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The Eagle




A NEW SONG

BUT THEY THAT WAIT UPON THE LORD SHALL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH; THEY SHALL MOUNT UP WITH WINGS AS EAGLES (ISAIAH 40:31)



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Our Services

TUESDAY

MEETS FOR WOLF | 6:30 PM
 HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE | 8:30 PM | EVERY 1ST TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

MARRIAGES FELLOWSHIP | 11:00 - 12:00 PM

WHERE THE LOVE OF GOD REIGNS AND
 DREAMS COME TRUE

THURSDAY

PRAYER PRaise AND PRAISE DUTY | 10:00 AM
 (EXCEPT THURSDAYS BEFORE HOLY WEEK SERVICE)

FRIDAY

HE IS LORD PRAISE HOUR | 11:00 AM

SATURDAY

SATURDAY MORNING PRAYER MEETING | 7 AM - 8:00 AM
 REDEMPTION GROUP EVERY THIRD SATURDAY | 9:30 AM
 CHURCH OFFICE

SUNDAY

PRAISEING THE SAINTS | 7:00 AM
 GARDEN SERVICE | 9:30 - 10:00 AM
 SUNDAY SERVICE | 10:30 - 12:30 AM

THANKSGIVING SERVICE
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 6:00 PM

WISDOM GROUP

EVERY 1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH AFTER
 THANKSGIVING SERVICE

HOUSE FELLOWSHIP

SCHEDULED EVERY 2ND SUNDAY (EXCEPT)



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he word promise comes from a Latin word called 'promittere' which means to send beforehand or to go forward. 'Pro' means forward, and 'mittere' means to send. Literally, a promise is something that is spoken in your now but speaks to your next. Once you have a promise, you are no longer confined to the limitations of where you are. A promise is a vow, an indication that a successful prospect or future can happen. A promise is also what gives you hope and makes you believe that something better is coming. The only thing that makes you believe that is not the end of it all, is that you have a hope that your tomorrow will be alright. (Psalm 30:5).

A promise makes you draw your interest to what is about to happen and away from what is happening where you are. Proverbs 13:12 says **"Hope deferred maketh the heart sick; but when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life."** In other words, when a thing does not happen, when you think it will happen, it makes you sick on the inside and emotionally down, but when the thing finally comes, you are happy. Many people want a promise but they fail to realize that they have a part to play to bring to pass what has been promised to them (Isaiah 1:19).

God has promised that you will sing a New Song, the question is are you making preparations for it? How do you make preparations for what God has promised you?

1. Move from being amazed to being active (Acts 1:9-11). Many people have gotten words and promises but they sit back without doing anything. God will not walk past your bedroom; you need to get up, do something and make preparation for what God has promised (see Deuteronomy 7:9, 1 Corinthians 1:9, 1 Thessalonians 5:24, Hebrews 10:23, 2 Timothy 2:13, Titus 1:2, and Hebrews 6:18).

2. Get ready for it. When God surprises you, He expands what you have been thinking (Ephesians 3:20). If you have been thinking and believing too small, stretch yourself and prepare for what God has promised.

(a) When God promised that there would be rain, Noah prepared an ark (Genesis 6:13-22).

(b) When God promised the Israelites deliverance from Egypt, they had to prepare their homes (Exodus 12:22).

(c) When God promised Gideon that He would use him to deliver his family from the tyranny of the Midianites, Gideon had to prepare a sacrifice (Judges 6:17-21).

(d) When God promised David victory over Goliath, David had to prepare his pouch and his sling (1 Samuel 17:40).

(e) When Jehoshaphat was surrounded by three tough kings and he had no way of getting out of it, he went before God.

God spoke to him and told him how to get victory (2 Chronicles 20:16-22). God told him to get the singers to have a New Song. The moment they got a New Song, they started singing praises to the Almighty God, and they sang in such a way that all of their enemies started killing one another.

The New Song you are about to sing is not just for you to say your story has changed but it is so that you will get victory over your enemies. However you can only be a partaker of God's promise and sing a New Song if you belong to Him and are His child. The promises of the Father doesn't come to strangers, it comes to those who belong to Him. If you have not surrendered your life to Jesus Christ, do so today; and God will have mercy on you, heal you, save you, and make you whole.

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n our studies of Psalm 91:7, we learnt that even though calamities may be happening all around us, God has set boundaries and limits to prevent such calamities from coming near us. In continuation, verse 8 says **"Only with thine eyes shall thou behold and see the reward of the wicked."** Using a football match as an illustration, we have the players and the spectators. On the pitch, only 11 people are actively involved in playing and are susceptible to injuries whilst every other person is a spectator. This brings to light what God is saying in this verse - that we will just be spectators and not partakers of the calamities happening around us.

