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...living godly daily!

FOREWORD

I am delighted to write these few lines of words on Focus Today, not because I see it as an opportunity to show off any skill or talent in writing, but because I'm privileged to be part of something extra-ordinary with the capacity to help man survive the onslaught of his greatest enemies, the devil and the flesh. The confession of Christ as Lord and personal saviour does not guarantee the making of heaven of a man. Only the sanctifying power of the word of God can help achieve that and this is where Focus Today becomes a must dose for daily upkeep of the soul of man.

The contents are Bible rooted and Holy Spirit inspired with the capacity to grow a scripture novice into a knowledgeable teacher and preacher of the Gospel of Christ. It is without doubt that I recommend to every lover of God to daily give themselves to the reading of Focus Today, to the saving of their souls from the corruptions of the world and providing the entire world with God given energy to perish no more.

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INTRODUCTION

Praises unto the God of heaven and earth, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and giver of the Holy Spirit, for grace and mercy shown to us.

This month's edition focuses solely on self and works and notes on walking not in its pleasures, which is sin. Having been the anniversary month of the devotional, it is most desired that the Lord work out the Cross in us, and crush our self unto His will.

It is my pleasure to have you on this page, and in this month, praying that the Lord bless you, and make your daily walk with Him godlier than before. God bless you!

Deep appreciation goes to all who have being so present for the Lord's use in this view; editing team, sharing, praying, and so on. God's blessing again.

Another Beloved,

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SELF-DESIRES (1)

Sunday, March 1, 2020.

Philippians 2:4

Agreeing terms.

LESSON: *Day by day the year is bubbling or blowing away. Sooner or later, we would be saying Happy December. Oh! Well, there is nothing with a start that won't have a finish. This month, we would save to think thoughts on shedding the greatest, oldest and oddest enemy of man. Some say he is flesh; Paul called it thus, as well as the old man. Others used the word 'self', yea, the self that cannot live without the words of I and Me and Myself. This, many, we, battle with, and it is against our daily walks with God.*

“Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.”

No longer than just now that the church began had this usurped amongst the brethren. As early as the Chapter Two of The Acts of The Apostles, it was already stated that the then 'Way People' were already so selfless, that they had all things in common. But, was that because the Holy Spirit just landed on them or what?

Apostle Paul in his epistle to the church at Philippi, having spoken well of them, still reminded them of this one thing, 'be kind always yet watch out for selfish 'desires'. This he had noted from other churches in his mission walk and works, when you will have Christians so vigilant to gain all, then leaving his brother with nothing.

Prayer: Father, thank You for a day like this; help me to live as You would want me to, in the name of Jesus.

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When the thought of 'Get it and get out' comes, tell it, 'Not just me, but others too', that was the acts of the self-disciples. #focustoday

Bible in One Year: Numbers 23–25; Mark 7:14–37

SELF-DESIRES (II)

Monday, March 2, 2020.

1Samuel 24:6

Agreeing conditions.

LESSON: *Before the dawn of democracy began, it had always been the thing of autocracy and monarchy. Thus, the throne was begotten by right, or coup (treason), or battle, also war. Being a king's guard or prince or worker could grant you the throne in no time, the otherwise would get you into trouble. The only well way to avoid trouble was to have developed giant followers or rather supporters who could take a stab for you; not stab you. This was the exact opportunity the ruddy young shepherdboy (David) got.*

“And he said to his men, “The Lord forbid that I should do this thing to my master, the Lord's anointed, to stretch out my hand against him, seeing he is the anointed of the Lord.”

David, having escaped Saul's piercing and pinning with swords and spears, got the most golden opportunity to become king straightaway, but he wouldn't. A man who was after God's own heart indeed would not take the life of another, except prophesied and sent to do.

I can guess at that point of opportunity, Joab, the closest armour, commander of David's host would have been so vexed that he would not dare to obey David again if it had been in later years such happened. David rejected the offer to be what even God had decided by the mouth of His prophet Samuel. He was a man who understood what self-desires could cost him after being assigned for the blessing.

Prayer: I disagree with the spirit of self; I am not subject to you but to the Lord of Host.

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The only man that would escape the pit of self-desires is he who, when he finds the opportunity to gain his blessing, will not by cowardice hide in opportunity. #focustoday

Bible in One Year: Numbers 26–27; Mark 8:1–21

SELF-DESIRES (III)

Tuesday, March 3, 2020.

Luke 16:15

Agreement stamped.

LESSON: *Think about it, there would have surely sprung that thought and desire from David's own followers if he had done the deed. If David who was presented the great opportunity to eliminate his accuser in a stance had done so, he would have battled his throne or lost it in no time after gaining it, but he didn't. The only troubles David had were from his own sins, and the consequences came from God and his own blood. Imagine what Joab would have done to David if the foundation of his throne was designed with the blood of Saul.*

Meanwhile there is another 'Self Desires' wing that was found in the days of Jesus. And this the Saviour despised with all references. He sometimes even blew woe on those involved in it.

“And He said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God.”

In one of His discussions with the religious chiefs, Pharisees, Sadducees, teachers and the lawyers, there was the pointer –self-praise. Self-praise, also praises of men, is an abomination unto God as the Saviour declared. Watch out for this.

Prayer: Lord, I declare my heart free from every self-work and desires, in the name of Jesus.

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When you are esteemed by men or nations, watch out that God may not strike you.
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Bible in One Year: Numbers 28–30; Mark 8:22–38

ROOT AND FRUIT

Wednesday, March 4, 2020.

