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COURSE UNIT CODE: TBH 202

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METHOD OF STUDY

[A] Classroom And/Or Self-Directed Learning:

Classroom instructions and/or self-directed learning or facilitation are primarily by - (1) The Scriptures/the Bible itself (King James Version, KJV). (2) The Holy Spirit & Prayer. Thus, the Word and the Spirit, therefore, are the basis and strength of the FReNBI curriculum.

Adjunct Faculty, Recommended Books & Materials (Disclaimer):

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[B1] SELF DIRECTED LEARNERS (FCBS/DISTANCE LEARNING OR FReNBI ONLINE STUDENTS) ARE TO CONTINUE HERE:

PREPARING TO START

(1) Your study time is to be accompanied by prayers. Whenever the revelation of truth dawns on you or the power of truth takes hold of your spirit, such is a good time to pray it out. Don't miss this chance. Such a moment is the time to pray and meditate, observing moments of silence or quietness, making proclamations and confessions, prophesying etc.; as the move of the Spirit dictates. That is the time to check up related scriptures that flash through your mind. Singing, praying more, and doing as that spiritual occasion serves you.

Be sure to write down any spiritual development in your FCBS Notebook. What occurs to you, what God may be saying to you, what you may see or feel concerning issues of your life, etc. Expect things to be revealed to you while you study. This is to be a prayer-driven study.

(2) Review the document: "Certificate/Diploma in Ministry – Course Units & Time Frame". Then - choose between a daily study plan: (Mon –Fridays) 2 hrs or more daily, or a weekly study plan: any 10 hours of the week (or 1hr/week for Weekend

Study). specify in your notebook on page 1 which days of the week you have Chosen and be accountable to yourself.

GAINING A GENERAL OVERVIEW

Set aside your first 6 hours and be able to read through the entire syllabus. Starting from this Method of Study to the Examination page (optional) at the end of this syllabus. For example, you can set aside these hours in 2 periods of 3 hours each to achieve the combined total of your first 6 hours.

Please do get back to the beginning of METHOD OF STUDY and reread the whole of this syllabus. In doing so, do pay special attention to specific lessons, paragraphs, phrases or verses that you may feel a need to reread. The Holy Spirit will be prompting you on certain points that will become triggers for your present and future miracles. Keep rereading until you accomplish the combined total of 6 hours required for the OVERVIEW.

COMMENCING YOUR STUDY, LESSON BY LESSON

- (1) Start your study time reading-through the entire lesson for the day/week, e.g. Lesson 1.
- (2) Next, go over the same lesson. This time, slowly and meditatively. As things occur to you, you may feel like praying it out, speaking it out, or repeating scriptures aloud to yourself...and writing down any revelation in your FCBS Notebook, along with the date.
Remember to apply this important requirement to all subsequent lessons in this study. You will no longer be reminded of this requirement beyond this point.

QUESTIONS TO MIND AS YOU STUDY

- (a) How do these scriptures apply to my life and destiny?
- (b) What is the vital principle of scripture, correction, reproof, or direction that I need to apply from these scriptures to my life, to fulfil my obedience?
- (c) Is there any personal message that the Lord is passing across to me?
- (d) What prayer do I need to pray from these scriptures to shape my life and Calling?

[B2] CLASSROOM INSTRUCTORS ARE TO CONTINUE HERE:

METHOD OF DELIVERY OF A FReNBI COURSE

- (1) The teaching of the Word by the Instructor.
- (2) The praying of the revealed Word by the students: students led by the Instructor;

That is, engaging students to pray-out the revelation of truth as it flows out of the delivery: 1, 2, or 3 times (in each period of 45 mins - 60 mins) as the flow of the Word and the move of the Spirit dictates.

(3) Singing spiritual songs, hymns and psalms, spontaneously when the Spirit leads, in the course of Instructions/lectures.

(4) Ministering the revealed truth by the Instructor; that is, ministering the truth revealed in the course of the teaching, praying for the students with the truth studied, and proclaiming the blessing of the revelation upon them.

(5) Contribution to classroom-ministry by students; under the direction of the Instructor, through spontaneous songs, prophecies, exhortations, testimonies, questions & answers, etc.

-Both classroom Instructors and self-directed Learners continue here-

COURSE UNIT DESCRIPTION: TBK 202

The practice of communion and fellowship with the Lord in a detailed study of the Book of Habakkuk, and its multiple applications. In particular, as it applies to the end-time move of God. This is a study of the book of Habakkuk in its entire seven-fold dimension for personal revival, namely; Developing Praise as a lifestyle. Seeking God for His power. Seeking the spread of the Gospel to the nations (personal evangelism & missions). Seeking the Word & the Spirit. Seeking the presence of God, expecting supernatural interventions. Partaking in the end time Harvest.

Learners will be taken through a word-based prayer-process in applying truth to personal life. Emphasis is on personal application of truth in practical terms.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

That:

The student will understand and take on personal responsibility for acquiring the end time revival-fire as a life-long adventure of faith.

The student will contact the required spiritual strength and move on steadily and progressively in contending for the faith once delivered to the Saints.

The student will comprehend the exercise of faith for spiritual-breakthrough, seeking the Lord and His righteousness, and developing a lifestyle that pleases the Lord.

COURSE OUTLINE AND LESSON NOTES

LESSON 1

INTRODUCTION TO THE BOOK OF HABAKKUK

Here, we will be examining the prophetic nature of the Book of Habakkuk and its multiple interpretations and applications. Firstly to Judah, in respect of the coming deportation of Judah to Babylon as a result of the iniquity and violence in the land. Secondly, to the end-time revival, which is our focus and emphasis in TBH 202.

A typical example of a prophetic-scripture is found in Psalm 22:1-20. 'My God, my God, why has thou forsaken me?'. This applies in the first instance to David, who spoke those words while in distress. At the same time, applicable to the Lord Jesus, who spoke the same while in distress on the cross. This is a prophetic scripture with two or more (multiple) applications.

Our concern is the prophetic application of the Book of Habakkuk as it relates to the end-time move of God on a personal level.

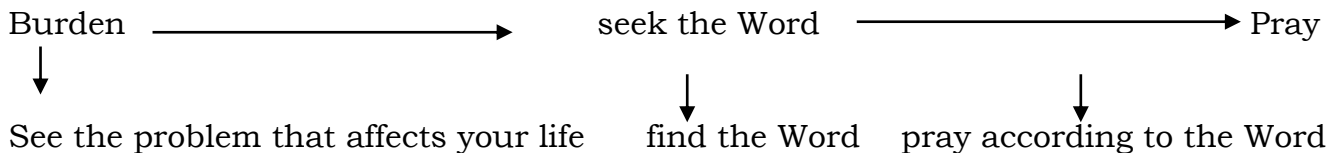
Summary: Habakkuk. 1:1 the burden of Habakkuk

Habakkuk. 2:1 what the Word says

Habakkuk. 3:1 the prayer of Habakkuk

Personal revival begins by seeing one's spiritual condition and that of the land. It's about seeing your spiritual wretchedness or spiritual poverty. This SEEING creates a burden. This burden must lead you to find out from the Word what God is saying about the condition.

Having known the Word, you should pray according to the Word, which is God's revealed will. In general application to any other situation of life, find the Word concerning your situation and then pray according to that Word.



