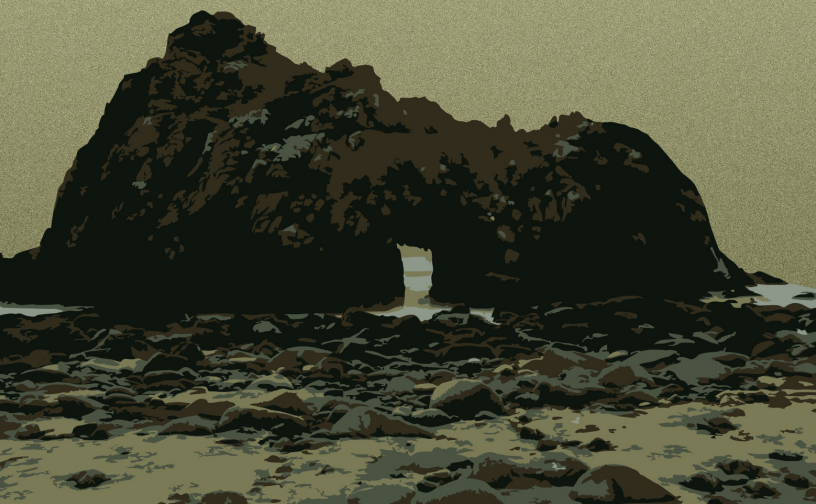


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Preface

The year 2019 was declared in our ministry as the year to multiply. We really prayed and worked to multiply. There was need for everyone to go beyond fruitfulness to multiplying. We were prayerful and pragmatic at birthing multiplication. We believed it was God's will for us to multiply.

Prior to the year, I already wrote a book titled "Multiply." Many things were shared in that book to cause men to create the increase they desire wherever they found themselves. I got many testimonies from various people who testified of the impact of the book in their lives. In fact, it was that year our church experienced explosive breakthrough into many cities and regions.

As at then, I was pastoring the branch of our church in Lagos. It was my usual routine to prepare the message I would be preaching on Sunday during the week before the Sunday. Over the years, I had learnt to do so. But something strange happened one Sunday morning. We started the service and I was to preach on the subject dealing with affliction.

In fact, I already wrote a book titled “Victory over Afflictions.” You may do well to get the book. That morning, as the choir were leading praise and worship, I heard the Spirit of the Lord spoke to me loud and clear. He said, “Stop multiplying in affliction.” The message was preached that day and many got imparted through it. After about eighteen months, I had to write a book on this subject so everyone can be blessed.

I believe you will be blessed as you read this book. This book will propel you into prayers and certainly, the God of heaven will answer your prayers. Take time to read this book, you will be blessed.

Stop Multiplying in Affliction

If you really desire to advance in life, you need to break everything that represents afflictions in your life. You have to stop multiplying in afflictions. It's painful and tragic to keep increasing in afflictions. Hardship and suffering should not be permitted in your life for long.

There are sufferings and hardship that comes as a form of punishment, there are others that are permitted for some seasons to cause inner transformation of the heart. But much more, there are sufferings and hardship designed to wreck a person and disrupt the path of a man. You have to rise to react against any form of hardship sent to your life. You must not permit hardship but resist it.

ANSWERS TO PRAYERS

Answers to prayers are not the results of what

you want. I have always shared with people that the first answers to prayer is the revelation you get out of scripture. In other words, the answer to your prayers are the things your eyes are opened to see in scripture. The answers to your prayers will not first come as manifestation on the outside. It will come as a revelation from scriptures. When you capture God's mind from scriptures concerning what you prayed about, there's transfer of ownership to you.

Revelation from scriptures will always cause us to know what God wants to do. The moment you receive and believe what your eyes are opened to see in scriptures, then, insight will begin to flood your hearts concerning what to do. The insight that will begin to come will appear as decisions, actions, plans, etc to carry out for the fulfilment of what your eyes are opened to see in scripture. It's the answer you receive from scriptures that will strengthen the peace of God in your heart.

Prayer itself can cause God to furnish your heart with peace. You should have peace after you praythrough in prayer. Peace is a sign that what you prayed about is settled. Peace is a non verbal communication that it is settled. The moment you get into scripture to locate your answer and your eyes are opened, then, the peace of God will be strengthened in your heart. In other words, that peace is no longer a substance in your heart but

now a substance rooted in the word of God. And whatever is rotted in the word of God is rooted in God Himself.

I need to remind you that we are told to believe we have received what we prayed about. In other words, when you pray about something, believe you have received that thing. But here is another insight I want you to have. There are times you have to continue praying until you have peace in your heart or a revelation from scripture or the real answer to your prayers. If you pray concerning anything and you sensed there was no peace in your heart that your request has been granted, I will tell you to pray again. Anytime you pray to God and you are not sure if what you request has been granted, you should get to pray again. It is not lack of faith if you pray again. In fact, praying again over an issue you have prayed about but not sure you have received the answer is even a sign that you have faith in God.

Jeremiah 33:3 says,

“Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.”