Psalm 1:3

Valuing the lands.

LESSON: *For what you cannot do in the dunghill, you will not do in the desert. This would definitely mean different things to different persons. A lot of natural laws could negate the saying, as it does happen that factors in some places may not be available in others. But I tell you, as human, if you would not flourish in the small cup you are placed in, you will do nothing in the beautiful garden of the Shulam girl. Being in a new month, what soil have you soaked your root into?*

*“He shall be like a tree
Planted by the rivers of water,
That brings forth its fruit in its season,
Whose leaf also shall not wither;
And whatever he does shall prosper.”*

Now it happens that the fruit is what we see and want but, the root is the original thing. Without the root in the firm soil, in the right place, or not decisive, the tree would not have had a trunk, not to mention a branch that will be fruitful.

Yes, the fruitful tree was faithful because the root had itself set to deliver. It is not about where you find yourself; it is about what you are doing to be appreciated. Yes, a tree by the rivers of water is what we see, but the real discussion is about what the man did (Psalm 1:1–2). There was thence a promise of fruitfulness and ever prospering unto him. Not until he has made the Lord his ever thought.

Prayer: Lord, make me rooted in Your will.

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*There is no fruit without the root, be rooted rightly and you will bear fruit that prospers.
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Bible in One Year: Numbers 31–33; Mark 9:1–29

GROWING

Thursday, March 5, 2020.

Luke 2:40

Conditioned to live.

LESSON: *In as much as something is not dead, it is alive. There is no 'fence living' with life and death. There can't be! Nonetheless, something could be living but not growing. How? There is a word called depreciation, that is, decreasing, dying, downgrading appreciation. There lived an oak tree thought to have lived three centuries. It was a good figure, standing, but stagnant. No new leaves, no new flowers, all empty but always wet. This alone was the sign that the tree still lived.*

“And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.”

Here comes the record of the Son of Man, also the Son of God. His name is Jesus. Jesus, the Child of Promise, the Immanuel of Israel and the world at large. By Him the blessing of Abraham's blessing on the world was fulfilled; Salvation to all men. Here was the view of His childhood.

Just like Samuel also grew in grace, Jesus grew, and became strong in spirit, wisdom and grace accompanied from heaven. These criteria amongst others should follow any Christian child. A charge to parents, to guardians. How well has your Moses grew in the Lord? Is your Samuel ready for the Lord's bidding and call? Build up, even your own self, and then your family, children will be full of grace from heaven.

Prayer: Lord, open my understanding to Your will, and make me grow, in Thine grace, in Jesus' name.

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If you must grow in attitude, it must be in the Lord, not even in culture or doctrine, but His nature. #focustoday

Bible in One Year: Numbers 34–36; Mark 9:30–50

SELF OF SELVES

Friday, March 6, 2020.

Jeremiah 22:13–14

Similar selfishness.

LESSON: *The average human is wicked..., said a man of great affluence. This was a response to the words of a commoner who insisted and inflicted racism in a meeting that was set to resolve conflicts. He had stated thus, 'The Black world is full of evil, and their brother in the middle of sun rising are full of suicides'. Such statements brought more disasters than healings. Who is good? Little Sin, Big Problem resolved that, 'Man may not put a murderer and a snob together, but God can'.*

“Woe to him who builds his house by unrighteousness and his chambers by injustice, who uses his neighbor’s service without wages and gives him nothing for his work, who says, ‘I will build myself a wide house with spacious chambers, and cut out windows for it, paneling it with cedar and painting it with vermilion.’”

Do you not know what evil it is that self-inflicts? The habit of self is to have control over the innocent, over your neighborhood, over even your loved ones, and then enemies. That is what the Proverbs call wickedness.

Wickedness is a fruit of self, selfish desires. Selfish desires therefore give an edge to the words I, Me and Myself. When you say up to a cent words and find out that a score of them are these trio, you are a king of self, wicked in deeds.

Prayer: Root of selfish desires in me, be removed, in the name of Jesus!

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The wicked is full of self, a king of self. There exist these words in his all, I, Me and Myself. These are not fruits of the Christian. #focustoday

Bible in One Year: Deuteronomy 1–2; Mark 10:1–31

THE KINGDOM OF SELF

Saturday, March 7, 2020.

Galatians 6:8

Belonging to the lazy and full of ideas.

LESSON: *Sin, self, lay in the heart of Adam immediately he disobeyed. This makes the natural man, even the little one delivered today to be sensitive to wickedness, otherwise reduced to the name self, and sin. The Proverbs preacher did write almost nothing about a sinner but a wicked man, wickedness. We studied yesterday that a wicked person is a king of self, king of selves, selfish desires. Of his one hundred words, twenty would surely have the first personal and possessive pronouns, I, Me and Myself.*

“For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.”

But here is the result of the flesh man, the man of self, king of selves: death. The wicked, the sinner shall not go unpunished; it is a fact of life and of the Scripture. This sensitization about self is not to preach about the devil, it is about the Christian with self.

Don't look away that you cannot be a self-person, selfless beings are those whom Christ have so crushed and have crashed out of the ways of hell. Seek to be crushed today, stay on the cross, be alive while you die, the yoke is actually easy because Christ has taken the pain.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, crush me out of self by Thy Cross.

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This kingdom of self, is not hell in its sense, it is one that dwells in men, even self-acclaimed Christians. Watch out that you sow not to the flesh. #focustoday

Bible in One Year: Deuteronomy 3–4; Mark 10:32–52

OUR GOD

Sunday, March 8, 2020.

