ, that I may ever preserve it through holiness. We pray in Jesus name.
- Lord Jesus, touch my heart by your love, grace, and mercy I pray. Kindle In my heart the flames of love for you and my neighbors. We pray In Jesus name.

MEDITATION 2

Maintaining holiness by Fleeing Covetousness

- Covetousness refers to loving and craving material/carnal things in a way that competes with our love for God. (James 4:2-5)
- Covetousness is idolatry and spiritual adultery. Covetousness can be found in the Church today disguised as 'Prosperity'. (Colossians 3:5-6)
- Prosperity is not evil, but when you as a believer, and ambassador of heaven, make it your number one purpose in life, you are guilty of serving other gods. (Mathew 6:31-33)

Prayers:

- Lord, grant me the grace never to seek the things of this world over your kingdom in Jesus name.
- Father, I understand that to be carnally minded is death. May any unholy quest for things be removed now from my heart in Jesus name.

MEDITATION 3

Maintaining holiness by Avoiding Bitterness

- We are warned of the danger of defilement by Bitterness which can come in to corrupt our righteousness and separate us from the grace of God. (Hebrew 12:14-15)
- We are encouraged to deal with the sly enemy called Bitterness with its associates known as Wrath, Anger, Clamor, Evil-Speaking and Malice. We are rather to be kind to one another, tenderhearted, and forgiving one another, even God, for Christ's sake forgave us. (Ephesians 4:31)

Prayers:

- Father, grant me the spirit of discernment that I may recognize the footprints of bitterness afar off, and flee from it. We pray in Jesus name.
- Lord, grant me the grace of forgiveness, tender-heartedness, and kindness, even for them that wrongfully persecute me. We pray in Jesus name.

MEDITATION 4

Maintaining holiness by Fleeing Fornication and Adultery

- The marriage union on earth is God's depiction of the mystery of two individuals becoming one, in the same way that God and man (the Church) become one in Christ. (Ephesians 5:25-30)
- If we, after we have become betrothed to Christ (born again), begin to go after other gods, this is unfaithfulness and betrayal. Likewise, when we get physically intimate with someone we are not legally married to (fornication or adultery), we sin against God (Genesis 39:7-9), and by submitting to Satan's desires (John 8:44) in this way, we drive out the Holy Spirit, lose our salvation and die (1 Corinthians 6:15-20). Remember that Adam and Eve lost the eternal life they had by choosing to do Satan's desires instead of God's. If you have already gotten involved in this sin, you are disconnected already and need to quickly repent with fasting and prayer for the rekindling of your light. Those who decide to proceed with 'church-life' without true repentance, as though it were no big deal, become false brethren and a disease to the body of Christ, doomed to eternal separation from God in Hell (Jude 1:12-13; 2 Corinthians 13:5)

Prayers:

- Lord, grant me the grace to understand the sacredness and mystery of marriage, that I might honor God through my comportment in Jesus name.
- I pledge never to betray the blood of Jesus shed for my sake through the defilement of my body or mind. Help me Father to honor this pledge in Jesus name.

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EPISODE 6

Watching, Praying and Doing His Will as we await the Master's Return

Read: Luke 12:35-40; Luke 21:36

MEDITATION 1

Introduction:

Our Lord was quite emphatic as He stressed the importance of watching, praying, and Kingdom usefulness in the lives of believers. A believer that is ever-watchful and prayerful will be ever-ready for Him at His appearance. Jesus emphasized this point in Mark 13:33-37. However, we live in an age today where believers appear to have their gaze fixed on other things. This is a terrible situation, especially as we remember the fate of Lot's wife who cast her gaze in the wrong direction when it mattered most. A few are looking unto Jesus in the spirit of love and expectation, while many have been mesmerized by men of God who appear to have taken the place of God in their lives. Nobody can interpret the word of God better to a child of God than the Holy Spirit, but the work of the Holy Spirit seems to have been left to Pastors these days. This is dangerous because of Jesus's warning in Mathew 24:24. As we hear the word of God, we ought to have our spiritual eyes fastened on Jesus. As we do this, when we hear what is wrong, the Holy Spirit would cause our spirits to be agitated and disturbed, giving us no rest until we search for and arrive at the truth. Prayer is essential because a person who fails to pray is a person who is saying that he does not need God – that he is self-sufficient. However, it is all by the grace and mercies of God, lest any man boasts (Romans 9:16; Zechariah 4:16; Ephesians 2:8-9). Finally, we are commanded never to stop at 'watching and praying', but to crown it all with 'doing' (Romans 2:13; James 1:22). By 'doing' we ensure that we are prepared – that we are ready for Jesus always. When he heard the day of reckoning was at hand, the unjust steward took steps to ensure he does not find himself in a tight spot (Luke 16:9-8). This was why Jesus commended him. What are you going to do with the word you are hearing now? Will you decide to take the right steps now – to love God with everything in you and to begin to prepare yourself for Him through obedience? May God help us all in Jesus' name.

