

## **DIGGING DEEP NO 201 PURE GOLD**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

When God told Moses to build Him a tabernacle, He insisted that every major vessel within it must be made of pure gold, Ex. 37: 2,6, 16,17, 23, 24. Now, we are the temple of the Holy Spirit and our God has not changed and He has not lowered His standards. He wants us to be pure as gold. May the Lord teach us tonight, in Jesus Name, Amen.

### **1. THERE IS NO ROOM FOR IMPERFECTION IN GOD'S TEMPLE**

Our God is perfect and we are commanded to be perfect too. Mat 5:48; Eph. 5:25-27; Jam. 1:27; 1 Pet. 3:14; Rev. 21: 27

In fact, unless we are, we can have no part in the body of Christ because there is no room for anything that defiles in heaven 1 pet. 1:15-16; 1 John. 1:5. God is pure Light and so we must be since we are His children must be like their father. Matt. 5: 14; 1 John 3:6-9; Jam. 1: 17; John 19:4; 1 John 2:28-29.

### **2. IF GOD LOVES YOU, HE WILL MAKE YOU PERFECT.**

If God loves you and is determined to get you to heaven, then He will make you perfect one way or the other. It could be through suffering, chastening, the rod of correction, the refining fire or if you so desire, through His word.

Heb. 2:9-10; Heb. 5:8-9; Jam. 1:2-4; 1 pet. 5: 10; Heb. 12:5-11; pro. 22:15; Mal. 3:2-4; Zec. 13:8-9; 1 pet. 1:3-7; Heb.13:20-21; 1 Tim. 3:16-17; 11 Cor. 13:11; Eph. 4:13; Col. 1:28; 1 pet. 5:6; Deu. 8:2; 11 Cor. 12: 21; Heb. 6:1.



## **DIGGING DEEP NO 203 POWER TO THE PEOPLE**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

Power is the ability to do work either physical or spiritual. For example, in the spiritual realm, power is the ability to heal the sick, make the lame to walk, raise the dead, etc. there are two kinds of power. (1) Constructive and (11) Destructive God has both Deut. 32:39. In fact power belongs to God and to him only. Ps. 62: 11; Matt. 28:18.; but He can give it to whosoever He pleases, Rom. 13:1, May you receive from Him today in Jesus Name. Amen.

### **1. WHY DO WE NEED THE POWER OF GOD?**

We need to have the power of God so that many people might believe and be converted when they see us demonstrating the power of God. Because it is only in the demonstration of God's power that the word of God is confirmed and the faith of people will have proper foundation. It is also in the demonstration of the power of God that the Gentiles are subdued and the works of Satan destroyed.

John 4:48; 10:37-38; Mark 16:20; 1 Cor. 2:4-5; Rom. 15: 18-19; 1 Cor. 4: 19- 20; 1 John 3:8; John 14:12; John 10:10; Mark 16: 15-18.

### **2. THE POWER OF GOD IS FOR HIS PEOPLE**

God's intention is that His children would share in everything He is and Has. That is why He promised that miracles will be wrought by all believers. From Old Testament times, anyone who surrendered to the Almighty had wielded the power of the Almighty. Examples include Elisha, Stephen, and Phillip to mention just a few. You can join the list today if you will take the necessary steps of faith.

II Pet. 1: 2-4; Mark 16:17-18; 1 Kings 19:19; Act 6:1-5; Act. 6:8; 8:5-8; Luke 10:17; Act. 9:10-18; Act. 1:8; Phil. 4: 13; Exo 14: 15- 16; 21: 22.

## **DIGGING DEEP NO 204 THE BLESSING OF ABRAHAM - PART 1**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

Of all the Old Testament born of a woman, there is no other man that could claim to be more blessed by God than Abraham. Why did God single him out for such a tremendous blessing? What did he do to earn so much blessing? Are there lessons for us today from his life? These and other questions will be answered in this series in Jesus Name. May the Lord quicken our understanding as we study in Jesus Name. Amen.

#### **1. DIVINE BLESSINGS ARE OFTEN CONDITIONAL**

While Abraham's call was based purely on Divine compassion, Today, there is an open invitation to anyone who wants to follow God to do so. Initially, God gave Abraham seven promises but these were conditional on his obeying three commandments of God.

Gen. 11:26; 12:1-3; Rom. 9: 14-15; Matt. 11: 29-30. Isa. 55:1; John 3: 16; John 7:37; Isa. 52: 11; Isa. 1:19.

#### **2. INCOMPLETE OBEDIENCE ALWAYS LEADS TO TROUBLES.**

Abraham obeyed two out of the three conditions given him by God. Instead of blessings, he walked straight into troubles. But God is faithful. He came to the rescue of the disobedient Abraham but He did not bless him until his obedience was complete.

Gen 12:4-5; 12:10; Gen. 12: 11-13; Gen. 12: 14-15; Rom 3:3-4; Gen 12:17-20; Gen. 13:1; Gen. 13:7; Gen. 13:8-9; Gen. 3:10- 13; Gen. 3: 14-17.



## **DIGGING DEEP NO 206 THE BLESSINGS OF ABRAHAM - PART 3**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

In this series, we have so far learnt for the call of Abraham, God's numerous promises to him, the conditions for the promises and finally the covenant between God and Abraham. In this concluding part of the series, we want to look closely at Abraham, the man who is called "The friend of God" Jam. 2:23. May the Lord Himself teach us in Jesus Name. Amen.

### **1. AFRIEND OF GOD MUST BE CLEAN, INSIDE AND OUTSIDE**

In Gen. 18, there is a lot of intimate information about Abraham. Some of these are (i) He was observant (ii) He never allowed opportunities to slip him by (iii) He was humble (iv) he was courteous (v) he was hygienic (vi) he was hospitable, (vii) he was agile, not sluggish (viii) he was willing to serve, (ix) he was polite, well-mannered and (x) he was an intercessor.

Gen. 18; Gen 19:1; Ps. 9:12; Ps.10: 12, 17; pro. 16: 18-19; Jam. 4:6; 1 pet. 5:5-6; Matt. 18: 4; Matt. 23:12; Jam. 4:10; Ps. 24: 3-4; 19: 1-2; Gen. 35:2; Lev. 13:6; Num. 8: 7; Ruth. 3:3; Matt. 6:17; Heb. 10:22; Gen. 19: 3; 1 Pet. 4:9; Heb. 13:2; Rom. 12:10-11; pro. 13:4; pro. 18: 9; Matt. 23:11-12; Matt. 20: 28; Mark 10:45; Job. 42:10.

### **2. IF YOU WANT THE BLESSINGS OF ABRAHAM, BEHAVE LIKE ABRAHAM.**

In Gen. 21 and 22, we find that God began to fulfill His promises and Abraham began to keep his part of the covenant with God. Soon there was Daughter in the household of Abraham. Even when the great test came, Abraham our Lord Jesus Christ, these blessings of Abraham can be ours, provided we behave as true children of Abraham.

Gen. 21; Gen. 22; Gal. 3:13-14; John 8: 39.

## **DIGGING DEEP NO 207 THAT MAN ENOCH**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

The Bible does not give us too many details about the man Enoch. He is the son of Jarred, Gen. 5:18 and the father of many sons and daughters, the prominent of who was Methuselah, Gen. 5: 21- 22. But the most striking statements about Enoch were that he walked with God" , and "God took him". May the Lord teach us about this great saint tonight for our own benefits, Jesus Name. Amen.

### **1. ENOCH MUST HAVE BEEN A LONELY MAN. BUT HE WAS NEVER REALLY ALONE.**

Anyone who decides to walk with God must have decided to be out of Steps with the world and its changing fashions. Such a fellow must focus his attention on God only. He / She must believe firmly that it is possible to walk with a holy God through living a victorious, holy life. Such a person will be lonely because he cannot have many friends, but surely he will never be alone because God will keep him company.

1 John 2: 15- 17; 11 Cor. 6: 17; Mark 8: 38; Heb. 12:2; Col. 3:1-2; Matt. 5:48; 1 Pet. 1: 15-16; Heb. 13: 5.

### **2. ENOCH PLEASSED GOD. THAT IS A COMPREHENSIVE TESTIMONIAL.**

From the fact that Enoch pleased God, we can deduce a lot of information: (i) He must have been a man of faith (ii) He must have been full of praises of God (iii) He must have been a giver (iv) he must have served God through love for God (V) He must have witnessed for God. No wonder God took him!

Heb. 11: 5; Heb. 11:6; Rom. 14: 23; 11 Cor. 57; Rom. 11: 20; 11 Cor. 1:24; Rom. 4:5, 9; 1 Thess. 5:18; Heb. 13:16; 1 John 3: 22; Deut. 10:12; Amos 3:3; Jude 14 11 Kings 2:11.

## **DIGGING DEEP NO 208 MOUNT ZION - THE CITY OF GOD**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

There are many mountain in the Bible (a) Mount Moriah, (b) Mount Herob, (c) Mount Olivet, (f) Mount Hermon etc. But today we want to talk about Mount Zion which is the city of the living God. Heb. 12:22. May the Lord Himself teach us today in Jesus Name. Amen.

### **1. CONTRAST OF MOUNT SINAI AND MOUNT ZION:**

These two mountains are revealing two dispensations, i.e Law and Grace. Mount Sinai is where people fear to come, because it is burning with fire. Even Moses the servant of God was afraid. Mount Zion is the City of the living God, where you can come by grace through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gal. 3; 23-29; Heb. 12:18-21; Exo. 19:10-13; Exo. 31:18; Lev. 26: 46; Exo. 24: 12-18; Heb. 12:22-24; Matt. 11:28-30; Matt. 17:1-5.

### **2. FACTS ABOUT MOUNT ZION**

- (i) It is the City of God, and the heavenly Jerusalem.
- (ii) It is a place where we have the general assembly of the bride i.e. the church.
- (iii) The name of each member of the church must be written in heaven.
- (iv) No more temptation in this city.
- (v) The condition to enter this city is by the covenant of the Blood of Jesus.
- (vi) The only mediator between man and God is Jesus, who is also the only way to this city.

Heb. 12:22-24; Rev. 19:7-9; Rev. 20: 15; Ps. 86:4-6; Rev. 21: 4; Heb. 9:22, 1Tim. 2:5; John 14:6, Heb. 12: 15-17; Rev. 3:5; Heb. 12:24.



## **DIGGING DEEP 209 PRESSING FORWARD**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

To get to our goal which is heaven, we need to press forward, because going forward will always make a goal, going backward will never, but always far from it Jer. 7:23-24. May the Lord quicken our understanding as we study in Jesus Name.

#### **1. THE BLESSING IN PRESSING FORWARD**

God blessings are for those who press forward:

(i) You will discover you have not arrived.

(ii) Sooner or later you will arrive safely to your goal.

(iii) You can achieve these blessings by going forward in.

Bible study to discover that Holiness and perfection is the key to heaven and perfection is the key.

Phil. 3:12-15; 11 Tim. 4:7 -8. 11 Pet. 1:8-11; Heb. 10:25;

Heb. 12:14; Col.1:28; Eph. 4: 13.

#### **2. ANGERS IN BACKSLIDING**

There are dangers ahead for looking back.

(i) Enemies are at the back of every Christians.

(ii) Backsliders are not fit for the Kingdom of God.

(iii) They will become slaves again

(iv) There will be no more love for God in their lives.

(v) The devil has a free access to come to their lives,

(vi) They will be worldly - minded.

Exo. 14:8; Gen. 19:26; Luke 9:61-62; Gal. 5:1; Rev. 2:4; Luke11:24-26; 11 Tim. 4:10.

#### **3. EXAMPLES OF PEOPLE WHO PRESSED FORWARD**

Joshua and Caleb among the Spies sent to Canaan

(iv) Paul fought it to finish.

(v) Zerubabel

(vi) Jesus Our Lord

Num 14:2-10; 11 Tim. 4:7-8; Acts. 20: 24; Zec. 4:6-9; John 17: 4; John 19:30.

## **DIGGING DEEP 210 FROM GLORY TO GLORY**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

There are three possibilities for any Christian who started the race to heaven very well. (i) He may backslide, (ii) He may stagnate and (iii) He may continue to improve daily till he becomes as perfect as his heavenly father. It is the third possibility that we wish to consider, that is how to grow from glory to glory, 11 Cor. 3:18. May the Lord teach us Himself, in Jesus Name. Amen.

#### **1. GOD EXPECTS US TO GROW CONTINUOUSLY**

Some Christians feed on milk, while others feed on solid meat.

Milk is for the new - born babes and God does not expect us

To be babes for ever. In fact He expects us to grow and become teachers of others. Even those already holy are expected to go on to higher ground steadily and continuously. We are expected daily to grow higher, broader and deeper, while our light shines brighter and brighter.

1 Cor, 3:1-2; 1 pet. 2:2; Eph. 4:14, Heb. 5:12; Job. 17: 9; Ps. 84: 7; 1 Cor. 14:20; Ps. 92:12; Prov. 4:18; 1 Tim. 4: 15; Heb.6:1.

#### **3. GOD HAS HIS WAYS OF LEADING PEOPLE TO PERFECTION**

By studying the life to Joseph, we can discover more of God's

Way of leading people to perfection. Joseph started by being gifted but insensitive but God puts him under various

Authorities, first as a slave and then as a prisoner to train the Spiritual gifts in Him and turn him to a perfect ruler.

God can do the same for you today.

Is. 55:8; Gen. 37:6-8; 1 Cor. 10:23-24; 13:1-2; Gen. 37:11-20; Song. 8:6; 1 John 3:14; John 3:27; Gen. 39:1-7; Phil. 4:6-7; 1 Tim. 2:1-3; Pro. 29:2; Gen. 39: 7-20; 1 Cor. 6: 18; Gen. 39:13-20; 1 Pet. 2:20; 5:10; Act. 5:41; Rom. 8:17; Matt. 25: 23; Rom. 8:28.

## **DIGGING DEEP 211**

### **MOSES, A MAN OF DESTINY**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

Great as God is, He still has time to watch out even for the fowls of the air and the lilies of the field Matt. 6:26-30. Consequently, it should be easy for us to believe that God has a plan for each of us even as He had for Moses in some details, in Jesus Name.

#### **1. GOD HAD A PLAN FOR MOSES LONG BEFORE HE WAS BORN**

The story of Moses started more than 300 years before he was born. It started with an incident in the life of Abraham and continued through the lives of Jacob, Joseph and others. Satan knew what God told Abraham and planned to frustrate the plans of God. But God's plans will never fail.

Gen. 15:7-8, 13-14; Jer. 1:4-5; Gen. 37:26-28, 41: 1-6, 28-44; 46:1-7; Gen. 50: 26; Exo. 1:8-12; Ps. 105:24; Ex. 1:15-16; Ex. 1:17-21; Pro. 16:6; Dan. 3:16; Acts. 5:29; Pro. 11:18; Is. 3:10; Heb. 6:10; Ps. 127: 1; Ex. 1:22.

#### **2. GOD CAN USE HIS ENEMIES TO ACHIEVE HIS PURPOSE**

Moses was born into the center of a tough battle between God and devil, but God knows how to use His enemies to achieve His purpose Moses knew that He was a man of destiny but he moved before God was fully ready.

Ex. 2:1-4; 2:5-10; Acts 7: 21; Ex. 2:11-15a; Heb. 11:24-26; Heb. 11:24-26; Heb. 11:13; Ex. 2:15b-22, 23-25; Ps. 12:5; Ps. 105:8; 11 Sam. 16:2; Luke 1:25.

## **DIGGING DEEP 212 MOSES, A MAN OF DESTINY PART 2**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

In the first part of this series, we saw how the story of Moses started more than 300 years before he was born. We also saw how it was that Moses was born into the center of a tough battle between God and Satan and how God used His enemies to achieve His purpose. Today, we wish to continue the study of Moses, a man of destiny by closely looking at Ex. 2. May the Lord bless us mightily as we study at His feet in Jesus Name. Amen.

### **1. WHEN GOD HAS YOU IN HIS PLANS, HE WILL GUIDE YOU ALL THE WAY, NO MATTER WHAT.**

Moses moved before God was ready and got into trouble for it. The prince became fugitive but God did not forsake him because he was in the center of the plan of God. Though he found himself in trouble for helping the helpless and at last he was richly rewarded. In the same chapter two of Exodus, we also discover that God will always hear the prayers of the burdened and He never forgets His covenants and promises.

Ex. 2; Hab. 2:3; Zech. 4:6; Acts 1:4; Rom. 8:25; Heb. 10:4; 1 John 1: 7; Luke 15:11-20, 21-24; Ps. 37:5; Ps. 37:23-24; Gal. 6:9; Ps. 37:25-26; 11 Cor. 6:14-18; Heb. 11:8-10, 13; Ps. 34: 6; Ps. 34:17; Num. 23: 19.

## **DIGGING DEEP 213**

### **MOSES, A MAN OF DESTINY PART 3**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

In the last part of this series, we saw how Moses moved before God was fully ready for the deliverance of Israel. As a result, Moses got into trouble and became a fugitive. But because he persisted in helplessness, he was soon rewarded with a new abode, a wife and a son. By naming his son Geshom, he declared to all around that he was a stranger in a foreign land and would not be content until he was finally settled in his own home. Today, we would move on to the beginning of Ex. 3 and learn more from the life of this great man of God. May the Lord Himself teach us in Jesus Name. Amen.

#### **1. THE FIRE BURNS**

For 40 years, Moses had kept his father-in-law's flock. By now he thought God had forgotten him. But God never forgets. The only thing is that God has His time- tables and He is never too early or too late. When Moses left home that fateful morning, he did not know that the experience that would change his life forever was about to happen. He had no idea that the fire will burn for him that day. One day the fire will also burn for you and me.

Ex. 3:1-2; Gen. 18: 9-14; Luke 1:5-8, 11- 20; John 5:5-9; John 9:1-7; 11 Kings 5:1-14; Acts 2:1-4; Gen. 12:1-3; 1 Sam. 16:11-13; 11 Kings 5:25-27; Jude 16:20; Acts 12:20-23; Acts. 2:2-4; Heb. 12:29; Heb. 10:31.

## **DIGGING DEEP 214**

### **MOSES, A MAN OF DESTINY - PART 4**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

In the last part of this series, we saw that in every man's life, there is a special day that marks the turning point in that man's life. A day when the fire burns for the individual as it did for Moses. Today, as we examine Ex. 3:3-12, we begin to study the great conversation between God and Moses in what is known as "The great call". May God speak to your heart tonight in Jesus Name, Amen.

#### **1. WHO SHALL I SEND?**

In the beginning of the conversation between God and Moses, we discover several things. Among them are (i) God knows us individually by name, (ii) it is still possible to hear the voice of God today, (iii) we can now draw near to God through our Lord Jesus Christ. (iv) As sons of God, we can wear our shoes anywhere (v) Our God is the God of the Living (vi) God wants all His friends to prosper (vii) we shall one day see God and live (viii) God sees all, knows all and hears all (ix) He is still looking for whom to send (x) Those whom God will use will recognize their inadequacy to do the work of God without the support of God.