The above scriptural passage is commonly quoted by elderly believers. They are familiar with it. When you look at that scriptural passage, you will realize that the procedure or process laid down by God prophetically is that you call unto Him, and He will answer you. How will the answer come? Scripture

reveals that the answer will come by what He shows you. God will show you great and mighty things which you do not know. Where will He show you from? He will certainly show you great and mighty things from scriptures that are answers to what you prayed about or send a vision of what He wants you to do into your heart. God is ever ready to show you great and mighty things which you do not know. But sometimes, He permit you to see and experience certain issues and circumstances of life, so that you can call on Him and He will surely answer your call by showing you great and mighty things which you do not know.

There are some things no man on earth can reveal unto you because the scripture says God will show you things which you do not know. In other words, if you visit an expert counselor, your eyes cannot be opened to see great and mighty things. Whatever God cannot make known to you, no man can make known to you. The best anyman can do is for God to make things known through him to you. Are you going through a situations unbearable to you, then, call on God and He will answer you and show you great and mighty things which you don't know? Many great visions today were received in prayers or after prayers during a season of unbearable problem that the visionary went through.

TRUST GOD TO SHOW YOU THINGS YOU DON'T KNOW

Before you go to God in prayers, you should expect Him to show you great and mighty things which you do not know. This understanding will drive you to open your Bible to locate your answer after prayers. The reason many just pray without reading the scripture is because they don't know how God answers prayers. So, they prayed and looked outside into the physical to confirm the arrival of what they prayed for.

There are two sides to answering prayers. There is the revelation side and the manifestation side. The revelation side comes when you intentionally get into the scripture with the expectation that God should show you things from verses and chapters that represents your answer. After ward, you now have to be sensitive to decisions and actions you may need to take to be able to receive in the physical the exact things you saw in scripture. When the answers to your prayers can be seen visibly and made physical, then, you have the manifestation side of your answers. In my walk with God, I have discovered that answers to prayers should first be revealed before it is received. The way you locate the answers in the spirit realm is by locating them in scripture. You don't have to get into the spirit realm to know what God has given you. You just

have to read the scripture and trust the Holy Spirit to breathe on that word so the logos can become a rhema to you. When a scripture burns in your heart, then, you have your answers.

When God begins to use scriptures to talk to you, what is happening is that God is showing you great and mighty thing which you do not know.

God also uses testimonies to talk to people after prayers. Testimonies are what you heard, saw or read. This is a way God often shows the uneducated great and mighty things. How do you expect God to show a person who can't read the scripture great and mighty things? There are times that you pray and what you just remember are words of the testimony of someone. You suddenly remember the great things that happened to that person and how God made it happened for him or her. What do you think is happening to you? God has showed you great and mighty things which you do not know. There are things you can't read from books, you can't read anywhere, you can't hear them in any message but you can hear them as thought in your heart or remember it as testimony of another person. God may use the testimony of another to give you the revelation of what He wants to do in your life. In other words, God can use what He has done for another to show you the great and mighty things He wants to do in your life.

One of the reasons we pray is for God to show us great and mighty things which we do not know. And as you pray and make request, you must be very sensitive to God for He will show you great and mighty things which you do not know. When you pray, always be alert. Answers will come as a revelation. It is the application of that revelation that will deliver results. The greater things and mightier things you will do can only be shown to you. May your eyes be opened to what God wants to do in your life.

GOD WILL ANSWER IF YOU CAN PRAY

It is God that will show it to you. And God will not show it to you automatically, you have to ask. You have to get into prayers concerning whatever you are not pleased with. God doesn't change situations with time, He changes situations on demand. If you don't ask, He won't act. God shows us things because He loves us and fear Him. But sometimes, God will not show you things because He loves you, He will show you things because you ask Him. God will not show you your problems, He will show you great and mighty things which you do not know. He may not discuss your problem with you because your problem is not part of the equation, He will show you things which you do not know. Those things are not ordinary things, the Bible calls it great and

mighty things which you do not know.

Isn't it amazing to know that when you get into prayers to tell God your problems, He doesn't talk about the problems you are thinking and praying about. God works wonders. I have discovered that when God really want to show that He loves you, He won't discuss about the problem you are praying about but will show you an assignment or the great future that is before you. What God will show you are visions of your future. God doesn't give instructions concerning future matters when He hasn't given the vision. There are times God will give you instructions to do things that are bigger than your brain. There are things that are bigger than your brain, that you cannot naturally do. Nothing around you may suggest there are resources to do it, but there is a God who makes all things possible.

When you pray for greatness, God will show you a vision of what to do or start. The great and mighty things you don't yet know will come in form of an idea of a business or company to start. Ideas are things. The idea in your heart is a thing in your heart. The giant organization in the world today was once something shown someone in the past. If only you can capture what God is showing you, you will be amazed at the future God has in mind for you. Whatever God shows you now is your future testimony.

GOD EMPOWERS HIS PEOPLE

Anything God shows you, He will empower you to do it or become it. The way God empowers people is by first showing them what He wants to do and afterward shows them what they should do. Whatever God shows you to do is what He has or will empower you to accomplish.

Isaiah 43:19

“I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth;
Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in
the wilderness And rivers in the desert.”

According to the above scripture, where will God do a new thing? God will first do a new thing within your heart before it is manifested on earth. He will cause you to see the things you need to start or stop. When your eyes are opened to see those things, then, it will manifest. How will it happen? He will give a revelation, it is that revelation that will turn into manifestation. You now need to learn that every revelation requires an action of faith to translate into manifestation. There is an action that will translate a revelation into manifestation. You have to be alert to the action to take so your revelation will not die in your heart or hang in the spirit realm. It is actions that drives revelation into manifestation. Whatever you want to do, there is a way it can be done speedily.