Prayers:

- Father, forgive me if I have not been watching, praying and getting prepared for you (doing) as you commanded. Grant now to me, the grace of wakefulness. We pray in Jesus name.
- Lord Jesus, in this age of many voices and distractions, grant to me the spirit of discernment. We pray in Jesus name.

MEDITATION 2

The Value of 'Watching' for the Coming of our Lord

- Watch, because Jesus said that the days of His return shall be like the days of Noah and Lot – a lot like the days we live in today (Luke 17:26-30).
- Watch because He will come like a thief in the night – at a time many would be unwary (1 Thessalonians 5:2; Mark 13:35).
- Watch because when He comes, it will be to take His own to be with Him forever. The Head will be joined to the body at the rapture (John 14:1-3; 1 John 3:2).
- Watch because He will come for those who are looking out (watching) for His return (2 Timothy 4:8).
- Watch because Jesus commands it (Mark 13:35-37).

Prayers:

- Father, open my eyes to appreciate the times and days we are living in today, in Jesus name.
- Lord, please stir up in my heart, the love of a waiting bride for her Groom. We pray in Jesus name

MEDITATION 3

The Value of 'Praying' that the will of God be done

- To pray effectively, you must be a 'watching' Christian. Jesus said 'Watch and pray'. (Mark 13:33)
- Pray because Jesus says it is a necessity for those hoping to make the rapture. (Luke 21:36).

- Pray because escaping the things that shall come to pass and standing before the Son of man depends on it. (Luke 21:36)
- Pray because it is neither by might nor by power. It is by God's grace that we shall make it. (Zechariah 4:6; Luke 22:31-32)
- Pray because though the spirit may be willing, the flesh is naturally weak. (Mathew 26:41; Romans 8:12-13)
- Pray because through prayer you acknowledge your total dependence on God without whom we can do nothing. (John 15:5)

Prayers:

- Lord, open my eyes to see that though you are with me always, if I do not pray always, I am saying I do not need your company or strength. I pray in Jesus name.
- Lord, grant me the grace of prayerfulness, because it is one of the major ways to keep my spirit in control of my flesh. I pray in Jesus name.

MEDITATION 4

The Value of 'Doing' the Will of God

- Be a doer of the works, because faith without works is dead (James 2:18, 20, 26).
- Be a doer of the word because even the unjust steward was wise enough to 'act' after he was warned (Luke 16:1-8).
- Be a doer of the works – Jesus advises it (Luke 12:42-47).
- Be a doer of the works: translate your love for God into tangible deeds of obedience – evangelism, support for ministries and churches (Acts 1:8; 2 Corinthians 8:3-5).
- Be a doer of the works: translate your love for God into tangible deeds of obedience – love your neighbor as yourself, reach out to the hurting and less privileged with the love of God (1 Peter 4:8; 1 John 3:17-18)

Prayers:

- Lord, grant me the grace to be a doer of your word and works in Jesus name.

- Father, open my understanding to see that obedience to your words is far better than appearing religious. We pray in Jesus name.

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EPISODE 7

The Message of the Parable of the Ten Virgins

Read: Mathew 25:1-13; 26:37-41; Rev. 12:1-5, 11

MEDITATION 1

Introduction:

The parable of the ten virgins presents a clear picture to believers of who the Church of Jesus Christ is, and what is expected of her if she is to fulfill her destiny of having her oneness with Christ ratified (sealed) at the rapture of the Church. The Church is the virgin bride whom the Bridegroom (Jesus Christ) shall come to take to Himself for the marriage feast of the Lamb. As the Bridegroom's arrival was delayed, these virgins were buffeted by end time elements and they 'slept'. We are told in scripture that the last days shall be perilous times overflowing with the 'normalization' of iniquity, abundance of deception, and the falling away of many (Matt. 24:12; 2 Timothy 3:1-8; 2 Thessalonians 2:3). I believe that this accounts for the 'sleep' referred to in this parable. It is indicative of the times. At midnight, the cry announcing the arrival of the Bridegroom rang out, and we are told that the virgins rose up and set about trimming their lamps (increasing the wick length to make the light brighter). However, the Foolish Virgins noticed their lamps going out, but unfortunately, they did not bring extra oil with them. On the other hand, the Wise Virgins brought extra oil in their vessels and fueled and trimmed their lamps so that their lights did not go out. This qualified them, in addition to the fact that they were virgins (believers saved by the blood of the Lamb), to overcome (go with the Bridegroom into the marriage feast) - Rev. 12:11.

