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## **PREFACE**

Pastor E. Adeboye has been a consistent teacher of the word of God, teaching on holiness for decades. The first time I heard him speak many years ago I promised myself to be at his next meeting.

The opportunity came not too long afterwards at the inaugural Service of the first

model Parish in Lagos Nigeria. The experience again was like nothing I had ever heard.

Through Pastor Adeboye's obedience over the years and commitment to serving the Almighty God, the church has grown immensely and today the Redeemed Christian Church of God, a church founded by Pastor Akindayomi, a man who could not even write, now has over 15,000 parishes in every continent of the world.

These teachings are life changing for every Christian to move to the next level of faith in their Christian walk and were given at the RCCG North America 2008 East Coast Conference held in Baltimore.

**Be blessed as you read.**

## **DEDICATION**

These writings are dedicated to the Christian brethren all over the world who have stayed faithful to their calling in establishing God's kingdom here on earth.

By virtue of their obedience disciples are daily added to the household of God through Christ our Lord.

All glory to the one who gave the increase, our God, the El-Shaddai, whose words can never fail nor fall to the ground.

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## **Chapter 1**

### **Revival is coming**

The world we live in today has greatly deviated from what used to be called the norm. Like in the days of Jeremiah, after Manasseh son of king Hezekiah led the people of Jerusalem and Judah into the worship of idols, and following their own desires, so is it with us today. Men have greatly sought after



pleasing themselves and satisfying their own desires thus, fulfilling the prophecies of the last days.

Despite all this I believe the almighty God wants to share some secrets with you as you read, one of this is that revival is coming. Amen. It is most likely that some, not all of the present day Christians, will be agents of that revival.

"I wish I could say that all of us here on earth will be agents of revival (subtle Amen), I said, "I wish I could say", but I am too old now not to know that when you have a crowd this size there will be spectators.

*At every meeting* there will be those who came because they were compelled to come. There will be those who come to chat and then there will always be that remnant that little bit who came for serious business, which are not here to play but to pray. It is that remnant we are focusing on and they will move to the higher level, and it is that remnant that is going to surprise the devil.

Do you think you are one of the remnants?"

Those who consider themselves as remnants are those who will fuel the coming revival

even though it seems far in coming. The remnants are those who will not be left behind when Christ shall appear. These are people who can see and understand the signs of the times like the sons of Issachar and who know what they ought to do and when to do it. **1<sup>st</sup> Chronicles 12:32**

There is one important question I want us to try to address and that is;

Who is the best of the three (categories of believers), the blind; the deaf or the dumb?

In other words if you have a choice, God forbid, if you have a choice between being blind, being deaf or being dumb which one will you choose?

*Psalm 19 verse 1* says that, "the heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament show forth His handiwork."

Blind people don't see what the firmament could be displaying, they don't see the glory of God, they don't see colors, and they do not know the difference between blue and red and yellow. To the blind there is only one color and that is black. Blind doesn't know the difference between green and blue.

In the same manner the one who is spiritually blind is in a very terrible situation **Matthew 15:14** tells us that the one who is spiritually blind cannot even see pitfalls. When the blind leads the blind they fall into the pit. That's why the brethren around who have lost their sight have guides to lead them, they study the environment in which they live to be able to move around comfortably and can avoid pitfalls.

The one who is spiritually blind cannot recognize danger. He doesn't know when a snake is near. It could be dangerous to be blind in a country where there are poisonous snakes.

In our lives today, and everyday, God wants us to see, he gave us His light in His word, the bible to shine unto our path.

**Psalm 119:105** states, *"Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."*

Our life is a continuous walk until the day we breathe our last breath.

- Every walk is through a path.
- Every path has obstacles
- Every obstacle must be avoided or stepped over.
- Every path needs to be lit up for the one treading it to see.
- Every word of God is a light unto our path and a lamp unto our feet.
- Every light we receive from the word of God is to give our lives direction.
- Every direction given by God brings us to an expected end.

I pray you will get to that expected end in Jesus Name.

Understand the word, and believe today that revival is coming.

## **Chapter 2**

### **The Word of God**

The entrance of the word of God gives light and understanding. Psalm 119v 130 When a man hears the word of God his life lights up. When he receives it with understanding, it comes alive in him. When something receives life, it receives the ability to function and above all to grow. When you put a battery in a child's toy, the toy can begin to do what the manufacturer intended it to do. If the function is to flash lights and move, once the child with his little hands turns it on, the toy begins to respond to the child's action. The toy does not recognize whether it is a child's finger or that of an adult (that turns it on), once enough pressure is applied to turn it on and it has a battery charge in it, the toy begins to function.

The battery charge is the word of God in us, and the pressure on the switch is our faith that activates the word and puts it to work. Our faith needs to be recharged always with the word of God, We are the child, and the bible says we should receive the word of God with childlike faith. A child believes with ease and trusts that what is spoken, is indeed true. When you switch on the ignition of a vehicle, the engine comes on, but it will go nowhere until you put it in gear and release the brakes. Put your faith into gear today and release yourself from the bands( the brakes) of unbelief, to fall into the great path of your destiny and the impossible shall be made possible.

In the same manner the word of God is life, as you meditate upon it, you begin to accept it and believe it, (Joshua 1v8- This book of the law shall not depart from thy mouth, thou shalt meditate on it day and night...) The word begins to grow within you, it takes on life when your faith kicks in the word

1. starts to function and
2. it becomes unstoppable,

I want you to visualize it just like that little child can control a huge toy because he holds the controls, you can send the word of God on errand in your life and it will take charge of your situation as your faith propels it to function and overcome every mole hill or mountain before you.

At that point your spiritual eyes are opened and you can begin to see the invisible through your eyes of faith, things which prior to this understanding, those eyes that were spiritually blind, could not see. The benefits of spiritual sight cannot be over emphasized.

(In) the same way if danger is imminent, God forewarns His people. He sent his angels to the land of Sodom and Gomorrah to destroy the city because of their sins. Upon their arrival Lot's eye's opened and he was wise enough to receive the angels into his house.

**Genesis 19:1-12I(NIV)**

<sup>1</sup> *The two angels arrived at Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gateway of the city. When he saw them, he got up to meet them and bowed down with his face to the ground. <sup>2</sup> "My lords," he said, "please turn aside to your servant's house. You can wash your feet and spend the night and then go on your way early in the morning."*

*"No," they answered, "we will spend the night in the square." <sup>3</sup> But he insisted so strongly that they did go with him and entered his house. He prepared a meal for them, baking bread without yeast, and they ate.*

Many others saw them, when they entered the city but Lot drew them to his house, because his spiritual eyes saw they were more than the regular town visitor. The other occupants of the city were engrossed in their perversions and all they could see where another set of visitors they could share these perversions with.

<sup>4</sup> *Before they had gone to bed, all the men from every part of the city of Sodom both young and old surrounded the house. <sup>5</sup> They called to Lot, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us so that we can have sex with them."*

<sup>6</sup> *Lot went outside to meet them and shut the door behind him <sup>7</sup> and said, "No, my friends. Don't do this wicked thing. <sup>8</sup> Look, I have two daughters who have never slept with a man. Let me bring them out to you, and you can do what you like with them. But don't do anything to these men, for they have come under the protection of my roof."*

<sup>9</sup> "Get out of our way," they replied.....

<sup>12</sup> The two men said to Lot, "Do you have anyone else here sons-in-law, sons or daughters, or anyone else in the city who belongs to you? Get them out of here, <sup>13</sup> because we are going to destroy

*this place. The outcry to the LORD against its people is so great that he has sent us to destroy it."*

The action of Lot separated him and earned him favor. The angels waited for Lot to put his things together and depart, they also asked him to hurry and leave because they had a time frame to work, a time when fire and brimstone will fall on the land and consume it. God had opened the eyes of Lot, to receive His messengers. Do not miss your appointed time.

It is important to see the invisible and hear the inaudible. No man in Sodom and Gomorrah that night would have believed that such judgment will fall on them. Look around and view all the evil, men are engaged in today, do you know what judgment God is bringing on your nation today? Through the faithfulness of one man, Abraham, the household of his nephew Lot was saved. Through you today a nation can be saved if you learn obedience to God's word.

When God speaks to us it is not just for our benefit, but to affect many others, much



more than we can see or imagine. As we read on we will see that there is a greater picture than that which we currently see. In genesis 18: verse 18 he said, "Abraham will surely become a great nation", just like the greatness he has promised you and me if we can just see it.

Why do we need to see?

- We need to see that our lives might be preserved,
- We need to see that our growth will not be stunted so that we may increase and be fruitful.

In **2 Kings 4:38-41** the bible tells us of someone who went out to collect herbs and in the process of collecting food for eating he collected poison. Prophet Elisha was present to pray over the death in the pot, and what could have killed them, he blessed, and it nourished their bodies instead.

A lot of people in the world today live like this. We literally employ agents (herbs) of Satan (poison) and then our lives collapse. We seek out help from sources we should never venture near and in the process collect, poisonous herbs and with our very own hands we import death into our lives and home. If only we could see, many pitfalls will be avoided.

There are many People who are spiritually blind so they don't know the difference between sound doctrines and doctrines of the devil. Unfortunately we live in a society where we have quite a lot of doctrines from the devil propounded by people who are sweet tongued. I am trusting God for you that by the time you have read through this book your spiritual eyes will be opened. Not only will your eyes open, but you will know the truth and the truth will set you free.

But it is even more terrible to be deaf, because those who are **deaf** according to the book of **Deuteronomy 28:1-2** cannot even hear the word of God, let alone hearken to it."

### **The Word of God is God himself.**

*John 1:1 states, (In the beginning was the word and the word was with God and the word was God.....) God is in every bit of His word, i.e., His word is Him and He is His word. The two are inseparable. God values His word even higher than His name, and His integrity cannot be faulted.*

How I wish we could truly believe that God is His word, and that His word is Him, then we might understand that His word is indeed

- True
- Powerful
- Able to save and deliver
- Able to heal
- Self sufficient
- Gracious.

The word of God is quick and powerful and it will do whatever it says it will do. Let this word be the manual for your life's operations. Like you obey, the manual of your household equipments) to optimize its benefit, so obey the word of God and use it as a lamp in the path of life so that you may see clearly and optimize the resources God has made available to you and your household..

*(The word of God is a Light unto my path and lamp unto my feet...).* **Psalm 119:105**

***Positive response to the word of God brings reward.***

Hearkening brings blessings. According to **Deuteronomy 28:1-2**, you must hearken diligently to the voice of God for you to be blessed. Hearkening makes you to live disease free. **Exodus 15: 26**, states, (*you need to hearken diligently to the voice of the Lord your God for you to be disease free.*)

Spiritually those who are deaf cannot receive these benefits. The one who is spiritually deaf

- Cannot even hear warnings from God
- Cannot repent
- Cannot be healed

In **Isaiah 6:8-10** God said to Isaiah, (*Whom shall I send who will go for us?*) The man of God replied, "I am here send me."