Ezra 8:22–23

Making possibilities.

LESSON: *An old punched out song says, 'The Rock that never fails, let me hide in You, in You there is power'. The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob— Elias' call rose to light Carmel, and there was the fire consuming power upon an altar of wet meat. What a God we serve, that He even called us gods! This that we may know that we level with the gods that other nations boast of. But this truth is not accepted even by the Israel of God. Our God, is an awesome God, He reigns in heaven above...*

“For I was ashamed to request of the king an escort of soldiers and horsemen to help us against the enemy on the road, because we had spoken to the king, saying, “The hand of our God is upon all those for good who seek Him, but His power and His wrath are against all those who forsake Him.” So we fasted and entreated our God for this, and He answered our prayer.”

This was the testimony of the men with whose hands the Lord made restoration of His house and the Sion's city walls.

The Lord fails not. Our God rules over all. In the times when great afflictions ruled the lands, these devout men for God rose to rebuild the temple and the city wall, nevertheless, a lot of enemies arose. But with united prayer (and fasting), the Lord our God proved His Omnipotence, the Rock of Ages.

Prayer: The Rock that never fails, let me hide in You.

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Nothing moves God so much as a United Prayer, a United People for Him in the name of His Son Jesus. Our God is awesome. #focustoday

Bible in One Year: Deuteronomy 5–7; Mark 11:1–18

SONS OF GOD

Monday, March 9, 2020.

Romans 8:14

An order of Abraham, minus Adam.

LESSON: *With no doubt that you may have more records than I do of this occasion, where an old friend or long seen relation would see you and say, you are the son or daughter of this... The appearance, likeness, facial feature, look, gaze, countenance of you with your parents cannot be compromised. Some who do not so have the look of their parents would take after that of the grandparents, or else something is wrong somewhere. You are the true child of..., so they would say.*

“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.”

Being a son of someone makes you dwell in the gene, genealogy of whosoever it is. See what Luke called Adam, son of God (Luke 3:38). Now, Jesus, by the Holy Spirit, spoke thus to us through the apostles the mystery that was lost in Eden, now we are sons of God. If we be sons of God, then we have God's gene, His genealogy in us. We so jump to be called gods, o good! We are gods then. But of a truth...

We are truly gods, but godson evenly. Why stay put in that corner and not act in the name of your Father? A lot so put up the 'I am god' confession, but will act like men, so they will die like men also, even mere men (Psalm 82:7, Proverbs 7:26). Walk away, walk out of this spell of flesh, be moved only by the Holy (God's) Spirit, not worldliness or its latest wireless trends.

Confession: I shall not be trapped with this world; I am a son of God.

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Don't just be called son of God, act like one, be moved only by the Spirit not by their spirits or sport whatever. #focustoday

Bible in One Year: Deuteronomy 8–10; Mark 11:19–33

THEIR GOD

Tuesday, March 10, 2020.

Daniel 11:32

Experienced men.

LESSON: *Through the history of men, men have been servants to gods as well as god themselves. And there will be mighty wonders they perform to act their greatness or that of their gods. Men like Nimrod became gods, as the Pharaoh of Egypt was a god, but having gods that could mightily do deeds. Nevertheless, the attestation of God to Moses was, I will make you a god to Pharaoh. Well, sometimes, it does come like, the mightier your god the mightier you are. Other times, it is the more your sacrifices, the mightier your god becomes.*

“Those who do wickedly against the covenant he shall corrupt with flattery; but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits.”

The prophet Daniel recorded this excerpt from his visions about the deliverance of the Judeans from their captivity. Here was the great deal that was written of them (us). Take only the second sentence; to what extent do you know your God? What sacrifice do you offer to Him? What sanctity or how sanctified are you before Him?

You cannot be called a god unless you are a son of God. You cannot be a son of God unless you are led and moved by the Holy Spirit of God. You cannot be led or moved by the Holy Spirit of God if you have not known or submitted to His will and grace. Don't be like them who do wickedly or act and work and walk in the ways of sin, come out from among them, know your God, then exploit for Him, souls.

Prayer: Lord, lay upon me a heart for You, always, in the name of Jesus!

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Do you know your God? What concern is their god to you if you know yours? Exploit for your God; act alone in His will and grace. #focustoday

Bible in One Year: Deuteronomy 11–13; Mark 10:1–27

WAIT!

Wednesday, March 11, 2020.

Acts 1:4

An asked permission.

LESSON: 'Aye!', you say. But 'Wait!', you hear again. 'I say wait, horseman, wait!' The person who's making this order may be saving or ensnaring the horseman who's ready to battle. There was little armour on this soldier that he would not survive the first battle of the third orders. He wouldn't even be free to last the next minute after that. Yet the goal was the first orders. Go get more armour on yourself, don't be armed only with morale; morale (zeal) will take you past a lot, but won't consider you to the lot –the big plot of victory. Intelligence and weapons (gifts) will.

“And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father...”

The Son of God here did speak with the already converted ones, from sons of the world to sons of God. But He told them thus... Wait! That's the only command that many would have had to be safe. Waiting is not sitting, or gisting or dozing or convulsing, it is praying for the blessing of the Father.

Yes the Promise of the Father it was stated. In later verse (8) of Act 1, the Lord indeed exposed them again to the Promise, the Holy Spirit, but the Power of it was indeed what armour they needed for the battle. For anyone who will be or had been charged for mission, for the gospel's assignment or work, wait, pray and believe the baptism of becoming Godson (Romans 8:14), being moved by the Spirit (John 3:8). Stay put still, in His will, do nothing except by the order of the Spirit according to the Scriptures of Truth.