The prophetic word by Isaiah is that the new things will manifest now. There are things you

will do that will take time to manifest. It may take months or years but the emphasis from Isaiah is that those things will manifest now. If you will check the prophetic word carefully, you will know that you are about to break protocol. You are about to break the normal process of doing things. When God works, God works with time and process. If man was to create the world, it will take billions of years, but for God, the recreating of the earth and all in it only took God six days. Get ready for great things to happen in your life now.

THE ISRAELITES AS A CASE STUDY

Exodus 1:7

[7]But the children of Israel were fruitful and increased abundantly, multiplied and grew exceedingly mighty; and the land was filled with them.

Now, the devil will not come after you if you are not relevant. The devil will not come after you if you are not influential. If you are just a nonentity and do not have any agenda for the kingdom, the devil will not come after you. If you have not gone through the challenges of life, you may not understand this. It is very possible for someone to hear a thing today, and it will take them five years to understand. You know why? Because the experience that will give understanding to that revelation, the person does not have it yet.

The children of Israel were doing fine, they had increased, they were in the land of Goshen and did not lack anything for God had blessed them. If you are blessed today, be careful because you do not know what will come tomorrow. Everything was going on well for the children of Israel, then the Bible recorded in Exodus 1:8 “Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph.” Now you will realize that the intention of the king is to stop them from increasing, multiplying, growing and becoming exceedingly mighty. Goshen was their space and they were already becoming mighty and highly influential in the land of Egypt. Goshen was known as a land of fruitfulness. But before it was occupied by the children of Israel, it was an abandoned place, but the new occupants became mighty and fruitful in that land.

INSIGHT INTO FRUITFULNESS

The first blessing God pronounced on the first human creature was to be fruitful. What does it mean to be fruitful? It means to be productive and successful. The children of Israel were productive in all they did. They were not lazy, they were hard-working and focused. They built a mighty empire, to the extent that they were not depending on Joseph and the Egyptian government for survival again.

Looking at the scripture, I see children who were

under their parents before and suddenly breakout to focus on their lives. It's as though they want to take their life in their hand, they don't want to depend on their parents for survival again just like the children of Israel didn't depend on Joseph or Egyptian government for survival again. The fact is that you cannot be fruitful if you don't take your life in your hand. It's those who take life seriously that end up in fruitfulness. A dependent mentality cannot be fruitful. If at all you want to depend on anyone, it should be those that will contribute to your fruitfulness, not those that will continue to feed you.

To be fruitful is to be successful. How can you be successful when you failed to take life seriously early? The children of Israel knew Joseph wouldn't be there forever, so they had their business and work. The first step to becoming fruitful is work. You must have your work if you really want to be successful. Expectation has never made anyone successful, it's your actions that will. In fact, knowledge has never made anyone successful, it's what you do with the knowledge that will make you successful.

WHAT IS AFFLICTION?

Exodus 1:12

“But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were in dread of the

children of Israel.”

Affliction means hardship; toughness of life; or being in bondage. Affliction is pressure of life. Being in bondage does not mean your hands are being tired or you are restricted to move. Movement doesn't mean freedom. Freedom to move is not a sign you are free. The Bible says the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied. This means, the male Israelites were mating with their wives daily, yet they were in bondage. Marriage is not a sign that a person isn't in bondage. You can move up and down or travel any distance, but if with all these, you notice life is hard for you to enjoy, then, you are afflicted.

Secondly, the children of Israel were under task masters. They did everything well and worked tirelessly but there were no results to show for it. It was as if that they were working for other people to reap the reward. The above scripture proves that it's very possible to be afflicted and yet be increasing. Yes! Very possible. If you are afflicted, the devil may not stop your increase, the devil may not stop you from receiving more visions or stop you from working more. All the devil is after is your fulfilment, freedom and enjoyment. The devil doesn't want you to enjoy life. He wants you to suffer. He wants life to be hard for you. He wants the pressure of life to overpower you so you won't

think straight. That's what He is after. And you have to rise to get his yoke off your neck. You need to rise up in prayers to break that yoke of hardship and sufferings off your neck.

They were under affliction, yet, they were multiplying. These people were not lazy people, they would not give up, they kept on working. Even though they were afflicted, they were working and multiplying. This is what happens to many civil servants and career professionals. They kept working and working without enjoying. They married, birthed kids, and so on, yet, it's as though they are working for others to reap. You must reject hardship.

WHEN YOU ARE AFFLICTED, YOU DON'T HAVE POSSESSIONS

The Israelites were multiplying, yet, there was still a stigma with them. It is possible to be multiplying and still be afflicted. You can have children, but you will not have possession. You can have a good job, but you will not have possession.

The children of Israel were doing things but all they were doing was not for them because they were under affliction. However, the question is this, do they have a God? Why did God not come down and deliver them? It is because they did not call on God.

The focus now is that you thank God for what

He has done for you. Thank Him that you are not barren. Thank him because you are still multiplying, but multiplying is not enough, the children of Israel were increasing and multiplying, but in affliction. So, whoever and whatever they gave birth to was birthed into affliction. You may have new vision and birth the vision in affliction. Wisdom to do things may be at work in you, but all you do are in affliction.