God said, "tell these people you hear but you won't understand), the man of God said, "for how long?" God said, "till they are all destroyed."

However the same God in **Psalms 107:18-20** said to another set of people (*He sent His word and He healed them from all their destruction*) but there are some people who just cannot hear. They cannot hear the word of God and because they can't hear the word of God, God can't heal them neither can He deliver them.

The word of God must be heard for it to be experienced. Can you hear the word of God?

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blessing

When the word of God is spoken, does it affect your life? **Does it impact your line of thinking?** Or is it to you as water is to a duck, who even though (he) wades (reads) through the water (word/bible) everyday, the water does not get on his inside, rather he simply shakes it off each time.

People are spiritually deaf because they just can't hear warnings. The pastor may repeat the same thing a dozen times somehow it does not sink in. In today's English we say they have developed a tough skin, but in God's kingdom not hearkening is simple disobedience because whether you are physically or spiritually deaf God has sent His word to all, whoever turns a deaf ear to the word of God seeks destruction.

***Disobedience is an open doorway to affliction.*** Affliction has many tentacles, like the freshwater animal the multi-tentacle hydra, the tentacles of disappointments, failures, losses, regrets, and a general waste of time (delays) and resources from which we later seek much needed deliverance by several hours of fasting and praying or seeking deliverance ministers.

I pray to the almighty God that your spiritual ears will be opened (Amen).

Of the three (situations) the worst thing is to be dumb.

### **Chapter 3**

#### **The need to Hear, Speak and See.**

In *Matthew 12:22* the bible says that they brought a man to Jesus who was blind and dumb. When the Lord healed him, the bible says the man both spoke and saw. He was blind and dumb and then he was healed. I thought the order should be the man both saw and speak. But the Lord said the man both spoke and saw.

The one who is spiritually dumb;

- Cannot issue decrees
- Cannot cast out demons
- Cannot cry for help
- Cannot praise God

That tells you that speaking is far more important than seeing. Anyone who is dumb **cannot issue decrees.**

The book of **Job 22:21-28** says if you satisfy certain conditions you can decree a thing and it will be established unto you. Decrees are issued with authority and they have to be obeyed. When a Governor issues a decree every office in the state falls in line with the dictates of the

decree. Their opinion or willingness is of no importance and any citizen who fails to comply will simply face the wrath of the law so is it for every Christian who disobeys God.

As (children) of God we have been endowed with power from on high, from God to issue decrees and the host of heaven will stand to back us up. When Elijah called down fire on the prophets of Baal, (and) the fire fell, even King Ahab who was a terror to his subjects could not stop it.

The one who is dumb cannot cast out demons.

**Mark 16:17** says, *(these signs will follow them that believe, in my name you will cast out demons..)* There is no way you can cast out demons simply by saying it silently, the demon must hear you speak. God has given authority to those who believe in his word to speak to situations in the name of Jesus, and whatsoever they ask according to His

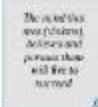
will shall be granted. Words that we speak bring life. With our mouths we make our requests and the concerned party hears us and responds.

But even worse than that is that, the one who is dumb cannot cry out for help.

In **Psalm 50:14-15**, the word of God says (*if you call on me in the day of trouble I will answer*), but if you are dumb how will you cry? We can cry out to God in times of pain, lack and anytime we need help, he is there waiting for us to call. Remember He is our father, and He is more than ready to respond to our cry for help, or shout of praise.

The most important of all is that the one who is dumb cannot praise God.

**Psalm 22 verse 3** says, (*God inhabits the praises of his people*).

 Now it is possible to pray silently, but it is not possible to praise God silently, there is nothing called silent praise. There could be silent prayer but nothing called silent praise. One of the ways you know that someone is drifting far from God is that they don't know how to praise God any more. One of the reasons why I always ask my children to shout hallelujah is to test their spiritual health. Those who are



too big to shout praise to God, are too big for God. Let somebody shout hallelujah.

In other words, we are saying it is good to be able to see.

When we talk about seeing now, I am sure you know we are talking about both physical and spiritual; and my faith is high that before you are through reading this blind eyes will see and I mean physically and spiritually. It is good to be able to see because the bible says in **Proverbs 29:18**, (*without vision the people perish*). In other words those who cannot see will ultimately perish.

God wants to save us, from (the) destruction that is to come. God wants to prepare us for the blessing that is to come.

That is why God wants us to see, hear and speak both physically and spiritually.

The Lord asked Abraham to depart from his country, his family and his father's house to a land that He will show him. When Abraham got there, the Lord told him whatever you can see you can have. That word gave Abraham assurance because he had learnt to trust in God, and was therefore willing to obey. His instructions had been to leave his family, but he still had Lot with him, and when Abraham and Lot's husbandmen started to have altercations, Abraham being a man of

peace asked Lot to gather his household and children and choose whichever land he preferred. Lot chose the one that was green according to what his physical eyes could see.

Abraham unlike Lot could hear God, and could see through the eyes of God by believing in what he heard. Lot's lack of spiritual sight made him choose a land where his daughters' husbands perished when fire and brimstone fell, which ultimately led to his own destruction. His daughters said since there was no man for them to marry they decided to lay with their father.

Abraham on the other hand chose as far as his eyes could see and went his way. The land he chose flourished. It is a terrible thing not to be able to see, it is a terrible thing to have limited vision. If you can see far you can go far.

*If you can  
see far you  
will go far*

When the first Auditorium was built on the camp ground of the Redeemed Christian Church of God (in Lagos), (the size) was 300 feet by 150 feet. Some said now we have the biggest auditorium in Africa let's

wall it round, and the whole world will come to see. (As) the General Overseer I shook my head in sorrow because I saw how

limited their vision was. Now we have an auditorium that is 1 mile long and half a mile wide, (the) same set of people say let us wall it round now we have arrived, while I am saying extension work must begin immediately. When I told them that this huge auditorium is for the children that the real one for the adults is yet to be built, they still cannot see it.

Seeing is a crucial part of a man's life, Walt Disney had a dream to build a place of entertainment for families. (As) hard as he tried he could not convince financiers to see the feasibility of his dream, but he said "If you can dream it, you can do it." So he turned to television by broadcasting the Disneyland series on Television so that people could see the fantasy and entertainment world he was trying to build. Today children and adults all over the world not only know but love Disneyland (so much) that almost every family wants to visit it. He dreamt it and saw it. Disney world was a vision in his heart.

Christianity is a walk with God, a walk through a path that you see through faith and understanding of God's word. To walk with God,

- It is imperative to understand that you have been called by him out of darkness into His marvelous light.
- It is imperative to know that He, the Almighty

God who rules the affairs of men rules by his power and authority, has a great plan of success and legacy of abundance and peace for all His children.

- to understand that he has a different assignment for each one of us he has called to himself.

Finally if He created us for His glory, purpose and knows our individual assignments, then it is to Him every Christian needs to turn to for direction and the path to follow to fulfill (their) individual purpose.

Our spiritual understanding will help us to stay on the right path, lighted by God's word, it will help us to see, to hear, to hearken and be able to cry out and praise as we ought. If you can see far you will go far. A 3 dimensional glass or picture gives you a more realistic view of the image you are looking at, so does faith.

When you are troubled the word of God you receive or recall will bring peace into your present situation no matter how trying appears. That word will bring assurance and you can ride the tide through.

Why? Simply because through His word God reveals his mind to us in all things, so when other men are falling and fainting, we are at peace. Men will wonder, what is the matter

with this man? He has no money, no job and yet he is out searching for a 5 bedroom home to buy.

I know a Christian brother, who was out of a job had no means of livelihood for him and his family, but God kept on talking to him assuring him that he has prepared great things for him.

Many people around him thought he was out of his mind because of the things he spoke about, but a year after he

lost his job a packet came for him in the mail. He opened it and he was offered a job he was never interviewed for though he had applied. The job offer was much better than all the other jobs his head hunter could have informed him about.

His peace at that time and assurance came from the word of God he received and the visions God was showing to him. If he had been spiritually blind and deaf, he would have missed his opportunity and settled for anything to keep body and soul together. At that time I even came across something he could work at from home, but he said because His father had not spoken about the other jobs, he would still wait. Like you read earlier if you can see far you will go far.

When I told my children years ago in London, I see royalty coming to worship with us, they could not see it. They thought I was

joking, they've seen it. But even when I tell the same set of people what God will use our leaders for in the church, they silently say this man has come again.

It is a good thing to be able to see, but seeing has limitations. In **2 Corinthians 5:7** the word of God says, (*we walk by faith not by sight*).

Seeing has limitations because seeing could become at times a faith killer **Matthew 14:22-33** tells us the story of (Jesus') disciples in a boat. There was a storm. They saw Jesus walking on the water towards them. They were afraid because they thought He was a spirit, (actually He is a Spirit), and so they cried out in fear and he said, "Do not be afraid". Peter said, "Master if it be you, bid me come", and

He did and Peter actually walked on water until he **saw** the wind was boisterous. Now let me ask you; he did what?

He saw.

He saw the wind, the wind is any threat to the fulfillment of a promise or word we have received, and it could bring fear if we do not stand our ground against it. So, there is a limitation to seeing because it could kill your faith. Peter took his eyes off Christ and then he began to sink. There is a limitation to seeing that can kill faith, and God knows there are many things we want and he is capable

of granting, but we lack the maturity to handle. Therefore God may withhold such things from us for a season until we are ready for it.

The wind he saw is like the distraction that shifts our focus from the master such as, our jobs, our needs and other issues of life that shake our faith.

If we examine our situations today we might find it hard to hold fast to the promises of God because the wind around us appears boisterous and throws us off focus to see and believe.

It is very good to hear, because faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

The one who can hear will develop faith, big faith, and mountain moving faith so if you can hear, and your faith can grow to the level of moving mountains it can even help you to move the mountains of blindness. (Therefore) if you are blind but you can hear, your faith can grow and your faith will DEAL WITH THE BLINDNESS.

You know the story, in *Mark 10:46-52*.

That is the story of blind Bartimaeus. He heard Jesus was passing by and before the day was over he was able to see. He simply refused to be silenced by those around him who insisted he should keep quiet. Blind Bartimaeus needed something, and he needed it badly, no wind, no ill advice or threat from anyone was going to stop him from calling the attention of Jesus as he walked past.

Bartimaeus **cried out for help** until the master heard and healed him of his blindness granting him his much needed sight. How much do you desire that sight? Do you desire it

so much that you can be deaf to the oppositions and screaming voices you hear and just hold on?

**Mark 11:22-23** tells us that if you have faith and you doubt not you can speak to mountains and mountains will move.

So it is good to see and better to hear, but it is better still to be able to see and to hear. If you can both see and hear at the same time you will go even further.