Prayer: Lord, teach me to pray; teach me to wait on Your will.

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To wait does not mean to delay; it means to pray, patience –the virtue. Pray, tarry in your Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high. #focustoday

Bible in One Year: Deuteronomy 14–16; Mark 12:28–44

AWAITING

Thursday, March 12, 2020.

Isaiah 40:31

The incoming.

LESSON: *Here comes the working of the latter rain that was promised. To Daniel it was told of them who know their God, doing exploits. To the Roman Church, the once persecutor of the church, now a begotten apostle reminded them that they are only sons of God if they do His will (moved by the Spirit). To the latest dudes then, hiding and lurking in the street houses of Jerusalem, the Son told them, wait, tarry, pray until... Here is a statement of prophesy from the prophet of kings, Isaiah the son of Amoz...*

*“But those who wait on the Lord Shall renew their strength;
They shall mount up with wings like eagles,
They shall run and not be weary,
They shall walk and not faint.”*

Those who wait on the Lord, just as we studied yesterday (Wait!), here is the list of common things that would happen to them. To Daniel it was exotic exploit, and to the other men of old many things were said to them to happen.

All these happenings are not just for the judges, prophets or kings. They were written concerning us. Are you an awaiting member of the crew? Are you even listed yet? Do you know your God or their god (the world)? Will you pray with us? Do you desire to be a son (child in the kingdom)? Pray...

Prayer: Father, I believe Jesus as the begotten Son of God, sent to deliver me from sin. I forsake my sins today. Make me to know You, make me to encounter Your grace. Teach me Your way in Jesus' name.

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Waiting on the Lord is the greatest faith tasking believe man can express towards His God. Then the Promise comes, here it is... Wait, pray, receive grace. #focustoday

Bible in One Year: Deuteronomy 17–19; Mark 13:1–20

SPIRIT OF THE WORLD

Friday, March 13, 2020.

Romans 1:28

Foundations of disobedience discovered.

LESSON: *Confusion will erupt when you tell somebody in the church to tell another person in the church quietly, that "The devil is here". You would see a face of fear, that trembles, the whole congregation will melt in anxiety. Some to see who's this devil that the world has always mentioned. Is it the real Satan or he is different? Some factions too would want to know what he looked like, maybe he is the horned creature used in movies and images. Others wouldn't just want to get the gaze at all, fearfully trembling.*

"And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting..."

This is the spirit of the world, the spirit that has no knowledge of God. The generation that does not retain God in them, thereby all empty but the knowledge of their father, the devil, Satan of old. This is the real deal today in the church.

The apostle of epistles was not in good terms with his own mother tongue town with their worldliness. He, being Roman by birth expected that the church thus there which he co-planted would be one of the best with God's power, but it was the otherwise. As this church was copying a lot of deeds of the world, flowing with the world. No wonder he warned in chapter twelve verse two, be not conformed to this world...

Prayer: Lord, take me away from the world, and the world away from me in the name of Jesus.

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The spirit of the world is the spirit of hell, the flow of the church with the world's laws and rights are full degree of well Hell's agreeing terms with the church of God.

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Bible in One Year: Deuteronomy 20–22; Mark 13:21–37

SELF-SUICIDE

Saturday, March 14, 2020.

2Kings 10:29

That Mr. Man should not be.

LESSON: *There could be not many definitions to describe this as the one who would Cross the Rubicon. Oh no, not too many is aware of what caused the idiomatic phrase of Crossing the Rubicon. Well, self-suicide is going across a plane where bullets are flying at every second, in every direction. The man being tested has no armor whatever. This may be a less way to give oneself a befitting death. Though some men want to die in the most honouring way, but not like the suicides.*

There once lived a king whose name was Jehu of Israel. He was called to be anointed of the great prophet of God who foreruns the one that turned Israel upside down, Elisha was his name. To pull down and destroy kings and men who have turned the glory of God in Israel to shame. But, he did go AWOL too in no time!

“However Jehu did not turn away from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin, that is, from the golden calves that were at Bethel and Dan.”

Jehu, followed the old path, the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat. Whose path are you following? Do you remember when you gave it all up for Christ? How well are you today, now, and later? You cannot break heaven's heart, for God is never stranded of replacements, but you would have disappointed the will of God.

Prayer: Father, help me not to delay Your will, or disappoint You in the name of Jesus.

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Self-Suicide is disappointing the will of God after you have been chosen a man on the wall. #focustoday

Bible in One Year: Deuteronomy 23–25; Mark 14:1–26

SELF-GIVER

Sunday, March 15, 2020.

Matthew 6:1

A gift of...

LESSON: *The topic of self cannot be overemphasized. This we have been dealing and studying since the month began. Self is the greatest enemy of man with God. You want to live godly, self, your own very self will sell you off to the enemy. Human, on the norms would always term those who do charity as good men. Charity is a philanthropic act, and a way to seize the hearts of men massively. It would now make them look like they have good characters or no weaknesses.*

“Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven.”

Words of Jesus' words of life spoken on the mount, just after the teaching of the Beatitudes. He did some emphasis on this as well as other deeds or dealings of man which are hypocritical.

This, we should so worry about. Dear Christian, how do you do your charity? How do you act the dealing? What is the knowledge of people about your giving? Will the church know you did the thing so you could be esteemed? These questions could roll on, but watch and stop if you have done all in the name of self, hypocrisy.

Prayer: Spirit of self, operating in me, break out, in the name of Jesus!