In any challenge you find yourself, you need to find the revelation of the word of God concerning that matter and then begin to pray according to that Word. God will answer to His word in your prayer. God cannot hear unless you speak his word to him. If you don't have the word of God (which contains his will) in your heart, then God can't hear you:

1 John 5:14 - And this is the confidence that we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

You cannot separate true prayer from true revelation knowledge of His Word. The power of prayer is in the revelation-knowledge of His Word. *Habakkuk 2:14 For the*

earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

The Word and the Spirit will fill the earth. The move of the Word and the move of the Spirit will cover the earth. The Word keeps us in the balance of the Spirit. The Word will stabilize you in the Spirit. Find the revelation knowledge of Him and then move in His Spirit guided by that knowledge. The earth will be filled with the knowledge (Word) of the glory (Spirit) of God as the waters cover the sea. Let's compare these four scriptures:-

Romans 1:17 - *"The just shall live by faith."*
Hebrews 10:38 - *Now, "the Just shall live by faith".*
Galatians 3:11 - *"The just shall live by faith."*
Habakkuk 2:4 - *but the just shall live by his faith.*

The book of Habakkuk has personalized it. It says, '...his faith'. It takes 'your faith' for you to live. It takes 'my faith' for me to live. It takes 'her faith' for her to live, etc.

Revival begins with you as a person.

The personal application of the scriptures to your life is the sure way to being blessed and becoming a blessing. The word of the Lord must have a personal application in your life.

LESSON 2

FROM THIS LESSON, WE BEGIN OUR STUDY OF THE SEVEN ASPECTS OR DIMENSIONS OF PERSONAL REVIVAL. WHAT YOU MUST DO PERSONALLY TO BE IN THE FLOW OF THE ENDTIME MOVE OF GOD.

SCRIPTURAL TEXT: HABAKKUK 3. SEEKING THE PRAISE OF GOD Habakkuk 3:3

"God came from Teman, and the Holy One from mount Paran. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise. ..." (Habakkuk. 3:3)

Developing a consistent praise-life is a vital key to accessing the flow of the move of God.

When praising God becomes habitual in your life, you will begin to experience the move of God like you never knew. The praise life will bring more of you into the Spirit and 'more' of the Spirit into you! Begin to thank and praise the Lord daily. Let the devil know that you are really what the Lord has created you to be: an habitation of God through the Spirit:

"In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit" (Ephesians 2:22)

No matter what you face in your life, there will always be a way out. That is, if you can let God come into the situation through a lifestyle of praise and worship. To achieve and maintain a daily praise life, you must learn not to walk by feelings because feelings are irresponsible.

Thanksgiving is the beginning of praise, while worship is the continuation of praise into the inner place. Begin by developing an attitude of thanking God in every situation and at all times. Let God know that he is greater than any situation in your life, as you give thanks always for all things, giving the sacrifice of praise continually. Thanksgiving, praise and worship bring the presence of God into your situation.

Jonah thanked and praised God in the belly of the fish. The Lord then commanded the fish to vomit Jonah out to the dry ground (Jonah 2:9-10). In Thessalonians 5:18, the Bible admonishes us to *give thanks in everything*. We are further admonished in Ephesians 5:18-20, *not to be drunk with wine but to be 'filled with the Spirit',...as you begin to sing praises to God through 'giving thanks to God always for all things'*. Make your prayer time a quality time for thanksgiving, praise and worship, and you will begin to see a new phase of God's victory-plan for your life.

Verse 3: "God came from Teman and the Holy One from mount ran,"

(Signifying that God was moving, or we simply call this a move of God)

"His glory covered the heavens and the earth was full of His PRAISE."

A praiseful people were at the centre of it all. The prophet was beholding the last days' Believers abounding always in the praise of God; a praiseful lifestyle. Praise became a normal way of life for the redeemed of the Lord. This move of the last days is ordained by God to restore the praise lifestyle on the earth. A life of praise will stabilize your spiritual strength and establish for you a place in the ongoing move of God.

We must begin 'both to will and to do' this very good pleasure of God like never before. God is seeking for those who will daily and always THANK AND PRAISE HIM, worshipping, in spirit and truth:

"But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for the Father seeketh such to WORSHIP HIM" (John 4:23).

Oh, the joy and peace of this spiritual pre-occupation. What daily victory and blessings to enjoy from this fellowship and daily communion with the Holy Spirit. Now, you must press into this thing to be able to enjoy the fullness of joy for each day, and the pleasures of God's right hand forever.

This praise lifestyle is God's potent spiritual force for the Harvest of souls in the visitation of God to the nations this end time. As a Believer moves deeper into this realm of Christian-living, his day-to-day problems easily turn into miracles, so much that in no time, the Believer would become a PRAISE in the earth.

What does that mean? Unbelievers, seeing the glory of God upon Believers, would flow easily to the light that Believers have in God (Isaiah 60:1-3). The life of Believers becomes excellent, admirable, and attractive, as to command the attention of the unbelievers/gentiles unto their salvation:

"And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written, after this will I return and build again the tabernacle of David which is fallen down;... that the residue of men might seek after the Lord and all the gentiles..." (Acts 15:15-17).

Now, look at the prophets:

"In that day, will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen..." (Amos 9:11)

*"Behold at that time, I will undo all that afflict thee... I will get them praise and fame in every land where they have been put to shame... a name and a praise among all people of the earth."
(Zephaniah 3:19-20).*

How will the glory of the Lord fill the earth as the waters cover the sea? Easy: the praise of God shall fill the earth as the waters cover the sea.

Praise will bring restoration of all things in all the areas the devil has afflicted you. This restoration of all things will also further enhance our praise life.

As the prophet Joel also saw concerning these last days:

"And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and PRAISE the name of the Lord your God..." (Joel 2:26)

This praise-life will wipe out shame in our health, finances, family life, etc. See, it is this praise lifestyle that will make it to:

"come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh...." (Joel 2:28).

The praise-life will bring more of you into the Spirit and more of the Spirit into you. Begin to thank and praise the Lord daily. For David, he saw it as requiring a vow and made it a vow unto himself:

"Praise waiteth for thee O God, in Zion: and unto thee shall the vow be performed." (Ps. 65:1)

And again,

"So will I sing unto thy name forever, that I may DAILY PERFORM MY VOWS?" (Ps. 61:8)

In singing praise to God forever, he is daily performing his vows.

When God was looking out on the earth for a man craving after what He likes to inhabit, He found one man, David, honouring Him with the precious fruit of his lips. The Lord called David a man after His own heart. (Acts 13:22).

Why did David have to make a vow of his desire to praise God? Being human, he knew there would always come days when he would not FEEL like praising God. So, he made it a vow. As a vow, he would rise to praise God without his waiting to "feel like". How would a man like Smith Wigglesworth be able to praise and dance before the Lord every time he woke up in the morning? He answered it himself, "I don't ask Smith how he feels, I take him to the word and show him who he is".

To achieve and maintain a daily praise life, you don't walk by feelings. Feelings can be 'irresponsible'. They are not trustworthy. Feelings can be deceptive, vague, and untrue. Walk by what the Word says as you wake up every morning and get yourself flowing in praise of God. Thanking and praising God is what ushers you into His presence where the Lord receives your worship. For God is seeking for those who will daily, so thank and praise, worshipping Him in spirit and truth.

Ephesians 5:15-20 (paraphrased):

20 if you can give thanks for all things to God the Father in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,

19 Your heart will become melodious, by which you will flow in singing praises, hymns and spiritual

songs whose words will be speaking to you; then

18 Your heart will be filled with the spirit like

One who is drunk with wine.

17 You will then understand what the will of the Lord is, and hence

16 You would have redeemed your time and from evil; then

15 You become wise and not a fool.

Use your time wisely for God's glory by always doing that which will fill you with the spirit. By so doing, you will deliver your day from evil because the days are evil. Develop the Godly habit of always thanking and singing praises to God. You will find that you now have the divine secret for constantly overcoming sorrows. Sorrow is a spirit. When you allow it, it starts to attract more sorrowful occurrences into your day (Proverbs 15:15).