Some of us have seen the same visions or revelations that some great men of God have seen, but the difference is what we do with it. A couple of years ago a visiting Pastor at our Church preached a sermon the message was "What do you see?"

He told us a story of two men who went to China on a business trip and they saw people walking around bare feet.

One of the men said these people don't wear shoes, there is no market for shoes here, and the other man saw the milling Chinese population and saw a huge market opportunity for shoes.

So what do you see? When you look through that situation you are in, what do you see? Each day of your life what do you see in your life experiences? Lessons? Pains? Regrets?



Hope? Or maybe a stepping stone to the next level?

Our perception needs to be aligned with the vision of God. We have to be able to see through the eyes of faith. The book of *Isaiah 11:3-4* says we should not judge by what we see or hear but with the righteousness of God.

This is a powerful verse that can change lives. If men could learn to live it, than we will not settle for a bowl of porridge like Esau did, but rather hold on to the words of the father and secure an inheritance for our children.

Esau sold his birthright to his twin brother Jacob, for a bowl of porridge and on the day his father pronounced blessings, Jacob received the pronounced blessings instead of him. At that point though Jacob pretended to be Esau before his blind father Jacob, his deceit did not stop him from receiving the imparted blessing. In principle he became the first child when Esau sold him his birthright and he received the blessing of the first born, a position he had bought with a bowl of porridge.

How much is your inheritance worth, for how much are you willing to trade it?

Not only did Esau afterwards become a man of the fields, the generations to come that became significant in the lives of God's People, the twelve tribes of Israel, came out of the line of his brother Jacob. Moses was a descen-

dant of Jacob, a great Grandchild from the tribe of Levi, Jacob's son.

### **Eyes that see**

If you read **Exodus 3:1-15** it tells you the story of Moses at the burning bush. The bible said Moses was passing by. Have you ever stopped to ask;

- How many other people passed by? How many people stopped to see the great sight?
- Why was Moses the only one the bible recorded as
- Passing by.
- Stopping to behold
- (Being the one who) heard God

On that day, Moses journey to a higher level began because of a single experience in which he saw and heard.

- He saw the bush burning
- Heard God calling him.

This passage also tells us that we need to pay close attention to the things of God, so that we do not miss hearing Him or seeing what God is showing us.

I pray that before we are done you will be able to see (Amen) and be able to hear (Amen), but then the best of all is to be able to see, hear, and speak. In **Mark 11:23** the bible made it clear that when you pray and you believe that you have whatsoever you say. To be able to see big visions, visions that will make other

people think maybe you are crazy, is a wonderful thing.

Seeing and hearing  
will increase your  
faith.

Because if you can see further  
you can go further, to be able to  
hear will

- Enable you hear the word of God
- Increase your faith
- Your faith will be able to deal with the mountains.

See mountains that will be on your way blocking your way to your vision. Then to be able to speak will of course give you the ability to command these mountains to move out of the way, Why all, this lengthy introduction? It is because there is a level where it is possible to **SEE THE INVISIBLE**.

**2 Kings 6:15-17** tells you the story of an army that came to arrest Elisha. His son (servant) woke up early in the morning and he looked round and he saw that they were surrounded by an army. He **saw** horses of the enemy, he saw their chariots, he saw the soldiers, which means physically he was not blind.

When he came into his master he said master, "Alas, my master! How shall we do?" Seeing helps your confession and the bible says the power of life and death is in the tongue. Job said that which I feared most has come upon me and he lost his children, wives, cattle and more. In his heart Job had already envisioned the suffering he went through.

Other people like David, confessed of the greatness of God, when he challenged Goliath? He called the army of Israel the Army of the living God.

The entire army for forty days had been terrorized by this giant, not one of them at the time believed they were the army of the living God, except this ruddy lad as the bible described David.

The army stood but God used a lad to defeat a giant, because the child recognized they were the armies of the living God, not just any army, David's spiritual eyes could see, and this emboldened his heart that God was indeed able to deliver Goliath into his hands. In this verse and his words of faith brought deliverance to a whole nation when he stoned Goliath to death with a single stone.

Master (Elisha) said do not worry those with us are more than those who are with them, he could not understand that because when he counted: Master, servant, servant master, there were only 2 of them. Until the master prayed and said God open his eyes. "And I pray the Lord open your eyes". And suddenly he saw the invisible. He saw what ordinary eyes could not see, he saw horses of fire, chariots of fire.

There is a level where you could see such things and you need to get to that level for the work of ministry to become a pleasure.

You need to get to that level where you see angels; even if it is once in a while then you

have the confidence to walk through fire. It is necessary to be able to see the invisible so that once in a while you see demons who might be masquerading as workers in the church i.e. living under a spiritual cover portraying a totally different picture of who they really are.

You need to be able to see that there are some people who are financiers of the church who are there to prevent the Pastor from praying. (They think in their hearts), "Why do you need to pray? Anytime you need money come to me."

You say you need \$10,000.00. (They) will give you a check for \$20,000.00. Before long God is no longer your source, instead of depending on God you start relying on these people. It is a good thing to have people who give towards the ministry work, but then you need to be able to see to discern who they are.

## **Chapter 4**

### **Moving to the Next Level**

So there is a level, and that is where we are going, that higher level, where it is possible to see the invisible. And at that level it also becomes possible to hear the inaudible, which is where our text for this evening came from **1 Kings 18:41**.

### **Seeing the Invisible**

Elijah said, "I have heard the sound of abundance of rain; I (Adeboye) have been hearing the shout of hallelujah that shakes the whole of America. A long time ago, the first time I heard that shout coming from the throat of millions of Americans, was shortly after Louis Farrakhan organized what he called the one million man march. I saw a little bit of it on television I saw the crowd I know they were less than 1,000. But I was intrigued that at least one man could bring that kind of crowd together, as I was shared, with one of my sons.

Anytime I study people like Hitler and I see how terrible a man can be a man be when he is possessed by the devil, I also look at the other side I also see how far a man can go if he is possessed by the Holy spirit.

So if a man can gather that crowd in Washington DC because of his convictions, I have a rough idea how many people the Holy Spirit can gather. I am going to be there that night when the whole of Washington DC will come to a standstill because people have come to praise my Lord. Will you be there? Can you

see it? Can you hear the shout already? May I hear someone shout hallelujah?

Those who have heard Pastor Adeboye speak over the years, know that indeed **this** is not just a statement, but an upcoming event that will happen in the near future.

Sight is very important, good sight is devoid of darkness, because it constantly reflects light for the eye to see.

Then there is that level where you can see the invisible and hear the inaudible you become authorized to speak like an oracle of God.

*The text we read **1Kings 18:41** says that Elijah without seeing a cloud sent his servant to go and inform Ahab, go and eat now because rain is coming.*

You must know your God before you make such a statement. You had better be at that level, where you can see the invisible, the inaudible to begin to predict what is going to sound ridiculous and make that prediction not just among your congregation but on national Television.

In **1 King 17:1**, Elijah walked to the presence of Ahab and *said there will be no rain, no dew until I call for it*. Now if you do not know who you are if you do not know to whom you are connected to you do not make such statements.

Just before our own (Nigerian) elections presidential candidates came to visit this little pastor (because I am not a politician).

When you hear and hearken to God, he will use you for others, leaders and nations.

Now if you don't know your God, you cannot see the invisible (or) hear the inaudible you dare not prophesy. So when I say to you, there is going to be a big revival here, I am not joking. Revival is coming and to those who can see the invisible, hear the inaudible they will do the impossible.

### **Seeing the Past**

Now there is a level where you can see the past, I know some may say what is the big deal about that?

**2 Kings 5:20-27** tells (us) that when Gehazi came and stood before Elijah, Elijah said, "Where have you been?" He (Gehazi) said, "I have not been anywhere." Elijah said, "My eyes followed you, though I was in this room I saw you and I saw that General turning in his chariot, receiving you, I even saw him giving you certain things."

It is good to be able to see into the past, particularly events that humanly speaking, there is no way you would have found out. It is a sign of divine favor that brings better understanding of what you are experiencing or witnessing in the present.

Spiritually there should be no difference, what we see in the physical a lot of times was first settled in the Spiritual before it manifests to us physically. Seeing into the past or future is an invaluable asset.



In 1974 I was barely a year old as a Christian and I was in the restroom prior to going to the church for the workers' meeting. In those days we held workers' meetings in the evenings and I sat in the restroom, suddenly I saw a screen coming down the wall opposite me and I saw the church, the headquarters church in service and then I saw 2 seats on the altar empty. The service was going on and they were singing the song that will precede the sermon.

Suddenly I saw the vestry door open and two people came in; the preacher and the interpreter, and you could see that they had been praying. They came in and the preacher began to preach the interpreter began to interpret and the power of God came down and suddenly the screen removed. Then I realized I was in the restroom.

After the service I went to my father in the Lord and said I saw something with the excitement of a baby in Christ, and described to him exactly what I saw and he put his two hands on his head, and he shouted and he beckoned to the other pastors and said repeat what you have said.

I repeated and the man said at the beginning (of the ministry) and before any service, the preacher and interpreter will be locked in the vestry praying, but they stopped that years ago as the church began to grow.

He said, "We will return to our first love." It is good to be able to see the past. I think from that day the old man began to look at me

differently, (thinking) this baby who is seeing this thing, we had better watch him. I pray God will open your eyes (Amen).

### **Seeing the Present**

It is good to see the past but it is better still to see the present. In **2 Kings 6:32-33**, the bible tells us that when Elisha began to trouble a particular king by revealing his secrets, the king decided to send somebody to go and arrest him (Elisha).

Elisha sat in his house and saw the messengers coming to arrest him and he told those who were sitting with him, look at this son of the devil coming to take my head. The servant is coming when the servant comes, hold him fast because his master is coming after him.

The power of sight (is incredible). Men say people have foresight (when) they launch into a business which grows inexplicably. With God you see with great precision, His revelations cannot be faulted.

Elisha sat in his house not on the balcony and he saw men coming to get him. In that situation he was prepared and the men coming to arrest him could not launch a surprise attack to arrest him. Rather he not only knew they were coming, he also had the assurance through his spiritual sight what he should do to arrest them.

If you had that kind of advance notice will the enemy be able to get you, can you be caught unawares? No you cannot.

I want to pray for all the ministers to be able to see what is happening in their congregation. May be if I give an illustration they will be able to understand the point I am trying to make.

As a minister of God you are at the battle front. Whether you know it or not you are surrounded by enemies, but that is not to frighten you because we are more than conquerors, but like the elders will say, when God has revealed your enemies to you they cannot kill you anymore.

I had a vision in the 80's in my early days as the General Overseer. In those days we were much fewer so I could see (counsel) people from morning till evening. (I had nothing else doing).