Affliction will not hinder you from praying and working but prevent you from owning personal properties. Affliction will not affect your energy; it will hinder you from owning your personal possessions. Hardship of life doesn't make people think of making the move to get new things. If at all they want to get any new thing, probably, it would be new food.

It is time to rise up and fight against affliction. God has you in mind and you must bear in mind that He doesn't want you to suffer. So, suffering is a sign that the devil is doing the wrong work in your life. It is very bad to keep having more children, more visions, more jobs when you are in affliction. It is time to terminate the stigma of afflictions over your life before you continue multiplying.

Stop Calling Affliction a Process

The children of Israel were in Egypt, in affliction for four hundred and thirty years yet they were multiplying. Within those years, parents gave birth to children and children also give birth. But with all the fruitfulness and multiplication of the Israelites, they were in bondage.

Isn't it amazing to know that many Israelites got married in affliction, made new friends in affliction and envisioned increase in affliction. God had said they would spend four hundred years in Egypt, but they stayed there for four hundred and thirty years. Even if God was greatly willed towards delivering them, God would not deliver them. Having spent extra thirty years in affliction, the children of Israel endured affliction.

It is possible you see affliction as a process and say God is bringing you out but may die there. If you

say it is a matter of time, you've got to know that the end may catch up with you in affliction. You have to be careful so that your words won't become your own snare.

Sometimes, people make certain statements just to encourage themselves in affliction. Stop encouraging yourself in affliction. You've got to stop claiming tomorrow is bright while in affliction. Some will say they have a bright future while in affliction. All these words do not bring people out of affliction. Parents who said the same things died in affliction. Many grandparents waited, expected and anticipated a change of situation but nothing happened till they died. Many parents promised their children that their tomorrow would be better only for the children to grow and discovered that it became worse. The fact is that there were rich people among the children of Israel but all of them were in affliction. I hope you know that sickness, pain, agony, hardship, bondage, etc. are all signals of afflictions.

You may be going through a phase of life today, but you have to be sensitive so that the devil will not manipulate your training process into your suffering state. Many who assume they are going through process are indeed suffering. I remember some years ago that I assumed I was going through process but wasn't pleased with certain issues happening around

my life. I thought I was going through a process until I got into certain debts and couldn't live comfortably. I got into prayers and saw that there were certain forces and powers responsible for my condition. I had to get into prayers to get them destroyed.

I want you to know that God has you in mind. I also want you to know that hardship shouldn't be taken as a process you are going through. Process of life is different from hardship of life. When you are going through process, you will have an insight into when all will be over. But a sign to know you are going through hardship is that you won't have any glimpse into the time all would be over. Let me illustrate it this way. If you are pregnant, you don't give birth immediately but you will have an insight into the date or period of your delivery. You know that the baby within you is only going through the gestation period. Any pain a pregnant woman goes through won't matter much to her because she has an insight into the time of delivery and the pain will be over. That is the exact picture of life process. You should know when the whole thing or condition will be over. But if there's a pregnant woman whose gestation period has extended to over two or three years, you know that that is no longer the child bearing process but affliction. Why? Simply because she has gone beyond the expected date of delivery. That is the exact difference between

affliction and life process. Life process has expiry date, but affliction only end the day you rise up to react against it. The affliction you continue to tolerate will never leave.

AFFLICTION IS AFFLICTION

The rich among the children of Israel were the elders and were those God told Moses to meet first. They were enduring affliction and needed to stop. Stop enduring affliction, stop increasing in affliction, stop being productive in affliction. If you can be productive in affliction, another will enjoy your labour.

Affliction doesn't change with time, it only end with prayers. Stop expecting your situation to end by itself one day. You've got to rise up in prayers to react against it so that it doesn't destroy your life. I want you to see affliction as affliction. It is time you stop treating it as a process of life that God add to you. God permitted affliction for the children of Israel so that they will think of getting out of the land of Egypt one day. God's intention was to bring them into the land He promised Abraham, but if not for the affliction against them, they would remain in the land of Egypt because all they needed they got there.

The devil is foolish. His intention of afflicting people is to hold them down, but God in His wisdom

has made affliction a weapon of great desires to get out of your condition. When people are going through hardship, they will desire to get out of the places, situations, conditions they once rejoiced about. The children of Israel were glad when they were accepted into the Egypt but the moment affliction set in, they desired to leave. When what comforted you yesterday suddenly turn to your present problem, you will pray to God to bring you out of that situation. The devil meant to use affliction to frustrate your life, but God will use it to get you into His purpose for your life. There are certain graces you will never had prayed for if you were not in an unwanted situation.

So, when a person is afflicted and such get into prayers to call on God, God will answer and show the person great and mighty things which he didn't know yet. The fact is that God will get you out of affliction by showing you vision of a place you should go. When I mean a place you should go, I am referring to a vision of something you should start or possess. When the children of Israel called on God to get them out of their predicament, God sent Moses to go deliver them out of affliction by getting them out of the land of Egypt. Get ready because God may lead you to get into something great and mighty that your brain can't handle except you move by faith. That you multiply in affliction

means you have the power to breakout of affliction. You must not endure what your parents endured so you can set your generation and your children free. Get ready to break out of affliction because God has you in mind.