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The dreariest name I would never want to be called as a Christian is hypocrite; but this is what many really are, self-giving. #focustoday

Bible in One Year: Deuteronomy 28–29; Mark 14:54–72

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SELF-THOUGHT

Monday, March 16, 2020.

Psalm 19:13

Sources action and reaction.

LESSON: *Here is a dome of almost all self-acts. The output of man is what is deadly, said Jesus. What comes out of a man indeed can kill. Thoughts lurking in the mind, most times never kind or having vine, but they have life and death also. This is the depth of all self-works. I am too conscious of myself but I cannot help myself. This was the cry of the psalmist, he did not give himself to himself, self is still all there, and he gave himself to his Creator.*

*“Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins;
Let them not have dominion over me.
Then I shall be blameless,
And I shall be innocent of great transgression.”*

He prayed. He prayed that his self be taken down. That he be broken and killed of this self-acclaimed self. Self is death, that's the word. Self is worldly, not kind, not good, nothing good in it.

Pray your way out of self, tell the Lord to break you and make you His own. Adam brought self, Christ brought the Spirit. Flesh is death, Spirit is life. The first breaking of self is from the thought, when your thought is purified, your life is becoming of God. Then the place of the Holy Spirit, this is the greatest of all self-death.

Prayer: Lord, break me of self, break self from me, give me Thine Holy Spirit that I may not sin against You in the name of Jesus.

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To break self off you, your own self, ask the Holy Spirit to purify, make holy your thoughts, and that's all. #focustoday

Bible in One Year: Deuteronomy 28–29; Mark 14:54–72

SELF-LOVE (1)

Tuesday, March 17, 2020.

2Timothy 3:2

First fruit of wrongs.

LESSON: *We do appear to be cold with every sense of people around us, we care so much about who we are. Now, let's bring it down to the singular pronoun of first person, hey, here is the 'I'. I is mostly termed the commonest and most stingy word used ever. It has no regard for others that flow or follow after; it just poses unreal and unkind attitudes to others. You need know what the 'man of I' can do, when he places the word twice in a sentence or, once in every sentence made.*

“For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy...”

The first nature of man, men, possibly Christians whose love got cold was the self-love. And daily today, you'd see many pose with the words like it is not too real what it means. Is there an irony in the statement that cannot be seen so directly?

Love your neighbour as yourself; this is the fulfilment of the law, the second of the new commandment. That gives the trail that man, since Eden was lost, has no love for anyone but self. Watch that self does not trap your faith. Self-love, being a lover of self, that is the beginning of hypocrisy.

Prayer: Every self-love in me, be uprooted, in the name of Jesus.

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Self-love, the nature of natural man, the true nature of hypocrisy. #focustoday

Bible in One Year: Deuteronomy 30–31; Mark 15:1–25

LIFTED (1)

Wednesday, March 18, 2020.

Exodus 5:2

But executed.

LESSON: *So, the day of encounter came. The whole world was waiting, just like the expectation of the sons of God as recorded. So the revealing of the long-time gone prince was the first shock to the heir, now king. There is no kind of so ancient news which spread like wildfire all over the lands of mankind of this coming Iron Age. So, Moses, the leader of the promised men appeared before Pharaoh Ramses of Egypt.*

“And Pharaoh said, “Who is the Lord, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the Lord, nor will I let Israel go.”

This was his response to the call for deliverance of the bonded freemen. Alas, the man of the world became lifted than himself. How can a man be lifted beyond himself? He said, 'Who is the Lord?' Oh, again ask, who is the Lord that I should let Israel go?

When men are filled is when it is said that they are lifted, would one be right to say Pharaoh was high or what? Pharaoh was not spoken of to have taken wine or intoxicating pills, he was just lifted of his position, Pharaoh of Egypt. What a wonderful death he got his cavalry into.

Prayer: Lord, only You be lifted in my life. Amen!

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Lifting one's self up is a death making decision. #focustoday

Bible in One Year: Deuteronomy 32–34; Mark 15:26–47

LIFTED (II)

Thursday, March 19, 2020.

Acts 12:22–23

And removed.

LESSON: *This, would I say became a follower of the strongest of all and in his own state of nations became lifted. One would need not guess to know what happened to the nation lifted beyond control; it got broken. A number of times she had disturbed the world's peace and unity. Today, it is of missiles, tomorrow uncensored words to the world that places threats and so on. How mighty you are when others are fighters of swords and arrows and you have already nuclear weapons!*

This won't be told of a king under the Roman rule, who was placed in charge of the Jewish people. Just some time after Jesus' men were dispersed he began to disrespect these men of the Way, charging to prison and killing. Thus he was favoring the Jews who believed not in the Way. He later got commendation from a nation he feeds, and thus he was lifted. Herod, just in the political Pharaoh position.

“And the people kept shouting, “The voice of a god and not of a man!” Then immediately an angel of the Lord struck him, because he did not give glory to God. And he was eaten by worms and died.”

This was the lifting and immediate end of Herod the king. He had a death that had never been before in history. Worms eat long dead bodies that are not preserved or buried. Here, worms ate a living man, a king for that matter. This is an indication that, for anyone who is lifted in/above himself, hell bound he is.

Prayer: Lord, again, be lifted in my life in the name of Jesus!

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The lifting of man, exalting it may be called is the best ticket to hell, sure Hades that cannot be compromised, Herod hurriedly got that. #focustoday

Bible in One Year: Joshua 1–3; Mark 16

LIFTED (III)

Friday, March 20, 2020.