The approach of John the Baptist to his prison-life experience was different from that of Paul and Silas (Matthew 11:2-3, 6; Acts 16:25-26). John the Baptist was offended in God while in prison. He sent his disciples to question the authority of Jesus if he was actually the one to come, or should they look forward to another? Well, his head was eventually chopped off in prison. He did not have a miracle of deliverance.

Paul and Silas had a different attitude while in prison. They experienced a miraculous deliverance. While in prison, and much unlike John the Baptist, they subdued any emotional possibility of getting offended in God; they sang praises to God.

The aim of the devil in causing evil things to happen to people is basically to get them offended in God. However, by giving thanks, despite the situation, you make way for God to intervene. Thanksgiving and praise will prevent you from being offended in God. Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises to God in the midst of trouble (prison).

Paul and Silas knew that the way out of their trouble was to thank God, praising him continually and waiting patiently to see the salvation of the Lord.

THREE REALMS OF PRAISING GOD:

Thanking and praising God for who He is.

Thanking and praising God for what He has done.

Thanking and praising God for what you are expecting, though it has not yet manifested.

LESSON 3

SEEKING GOD FOR HIS POWER

Habakkuk 3:4

*"And this brightness was the light; he had horns coming out of his hand:
and there was the hiding of his power."*

God is 'hiding his power' so that you and I will constantly be in the business of seeking Him in prayer for this power. It's a call to a ceaseless and adventurous life of prayer.

We do not see enough of God's power manifest in our needs and through us today only because God has decided to 'hide' his power from us, and that for one reason; so that we can see the need to begin to do a SEEKING, seeking and thirsting daily after him-

For, *"Verily thou art a God that hidest thyself, O God of Israel, the Saviour" (Isaiah 45:15).*

"And ye shall seek me and find me when ye shall search for me with all your heart" (Jeremiah 29:13).

Remember, more of His power in your life would mean less and none of the oppressions of Satan in your affairs, and greater works God can do through you. We are in the day of His power (Psalm 110:3). Where is your portion of this power? You need more of this power daily. Now is the time to see that power.

"How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and WITH POWER: who went about doing good, and healing all who were oppressed of the devil; for God was with Him." (Acts 10:38).

Do you seek after Him daily? ...seeking him for who he is, or does he just see you appear before him only when you want your needs to be met? Can He use you in His will for your life, or are you using him every time to get what you need?

If you seek after him daily, you will find him daily. All your needs will be met in him. In Genesis 32, the Angel told Jacob that now he has POWER. This was after staying on with the Angel in his presence until dawn. How can we have his power today without waiting in His presence through a life of prayer?

"The earnest prayer of a righteous man has great POWER and wonderful results" (James 5:16 TLB).

The prayer lifestyle of thanksgiving, praise and worship becomes a full amour of God when the prayers of consecration, supplication and intercession complement it. This will be the release of the fullness of God in your life. Paul and Silas PRAYED and sang PRAISES unto God {Acts 16:25}. They didn't just sing praises, they prayed. Neither did they just pray, they praised.

They weren't just prayer-warriors. They were also praise-warriors. Of course, where the prayer of supplication is needed to release the power for your miracle, praise alone may not do it. Where praise is required, supplication or intercession alone may not handle it. We need a balance of the things of the Spirit in our lives to achieve a required result.

On one of our mission outreaches to the nation of Uganda, someone met us at a meeting. He claimed to have done all he was expected to do, and yet his expected miracle was not forthcoming. Particularly, he said, he was praising God every day. Hearing him say that he was doing all he had to do and didn't know what next to do, I took him to the "waters" (in Ephesians 6), where those who believe that they have done all and can't yet see their miracle, are further told what to do:

"... and having done all, to STAND. STAND therefore,..." (Ephesians 6: 13-14).

The word STAND (amid your anxiety) connotes doing nothing but standing in patience. Having done all in faith, add patience to your faith. At this point, you are to stand as 'a follower of them who through faith and patience, inherit the promises' (Hebrews 6:12).

In any case, since Paul the apostle had earlier said (in Ephesians 6:10-11) that we should be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might, putting on the whole armour of God, I took him to examine if he had the whole armour of God. He discovered from verse 18 of the above scripture that he was weak in his prayer life.

You see, you may be strong in your praise life and be weak in your prayer life (in prayers of consecration, supplication and intercession). Or vice versa, giving room to the enemy to afflict you in certain areas of your life. You need to be strong in all your armours today to enjoy all his POWER, which is stronger than all the wiles of the devil. We are already in the day of his power. Are we seeing it enough?

By 'praying always, with all prayers and supplication in the Spirit' (Ephesians 6), you are building yourself in power. You are growing on your most holy faith. Cry for it, fast for it. David, the psalmist said, 'I want to see thy power in my life' (Psalm 63:2). We need the power to be able to do what Jesus did and commanded us to do. That is, going about and doing good (Acts 10:38). Without it, you will always be tempted to use human efforts which quench the Spirit.

Power is needed for your life to be filled with testimonies. This power will change your life's experience. Begin to desire and seek God for more of His power to intervene in your situations.

Place a demand of faith on God's power. Keep exercising and desiring for power in your life. As you place a demand on God's power, you will see the power of God manifested. Elijah placed a demand on God's power for the rain to fall, and it did.

This divine power puts you in the realm of experiencing the manifestation of the sons of God. When the questions of life begin to come around, the answers will be there waiting. As we behold the power of God, we are changed from glory to glory.

Exercise your faith to see the power come more and more in your life. This ongoing move of God is bringing thirsty souls into the power realm of God. Make up your mind to live to see the power of God manifest in all aspects of your life. Power comes by constantly exercising yourself in the Word and prayer:

"O God, thou art my God, early will I seek thee: my soul thirsted for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; to see thy POWER and thy glory..." (Psalm 63:1-2)

LESSON 4

SEEKING THE SPREAD OF THE GOSPEL TO ALL NATIONS

Habakkuk 3:6

*"He stood, and measured the earth: He beheld, and drove asunder THE NATIONS;
and the everlasting mountains were scattered, the perpetual hills did bow:
His ways are everlasting".*

The prophet, Habakkuk, saw God measuring the earth and driving asunder the nations! Why measure, and why drive asunder the nations, when;

"All nations whom thou hast made shall COME and worship before thee O Lord" (Psalms 86:9)

In measuring the extent of the work done by his people on earth, God could not yet see the glory he wants to see in the nations, because we have yet to do and finish the work of bringing his glory to the nations!

*"... After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: ...
And many nations shall be joined to the Lord in that day..."
(Zechariah 2:8-11)*

Missions And Evangelism From Jerusalem To Judea, Samaria And To The Uttermost Parts Of The Earth Is God's Eternal Plan Of Glory: God is shaking the nations by his Spirit so that the desire of all nations shall come (Haggai 2:7). In these last days, everyone is enlisted to GO TO THE NATIONS, physically, and/or in the spirit of the GOING by means of your prayers and financial support for the work; either way, if you are a disciple of Jesus, God intends for you to partake of the labours of Going to *"... teach all nations..." (Matthew 28:19)*

The time has come when every Believer must be concerned about the spread of the Gospel to the nations. God is moving supernaturally among his people, breaking the walls of denominationalism. Even the geographical boundaries of nations are falling apart under the weight of socio-political and economic agreements between nations. It is a prophetic fulfilment that will hasten missionary and ministerial activities between nations. This prophetic development will see to the reaping of the end-time Harvest, and eventually, lead to the Lord's return.

God will take you to the nations to spread the knowledge of God, either by missions/full-time ministry or while doing your business or pursuing your career there. If his plan for you is not to GO in person, He may use you to raise or support others to GO or bring others from the nations to be part of your ministry or be part of your business or career.

Whatever be the case, you are either going to the nations or the people of the nations will be coming to you! So, regardless of your location on the earth, everyone's got a chance to share or to hear...