YOU NEED A HIGHER POWER TO BREAKOUT

The children of Israel had the ability to multiply within them, but did not have the ability to bring themselves out of affliction. They were giving birth to children but couldn't set themselves free from affliction. It is very possible to have the ability to increase certain things but couldn't end the hardship in your life.

To multiply, the power is in you, but to break out of affliction, you need a higher power because you will be dealing with mighty giants and superior forces. There were men of stature in Israel, yet they were in affliction. There are battles of life you can't win by sense but by divine strength. The reason you will call on God is so that His power can be made manifest and put an end to the issues of hardship in your life.

DISRUPT THE STATUS QUO

You don't need to pray to multiply. You don't pray to give birth to children. If you want your finances to multiply, do the right thing – work – and get

wisdom. You want your vision to multiply, then, imagine new things or go to God in prayers to open your eyes. You want people in your life to multiply, connect with the right people and apply connectivity quotients.

However, to come out of affliction, there are no right things. There is only one right thing which was what the children of Israel did.. The children of Israel often times try to do many things by themselves, even Moses killed a person and ran away. If you try to deliver yourself from affliction physically and by using mental power, you will not succeed. The children of Israel when they were four hundred and thirty years old in affliction had a generation that arose and chose not to follow what their parents had told them. Their parents and grandparents had told them God would deliver them at the right time because He promised that. So, generations after generations kept enduring the situations until another generation came that refused to keep waiting on God to come when He chose, they cried to Him to deliver them now.

The bible records that the children of Israel cried unto God. So, the way out of affliction is not by encouraging words or expecting a day to come, No! It is by you as an individual doing what normal men will not do. Normal men wait and expect things to change one day. For you, you are the one to

swing into action and say today not tomorrow, help must come. Do not wait anymore. The children of Israel prayed to get out of affliction. We were all born with the ability to multiply, but to get out of satanic affliction, it is not in the hand of a man. The Bible says they prayed to God to deliver them. When God spoke to Moses on the mountain he said "I have heard the cry". If you do not pray, nothing will change. May you not give birth to children that will be afflicted.

I do not want my children to know affliction, I do not want them to experience what I experienced in the early days of my life when I left university. There were generation that were born in bondage in Egypt, yet there were generations that were born in the promise land. The reason some could be born in the promise land was because some refused to continue to remain in affliction and they cried to God to deliver them. You children will not know affliction if you can rise to resist all forms of satanic affliction. You can know God in the good times and good land. Some children of Israel served God in affliction in Egypt while another generation of Israelites served God in pleasures in the promise land. You don't have to be in affliction to serve God. Rich people and comfortable people too can serve God.

GOD BRINGS OUT OF BOUND INTO PROSPERITY

Psalms 68:6

[6]God sets the solitary in families; He brings out those who are bound into prosperity; But the rebellious dwell in a dry land.

God brings out those who are bond into prosperity. What does that mean? It is not possible to be prosperous in affliction. The word bound means affliction. Then the scripture says He brings them out into prosperity. How God brings out those who are afflicted is not solely automatic, and for you, there are things you need to do. If you are in bondage, God can bring you out into prosperity.

If you really desire to get out of affliction, it is time you tell God the affliction must not continue and it has to stop. In your family, it is possible everyone has records they break, but for you, you not only need to a break record but set new records for future generations. This is possible.

Prosperity is not just something to enjoy but also a location to dwell. The Bible says He brings them out into prosperity. That Psalm is an expression of the story of the Israelites – how God brought them out of bondage into prosperity. God brought the children of Israel out of Egypt into the promise land. Do you know that the generations that died within the four hundred years also knew there was a

promise land? But they did not see the need to pray and rather lived waiting for God to someday arise and deliver them. But a generation that arose and rejected afflictions in prayers. Do not wait for any other day, you've got to tell God this affliction has to be over. God has given you promises and prophecies but you've got to tell God to bring it to pass now. Do you know that prophecy and greatness has nothing to do with age? Age is not the factor, there are kings in the Bible who became king at the age of eight, nine. God's promises should come to pass is your life early.

STOP ENDURING SUFFERING; PRAY TO GOD

James 5:13

[13]Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms.

Even in the new testament, you see this matter of affliction. What is referred to as suffering in the NKJV is what is known as affliction in the KJV. If you are afflicted supernatural speed cannot come in your life. You can be doing many things, but there will be no result to show if you are in affliction. There is a speed that can come upon your life, but it will not come when you are afflicted. James here instructs us, that anyone who is suffering or afflicted should pray. Another instruction he gives us concerning affliction is, if anyone lacks wisdom, let him pray.

Today, there are people, especially preachers and pastors who say we are new creations in Christ, and that new creations cannot be afflicted. Their claim is that a Christian cannot be afflicted. Well, in reality, that is true. But as long as you are on earth and remain in the human flesh, a Christian may be afflicted. A new creation in Christ is still a man on earth. The children of Israel were God's chosen nation, yet they were afflicted. The question is why should God's chosen nation be afflicted?

The fact that you are saved doesn't mean satan will not attempt to bring hardship to your life, you are the one that should reject it. That you are educated doesn't mean you can't suffer. The other day, I saw a university lecturer calling passengers into his car in the market. This was a man that had been lecturing for over twenty years, yet experiencing hardship of life. You have to get into prayers to break the yoke of hardship over your life. God is ever ready to move you out of bondage into prosperity.