The word 'overcome' is a recurring one in the message of Jesus Christ to the Churches in Revelation 2 and 3, and should be diligently noted. We are told in this parable that 'oil' is a highly personal commodity. You could not use oil that you did not personally procure. Jesus told us that as long as He is physically in the world, He is the light of the world (John 9:5), and that whoever followed Him would not walk in darkness but would have life (John 8:12). He tells us again in Mathew 5:14-16, that we are the light of the world and that we should ensure that our light is not hidden. In other words, we are to carry on His work on the earth. He also referred to the act of shining

this soul-saving light as “good works”. The oil in this parable represents ‘the word of our testimony of Jesus Christ’ (the gospel) that draws men away from destruction, and towards eternal life.

At the rapture, in order to ‘overcome’ (Rev. 12:11), all believers (dead and alive), shall be individually judged based on whether they had this oil or not. The light on the lamps represents the ministry of the Holy Spirit which kindles this oil, producing the flames of light that draws men away from darkness and to life and safety. It must be understood that the ministry of the declaration of the gospel is the work of both the Holy Spirit and the Bride of Christ (every true believer) – Rev. 22:17. Every man must therefore judge himself and make amends where necessary (1 Corinthians 11:31). The physical indicator that a human being is alive is a beating heart. Likewise the indicator that a believer is spiritually alive is the evidence of his shining light. Can a believer be spiritually dead (disconnected from Christ) and not know it? Absolutely YES! The Church in Sardis had the name that they were alive, but Jesus said they were dead (Rev. 3:1) and warned them to quickly take advantage of the opportunity for resuscitation (Rev. 3:2). We are also admonished in 2 Cor. 13:5 to routinely examine and prove ourselves to know if we are still in the faith. Living things reproduce, but dead things do not. Jesus gave the commandment to all believers of all generations to be watchful for His coming (Mark 13:37). This command was given to us as a means of ensuring that the light ignited in us at salvation does not dim or go out, but continues to blaze until He comes to take us in the rapture.

Watchfulness is hence imperative for all believers. Those who heed this command and are truly watchful, loving the appearing of our Savior and Lord, receive the grace to purify themselves through obedience and the oil of ‘good works’. It would indeed be a terrible thing for any believer to miss the rapture. No matter how nonchalant such ones might appear now, like the Foolish Virgins, they shall weep bitterly on that day if they are left behind. Peter, James and John failed to ‘watch’ with Jesus in the depths of the night – on the eve of the day of the crucifixion, that led ultimately to the birthing of the ‘Head’ (Jesus Christ) of the symbolic man-child of Rev. 12:1-5, through His death and resurrection. In these last days, the body of the man-child (the Church) is about to be symbolically birthed to join the ‘Head’ physically at the rapture, and we are called on again to ‘watch’. However,

when Jesus appears for us, “shall He find faith on the earth” (Luke 18:8)? May the grace of our Lord be with us as we set our hearts, energy, time and resources to do the Lord’s ‘good works’ in the spirit of love, in Jesus’s name. Amen.

Prayers:

- Father, I pray that the purpose of this parable to your Church will find fulfillment in my life in Jesus name.
- Lord Jesus, I pray that you release your Spirit in these last days, to open the eyes of your Church to the times we are living in. We pray in Jesus’ name.

MEDITATION 2

The Significance of the midnight hour

- The midnight hour is often accompanied by the tendency to slumber – Matt. 25:5-6. ‘Slumber’ of deadly distractions (the Prosperity Gospel) – 1 Tim. 6:5-7; ‘Slumber’ of carnality (Self-love) – 2 Tim. 3:1-2; ‘Slumber’ of false teachings on the rapture – 2 Tim. 2:17-18; ‘Slumber’ of the False Gospel of Eternal Security (Once Saved, Always Saved) – Hebrews 10:26-27, 38-39).
- It is the hour of temptation – Mathew 26:40-41.
- It is the hour of deliverance of the people of God – Judges 7:19-21.

Prayers:

- Lord, in this midnight hour, strengthen me against all forms of temptation in Jesus name.
- Lord, by the power of your word, strengthen me against the ‘slumbers’ of distractions, carnality and false teachings, in Jesus’ name.