"And the Gospel must first be published among all nations" Mark 13:10.

This Great Commission is to all Believers...all Believers have a part in it. All churches may not all agree when it comes to issues of doctrine or ways of worship, but they all certainly agree on the need to fulfil the Great Commission. No true church that I know has ever said 'No' to the call of our Lord Jesus in the Great Commission. Jesus said to his church:

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations,..." (Matthew 28:19)

The mission is the purpose of the church, and the purpose of the church is its mission. Are you in any way fulfilling that purpose?

Find out what your local church is doing about the Great Commission and get involved. Prayerfully lookout for ministries on the GO and take your part in doing something of eternal value for God.

Prayerfully find out from God how he wants you involved. Your involvement can be as part of the –

(a) Going Army (b) Praying Army (c) Giving Army.

The basic way to get involved is to take part in praying and/or Giving to those on the GO. In that way, you are on the GO yourself, through partnership in the Gospel. Those who cannot be praying and/or Giving to those already on the GO certainly are not sincere in their interest to GO. That is how God proves the sincerity of your love (2 Corinthians 8:8).

The call and the anointing with which to play your own part will come on you as you become faithful *"in that which is another man's"* Luke 16:12. You never get to be fully on course in the end-time move of God until you get aflame with the passion for souls through missions and evangelism.

Some will Go physically; others will be 'tarrying by the stuff' (1Samuel 30:24), supporting the work of the field. The mission to the uttermost part of the earth is God's heart-beat and end-time Vision. God's heart is panting by the tick of the clock to see the Harvest; the travail of the soul of his Son and be satisfied. He is waiting for the precious fruit of the earth that will come into the barns by your hand.

Get actively involved supporting the mission programme of your church, and look out for the ministries on the GO, whom God will lead you to be part of their labours, by your prayers and Givings. In that way, you are already on the GO, partaking in this glorious end-time adventure to the nations, and the rewards and blessings are for you, both in this life – peace, health, long life and prosperity – and in the life to come – eternal rewards.

"... Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages..." (John 4:35-36).

Missionary giving has a special place, in these last days, in God's agenda of blessing his people. Many individuals and businesses will be advancing their status with God and be flourishing spiritually and financially, because of their becoming sensitive to this heart-beat of God.

Even St. John the beloved, the apostle of love, who wrote all his three epistles focusing on love and truth, presented his third epistle streamlining that love in the context of missionary giving; 3 John:

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in the truth..." (Verse 4)

What revealed truth were they walking in? Let's go on:-

Verse 5-8, "Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren and to strangers; which have born witness of thy charity (love) before the church: whom if thou bring forward on their JOURNEY after a godly sort, thou shall do well... We, therefore, ought to receive such, that we might be fellow helpers to the truth".

He says Believers ought to receive travelling ministers of the Word, evangelists and missionaries (strangers) and be fellow helpers to the Truth.

You can see why Paul the apostle receives special unction from the Lord, revealed by a special joy, each time he prays for his partners in his mission work in Philippi;

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers, for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your PARTNERSHIP in the Gospel from the very first day until now" (Philippians 1:3-5 NIV).

When you get involved with partnership in the Gospel, never forget how it works to bless you; "as his part is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff; they shall part alike."
(1 Samuel 30:24).

All Believers have a part in going, "...and teach all nations..." (Matthew 28:19). It is time to get involved with the nations for which our Lord and Saviour died to redeem.

It is time to stop living only for ourselves; let the love of Christ constrain us, because –
"...He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them, and rose again" (2 Corinthians 5:15)

Now, my dear friend, the command to Go
Is to all Believers – disciples of Jesus.
Obedience is demanded of all.
Not all may go physically, but all must GO...!

By being IN THE SPIRIT of the going,
You are already on the GO.
He is in the spirit of the GOING
Who is praying and Giving for the GOING.

LESSON 5

SEEKING THE WORD & THE SPIRIT

Habakkuk 3:9

"Thy bow was made quite naked, according to the oaths,

EVEN THY WORD. Thou didst cleave the earth with rivers..."

God's word, that is, His bow, where the Spirit's anointing is the arrow, was made quite naked. That is, no more closed but revealed. We are now in the days of the full revelation of all the hidden mysteries of the word of God. God is in the business of making the earth to be filled with the revelation knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea (Habakkuk 2:14).

God's word has become truly NAKED (expounded and revealed) through the past few decades of the Word-movement and the legacy of sound teaching ministries which have come to stay in the body of Christ today. Whatever God did is the very foundation for the present. Only those who have the foundation of the old can have a basis on which to build the New. God is not doing away with the Word-movement. He is building on it by His Spirit.

If the outpouring of the Spirit today must find a sustaining and enduring wineskin in us, we must keep growing daily in the Word. A life of daily reading, studying, meditating and speaking the Word is not an option. It is the demand of the law of the Spirit in Christ Jesus if you must rise with the present move of God.

You must come on course, in line with God's word, daily reading, studying, meditating and speaking, and every word you find by revelation gets God bound for performance *"... according to the oaths of the tribes"*. If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do? (Psalm 11:3).

Without a spiritual foundation solidly built on the Word, the righteous' spiritual building will drop like a pack of cards at the instance of a little devil. But whatever the devil can offer will amount to nothing when the righteous build their spiritual house on the rock, the word of God (Matthew 7:25).

One revealed-word on health, mastered by your spirit man by meditating and speaking, will keep your health strong and vibrant. No spirit of infirmity can prevail against that truth revealed in your heart. In your finances, "a rock" revealed and acted upon, will keep you above only. Peter, the apostle, found a revelation about Christ, and Jesus answered,

"... flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee but my father ... upon this ROCK (revelation) I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (Matthew 16:17-18).

That is, He will move his church (Believers who will receive revelation like Peter) beyond where the gates of hell can reach, by revelations which devils never know. For, had they known this mind of the Spirit (revelation), they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

God is revealing the deep things of His word to this generation to bring about a fulfilment of all things which God has spoken over the ages by the mouth of his servants, the prophets. It is all there and available to be revealed by his Spirit to all loving seekers of the Word.

If you find yourself fainting and getting disillusioned, facing your present challenges (be it in your health, business, finances or family life) it may be that your word level (strength) is small, (Proverbs 24:10). If your prayer has not gone beyond the roof of your room, it's not God's fault; your spiritual strength is weak.

Get into the word daily and let the 'wood for the fire' of the Holy Spirit in your life be supplied daily. For as the scriptures say "where no wood is the fire goeth out".

Many are too weak and spiritually sickly to carry the "1000 volt" power of the Spirit, and yet they are crying for revival in their lives. They are not ready. If the new wine of the Spirit comes into you and finds no strong skin of the Word, it will burst your tender spiritual skin, and then you go spilling the costly anointing of God.

It is the wisdom of God that, the Word-movement should precede this Word-and-Spirit move of today, to provide a strong foundation for this Spirit-reinforced move. No move is discarded to make room for a new one. Rather, every previous move becomes the basis and foundation needed for a succeeding move.

"...Thou didst cleave the earth with RIVERS."

(Habakkuk 3:9)

The prophet, Habakkuk, saw God cleaving the earth with RIVERS. Now, remember what Jesus said this river is all about:

"He that believeth on me, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

(But this spake he of the SPIRIT, which they that believe on him should receive...)" John 7:38-39.

We must flow daily into new depths of this river, allowing it to cover us from 'ankle-deep to knee-deep', and then to our loins, and from the loins to levels that cannot be measured... (Ezekiel 47:5). It is dangerous for the Believer of our days not to dwell in the Word.

However, to be all-Word and no-Spirit is to be a spiritual risk on the highway of the current move of God. God's servant and prophet, Kenneth E. Hagin of blessed memory, once cautioned in the peak-days of the Word-movement, "There has been so much emphasis on the Word that, if we are not careful, we will miss the Spirit"!