In a vision I saw two pythons, big pythons; one was black and shining beautiful the other was light in complexion but had polka dots all over it. I saw them coming towards me and suddenly I snapped out of the vision. I mean if you see two pythons coming towards you I am sure you will snap out of the vision too. I said, "Lord what is the meaning of this?" The Lord said today two women will visit you and both of them are pythons. You will recognize the first one because she will be black and shiny. You will recognize the second one because she will be light complexioned and the dress she wears would be polka dots. My secretary was sitting outside, just before they entered the Lord said, the first python is coming.

You see when you have advanced information the job becomes interesting, the first one came and said a lot of beautiful things, but I knew who was talking, so I was able to parry every blow.

The Lord said the second one is coming, after I have seen a dozen other people, here comes the second and he said be ready for this one.

The door opened and here comes the second. She was a very beautiful lady, light in complexion, and wearing a polka dot dress. But because the Lord said "Be ready", I was on my toes. In my office then the table was in one corner, and when I want to receive people I sit on easy chairs. As soon as she came in she headed straight for me and wanted to kiss me but because I had been warned I was able to brace myself to avoid her embrace.

Seeing through the human eyes, one could have seen just the beauty of the lady, but a deeper revelation through the eyes of God revealed the dangerous serpent on the inside.

### **Seeing into the Future**

*Isaiah 11:1* <sup>1</sup> And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

I pray God will open your eyes to see the past to see the present and even better still to see the future. In *Isaiah 7:14* the bible says, (Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.) Isaiah

saw this vision 100's of years before, the Lord was born, he saw far into the future

In **2 kings 7:1-2** there was another man of God who saw. This time he did not see something so far ahead but he saw something that was going to happen in the near future.

The man of God said, "By this time tomorrow", in a nation where women were eating their children he said there will be abundance of food and within 24 hours it happened.

I want to prophesy to someone that before morning you will be drenched in showers of blessings.

There is a level where you can hear the past, **2 kings 6: 8-12**. (The) ability to hear in the past is good for every minister of God, for instance on Sunday morning as soon as you get into the church you will be able to know how many people met in that meeting last night and were discussing you.

### **Hearing the Present**

It is even better for you to hear the present. In **Mark 2:1-12** when they brought the man who was sick with palsy to Jesus Christ the people around were saying in their heart, who is this fellow who is blaspheming and saying "I'm forgiving sins."

It is good to be able to hear even what is going on while you are in the service.

(At) one of our conventions several years ago, it was Friday night, we were very few and

usually we use to call it Miracle night, before we started calling it Holy Ghost and I would lay hands on everyone who is present, that's how few we were.

I had laid hands on the sick and barren and it was midnight and I wanted to pray for all the pastors. I said, "all pastors you can come now so that I can pray for you before we close", suddenly I heard one witch on the right side of the auditorium talking to another on the left side of the auditorium, "it is now time for us to act." I said "Pastors hold on hold on", because they "the witches" were waiting for the ministers.

They had come with a plan, they could not distinguish who were the ministers in the crowd, but now I as I was calling them forward they would be able to identify them. I said "Hey hold on." I announced to the two of them, come out now so that I can pray for your deliverance. But if you don't come (out) within a week you will be buried.

They knew I was speaking the truth because firstly how did I hear?

How did I hear because they were not using microphone to talk, how did I intercept their message, so they knew this man knows what he is talking about. And when I said they will die in a week they knew it was not prophecy it is a decree and they know the difference between the two.

They came (out) and I told everybody to close their eyes so it will be easy for them to come

out but many people closed only one eye. In fact one man came to me later and said, "I climbed on the bench and they came and one of them said I told you I didn't want to come."

### **Hearing the Future**

It is good to be able to hear the past (and) the present but the best of all is to be able to hear the future. In Acts 9:10-18 the bible told us of what God spoke to Ananias there is a man called Paul of Tarsus in a particular house, he is praying and has already seen you coming in to pray for him.

He has seen it all, what is going to happen in the future and heard what you are going to say when you get there.

When Elijah, also said I have heard the sound of abundance of rain he heard the future.

Some of you will remember when some years ago; about 10 years now, when you came to the Holy Ghost service at the camp (in Lagos), the first Friday of June, I said to every body present, "shake hands with your friend and say happy New Year. Some of you did not understand what I meant but by Monday they knew why they were greeting hands with someone saying happy New Year."

***Indeed a new dawn began for the nation that Monday morning.***

Maybe you should shake hands with somebody and say happy New Year too, (and I am not joking), because something new is about to begin. Something new that will bring

great joy and release into your life, if you can believe it, then you will receive it.

***The word of God is new every morning, do not believe those who tell you the bible is just a story.***

God says His word is new every morning that means every morning the word of God takes on life to perform the commands of God. It refreshes, it restores whatever it did thousands of years ago it can do it again today.

- If it healed the blind Bartimaeus yesterday it can heal blindness today.
- If it restored a withered limb yesterday it can restore your withered limb (situation, finances, marriage) today.
- If it healed the sick and raised the dead years ago it can do the same today.
- If it promoted Mordecai and Joseph years ago it can promote you today.

So the question to you today is would you like to move to that higher level? Talk to God tell the almighty God I don't want to remain a baby forever I want to move to higher level, Talk to the Almighty God.

From today onwards how you pray how you approach God in prayer will tell God whether you really want to move to a **higher** level or whether you are content to be just a spectator in this life. If you really want to move to the next level he is more than able within 24



hours to move you to a higher level where you can see the invisible hear the inaudible and speak like an oracle of God,

#### Prayers

- Almighty God, move me to a higher level, move me to a higher level.
- I am tired of being a baby Christian I want to move on to a higher level.
- Open my eyes O lord that I will begin to see.
- Speak to my heart this day and let me begin to hear, grant me the grace to study your word that it might fill me up.

### **Moving to the higher level**

Earlier you read that if we hear God and develop our faith then we can move mountains, mountains of problems or challenges in our lives. Some people are content with being the prayer warrior in their families, while God earnestly awaits us to be movers and shakers in our world, for his kingdom.

Nations are governed by laws instituted by men, but we Christians shy away from being involved and limit God to only our churches. When laws are passed by our legislators we are not there to defend our beliefs, in America for instance prayers were thrown out of the public school system, and it is almost a

crime to mention the name Jesus in a public classroom.

People get offended by Christian practice in schools, but it is alright to engage our little seven or eight year olds whose minds are still tender, in sexual discussion the "world" finds agreeable even though they are contrary to our beliefs as Christians.

God expects His disciples to operate at a higher level of influence, and that is why it is important we hear God, to preserve our nations for coming generations. To function effectively as the child of the most high we must be able to see the invisible and hear the inaudible that we may speak as His oracle.

Elijah in the book of 1 Kings 18, was a highly respected man of God, why?

The entire chapter tells us how much they revered Elijah, because of his pronouncements over the land, so much that the king declared him wanted, he commanded the rain not to fall for over 3 years and it did not, everyman in the land feared him. Jezebel wanted his head because his decrees superseded that of the king. The king made the laws but God rules over the affairs of men and controls the natural elements, which can make or break a nation. You belong to that great God.

The bible says you are fearfully and wonderfully made. You are a god and you have to see, hear and act like one.

Seeing has limitations, but it also has levels.

- Seeing the past
- Seeing the present
- Seeing the future

## **Chapter 5**

### **The need to move up to the Next Level**

We have talked so much about moving to a higher level, and some people may begin to ask why must I move to a higher level?

Is it compulsory I must hear from God after all we cannot all be prophets? We have others who can hear from God. In the time of Moses, God always sent him to the children of Israel. Why do I need to spend so much time fasting and praying when I can walk up to my pastor to pray for me and tell me what God has revealed to him?

There are many reasons why we need to move up. For example all the elders who sent Moses to enquire from God never saw the Promised Land, they and the children of Israel died in the wilderness. The only ones

who got to the promised land where those born in the wilderness.

If you do not know why you need to go up you will have no motivation to go there, or be eager to pay the price for going higher.

We will deal with just **12 reasons** why we need to hear the inaudible, see the invisible and move up to the next level, and move away from our stagnancy and content state so that we may grow in the Lord.

### **1. Assurance of Good Standing**

Hearing the inaudible from God gives you assurance that you are still in good standing with God and that He is pleased with you. **Romans 10:14** says *as many as are led by the spirit of God they are the sons of God, 1Samuel 2:30*. God could call or...have a plan but he is free to change his mind.

God is a destiny changer. One of the ways of knowing God has pushed you aside is that God no longer speaks to you. In **1 Samuel 3:1-14** the bible talks of a Prophet called Eli. *Eli stopped hearing from God because he lost control of his household when his children did things that were scandalous in the eyes of God.*

## **2. Knowing your destiny**

Hearing the inaudible enables you to know your destiny. i.e. the exact purpose why you are here on earth. **Jeremiah 1:4-5**. Not knowing your purpose could be frustrating. (It) amounts to laboring in vain. **Joshua 1:1-8**.

You could be a tailor but God wants you as a barber, even though they both use scissors. Whatever we are now, if we know what God wants us to be we will take our present job seriously and work towards that which God wants us to be.

In **Genesis 12:1-3** Abraham heard distinctly from God. The Voice is needed to caution us and keep us on track in case we veer off from the direction. Abraham in disobedience took Lot along with him after God asked him to leave his father's house and kindred. For doing this Abraham suffered Famine. **Exodus 1:1-15**.

## **3. Caution**

The voice of God is needed to caution us. We need to hear the inaudible to keep us from veering off the track of our destiny. Abraham was ordered by God to leave his father's house and kindred and go to a land that God will show him. However against God's instruction he took Lot along with him, which in the context of family was a good thing because he was looking out for his nephew.

The kindness he expressed in the eyes of man was acceptable, but (unacceptable) in the eyes of the God who knows the end of a thing from the beginning thereof. Abraham suffered famine for his disobedience.

#### **4. Peace in the midst of storm**

You need to move up to be able to enjoy peace in the midst of storms that will suddenly arise on your way to your destiny. If your destiny is great, the devil will not allow you to get there, by installing obstacles on the way. God may intimate you with your destiny, because He only tells you where you are going not the details along the way in between starting and getting there.

God for instance called Jeremiah in but did not tell him the ordeal he will face in his journey, but there was no doubt he was

called by God. If God calls He will stand by you as your God, no matter the ordeals on the way.

(In) **Acts 9:10-15** (and) **Acts 18:7-11**, (we see the) destiny of Saul of Tarsus. There are many people in the calling with a little various stories and experiences. But these experiences won't kill you.

**Acts 27:20-25** states the Story of Saul turned Paul when he was about to be killed in a shipwreck. God sent an angel to save him. You won't die. Usually it is as you march to your destiny that you get discouraged with life. Do not be discouraged God will see you get there.