Daniel 3:15

And buried.

LESSON: *'In terms of hierarchy', oh my God, this I heard in a gathering of believers. And, amidst all other programs that was done, all the lessons that were learnt, all melted. Hierarchy what? What does this have to do with the house of God? You see, we (the church) fault very well in some sins that do not look so obvious, such as setting special seats, uncontrolled tongues speaking, immoral wears and so on; but will point accusing fingers at the in quote 'overly abominable' churches who allows homosexuals to worship. This lifting of people above others is a pain in the heart.*

“Now if you are ready at the time you hear the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, and psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, and you fall down and worship the image which I have made, good! But if you do not worship, you shall be cast immediately into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you from my hands?”

Here came a déjà vu statement from the new world greatest leader; an order of the greatness of Pharaoh of Egypt, but now Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon.

He asked the same question as Pharaoh Ramses, the lifting thing, loftily lifted, 'who is the god who will deliver you from my hands?' He even added 'my hands'. When man is lifted, and God is questioned, there is one way to prove self's weirdness of wilderness, destruction. Babylon did not last so long, that just one man saw all of its kings. Nebuchadnezzar unlike Pharaoh, though saw the works of God and believed, and his lifting got just warnings, and later punishment.

Prayer: Lord, help me never to be lifted in my self; make me a humble soul in the name of Jesus.

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The lifted heart is drawn to destruction; no, it has rather been destroyed already.

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Bible in One Year: Joshua 4–6; Luke 1:1–20

SELF-LOVE (II)

Saturday, March 21, 2020.

John 3:16

First fruit of love.

LESSON: *No greater love to be shown than that towards your own self, says the philosophy of the common man. No greater love to be displayed than for a man to lay his life for his friend, the words of Jesus, the Christ. Many times, in other terms, there is the great love of the parents unto their children, even the unborn. The love of members of families to themselves. The love of a father to sacrifice for his family or children, a husband for his wife just as Christ did, a mother for her children and so on.*

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

This was the display of God, not a god, the God to the world He made. He gave the world another chance. Another chance every time He keeps displaying. What more would one expect again than this love of giving your own heir unto an ungrateful and backstabbing kingdom of yours?

Nevertheless, the self-love of the world in which the Son of God, Jesus, came to save still hinders many from accepting salvation. Self-love could have been considered by the Savior of sins, He yet left the Throne for a marketplace to die for a people who were and are not aware of their deaths. Don't crave for self-self, ask the Lord to break your self and give grace to you.

Prayer: Lord break me from self, and give me grace to love You in the name of Jesus.

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Tarry no longer in selfish love, come forth and accept the love of the Son, Saviour of the world. #focustoday

Bible in One Year: Joshua 7–9; Luke 1:21–38

PRIDE

Sunday, March 22, 2020.

Isaiah 14:13–14

Heroic error.

LESSON: *The rising of the sun is the pride of the day; the dawn of lights that evades the earth. And alas, even leaves rejoice that their nutrients are strengthened and flowers ready to bud. This self-love of everything is a matter of concern and necessary to be resigned from. Mother earth can sometimes teach her inhabitants the culture of love but having self in it. This action of self-love that has been treated with soft caution did not just evolve from Darwin's theory, but before it.*

*“For you have said in your heart:
I will ascend into heaven,
I will exalt my throne above the stars of God;
I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north;
I will ascend above the heights of the clouds,
I will be like the Most High.”*

This was the vision of Lucifer, a prince, and an angel that covers, a shining star before the Lord God. But he acted selfishly, and became lifted in himself.

Exalting oneself is a derivative of selfishness, an act of self-love and this ends always with the word – pride. Pride is the, I won't be truer to conclude, the only sin. Because, pride is the sin that leads to disobedience. Why would you disobey a law, order, command, knowledge or whatever? It is because you are proud to the lawgiver, not minding what the consequence may be.

Prayer: Every sowing of pride in my soul, wither in the name of Jesus.

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Is Pride the only sin? Well, it could be the greatest, that it is greatly despised by God. Death is the consequence of pride, same for sin; pride could be the only sin that exists.
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Bible in One Year: Joshua 10–12; Luke 1:39–56

SELF-LOVE (III)

Monday, March 23, 2020.

Matthew 22:39

A counter love.

LESSON: *This, the acclamation of man that he poses with pride everyday of his breath. I love myself is the statement. I love no one but I, me and myself. Thus man, o man the son of man is full of himself. Can a man put hot coals in his wardrobe and his coats not be burned? Or walk in fire and his hair not singed? For there is nothing that man can do without his breath, o why then does he proclaim himself like he is a god that cannot die? Even the prince fell and was debased.*

“And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”

Self-love is carnal. Maybe we need hit the nail straight on the head. Self-love is selfishness. The natural man will never place another man in his equation, never. I, Me and Myself alone. The possessive world of man, the self of man is a man of self. A lesson from the Lord, also a commandment He calls the second and only and new, love your neighbour as yourself.

It was a ‘shall’ the Savior used, you shall, you should not place self on love. Love should be symbiotic and should never have self in it. When self comes into a relationship or friendship, thus the end of it. This is the true formation of it all in real sense, that man should not stay in his own shell and expect that the world would always revolve around him.

Confession: I am not self bound, because my Savior has defeated it.

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Stay put only not in thine self, be of love, and love is never selfish but selfless.

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Bible in One Year: Joshua 13–15; Luke 1:57–80

PRIDE AND ERROR

Tuesday, March 24, 2020.

Ezekiel 28:1–2

Coming already.