Exo. 3:3-12; Acts 9:1-7; 1 Cor. 3:13-15; Isa. 43: 1; Heb. 13:8; Rom. 5:1-2; Heb. 7:19; Heb. 10:19; Luke. 15:21-24; 1 Sam. 18:4; John 3:1; Matt. 22:31-32; Gen. 32:9-10; Jude 6; Jude 13:22-23; 1 John 3:2; Rev. 3:12; Job. 19:25-27; Isa. 6:8; Job. 19:25-27; Isa. 6:8; Jos. 1:6-7, 9; Jer. 1:6; Zec. 4:6; 1 Cor. 1:26-29.

## **DIGGING DEEP 215 MOSES, A MAN OF DESTINY - PART 5**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

In the last part of this series, we saw the beginning of the great conversation between God and Moses as the Almighty was trying to convince the Shepherd to become a deliverer. Today, we shall continue to look at the conversation as we study two vital verses in Exodus 3. May the Lord bless us tremendously as we study at His feet in Jesus Name. Amen.

### **1. THE I AM THAT I AM**

Moses asked God to introduce Himself. The Almighty told Moses that His name is I AM. In response to an unvoiced query from Moses as to which I AM, God made it clear that He is THAT I AM. That I am that created heaven and earth, that made man from the dust of the earth, that said, "Let there be light" and there was light. Today, we know much more about that I AM than Moses did. For example, we now know that He is that I AM that made way in the red sea, that brought water out of the rock, that raised the dead, etc. the I AM THAT I AM that is our Father, Saviour, Friend and Supporter.

Exo. 3:13-14; Gen. 1:1; Gen. 1:3-4; John 1:5; Isa. 54:17; Isa. 59:19; Jos. 1:5; Exo. 15:23-25; Jer. 31:10-14; John 2:9-10; Ps. 30:5; Exo. 17:3-6; Exo. 4:20; 1Kings 17:12-16; I kings 18:38-39; Matt. 3:11; Heb. 13:8; Dan. 6:19-22, 25-27; Job5:19; Ps. 34:19; Acts 12:7-10; 11 Cor. 1:10; Acts 16:26; Rev. 1:8; Luke 1:37; Job 13:15.

## **DIGGING DEEP 216**

### **MOSES, A MAN OF DESTINY - PART 6**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

In the last part of this series, we saw that when Moses asked God to introduce Himself, God gave His name, as I AM THAT I AM. We discussed the great implications of such a great and mysterious Name. Today, we wish to look a bit closely at the incident of the rod that became a serpent as we study more about Moses, May the Lord Himself teach us perfectly in Jesus Name. Amen.

#### **1. SURRENDER YOUR ROD**

Moses had cause to worry about how difficult it would be for the elders of Israel to believe him. It normally takes a lot to convince people that former sinner is now a saint. When God told him to drop his rod and it became serpent and then became a rod back again, God wanted to teach Moses, and us, a lot of lessons (i) That God can do anything including changing anything or anyone to something or someone else. (ii) God will not ask us to do something bigger than our faith can handle (iii) If we surrender what we have to God. He will give us, what He has, and our failure placed in His hands can be changed to success.

Exo. 4:1-8; 11 Cor. 5:17; Matt. 3:8; Matt. 7: 1, 20; Gal. 5:22-24; Gal. 5:19-21; 1 Sam. 16:11-13; 1 Sam. 16:14; Dan. 4:28-33; 1 Cor. 10:13; Exo.4:20; Exo.7:1-2; Exo. 7:10-12; Exo.7:19-21; Exo. 8:5-6; Exo. 8: 16-19; Exo. 8:20-24; Exo. 9:20-24; Exo. 9: 8-11; Exo. 9:22-23; Exo. 10:7-9; Exo. 10:12-15; Exo. 10:21-23; Exo. 10:24-26; Exo. 14:15-16, 21-22; Exo. 14:26-31; Isa. 40:31.



## **DIGGING DEEP 217 MOSES, A MAN OF DESTINY - PART 7**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

In the last part of this series, we learnt from the incident of the rod that became a serpent that not only can God do anything, but also if we surrender whatever we have to him, He can transform it to something mighty to be used for His glory. In today's part, we wish to study in some details the first "Passover" feast. May the Lord bless us richly as we study at His feet, in Jesus Name. Amen.

### **1. THE LAMB IN EGYPT FORETOLD "THE LAMB OF GOD".**

For the first Passover feast, God requested the Israelites to use a lamb for a household. And the lamb is to be without blemish. And because the Bridegroom is without blemish His bride must of necessity be without blemish too.

Exo. 12: 3-14; John 1:12; Rev. 3:20; John 1:29; John 14:30; John 19:6; Eph. 5:25-27; 1 pet. 1:13-16.

### **2. THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB IN EGYPT KEPT DEATH OUT, THE BLOOD OF JESUS OPENS THE WAY TO ETERNAL LIFE.**

The blood of the lamb in Egypt kept death away from the Israelites first-born, and similarly, the blood of Jesus Christ our Lord opens the way to eternal life and the very throne room of God. The flesh of the Lamb stands for body of Christ which is the bread of life, while the fire it is roasted with stands for the Holy Spirit.

Gen. 9:4; John1:1-4; Lev. 17:11; 1 John 1:7; Heb. 9:22; Exo. 12:13; Rom. 5:23; Rom. 5:21; HEB. 4:14-16; Heb. 10:17-22; Eph. 3:11-12; Matt. 25:26; John 6:48; Matt. 3:11; Acts 2:3-4; Acts 1:8; Ps. 105: 36-37.

## **DIGGING DEEP 218**

### **MOSES, A MAN OF DESTINY PART 8**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

In the last part of this series, we deduce from the story of the first Passover feast, among other things that (i) the blood of Jesus, the Lamb of God, keeps death out and opens the ways to eternal life (ii) the fire of the Holy Spirit mixing with the Word of God in a Christian produces power: both Physical and Spiritual. In this part of the series, we want to study the crossing of the Red sea to discover a fresh that the Almighty is the true King of Kings, Dan. 4:17. may the Lord bless us richly today as we study at His feet in Jesus Name. Amen.

#### **THE GREAT TRAP.**

The camping of the children of Israel by the Red Sea was a deliberate plan of God to ensnare pharaoh and his army for destruction. God knows how to lay a trap for His enemies, often using His beloved as baits. When God fights for you, you will end up being frightened yourself because (a) He always finishes His enemies totally (b) And you will realize the danger of you becoming the enemy of God. He is a wonderful Friend I need, but and extremely dangerous Enemy indeed.

Exo. 14:1-14; Pro. 21:1; Job 12:16-19; Isa. 44: 25; 11 Chr. 20: 6; 11 chro. 18:18-22; Exo. 14:13-14; Ps. 68;1-3; Exo. 14:15-16; Dan. 3;16-18; Dan. 6:6-8; Exo. 14: 17-18; Isa. 2; 1-4; Ps. 59:1-2, 8; Exo. 14:22-25; Exo. 14:28-29; pro. 11:8 Exo. 14: 30-31; Ps. 42:11.

## **DIGGING DEEP 219 MOSES, A MAN OF DESTINY- PART 9**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

In the last part of this series, we saw how God Almighty turned the Red Sea into a great trap for pharaoh and his hosts. In this part, we wish to begin a study of the song of praise which the children of Israel sang as "The first Choir" led them in a victory dance to God. May the Lord bless us mightily again as we study at His feet in Jesus Name. Amen.

### **AN ANTHEM OF PRAISE**

Praising God is a matter of decision. Some praise Him occasionally; few praise Him all the time. Yet He deserves all our praises and glory because all victory, power and strength belong to Him. The Lord is a man of war. He knows how to fight. His right hand contains not only power, but also pleasure, glory and joy. It does not matter what the enemy may say at any time, God will always have His way.

Exo. 15:1-10; Ps. 119:164; Ps. 71:6; 1 Thess. 5:18; 1 Kings 5:1; Isa. 42:8; Isa. 48:11; Ps. 62:11; Matt. 28:18; Neh. 18:10; Ps. 68:35; 1 Kings 8:27; Ps. 22:3; Isa. 57:15; Jos. 5:13-14; Exo. 14:14; 1 Sam. 17:26; 1 Kings 1:9-13; 1 Kings 6:18-20; 1 Tim. 6:12; 1 Tim. 4:7; Matt. 4:11; Acts 7:55-56; Ps. 16: 11; Ps. 73:22- 24; Matt. 25: 31-34; Gen. 2:7; John 20:21-22; 1 Sam. 17: 10; 1 Sam. 17: 42-44; Gen. 1:2-3; Dan. 3:14-15; Dan. 3:28-29.

## **DIGGING DEEP 220 MOSES, A MAN OF DESTINY - PART 10**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

In the last part of this series, we began to look at an anthem of praise as rendered by the first Choir ever in Ex. 15; today, we shall continue with Ex. 15. in order to dig out more gems from this beautiful chapter. May the Lord bless us mightily as we study at His feet in Jesus Name. Amen.

### **THERE IS ONLY ONE LIVING GOD AND NONE ELSE BESIDE HIM.**

There is none holy as the Lord. Among gods, he is God. No one can deliver like Him. And by extension, there is none like the people of God, when people heard what the God of Israel had done for them, they became afraid, not only of God, but also of His people. Three days after the people sang and danced before the only living God, they were murmuring against Him. But Moses did not join them in murmuring; he prayed instead and the miracle working God performed another miracle. He is also willing to perform another miracle for those who are willing to call on Him today.

Ex. 15:11; 1 Sam. 2:2; Dan. 2:47; 3:28-29; 1 Kings 8:22-23; Ps. 89:5-8; Is. 40:18; 28-29; Deut. 33:26-29; 11 Sam. 7:22-23; Ex. 15:13; Rom. 9:15; Ex. 15:14; Jos. 2:9-11; Deut. 2:25; Exo. 15:18; Dan. 6:25-27; Luke 1:30-33; Ex. 15:20; 11 Sam. 6:16, 20-23; Ex. 15:22; John 16:33; Ex. 15:23-25; Jer. 17:5; Ps. 103:1-2; Pro. 13:13; Jer. 33:3; Acts 15:18; Rev. 3:20.

## **DIGGING DEEP 221**

### **MOSES, A MAN OF DESTINY -PART 11**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

In the last part of the series, we saw how no one can be compared to our God in holiness, power, strength, faithfulness and mercy. We also saw how quickly the children of Israel forgot His power to deliver when they thirsted for 3 days, and how He turned their bitter watered to sweet. In this part of this series, we want to study Chapter 16 of Exodus, the Chapter that introduces us to "Manna". May the Lord Bless us mightily as we study in Jesus Name. Amen.

#### **DISOBEDIENCE CAN TURN MANNA TO WORMS**

Murmuring is a very dangerous thing: it is an invitation to destruction. If you ever have the temptation to backslide because of the pleasures of the world that you use to "enjoy" before you were born again, please remember that the pleasure of this world never satisfies. The Lord is always full of compassion on humans because He knows we are but flesh but disobedience can bring a curse from God and turn one's manna to worms. Moreover, destruction is the rewards for over coming the world.

Exo. 16:1-4; 1 Cor.10:10; Phi. 2:14; Num. 11:4; Ps. 78:17-19; Isa. 29:8; Ecc.6:7; Pro. 23:21; Phil. 3:19; Pro. 21:17; Luke 12:17; 16-21; 1 Thess. 5:6; Isa. 22:13; Ps. 78:39; Ps. 103:13; Isa. 63:7-9; Heb. 4:15; Ps. 23:5; Exo. 16:19-20; Deut. 11: 20; Eph. 5:6; 1 Sam. 12:15, Exo. 16:26-27; Pro. 29:1; Rev. 2:17; Ps. 78:24-25.

## **DIGGING DEEP 222**

### **MOSES, A MAN OF DESTINY - PART 12**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

In the last part of this series, we saw how God began to provide food for His own in the wilderness. We also saw further that there are some of us the over comers who will one day eat of the hidden manna reserved for us in heaven. Today, we want to see who Moses handle the situation when Israel came face to face with her first battle on her way to the promise land. May God quicken our understanding as we study at His feet in Jesus Name. Amen.

#### **A TIME TO FIGHT AND A TIME TO PRAY**

When war came, Moses appointed a military while he remained the spiritual captain. Joshua wielded the physical sword, Moses wielded the spiritual sword, Both combined with the co-operation of Aaron and Hur to give victory to the children of Israel. There is no substitute for the leader's hands however, since it is clearly seen that it is the hands of Moses that ultimately determined the course of the battle. Furthermore, we see more glaringly that the Lord is a very good friend and an extremely dangerous enemy.

Exo. 17:8-11; Ecc.3:1-3; Eph. 6:10-13; Neh. 4:16-17; 1 Chro. 21:1, 9-13, 17; 1 Sam. 17: 50-52, 1 Sam. 13:7-14, Exo. 17:12; Gen. 11:5-6; Ps. 133:1, 3; Matt. 18:19; Acts 2:1-4; Acts 4:24-31; Exo. 17: 13-14; Heb. 10:31; Isa. 14:21-22; Exo. 20:4-6; Jos. 7:24-26; Ps. 34: 16; Ps. 109: 13; Ps. 10:6-7; 1 Sam. 15:1-3, 17-23.

## **DIGGING DEEP 223**

### **MOSES, A MAN OF DESTINY- PART 13**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

In the last part of this series, we saw how a combination of physical swords and spiritual swords gave victory to Israel over the Amalekites. We also saw the crucial importance of Leader's hand and the needing for them to be comfortable and assisted if their followers are to enjoy continuous victories in this part of the series, we wish to examine the crucial question: has God favourites? May the Lord bless us mightily as we study in Jesus Name. Amen.

#### **GOD'S PECULIAR TREASURES**

Whenever God finds a man who can really fellowship with Him, He opens wide the door to welcome them in. such people are not common however, but anyone willing to satisfy the rigorous and conditions of spotless holiness is welcome. The peculiar treasures of the Lord are not limited to the Jews only: the Gentiles are also welcome. Total strangers could be "elect of God" provided they are willing to live a life of sanctification and separation from the world.

Exo.19:1-10; Gen. 5:22-24; Gen. 6:9; Mal. 2:5-6; Rev. 3:4; Eph. 5:27; Isa. 46:4; 11 Tim. 4:18; Heb. 13:6; Deut. 5:29; Jam. 1:25; I Kings 3:14; Job 36:11-12; Rev. 22:14; Acts 15:14; Rev.7:9-10; 1 pet. 2:7-10; 11 pet. 1:1-4; Isa. 63: 16; John 1:12; Rom. 8:15; 11 Cor. 6:17-18; Gal. 4:5-6; Rom. 14:8.

## **DIGGING DEEP 224**

### **MOSES, A MAN OF DESTINY - PART 14**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

In the last part of this series, we saw that those who could become favourites of the Lord are not Jews only. Gentiles too are welcome, provided they are willing to live a life of entire consecration and holiness unto the Lord. Now, we want to begin a study of the ten commandments that God gave to His people through His servant, Moses, may the Lord bless us richly as we study at his feet in Jesus Name. Amen.

#### **1. ONE MAN ONE WIFE IMPLIES ONE GOD ONE PEOPLE**

As a prelude to giving the Ten Commandments to His people, the Almighty God stressed the need for such a code of conduct. He made it clear that He is not only their God but also their Lord and Redeemer from bondage. That He loved them and would want to be their husband. Consequently, He would not share them with any gods, whatsoever, He is still saying the same today to all of us who are the redeemer of the Lord.

Exo. 20:1-3; Ps. 33:12; Ps. 90:1-2; Ps. 91:1-7; John 13:13; Luke 6:46; Is. 29:13-14; Ex. 13:3; Gal. 3:13; Deut. 6:10-12; Ps. 34:8; Gal. 5:4; Heb. 12:15; John 8:36; Gal. 5:1; 5:13; Ex. 15:1; 11 Sam. 7:22; 1 kings 8:23; Ps. 86:8; John 1:1-3; Ps. 89:11-12; Ps. 102:25-27; 1 Sam. 5:1-5; Is. 44:6-8; Is. 43:1-4; Is. 54:5; Rev. 3:15-16.



## **DIGGING DEEP 225 MOSES, A MAN OF DESTINY - PART 15**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

In the last part of this series, we saw God introduced the Ten Commandments to the children of Israel. He made it clear that the reason he redeemed them was because he loved them and would want to marry them. Furthermore, He stated that He would not want to share His wife with anyone. Today, as we continue our studies of the Ten Commandments. We pray that God will grant us the grace to be totally committed to Him in Jesus Name. Amen.

### **TWO OF THE NAMES OF GOD ARE LOVE AND JEALOUS**

There are several reasons why God forbid the making of graven images and their worship. Some of which are (i) Man is the greatest of all God's creations, (ii) it is disgraceful to worship someone who is inferior to you and cannot help you in any way, (iii) it will be a disgrace to God if His wife is being tampered with by an inferior creature (iv) Because there is no true love without jealousy, God, whose Names are LOVE and JEALOUS, knows how to deal with an unfaithful wife (v) He also knows how to compensate a faithful wife and (vi) Why should you look at what you are forbidden to associate with anyway?

Ex. 20: 4-6; Gen. 1:26-28; Ps. 139:14, Ps. 8:3-5, Gen. 2:7; Heb. 1:13-14; Rev. 22:8-9; Ps.8:6-8; Is. 5:20; Jer. 10:5; Deut. 7:25; Is. 42:8; Luke. 16:13; 1 Sam. 7:3; Matt. 4:10; Deut. 4:23-24; Exo. 34: 13-14; 1 Cor. 3:16-17; 1 Cor. 6: 15-20; 11 Cor. 6:14-18; Jos. 24:19-21; 1 Cor. 10:21-22; Ps. 103:17; Gen. 3:6; Jos. 1:7-8; Deut. 17:18-20; 11 Sam. 11:2-5; 11 Sam. 12:7-12.

## **DIGGING DEEP 226**

### **MOSES, A MAN OF DESTINY - PART 16**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

In the last part of this series, we saw some of the reasons why God forbids us to worship idols, demons, angels or any other of His creatures. This is primarily because we are superior to all other creatures of God and it will debase us and disgrace Him to bow down to these inferior beings. Today, we want to continue our studies as we examine the remaining commandments of God. May the Lord bless us as we study in Jesus Name. Amen.

#### **GOD IS NEVER TIRED: BUT YOU NEED REST AFTER HARD WORK**

As children of God, we must speak the truth and only the truth always. Also, God expects us to work hard six days in the week and rest on the seventh day, so that He, who never tired can have us to Himself for at least one day in the week. Hard work is profitable and rest is necessary too. We are to honour our Parents for several reasons. Some of these are the facts that they are representatives of God, particularly if they are born again: and also we will be parents one day and we shall reap whatever we sow. The other commandments could be summed as "Love your neighbour like yourself" or "Do unto others as you will want them to do unto you".

Ex. 20:7-17; Lev. 19:12; Jam. 5:12; John 14:1-3; Ecc. 9:10; Col. 3:22; Pro. 10:4; 12:24; 22:29; 14:23; Heb. 11:6; Pro. 27:18; Col. 3:22; Is. 40:28; Is. 40:28; Is. 40:30; Mark 2:27; Mark 30:31; 1 Cor. 11:3; Gen. 27:33; Ex. 21:17; Pro. 20:20; Rom. 13:9-10; 1 Cor. 3:16-17; Matt. 7:12.

## **DIGGING DEEP 227**

### **MOSES, A MAN OF DESTINY - PART 17**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

In the last part of this series, we saw that the basic motive of God in giving us the Ten Commandments is love. For example, if we honour our parents, we will live long, have children of our own and these children will in turn honour us. Today, we wish to move ahead to another important milestone in the life of Moses, when he became so discouraged he asked God to kill him. May we learn useful lessons from this incident in Jesus Name. Amen.