### **5. Live by faith**

The just shall live by faith. When you hear the inaudible your faith and obedience will sustain you. It is not easy to drive at night without headlamps. If you do you end up straining your eyes, you will struggle to stay on the road, trying to avoid any obstacle on the way. You might even run into some obstacles without seeing them, or run into them because it was too late to stop. In **Jeremiah 33:1-7** God promised restoration despite the prophecy of the destruction to come

**Promise of Restoration** <sup>1</sup> *While Jeremiah was still confined in the courtyard of the guard, the word of the LORD came to him a second*

time: <sup>2</sup> "This is what the LORD says, he who made the earth, the LORD who formed it and established it—the LORD is his name: <sup>3</sup> 'Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.' <sup>4</sup>For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says about the houses in this city and the royal palaces of Judah that have been torn down to be used against the siege ramps and the sword <sup>5</sup> in the fight with the Babylonians : 'They will be filled with the dead bodies of the men I will slay in my anger and wrath. I will hide my face from this city because of all its wickedness.

<sup>6</sup> "Nevertheless, I will bring health and healing to it; I will heal my people and will let them enjoy abundant peace and security. <sup>7</sup> I will bring Judah and Israel back from captivity and will rebuild them as they were before.

Those who are Just need to hear the inaudible. It is satisfying to know the end before the beginning, to walk with open and not closed eyes.

**Psalm 119:18-19**

<sup>18</sup> *Open my eyes that I may see*

*wonderful things in your law.*

<sup>19</sup> *I am a stranger on earth;*

*do not hide your commands from me.*

**6. To know what God wants to do.**



Hearing the inaudible enables you to know what God wants to do. It is good if we are (you and I) the prophets God tells of things to come.

**Psalm 25:14** speaks for itself. <sup>14</sup>*The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant. (KJV).* If you fear God you will obey Him. The more you obey, the more he speaks to you, the closer you also get to him.

## **7. To Achieve the Impossible.**

Hearing the inaudible enables us achieve the impossible.

In **Exodus 14:15-28**, when the children of Israel got to the Red Sea Moses cried out to God. God said, "why cry unto me, Ask the children of Israel to move forward."

God after instructing Moses to lead the children of Israel, did not expect Moses to see anything as an obstacle as long as he kept to the path, the pillar of cloud and fire led them through. Hallelujah! God said move forward.

If it were you and I will we move forward at the great sight of the red sea and step into it? But the word and voice of God is enough for a man of faith to achieve the impossible. Moses stretched forth his hand and the sea parted.

Moses knew Pharaoh will come, he did come only for God to drown Pharaoh and his chariots in the sea as he pursued the children of Israel.

When God leads us we achieve the impossible by His grace, hearing the inaudible. God spoke to Moses not the nation of Israel. ***May God speak to you today to lead the ones he has appointed you to lead and achieve the impossible. Amen.*** Remember it is he who sows that will reap. All rivers run into the Red Sea yet it is not full.

## **8. Helps frustrate the enemy**

In **2 Kings 6:8-12**, every time the King of Assyria made his plan, God will reveal his evil plan to Elisha right inside Elisha's bedroom and he will tell the King of Israel. Elisha did

not need to bug the King's palace or send spies.

Verse 11 states, <sup>11</sup>*Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled for this thing; and he called his servants, and said unto them, Will ye not shew me which of us is for the king of Israel?*

<sup>12</sup>*And one of his servants said, None, my lord, O king: but Elisha, the prophet that is in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber.*

In **Acts 5:1-14** When the church was new everything was fine. Ananias and Sapphira wanted to introduce deception to the fold and weaken the church but God exposed them. So how did Peter know? God! Peter did not have to follow them to

the point of sale of their property. God who sees all saw it and revealed to Peter right where he was minding the business of God's kingdom.

## **9. Accelerates promotion**

Ability to hear the inaudible accelerates promotion. So even if you are doing well now;

- You can do better
- You can Move faster **Daniel 2:1-49** and **Matthew 16: 13-19**

A day is coming in your life that after you speak, there will be no need for anything

more to be said. Take the story of Daniel who interpreted the king's dream.

He did not fabricate a dream, because the king did not say, "no that's not the one I heard".

He told the king the dream and gave him the interpretation and then the king said I will make you great.

The bible states, Daniel said, "I wasn't the only one who prayed, Shadrach Meshach and Abednego prayed with me." The king said, "We will promote them also, but you, you sit by my gate." The promotion was for Daniel, he had the Spirit of excellence on him, yet he did not rest on his oars, the bible says he was knowledgeable, not just gifted.

To be so knowledgeable tells us he sought knowledge, he was not satisfied with just being one of the specially chosen to dwell in the king's palace. He placed a value on his appointment and thought it worthy enough to add more value to it. Like the parable of the talents, the one who was given ten talents went and added ten more to his, the one who had one just kept the one until his master's return.

That is why the bible says to him that has more, more shall be given. Some poor men have no hope, but a rich man strives to maintain and increase his wealth so he does not go back to being poor. Bill Gates though he took a back seat at running Microsoft his software company is still working to bring improve-

ment to the lives of others through his philanthropic giving. He is not seeking fame or more wealth, but he desires to positively impart other lives.

The quote below is taken from Bill Gates Annual letter.

"This is my second annual letter. The focus of this year's letter is innovation and how it can make the difference between a bleak future and a bright one. .... It's been an incredible year and I enjoyed having lots of time to meet with the innovators working on some of the world's most important problems. I got to go out and talk with people making progress in the field, ranging from teachers in North Carolina to health workers fighting polio in India to dairy farmers in Kenya" Bill Gates now seeks to make the world a better place with his wealth.

How many Christians with the grace of God upon their lives want to impart the world to establish God's kingdom on earth? A lot of us will have a change of heart today and pursue life differently if only we can see what God has in store for us.

Ability to see the invisible, hear the inaudible, will accelerate your promotion, physically and spiritually. In *Matthew 16:13-19* says, when Jesus said to the disciples "who do men say that I the son of Man am?" (They answered him,) "Some Say you are Elijah some say Elias, some say you are Jeremiah, some say one of the prophets."

Jesus said, "But who do you say that I am?" It was Peter who said, "You are the Christ." (The) Lord turned to him and said you are blessed, because flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven, and He said you know what it is to you (so) I will give the key.

In other words you can receive a revelation beyond the human understanding, one that comes through spiritual understanding. How else could Daniel interpret the king's dream, even when the king himself could not remember the dream? This is the dynamics of the mind and we must understand, the human mind is a powerful tool if we can just subject it to the use the Almighty God created it for. Many minds today are being unduly exposed to all manner of media, these open doors to elements which take over for ultimate destruction. A woman of God once wrote that "If you allow Satan to sit in the vehicle of your life he will attempt to drive your vehicle."

Daniel subjected his mind to the word of God, he allowed the word of God to take him over, and on the day of need that word spoke for him.

That word sought out the King's forgotten dream, because in subjecting himself to the word of God he was actually subjecting himself to fellowship with God, and God who said he will not withhold anything good from those who are upright in seeking him. When

Daniel enquired of the Lord, The Lord revealed

"I will give you the treasures of darkness,  
riches stored in secret places,  
so that you may know that I am the  
LORD,  
the God of Israel, who summons you  
by."

Can you be trusted enough for men to believe you that when you say God has spoken to you regarding an issue, that God truly spoke to you?"

I am praying that a day will come in your life, when after you've spoken there will be nothing to say. It takes the ability to hear the inaudible, see the invisible for that to happen. Now let's move to some deeper waters.

**10. It helps you to see yourself as God sees you, which will be the bedrock of humility.**

Let us look at Isaiah 6:1-6. Isaiah had been prophesying for years, one day God opened his eyes and he saw the Almighty God high and lifted up, saw His train filling the temple. He saw the angels, he heard them crying Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty.

Then his eyes opened and, he saw himself (spiritually) and he could not believe what he saw.

He, Isaiah a fiery prophet, If you are willing and obedient you will eat the fruit of

the land but if you disobey the sword will destroy you. That's the kind of prophet he was.

He said, "What? Prophet Isaiah? A man of unclean lips?" (He had) thought he was holy.

He suddenly saw himself and said wait a minute I thought I was clean, me Isaiah, a man of unclean lips, dwelling amongst people of unclean lips. I thought only these people are sinners, here comes prophet Isaiah. It was after he saw himself that he wrote Isaiah 64:6;

*<sup>6</sup>But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.*

All our righteousness is like filthy rags until we catch a glimpse of the glory of God you won't know how filthy you are. Until you see how mighty He is, you won't know how little you are. I see some of us have a church of two hundred (worshippers) and think we have it all.

May be, God have used you to heal somebody with headache and we want to be called Apostle. **Until you see the Almighty-ness of God you don't realize how little you are.**

We need to remember at all times that whatever we do in the name of Jesus is not by our power, not by our might but by the spirit of God. and, all the glory must



be given to God. When we begin to humble ourselves and see God in all these works and miracles we are ready:

- To move to a higher level
- To be trusted with more responsibility and greater assignment.

I talked to one of my children recently and I said “when you go on a cruise, the boat you are going to travel on is like a big hotel with stories high, sometimes 15 stories or more; but when you get into the midst of the ocean, when every where you look, (there is) nothing but water all of a sudden the ship looks like a toy, and if that mighty boat looks like a toy then you, one of the thousands of people inside what do you look like?

Some of you have heard me share my experience when I visited Kenya in 1976, I had to attend a conference, the Africa Renewal conference and people came from all over the world thousands of us. Then there was a time when they said we were having meditation, somebody was playing the guitar and singing hymns just to draw our hearts closer to God and we all sat down there quietly, meditating and suddenly I was transported I found myself in the throne room of God. The throne room of God there is no way I could describe. It is just like a dome.

I saw someone very, very far away miles away sitting on a throne. On my right were angels and on my left angels, I knew they

were angels it could not be anyone else because they were huge.

Like I have told those of you who have heard me say it before; when they say they wear white, it is because they don't have the words to describe what they wear. Their dress was like water in a crystal glass, there is no word to describe that one when you say crystal clear, that's the closest you can get to it.

Now I found out that when I turn to the right the angels moved away when I turn to the left they moved away it was then I looked at myself. Why are they moving away? I saw myself completely naked and I was like someone who fell into sewers, I think that is what you call it here? Someone who was pulled out of sewers covered from head to toe in all kinds of rubbish.

Where I was standing was a circle and that circle leads to something like a carpet goes all the way to where the one on the throne was seating, nobody said a word. The angel didn't say a word. The one on the throne was so far-away I didn't even see his face, no word was spoken and I saw myself and I was already a Pastor, I was already preaching holiness and look at the one preaching, that was when I made up my mind, because suddenly the vision disappeared.