I seriously think we have to take what this prophet said with all diligence. Here is a man who has not only been able to keep the faith (the Word) he has kept the Spirit; ministering by the Word and by the Spirit in over sixty years of ministry.

The first danger of knowledge alone is that it puffs you up. The result of this is the despising of others who are weaker in the faith or those who are outside of your group. This tendency indicates a lack of love. St. Paul wrote on this danger of sitting on the Word alone without opening up to the Spirit:

"...Knowledge puffeth up; but charity (love) edifieth. And if any man think that he knoweth anything, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know. But if any man LOVE God the same is known of him" (1 Corinthians 8:1-3)

He says that love edifies and 'if any man love God'; this love, we know, is only shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5). Hence, 'all-Word and no-Spirit' is 'all-Word and no-Love'.

The in-filling of the Spirit is what helps to keep knowledge submitted and yielded to the love of God. Remember, love is a major issue for all Believers this end-time for;

"And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold" (Matthew 24:12)

The second danger of an 'all-Word' and a no-seeking of the Spirit through a strong prayer-life is a spiritual drying up, where thinking or reasoning totally takes the place of hearing from God. We assume that what we are thinking about is what God is thinking. This is a spiritual deception which the devil uses to misdirect spiritual leadership from their original course with God.

The end-time battle with principalities and powers has become too far-intense and sophisticated that God, in His manifold wisdom (Ephesians 3:10), would not leave the Church army as an 'infantry' that calculates it's spiritual navigation by the Word only.

God is raising the church into a higher move in the Spirit in the strength of the Word. If we build the word of faith by study, we build the spirit of faith by praying (and singing), as the scripture says;

*"But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith,
PRAYING in the Holy Ghost" (Jude 20); "keep yourselves in the love of God" (verse 21)*

One way, therefore, of being filled with the Spirit constantly is by praying always. A life of prayer releases a continuous flow of the Spirit into you. It sheds love upon your heart, sharpening your discernment, watering your meditation on the Word, and keeping your spirit afloat in the Holy Ghost.

I have found I cannot do without it every day. It takes time to do this, and I create that time, redeeming it from evil (Ephesians 5:16-18):

*"Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God
in Christ Jesus concerning you. Quench not the Spirit" (1 Thessalonians 5:17-19).*

With a lifestyle of praying without ceasing, you enjoy the unquenchable flow of the Spirit.

John 7:37-39:

"On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out saying, If anyone thirsts, let him come unto me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this He spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified)".

We are in the last days, where each one presses into the kingdom of God. It is the only sure way to enjoy the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God the Father, to the measure and depth to which each one daily communes with the Holy Spirit.

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all. Amen." (2 Corinthians 13:14)

Let the word of God be the solid foundation of the moving of the Spirit in your life. For example, in Genesis 1:1-3, we see that this combination is a vital ingredient in the move of God.

Don't take one of them to the extreme, leaving the other poorly done or undone. Exercise a balance of the Word and the Spirit in your life. See yourself helpless without prayer, and your prayer helpless without the word of God. As you do this, it will guarantee that you stay on course with the move of God in these last days.

LESSON 6 (A)

SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Habakkuk 3:10

"The mountains saw thee, and they trembled: the overflowing of the water passed by..."

Habakkuk, the prophet, saw the mountains trembling: Why would the mountains be trembling? The answer is not far fetched:

*"The mountains skipped like rams.... What aileth thee...ye mountains,
that ye skipped like rams?... Tremble, thou earth, at the
PRESENCE OF THE GOD OF JACOB..." (Psalm. 114:4-7)*

The presence of God is becoming so available to contact like never before by all loving seekers of God. As the waters cover the sea, so is it available to cover you as you get on the right foundation of the word of God to receive more of the Spirit.

As this presence of God increases around you through daily fellowship with the Lord (in the word and prayer), you may never have mountains of trouble to speak to you in your life again; they flee before you even notice them.

Seek the presence of the Lord always. When you spend time in the presence of the Lord, God's presence will come upon you. The more quality time you can spend there, the more it gets stronger upon you.

Acts 10:38

"How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power, who went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him."

The quality of the presence of the Lord upon your life is determined by the quality of your stay in His presence. The presence of God in your life is meant for you to go about with, doing good and healing the oppressed.

An example of the effect of God's presence can be found in the life of Peter. By Peter's shadow, the sick were being healed (Acts 5:15-16). This was not because of a mere shadow but because of God's presence with him.

The presence of God will also protect you. This is why Moses said 'we will not go except thy presence goes with us'. The presence of God and the anointing go together, yet are separable. People can get healed while praising God, even before the man of God lays hands on the sick; that is the presence of the Lord.

The presence of God is the glory of God. His presence will be everywhere in the world in this end-time. As the presence of God increases in your life, even sickness will disappear from your body of its own accord. To be able to exercise the presence of God, you must banish fear, including the fear of that sickness!

The presence of God doesn't get along with fear. You must, therefore, acquire the revelation of the word of God against that fear in you.

The Word will give you courage and boldness, absorbing every trace of fear from your life. You need to build a spiritual immunity in your life against the areas of your secret fears.

You do this through meditation on the Word in those areas, praying with the Word in your heart and speaking out the Word.

Next, be always conscious of the presence of God at all times. Be confident that the presence of God is with you. For the Lord says, "Lo, I am with you always."

Exercise yourself in this truth and develop an awareness of the presence of God.

LESSON 6 (B)

SEEKING DIVINE INTERVENTION

Habakkuk 3:11

"The sun and the moon stood still in their habitation: at the light of thine arrows they went, and at the shining of thy glittering spear".

Both the Sun and the Moon "standing still" is a supernatural occurrence. Believe and expect supernatural occurrences in your affairs. Expect God to come through in your prayer in a most amazing way. If you don't have challenges for which you are expecting divine intervention, you may not see the supernatural unfold in your life.

Be determined to obey what God tells you to do, even if, humanly speaking, you cannot see the WAY. When you obey God beyond your limits, you will see breakthroughs beyond your limit.

To obey God, you need courage. Make up your mind and develop the courage to obey God in all aspects of your life, and you are sure ready to see his signs and wonders come to play in your affairs.

In the days of Vision that have come upon us in this generation, we are going to be seeing visions and revelations come to pass too quickly than can be predicted.

Ezekiel 12:22-23, 27-28:

Son of man what is the proverb that your people have about that land of Israel which says, the days are prolonged and every vision fails. Tell them, therefore, thus says the Lord God:

I will lay this proverb to rest and they shall no more use it as a proverb in Israel, but say to them, The days are at hand and the fulfilment of every vision.

Son of man look the house of Israel is saying, the vision that sees is for many days from now and the prophecies of times afar off. Therefore, say to them;

Thus says the Lord God, None of my words will be postponed anymore but the word which I speak will be done says the Lord God.

One supernatural occurrence can change your history; be willing and obedient. Believe God to see impossibilities turn to possibilities because when the natural fails, the supernatural takes over. Begin to believe in the supernatural and get used to it in these end times.

LESSON 7

SEEKING THE SALVATION OF SOULS

Habakkuk 3:12-13

*"Thou wentest forth for the SALVATION of thy people,
even for SALVATION with thine anointed;..."*

The outpouring of the Spirit in these last days is the outpouring of the Spirit of the Anointed One (Jesus), who gave His life for the salvation of men. It is harvest time. God is waiting for you and I to rise to the Harvest. We are witnessing today a mass-salvation of souls that the church has never known. The field is already ripe for Harvest.

Necessity is laid on us to preach the Gospel to every creature. Our willingness shall be our eternal rewards. The Harvest is ripe because the Spirit of the Anointed One has prepared the hearts of the unbelievers. He has his wisdom already in you, and all He

wants from you is, your mouth to speak, and the Harvest shall come in the barns, fruits to your heavenly account and to His Glory.