#### **HOW LONG YOU LIVE IS DETERMINED BY YOU**

In every congregation, there are all kinds of people. There are those who are going to heaven, there are those who are interested in Jesus for material gains only and there are those who want to drag others back into the world. It is the duty of every individual to ensure that he/she does not get into any closed association with the agents of the devil. One way by which you can identify these agents of the devil is their ingratitude to God. They are never content. They will also tend to discourage others by their actions. Whenever you feel discouraged, do not forget that God is still on your side and He is on His throne. The Bible is also specific on the fact that your relationship with God will determine your length of life.

Num. 11:4-6; 10-15; 18-23, 31-34; Ex. 12: 37-38; Matt. 12:37-38; Matt. 26:27; Acts 5:1-11; Acts 8:9-24; Job. 7:1-5, 24-25; 1 Cor. 15:33; 11 Cor. 6:14-18; John 6:26-27; Ps. 78:18; Luke 17:17-18; Gen. 40:23; Pro. 17:13; Pro. 15:16; 1 Tim. 6:6; Heb. 13:5; Isa. 41:10-13; Is. 43:1,3; Pro. 14:32; Ps. 89:13; Job 42:4; Luke 1:37; Eze. 12:25; Ecc. 7:17; Pro. 11:19; Pro. 10:27.

**DIGGING DEEP 228**  
**FAMILY WEEK 1987 SPECIAL**  
**BUILD YOUR HOME ON CHRIST**

**INTRODUCTION:**

A house is a building, at times with furniture and all kinds of gadgets. A home is much more than a house. It is the people, not the building, not the furniture, not the gadgets, that make a home different from a house. There are all kinds of home too: happy homes, sad homes, broken homes, frustrated homes etc. for a happy, successful home, you need God as architect and builder. Ps. 127:1. May the Lord heal all sick homes today in Jesus Name. Amen.

**1. A GODLY HOME CAN NEVER BUILD ON A WORLDLY PATTERN**

A Godly home had never been fashionable, for obvious reasons: Godly home last, fashionable homes don't. Godly home are designed from heaven above, fashionable homes are designed from below and built with selfish motives basically.

Exo. 23:2; Rom. 12:2; 1 Cor. 7:31; Heb. 11:24-25; 1 John 2:15-16;  
Col. 3:1-2; Pro. 19:21; Jer. 22:13.

**2. JESUS CHRIST IS THE FOUNDATION, THE MEMBERS ARE THE "LIVING-STONE" OF A HAPPY FAMILY.**

In any Godly, happy home, the cornerstone is the stone of Zion, the Rock of Ages, the one and the only Jesus Christ the Lord. The children of God in that home are the "Living-Stones" for the building. Those who are crucified with Christ and alive in Him combine to form the ideal home.

1 Cor. 3:11; 1 pet. 2:6; Acts 4:11; Matt. 16:18; Eph. 2:20; 1 pet. 2:5; Gal. 2:20; 1 Tim. 6:19.

## **DIGGING DEEP 229**

### **MOSES, A MAN OF DESTINY - PART 18**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

In the last part of this series, we saw the trouble created for Moses and the Israelites by the mixed multitude that went with them when they left Egypt, today, we wish to look at a very crucial happening in the life of Moses and his people. The People were now at the very border of the Promised Land and yet because of an incident, they could not enter in, may the Lord teach us tonight in Jesus Name. Amen.

#### **1. MAJORITY COULD BE WRONG**

The spies brought two reports: a majority report that says "we cannot" and a minority report that says "we can". On this occasion, majority was wrong. Consequently, you must be careful that you do not let others decide for you, particularly on matters affecting where you will spend your eternity.

Num. 13:26-33; Matt. 7:13-14; Exo. 23:2; Ps. 23:1; Rom. 14:12; Ps. 23:6; Isa. 48:18.

#### **2. "DO NOT FOLLOW THOSE WHO ALWAYS SAY, IMPOSSIBLE"**

If you are going to make your home, never follow those who always say, "Impossible". Of course, you must not rely on your own ability or resources, but let your faith be in God and His unchangeable word. People's opinions may change, but the Lord never changes.

Matt. 19:26, Zec. 4:6; Rom. 8:31; Matt. 9:28-29; Heb. 13:8; Mal. 3:6; Isa. 40:8.

#### **3. NEVER MOVE WITHOUT GOD**

If you even sin, and God forbid, do not start anything afterward until (i) You have thoroughly repented, (ii) you are sure that you are fully restored to God (iii) and never go ahead unless God is going with you. You have a leader who is closely following God, follow him.

Num. 14:40-45; Ps. 23:3-4; 1 Cor. 11:1; 1 Cor. 4:16; Num. 14:37-38.

## **DIGGING DEEP 230**

### **MOSES, A MAN OF DESTINY – PART 19**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

In the last part of this series, we studied the reports of the 12 spies and how those who said that it was impossible to possess the land failed to reach the land; whereas those who said that it could be done made it. Today, we want to study an incident in the life of Moses as recorded in Num. 16. May the Lord bless us tremendously as we study, in Jesus Name. Amen.

#### **1. DO NOT BE A REBEL: IT IS A DANGEROUS THING TO BE**

Plotting never gives birth to any good thing. Never join in any plot, particularly against a man of God. It could lead to strange and sudden deaths for the plotters and their innocent children.

Num. 16:28-30; Num. 15:31-35; Est. 7:9-10.

#### **2. NEVER QUERY GOD: HE IS A RIGHTEOUS JUDGE**

You must never query God, particularly when He hands down judgement to a sinner. Remember that He is the righteous judge. Moreover, He is the potter and we are the clay.

Num. 16:41, 44-45; Ps. 98:9; Acts 17:31; Jer. 18:3-6; Isa 45:9; Rom. 9:21; Acts 9:3-5.

#### **3. ANOINTED MEN OF GOD ARE MEN OF DESTINY: THEIR FRIENDSHIP IS PREFERABLE TO THEIR ENMITY**

Spiritual leaders that are chosen by God Himself are men of destiny. Many times, they are already chosen by God even before birth to be His representatives. Because God gives them tremendous backing, if you find favours with them, you should rejoice and watch out if they are displeased with you and the anger of God or bestow a blessing and stand between you and the anger of God or pronounce a curse.

Num. 16:46-48; Jer. 1:4-5; Jude. 13:3-5; Ex. 3:7-10; I Kings 18:36; Jer. 1:9; Isa. 6:1-8; Deut. 34:9; I Kings 19:19; Jos. 1:5; II Kings 1:9-10; II Kings 2:23-24; Jer. 1:10; II King 4:8-17; I Sam. 16:4; I Sam. 16:4; I Sam. 15:10-11; Eze. 22:29-31; Matt. 10:41.

## **DIGGING DEEP 231 MOSES, A MAN OF DESTINY – PART 20**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

In the last part of this series, we saw the danger in plotting, particularly against the men of God who are in the will of God, and the greater danger of querying God when He judge sinner. Today, we want to study the incident that robbed Moses of the opportunity to enter the promise land. May the Lord teach us Himself, in Jesus Name. Amen.

### **1. OPPORTUNITY ONCE LOST MAY NOT BE REGAINED**

When a person refuses to take a land flowing with milk and honey; he must be content with a barren land. He must not blame anyone else for his misfortune; and certainly none his spiritual leader knows what to do bring God into the sense.

Num 20:5-6; Jam. 4:2; Isa. 1:19-20; Isa. 48:17-19; Ps. 81:13-16; II Chr. 7:14; Joel 2:17-18.

### **2. ONLY FOOLS ARE FREE TO BE ANGRY AT ANY TIME**

A big lesson is that if you are never angry, then do not talk. And remember, the one who is soon angry is termed a fool by God, because such a one will always make costly mistakes. That is why the only one free to be angry at any time is a fool.

Num. 20:7-11; Pro. 14:17; Pro. 16:32; Eccl. 7:9; Pro. 19:11; Jam. 1:19; Ps. 37:8; I Cor. 10:4.

### **3. PRAY FOR YOUR LEADERS: THEY NEED YOUR PRAYERS SERIOUSLY**

The judgement of leaders is always more severe that that of their followers. That is why they need your prayers seriously so that they will not fall. Pray for your leaders ceaselessly.

Num. 20:12; Luke 12:47-48; Jam. 3:1; I pet. 4:17; I Thess. 5:25; II Thess. 3:1; Matt. 11:11; Heb. 6:4-6.

## **DIGGING DEEP 232**

### **MOSES, A MAN OF DESTINY – PART 21**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

In the previous part of this series, we saw how Moses made a terrible mistake that led to his exclusion from the Promised Land. Shortly after that incident, Aaron died as God said he would, Num. 20:28-29, and Moses, deep in sorrow, was waiting for his own end. Then the children of Israel started complaining about food again. What happened next is the subject of our study tonight. May the Lord teach us Himself in Jesus Name. Amen.

#### **1. DISCONTENT CAN BE DEADLY**

The people began to complain again that they had only manna to eat. They were not content with the provisions of God. Moses said nothing at all and God moved in. Many people died as fiery serpents went to work on them. Discontent can lead to death and when a leader stops praying, his followers are in for trouble.

Num. 21:4-5; Pr. 15:16; I Tim. 6:6-8; Heb. 13:5; Matt. 5:13,

#### **2. THE DEVIL HAS USES IN THE HANDS OF A MERCIFUL GOD**

When a little child offends, his father cannot box him, or else he will be killed. So the fathers use a rod. God is our Father and when we sin, He has to use His rod too. It is note worthy however, that only those who sinned will be punished directly. When people repent however, God shows His mercy again.

Is. 1:18-20; Is. 54:16; Eze. 18:20; Num. 21:7-8; Is. 59:1-2; Pro. 28:14; Jer. 3:12-14; I John 1:9; Ps. 103:17.

#### **3. ALL YOU NEED TO SOLVE YOUR PROBLEMS ARE REPENTANCE AND FAITH**

When the people looked in faith on the brass serpent, they got their healings. All you ever need has been provided for in the uplifted Jesus, the Burden bearer. But you will need to present all your sins and by faith look unto Jesus and claim your victory.

Num. 21:9; Is. 53:5; John 3:14-15; Acts 8:5-8; John 12:32; Is. 53:4; II Chr. 20:20; Heb. 11:6; Is. 50:10; Ps. 32:10; Ps. 125:1.



## **DIGGING DEEP 233 MOSES, A MAN OF DESTINY – PART 22**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

In the last part of this series, we saw how Moses lifted up the brazen serpent to produce healing for those who were bitten by the fiery serpent. From which it follows, according to the Lord Himself; that whenever Jesus Christ is lifted up, there will be salvation, healing, deliverance and miracles. In this concluding part of our series, we examine the last days of Moses, a friend of God who failed to enter the Promised land. Many the Lords touch us today as we study at His feet in Jesus Name. Amen.

### **1. SEEING AND ENTERING THE KINGDOM OF GOD ARE TWO DIFFERENT THINGS**

Moses saw the Promised land but did not enter in. The Lord Jesus, in speaking to Nicodemus, also made a distinction between seeing the kingdom of God and entering into it. There is a lot involved between being born again and entering into the rest of the Almighty. For example, there is the need for water baptism, Holy Spirit baptism and Holy living.

Num. 27:12-23; Deut. 34:1-9; John 3:3, 5, II Cor. 5:17; Gal. 6:15;  
Jer. 1:17; I John 3:7-10; Acts 2:38; Titus 3:5; Heb. 12:14; I John 3:1-3.

### **2. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE SICK TO DIE.**

Moses laid his hand on Joshua to transfer his spirit onto him. Beware who lays his hand on you. If you are doing the will of God, you do not need to be sick or feeble ever again. You can remain vigorous till death, like Moses.

Deut. 34:9; Gen. 49:15-19; Deut. 34:7; Jos. 14:7, 10, 11; Luke 2:36-37; Pro. 16:31;  
Pro. 20:29.

### **3. IF YOU WANT TO REACH YOUR GOAL ON EARTH AND IN HEAVEN, LOVE GOD AND BEWARE OF ANGER.**

Moses failed to reach his goal on earth because of anger, but he still end up in heaven because he loved God and His people passionately. You can reach both your goal on earth and make heaven your home as well if you love God and stay clear of anger. The only way to show that you love God is by loving His people and winning them to Christ.

Num. 27:15-17; Deut. 34:5-6; Jude verse 9; Matt. 17:1-3; John 10:11;  
I Sam. 17:34-36; Ps.23; Phil. 2:8-9; I John 4:20-21; John 13:1.

## **DIGGING DEEP 234 GARMENT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

The garment of successful soldiers receives medal of success, so also God gives garment of righteousness to sinners who repent. In this study we want to look on the qualification to wear the garment, and what is this garment of righteousness. May the Lord teach us today, as we study at His feet in Jesus Name. Amen

### **1. WHAT IS THIS GARMENT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS**

It is a garment that can only be given by God. Better than the righteousness of man. It must be kept clean, cannot be burnt by fire. Only for the over comers, punishment is waiting for those who failed to wear the garment.

Gen. 3:7, 21; Luke 15:22; Isa. 61:10; Ecc. 9:8; Dan. 3:21-23; Rev. 3:18; Isa 64:6; Rev. 3:4-5; Rev. 7:9; Matt. 22:11-12; rev. 5:3.

### **2. QUALIFICATION TO WEAR THE GARMENT**

You must repent, not the prisoners but for released captives. You must remove your own righteous garment

Luke 18:13-14; Mark 14:72; 1 Kings 22:19; Gen. 41:14; Gen. 41:39-43; Mark 10:50; 11 Kings 2:12-13; Zech. 3:4; 1 Cor. 6:9-11; Rev. 7:14; Isa. 64:6.

## **DIGGING DEEP 235 THE LIVING SACRIFICE**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

Christ living in the soul by faith makes you to present your body, sincerely to God as living sacrifice and what are the sacrifices. May the Lord teach us Himself in Jesus Mighty Name. Amen

### **1. HOW TO OFFER LIVING SACRIFICE**

You must be saved by His Grace, and transformed by His love, walk in the new and living way. Be filled with the Holy Spirit, your body, soul and spirit must be presented to God.

1 Cor. 13:1-3; Rom. 12:1; John 14:6; Heb. 10:20; 1 Pet. 2:5; Eph. 2:21; John 4:23-24; Rom. 8:26-27; Rom. 6:13.

### **2. WHAT ARE THE SACRIFICE**

You must know the blessing in living to God's work, by paying your tithes and offering. Take care of the poor. Minister to the need of the ministers of God, live for him, then you will be ready to die for Him. Praise Him. Examples of this sacrifice we are saved to serve.

Phil. 4:18-19; Heb. 13:16; Acts 20:35; Mal. 3:10; Mal. 3:10; Rom. 12:13; Luke 6:38; Isa. 58:7; Eccl. 11:1; Gal. 2:17-20, Gen. 4:4-5; 1 Kings 18:23-24.

## **DIGGING DEEP 236**

### **THE BOOK OF REVELATION – PART 1**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

Apart from the letters to the churches, the message of the book of revelation is basically two-fold: (i) All will well, (ii) it will get worse before it get better: The book talk about the age to come as well as the passing away of the present age. The age to come as well as the passing away of the present age must give birth to the next. Consequently, there must be a period of labour pains. May the Lord bless us richly as we study this important Book of the Bible in Jesus Name. Amen.

#### **1. ALL WILL BE WELL**

In the age to come, all will be well. Some of the blessings of age to come are (i) the world will be amazingly fertile (ii) All wars will cease, (iii) No more enmity between man and beast or beast and beast (iv) No more weariness, sorrow and pains (v) No more untimely death.

Isa. 32:15; Isa. 51:3; Isa. 35:1; Gen. 3:17-18; Isa. 2:4; Isa. 11:6-9; Isa. 65:25; Hos. 2:18; Gen. 3:14-15; Jer. 31:12; Isa. 35:10; Isa. 65:20-22; Isa. 33:24; Isa. 25:8.

#### **2. IT WILL BE WORSE BEFORE GETTING BETTER**

The coming of the Messianic age will be like the agony of birth. The last days of this age will be time of terror, when the world and the universe also will be in a great turmoil. It will be time of hatred among human beings and a time of judgement of God on man. But you do not have to go through the attribution. You can go in the rapture if you choose.

Matt. 24:8; Mark 13:8; Zeph. 1:14; Joel. 2:1; Isa. 13:10; Joel 2:30-31; Joel 3:15; Zech. 14:13; Mal. 3:1-3; Matt. 24:36-42

## **DIGGING DEEP 237**

### **THE BOOK OF REVELATION – PART 2**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

In the first part of this series, we saw how the Book of Revelation shows that tomorrow will be all right but for the world at large. It will get worse before it gets better. Today, we want to begin our detailed study of the Book itself. May the Lord bless us richly as we study this important Book in Jesus Name Amen.

#### **1. IT IS A BOOK OF BLESSINGS**

The book of Revelation has 7 beatitudes (i) for those who read, hear and keep the prophecy in the book (ii) for those who are faithful unto death (iii) for those who watch out for the second coming of Christ (iv) for those who are prepared to attend the marriage of the Lamb etc.

Rev. 1:1-6; John 12:49; Rev. 22:16; 1 John 1:1-3; Matt. 13:11-16; Jam. 1:22-25; Rev. 14:13; Rev. 16:15; Matt. 25:1-13; Rev. 19:7-9; Rev. 20:6; John 5:28-29; Rev. 22:7; Rev. 22:4.

#### **2. IT BRINGS GREETINGS FROM THE ALMIGHTY**

The Book brings greetings to 7 churches in Asia, as well as to us, from God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. In particular, it gives a detailed description of our Husband, the Lord Jesus Christ as the faithful witness, the prince of the kings of the earth, our lover, our Redeemer and our Re-creator.

1 Tim. 3:16:17; Isa. 55:4; Heb. 1:1-2; Rom. 8:29; 1 Cor. 15:19-23; Ps. 2:6-12; Ps. 89:27; John 3:16; Rom. 5:8-9; Rom. 5:8-9; Rom. 8:37; 1 John 3:1-3; Rom. 3:25; 1 John 1:7; 11 Cor. 15:10; 11 Cor. 5:17; Eph. 2:11-12; 1 Cor. 6:2-3; 11 Tim. 2:12.

## **DIGGING DEEP 238**

### **THE BOOK OF REVELATION – PART 3**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

In the last part of this series on the Book of Revelation, we saw that this is the Book that brings greeting and blessing from the trinity to its readers, hearers and doers. It also gave us a beautiful description of our Bridegroom, Jesus Christ. Today, we want to continue our study of this wonderful Book as we look at Rev. 1:7-11 in some details. May the Lord bless us as we study in Jesus Name. Amen.

#### **1. WHEN JESUS RETURNS, HE WILL NOT RETURN ALONE**

The Bible says that he will come with clouds, not in the cloud. The clouds will be the saints who are returning with Him in glory. All eyes shall see Him when He is returning to reign for a thousand years. He will be the same Jesus, not a different one, but a king now and not a servant, the Almighty not a weak mortal.