I made up my mind I am coming back to this throne room. By the grace of God when I return I will be clean, I will be clean, this is one of the reasons why I preach holiness.

Seeing the invisible enables you to see yourself as God sees you, which will lead you to humility.

**11. The ability to see the invisible and hear the inaudible keeps you steady in your journey to heaven.**

*2 Corinthians 12:1-5 states;*

<sup>1</sup>*It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord.*

<sup>2</sup>*I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven.*

<sup>3</sup>*And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)*

<sup>4</sup>*How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.*

<sup>5</sup>*Of such an one will I glory: yet of myself I will not glory, but in mine infirmities.*

Paul talks about his journey to the 3<sup>rd</sup> heavens. He said there, he saw things, and heard things, that he can't even tell anyone. It is unlawful for man to speak and because of what he saw that's why he wrote in Romans 8:35-39

<sup>35</sup> *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or*

sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."

He said (and I paraphrase), "what's going to separate me from the love of Christ after the glory that I've seen in heaven. Is it famine or sword or persecution?" You know I've always prayed God let my children get a glimpse of heaven because if they do there will be no need for preaching anymore.

Some people say, "I didn't like the way the pastor looked at me."

Who goes to church because of the pastor?

"I didn't like the way that fellow behaved.

"I didn't like what the General Overseer said."  
It is because you don't know where you are going.

If you know where you are going, (you will be saying) let anybody do whatever they like to me, just don't block my way to heaven and you will refuse to yield to any temptation.

**Hebrews 11:24-27** tells us why Moses was able to endure till the end. It said he looked as someone who is seeing the invisible. He endured as someone seeing the invisible.

After God showed me my home in heaven, there is nothing anybody can do now. Cut me up into a thousand pieces I will still be preaching Christ.

Why am I so consumed about soul winning?

Why do I always make altar calls even at State banquets and so on?

Why?

It is because I saw my house. Years ago God showed me my house in heaven. It was under construction they haven't finished yet so I am not going yet, and by the time I saw my house in heaven, sometime ago in the 70's, it was already the size of a city and the angels were still busy adding more rooms, rooms all over and I said then to God, how will one man live (in a building this big), He said oh no, no, no my son, in heaven (when) your children will come and pay you visit each one will have his own room.

That's why at each opportunity I seek to get more souls into God's kingdom. Your own house and reward will be determined by the number of souls you bring to Christ.

**12. Finally the ability to see the invisible hear the inaudible will enable you to finish well.**

You know when I hear Paul say in 2 Corinthians 12:15, *"<sup>15</sup>And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved."*

I am willing to spend and be spent. I say what is wrong with this man is it not enough to spend or be spent. I mean for example why should the pastor be spending his money,

for evangelism? Is he not doing enough work preaching, laying hands on the sick, casting out demons, he is already being spent.

Some people wonder why I am still giving money to Missions after all I fast and pray and spend myself. As Christians we can never give enough, we cannot buy life and also because Paul said he will gladly spend and be spent.

What about the brethren who pays their tithe, gives his offering, donates to the body of Christ. Why must you ask the same person to be involved in evangelism, continuous witnessing? Why must you bother the one who is spending? Why should the fellow be spent?

Let whoever asks read ***Philippians 1:21***

“For me to live is Christ to die is gain”. What is this man talking about? Until I read ***2 Timothy 4:6-8***. <sup>6</sup>*For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.*

<sup>7</sup>*I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:*

<sup>8</sup>*Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me*

*only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.*

2 Timothy 4:6-8 says, "I have finished" he said I am going for coronation. The crown, (he had seen that crown much earlier a long time ago). The crown is waiting. They are about to put it on my head I am going for coronation now.

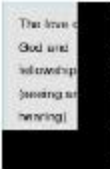
The ability to see the invisible turns death to something you'll rejoice about, because it takes you to your coronation, it enables you to finish well.

I know there are some people who are afraid of death. It is because they haven't seen what is waiting. I said it to my children, **if you see what is waiting** for you in heaven, the only reason you will not commit suicide to get there quickly, is because if you commit suicide you will not get there. **If you see** what is waiting for you and somebody says I want to kill you, you will say thank you.

When the founder of the Redeemed Christian Church of God, Pastor Akindayomi was sick his best friend was also sick at the same time, so he sent to his best friend and said "well my friend I am going, I just said I should let you know I am about to go".

The friend sent back and said, "who told you, you will go before me?" They talked about death as if it was a (normal) journey, the journey to say you, go before me? You must be joking.

God used me to lead my mother to the Lord. Even though she was a nominal Christian before she married my father, I wanted to be sure she will make it to heaven so I Prayed to God to allow her to speak in tongues so that I will know that the seal of God is upon her and God did.

 Then some months before her departure she called me and said, "son I want to see my coffin." "Your coffin?" She said "Yes go and build my coffin". "Ok mum", "I want to see what you will do after I am gone, bring (me) the coffin, I want to see it." I said, "Yes ma."

She was not scared of dying. When you see where you are going, death loses its fears. From that day onward death became like nothing to me. She still lived for quite a while.

After that she said, "All of you come, all you my children come let me pray for you", she said, "because you in particular (Pastor Adeboye) I know you won't be around when I die, the way you are going up and down for the Lord, you won't be in so I want to pray for all of you now." And one by one she prayed for us. Just like she prophesied, I was in London when she died.

The ability to see the invisible, hear the inaudible, enables you to finish well. So if finishing well is the only reason, you need to talk to God . (Ask Him), "please take me to the higher level. Please Lord, take me to the higher level".



I want to encourage you when you come to the Lord do not come empty handed give an offering. The same measure with which you have given you will receive. God never stops giving to us, neither should we his children, we should give always.

Prayers;

- Take me to the higher level open my ears let me begin go to hear.
- Open my eyes.
- Let me know what my destiny is.
- Let me know the purpose for which I am here on earth.
- Begin to reveal to me what you intend to do.
- Lord take me to a higher level.

### **Three Ways to Move Up to the Next Level**

We have been talking about moving to a higher level. There are three ways of getting to the top. Before I look at those three ways very quickly, I want to drop in by way of introduction that every good thing involves a rising up.

Healing is a rising from sickness to health.

In, Mark 2: 1-12, when they brought the man sick of the palsy to Jesus, he said to him, "Son rise up take your bed and go home". Rise up. In, John 5:2-9, when he was talking to the man who had been sick for thirty eight years, he said, "Rise up, take your bed go home". So healing involves rising up. Resurrection is a rising up from the dead into life.

In, Mark 5: 35-42, when the Lord was going to raise up Jarius' daughter, he said to her, "Little girl I say unto you, arise".

**Prosperity** is arising from poverty to wealth.

**Deliverance** is arising from bondage into freedom **Promotion** is arising from stagnation to progress.

And I'm praying that in the name of Jesus the name that is above every other name, that you will arise.

You will arise and shine.

You will arise

- out of sickness into health,
- out of death into life,

- out of failure into success,
- out of poverty to prosperity,
- out of bondage to freedom,
- out of stagnation to progress

You will arise. Now, there are three basic ways of getting to the top.

### **1. To be Pushed up**

The first way is to be pushed up, because occasionally we have people who don't even want to go up, and have to be pushed up. And there are various reasons why some people

don't want to go up, but the greatest reason why people don't want to go up is because of the challenges of being at the top.

In Joshua 1:1-8, when the Almighty God suddenly told Joshua, "You're now going to become the leader of a nation". He didn't want to agree, because he had seen (the people of) Israel deal with Moses for forty years. He saw that great man fail after forty years.

"If Moses (the boss) failed", Moses (who) was not just a master, (but) a master of masters, failed, how can his servants succeed?

I'm sure if God were to walk up to you and say, "Get ready because in four years time you'll be president of your nation", you are likely to be scared out of your wits. But some people have to be pushed up. And the bible tells us in Deuteronomy 33:27, He said, "Un-

derneath are the everlasting arms". I don't know if you have ever wondered why the everlasting arms were underneath. They are there to push up some people, in spite of their fears.

## **2. To be pulled up**

Another way to get to the top is to be pulled up. Now those who are pulled up are those who do not even expect to be at the top. In 1 Samuel 16:11-13, we find the case of David who was quite content looking after the sheep. I mean if we are to believe his story, most of his beautiful Psalms were

composed while he was tending sheep. He was contented being alone in the bush, looking after the sheep. That's where he wrote the sheep Psalm; Psalm 23. I know some call it the "Shepherd's Psalm". Psalm 23 wasn't a shepherd singing, it was a sheep singing.

He was in the bush when he said, "I will bless the Lord at all times, and his praise shall continually be in my mouth."

He was happy praising God, and the Almighty God grabbed him without consultation and pulled him up and made him King over his nation. Another of the beautiful Psalms of David, Psalm 40:1-3, said, "He brought me out of the miry clay and set my feet on the rock to stay.

He filled my mouth with a song to sing". The Almighty God is going to pull you up.

In 1 Samuel 2:8, we see that when God begins to pull you up, he doesn't drop you until you get to the top. Because he says he can pick up a beggar from the dung hill and keep uplifting him up until he begins to sit with princes. (There are) quite a few of us who do not want to be at the top, who were not even consulted before we were pulled up, and it still shows in our lives.

While some people enjoy being photographed, if I have my way I (personally) will keep photographers far away from me, because I prefer the quiet life. But then occasionally God doesn't consult you before he puts you in the

limelight, and I am saying this because I know some of you are heading for the limelight.

### **3. To be assisted up**

The third and the most important way of getting to the top, is to be assisted up, not pushed, not pulled, but assisted. In other words, we are talking of someone who wants to be at the top, not someone who had to be compelled. (This is) someone, who has been convinced that it is good to be at the top and he wants to go, and not someone who has been consulted.

So the people who are assisted up are the people

- Who want to go to a higher level.

- Who are willing to pay the price,
- They want to climb, but they need someone to help them climb.

In Isaiah 40:31, the bible tells us that, "Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength". And it talks about them mounting with wings as eagles. You can get to the top by climbing stairs, but I'm sure you know it will be faster, easier, less stressful if you go by elevator, i.e. are lifted up. (Assisted up). In 2 Kings 2:9-15, Elijah asked Elisha,

"What can I do for you before I be taken away from you?". For more than three years he had studied his master and he had seen

- The raw, naked demonstration of the power of God.
- His master call down fire on those who had been sent to arrest him.
- The master smiting River Jordan, River Jordan parting into two.

So he turned to the man of God and said, "I want a double portion in other words what you have is good but I want more". He said, "I'm hungry", and his father said to him, "What you ask for is not for me to give. Probably if you ask for just what I have, I might lay hands on you and impart it to you but

double, double what I have is not mine to give”.

But he said, “However, my son, because you had proved that you prefer the spiritual to the material, because when I met you in **1 Kings 19:19-21**, as soon as I threw my mantle on you, you made a choice.