The end-time revival will bring about a mass-salvation of souls. Get ready for your part of the Harvest. We are in a great day of Harvest. This generation is witnessing the glorious saving strength of the Lord. It is being manifested in mass salvation of souls like no other generation has seen. We are yet to see more and more of this before the Lord comes.

The Spirit of Jesus, the Anointed One, has gone forth to the four winds of the earth to gather in the elect. The Lord of the Harvest has long decided what He is to do; for He will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness; because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth (Romans 9:28).

He has prepared the field and made it white to Harvest. He will accomplish in one day the work of salvation done in the past one thousand years. For a day in the eyes of the Lord is like a thousand years put together. Yes, the combined answers to the heartfelt, continued prayers of the righteous over the years, for more labourers to be sent into the field, is now being released AT ONCE! For even as I write, I can SEE from the Lord-

PROPHECY:

"There is coming now, a release in the spirit, of an army. These have been in preparation, but behold, are now being released; yes, this great army will cover the face of the earth, in such an innumerable company, this earth is yet to know. It is the army of the Lord, an army that will flood the nations.

Yea, they are not coming in batches, they are not coming in hundreds; they are coming in thousands! Going through the cities and the nations, they will tear down the works of the enemy. They will say things and finish things that they do not know of at this time; accomplishing in a day the work of a thousand years! It is the Finishing Army, says the Lord, which I now make upon the earth. They will know my way and my purpose, and in singleness of mind, they will do my will in the earth.

It is a new army that will have no stake in identity or organization but in the name and calling that I put upon them. Even as I speak, says the Lord, I am releasing them by the sound of my Spirit within them. Yes, they shall know my voice and heed to my voice; and from the valley to the top of the mountain, they shall follow my Spirit. And now, I am giving new understanding, even today, of the same old Vision in the hand of my faithful servants, for to hasten their pace of accomplishment, in the Finishing grace of the short work that I now do.

Many will strive with my Spirit, saying, 'but that is not the original vision the Lord gave me from the beginning?' Fear not, for it is I, says the Lord; and your wisdom in this end-time is to flow with my flow.

Many will miss my Spirit today, sticking to the Word and the Vision they knew yesterday. For all that you knew and will ever know here on earth are but in part; you must listen to my Spirit today. This new army shall not be too used to my way as to know all my ways and think that what they think is what I think, or that what they say is what I say, but they shall listen to what I say by my Spirit, and they shall be in my flow.

Many will strive to keep their name and their place, not knowing that I am giving them a new name and a new place in the new work that I now do. I am giving them a new identity to cope with the new. Their new name shall be in hearing from my mouth today. My change has come, says the Lord, to cope with the short work that I do today. I am shaking nations and shaking my servants and their work with the new things that I do.

My love in you and your walking in love in all that you do in this time shall be your safety, that you sail safely in my flow. Let all your things, I say, be done in love, so you won't fight the change of my Spirit or fight the change that I bring to your life and the life of others.

My change has come to finish the race of my labourers, and to finish the Harvest" saith the Spirit of the Lord who doeth all these things. (Prophecy given through Paul Momoh)

LESSON 8 (A)

THE FINAL HARVEST

The ongoing revival is bringing a restoration of the tabernacle of praise in the life of each Believer; which restoration makes a reality of the restoration of all things.

The oil of joy, which goes along with the garment of praise, is ordained by God to lubricate the flow of the end-time restoration of all things, as spoken by the prophet Joel.

We are seeing today a two-fold restoration (or twofold Harvest) in the ongoing revival:

(1) Harvest of souls

It is harvest time and you, as the mountain of the Lord's spiritual house, are being exalted in blessings by the Lord, and all nations shall flow unto you. As your blessings flow yet more, with you flowing in the joy of the Lord, this supernatural joy within you will become the glory upon you ("...joy unspeakable and full of glory...")

While the gross darkness covering the ungodly will cause them to despair and walk in sorrow, the joy within you will cause your countenance to be lighted. While they have ashes, you will have beauty. While they have heaviness, you will have the garment of praise.

All that see Believers at this time will acknowledge them that, they are the seed that the Lord has blessed! Then shall the proud unbelievers be forced to acknowledge God. As a matter of fact, it shall come to pass that; unbelievers will take hold of you, and make supplication unto you, saying. "...surely God is in thee, and there is none else, ..." Isaiah 45:14. This is evangelism now made simple.

For, the glory of the Lord shall be upon the earth as the waters cover the sea.

Why is the end-time Harvest perishing, according to the prophet Joel (in Joel 1:11) ... because 'joy is withered from the sons of men' (verse 12). We are now seeing mass conversions to the Faith like never before because this sign of joy is separating between those that serve the Lord and those that serve Him not. If you have money, many unbelievers do. If you have health, many do; but I tell you what they can't have- joy and peace in the Holy Ghost. It is the joy of the Lord.

(2) Harvest of blessing

There is no greater time for the flow of blessings to your life that the time you are enjoying Spiritual breakthrough. For, the Lord wishes above all things that you prosper and be in health EVEN AS YOUR SOUL PROSPERS (3 John 2).

Revival means, coming on-course with God. When your ways so please the Lord, you can be sure that even the enemies of your health, family, finance or business will be at peace with you. The issues of your life are waiting for your obedience to be fulfilled so they will obey you. For, only when you submit to God, you will be able to resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Your adversary, the devil, knows too well when you are on course with God.

Revival brings your spirit on course with the heavenlies, where-in abound all your spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 1:3). Your time has come for your Harvest of blessings from the Lord. This Harvest of blessings is only made possible by the supernatural working of the fruit of joy in us.

Joy in the Believer signifies answered prayer, just like an answered prayer stirs up joy; *"Ask and ye shall receive that your joy may be full"* (John 16:24). If your joy is already full without even yet asking, never bother to ask again, give thanks because your request is already granted or answered! Revival keeps your soul constantly basking in the realm of joy.

With this joy, that is, the joy of the Lord that has in-built power to procure answers to your prayer-points even without asking, you walk daily in your Harvest of blessings. We have now come into the prophetic age which the Prophet, Isaiah, spoke about;

"Behold, my servants shall sing for joy of heart... And it shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear" (Isaiah 65:14-24)

'God answereth him in the joy of his heart' (Ecclesiastes 5:20b). It takes joy to draw water from the wells of salvation, to meet your personal needs and the needs of others, as that well flows out of you like a river to bless many others.

JOY IN THE HARVEST

Joel 1:8-12

"Lament like a virgin girded with sackcloth for the husband of her youth. The meat offering is cut off from the house of the Lord; the priests, the Lord's ministers, mourn. The field is wasted, the land mourneth; for the corn is wasted; the new wine is dried up, the oil languisheth. Be ye ashamed, o ye husbandmen; howl, o ye vinedressers, for the wheat and for the barley; because the Harvest of the field is perished. The vine is dried up, and the fig tree languisheth; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple tree, even all the trees of the field, are withered: because joy is withered away from the sons of men".

One of the end-time instruments for the Harvest of souls is JOY. What then is the significance of joy relative to the Harvest of souls? In the natural, when farmers are preparing the fields and sowing, there is much toiling and sweating. However, when harvest time comes, the people REJOICE! There is whistling and singing as they put in the sickle for the Harvest. There is a degree of joy and rejoicing that Believers cannot experience until they partake in the Harvest of souls.

When you are revived, you will desire to partake in this Harvest. When you do, you will find more joy in your life.

Habakkuk 3:17-18:

"Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: Yet I will REJOICE in the Lord, I will JOY in the God of my salvation."