Approaches to Dealing With Affliction

James 5:13

[13]Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms.” Nkjv

“Is anyone afflicted? Let him pray...” Kjv

Scripture reveals that anyone afflicted should pray. That means, if you are in Christ Jesus and on earth at the same time, you can be afflicted. To be afflicted is to be suffering. You don't wish or expect suffering to end like that, you are instructed in scripture to pray about it. Anyone suffering but failed to follow the recommendation of Scripture will continue to suffer. Do you realize that it wasn't one Pharaoh that afflicted the children of Israel? Yes, many Pharaoh afflicted them, but it all started with one Pharaoh. Situations of life may want to continue in your life as times and seasons change, that is why you need

to call on God in prayers.

In the case of Satan, he does not handover to anybody. There is this pertinent question we should look upon, “must you suffer before you get wisdom? Of a truth, suffering will add wisdom to people. It also adds gentleness to their lives. In fact, suffering will force you to be humble. But do you have to suffer before you have all of these? You are not told to sing when you are suffering or being afflicted, you are told to pray. Do you know when the children pass to through the Red sea, Moses sang and Mariam led the women to sing. That is it. You sing when you have victory.

When Jesus was about to die, He went to the garden of Gethsemane to pray. He did not go there to sing. He said, Father not My will, but let your Will be done. I want you to get the aspect of this prayer because everyone knows that we should pray. I know of a particular church that is known for prayers in Nigeria. Many people, especially the grace preachers often criticize them, but the fact is that members of that church don't tolerate afflictions. They don't permit hardship around them. They may not be bible scholars like others do, but they are prayerful. That is it. You are not told to study when you are afflicted, you are told to pray. Are you suffering or going through hardship now? If yes, then, rise up in prayers to God and tell Him

to put an end to afflictions in your life.

The elder brother of the prodigal son had rights to his father's properties and to live in its fullest. He did not make any demand from his father, neither did his father give him anything. But the one who went to squander everything was still accepted by the father when he came back. When you behold some people, you will be forced to ask if they are Christians. Sometimes, you don't see any sign of spiritual maturity in their lives, but you can see God's blessings in their lives.

You must not speak against any church because you do not know the revelation they are working with. What is the essence of knowing too much but no tangible result to show? When you are afflicted you should pray. Affliction has no respect for your resources, has no respect for your knowledge, and has no respect for your vision. Affliction will make you squander everything you have in seconds.

Many got into debts because hardship set in. There are people who have sold all their possessions because they couldn't feed. In fact, debts took away the possession many labored to get in their youth. For some, affliction came in through sicknesses. This is noticeable in the affliction of the woman with the issue of blood, who spent everything she had within twelve years on her sickness. By the time she got to the point of having nothing left, her mind

was opened to try something else and she went to the man who can heal. She was able to generate a revelation for herself. No one taught her to touch the hem of Jesus garment. She touched and got her miracle. Stop enduring affliction. Be angry with it, not with people.

Affliction will always make you become uneasy with people around you. Do not get angry at people because people are not your problem. King Pharaoh who decreed the affliction of the children of Israel did not go to the Israelites, he sat in his place. Can you see Satan? No! But you can see the result of his work and you can see the result of his command. Sometimes, you may not need to be furious with those who really hurt you but focused on the force pushing them against your life.

Paul the Apostle prayed to the Lord three times to take away the thorns from his flesh because he could not cope with it. Where do we get the gospel that tells us to endure affliction. Paul told Timothy to endure affliction but it is for the sake of the gospel (2 Timothy 4:5). The affliction that brings poverty, suffering, etc should not be endured. Those messages of comfort will make you sit down and not pray. Multiplication will not take away affliction. Growth numerically won't reduce affliction. You know God can deliver, you must not endure affliction again. It is time to stop multiplying in affliction and seek

freedom from oppression. All forces of hell afflicting and tormenting your life should be dealt with totally till they are nowhere to be found. If you don't deal with affliction, you will serve who should serve you.

BE ANGRY WITH AFFLICTION

You should be angry with affliction even though you cannot see the forces afflicting you, but you know they are forces. You have to rise against forces of hell unleash against your productivity and possessions. There are forces that will stand against you that you won't have any possessions in your life. It is time to deal with them and destroy them brutally.

God is kind, but when life seems to be hard, you have to rise up in prayers to break the yoke of hardship over your life. A sign of affliction is when those who are your support structures are now afflicted too. There are helpers that are suffering today because they chose to help somebody the devil had vowed to torment all his life. This is true. The businesses of some people collapsed because they were attempting to help who the devil had vowed to oppress for long. Don't be deceived. The devil is always seeking to destroy the lives of people and to torment them. You've got to refused to be afflicted again all the days of your life. This is a new time and era for you. Rise up in prayers to fight afflictions.