- You left your family,
- You said bye-bye to your work,
- You decided to follow me,
- You show clearly that you prefer the spiritual to the physical.

And because you had served me, not just served me, you practically sold your life into mine,” because the bible says in, **2 Kings 3:11**, it said that Elisha was pouring water unto the hand of Elijah. That’s a proverbial way of saying he served him all the way, wholeheartedly.

You know to be good enough you (must) set the table

for your master and put the water on the table to wash his hand and say, “Sir, the table is set”. But Elisha went a step further; he did not allow the master to even bother himself washing the hand alone. “Please sir, let me pour the water while you wash your hand”.

He also said because your loyalty to me has been proved beyond all doubts, because three times I told you, you can go back, and you said you are not going back, you know **2 Kings 2: 1-8**, because you said, “You will follow me

till the end, that where I go you will go". Elijah said, "I will use my position with God to commit God. I can't give you what you want, but I will tie the hand of the one who can give you, so that you can get what you want, subject to one condition. If you see me while I'm being taken away from you, you'll get what you want. I promise you that in the name of God."

Well, you know the rest of the story. They were still walking along, when all of a sudden heaven opened as it is going to open over you. And God sent his personal jet to go and bring Elijah home.

The chariot swooped down, picked up Elijah, separated him from Elisha, saying, "Your time hasn't come". And was already taking Elijah to heaven when Elijah turned to the Almighty God and said, "I promised that boy something. I committed you Almighty that if that boy would see me he will get what he asked for". And the boy was already crying, "My father, my father, I see you O! and said, "I see you. I can even see the horses, I see the chariots, I see you and the bible said, "the mantle fell from him".

When I became general overseer (of the Redeemed Christian Church of God in) 1981 the Lord asked me to have a Holy Communion service and to say to those who are present, "Holy Communion is a covenant meal. Nobody is compelling you, you are free.

One young man came to me because I asked people to pray before we broke bread. He said,



"Daddy, I want to go with you all the way, but I have some fears". And he told me his fears.

I said, "Why don't we leave that to God, you just make up your mind". He said, "It doesn't even matter, fears or no fears, I will go with you all the way". That young man today is our coordinator in the whole of Europe. He was a small boy then, and we are talking about 1981. And he's a little over fifty years old now; he must have been over twenty years old then. You have no idea where God is taking you.

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### **The Price You Must Pay**

(The example of Elijah; 1 Kings 18:42)

*"So Ahab went up to eat and to drink*

*And Elijah went off to the top of Mount Carmel  
and he cast himself down upon the earth..*

*And he put his face between his knees."*

The past few chapters have dealt with why we need to move to a higher level. There is always a price to pay for promotion to a higher level. Sacrifices of time resources must have been made to distinguish those who move up from those who remain on the same level. I told my children that I spent 3 years studying Elijah, because I want to be like him (Elijah).

I want to be able to pray for less than 2 minutes and cause fire to fall like Elijah did. To be able to pray and shut the heavens over the enemies of God, until they fall on their faces and say Jesus is Lord. (Amen)

When I was a younger Christian, I was hungry for the power of God and I mean hungry. It was in the period of

studying Elijah that I studied some of these passages and I know nothing good comes free. If you want something precious you must be willing to pay for it.

A Rolls Royce does not cost the same as a Mercedes, as a Volkswagen or BMW not even the same as a Bentley.

You will discover that nobody ever advertises Rolls Royce. Those who know it pay for it because a Rolls Royce is built to outlive the owner. Even airplanes with Rolls Royce engine. I wanted to be a Rolls Royce for God, that has been my desire from day number 1, that desire is still there I want to transfer that desire to my children and I want my

children to be greater than I. they will say he is in a class by himself. Hallelujah!

That's my desire for you.

This passage said Ahab went to eat and drink but Elijah went to the mountain top, a man that is going to the higher level must exercise self discipline.

### **Exercise Self discipline.**

According 2 Corinthians 11: 26-27, it is clear that the man who is going to the higher level, the man like Paul the apostle, the man whose handkerchief will cast out demons, the man that the devil itself will say Jesus I know Paul I know, must be willing to fast often. So Ahab could eat, other pastors other Bishops, other apostles may feast even before they go and preach, but the one who is going to be a Rolls Royce for God must be willing to fast often.

After all, **1 Corinthians 6:13** states, *“Food for the stomach and the stomach for food”—but God will destroy them both.*

In 1 Corinthians 9:24-25 Paul told us that the one who is going to be a winner must be temperate in all things. How many things? All things include food and include sex. It means that even those who are married will remain as if they are not. In 1 Corinthians 9:27 that same Paul says my body I keep under I don't give my body everything it asks for. I tell it to keep quiet. I am the one controlling you.

### **Be Peculiar**

Elijah went up to the top, now he was already on the mountain but he went up higher he went to the very top. One man of God was invited to a meeting called the gathering of eagles. When the man of God got there he said well before I say anything at all, I need to correct the theme. He said eagles don't gather, eagles fly alone, pigeons gather. Eagles not only fly like other birds but they soar high.

I pray you will be an eagle for God.

- If you want to be an eagle you must be ready to fly alone. Psalm 1:1-3 tells us who the man is who is going to be blessed must **mind the associations he**

- **keeps. 2 Corinthians 6:17-18.** It says You must separate yourself. The fact that others are doing something does not mean you will do the same, because you are of God and you can hear from God.

- **1 Peter 2:9** makes it clear – you must be peculiar the others must look at you and say there is something peculiar about you. You have to **be silent** If you want to hear the inaudible. Many at times God wants to talk to you but you are too busy chatting.

- **In 2 kings 2:7** the bible said when Elijah was about to be taken away, there were only 2 people by River Jordan not a crowd. Elisha followed his master Elijah closely, there was

no distance between them. There must be **no distance in fellowship between you and God.**

- Elijah and Elisha and 50 sons of the prophet. Those are the pigeons, they gathered together to watch.

- A child of God is a **doer of His word** not an onlooker. God expects His children to act and take up the mantle not sit in the background and gather as spectators (Pigeons) at the game. A child of God as an active player dictates the pace of the game, whether the spectators who are gathered to watch cheer or not.

You must be so peculiar that people will even know how you dress. In **2 kings 1:1-8** when king Ahaziah sent his servant to go and check whether he will recover from his sickness, Elijah met his people on the way and said go back go and tell him he will die. You better know who you are before you can tell a king he will die.

The king said "What manner of man is he?" They said this is the kind of dress he wears! (He exclaimed) That is Elijah, he said it is Elijah it can't be any other person.

### **Do not Conform**

**Romans 2:1-2** (virtually means) don't conform. I was sharing with some of my children in the morning devotion, some days ago somebody said when others are sitting you stand (**Ephesians 6:13**).

When you have done all things, you are to do what? You are to stand.

Alright and then amongst those who are standing, stand out (*Acts 6:2-7*) among the disciples who were standing for Christ in the times of crisis the deacons stood out. And then the fellow went on to say amongst those who are standing be outstanding. He said be outstanding. (In) *Acts 6:8* (we see that) those elected 7 people from amongst those who were standing.

Amongst these 7, Steven, was outstanding. Some time ago one of my children said Daddy you know the bible very well I said I do. He asked who is Prochorus?

I said who?

He said "Pro".

I said "I am not sure I have heard that name."

He said "I thought you said you knew the bible" I said "I do."

He said "That's one of the seven deacons."

I said "Ah! Poor Prochorus." "He stood out but he was not outstanding"

"If you ask me. Who is Steven? I will tell you' who is Philip I will tell you."

If the bible had recorded Prochorus as doing an outstanding act, a lot of bible students will probably know him. Amongst those who are sitting you stand.

Amongst those who are standing be outstanding. He stopped there but I went fur-

ther. I said amongst those who are outstanding **be unique**.

### **Be Unique**

In 2 Chronicles 1:6-12 the Almighty God said to Solomon before there is no king like you and after you there will be no king like you.

(He was) Unique. (He was) One of a type.

The bible says, you are fearfully and wonderfully made. In your calling or ministry (Be known for something in particular).

### **Do not be proud**

So Elijah went to the top, others remained on the mountain but he went to the very top and then when he got there he cast himself on down upon the earth. You are to be separate not proud.

*James 4:6* says, "He gives grace to the humble." One of the ways by which you can even be distinct is by your humility. When people see all your achievements and they still meet you on the way and they do not even know its you, Aha then when they finally realize it, (they will ask among themselves)...are you sure..? Then they will know you are unique.

I went for a walk in London one time, and I was passing a book shop on the way, apparently two people in the book store saw me. One of them said "that's Pastor Adeboye", the other one said "it can't be".

He said "are you talking of the General Overseer"? He said "how can the General Overseer

be walking alone", one said "because he is walking alone that's why I'm sure it is him". So when I was returning and I saw it is a book shop and saw adverts of books of Kenneth Hagin I said ah it's a Pentecostal book shop so I (stopped). I saw the two of them looking at me like this and "I said ah, what is the problem"? One said "ah please sir don't be angry are you pastor Adeboye"?

I said, "yes."

"Sorry sir, The general overseer of the RCCG?"

I said "yes",

"Ah I told you" he said to his friend.

He (Joshua) cast himself on the ground because you cannot be proud vis-a-vis God. Joshua 5:13-15. We know that Joshua was an outstanding man I mean if God choose you out of a whole nation to succeed someone as great as Moses. If God said you will succeed where Moses failed, you must be outstanding. But when he stood before that angel who said I come as a captain of the host of heaven he fell on his face.


Now you need to note here, that Joshua cast himself down he wasn't pushed down, now that's important. James 4:10 said humble yourself. You do it. You are the one to make yourself humble. If you don't humble yourself and God is truly interested in you, He will humble you. And if He does it for you instead of you doing it for yourself, **Deuteronomy 8:2** tells you what is likely to happen. When Israel was not going to humble itself before



God, God caused them to go round in circles for forty years until they learned humility.

The reason many of us have not grown higher than where we are, is God knows we cannot take (handle) increase and greatness yet. That we will become swollen headed, pride will take over and pride, is a destroyer and He sees how little he has done for you and how you where looking as if none of us even mattered so he says if I don't want to kill this fellow I better keep him here for now until he learns humility.

And throwing himself on the ground means he brings himself in contact with the dust in other words he brought himself in contact with the dust from which he came (i.e. he made himself as nothing). Some of us cannot kneel down to pray because we will mess up our knees or clothes at a point when God is ready to give us so much. That little action of pride disqualifies us from our much intended blessing.

 **Genesis 3:19** says from dust thou art and to dust thou shall return. Don't forget that the moment you die you stop breathing and your anointed hands will begin to rot.