Rev. 1:7; Dan. 7:13-14; Heb. 12:1; Heb. 11:39-40; 1 Thess. 4:15-17; 1 Thess. 5:1-2; Matt. 24:30; matt. 26:64; Luke 21:27; Zech. 12:10; Heb. 6:4-6; matt. 24:29-31; Zech. 14:1-5; Rev. 1:8; Heb. 13:8; Acts 1:11; Amos. 9:5; Hosea 12:5; Rev. 19:6.

#### **2. THROUGH PATIENT ENDURANCE, WE SHALL ENTER THE KINGDOM**

John introduced himself as a companion in tribulations, kingdom and patience of Christ. This is a very significant introduction. It sums up the journey of a Christians to the kingdom of God in 3 words; trials, endurance and patience. But if we stick to God and are guided by His word, it is certain we shall make it in Jesus Name. Amen.

Rev. 1:9; 11 Cor. 1:3-4; Matt. 24:13; Acts 14:22; 11 Tim. 2:12; 11 Cor. 2:14, 17; Rev. 1:10-11; Eze. 3:12; Exo. 19:16.

## **DIGGING DEEP 239**

### **THE BOOK OF REVELATION – PART 4**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

In the last part in this series on the Book of Revelation we learnt that the cloud referred to as accompanying the Lord Jesus Christ are the saints returning with their captain. We also learnt further that those who will enter His kingdom must patiently endure trials and tribulations. Today, we wish to study the vision of the great revelation. May the Lord bless us richly as we study at His feet in Jesus Name. Amen.

#### **1. CHRIST IS THE PROPHET, THE HIGH PRIEST AND THE KING OF KINGS**

The way the glorified Christ was dressed in the vision that John saw tells us 3 things about Him: (i) He is the divine messenger (ii) He is the High priest of God and (iii) He is the King of Kings. These imply that not only does He bring the truth of God to man, He also makes available to man an access to God and an opportunity to reign with Him forever.

Rev. 1:12-13; Exo. 20:18; Dan. 10:5; Exo. 28:4; Exo. 29:5; Lev. 16:4; John 14:6 1 Sam. 24:5-11; 1 Sam. 18:4; Eze. 26: 16; Rev. 19:16; Rev. 3:21; Rev. 5:9-10.

#### **2. WHEN THE GLORY OF GOD COMES DOWN, MEN PASTORATE**

The description of the glorified Christ confirm three major things: (i) He is the same God the father (ii) He is a wonderful friend to have and (iii) he can be a terrible Enemy too. Also, when God appears in His full glory, no man can stand upright before Him.

Rev. 1:14-17; Dan. 7:9; John 14:8-9; John 10:30; Isa. 1:18; Dan. 10:6; Mark 3:1-5; Mark 10:23; Mark 11:11; Heb 1:7-8, 13; Eph. 1:17-23; Eze. 43:2; 1 Kings 19:12; Job 38:31; Isa. 44:24-25; Isa. 11:4; 11 Thess. 2:8; Heb. 4:12; Ps. 107: 20; Jud. 5:31; Matt. 17:2; Eze. 3:23; Eze. 1:28; Eze. 43:3; Acts 9:1-4.

## **DIGGING DEEP 240**

### **THE BOOK OF REVELATION – PART 5**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

In the last part of this series, we saw the glorified Christ in full splendour with white hair and head, flaming eyes, strong feet, etc. Today, we wish to continue from what the Lord said to John as he fainted at the terrifying sight of His former friend and confident. May the Lord speak to us tonight in Jesus name. Amen.

#### **1. "FEAR NOT" IS THE LANGUAGE OF CHRIST WHO LIVES ETERNALLY:**

"Fear not" is the language of Christ as well as the language of love, since Christ has abolished death and because He lives, we shall live also. Meanwhile, we are expected to shine for Him in this world of Darkness.

Rev. 1:17-20; Matt. 14:26-17; Matt. 17:4-17; 1 John 4:18; Ps. 9:13; Ps. 107:18; Isa. 38:10; 11 Tim. 1:9-10; John 14:19; Dan. 10:12, 20, 21; Dan. 12:1. Matt. 5:14; ph. 2:15.

#### **2. EPHESUS WAS A NOTORIOUS TOWN, YET THE CHURCH THERE WAS VERY STRONG**

Ephesus was an important city, financially, politically, and religiously. The temple of Diana, the patron goddess of prostitutes was there. Black magic and all sorts of crime and immorality thrived there. Yet the church there was strong having been taught or pastured by Paul, Timothy, Aquila and Priscilla, Apollos and John the Beloved. The 1st letter was to this church.

Rev. 2:1-7; Acts 19:13-14; Acts 20:31; 1 Tim 1:3; Acts 18:19, 24, 26; Acts 20:17-38; John 10:28.

#### **3. THE CHURCH WAS HARD WORKING AND DOCTRINALLY SOUND, BUT.**

The Lord approves of hard work and he respects every Christians to be toilers for Him. He also expects to try every spirit, every prophet and every doctrine to see, that which is good which we are to told on to. The church at Ephesus passed in these regards. But.

1 Cor. 15:10, 15; Gal. 4:11; matt. 7:15; Acts 20:29; 1 John 4:1-3; 1 Thess. 5:21; 1 Cor. 14:29; matt. 7:15-20; jer. 2:2-5.

#### **4. THE JOURNEY BACK TO GOD OFTEN STARTS WITH REMEMBERING**

Memory is the first step back to God for a backslider. Remembering how things used to be can lead to repentance and a rich reward indeed.

Luke 15:17; Luke 15:18; Luke 15:20; Gen. 2:9, 16:17; Gen. 3:22-24; Pro. 3:18; Pro. 11:30; Pro. 13:12.

#### **5. THE KEY TO THE LETTERS**

The letters to seven Churches were written to sample churches. Each letter was written to each church as unit, to the Church (Body of Christ) as a whole, to individuals in the churches and that implies to you and me. This is because God normally deals with individual except where he finds birds of the same feather teaming up as a group.

II Tim. 3:16-17; Rom. 14:10; Eze. 22:30; Pro. 22:29; Rev. 2:29; Rev. 2:7; Rev. 3:20; Mark 13:37; 11 kings 2:3, 5,7; Num. 14:37-38; Dan. 3:12.



## **DIGGING DEEP 241 THE BOOK OF REVELATION – PART 6**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

In the last part of this series, we saw how it is possible to serve the Lord mechanically while one's love for Him has waxed cold. We also saw that the solution to the problem is to repent and start all over again. Today, we wish to consider the letter to the second church, the one at Smyrna, one of the two churches that Christ had nothing against. May the Lord continue to bless us mightily as we study in Jesus Name. Amen

### **1. DIVINE DEFINITION OF WEALTH IS DIFFERENT FROM HUMAN'S**

Smyrna was the loveliest of all the cities of Asia. It was built, destroyed and then rebuilt which was probably why the Risen Christ introduced Himself to them as he who "was dead and is alive". It was not easy to be a Christian in Smyrna. Tribulations, poverty and serious persecution from Jews and Gentile alike were the orders of the day. Yet the Lord considered the Christians here as very rich people.

Rev. 2:8-11; Luke 6:20-21; 11 Cor. 6:10; Jam. 2:5; Acts 13:50; Acts 14:2,5; Acts 14:19; Acts 17:5; Num. 16:3; Num. 20:4;

### **2. THE CROWN OF LIFE IS THE REWARD FOR MARTYRS**

The risen Christ had experienced the worst and triumphed over death and pain. He demands loyalty unto death because He had been loyal to the death on the cross. He was rewarded for His loyalty to His Father, and so will He reward those who are loyal to Him unto death with crowns of life.

Heb. 4:14-16; Rom. 8:35-37; Luke 22:41-42; Phil. 2:8; 1 Pet. 2:21; Phil. 2:9-11; Jam. 1:12; 1 Cor. 9:25; Rev. 20:14; Rev. 21:8; Rev. 20:6, Rom. 8:38-39.

## **DIGGING DEEP 242**

### **THE BOOK OF REVELATION – PART 7**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

In the last part of this series, we saw that the Devine definitions of wealth is different from man's. We also saw that faithfulness to the death is the condition for obtaining the crown of life from the glorified Christ. Today, we shall study the letter to the third Church, the one at Pergamos. May the Lord bless us as we study at His feet in Jesus Name. Amen.

#### **1. THE PRINCIPLE OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS NOT ESCAPED BUT CONQUEST.**

Pergamos was rightly described as the seat of Satan. Yet Christians dwelt there because light is not supposed to run from darkness. We are to conquer, not to flee from the enemy. There was a time when people were prepared to die for Christ; today some are even afraid of ordinary ridicule. The warning to all Christians had always been "Be ye separated".

Rev. 2:12-17; John 1:5; Eph. 6:13; Eph. 6:13; Eph. 6:14-17; Jam. 4:7; Matt. 10:32-33; Num. 23:8; Num. 23:19-21; Num. 25:1-3; Num. 25:5-9; 11 Cor. 6:14-18; 1 Pet. 2:9; John 15:18-19.

#### **2. WHITE IS THE COLOUR OF HEAVEN, NEW IS ITS OPERATIVE WORD**

Whenever God decides to punish offenders in a congregation, He knows how to separate sinners from saints. He can convict or kill with His word, which is the sword of the Spirit. Overcomers will eat manna, "the Angels' Food" and will be given a white stone and a new name befitting his/her new status in the heavenly kingdom.

Jude. 5; 11 Pet. 2:4-9; Heb. 4:12; Acts 5:3-5; Acts 5:8-10; Eph. 6:17; Exo. 16:11-15; Exo. 16:33-34; Heb. 9:4; Ps. 78:24-25; Rev. 3:5; Rev. 7:9; Rev. 19:8, 14; Rev. 3:12; Rev. 5:9; Rev. 21:5; Isa. 62:2.

## **DIGGING DEEP 243 THE BOOK OF REVELATION – PART 8**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

In the last part of this series, we saw how Christians could dwell in the very Headquarters of Satan and still be victorious. We also learnt more of the rewards awaiting the overcomers. Today, we wish to study the letter to the church at Thyatira, the compromising church. May the Lord bless us as we study in Jesus Name. Amen.

### **1. THE CLAIM OF CHRISTIANITY IS THAT JESUS IS THE ONLY SAVIOUR**

Thyatira was a great commercial town famous for dying wool red and purple. It had a fortune-telling shrine and many trade guilds. Within the church there was a "Jezebel" adverting compromise with world standard in the interest of business and prosperity. But God forbids compromise. Jesus is not one of the saviours. He is the only one.

Rev. 2:18-29; Acts 15:29; 1 Cor. 10:20-21; Dan. 10:6; 1 Kings 16:31; 1 Kings 18:13, 19; 11 Kings 9:22; Exo. 34:15-16; Deut. 31:16; Hos. 9:1; Matt. 12:39; Matt. 16:4; Mark 8:38; Acts 4:12; Matt. 6:24; Deut. 30:19; Josh. 24:15.

### **2. PUNISHMENTS FOR SINS ARE ALWAYS RELATED AND PROPORTIONAL TO THE SINS**

The 3 weapons of "Jezebel" were food, sex and wealth. God has His warnings to us these things. Whenever God decides to punish, the punishment is always related and proportional to the sins. For the overcomers, the rewards get better and bigger.

Pro. 23:20-21; 11 Tim. 2:22; 1 Tim. 6:6-11; 11 kings 5:20,23,25-27; 1 kings 21:17-23; Ps. 2:8-9; Isa. 14:12; Dan. 12:3; 1 Cor. 15:40-42; Rev. 22:16.

## **DIGGING DEEP 244**

### **THE BOOK OF REVELATION – PART 9**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

In the last of this series, we saw the danger of compromise in the Christian life. We also discovered more of the blessings awaiting the overcomers. Today, we want to study the letter to the Church at Sardis, the dead church. May the Lord speak to our hearts today in Jesus Name. Amen.

#### **1. ETERNAL WATCHFULNESS IS THE PRICE OF SALVATION.**

Sardis was a wealthy city but its inhabitants were spiritless, soft and lazy after 2 defeats in battle and one great earthquake. The Church there had also lost its vitality and became a corpse instead of a living church. God told them to watch out or else they will be totally dead. Watchfulness should be the constant attitude of the Christian because eternal watchfulness is the price of Salvation.

Rev. 3:1-6; Isa. 11:1-2; 1 Tim. 5:6; Luke 15:24; Rom. 6:13; Eph. 2:1, 5, Rom. 13:11; 1 Cor. 16:13; 1 Pet. 5:8; Matt. 26:41; Acts 20:29-31; Rev. 3:2; Matt. 24:42-43; Mark 13:37; 1 Thess. 5:6.

#### **2. THERE WILL ALWAYS BE A FEW WHO ARE TOTALLY DEVOTED TO GOD**

There were a few Christians, even in Sardis, who remained totally loyal to God. In any Church and in any situation, there will always be the faithful few, may God grant you the grace to be one of them so that you too can walk with God in white with your name permanently in the Book of life.

Gen. 18:25; 1 Kings 14:13; Jam. 1:27; Gen. 5:24; Eccl. 9:8; Matt. 13:43; Ps. 104:2; Matt. 5:8; Rev. 20:15; Ps. 69:28; Dan. 12:1; Phil. 4:3; Rev. 21:27; Matt. 10:32-33; Luke 12:8-9.

## **DIGGING DEEP 245 THE BOOK OF REVELATION – PART 10**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

In the last part of this series, we saw how a church could be full of activities and yet be dead. We also saw the need to be watchful all the time if we are to go with Christ at His return. Today, we want to study the letter to the church in Philadelphia. May the Lord bless us again tremendously in Jesus Name. Amen.

### **1. JESUS IS THE DOOR TO THIS FATHER'S KINGDOM**

When all the churches in Asia Minor fell to the invading Mohammedans, the church in Philadelphia stood firm and up till now there is a Church with thousands of member in Philadelphia. The secret of the Church is its love for evangelism and missions, which is why the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Door, set before them an open door of opportunities till this day.

Rev. 3:7-13; Isa. 6:3; Is. 40:25; John 14:6; Isa. 22:20-22; 11 Kings 18:18; John 10:7-9; 1 Cor. 16:9; 11 Cor. 2:12; Col. 4:3; Acts. 14:27; John 15:1-2; Ps. 34:6; John 14:13-14.

### **2. THE FAITHFUL CHURCH WILL INHERIT ALL THE PROMISES THAT GOD PREVIOUSLY MADE TO**

The Church is now the Israel of God, the proper children of Abraham. Consequently, all the precious promises formerly made unto Abraham now belong to the true and faithful Christian. But we must hold on fast to Christ and His principles if we are not to be losers in the end.

Gal. 6:16; 3:39; Is. 60:14; 45:14; 49:23; Zec. 8:22-23; Den. 25:34; Gen. 27:36; Gen. 49:4, 8; 1 Sam. 16:1,13, Rom. 11:11

## **DIGGING DEEP 246 THE DOOR OF GOD'S KINGDOM**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

Today, we want to see how holiness through Jesus Christ is the door to God's Kingdom, and that the door would not be opened to sinners. May the Lord continue to bless us mightily as we study in Jesus Name. Amen.

### **1. THE KEY THAT UNLOCKS THE DOOR – HOLINESS**

To make the door open, you must be pure in your heart, and without spot and blemish, you can even live in the kingdom of God on earth without any hazard, if you live a holy life. Demons only respect those who live a holy life, the door himself is holy.

Matt. 5:8; 11 Tim. 1:5; 1 Pet. 1:22; 1 Pet. 3:14; Job 11:15-16; Dan. 6:22; Acts 19:13-16; Mark 1:24; John 10:8-9; Rom. 5:2.

### **2. THE DOOR IS CLOSED AGAINST SINNER**

God closed the garden of Eden that Adam and Eve had no access to get in, the door is also closed to deceivers, liars, white or black, fornications, and whatsoever is not faith.

Gen. 3:22-24; Ps. 24:3-4; Isa. 26:2; 11 Cor. 11:13-14; Titus 1:10-11; Jer. 9:5; Micah 6:12; 1 Thess. 4:3-4; Col. 3:5; Eph. 5:3; Rom. 14:23; Jam. 4:17.

## **DIGGING DEEP 247**

### **THE BOOK OF REVELATION – PART 11**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

We had studied the letters of sin of the seven churches mentioned in the Book of Revelation. Today, we wish to study the seventh letter, which is the one to the church at Laodicea, the lukewarm church. May the Lord teach us Himself through the Holy Spirit in Jesus Name. Amen.

#### **1. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO BE INDIFERENT TO CHRIST**

The Church at Laodicea had the grim distinction of being the only Church had absolutely nothing good to say. This is because the only attitude which Christ cannot stomach is indifference to him. No one can truly be neutral as far as Christ or Christian is concerned. The man who will not submit to Christ has necessarily rejected Him

Rev. 3; 14:22; Col. 4:16-17, Isa. 65:16, 11 Cor. 1:19-20, Phil. 4:19, John 14:1-2; John 14:8-9; John. 3:12-13, John 1:1-3; Col. 1:15, 18; Mark 9:40; John 14:6; Rom. 12:11; Heb. 12:29.

#### **2. THERE IS NO TRUE LOVE WITHOUT DISCIPLINE**

The church at Laodicea, was rich materially but spiritual it was wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked. And the risen Christ, out of Love, told them so. In promising to discipline if they fail to repent, the Lord was making known to them that He still loved them because God's final punishment is to totally ignore a man.

Luke 12:16-20; 1Pet. 1:7; 11 Sam. 10:4; Isa. 20:4; Eze. 16:37-39; Nahum 3:5; Gen. 41:42; Dan. 5:29; Est. 6:6-11; Luke. 15:22; John 9:40-41; 11 Sam. 12:1-4; Job. 5:17; Hosea 4:17; Luke 12:36; Mark 13:29; Matt. 24:33; Jam. 5:9; Songs 5:2-6; Luke 24:28; Rev. 3:21.

## **DIGGING DEEP 248**

### **THE BOOK OF REVELATION – PART 12**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

In first three chapter's of the Book of Revelation, we were introduced to the glorified Christ as well as the letters to seven typical churches. Now in the forth chapter, we go into an entirely different realm of revelation. May the Lord quicken our understanding as we study at his feet in Jesus Name. Amen.

#### **1. WHEN A MAN'S SOUL SEEKS UPWARDS, THE SPIRIT OF GOD DESCENDS TO MEET HIM**

There are three doors in the early chapters of the Book of Revelation: (i) the door of opportunity, (ii) the door of choice and (iii) the door of heavenly revelation. Whenever a man's soul seeks upwards, the spirit of God descends to meet him to reveal to him supernatural sights and sounds.

Rev. 4; Rev. 3:8; Eze. 1:1; Mark 1:10; Pro. 8:17; John 1:51, 1 Cor. 15:51-52; 1 Thess. 4:15-17; Rev. 3:10; Rev. 13:8-9; 1 Kings 22:19; Ps. 47:8; Is. 61:1; 1 Tim. 6:16; Ps. 104:2; Is. 24:23; Gen 3:22; Gen. 11:6-7; Eze. 1:13; Ps. 77:18; Job 37:4; Ex. 19:16.

#### **2. THERE CAN BE NO CHRISTIANITY WITHOUT TOTAL SUBMISSION**

While on earth could be storms in our sea of life but once we arrive in the presence of our Maker, there will be no more storms. Which is only one of the reasons why, in total submission we should be praising our Saviour continually.