REVIVAL: JOY AND PEACE

IN THE HOLY GHOST

Romans 15:13

"Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost".

Revival will bring these two harvests:

Harvest of Souls from the world and

Harvest of blessings in the church

To reap these two kinds of harvests, we need joy and peace.

Zechariah 1:17

"Cry yet saying, thus saith the Lord of hosts; my cities through prosperity shall yet be spread abroad: and the Lord shall yet comfort Zion and shall yet choose Jerusalem."

God is bringing prosperity to overflow in his kingdom so that the final Harvest can be reaped.

Haggai 2:7-9

"And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts. The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the Lord of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of hosts."

God will shake all nations for the salvation of souls, even as He declares that the silver and gold to get the job done are His. To achieve the Harvest of souls, God guarantees the Harvest of blessings. In this end time, peace will depart from the world, and people will only find it in the House of God. And the glory of the latter house shall be greater than the glory of the former house. True peace and prosperity shall be the two very rare and 'costly commodities' in the end-time because they shall depart from the world and be found only in the house of God.

2 Chronicles 15:3-5

"Now for a long season, Israel hath been without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without law. But when they in their trouble did turn unto the Lord God of Israel and sought Him, He was found of them. And in those times there was no peace to him that went out, nor him that came in, but great vexations were upon all the inhabitants of the countries".

Troubles and lack of peace will cause the world to look for God. Both the rich and the poor will look for God because both the rich and the poor need peace.

Ecclesiastes 5:20b.

"...because God answereth him in the joy of his heart".

A powerful key to answered prayer is to know how to flow in joy. This joy has no respect for any adverse physical condition if you will allow it to flow in you. It has no respect for your pressures. It just flows, if you let it. Having this joy is having a knowing within you that you will be delivered out of every evil. For, with God, all things are possible.

Always end your prayer with thanksgiving. Thanksgiving guarantees the flow of joy which brings answered prayer. This joy in your life also means the Harvest of blessings in your own life.

Isaiah 12:3

"Therefore, with joy, you shall draw water from the wells of salvation."

Don't give room to prolonged grief or sorrow because it attracts demons. It, in turn, hinders prayers. Learn to walk out of sorrow by the hour or by the day you get it. If

you have a merry heart, you will see a continuous flow of testimonies. Sorrow is not from God. God gives us the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. You can gradually phase out sorrow from your life by the patience of giving thanks to God in everything.

Thanksgiving releases Joy. Notice that, it was after Jesus had given thanks that Lazarus was raised from the dead.

John 11:41

"Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, Father, I thank thee..."

Answered prayer produces joy, and joy will produce answered prayers. Joy releases praise, deliverance and testimonies.

Psalms 89:15-16

"Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance'. In thy name shall rejoice all the day: and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted."

In Psalms 51:12, you will find the joy of salvation. It is the joy of the Harvest of souls. A sinner can be happy, but no sinner can have joy. Joy is a fruit of the Spirit. Even in the natural realm, certain illnesses can be attracted to a person due to lack of joy.

"A merry heart doeth good like medicine: but a broken spirit dries the bones" (Proverbs 17:22).

Each time you pray in tongues, a certain degree of joy and peace is released into your life. Besides, man's mental and physical system is positively impacted by the word of God (Proverbs 4:20-22). Daniel was ten times brighter than his fellows intellectually (Daniel 1:20) just for hanging out with God.

LESSON 8 (B)

FOUR KINDS OF JOY

(1) THE JOY OF THE LORD (THE JOY OF SALVATION)

Psalms 51:12

"Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit."

The joy of the Lord is your spiritual strength. Don't lose the joy of the Lord even if everything is lost, because joy can bring seven times restoration of what you had before:

Nehemiah 8:10

"Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord; neither be ye sorry, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

Don't be sorrowful; for the joy of the Lord is your strength. Refuse to keep regrets in your life. Joy stirs you up to new heavenly realms. Joy will open new doors to replace the closed doors. Know that your spirit is the "engine" of your life. So, your spirit needs the oil of joy to function properly. It needs oil to run it, and that oil is joy. Don't allow a spiritual breakdown. Don't accept it either. Maintain your joy.

Psalms 85:6

"Will you revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?"

Revival brings joy and rejoicing because the spirit of man is back on course with God.

Philippians 4:4

"Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice."

You need joy to guarantee your victory. Maintain your joy, or you will lose it. Caution: In maintaining your joy, the practice of forgiveness is very important (Mark 11:24-24). Pray and bless those you have forgiven, and keep doing so until you feel joy in doing so. That is a great sign of release for you and them.

(2) THE JOY OF THE WORD

Psalms 119:162

"I rejoice at thy word as one that findeth great spoil."

As you search the scriptures daily, you will have joy from the word of God. As you take 'a dive' into the word of God, you will find joy.

Jeremiah 15:16

"Thy words were found, (after searching) and I did eat them; and thy word (revelation) was unto me the joy and rejoicing of my heart (answered prayer) for I am called by thy name, O Lord God of Hosts."

Jeremiah is saying, he searched for the Word and found it. He meditated on the Word, and a revelation was given unto him, and this gave him joy. You will have to find the Word to find joy.

Matthew 4:4

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

Matthew 13:44

"Again the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field."

There are deep revelations hidden in the word of God. When you find them, you shall have joy. So, find the revelations, as you continue searching and studying the Word. There is joy whenever you find a revelation in the Word. "Buy" the revelations of the Word with your time, by spending time in the Word.

The covenant of God upon any given scripture comes into effect after the Word is revealed to you. Until you search and find the revelation, there can be no covenant between God and you concerning his word.

(3) THE JOY OF THINGS TO COME

Hebrews 12:2-3

"Looking unto the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds."

The joy of things to come is what keeps you going, even if you have not yet received the manifestation of your miracle. There is a joy of the Vision God has put in your life. Remember, though it tarries, wait for it. We are in the days of the fulfilment of visions. You must understand the joy that comes by seeing into your glorious future, and then you are able to endure whatever comes your way today.

1 Corinthians 10:13

"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that you are able; but will with the temptation also make a way of to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

The joy of your expectation will make you pass through hard times without realizing that you are passing through hard times. Joy makes you enter into your expectation. You will not notice your pain because it is temporal. It is time to see a vision for a better tomorrow in the face of a bad day.

2 Corinthians 4:17-18

"For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal."

For our light and momentary troubles are working for us an eternal glory; your trouble is on a divine assignment to work for you!

That is why the Bible tells us in Romans 4:18, how that Abraham hoped against hope. It means that, even though there may be nothing to thank God for, you still keep your hope and don't lose it. Remember, Christ in you is the hope of glory. You may be small now, but your greatness is on the way. Don't get off the road. Be on course with God even though you know nothing about what do next in your situation.

You can afford to sleep as Jesus did on the boat while amid a storm. He slept. You too can sleep in the face of your present storm or the coming storm. You will not sink because Jesus is with you in your situation.

Job 5:22

"At destruction and famine, thou shalt laugh: neither shalt thou be afraid of the beasts of the earth."

There are times when it seems as though God takes you through a 'stretching' in life. Pretty much like the children of Israel went through a wilderness journey. This time of affliction is but for a moment. Don't let it break you.

Psalms 30:5

"...weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning".

Don't look down upon yourself. Don't even pity yourself because change is coming. Relax and laugh, knowing change is coming.

1 Peter 1:8

"Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full glory."

Habakkuk 3:17-18

"Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: Yet I will REJOICE in the Lord, I will JOY in the God of my salvation".

Even though all things fail, yet I will rejoice in the Lord. Every state of lack is announcing the coming of abundance. Every sickness is announcing the coming of healing. Hence, you can afford to laugh at destruction and famine.

Zephaniah 3:17

"The Lord thy God is in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, He will joy over thee with singing."