MEDITATION 3

The Plight of the Foolish Virgins

The foolish virgins suffer the following terrible tragedies:

- The sorrow and regret of a missed opportunity of exceeding glory in Christ – Matt. 25:10-12; 1 Cor. 2:9.
- The persecution and martyrdom under the reign of the Beasts – Luke 21:36; Rev. 3:10.

Prayers:

- Lord, may I never experience any of the plights of the foolish virgins in Jesus' name.
- Father, your word says that by strength shall no man prevail. If the Lord does not build a city, in vain do the builders labor. Build your Church O'Lord. In these last days, prepare your Body by your Spirit. I pray in Jesus name.

MEDITATION 4

The Wisdom of the Wise Virgins – Rev. 2:18-19, 24-29; 3:10-11

In the message of our Lord Jesus to the Church in Thyatira, He made a distinction between two groups in this Church - those walking in obedience to His word and those walking in idolatry. He mentioned two types of works here and that the second 'works' ('good works' – Mathew 5:14, 16) was rated higher than the first. In verses 26-28, He calls it "His works" and assures that all who keep it to the end would have their place in Him secured. Jesus confirms this again in His message to the Philadelphia Church. He promises to keep all who kept His command to endure in watchfulness (to be prepared) from the tribulation that would come upon the earth, and that they would receive the special crowns of the Bride of Christ.

The wise virgins understood their identity and purpose as believers, Kingdom Ambassadors (2 Corinthians 5:20), representatives of Jesus on the earth (1 John 4:17). They represent watchful believers, and their oil and light represent:

- The oil represents our 'good works' and effort to obey the mandate of Jesus Christ to us to be witnesses unto Him in this world through the

words of our testimony of Him (Rev. 12:11; Acts 1:6-8). Where there is oil, there is light, and where there is no oil, there is no light.

- The light represents the ministry of the Holy Spirit as He kindles the oil of the 'word of our testimony of Jesus' causing men to 'see' (John 6:44; Rev. 22:17).

Prayers:

- Lord, I pray that all the characteristics of the wise virgins shall be found in my life in Jesus name.
- Father, grant me the grace of fruitfulness – that I shall not be found unqualified at your appearance. We pray in Jesus name.

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****The Testimony Of How Jesus Saved Me And Gave My Life New Meaning****

"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

(Luke 19:10 KJV)

I could say that there were quite a number of episodes in my childhood wherein I was fixated on God, often wondering about Him and daydreaming of various scenarios in heaven based on the much I had gleaned from churchgoing. Thinking back, I am tempted to say that the crosshairs of heaven have been upon my soul long before my encounter with the Word of God. My parents were not religious people, but we all went to church from time to time as a family tradition. Their philosophy was that human beings needed community, and the church community was thus recognized by them as a necessary tool for social interaction, and not a place salvation could be found through the gospel. "What about other religions – are good people of other religions going to hell because they are not Christians?", they would ask me whenever I tried to preach Jesus to them as THE ONLY WAY after the encounter that got me saved? Both my parents were well educated, exposed and logical in their thinking. They wanted to know that the Jesus I was preaching was not only JUST, but also FAIR.

In my mid teen years, I began to come across literature (tracts, comics, books) that talked more deeply about Jesus, both from friends in school and in libraries. One thing I knew was that for some reason which I could not explain, I was always captivated by such literature and would tirelessly pore into them whenever I had the opportunity. However, almost immediately after such episodes, I would totally forget about it and be carried away by the cares of life, my dreams and ambitions, the lusts of the eyes, the lusts of the flesh, and the pride of life. This was my experience and lifestyle until the day I found Jesus.

It has been over three decades now that the encounter took place. It first started with an invitation to a Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship International breakfast meeting in Lagos, Nigeria. The year was 1988 . . . probably sometime around August. The event took place at a 5-star hotel, and I had two reasons for deciding to attend it. The first was that the person who gave me the invitation was a persuasive beautiful girl whom I wanted to see more of. The second reason was that I knew for sure that the free breakfast at this high-class hotel would definitely be worth more than the transport fare to get there.

There was something about the atmosphere in that events auditorium on the morning of that blessed day. There was the aroma of all the components of a

continental breakfast – bacon, sausages, toasted bread, scrambled eggs, et cetera, in the cool air-conditioned air, but that was not all. The air was thick with anticipation and of a presence that was new to me - the presence of the Holy Spirit. We commenced the most wonderful breakfast I had ever had, and as we were concluding, the main speaker at the event began to give the testimony of his life. As he spoke, I felt an inner thirst for Jesus begin to grow within my soul as I listened to the quickened word of God with my heart in an atmosphere of the grace of God. I am not able to outline all the scriptures he quoted, but knowing the Gospel as I do today, they would likely have included the following:

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that ALL HAVE SINNED: (Romans 5:12 KJV)

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 KJV)

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. (Romans 10:13 KJV)

The mind always tends to bring logic to counter the word of God, but I pray that the mercies of God will cause the ears of your heart to open to the living word of the gospel of Jesus Christ as you read this tract. When the speaker ended his testimony and called for those who wanted to give their lives to Jesus to rise, I rose along with others and said the sinner's prayer as he led us. I became born again and left the premises of that hotel a new creature in Christ.