Eze. 1:6, 10, 18, 22,26; 11 Kings 19:15; Ps. 80:1; Ps. 99:1; Is. 37:16; Ps. 18:10; Is. 6:3; Gen. 17:1; Is. 40:28; Hab. 1:12; Ps. 146:10.



## **DIGGING DEEP 249**

### **THE BOOK OF REVELATION – PART 13**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

Last week we saw that as from Rev. 4, the scene had shifted to heaven. Today, as we study Rev. 5, the scene is still in heaven and the one who is the focus of all History, Jesus Christ, steps on the scene. May the Lord bless us tremendously as we study at His feet in Jesus Name. Amen.

#### **1. THERE IS A LAMB THAT IS ALSO THE LION**

Jesus Christ is the Judah, the Root of David as well as the Lamb of God, He is meek and yet strong, gentle yet mighty, humiliated in death but glorified in resurrection. He is the only one qualified to know God's secrets, with the privilege to reveal such secrets and the absolute control over the things that shall be.

Rev. 5:1-14; Dan. 12:8-10; 11 Kings 19:35; Rev. 4:1; Amos. 3:7; Ps. 30:5; Ps. 32:10; Gen. 49:9; John 1; Is. 1:1, 10; John 12:49-50; Matt. 28:18; John 5:26-17; John 1:29, 36, 1 Pet. 1:19; Is. 53:7; Deut. 33:17; Ps. 112:9; Ps. 148:14; Zec. 4:10.

#### **2. THE PRAYERS OF SAINTS ARE TURNED TO INCENSE IN HEAVEN.**

While the elders, the living beings and all creatures in entire universe will one day sing a mighty anthem to the Lamb that was slain, meanwhile the prayers of saints are being stored as incense in golden vials in heaven, How much of this supernatural incense in golden vials in heaven, how much of this supernatural incense is yours?

Rev. 5:7-8; Ps. 33:2; Ps. 98:5; Ps. 147:7; Ps. 141:2 Ps. 33:3; 40:3; Ps. 98:1; Ps. 149:1; Ps. 144:9; Is. 42:9-10; Mark 7:23; 1 Tim. 2:6; Gal. 3:13; 1 Pet. 1:19; 11 Pet. 2:1; 1 Cor. 6:20; 1 Cor. 7:23; John 16:33; 1 Cor. 1:24; Eph. 3:8; Luke 11:22; Phil. 2:10-11; John 1:14.

## **DIGGING DEEP 250**

### **THE BOOK OF REVELATION – PART 14**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

The church has been raptured at the beginning of Rev. 4 and John had described what was going on in heaven up till the end of Rev. 5. Now the scene shifts back to the earth where John begins to relate to us in details the horrors that will befall those who are left behind. May the Lord Himself teach us today as we study at His feet in Jesus Name. Amen.

#### **1. ISRAEL'S MISSING WEEK**

Centuries ago, God had revealed to Daniel, that there is a special period of "70 weeks" in the history of the Jews. During this period, six things are to be achieved: (i) to finish the transgression of Israel (ii) to make an end of sins of Israel (iii) to make reconciliation of the iniquity of Israel (iv) to bring everlasting righteousness (v) to seal up the vision and prophecy and (vi) to anoint the Most Holy. Only one "week" of the 70 is yet to be fulfilled and the details of that one week is given in Rev. 6 to Rev. 19.

Jer. 25:11; Dan. 9:1-3; Dan. 9:20-23; Dan. 9:24-27; Rom. 11:26-27; Rev. 20:1-3; Zech. 12:10; Zech. 13:1; Isa. 66:8; Hab. 2:14; Jer. 2:14; Jer. 3:16; Zech. 6:12-13.

#### **2. THE FOUR HORSEMEN**

After the Church has been raptured, the beginning of sorrows on earth start with the four notorious horsemen. The first is that Antichrist himself riding on a white horse. A rider of a red horse bringing in wars closely follows him. Then comes the rider of the black horse bringing with him famine and finally the rider of a pale horse of pestilence and death brings up the rear. Thank God we will be gone before these horrors being.

Rev. 6:1-8; Zech. 6:1-8; Jer. 51:56; Hos. 1:5; Ps. 46:9; Dan. 11:21; Dan. 8:23-25; Isa. 19:2; Matt. 24:6-7; Zech. 14:13; 1 Thess. 5:3; Eze. 14:16; Lev. 26:26; Eze. 14:21; Lev. 26:21-2

## **DIGGING DEEP 251**

### **THE BOOK OF REVELATION – PART 15**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

In the last part of this series, we have seen what happened as the first four seals were broken, leading to (i) the appearance of the Antichrist on a white horse, (ii) war on a horse, (iii) famine on a black horse and (iv) death and pestilence on a pale horse. Now the Lamb continues to break the seals and the action heats up. May the Lord Himself teach us tonight, in Jesus Name. Amen.

#### **1. THE TRIBULATION SAINTS**

After the rapture, those Christians who are left behind and those who will then become believers will be easy to identify because they will refuse to worship the antichrist. Their persecution will be easily carried out and terrible in its intensity. Many of them will make it to heaven but "as if by fire".

Rev. 6:9-11; Matt. 24:9; John 16:2; Phil. 2:17; 1 Tim. 4:6; Lev. 4:7;  
Ps. 79:5-10; Rev. 12:19-20

#### **2. THE REIGN OF TERROR**

At the opening of the 6th seal, the greatest earthquake ever will occur turning the sun of darkness and moon to blood the atmosphere will become totally disorganized and terror will reign supreme on the earth.

Rev. 6:12-14; Amos. 8:8; Eze. 38:9; Joel. 2:10; Hag. 2:6; Amos. 8:9; Isa 13:10; Isa 50:3; Joel 2:31; Matt. 24:29; Mark 13:24; Luke 23:45; Isa. 34:4; Ps. 102:25-26; Jer. 4:24; Nah 1:5; Rev. 6:15-17; Isa. 13:6, 8; Zeph. 1:14; Joel. 2:1, 11; Mal. 3:13; Hosea 10:8; Gen 3:8.

## **DIGGING DEEP 252**

### **THE BOOK OF REVELATION – PART 16**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

In the last part of this series, we saw what happened as the fifth and sixth seals were opened by the Lamb. We saw the terrible persecution that the tribulations saints must encounter and the earthquake brought about either by oil drying up in the earth or the star wars of the super-powers. Now as we continue our studies tonight. May the Lord Himself minister to our spirits, in Jesus so that we can rescue the perishing in our Nation Amen.

#### **1. GOD IS THE CONTROLLER OF THE WEATHER**

Before the opening of the seventh seal, God gave a respite so that as He preserved 7,000 prophets in the days of Ahab, he could mark out for preservation 144,000 Jews in the time of Jacob's trouble. And since he is the controller of the angels that control the weather. He kept the destructive winds at bay until He had achieved His purpose

Rev. 7:1-3; 1 Kings 19:18; Rom. 11:4-6; Rev. 14:18; Rev. 16:5; Nuham 1:3; Zech. 9:14; Jer. 4:13; Isa. 66:15; 1 Kings 19:11; Jer. 49:36.

#### **2. THOSE WHO THINK THEY STAND TAKE HEED**

Those who are to be brought safely through the great tribulations are sealed upon their forehead with the seal of the living God. But a close look at the name of the tribes shows that Rueben had been replace by Judah as number one, Dan. Was completely omitted and Manasseh had replaced Ephraim: it is a great warning to those who think they stand.

Rev. 7:4-8; Matt. 2:2; Mal.4:2; Isa. 44:9-17, Jos. 3:10; II Kings 18:17-37; Ps. 42:1-2; Hosea 1:10; Eze. 9:1-7, Gen. 41:42; Est. 3:10; est. 8:2; Dan. 6:17; Matt. 27:66; Rom. 4:11; Gen. 17:8-13; 1 Pet. 1:18-19; Col. 2:10-12; Rom. 2:28-29; Rom. 9:6-7; Gal. 3:29; Gal. 6:16; Phil. 3:3; Gen. 49:3-4; Gen. 49:8; Gen. 49:17; Jer. 8:16; Gen. 49:17-20; Hos. 4:17; Deut. 29:18-21; 1 Kings 12:25-30.

## **DIGGING DEEP 253 CONSEQUENCE OF ABIDING IN SHITTIM**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

The children of Israel were encamped at Shittim looking forward to crossing over Jordan to pass the Lord of Canaan. Instead of being steadfast in their relationship with God, they backslide and paid a terrible price. For destroying God and engaging in immoral acts and religious pollution, a raged in their midst which killed 24,000 people. God ordered Moses to execute other transgressors. Phinehas, son of Eleazer was promised everlasting priesthood for publicly avenging against the law of God.

### **1. THE SIGNIFICANT OF SHITTIM**

Shittim is a wilderness tree which reflects the earthly qualities of Jesus Christ. More important, it was an encampment which was locationally, spiritually, strategically and symbolically significant for the children of Israel.

Isa. 41:19-20; Isa. 53:2; Exo. 25:5; 10,13,26:15,26, 32; 27:1, 6; 30:1, 5; Num. 22:24; Num. 26; Exo. 33:33-35, 34; Num. 31; Num 27:1-11; Num. 28:30.

### **2. CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCE OF ABIDING IN SHITTIM**

Country to God's will, the children of Israel yielded to temptation on the plains of Moab. They committed fornication, ate food to idols, worshipped Moabites idols especially Baal-power. The consequences were grave as God visited his righteous indignation and judgement on them.

Num. 25:1; Gen. 19:37; Num. 25:2,4,5,9; Exo. 6:25; Exo. 25:7,8.

### **3. WHAT IS YOUR SHITTIM?**

Like the children of Israel, many believers today nurse their Shittim which delay them from reaching the promised land and even Despair, sadness, envy, prayerlessness, yielding, worry, anger, pride, etc. we should understand their nature and know how to deal with them at source, may god grant us the grace to do so.

Ex. 6:6-9; Job. 7:6; 3:21; Jer. 8:3; Jona. 4:3; Acts 13:44-45; Isa. 64:7; Gen. 3:6; 13:10-13; 25:29, 30,33, I Kings 3:11-14, Mark 10:35, 37; Matt. 6:31-32; Luke 10:40; Luke 17:14, 15, 17.

## **DIGGING DEEP 254**

### **THE BOOK OF REVELATION – PART 17**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

In our last study, we learnt about the angels of service in charge of air, water and fire and that Christ controls them all. And we saw that even in the time of His anger, God will seal His own so that they will not be mistakenly hurt. We also saw that God can promote, demote or replace depending on the relationship of the individual to God. We now continue with our study of the Revelation and we pray that God will bless again mightily tonight in Jesus Name. Amen.

#### **1. TRUE BLESSINGS COME FROM GOD ONLY**

The Jehovah witnesses believe that only 144,000 people will even go to heaven but they are mistaken. There will be multitudes from all tribes and tongues who will be in heaven to sing, "Salvation to our God". Also in heaven are great circles of angels agreeing with the song of the multitudes and adding their own. Part of the song of the angels is that true blessings are of God.

Rev. 7:9-10; Gen. 12:3; 22:17-18; Gen. 49:10; Ps. 3:8; Acts 4:12; Eze. 44:30; Jer. 3:23; Hos. 13:4; Rev. 7:11-12; Gen. 39:1-5; Eze. 34:24, 26; Eph. 1:3; Heb. 6:7-8,10.

#### **2. GLORY, WISDOM, THANKSGIVING, HONOUR, POWER AND MIGHT ALSO BELONG TO GOD.**

The song of the angels is very revealing in its content. They declare that glory, true wisdom, thanksgiving, honour real power and total might belong to God and to Him only. The angels should know: they live up there. We should know and declare it too: we are His children.

Ps. 8:1; Ps. 19:1; Ps. 24:9-10; John 17:1, Is. 40:6-8; Matt. 6:28-30; 1 Cor. 1:25; 1 Cor. 1:24; Matt. 11:25; John 11:41-42; 1 Thess. 5:18; Ps. 50:23; Luke 18:11; 1 Kings 3:11-13; mark 6:33; II Kings 5:1; matt. 19:20; Acts 1:8; Gen. 17:1; Is. 40:29; Phil. 4:13.

#### **3. THE BLOOD OF JESUS IS AS POWERFUL A GOD HIMSELF**

The deeds of human beings are symbolized in the scriptures as robes of garments. Sinful deeds are represented by dirty rags, which could be made white by being washed in the blood of Jesus Christ. The power in that blood is the power in the life of God Himself. Those who wash in that blood are guaranteed perfect bliss in heaven.

Rev. 13:14; Is. 64:6; Zec. 3:1-5; Rev. 19:7-8; Lev. 17:11; John 1:1, 14; 1 John 1:7; Rom. 5:9; Eph. 1:7; 1 Pet. 1:19; Col. 1:20; Matt. 5:8; 1 John 3:2; matt. 5:6; John 6:35; John 4:14; Is. 49:10; Ps. 23:1, 80:1; Is. 40:11; John 10:11, 14; 1 pet. 2:25; Heb. 13:20.

## **DIGGING DEEP 255 THE BOOK OF REVELATION – PART 18**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

In our last study, we saw the perfect bliss of those in heaven where they neither hunger nor thirst because of the Lamb constantly feeds and refreshes them at the living fountain of waters, while all tears are wiped away from their eyes. Now in our next study, our attention is shifted back to what will be happening then to those on earth. It is frightening. May we not be left behind when Jesus comes again in Jesus Name. Amen.

### **1. THE JUDGEMENT OF THE TRUMPETS**

When a man hands over a case to God for judgement, his enemies are in for big trouble. There are some angels that can stand in the presence of God but now, but now, by the special grace of Jesus; we can now enter into the holiest. The judgments of the trumpets are horrible ones and it is frightening to know that worse judgement than these will still befall the unrepentant ones.

Rev. 8:1-5; Rom. 12:19-20; Heb. 10:31; Heb. 12:29; Rev. 8:2,6; Luke 1:18-20; 1 Kings 18:15; 11 Kings 3:14; 11 Kings 5:16; Heb. 10:19, 22; Rev. 8:7-12; Exo. 19:16,19; Isa. 27:13; Joel 2:1; Zeph. 1:16; Zeph. 9:14; 1 Cor. 15:52-43; 1 Thess. 4:16; Matt. 24:31; Exo. 9:24; Exo. 7:20-21; Zeph. 1:3; Joel 2:10; Exo. 10:21-23; Rev. 8:13; Pro. 29:1.

### **2. IT IS VERY PAINFUL TO WISH TO DIE AND BE UNABLE TO DO SO.**

The judgement of the fifth trumpet is so terrible that people will be seeking death and yet will be unable to die. It will be the time foretold when death are more blessed than the living, may we not be around at that time.

Rev. 9:1-2; Job. 38:4, 7; Isa. 24:21-22; Rev. 9:3-12; Joel 1:7-18; Joel 2:1-11; Jer. 8:3; Job. 3:20-21.

### **3. THE JUDGEMENT OF THE 6TH TRUMPET**

River Euphrates is a significant river: the former headquarters of Satan is believed to be there. The four fallen angels imprisoned there are very wicked and on their release will mobilize 200 million oriental soldiers to wipe out one third of all living beings on earth. In spite of this, the remainders will not repent and the judgement of God on the unrepentant wicked ones will just have to continue.

Rev. 9:13-21; Jude 6; Acts 15:18; Rom. 1:25-32; Exo. 20:13; Exo. 22:18; Exo. 20:14; Exo. 20:15.

## **DIGGING DEEP 256 THE BOOK OF REVELATION – PART 19**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

In the last part of this series, we examined in detail, Rev. 19 and discovered that despite the tortures of the stranger locusts of the bottomless pit, the people of the world refuse to repent. Now we move on to Rev. 10 to see what happens next. May the Almighty teach us Himself in Jesus Name Amen.

### **1. THE JOY AND SORROW OF A PROPHET**

Before the 7th angel sounded his trumpet, there is again an interlude and a scene was acted in the spiritual realm. A mighty "angel" believed to be Christ Himself came and took possession of the earth, declaring that the time of the final show-down had come. John found himself in a situation where he saw joy at the end of long tunnel of great tribulations. He was happy but sad, like the lot of any prophet would normally be.

Rev. 10:1-4; Ps. 104:3; Eze. 1:28; Matt. 17:2; Joel 3:16; Hos. 11:10; Amos 3:8; Ps. 29:3-5, 7:9; 11 Cor. 12:4; Rev. 10:5-7; Heb. 10:36-37; Thess. 2:3; Rev. 10:8-11; Eze. 3:1-3; Ps. 19:10; Ps. 119:103.

### **2. THE ANTICHRIST**

The ideal of a force of evil opposed to the god of all goodness is not the personification of evil. Even in the days of Paul, the spirit of the antichrist had been at work. But soon, the masterpieces of Satan will put on the flesh and hold away on the earth for horrible years.

Isa. 27:1; Isa. 51:9; Ps. 89:10; 1 Sam. 2:12; 1 Sam. 1:16; 1 Sam. 25:17, 25; 1 kings 21:10, 13; 11 Cor. 6:15; matt. 24:24-44; Mark 13:6, 22; Luke 21:8; john 5:43; 11 Thess. 2:1-11; 1 John 2:18; 1 john 4:3; 11 John 7.



## **DIGGING DEEP 257**

### **THE BOOK OF REVELATION – PART 20**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

In Rev. 10, we saw John the revelator eating a strange little book. As from Rev. 11, we can see him unfolding some of the things in the book even as the 7th trumpet below. May God bless us as study in Jesus Name. Amen.

#### **1. WE ARE THE TRUE TEMPLE OF CHRIST**

The temple of Christ's time had been leveled by the Romans 25 years before the book of revelation was written. Therefore the temple that John saw must be one in future. But today, we Christians are the true temple of Christ on earth. During the tribulation, the Jews will build a new temple with assistance of the Antichrist.

Rev. 11:1-2; Dan. 9:27; 1 Pet. 2:5; Eph. 2:20-21; 1 Cor. 3:16; 11 Cor. 6:16; Eze. 40; Zech. 2; Luke 21:24;

#### **2. THE TWO WITNESSES**

Two special witnesses of Christ, believe to be Elijah and Moses will prophesy for 3 1/2 years during the tribulation before the Antichrist kills them. They will remain unburied for 3 1/2 days before resurrecting and ascending to heaven. Their case will be classical example of the truth that the devil may win a battle but God will always win the war.

Rev. 11:3-6; Mal. 3:1; Mal. 4:5-6; 1 Kings 17:1; 11 Kings 1:9, 10; Mark 9:4; Eze. 7:14-18; Num. 20:12; 1 Kings 19:16; 11 Kings 2:11; Rev. 11:7-14; 1 Sam. 1:9-10; Rev. 11:15-19; Ps. 2:2; Heb. 8:5.

## **DIGGING DEEP 258**

### **THE BOOK OF REVELATION – PART 21**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

In Rev. 11, we learnt among other things, about the 2 tribulations witnesses believed to be Moses and Elijah. We saw, through their death resurrection and ascension, that the devil may win a battle but God will always win the war. Today we shall look at Rev. 12 in detail. May the Lord bless us as we study in Jesus Name. Amen.

#### **1. THE WOMAN AND THE MALE CHILD**

John saw a wonder in heaven, a woman heavy with child and a dragon waiting to swallow the child as soon as it was born the child is believed to be Christ and the woman the Jewish nation. The plan of the dragon was frustrated by God as a further proof that God will always take care of His own.