GET INTO INTENSE PRAYERS NOW

Affliction is not about praying casually but praying desperately. You have to get into intense prayers to put an end to afflictions and sufferings in your life. Have you not heard what the Bible says concerning Elijah that he was a man like us and the Bible says Elijah prayed earnestly that it should not rain? He prayed **EARNESTLY**. Elijah did not just say to the king it will not rain, it is not a prophecy but result of his prayer. The Bible did not just say Elijah prayed, but that he prayed earnestly. The Bible did not show us how he prayed earnestly, but for the rain to come back, the Bible says he prayed again and the rain came back. However, before the rain could be stopped from falling, the Bible says Elijah prayed earnestly and it did not rain for three years and six months. Now, the Bible did not show us how he prayed earnestly, but for the rain to return, Elijah prayed again seven times. Scripture didn't record the second time he prayed as earnestly. Whereas, he prayed by putting his head under his lap. According to Bible commentary, he did that seven times, each at an hour interval until there was a sign.

You remember Jesus telling Peter that, can't he pray for one hour because that is the amount of time for Jewish prayers. Elijah kept praying until he saw a signal to his prayers.

The Egyptians also once told Pharaoh "this is the

finger of God, we cannot deal with it again". You have to pray to a level that affliction will no longer be able to show forth again. When praying against affliction, James did not specify the number of times you should pray, he only said "let him pray". I want to tell you to pray until affliction leaves. The day you should stop prayer should be when you see the sign that affliction has left. The day affliction leaves, the revelation will come to you that it is gone. You do not just pray once about affliction and stop, but until the day the revelation comes to you. The revelation will come to you either from the scriptures or as a sign, because you will realize that day the children of Israel were set free was the day a word came unto Moses. Do not just pray once and stop, pray until a personal revelation is formed in you.

1 Kings 18:41-46

[41]Then Elijah said to Ahab, "Go up, eat and drink; for there is the sound of abundance of rain."

[42]So Ahab went up to eat and drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; then he bowed down on the ground, and put his face between his knees,

[43]and said to his servant, "Go up now, look toward the sea." So he went up and looked, and said, "There is nothing." And seven times he said, "Go again."

[44]Then it came to pass the seventh time, that he said, "There is a cloud, as small as a man's hand,

rising out of the sea!” So he said, “Go up, say to Ahab, ‘Prepare your chariot, and go down before the rain stops you.’ ”

[45]Now it happened in the meantime that the sky became black with clouds and wind, and there was a heavy rain. So Ahab rode away and went to Jezreel.

[46]Then the hand of the Lord came upon Elijah; and he girded up his loins and ran ahead of Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

Elijah prayed and sent a word to the king, that he should move home quickly because he heard the sound of abundance of rain. The Bible says when the king was going, the hand of the Lord came upon Elijah and he ran ahead. Did Elijah pray for the hand of God? No, that is speed. If you want to experience supernatural speed, it will come after your prayers. In other words, accessing speed is not about running, but the ability to wait.

The Bible records that the hand of God came upon Elijah and he ran ahead. Before then, Elijah sent his servant to the king and the king left. How many people are remaining after the king left? Of course, that should be Elijah and his servant. Did the hand of the Lord come upon the servant? No, what happened? While Elijah was praying, he was not but looking out for a sign. By the time the hand of the Lord came, it came upon Elijah not the servant. How could you see your master praying and you didn't

pray? Well my assumption may be Elijah held his hand. However, the hand of the Lord has a particular person he wants to locate. If it will locate anyone let it be you.

I remember when I was praying against affliction, they brought the first food, I forgot to eat. You had better pray so you will not be multiplying in affliction. The Bible says the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availed much. The King James Version says it makes tremendous power available. There is a power over affliction. In other words, what you need is power, the power came into the lives of the children of Israel through the coming of Moses. Moses coming into their lives is a representation of the power of God to them.

God told Isaiah to go to Hezekiah and tell him he will die, Hezekiah turned to the wall and prayed. While Isaiah was still in the palace, the word of the Lord came to Isaiah, "I have added fifteen more years to his life". Prayer can change what God has said. The man entered into prayers and prayed. Prayer can change a negative prophecy.

God sent Jonah to Nineveh, that in forty days they would die. The people who heard the message got into prayers and the Bible says God turned away the evil and relented.

Prayer can turn away prophecies and prophecies also need prayer to come to pass. The kind of

prayers that will turn away affliction, distress, or save anyone passing through hard times is this kind of prayers - heartfelt prayers, prayers that you can feel in your heart. You have got to get into prayers now. You have to pray so that everything can change for your good. Shame should be far from your life.

Many of the people who seems not to be mature in faith will not stop praying until they see the hand of God in their situations. There is power in desperate prayers. A prayer that is heartfelt will definitely cause things to shift and change in your life. Those who call upon the name of the Lord shall not be put to shame.

DON'T PERMIT AFFLICTION

There was a time in my life the devil interfered and wanted to stop greatness in my life. It was heartfelt prayers that helped me. I want you to move from praying with your mouth to praying fervently with your heart. If it requires you to shut down your phone, do it. Anyone who is under affliction permitted it. You may not invite affliction but you may permit it. Invitation is different from permission. You may not know the time and way it came, but you must never permit it to stay in your life.

The amazing thing about affliction is that it comes upon the family. You can choose to not birth your

children into affliction. You have to fight afflictions so that your children will not be born into it. And if you already have children born into hardship of life, it is time for you to get everyone into prayers. The recommendation for anyone suffering is, let him pray. It is not if any family, it is anyone. God didn't say let them pray, but let him pray. If it will not break in everybody, let it break on you.