In any case **Matthew. 2:11** tells us that when the wise men came face to face with Jesus Christ, what did they do; they fell on their faces, they didn't bow they fell on their faces before him. And when you read **Revelations 4:9-11** and **Revelations 5:14** the 24 elders, anytime they came before the Almighty God,

they fell on their faces. They removed their crowns and placed it at his feet; (meaning, literally), "we did not achieve anything you put this crown on our heads and now we lay it at your feet." By casting himself to the ground, he's making it clear to the Almighty God that without you Oh Lord I am nothing.

Now you will get the full impact of this story by remembering that Elijah had just called fire down from heaven, don't forget that he's done something that nobody had done before: he prayed two minutes, less than two minutes really and fire fell from heaven. At a time like that anyone should be marching up and down, but he said (i.e. no! no!); without you I am nothing, which is the truth because according to **Genesis 2:7** all we are without the breath of life that comes from God is mud.

And **Ecclesiastes 12:7-8** made it clear that when we die the spirit will go back to God who gave it and the dust to where it came from. (Think about that, it means there it all ends, all the greatness disappears and you become nothing. All that is left is our works that will be judged, and after that will your works pass through the fire as wood or gold?)

In **Joshua 7:5-9** after the battle of Ai, Joshua fell on his face because it suddenly occurred to him, that without God he was a miserable failure. Oh we shouted and the wall of Jericho fell and we took over Jericho good. Now here's a small city and God didn't go with you

to fight that small city, and the small city chased you and killed some of your men.

Jesus said it in **John 15:5**. He said without me you can do nothing never forget that; it is because we think we can do a lot without him that many of us don't pray before we go to minister, that's why we don't pray before we do anything. One of my children said "daddy you pray too much", I said "My dear without him I am nothing". "You pray before we go somewhere, when we return you pray". I pray to Him always because I know without him I am nothing.

(Elijah) fell on the ground and then he did something interesting, he put his face between his knees. Why? He separated from the people so that he can be intimate with God; he was shutting the crowd out.

In **Mark 3:13-15** and I said the number one reason God called the disciples is because he wanted them to be with him, and I mentioned the fact that there is something more than companionship that is called intimacy.

This man said I want to be intimate, so he put his face between his knees; he wanted to be cut off from the rest.

Let me assure you of one thing if you (need to) get to that, as often as you can get to be alone with God, because occasionally you are together like this and while we are talking, He suddenly he begins to show you things.

He (Elijah) is saying to God I want to be intimate with you, I want to be in contact with

your feet because when you put your head on the floor, to put your head between your knees the head must touch the floor, he is saying I want to be in contact with your feet because heaven is his throne, the earth is his footstool. Isaiah 66:1 he is saying to God, if my head is on the floor I am telling you, you are my sufficiency **2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 3:5** (i.e. now Lord I lay it all before you, I surrender totally, I have nothing else to hold unto).

Now in throwing himself to the floor, putting his face between his knees, he is actually telling God, Almighty God I have no other plan. I'm not going to look at the sky my servant is going to do that for me. I am not going to pay attention to the crowd, it is you and I Lord and I'm not lifting up this head until you send rain.

See when you want to move to that higher level, the prayer you pray is not a casual prayer, you don't get it by just praying for five minutes. It is the prayer of..."its either you do it for me now or I'm finished no plan b."

I mean in **II Kings 2:8** when Elijah took his mantle and smote river Jordan, river Jordan parted and he walked through, if Elisha was not absolutely determined he won't have followed him, because he knew that by the time they get to the other side of the river Elijah was going, by the time he is gone river Jordan would have come back, and Elisha didn't know how to swim (remember he was the son of a farmer, he wasn't a fisherman). So in following through river Jordan he was saying

“Lord it is either I return with double portion of anointing or I don’t return at all”. It’s like when Esther said “if I perish, I perish”.

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### **In Conclusion.**

To move up to the next level every Christian needs to see, to hear and to do the will of God. He is the author and finisher of our faith, the God who knows the end of a thing from it’s beginning. The same God knows our tomorrow and He is therefore the safest guide to lead us through.

God has sent us the Holy Spirit as our teacher through life. Accepting this life of serving as a disciple of Jesus and in the Kingdom of God we need to train ourselves to hear that teacher. Our obedience will always bring reward and promotion in God’s kingdom.

As we thirst and yearn after God, and study his words, our hearts will open to receive, and through the eyes of our God our view changes and we realize that the spiritual precedes the establishment of the physical.

Seeing the invisible and hearing the inaudible is akin to walking with God, who deals with us as individuals most of the time. As our fellowship with God develops, fear begins to disappear from our lives because we daily experience our companion the Almighty God. His word becomes real and we run back each time to study his word more and learn about him from the Bible the untainted word of God.

The word is the light that guides us, it acts as our confirmation and assurance that God is with us. The wisdom of His word helps us to submit to his will, yielding willingly, moving up to a higher level, a higher level of faith and trust in God, a higher level of performance of his works. There in our promotion will come.

My prayer is that in whatever level you are today, after reading this book you will indeed move up higher still even as you pray the prayers listed below.

(Prayers)

Pray! Pray! Pray! And Believe!

Father make me to be outstanding, make me to be outstanding. Lord I want to go beyond standing out, I want to go beyond even outstanding, I want to be unique in this time. Lord, pour out your grace upon my life, it is not by might, it is not by power it is by the Spirit of the living God.

Call upon me and I will hear, call upon me not think upon me, not meditate upon me". Lord make me not just to go beyond standing out but to go beyond outstanding to become unique. Lord, Lord release your grace upon my life.

I need your grace, I need your grace Father breathe upon me today I need your grace.

Spirit of the living God carry out your work upon my life whether I am willing or not make me willing in the name of Jesus Christ. Carry out your work upon my life in

the name of Jesus make me willing, make me willing in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth.

Heavenly Father make me willing in the name of Jesus of Christ, make me willing, make me willing make me willing in the name of Jesus Christ. Spirit of the living God carry out your work upon me o God, carry out your work upon my life carry out your work upon my life in the name of Jesus, amen.

The bible says they that wait upon the Lord they shall mount up with wings as Eagles. Let us pray that the Lord will make you an Eagle. You do not want to be a pigeon, gathering where everything, and everybody and every topic is gathering. You want to be an eagle that will be alone with God.

You might be misunderstood but you know you are alone with God.

They might scandalize you but you know that you are alone with God.

Things in your life might be falling apart but you know you are alone with God. Pray these prayers;

Lord make me an eagle for you.

Lord teach me to wait upon you.

Teach me to wait upon you in private.

Teach me to wait upon you Lord when things are good, when things are bad, when things are misunderstood, when turbulent times are around my life, Lord teach me to wait upon you .

That I might mount up with wings as an eagle.

That there will be such uniqueness about my life oh God.

Make me an attraction for you,

Make me a testimony for you,

That I will be your servant in this day and time

Teach me to wait upon you.

Teach me to wait upon you.

Whatever it will take oh God I want to be able to wait upon you.

In bad times help me to wait

In good times help me to wait Oh God

Teach me to wait upon you.

In the name of Jesus of Nazareth

Teach me to wait upon you.

In the name of Jesus

The bible says that

“He that humbles himself before the Lord, the Lord will exalt”.

Humble yourself before the mighty hands of God so that He might exalt you.

Elijah put his face between his knees, dust to dust

To dust I came and from dust I will return.



Pray that the Lord will teach us to humble ourselves

To cast ourselves down (at your feet).

So that we will be men who can be related with by others, so that the grace of God can be released upon our lives.

Lord Teach me, Teach me to humble myself  
teach me to humble my self.

Teach me to put myself down Before the people, before God.

Teach me to humble myself

Let my testimony not be; "such an arrogant fellow what a proud pastor."

No Lord,

Teach me to humble myself before the mighty hand of God so that you can lift me up so that you can exalt me

Our God is able to do exceedingly Abundantly far over and above that we are able to ask.

Teach me to humble myself,

Teach me to push myself down.

To put my face on the ground.

Teach me oh God, Teach me oh God

Let me not be destroyed by success,

Let me not be destroyed by plenty,

Let me not be destroyed by prosperity,

Let me not be destroyed by abundance,

Let me not be destroyed by the praise of men,  
Let me not be destroyed by material benefits,  
Let me not be destroyed by the anointing  
upon my life,

Let me not be destroyed Oh God by my calling  
as a minister,

Father teach me oh God that I might bring  
myself before the altar of God

Put myself down

Teach me o Lord that so by your grace you  
can lift me up oh God to the place of destiny,  
the place of my purpose the place of my glory  
so that through me you will accomplish your  
purpose on earth.

Lord teach me, teach me oh God in the name  
of Jesus.

Let's grab somebody's hand next to us.

Father we thank you for your grace,

Lord we thank you for your mercy,

We thank you oh lord that it has pleased you  
to speak to us like this.

The bible says that "The Lord will speak  
peace to his people and they will not return  
to foolishness".

This word that you have sent into our lives  
today this word would do us good,

This word will heal us,

This word will quicken us,

Father in heaven that as we move out of this place today oh God Elijah was a man of like passions,

If you could walk through Elijah who lived in an Old covenant,

So father we pray, let it avail for us in the name of our Lord Jesus, that by your spirit oh God we would come to a place where we would humble ourselves,

We would come to a place where we will wait upon you,

We would come to a place where we will make up our mind that we will walk alone with you,

Whether they scandalize us.

Whether we are accepted, whether there is abundance,

Whether there is success oh Lord we would walk with you.

Because we know that when we walk with you our life will please you.

Our life will threaten hell and

Our life will accomplish your divine purpose.

Let it be so oh God in the name of Lord Jesus Christ.

So that each of us will extol the other better and higher than us.

So that the oil of your anointing, oil of your presence sweet aroma of heaven can flow through us

Undiluted, unpolluted out of this meeting  
Father let it be so, let it be so we all will be  
unique in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we thank you today and we bless you.

We have prayed in the name that is above  
every other name, even the name of Jesus  
Christ of Nazareth.

Praise you the Lord.

Hallelujah!

If you have not accepted Jesus Christ  
into your life at this time, just go  
ahead and say this declaration,

“Heavenly Father, I know that I have sinned  
against you and that my sins separate me  
from you. I am truly sorry. I now want to turn  
away from my sinful past and turn to you  
for forgiveness. Please forgive me, and help  
me avoid sinning again. I believe that your  
Son, Jesus Christ, died for my sins, that He  
was raised from the dead, is alive, and hears  
my prayer. I invite Jesus to become my Savior  
and the Lord of my life, to rule and reign in  
my heart from this day forward. Please send  
your Holy Spirit to help me obey You and  
to convict me when I sin. I pledge to grow  
in grace and knowledge of you. My greatest  
purpose in life is to follow your example and  
do Your will for the rest of my life. In Jesus’  
name I pray, Amen.

**Congratulations and welcome to the next  
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