Rev. 12:1-6; Ps. 2:9; Rev. 19:15; Jer. 3:6-10; Hos. 2:19-20; Gen. 3:14-15; 1 Thess. 4:17-18; mark 13:14.

#### **2. THE VICTORY SONG OF THE MARTYRS**

Satan made a second attempt to take over heaven but was defeated and cast down to the earth. The martyrs then sang a song of victory. As usually, those who choose to suffer rather than be disloyal to Christ always win the greatest victory over Satan.

Rev. 12:7-9; Job 1:6-9; Job 2:1-6; Zech. 3:1-2; Rev. 12:10-12; Gen. 39:7-22; Gen. 41:14-44; John 12:25; 1 John 1:7; Rom. 8:1-2; Rev. 2:10; Rev. 12:13-17; Exo. 19:4; Deut. 32:11-12.

## **DIGGING DEEP 259 EXCEPT THE CORN DIE**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

We want to look at the number one of our divine liberty and how effectively it can be overcome. May the Lord Almighty teach us in Jesus Name. Amen.

### **1. THE NEED TO PLACE THE ADAMIC NATURE**

A Christian can only be fruitful in the degree that he dies to self, what Christ requires of is not only yielding our soul to Him for salvation, but the yielding of our complete ego that he may give us abundant life. As Christians we have two natures, the carnal man is against the things of the spirit of God.

John 12:24-25; 1 Cor. 15:36; Gal. 5:19-21; Phil. 3:7-8; Rom. 6:11; Col. 3:3; 1 Kings 13:4-6; Rom. 7:5-6; Rom. 7:23; 1 Cor. 2:13-14; Matt. 16:23.

### **2. THE SECRET OF VICTORY OVER ADAMIC NATURE**

It is getting rid of the flesh and putting on the new man, i.e. To be crucified daily, there are three crucifixions, the body of sin must be destroyed, spiritual circumcision must be done, by these the fruits of the spirit will manifest.

Eph. 4:22-24; 1 Cor. 9:27; Gal. 6:14; Gal. 2:20; Rom. 6:6; Col. 2:11; Rom. 6:18; Rom. 8:13-14; Phil. 3:3; Gal. 5:22-23.

## **DIGGING DEEP 260**

### **THE BOOK OF REVELATION – PART 22**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

In the last part of this series, we examined the case of the wonder woman and her child in Chapter 12. We saw how the woman is the nation of Israel and the child is Christ. Today, we wish to examine Chapter 13. of the Book of Revelation even as we come face to face with the unholy trinity of the devil, the antichrist and the false prophet. May the Lord bless us as we study in Jesus name. Amen.

#### **1. THE ANTICHRIST IS THE BEAST.**

The Antichrist, who is also revealed here as the Beast, is a composition of the 4 terrible beasts of the Book of Daniel. That alone is enough to show us how evil he will be. That he comes "out of the sea" implies his emergence will be out of a world in chaos economically, politically and socially.

Rev. 13:1-5; Dan. 7:3-7; Rev. 17:15; Isa. 57:20; rev. 13:6-10; 1 pet. 1:19-20; john 10:27-29; Rom. 8:31; Songs 8:6; Rom. 8:37.

#### **2. THE MARK 666**

A second beast came from the land to complete the unholy trinity of the devil, his "Son" the antichrist and the false prophet the antichrist the spirit. The implications of receiving the mark of the antichrist are many and terrible. These include the facts that whosoever bears the mark is sold out to devil and cannot be met. Consequently they will suffer forever.

Rev. 13:11-17; John 16:13; Exo. 13:1-10; Exo. 13:11-16; Deut. 6:4-6; Deut. 11:13-21; Matt. 10:28; Rev. 14:9-11.

## **DIGGING DEEP 261**

### **THE BOOK OF REVELATION – PART 23**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

In the last part of this series, we studied Rev. 13 and were introduced to the unholy trinity of Satan, Antichrist and the Antispirit. We also learnt about the mark of the Antichrist, the number 600. Today, we wish to proceed to Rev. 14. May the Lord Himself explain this important chapter to us, in Jesus Name. Amen.

#### **1. A CHRISTIAN IS THE ONE WHO FOLLOWS CHRIST**

The simplest definition of a Christian is one who follows Christ. "Follow me," is the first order of Christ to all He called. Those who would follow Christ, therefore, must be willing to make their lives a living sacrifice, be completely devoid of deceit (since their leader is the truth) and be completely without blemish.

Rev. 14:1-5; Rev. 7:2-3; Phil. 4:8; 1 Cor. 7:2-5; 1 Cor. 7:25, 29, 32-35; Heb. 13:4; John 1:43; Mark 2:14; Mark 10:21; John 21:19-22; 1 Pet. 2:21; Rom. 12:1-2; Ps. 32:2; Isa. 53:9; Zep. 3:13; 1 Pet. 2:22; Eph. 1:4; Col. 1:22; Eph. 5: 27; 1 Pet 1:19.

#### **2. HARVEST IS ANOTHER WORD FOR DIVINE JUDGEMENT**

Two scripture terms for Divine judgments are "harvest" and "treading the winepress". Just before the worst part of the tribulation period, there will be two harvesting: one for the believers left earth and the other for the unbelievers just like in story of the wheat and tears.

Rev. 14:6-12; Matt. 24:14; Acts 10:1-6; Isa. 21:9; Jer. 51:8 Job. 21:17, 20; Ps. 75:8; Jer. 25:15; Gen. 19:28; Isa. 34:8-10; Rev. 14:14-20; Matt. 13:24-30, 37:43; Joel 3:13; Lam. 3:13; Lam.1:15; Isa 63:3; Joel 3:2, 12; Zech. 14:1-4.

## **DIGGING DEEP 262**

### **THE BOOK OF REVELATION – PART 24: REV. 15**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

In the last part of this series, we learnt among others things, about the final harvesting of this world. We saw how the wheat is separated from the tares before the final horrors begin. Today, we shall go into a detailed study of Rev. 15; and see what happens as the scene shifts to heaven once again. May the Lord bless us richly as we study in Jesus Name. Amen.

#### **1. THE SONGS OF MOSES AND THE LAMB**

After the wheat was harvested and tears left, the final horrors were about to begin. But before then, both the martyrs of the tribulations and the saints that had gone before them sang two anthems in heaven. The first is the song composed by Moses after the children of Israel came out from the red sea and the second is the song of the Lamb.

Rev. 15:1-4; Gen. 7:12-16; Gen. 19:15-22; Rev. 4:6; Heb. 12:29; Matt. 16:25; Exo. 15:1-19; Ps. 92:5; Ps. 112:2; Ps. 98:1; Ps. 139:14; Ps. 145:17; Ps. 86:9; 1 Sam 2:2; Ps. 9:9; Ps. 111:9; Phil. 2:10-11; Ps. 98:2.

#### **2. THE GLORY OF GOD**

As the anthems end, the tabernacle of testimony was revealed in heaven and glory of God filled the tabernacle. The glory of God is such that no man can approach unto it, yet we shall share in that glory one day.

Rev. 15:5-8; Num. 17:7; Num. 9:15; Num. 18:2; Isa. 6:1-5; Exo. 40:34-35; 1 Kings 8:10-11; 1 John 3:2-3.

## **DIGGING DEEP 263**

### **THE BOOK OF REVELATION – PART 25: REV. 16**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

In Rev. 15, we saw the saints in heaven praising God with the songs of Moses and the Lamb. But now in Rev. 16, the scene shifts back to the earth as the final horrors of the tribulation period follow fast one after the others. May the Lord teach us tonight in Jesus Name. Amen.

#### **1. THE DAY IS COMING WHEN THE SUN WILL BURN LIKE OVEN**

The sixteenth chapter of the book of revelation shows clearly that a day is coming when the inhabitants of the earth will be covered with painful and incurable sores. Soon after, there will be no water to drink at all and yet the sun's heat will burn like an oven. It will be like a man lost in a waterless desert.

Rev. 16:8-9; Exo. 9:8-12; Rev. 14:9-11; Rev. 8:8-9; Exo. 7:19-24; Dan. 1:8-16; Dan. 3:13-26; Dan. 6:16-23; Rev. 8:12; Mal. 4:1-2.

#### **2. THE DAY IS COMING WHEN MEN WILL BITE THEIR TONGUES FOR PAIN.**

After the period of intense heat, there will be a period of total darkness, such as was in the time of Moses. Men will be in such an agony they will bite their tongue for pain. But despite of all these suffering, those who will not repent will not.

Rev. 16:10-21; Exo. 10:21-23; Joel 2:1-2; Mark 13:24; Exo. 14:21; Jos. 3:17; Isa. 11:15-16; Jer. 51:36; Zech. 10:10; Rev. 9:16; 1 Kings 22:20; Joel 3:12, 14; Zech. 14:4-5; Eze. 47:1-12; Jos. 12:11; Lev. 24:16.

## **DIGGING DEEP 264**

### **THE BOOK OF REVELATION – PART 26: REV. 17**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

In Rev. 16, we saw the 7 angels pouring out the contents of their vials upon the earth. We saw that a day is coming soon when men covered with incurable sores, with no water to drink, will be scorched with heat from the sun that burns like oven. Today, we want to look at one of the most serious chapters in the book, may God teach us Himself in Jesus Name. Amen.

#### **1. THE ANTICHRIST WILL HAVE A BRIDE**

That Christ was to have a Bride was a mystery until it was revealed to Paul. That the Antichrist is to have a bride was first revealed to John. The Bride of Christ, the Church, is also called "Holy Jerusalem". The bride of the antichrist is Babylon the great.

Rev. 17; Eph. 5:23-32; Eph. 3:1-21; Rev. 21:9-10; Gen. 10:8-10; Gen. 9:1; Gen. 11:2-4; Rev. 2:12-13; Matt. 4:10; Jer. 44:25-27.

#### **2. THE CITY THAT IS ALSO A HARLOT**

In the Bible terms, "whore", "harlot" and adultery are frequently used to symbolize a spiritual departure from God by an individual city or nation. In the destruction of Babylon the whore, we see the evil prosper for a while but it will never last.

Isa. 1:21; Nahum 3:4, Is. 23:16-17; Eze. 16:8, 15, 17; Jam. 4; 11 Cor. 11:2; Lev. 20:14, Lev. 21:9; Rev. 21:7-8.



**DIGGING DEEP . 265**  
**THE BOOK OF REVELATION-PART 27: REV. 18**

**INTRODUCTION:**

In the last part of this series, we learnt about the bride of the Antichrist, Babylon then great, mother of harlots, consisting of all religious people who do not believe in the true Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. We saw how the Babylon Cult invaded the Church of Rome and took it over and saw the prophecy about its ultimate destruction by the Antichrist himself. Now we go on to study Rev. 18 and we pray that God will quicken our understanding as we study in Jesus Name. Amen.

**1. COME OUT OR PERISH: IT IS HOLINESS OR HELL**

There is a religious system called Babylon and there is a city called Babylon. Both are evil. The antichrist will destroy the former, God will destroy the latter. But before God does, He gave an invitation as usual to as many as will listen to flee and escape for their lives. God's invitation is simple: accept holiness and miss hell.

Rev. 18, Isa. 13:19-22; Jer. 50:39; Jer. 51:37; Gen. 19:12-14; Num. 16:23-26; Isa. 48:20; Jer. 50:8; Jer. 51:45; II Cor. 6:14-15; I Tim. 5:22; Rom. 12:2; Pro. 16:18; Is. 3:16-17.

**2. WEALTH IS USELESS ON THE DAY OF JUDGEMENT**

Bible Scholars are divided on whether or not the Ancient Babylon is going to be rebuilt before it is finally destroyed. Some believe it will be, some believe that Rome is the New Babylon. Whichever is the case, the ultimate destruction of the wealthy Babylon is going to cause a lot of anguish to kings, merchants, importers and exporters of the whole world.

Isa. 13:6-7; I Tim. 6:7; Pr. 14:32; Ps. 23:4

**DIGGING DEEP . 266**  
**THE BOOK OF REVELATION-PART 28: REV. 19:1-10**

**INTRODUCTION:**

In the last part of this series, we saw the destruction of Babylon the city that is the headquarters of the antichrist. We saw the kings of the worlds, the merchants, the importer and exporters mourned because of the loss they sustained as a result of the destruction of Babylon not because they loved her. Today, as we begin a study of Rev. 19, we shall look in details at the marriage of the lamb, may God bless us as study in Jesus Name. Amen.

**1. THAT CHRIST MARRIAGE HAD BEEN DETERMINED BEFORE THE WORLD BEGAN.**

While the people of the world were mourning the destruction of Babylon, the host of heaven were roaring "halleluyah choruses" to God. One of the reasons for these shouts of joy was that the marriage of the Lamb, foreordained before the world began, long awaited and much expected, had finally come to pass.

Rev. 19:1-9; Rev. 18:20; Ps. 106:1; Ps. 111:1; Ps. 112:1; Ps. 113:1; Ps. 117:1; Ps 150:1; Is. 34:9-10; Ps. 135:1; Ps. 146:1; Ps. 147:1; 148:1; Ps. 149:1; Rev. 10:7; 11:18; 22:6; 7:3; 19:2; Ps. 97:1; 1 Hos. 2:19-20; Is. 54:5; Matt. 22:2; 10; Mark 2:19; Matt. 25:1; John 3:29; II Cor. 11:2; Eph. 5:21-23.

**2. SOME THINGS TO NOTE ABOUT THIS UNIQUE WEDDING**

There are several ways in which the marriage of the Lamb is unique. Apart from being the wedding of the ages, the courtship that led to it is the longest the world had ever known.

Eph. 1:3-4; I Tim. 2:5; Matt. 25:1,5; Rom. 8:16-17; I Cor. 6:20; I Pet. 1:18-19; Rev. 3:21; Eph. 5:25-17; John 3:29; Matt. 1:1,5-6; I Thess. 4:16-17; Matt. 23:6, 10-12; Eph. 5:27; I Pet. 1:13-16; I Cor. 15:58; Phil. 2:12-15.

## **DIGGING DEEP . 267 DOERS OF THE WORD**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

Many are ready to hear, discuss and argue the great doctrine of the Bible, but this is mere religion. In this study we want to look on how important it is to be doers of the word and not hearers only, may the Lord teach us as we study at His feet in Jesus Name. Amen.

### **1. LIVING THE LIFE THAT COUNTS – BE A DOERS OF THE WORD.**

The word of God is seed of truth, which requires clean soil, if it is to be productive the Holy spirit must be allowed to purify our lives to clean the debris of malice and lust to weed out besetting sins. The word will take firm root and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

John 8:32; James 1:22-24; John 8:30-31; John 14:21; I Pet. 1:15-16; Acts 2:2-4; Heb. 12:1; Gal. 5:22-23; Eph. 5:9; John 15:2.

### **2. CHRISTIANS ARE SINNERS' BIBLE**

It is good to be saved and know it but it is better to be saved and showed it for the sinners to read and be converted because we are the image of Jesus Christ.

II Cor. 3:2-3; I Cor. 9:2; I Cor. 3:5; Titus 2:12; Matt. 5:16, Luke 1:75; I Pet. 4:2-3; Titus 3:3-5.

**INTRODUCTION:**

In the last part of this series, we studied in some details the marriage of the Lamb, nothing in particular that His wife had made herself ready. Today, we wish to continue from where we left off and see some details what happens after the wedding, may God bless us richly as we study in Jesus Name. Amen.

**1. TRUE CHRISTIANS ARE WINNERS.**

The good works done by Christians while in the flesh are closely monitored by God for the purpose of rewards in the last day. Moreover, true Christians are winners all the time because the real conqueror is constantly by their sides and leads them as their royal captain.

Rev. 19:7-19; Acts 1:11-12; Gal.6:6-10; Matt. 4:10; Heb. 1:13-14; I Cor. 14:3; Zech. 14:4-8; Zech. 9:9; Matt. 21:4-22; II Kings 1:11; II Kings 6:13-17; Jude 14; John 16:38; Rev. 1:18; Rom. 8:37; Rom. 8:31; Isa. 11:4; Gen. 32:29; Jude 13, 18; Phil. 2:9-11; John 1:1-3; Jer.24-29.

**2. THE SUPPER OF THE GREAT GOD**

When the Lord returns to the earth toward the end of the tribulations period, He will return in vengeance. As the controller of all kingdoms, He will return to fight the combined armies of the Antichrist, the false prophet and the great Oriental army and give their flesh to the fowls of the air. The birds will be the guests at the supper of the Great God.

Rev. 19:14-16; Matt. 26:53; Isa. 11:4; Ps. 2:9; Dan. 4:17; Ps. 66:7; Eze. 39:1-22; Matt. 24:27-28.

**DIGGING DEEP . 269**  
**THE BOOK OF REVELATION-PART 30: REV. 1-4**

**INTRODUCTION:**

In the last part of this series, we saw some of the things that will happen after the wedding of the Lamb. Today, as we begin a study of chapter 20, we shall see how the Bridegroom and the Bride began their honeymoon on the earth. May the Lord bless us richly as we study in Jesus Name. Amen.

**1. NOT EVEN SATAN IS BEYOND THE CONTROL OF GOD**

Nothing is beyond the control of God. When He is ready to deal with Satan, it takes only one angel to bind the devil and imprison him for one thousand year. Also, the Bible teaches that there will be two resurrections the first for believers, the second for the wicked dead.

Rev. 20:1-4; Eph. 2:2; II Cor. 4:4; Eph. 6:11-12; Ph. 2:9-11; II Pet. 4; Jude 6; I Cor. 15:22-25; Matt. 27:52-53; I Cor. 15:51-54; I Thess. 4: 16-18; Rev. 7:14; Rev. 20:4; Matt. 13:28-30; Rev. 1:5.

**2. THE HONEYMOON THAT LASTS 1000 YEARS**

The honeymoon of Christ and His Bride will last 1000 years. This is the period known as the Millennium, the period that even animals look forward to. The individual share of authority at that time will be strictly determined by the amount of souls that each individual converts to Christ.

Rev. 20:4; Matt. 6:10; Dan. 2:31-45; Matt. 25:31-34; Luke 1:30-33; Dan. 7:13-14; Hos. 3:5; Jer. 30:9; Eze. 37: 24; Eze. 34:24; Eze. 37:25; Isa. 24:23; Luke 19:11-26; Mal. 1:11; Joel 3:18; Amos 9:13; Isa. 35:1; Isa. 55:13; Joel 2:24-26; Isa. 11:6-9; Rom. 8:23; Isa. 65:20; Zech. 8:4; Isa. 30:26; Isa. 60:19-20; Rev. 21:23-24.

**DIGGING DEEP . 270**  
**THE BOOK OF REVELATION-PART 31:**  
**REV. 20:7-15**

**INTRODUCTION:**

In the last part of this series, we discussed the binding and imprisonment of Satan for a thousand years. We also discussed the first and second resurrection and the millenniums. Now we wish to look at what happens when the devil is loose for a while from his prison, may the Lord bless us abundantly as we study in Jesus Name. Amen.

Rev. 20:7-10; Matt. 15:29; Mark 7:21; Jer. 13:23; Jer. 17:9; Eze. 36:26; John 15:1-2; Heb. 6:4-8; Rom. 8:31, 37; Ps 34:19; John 1:5; Pro. 11:8.