AFFLICTION LEAVES THROUGH HEARTFELT PRAYERS

Affliction leaves through heartfelt prayer. You must desire the Lord to bring you out of Affliction! There are legal demonic afflictions. These are affliction that operates in people's life because of what they have done or what their ancestors have done. Affliction will not stop your gift from manifesting but it will affect those rewards your gift will bring. The doors that should be opened to your gifting will be closed. Most pastors will not believe it is possible to be heavily anointed and still be in affliction. An example was David. Saul tormented David for long even though Samuel had anointed him. We know the dimensions of demon as believers but we do not know the dimensions of affliction. The Bible says in my name they shall cast out demons not affliction. You are not told to pray to God about demons, you are told to cast them out. But you are told to pray

to God when you are afflicted.

When you are working and not seeing desired result, you should know affliction is at work upon your life. People know that David was anointed to be king, but there was a thing saying he will not get there. Prayer is powerful. It is through prayers you change unwanted situations of life. When we pray, we are legislating. You enforce things in the place of prayer. Many people have struggled in your family to be great, choose not to become great through struggle. There is a God that makes great. Get into prayers to tell Him to deliver you from hardship. You know there are ministers who preached that believers should tell God to deliver them because they have been delivered at salvation. Well, that is true. But you need to understand that Paul the Apostle still prayed to God to deliver him. Let me tell you, if you are under heavy hardship of life, you can call on God to deliver you.

I believe it is time you start multiplying in greatness, blessings and dominion. Your days of hardship are over and a new day has come. Rejoice for it is a season of change for you. Amen!

SPECIAL PRAYERS TO PRAY AGAINST AFFLICTIONS

1. Father, deliver me from hardship of life.

2. In the name of Jesus, every yoke of affliction and hardship placed upon my life, break away now
3. Father, whatever power has held me down for long in affliction, let your fire fall and consume such in Jesus name.
4. Father, by your mighty hand, bring me out of bound into prosperity now.
5. Father, move me out of the wilderness and dry land into the wealthy place now in Jesus name.
6. Father, uproot my work, business, ministry out of the wilderness and move it to the place of flourishing in Jesus name
7. Every legislation and spiritual written documents that give legal right to affliction in my life, by the blood of Jesus, you are canceled now.
8. Wherever I have been tired down in the realm of the spirit or in the kingdom of darkness, let the mighty hand of God free me now in Jesus name.
9. Every power of limitation saying I will not go and I will not rise, an end come to you work in my life, die now in Jesus name.
10. Every evil hand subduing my head, in the name of Jesus, be cut off now.
11. Father, send help to me. Deliver me from hardship permanently and move me into abundance forever.

12. All repeated patterns and circles of poverty in my life, an end come to you today in Jesus name.
13. Father, send your help and deliver me from family captivity. Let every power that keep people low be defeated in my life.
14. Father, put an end to suffering in my life. Push me into unending success. Let me swim in unending ocean of success and glory
15. Father, let a new wave of glory pass over me. Cause my life to display a new wave of glory
16. My God, bless me speedily. Let your blessing reach me now.
17. My father, give me comfort and peace from all battles of life. Let there be permanent end to battles of affliction in my life.
18. Father, let the decree goes forth over my life never to fight battles of life. Make me a no go area for the devil and yoke of afflictions.
19. Father, make me fruitful and flourish in the realm of dominion. Let my days of suffering be over.
20. Father, bless me exceedingly. make me the new example and model of a man God has blessed.



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11. Wisdom for All-Round
12. Wisdom Power
13. Prayer Force (1)
14. Multiply
15. Tithing
16. You Are Different
17. Phronesis for Dating
18. Dating, Marriage and Sex
19. Managing Divine People
20. The Power to Get Wealth
21. Spiritual Fatherhood
22. Managing Divine People
23. Understanding Honor

24. Flourish And Grow (1)
25. Faith Dimension (1)
26. Ministry Laws (1)
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52. Wave of Increase
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55. Breaking Joy Code
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57. You Are a wonder
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59. The Minister and the Ministry
60. Grace Factor
61. Subdue and Dominate
62. Flourish and Grow (2)
63. Overtake
64. Victory over Afflictions
65. The Power of Patience
66. Stand out
67. Shining like the Sun
68. 30 Channels of Wealth
69. Breaking into Laughter
70. The Power to Dominate
71. Enjoying Health
72. Stronger than the stronger
73. Battle for Wealth
74. Wealth Transfer
75. Maximum Protection
76. The Power to Be on Time
77. Power Activators
78. The Essence of Obedience
79. The Power of words

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92. How to Live Long
93. Warfare for Long Life
94. The Hand of God
95. On Pornography
96. 11 Streams of Healing
97. Fresh Insight
98. Money Sense
99. The Power of Prophecies
100. High-Flyers
101. Be Creative
102. No Limit
103. Understanding
104. Dealing with Impossibility
105. Highly Favored
106. You Can Prophecy
107. Expand

- 108. Entering into Fullness
- 109. 8 Kinds of Men
- 110. The Headship Anointing
- 111. God is with You
- 112. Church Formation
- 113. Ministers' Personal Development
- 114. Time-Planning
- 115. Manifesting Excellence
- 116. Your Reality Today (Yoreto)