Psalms 2:1-4

"Why do the heathen rage and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against His anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall have them in derision."

As the devil plans trouble for God's children, God laughs at the devil, because he sees the end of the trouble right from the beginning. God sees the solution of a problem right from the beginning of it. When trouble sees you laughing and singing, 'trouble

becomes troubled'. It implies that when you are in trouble, you should maintain an attitude of laughing and singing praises unto the Lord. What a divine secret for winning the battles of life.

Remember, joy in you provides an enabling atmosphere for the presence of God. No trouble can stand the presence of God. So, when you see trouble coming towards you, and you dare to meditate on what God has said in His holy word as a promise, you can afford to laugh.

Psalms 138:7-8

"Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me. The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me: thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever: forsake not the works of thine own hands."

To refuse to fear trouble is evidence of your victory and that of God.

Philippians 1:28

"And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God."

That means, when you are in trouble, God is there with you, because God is always with you. Remember that every revival will create joy and joy will create answered prayers. Each one of us will need to continue to build our spiritual knowledge in order to sustain a personal revival. May your life of prayer be in a balance with a life of study.

Acts 6:4

"But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word."

This is a balance: being prayerful and Wordful. As a Believer, you should bring prayer and the Word in your life to a balance. If you find that your prayer is not being answered, then your prayer-life needs more of the Word.

The area of your life where you see many challenges is the area ordained for victory through your encounter with more of the Word. So take note of that area of special challenges, and begin to fill that area with the Word. The word of God is the power of prayer.

(4) THE JOY OF ANSWERED PRAYER

"Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full" John 16:24.

Ask, and you shall receive, and so you will have the joy of answered prayer! There is a joy a Believer never sees until that Believer learns to ask and to ask in faith; for then only will your prayers be answered, bringing you joy, even unspeakable joy.

"But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like the wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord." James 1:6-7.

So, keep asking, and never accept to faint...and keep asking in faith, you will find your life always full of joy, that is, the joy of answered prayer. For then, you will find your life experiencing less and less anxiety, and becoming more and more filled with confidence, which has great recompense of reward.

"Be careful (anxious) for nothing; but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God" Philippians 4:6.

When your life is full of joy, that joy in your heart leads to more answered prayers!...because "...God answereth him in the joy of his heart" Ecclesiastes 5:20. Start practising to pray the way the Apostle, Paul, prays; he always prays with joy...and that joy releases the power of God for his answered prayers.

UNSPEAKABLE JOY: OUTFLOWING IN LAUGHTER

"Wherein ye GREATLY REJOICE, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in HEAVINESS through manifold temptations: ... yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory" (1 Peter 1:6-8)

Can you GREATLY REJOICE when there is cause for HEAVINESS in your life? Except, of course, you purposefully choose to be a visionary – seeing beyond the physical obstacle or condition and into the invisible realm of the Word.

Seeing the end of the matter from the beginning thereof, through the eyes of the spirit into the Word. That is why the Lord is pouring His Spirit upon all flesh like never before and raising a new generation of people full of visions (Joel 2:28).

It is a generation that will receive the Spirit, to see beyond a present cause for HEAVINESS, believing – they rejoice with joy unspeakable. It is called the unspeakable joy. It is beyond reason and agreeably unreasonable.

This joy has no respect for your adverse physical condition if you will allow it to flow in you. It has no respect for your pressure. It just flows in you, carrying along a supernatural knowing within you that you will be out of that evil situation, any next minute! For, with God, all things are possible.

*"Although the fig tree shall NOT blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines;
the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield NO MEAT; ... yet
, I will REJOICE in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation" (Habakkuk 3:17-18)*

This is the subject that rounded up the prophetic Vision of Habakkuk on Revival (in Chapter 3) under discussion in this course.

Even amid nothing or in the middle of nowhere, with hopelessness and failure, I will rejoice in the Lord. It is not the joy of things, but the joy of the Lord, who then works wonders amid this joy; bringing about your salvation and miracle.

How can you explain this mystery: even when nothing seems to be working out yet the Believer is believing – greatly rejoicing. That is drunkenness! Yes, it is drunkenness in the spirit. That Believer has lost control of his senses as a drunkard, fulfilling scriptures, "as a man drunken with wine" (Ephesians 5:18).

That is the condition we should maintain in the face of adversities. We should 'lose control' as a drunkard, being "careful for nothing" (Philippians 4:6). Then, the Holy Spirit can take control to work out miracles by Himself. Until we let go of the control of our adversity, the Holy Spirit is not in control.

A young lady came to one of our revival services, in the nation of Zambia, with great heaviness and bitterness of mind. She had carried this state of mind and hard-looking countenance ever since she lost both parents.

This unhealthy emotional and spiritual condition had affected her entire progress in life. Her expected marriage was not forthcoming. Her employment was at the verge of termination. It was at this point that the Spirit of the Lord brought her into the presence of the Lord in this service.

When the glory of the Lord came upon her, the spirit of heaviness was replaced with the oil of joy. She was filled with joy unspeakable. From that time, joy became part of her normal life. Even her countenance was gloriously affected.

She was now always looking radiant. In the following three weeks, she was found by a wonderful brother for marriage. That was not all. The frustrations in her employment ended. The Joy of the Lord did it all.

For, God answers you in the joy of your heart (Ecclesiastes 5:20b).

NOW, AT LAST, BEHOLD YOUR OWN MIRACLE.... TODAY!

When this unspeakable joy is full in you and released, it's an outburst of laughter. When anointed by the Spirit, the laughter becomes supernatural laughter. No devil can withstand this release of God's miracle power. Even demons get confused. For when they expect to see you depressed and anxious, there you are in unspeakable joy, full of glory.

Now, look at the famine and trouble staring you in the face and ... laugh!

"At destruction and famine, thou shall laugh..." (Job 5:22)

This is that wisdom of God, to see you laugh your way through your obstacles into your victory. For the Lord will sing (Zephaniah 3:17) and laugh (Psalms 2:2-4; 37:12-13) each time He sees the enemy at work. Why? He is sure of what happens next: the enemy's defeat.

You too can look at the devil hiding behind situations and troubles in your life and laugh at him right now. Why not? For, after all, the Greater One dwells in you.

Laughing is simply taking-in or swallowing the promises of God with joy in the Holy Ghost. Can you see through your obstacles and envisioning your victory right now? Then you are already getting into a laughter party in the Holy Ghost.

Begin to see through the promises in the word of God for your healing, your deliverance, and your miracle as you read. Begin to sing and sing aloud, rejoicing and greatly rejoicing, laughing out your victory. Let the Spirit take over from there, anointing you for supernatural laughter. And never come down from that mountain of victory and unending joy – joy unspeakable full of glory.

LESSON 9

REVIEW OF LESSONS 1-8

COURSE GRADING (Exams & Records Unit)

A. Examination: -----Total Marks: 40%

B. TBH 202/SAMUSH & PASUSH Notebooks -----Total Marks: 55%

COURSE EXAMINATION

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COURSE: THE BOOK OF HABAKKUK

COURSE CODE: TBH 202

TIME ALLOWED: 60 MINS

DO ALL: Please note that, where an answer is required 'in your own words', be fully restricted to your own words, and not to try to copy or re-present statements or phrases in the lesson notes as your answer. Marks may be seriously lost in this regard.

- (1) In your own words and in one full page of writing, present a summary of the book of Habakkuk, based on Chapters 1:1; 2:1, and 3:1
- (2) In your own words, state any four of the seven aspects of the End-time revival.
- (3) Write a half-a-page summary of the kinds of Harvest in the End-time.
- (4) Joy is a natural outcome of the processes of Personal Revival.
If a counselee comes before you and lacks JOY, explain in your own words and in one page of writing, four ways by which Joy can become his/her experience.