LESSON: *You could get to ask the self of you, have I been proud before? What was the result of that pride? Pride, most times will never lead to grace, but graves, we have that revealed in the past days. Pride cannot be considered a virtue, but a hit to death. Sin leads to death; the wages of sin is death. Also, the healthiest and happiest end of pride is death, even destruction. We did consider in one of the last lessons that pride seems to be the only sin, as it is a direct form of rebellion which is disobedience, witchcraft and all.*

“The word of the Lord came to me again, saying, “Son of man, say to the prince of Tyre, ‘Thus says the Lord God: “Because your heart is lifted up, and you say, ‘I am a god, I sit in the seat of gods, in the midst of the seas,’ yet you are a man, and not a god, though you set your heart as the heart of a god.”

This was the downgrading of the prince of Tyre, later exposed as Lucifer, the devil, Satan of old.

Pride is not a mistake or a sin that is done presumptuously; it is a sin of the act. Mistakes may attract forgiveness, but errors are death deserving. Pray the Lord take you out of the errors of death. That you should not fall into the error of Lucifer.

Prayer: Father, may I not fall into the error of Lucifer in the name of Jesus.

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Pride is a sin that has no mistake in it, but error. Watch therefore that you should not fall into pride. #focustoday

Bible in One Year: Joshua 16–18; Luke 2:1–24

PRIDE AND DEATH

Wednesday, March 25, 2020.

James 4:6

So equal and equivalent.

LESSON: *Just yesterday, we saw that Pride is a sin that rides with error. Pride is no 'some kind of' sin, it is sin itself. Truly the wages of sin is death, so is the wages of pride, of which we are observing. Check the annals, see through history and you will see that all flesh is gone. All dead, because the golden throne of pride dwells in all. See now these great kings that have walked the earth, beginning with Adam, to Babel's Nimrod, then Pharaoh Ramses, Saul, Sennacherib, Nebuchadnezzar, Herod and so on all lived and loved pride and they died mysteriously.*

“But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: “God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

This is the just punishment of the proud, God resists them. What does it mean to be resisted? What does it mean not to be registered? When God resists a being, it means, he shall not enter into my rest (eternal life). The absence of the eternal life in any being means death eternal. What more can be of the worse punishment than to be trapped forever in the lake of sulfur?

The chief proud one, Lucifer, a star of heaven will lead in this death, and that is why he is so after the replacement in which God used after him (this is man). The wages of Pride is not exalting not even degrading or downgrading, but death in upper case. Don't be caused to be lifted, death is the lot of it.

Prayer: Lord, deliver my soul (or mention a name) from the spirit of pride, in the name of Jesus!

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Pride and death are relative collocations just as sin and death. #focustoday

Bible in One Year: Joshua 19–21; Luke 2:25–52

'I WILL' OF MAN (1)

Thursday, March 26, 2020.

Genesis 3:5

Slicing errors with hands.

LESSON: *And so in reality, every son is a potential heir of his parent, likewise every prince to his king. But, the king's decision will always ring power on which of the prince is heir to the throne. In some kingdoms, it is the first prince that becomes, in others, it is the king's or their gods' choice. This was a case of David that was not decided, and the princes began to kill themselves until the child Solomon was begotten; even he killed another prince. Many princes so lose it because they were never patient.*

“For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

Having been into the shoes before, knowing what it resulted, a casting down, the serpent of old came to the woman and told her this foul bargain. The question is ‘What was the gain of Satan in this discussion?’ The woman could have reasoned, but she didn't, she had an intention, 'I will be like God'.

This 'I will be like God' thought, Satan also had previously, and he was carted and cast out of heaven, with his host of rebels. Beneath the stones, beneath even the earth they dwelt, until man gave them access to return above the earth, above man. Man did not in real sense see the other part of what God would say or see it as, that I am about to be king while the King still lives. Oh what decision of self, pride and death, yea, death it caused and the cost.

Prayer: Every will in me that is against the will of God, perish in the name of Jesus!

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Man was willing to be like God, to even be God when he was already one, over the earth, even over death and hell (Satan and his host). But self-regard brought man still down to death too. #focustoday

Bible in One Year: Joshua 22–24; Luke 3

'I WILL' OF MAN (II)

Friday, March 27, 2020.

Luke 12:17–21

Sliding error.

LESSON: *The effect of will is either to breakthrough or to die trying. The will is a very powerful tool to have. It is a charge, a push to work, a power and drive that makes desires achieved or come through. But, wills when not checked, could become death even from the start, I mean when it has just been conceived. Man was not revealed to have considered taking of the fruit of disobedience but, when the trigger came, you could see they already had the thought of doing before. And their –I will– cost them (us) the death of the Son of God to allow us access again into God's Eden.*

“And he thought within himself, saying, ‘What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?’ So he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.”’ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?’ “So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”

There is no room for God again when you have so thought in you your will. This man did nothing wrong than to plan, he planned the future, but God was out of the plan. It is not until you commit a sin that makes God not to be in your plan; but that moment when you develop a plan and there was no 'God let Your will be done', then your own will is a death will already.

Confession: Lord, let Your will reign, let Your will be done.

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When God is not involved in a will, then it is a death will that is planned or written, ask Adam (see Luke 12:17–21). #focustoday

Bible in One Year: Judges 1–3; Luke 4:1–30

BREAKING

Saturday, March 28, 2020.

Psalm 51:5–8

An edge of access.