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 KJV)

I knew something had happened to me and I loved it. I loved the feeling of assurance of my eternal destiny with Jesus.

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 KJV)

I became an instant evangelist starting off with my siblings and parents. Throughout my over three decades in Christ, I have had my ups and downs, but I thank God for the promise of Jesus never to leave me nor forsake me (Heb. 13:5). He is faithful even as His name is Faithful and True (Rev. 19:11). Jesus is the Love of God in the flesh (1 Jn. 4:9). The sojourn of humanity through life has one primary purpose – to make peace with God before we depart this world, and that peace is found only in

Jesus Christ. He is the second Adam who walked in obedience to God till the very end, and we all need to be transformed from the image of the First Adam who sinned against God, to the image of the sinless Second Adam who became the Lamb of God that was slain for the sins of the world. Those that reject the appeal of God by the Holy Spirit through the gospel up to the point of their death, have rejected eternal life and chosen to remain in eternal separation from God in hell. Such a fate is not necessary when Jesus Christ has already paid the price for all sin. If you hear God speaking to your heart now, calling on you to accept His costly gift of salvation to you, do not harden your heart (Heb. 3:7-8). Realize that your sins stand between you and God. Repent now and pray the prayer below to make Him your Savior and Lord today:

Heavenly Father, I thank you for sending Jesus Christ to die for the sake of my sins and for raising Him up on the third day. Please wash me from my sins and Jesus be my Savior and Lord from now onwards. I pray in Jesus's name. I am now born again – a child of the living God! Thank you, Jesus!

Join me as I pray for you now:

“May the Lord who has called you, and made you a part of His Body, guide you by His Spirit to the right persons, literature, and places of worship whereby you might be built up in the knowledge of Jesus Christ. I pray in Jesus's name. Amen.

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Endtime Manna, simply put, is a collection of devotionals written by the author over a period of seven years, with the objective of equipping and preparing saints for the imminent appearing of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to take His Body - the Church, as He promised in scripture. They are organized as 'Episodes' with each having its theme, followed by four 'Meditations' representing corresponding sub-themes. The emphasis of this devotional is on self-assessment and the imperative of actively engaging in the works of the Lord as responsible ambassadors of the Kingdom of God on the earth, as we await this awesome event. Presently however, the Church appears to be vacillating between sleep and wakefulness as partly hinted in the parable of the ten virgins (Matt. 25:1-13), and this is because the level of anticipation and widespread preparation and activity expected in the Body of Christ, in the light of the imminent signs of the return of the Bridegroom, is not yet as it should be. Ultimately, the wise virgins who will get admitted into the marriage feast of the Lamb, shall be those looking forward to His appearing - those found faithful, and whose lights are found burning when the Bridegroom comes (see also Matt. 24:44-51). This 'freestyle' and 'supplemental' devotional is 'manna' (divinely inspired food/meat) for the due season, and we, by all evident signs, are living in the due season of the imminence of the 'Rapture' of the Church. GET READY, CHILD OF GOD! EVERY MAN FOR HIMSELF (Matt. 25:9)! MARANATHA!

Dr. Ike O. Odumodu majored in Chemical Engineering at the University of Lagos, Nigeria, in 1996, and joined the family-owned private school enterprise as Director for Development shortly after. His firsthand experiences with common youth vices as a teenager and young adult led him to write several educational and self-help books for young people. He also worked with government agencies to implement programs he developed for youth awareness of these issues. He was then called by the Lord in 2011 and commanded to warn believers to prepare for the coming of the Lord. In 2015 he was ordained as a chaplain in New York by the CICA International Chaplaincy Association, and became an Ambassador-at-Large for the Word of Life Ministries International (WOLMI). He eventually relocated to the United States as led by the Lord, and is currently the Outreach Pastor in a Christian ministry in Dayton, Ohio. In 2018, he published two end-time-themed books namely -Midnight Now Vol. 1: The Beginning, and Midnight Now Vol. 2: The End of Days. Endtime Manna: Season 1 is his third book in the same genre.



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