**1. THE DEVIL CAN NEVER REPENT**

As soon as the devil was released from prison, he started another revolt against God. This shows that the devil can never repent. Unfortunately, there are always human beings who would voluntarily and zealously cooperate with Satan against God. But God always wins.

Rev. 20:7-10; Matt. 15:29; Mark 7:21; Jer. 13:23; Jer. 17:9; Eze. 36:26; John 15:1-2; Heb. 6:4-8; Rom. 8:31, 37; Ps. 34:19; John 1:5; Pro. 11:8.

**2. THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGEMENT**

The great white throne judgement is the last Divine judgement in human history. All who appeared before this throne are condemned already, they only gather so that the degree of their individual punishments might be determined and made known to them. The last to be judged would be death and hell.

Rev. 20:11-15; Rev. 20:5; John 5:29; John 3:18; Rev. 20:12, 15; Ecc. 12:14; I John 1:7; Col. 2:13-15; John 5:22; Acts 17:31; I Tim. 4:1; II Cor. 5:10; Ps. 102:25-27; Isa. 51:6; Mark 13:31; II Pet. 3:10; Exo. 32:32; Ps. 69:28; Rev. 3:5.

**DIGGING DEEP . 271**  
**THE BOOK OF REVELATION – PART 32:**  
**REV. 21:1-8**

**INTRODUCTION:**

In the last part of this series, we discussed the imprisonment of Satan, the 1000 years of peaceful reign of Christ, the release of Satan, the last world war and the Great white thorn judgement. Now we wish to begin a study in Jesus Name. Amen.

**1. GOD CAN AND IS WILLING TO MAKE ALL THINGS NEW FOR YOU**

It has always been in God's plan to make everything new again since sin spoilt the original ones. He can and is willing to make new heavens, new earth, New Jerusalem and a new you. Because it has always been His desire to have continuous fellowship with man.

Rev. 21:1; Isa. 65:17; Isa. 66:22-23; Rev. 21:2; Gal. 4:22-26; Heb. 11:22-24; Isa. 54:11-12; Isa. 60:10-14; Rev. 21:3-4; Lev. 26:11-12; Jer. 31:33; Eze. 37:27; Songs. 6:3; Isa. 35:10; Isa. 65:19; Isa. 25:8; Matt. 5:4; Rev. 21:5; II Cor. 5:17.

**2. THE ALPHA AND OMEGA**

God is the Beginning, the source, the Origin of all things. At the same time, He is the End, the Ultimate goal of all things. He owns all things but He is willing to share everything freely with the overcomers only. The failure have no part in Him.

Rev. 21:6; Isa. 44:6; Rom. 11:36; Eph. 4:6; Isa. 55:1; John 7:37-38; Rev. 21:7; Rom. 8:16-17; Gen. 17:7; I Sam. 7:14; Ps. 89:27; Rev. 21:8.

## **DIGGING DEEP . 272**

### **THE BOOK OF REVELATION-PART 33: REV. 21:9-27**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

In the last part of this series, we began to study about the heavenly Jerusalem, the City of God, the City of Alpha and Omega and the City of the Church of the First-born. Today we shall continue our study, may God bless us as we study in Jesus Name. Amen

#### **1. THE GOD OF THE OLD TESTAMENT IS THE GOD OF THE NEW**

The New Jerusalem is called the Bride of the Lamb. It is a city where the Old Testament Saints are honoured as well as the 12 Apostles of the New Testament. The city itself is the Holy of Holies of God, the dwelling place of God. It is a city so large that there is room for anyone who likes to be there.

Rev. 21:9-17; Rev. 17:1; Phil. 2:15; I Tim. 6:14-16; II Pet. 1:19; I John 1:5; Heb. 13:8; Exo. 27:1; Exo. 30:2; Exo. 28:16; I Kings 6:20; John 14:1-2.

#### **2. THERE IS NO NIGHT THERE**

There is no Temple in the City. It is not necessary because God Himself dwells there. There is no night there because there is no Sun to set or moon to rise. God is the Light of the City. You too are welcome in the City.

Rev. 21:18-27; Matt. 13:46; II Cor. 6:16; Isa. 60:19-20; Ps. 36:9; Isa. 2:2-4; Isa. 11:12; Isa. 49:6; Isa. 55:5; Isa. 56:6-8; Isa. 45:22; Dan. 7:14; Zeph. 2:11; Zech. 14:9; Ps. 139:12.



**DIGGING DEEP . 273**  
**THE BOOK OF REVELATION-PART 34: REV. 22**

**INTRODUCTION:**

In the last part of this series, we saw how God brought the Old Testament and New together in His City, the Heavenly, a city beautiful beyond words. In this part, we now want to look at the last chapter in the Book. May the Lord bless us richly as we study in Jesus Name. Amen.

**1. WE SHALL ONE DAY EAT FROM THE TREE OF LIFE**

In the City of God, the heavenly Jerusalem, there is a river of the water of life. By its sides grow the trees of life producing different fruits each month. Not only are we going to eat of these fruits and drinks of the water of life, but day we shall see the face of God Himself.

**2. THE GREAT INVITATION**

Christ, through His spirit and His Bride, the Church is still inviting all those who will listen to come and join Him in His beautiful City. But some will never heed. We pray that you will not be one of those.

Rev. 22:14-15; John 1:11-12; I John 1:7; John 3:18; Deut. 23:18; Ps. 101:7; I Sam. 11:1; Matt. 1:1; Num. 24:17; John 3:14-16; John 15:16; Gal. 1:8-9; Pro. 30:5-6; II Cor. 12:9.

**INTRODUCTION:**

The life story of Gideon is full of many beautiful lessons for the Christian soldiers. He was the case of an ordinary man who became a supernatural figure; a fearful man who became a spiritual giant. We also see in him how the Lord of hosts fight His own battles and of course the dangers facing every successful Christian and how to overcome them, may the Lord bless us tremendously as we study at His feet in Jesus Name. Amen.

**1. THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH: SPIRITUAL, FINANCIAL AND OTHERWISE**

The story of Gideon begins with Israel in serious trouble. Their austerity was perennial and fear clothed at every heart. Things were not so before. Israel was once upon a time on the side of the Lord but they forsook God and trouble came As it was in the beginning, is now...

**2. GOD CALLS THINGS THAT ARE NOT AS THOUGH THEY WERE**

However, God is a merciful God. He never totally forsakes His people. In every Nation and situation, God always finds someone after His own heart that He could turn to a deliverer. Once He has found such a one, He makes him what He wanted and backs him up to the full, may be you are such a one.

Judg. 6:11-12; Acts 10:34-35; Gen. 6:5-9; Gen. 19:12-15, Rom. 4:17; Acts15:18; Isa. 55:10-11; Judge 6:13-14; Exo. 3:10-11; Jer. 1:4-7; Judg. 6:15-16; I Cor. 1:26-29; Ps. 8:2; I Sam. 17:42-44, 50-51; Rom. 8:31; Heb. 13:5-6.

**DIGGING DEEP . 275**  
**GIDEON: A STUDY IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE – PART 2**

**INTRODUCTION:**

We began the study of the life history of Gideon by noting that the wages of sin is death: spiritual, financial and otherwise. And that God calls the things that are not as though they were, calling a fearful young man a "mighty man of valour". Today, we shall continue to study the life of that "mighty man of Valour" may the Lord bless richly as we do so in Jesus Name. Amen.

**1. OBEDIENCE PLUS A WORTHY OFFERING EQUALS AN ACCEPTABLE OFFERING.**

Gideon requested a sign from the Divine visitor: that he be allowed to offer his hospitality. All great men and women of the Bible are hospitable people. However, it is not only their worthy offerings that make them acceptable to God, it is their obedience to God in all-things that is mixed with their offerings. If God has to choose, He will prefer obedience to any offering at any time.

Judg. 6:17-27; Gen. 18:1-5; Gen. 19:1-3; I Kings 17:8-16; II Kings 4:8-17; Acts 9:36-41; Heb. 13:2; Gal. 6:9-10; Gen. 4:3-7; Gen. 18:6-8; I Sam. 15:22.

**2. OUR GOD IS A GOD OF PEACE WHO TURNS WEAK PEOPLE TO STRONG ONES.**

Gideon was scared that he would die because he had seen God but our God of peace assured him that all would be well. Then Gideon demonstrated another trait common to all spiritual giants: he built an altar and worshipped God. When God told him pull down the altar of Baal, he obeyed; though he did it at night out of fear.

I John 3:2-3; Matt. 5:8; Mark 4:37-39; Matt. 14:22; John 14:1; Gen. 8:20; Gen. 13:14-18; Acts 2:37-38; Ps. 33:16; II Cor. 12:9; Ps. 18:1; Ps. 46:1; Ps. 81:1; Ps. 27:1; 28:8; Rev. 3:8.

## **DIGGING DEEP .276**

### **GIDEON: A STUDY IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE – PART 3**

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## **DIGGING DEEP 278**

### **GIDEON: A STUDY IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE – PART 5**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

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I John 3:2-3; Matt. 5:8; Mark 4:37-39; Matt. 14:22; John 14:1; Gen. 8:20; Gen. 13:14-18; Acts 2:37-38; Ps. 33:16; II Cor. 12:9; Ps. 18:1; Ps. 46:1; Ps. 81:1; Ps. 27:1; 28:8; Rev. 3:8.

**DIGGING DEEP 278**  
**GIDEON: A STUDY IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE – PART 5**

**INTRODUCTION:**

In the last part of this series, we saw the dangers of asking God for sign and the wisdom of simply trusting in Him. We also saw that many are called but few are chosen and that the few chosen must be fearless, watchful, prepared strong, perfect vessels unto honour. May the Lord bless us richly as we continue with our study of Gideon today in Jesus Name. Amen.

**1. OUR GOD IS THE FATHER OF MERCIES**

When the Almighty saw the state of mind of Gideon, He arranged an encouragement for him by way of a dream and its interpretation. This again shows how merciful God is. Surely, He will never allow us to be tempted beyond our ability.

Judg. 7:9-15; II Cor. 1:3-4; I Cor. 10:13; Matt. 1:18-24; I Kings 19:4-8; II Kings 6:15-17.

**2. GOD USES STRANGE WEAPONS TO FIGHT HIS BATTLES**

Whenever God engages in spiritual warfare, He uses the most unlikely weapons. In this case, He used a broken pot, a flaming touch and a blaring trumpet in the hands of each of 300 men to rout 300,000 of His enemies. He is still the same today and will give you victory in a manner you least expect.

Judg. 7:16-25; Gal. 2:20; I Cor. 9:25-27; Rom. 12:1-2; Matt. 5:14; I Thess. 5:22-23; Rom. 12:9; II Cor. 6:17-18; I Pet. 1:14-16; John 14:30; Isa. 52:7; John 15:16; James 4:7; Matt. 8:5-10; I Sam. 15:17-23.

## **DIGGING DEEP 279**

### **THE FLOOD SURVIVORS A TYPE OF THE CHURCH**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

Noah and those who were saved with him in the ark are remarkably typical of Christian believers and of the church as a whole in seven outstanding ways, may the Lord teach us today and bless us tremendously as we study at His feet in Jesus name. Amen.

#### **1. BELIEVERS SEVEN OUTSTANDING WAYS**

The conversation in which they were chosen to salvation was made before the flood; the ark was entered in response to a divine call. Noah believed God with his family, the ark that effected, salvation also involved separation, and the Lord shut him in. The higher the flood prevailed the more the ark rose above it, when the guilty world was beneath the flood of judgement and death, those in the ark were risen above it and were alive, they not only survived the flood, they became the possessors of a new world.

Gen. 6:18; II Thess. 2:13; Eph. 1:4; Gen. 7:1; Rom. 3:30; I Cor. 1:9; Rom. 5:1; John 17:16; I Thess. 5:24; Gen. 7:4,5,7; Heb. 10:39; I Pet. 1:21-22; Rom. 16:26; Heb. 1:7; I Pet. 2:9; II Cor. 6:17; Gen. 7:16; Eph. 4:30; II Cor. 1:22; Gen. 7:17-19; Gen. 7:16; Col. 3:1; I Pet. 3:21; Gen. 3:15-19; II Pet. 3:13; Rev. 22:1-4; Rev. 7:15-17; Rev. 22:3-5.

## **DIGGING DEEP 280**

### **GIDEON: A STUDY IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE – PART 6**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

We saw in the last part of this series that our merciful God will never allow us to be tempted beyond our ability. We also saw the God uses strange weapons to fight His battles. In this concluding chapter, we want to see how to win continuously in our warfare against the devil, may the Lord bless us richly as we study in Jesus Name. Amen.

#### **1. THE DEVIL IS A BOXING CHAMPION: WATCH AND PRAY**

After the victory, the "grateful" people of Israel offered Gideon a throne, but he was too wise to accept to be king over Israel. However, he had weakness for gold and this was cleverly used by the devil to defeat him. The devil is a good boxer; he knows how to use the opponent's weakness to destroy him.

Judg. 8:22-27; II Cor. 10:4; Ex. 14:11-12; Ex. 15:23-24; Ex. 16:2-3; Ex.17:1-2; Ex. 32:19-20; Num. 11:4-6, 11-15; Num. 20:1-4, 7-12.

#### **2. IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO BE HOLY IN BIG THINGS; WE MUST BE HOLY IN SMALL THINGS**

It is important to be holy in big things. But that is not enough: we must be holy in all things, small things inclusive. It is good to protect our weak points from the attack of enemy, but it is far better to be get rid of them completely.

I Cor. 9:27; Matt. 5:27-30; I Thess. 5:2; Heb. 12:4; Jam. 4:7.



## **DIGGING DEEP 281 SAMSON; A STUDY IN "THE ANOINTING" – PART 1**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

What is the anointing? What can it do? When is it needed? Who can have it? What can hinder or prevent it from functioning? These and similar questions will be answered in this series as we use Samson as a case study, may the Lord bless us as we study at His feet in Jesus Name.

### **1. THE ANOINTING BREAKS THE YOKE**

The closest way to describe the anointing is "Divine electricity". Like physical electricity, it can produce heat, light, sound etc. Handled wrongly it can kill. But principally it is to enable humans to do supernatural things. It can break any yoke of the enemy.

Judg. 13:1-14; Is. 10:27; Is 61:1-3; Matt. 9:12; Rom. 5:20.

### **2. ANOINTING FUNCTIONS BEST IMPURE VESSELS**

Just like electricity, anointing flows best when the conductor is purest. The one through whom anointing must flow is a privileged person. And special privileged implies by special responsibilities.

Rom. 9:20-21; Ps. 127:3; Deut. 28:1-2; Ex. 19:5-6; Eph. 5:18; Pro. 20:1; Pr. 31:6; Acts 2:4-15, 13-18; Jer. 1:4-5; Eph. 1:3-5; Ps. 62:11; Num. 22:7-35; Jos. 1:6,7,9, Heb. 1:9.

## **DIGGING DEEP 282**

### **SAMSON: A STUDY IN "THE ANOINTING" – PART 2**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

In the first part of this series, we saw that the main purpose of the anointing is to break the yokes of the enemy. We also learnt that holiness and purity are essential characteristics of those vessels through which the anointing must flow. Today, as we continue our studies, may the Lord bless us richly with His anointing in Jesus Name. Amen.

#### **1. THE ANOINTING ATTRACTS BLESSING TO THE ANOINTED**

One of the conditions for receiving Divine visitors is hospitality. Also, those who receive Divine visitors always receive miracles, not death. Just as the anointed grows physically, so also can the anointing grow in intensity. Moreover, the anointing brings to the anointed blessings because of the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Judg. 13:15-21; Gen. 18:1-15; Gen. 19:1-3; Judg. 6:17-19; Judg. 13:22-23; Gen. 19:21; Judg. 6:22-23; I Kings 17:17-24; II Kings 4:17-37; Judg. 13:24; Ps. 119:89; Is. 40:8; I Sam. 3:19; Luke 1:80; Luke 2:40; II Sam. 5:11-12; II Kings 6:21; I Sam. 3:1-10.

#### **2. THE ANOINTING ALSO ATTRACTS FROM THE ENEMY: BUT THE ANOINTED ALWAYS LAUGHS LAST**

The anointing precipitate attacks from the enemy. Infact, the greater the anointing, the greater the attacks. But the Divine purpose is so that the enemy might be put to shame openly.

Judg. 14:1-6; I Sam. 17:34-35; II Kings 1:7-12; II Kings 6:8-14; II Kings 1:13-17; I Sam. 17:45-50; I Kings 18:25-40; II Kings 6:15:23.

**DIGGING DEEP . 283**  
**SAMSON; A STUDY IN "THE ANOINTING" – PART 3**  
**JUDGES 14:7 – JUDGES 15:20**

**INTRODUCTION:**

We learnt in the last part of this series that anointing attracts blessing to the anointed. Also, anointing attacks from the enemy, though the Divine purpose is so that enemy might be disgraced. Today, we pray that the Almighty will bless us richly as we continue our studies in Jesus Name. Amen.

**1. ANOINTING GOES HAND IN HAND WITH FIRE**

Whenever the enemy tries to cheat the anointed, the enemy ends up being the cheated. This is because anointing goes hand in hand with fire, our God being himself a consuming Fire. The fire purifies the anointed as it burns the planting of the enemy.

II Sam. 15:31; II Sam. 17:4-11, 51-54; II Sam. 15:13-14; II Sam. 18:9-15; Judge 14:7-20; II Sam. 17:23; Judge 15:1-8; Heb. 12:29; Acts 18:9-15; Acts 2:1-4; II Kings 2:9-12; Ex. 3:2-3; Is. 6:1-7; Is. 43:2; Dan. 3:26-27.

**2. EVERYTHING PROSPERS IN THE HANDS OF THE ANOINTED**

The anointed is a live wire and must be handled with care. Everything prospers in his hands either for the destruction of the enemy or for the meeting of the needs of himself or others.

Judge. 15:9-10; I Sam. 25:9-39; Acts 5:15; Ps. 105:15; I Kings 13:4; Num. 12:1-2, 9-10; Dan. 5:1-31; Judg. 15:14; II Kings 2:23-24; Acts 13:6-12; Acts 16:16-18; Is. 54:17; Acts 12:5-7; Acts. 16:25-26; Judge. 15:15-20; II Kings 4:38-41; II Kings 4:42-44; II Kings 6:1-7.

**DIGGING DEEP . 284**  
**SAMSON; A STUDY IN "THE ANOINTING" – PART 4**

**INTRODUCTION:**

In the last part of this series, we learnt that anointing goes hand in hand with fire and you must be careful how you handle the anointed of God. We also learnt that everything prospers in the hands of the anointed. Today, we pray that the Almighty will bless us deeply as we continue our study in Jesus Name. Amen.

**1. DIVINE PATIENCE IS NOT THE SAME AS DIVINE APPROVAL**

Anointing is no excuse for a sinful life and anyone who goes to the enemy's territory to play will surely be attacked by the enemy's soldiers. Whenever God decides to be patient with the anointed, he should be careful to note that God never approved of sin, never.

Judge 16:1-3; Rom. 6:1-2; Matt. 4:5-7; Gen. 13:10-13; 14:1-2, 12; 19:1-9, 26; II Thess. 2:9; Ex. 7:11, 22; II Pet. 3:9-14; Rom. 9:22; Isa. 16:14.

**2. THE ANOINTED MINUS GOD EQUAL DUST**

Samson did not fall suddenly in one day. He took 7 gradual steps from the mountain top of power to the pit of powerlessness. He broke all the rules of a Nazarite only to discover that without God the anointed is nothing but dust.