LESSON: *Long enough has man been trapped in the power of self, self-will, and he seems not to very well understand what to do. Until there is a breaking, just like Adam got, he was now really like Satan and not God, like he was told. He would not know what had happened unto his flesh that it would soon die. Sin committing makes man to age quickly, physically, and spiritually he is dead already. What is needed of man nevertheless is knowing he is sick and dying, and that he needs help, and ready to forsake his wild wills, 'I will...'*

“Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me. Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, and in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me hear joy and gladness, that the bones You have broken may rejoice.”

This was the prayer of a repenting Psalmist, after his many discoveries of self-wills, his plans and orchestrated ways that were not God's.

He was aware of his spiritual state, that he was but dead, dirty, wrong and unclean, even broken that he needed amending. I tell you this, to those who get to the breaking level, these, have received the compassion of heaven, tender mercies of God that endure forever. Pray to be broken of your wills, pray for His will to be done. Pray also for those down in sin stricken wills, that the Lord open the eyes away from the lies of the flesh, self and death.

Prayer: Lord, open my eyes to see my self, to be exposed of my wills. Help me to know and do Your will only in Jesus' name.

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The breaking of self is a work of mercy; mercy opens the door to grace and grace to life you go. Don't wait, obtain mercy, for death is the wage of self, pride and 'I will...'

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Bible in One Year: Judges 4–6; Luke 4:31–44

SUBMIT TO GOD

Sunday, March 29, 2020.

James 4:7

A case begotten.

LESSON: *The month of March gradually is winding up and the man of self should be done with by now. We will take measures unto how we can fully break away from the face of self. Self is flesh, a glass that doesn't break at its falling, but can be broken by the Spirit of grace. There lies one of the tools or methods as to bring the flesh to a hold, act unto obedience, fully filled with the Spirit of Christ, the life of the saints, grace then will follow to overcome.*

“Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.”

This is therefore the act of obedience. By obedience Abram was turned to Abraham, establishing the promise of blessing, the Holy Spirit of God unto all the earth. By obedience Joseph took in a woman who got pregnant of the Holy Spirit. And by the opposite, a lot of damage happened through history. The factual part of all this is that –submit to God.

The second is likened to it, an opposing action, a revolting reaction: resist the devil. Firstly, God resists the proud, now the man of righteousness, humble in acts, has the right, so much full right that he can resist the devil. What is it to resist in the devil? The devil is the origin of self, flesh, pride and all of the odds. This is the devil to resist: the flesh.

Prayer: I rebuke every self-work and will in my heart in the name of Jesus!

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God resists the proud, you submit to God, you resist the devil, then who/what is the devil: the flesh, the self, and the proud. #focustoday

Bible in One Year: Judges 7–8; Luke 5:1–16

BREAK

Monday, March 30, 2020.

Hosea 10:12

Accessed and greased.

LESSON: *Until the time of this writing, I had got some moments when I would be so strong but weak. This is the one known as psychological or emotional breakdown. This is the worst of all weaknesses. It could come on anyone with almost nothing wrong around or within. You'd even be told, please be calm, and you would be like, do I look angered? And, this happened even the previous day to this message, it was just a burnt day, a dull one another would say. Refuge was thus sought from the Word of life after a walk in a serene town.*

It will very well happen that almost nothing is changing. And after the walk, there was a deep rest, a need for full sleep in fact. Something needs to break, something needs to be pulled out or removed, the sower or the weed.

*“Sow for yourselves righteousness;
Reap in mercy;
Break up your fallow ground,
For it is time to seek the Lord,
Till He comes and rains righteousness on you.”*

Break away from the oddness in thee, break up the fallow ground, the hard earth that is making gods of nothing. A rebel this is becoming, the selfie self that controls the man of self himself, a leader of death unto death.

Confession: I break free from thee o righteous self in the name of Jesus!

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Break the chain, break up the ground that self has made in you; by this you will submit to God and resist the devil. #focustoday

Bible in One Year: Judges 9–10; Luke 5:17–39

SELFLESS

Tuesday, March 31, 2020.

John 15:13

Clueless.

LESSON: *Oh, what great way to end the movie, Titanic. And Jack died, for love. What a way that movies act and make this matter of dying for love look very active and real. This begot a topic of discussion that almost evolved into real life acts, until there was serious calming of the parties. The topic was 'Why is it the male sex that always have this act of dying and not the female sex?' But this can't be known even by bursting surveys, only by those who have survived the emotional traumas.*

"Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends."

This is the greatest show of love, it is not an online or offline love, but a love with no condition. Love that has nothing to do with reciprocating condition. See what the Contemporary English Version says of this,

"The greatest way to show love for friends is to die for them."

What love do you show to people? After our long study on flesh, self, self-desires, selfishness, pride, pride and error, pride and death, and then the breakings; are you by now broken to be selfless? Act your love, be real with it, and love does not have a conclusion based on giving or charity or philanthropic acts. Love is love; nonetheless, being selfless is the greatest form of love.

Confession: Lord, thank You for delivering me from the spirit of self. Your Name alone be praised!

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The greatest enemy of self is being selfless, and being selfless is the greatest form of love.
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Bible in One Year: Judges 11–12; Luke 6:1–26

YOU CAN BE SAVED

Have you burdens?

Have you troubles?

Have you sins and weaknesses unthinkable?

Come to the Lord today; He is willing to help you.

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

“He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”

John 3:16-18

Pray:

Lord Jesus, come into my heart and reign as Lord.

I confess my every sin (mention) and forsake them today.

Heal me O Lord, and save me till the end.

Thank You Lord for this grace, in Jesus' name I pray.

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