Judge 16:4-20; I Cor. 10:21; Eph. 5:18; Hab. 2:15; I Cor. 6:18; 6:19-20; I Cor. 6:15-16; 12:27; Lev. 21:14; II Cor. 6:14-18; I Cor. 10-12; John 15:5.

**DIGGING DEEP . 285**  
**SAMSON; A STUDY IN "THE ANOINTING" – PART 5 JUDG 16:21-31**

**INTRODUCTION:**

In the last part of this series, we saw that Divine patience is no the same as Divine approval and we saw how Samson took 7 gradual steps into powerlessness. Today, as we conclude this series on Samson, may the Lord bless us mightily in Jesus Name. Amen.

**1. WHEN THE BACKSLIDDEN, ANOINTED ONE REPENTS, GOD WILL RESTORE HIM.**

When the anointed backslides, the enemies revenge, rejoice and laugh at God. But when the Backslidden anointed repents, though he may suffer a while, God will restore him.

Judge 16:21-27; I Sam. 31:1, 6; 31:8-19; II Sam. 1:19-20; 12:13-14; I Sam. 28:7-10; II Sam. 12:15-24; Mark 10:46-47; II Tim. 4:6-7.

**2. THE PRAYER OF THE ANOINTED MAY BE ANSWERED TO THE LETTER: WATCH YOURS**

What happened after Samson prayed his only prayer shows clearly that an anointed one should watch his prayer carefully. The prayer of an anointed one may be answered to the letter be careful how you pray.

Judge 16:28-31; Jud. 15:18; II Pet. 2:4-9; Luke 1:7; Hag. 2:9.

**DIGGING DEEP . 286**  
**ELISHA: A STUDY IN DOUBLE PORTION OF ANOINTING –**  
**PART 1 I KINGS 19:19-21.**

**INTRODUCTION:**

The reason why God releases His anointing on man is always because (i) there is an assignment that is superhuman (ii) God wants the assignment achieved by a human being (iii) therefore the man chosen by God to do the assignment needs to be supernaturally equipped to do what ordinary human frame cannot do. We pray that God will bless us mightily as we begin this series of study in Jesus Name. Amen.

**1. A DOUBLE PORTION OF ANOINTING CAN DO BREATH - TAKING THINGS**

A singly portion of anointing can do fantastic things as is evident in the life of Elijah and Samson. Consequently, a double portion of the anointing can do breath-taking things: things that could be called "special miracles" even through "ordinary" miracles are special intervention of God in the affairs of men.

I Kings 17:19-22; 18:36-38; Judge 14:5-6; 15:11-15; 16:1-3, II Kings 13:20-21; Acts 5:12, 15-16; Acts 19:11-12.

**2. THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS OBTAINING A DOUBLE PORTION IS A CALL**

The first step towards obtaining a double portion of anointing is a call into Divine Service. Now there are various types of call e.g. into the ministry of helps. But each call is a call to salvation and rest, to a life of meaning, fulfillment, true prosperity, higher service and power. And of course a life of separation.

I Kings 19:19-21; Luke 8:1-3; Matt. 11:28-30; I Kings 2:38-41; Pr. 2:44; II Kings 5:15-16; II Kings 4:8; 4:32-35; I Sam. 16:4; II Kings 6:21; 5:9-12; II Cor. 6:14-18.

**DIGGING DEEP .287**  
**ELISHA: A STUDY IN DOUBLE PORTION OF ANOINTING –**  
**PART 2 II KINGS 2:1-15.**

**INTRODUCTION:**

In the last part of this series, we saw the reason why God normally pours His anointing on someone; we also saw that the first step to obtaining a double portion of anointing is a call from God. Today as we continue our study, may the Almighty God bless us richly in Jesus Name. Amen.

**1. THOSE WHO CAN HAVE THE DOUBLE PORTION**

The double portion is normally for the first born of the family. But there could be “First born” by adoption. Those who can have the double portion must in addition to being called and adopted also be hard working, humble, compassionate and bold.

Deut. 21:17; Ex. 13:2; Rom. 8:28-29; Rom. 8:14-17; I Kings 19:19-21; Acts.. Pro. 22:29; II Cor. 6:17-18; Matt. 4:3-4; I Kings 5:26-27; II Kings 3:11; Matt. 14:14; II Kings 5:1,9-12.

**2. HOW TO OBTAIN THE DOUBLE PORTION**

A rugged determination, a desire that shuts out all else except God, spiritual alertness, an expanded horizon and of course faith are parts of what must be present in an individual who would obtain a double portion of anointing.

II Kings 2:1-15; Luke 9:62; Jam. 1:5-7; Deut. 4:29; Gen 13:14-15, 17; Eph. 1:15-19; Isa. 29:18; Ps. 84:2; Luke 11:9-40; Mark 11:23-24.

**DIGGING DEEP .288**  
**ELISHA: A STUDY IN DOUBLE PORTION OF ANOINTING –**  
**PART 3, II KINGS 2:13-25**

**INTRODUCTION:**

In the last part of this series, we saw the qualifications of those who can receive the double anointing and how to receive it. As we know continue with our study of Elisha, we begin to see how to use the double anointing, may the Lord bless us as we study at His feet in Jesus Name. Amen.

**1. THE DOUBLE ANOINTING CAN WORK FOR THE ONE WHO HAS IT AS WELL AS OTHERS**

The first miracle that Elisha performed with his double anointing was to cross-river Jordan. By so doing, he removed the major obstacle to his progress and ministry; next he went on to help the people of Jericho to remove the curse that had been placed on their city long ago. Next, he silenced forever those who dared to mock him. From these three miracles, it is clear that the double anointing can work for the one who has it as well as for others in deed.

II Kings 2:13-35; Mark 11:23; III John 2; Ps. 23:5; John. 10:10; I Sam. 17:34-37; Phil. 2:10; II Sam. 22:45-46; Jos. 6:26; I Kings 16:34; Isa. 54:17.



## **DIGGING DEEP .289 INCREASING IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

To know God is often synonymous with gladness and the true knowledge of God is that we are brought to His favour and likeness and enjoyment, may the Lord bless us richly as we study at His feet in Jesus Name. Amen.

### **1. GOD'S NATURE AND PERFECTION**

He is a Spirit, the Almighty and all wise, Eternal without a beginning, He is holy without spot and absolutely unchangeable, the creator of all, His will is furnished in the scripture.

Col. 1:10; John 4:24; I Sam. 2:2; Lev. 11:45; Isa. 11:45; Isa. 9:6; James 1:5; Heb. 13:8; Ps. 111:2; Gen. 1:1; John 1:3; Gen. 3:15; Gal. 4:4-6; II Tim. 3:16-17; Phil. 3:10; Eph. 1:17-23.

### **2. THE INCREASE TO BE DESIRED**

We do not know all at the first stage of Christian experience. The increase is most desirable because it adds to our strength, happiness and comfort. This may be attained by reading and hearing of God's word.

I Pet. 2:2; Hosea 4:6; Ps. 29:11; II Tim. 2:5; Jos. 1:8; Ps. 1:1-3; Pr. 2:1-6; I Cor. 6:3-6, 9-10.

## **DIGGING DEEP .290**

### **COMPROMISE OR SEPARATION (FROM THE WORLD) WHICH WAY?**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

What does separation mean? It does not necessarily mean the life of an ascetic, i.e. (one who practices rigorous self denial) or shut oneself up in a monastery, a secluded place even in the Christian, it means the power to live "in the world, but not of the world", i.e. the desire for worldly things and pleasures is replaced and overcome by the new nature of Christ, which fills the heart. Compromise with evil in any form hinders blessing for a Christian, may God bless us as we go on in study of His word.

#### **1. SEPARATION FROM THE WORLD**

This is well illustrated by the story of the Israelites coming out of Egypt. Pharaoh represents the Adversary. On their (Israelite) trying to leave Egypt Pharaoh offered his compromises.

##### THE COMPROMISES

###### First Compromise

Ex. 2:10-11; Ex. 6:6; Ex. 7:14; Ex. 8:25; II Cor. 6:14-17; John 2:15-17.

###### Second Compromise

Ex. 8:28; Eph. 5:11.

###### Third Compromise

Ex. 10:24; I Sam. 15:9; 13-14; I Sam. 15:22-23; Ex. 10:26; Ex. 10:27-29; Ex. 33:16; John 15:18-19; Ezra 6:21; Neh. 9:2; I Tim. 6:5.

## **DIGGING DEEP .291 SELF EXAMINATION**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

Self-examination is the ascending of our true state and character before God. It is seeing whether the tree has been made good, whether we are converted or not, may the Lord bless us richly as we study as His feet in Jesus Name. Amen.

### **1. REASONS FOR SELF EXAMINATION**

The lamb of profession may be taken and like others we may be waiting for the bridegroom, there are some who received the word with gladness, who after all were but stony ground hearers e.g. Felix and Agrippa.

II Cor. 13:5; Rom. 8:10-11; Gal. 4:19; Matt. 25:10-13; 13:20-22; Jer. 4:3-4; Luke 18:22-25; Acts 24:24-25; Acts 26:28-29.

### **2. WHAT DOES IT MEANS TO BE IN FAITH**

Having the true faith of a disciple of Christ, Living in the Kingdom, the fruit of the Spirit will be manifested and obedient to His word.

### **3. HOW TO EXAMINE OURSELVES**

The standard of spiritual examination is the word of God, the true mirror the only standard of true holiness, it should be a daily exercise and not others examination.

Luke 6:47-49; James 1:22-25; 2:12; Heb. 3:12-15; I Cor 10:12; John 21:20-22.

## **DIGGING DEEP . 292**

### **ELISHA: A STUDY IN DOUBLE ANOINTING – PART 4**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

In the last part of this series, we saw how the anointing can destroy a curse and replace it with a blessing. We also saw how the anointing can put to shame those forces trying to ridicule our God or ask us, "where is your God". Today, as we study II Kings 3 we want to see the role of the anointing in producing miracles, may God bless us richly in Jesus Name. Amen.

#### **1. ONE WAY OF KNOWING THAT ANOINTING IS FLOWING IS WHEN MIRACLES HAPPEN**

In the story recorded for us in II Kings 3, there are several points of interest. Some of these are (i) the flow of anointing can be interrupted by anger (ii) the flow can be restored by worship (iii) when anointing flows, prophecy flows too (iv) Miracle will reveal the presence of the anointing.

II Kings 3, I Sam. 16:14-23; Ps. 22:3; I Kings 18:45-46; Eze. 3:14; Joel 2:28; I Cor. 12:4-10; Ecc. 11:5; John 3:8; II Cor. 5:7; John 11:40; John 11:39-40, 44; Acts 12:5-11; Acts 19:11-12; I Kings 17:8-16.

**DIGGING DEEP . 293**  
**ELISHA: A STUDY IN DOUBLE ANOINTING – PART 5**

**INTRODUCTION:**

In the last part of this series, we saw that anger can low the fuse of the anointed, that preparations must precede blessings and that anointing works silently to produce miracles. Today, as we continue with the series, may the Lord reveal more to us for our blessings in Jesus Name. Amen.

**1. WHEN ANOINTING SOLVES A PROBLEM IT IS PER MANENTLY SOLVED**

In the story under consideration today, there are many points of interest. Some of which are: (i) the anointing breaks the yoke of poverty and the debt (ii) the anointing delivers from bondage generally (iii) most of the times the anointed requires material things to produce material miracles. (iv) anointing can be limited by the extent obedience of the one being helped and (v) when anointing solves a problem it is permanently solved.

II Kings 4:1-7; II John 2; John 10:10; Phil. 4:19; Acts 16:16-18; II Kings 6:8-16; Luke 13:10-17; Acts 10:38; John 15:5; Phil. 4:13; Mark 8:18; II Kings 2:19-20; I Kings 17:8-16; John 2:-11; John 2:6.

**2. THOSE WHO NEED THE HELP OF THE ANOINTING MUST PLAY THEIR PARTS TOO.**

Before the physician can be of much use to the patient, the patient must cooperate with the physician. Those who need the help of the anointed must play their parts too through (i) a distinct request for help (ii) obedience and (iii) willingness to use what they have to obtain what they need.

Ps. 34:6; Ps. 34:17; Is. 1:8; Deut. 28:1-14.

## **DIGGING DEEP . 294**

### **WHAT CHRIT IS MADE TO BELIEVERS**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

Our Lord Jesus Christ is made unto us Wisdom, (righteousness) i.e. Justification, Sanctification and Redemption, may the Lord open our understanding and bless us richly as we study at His feet in Jesus most precious. Amen.

#### **1. WISDOM OF GOD**

Christ is the Wisdom of God He is able to remove the earthly wisdom. We are not wise unit we have this wisdom.

I Cor. 1:30; I Cor. 1:24; Col. 2:3; Luke 2:40; Col. 3:16; James 3:17-18; Matt. 12:42.

#### **2. JUSTIFICATION AND SANCTIFICATION**

Justification affects our state as sinner, sanctification affects our character as defiled, Justification is effected at once, sanctification is progressive work, which begins with our regenerated and only ends in glory. The anointing blood which he shed is not only the ground of our pardon but is the medium of our purification.

Acts. 13:38-39; Rom.5:17-19; 5:1; Isa.64:6; John 17:17; Titu 2:14; Titu 3:4-5; Cor. 2:9-10; I John 1:7; Heb. 9:13-14; Rev. 7:14; Ex. 29: 43-44; Acts 26:1-8.

#### **3. REDEMPTION**

This obviously relates to the resurrection of the body and glorification of body and soul in heaven.

Rom. 8:22-23 Eph. 4:30; Phil. 3:20-21; I Cor. 15:51; I Thess 5:23 I Thess. 4:16-17.

## **DIGGING DEEP . 295 THE FRUIT OF REVIVAL**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

Revivals have not maintained their peak of favour over any length span of years. In this study, we shall know, the undeniable fruits of revival, may the Lord bless us as we study at His feet in Jesus Name. Amen.

### **1. REVIVAL BRINGS A NEW SENSITIVITY TO SIN**

Revival is accompanied by a deepened conviction of sin, men will be constrained to cry for their sins, men who though themselves to be good religious people have been led to search into the foundation upon which they were resting.

Isa. 44:3-5; Num. 23:23; Mark 7:20, 17; Job 42:6; Ps. 73:22; Jer. 31:10; Luke 18:13; II Cor. 7:10; Matt. 7:24-27.

### **2. REVIVAL BRINGS A NEW CONSECRATION TO GOD**

Holiness becomes the goal of God's children; men and women are so renewed in the spirit. The hypocrites will face the challenge, by this, people will know, what is require of them.

Eph. 4:23-24; Matt. 23:25-26; Eph. 5:96; Mic. 6:6-8; Heb. 12:14.

### **3. REVIVAL BRINGS A NEW LOYALTY TO THE CHURCH**

The goings of God is seen in His sanctuary, members will be concerned for the souls of their neighbour. The appetite for God's word is immeasurably sharpened.

Ps. 68:24; Eph. 2:21-22; Acts 2:47; Ps. 119:105; Heb. 4:12;

### **4. REVIVAL BRINGS A NEW**

It is gloriously impossible for those who are reconciled to God to be permanently unreconciled to one another.

Gal. 5:22-23; Acts 4:32; John 17:20; Acts 2:46-47.

### **5. REVIVAL BRINGS A NEW CONCERN FOR THE LOST**

It rekindles the passion for souls and stimulates the zeal to win other for Christ; the message of salvation is taken to the people where they are.

Act. 5:22-23; Num. 10:29; Matt. 22:10; Isa. 58:6; Jer. 20:9.

**DIGGING DEEP . 296**  
**ELISHA: A STUDY IN DOUBLE ANOINTING**  
**PART 6, II KINGS 4:8-37**

**INTRODUCTION:**

In the last part of this series, we saw that anointing can break the yoke of poverty and that those who need the help of the anointed must play their parts too. Today, as we continue our study, we pray that the source of all anointing will bless us mightily in Jesus Name. Amen.

**1. HE WHO ACCEPTS A PROPHET WILL RECEIVE PROPHET'S REWARD**

In the story under considerations, we have a lot of lessons to learn. Some of which are:

- (i) Those who know the value of the anointed treat them with reverence
- (ii) He who accepts a prophet will receive a prophet's reward and
- (iii) The word of the anointed is creative because it is backed by the creator Himself.

II Kings 4:8-37; Ex. 17:11-13; I Kings 17:8-16; Matt. 10:41-42; Phil. 4:15-19; II Kings 2:22; I Kings 17:1; I Sam. 17:43-51.

**2. FAITH IS A SWITCH THAT CAN TURN ON THE ANOINTING**

Other lessons in the story including (iv) the devil may fight but he cannot overcome the anointed, (v) sin is an insulator to the flow to anointing (vi) anointing can conquer death too and (v) faith is a switch that turns on anointing.

Rom. 8:31, 37; Heb. 1:9; Acts 8:5-8; I Kings 17:17-24; Acts 9:39-42; Matt. 8:5-13; Matt. 15:21-28; Matt. 9:22-29; Luke 8:43-48; I John 4:8; Gal. 5:6.



## **DIGGING DEEP .299**

### **JOURNEY INTO GOD'S POWER**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

Many Christian look for short cuts to the power of God, there is power in Godliness. Jesus was holy and He was powerful, there is tremendous power for us in God, but not without holiness, may the Lord bless us mightily as we study at His feet in Jesus Mighty Name. Amen.

#### **1. HOLINESS PRECEDES POWER**

God will empower what He first makes holy, humility precedes holiness, holiness is the product of grace and God gives grace to the humble by this you will be confronted with the truth about yourself. Hypocrites love to judge, it makes them feel superior, every season of significant spiritual growth always happen by a time of deep repentance.

II Tim. 3:5; Ps. 62:11; II Sam. 22:23; Ps. 101:6; Acts:13-14; Phil. 2:5-9; Matt. 11:29; I Pet. 5:5-6; Luke 18:9; John 8:1-10; Rom. 2:1; I Cor. 4:5; Luke 13:3-5; Matt. 3:8; I John 8:9.

## **DIGGING DEEP 300 ELISHA: A STUDY IN DOUBLE ANOINTING – PART 8**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

In the last part of this series, we learnt that anointing could conquer both austerity and poison too. Today, as we study the well-known story of Naaman. We wish to see the role of anointing in other areas of life, may the Lord bless us richly as we study in Jesus Name. Amen.

### **1. WHAT NO HUMAN KING CAN DO, THE KING OF CAN DO THROUGH HIS ANOINTED ONES.**

The circle of influence of anointing can be widened through witnessing. Also, what kings of the world cannot do the King of Kings can do it easily through His anointed ones. Moreover, anointing can be carried by the word of the anointed to remove the "but" in any man's life.

I Kings 5; John 4:29-30, 39-42; Mark 5: 18-20; I Sam. 17:33-37; I Sam. 17:45-51, 1-14; Acts 3:1-8; Luke 13:10-16; Luke 8:43-48; Acts 8:5-8.

### **2. ANOINTING IS A TWO-EDGED SWORD**

The Holy Spirit guides His anointed on when to receive or reject gifts. Anointing is also a two edged sword which can be used for executing judgments too.

II Kings. 4; Tit. 1:7; Matt. 10:8; Acts 5:1-11; Acts. 13:6-12.