It Happened to Me - Acts of Wickedness

We have established that "the wicked" referred to is a sinner or someone that delights in the downfall of others - always scheming and plotting against others. It is sad that such wickedness exists even in families (Matthew 10:36), and among close friends.

Life Experiences

"Because I borrowed some money from a close friend and couldn't pay back, he started to broadcast deep family secrets that I told him in confidence, and I became a laughing stock."

"My late father was almost swindled by his own brother into selling his property worth millions of naira at a cheap price a few days before he died. God divinely intervened by making us visit my father just before he was about to seal the deal by signing off his legal title to the house."

"I lent a sister the money I was saving for my rent to help her pay for her children's school fees. She told me she would repay within weeks but six years after she still refused to pay back."

The Reward of The Wicked

People are scheming to do all kinds of terrible things, but the Bible says in Psalm 2:1-5 that God will frustrate all their plans. In Esther 7:10, Haman planned the downfall of Mordecai and the extermination of the Jews for a whole year. He even went to the extent of building gallows, but at the nick of time God intervened and scattered all his plans. The Bible says in Job 5:12 that God disappoints the plans of the crafty and frustrates all their schemes. At the end of the day, Haman was hung on the gallows that was originally built to hang Mordecai. This brings to play the principle in Proverbs 26:27 which says that **"Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein; and he that rolleth a stone, it will return upon him."** Psalm 34:21 also says **"Evil shall slay the wicked; and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate."**

Biblical Examples of The Reward of The Wicked

The children of Israel saw the ten plagues which was the reward of the wickedness of the Egyptians.

The children of Israel that were on the Lord's side witnessed the earth swallow up Korah and his fellow rebels (Numbers 16:30-34).

In 1 Kings 18:21-27, Elijah called down fire to swallow the prophets of Baal. All Daniel's detractors were thrown into the lion's den in his stead (Daniel 6:16,24). God says in Isaiah 43:4 that He would give people for your lives. 1 prophecy that no evil

will come near you and it shall be ill with your enemies in Jesus Mighty Name (Isaiah 3:11).

Some people find themselves in situations just because of the wickedness of others known or unknown to them. It could be household or spiritual wickedness. Ephesians 6:12 says **"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."** The stagnation, sickness, calamities, etc. can be as a result of spiritual wickedness, but 1 prophecy that every form of wickedness affecting you will be terminated today in Jesus Name!

As we accept the invitation of the Lord in Hebrews 4:16 and approach His throne of Grace fearlessly and confidently to receive mercy, and well-timed help, we place a three-pronged petition before Him.

(a) In line with Isaiah 43:26 and Psalm 20:1-4, we plead our case before God bringing forth our strong points to enable us receive justification and answer to our prayers.

(b) We also hereby report to God all our enemies that are stronger than us to enable Him intervene (Psalm 18:17-18).

(c) Since God knows all things we petition God to intervene on our behalf by pleading our case and destroying all our enemies with His Mighty Hand.

Finally, one of the most potent weapons of warfare that we have is the Holy Communion - the bread and the wine. Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, and sickness, sorrow, calamity, poverty, etc. cannot be permitted to dwell in your body which is also the Body of Christ. The Bible says in 1 John 4:17 that as He is so we are. The Bible also says that the gates of hell shall not prevail against the Church which is the body of Christ. Therefore, every onslaught from the pit of hell must fail. The bread is the Bread of Life, and if you get the revelation that you are the body of Christ, as you eat the bread, everything that is contrary to the plan and purpose of God for you

life, and that cannot dwell in the body of Christ must disappear. The Body of Christ is a victorious body, and it is a body that has been redeemed. So, as you are walking, know that Christ is with you and in you and you will never fall in Jesus Name!

Also, the Bible says in Revelation 12:11 that **"they overcame satan by the blood of the Lamb..."** The Blood of Jesus is another powerful weapon that you can use to conquer satan, his demons, and all his onslaught. As you plead and cannot partake in the Lord's supper unless they are willing to repent and surrender their lives to Jesus Christ. If you want to surrender your life to Jesus Christ so that He can give you a new song to sing, then pray this prayer: **"LORD Jesus, I come to You right now. I know I am a sinner, please forgive me my sins. With my mouth, I confess that from right now, Jesus, I accept You as the LORD of my life. Please change my heart from a disobedient heart to an obedient heart. I believe that it is because of me You came into this world. You died for my sins, You took away my sins, take away my problems also. Please write my name in the Book of Life, wash me clean with the Blood of Jesus and give me a New Song in Jesus Mighty Name."**

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TESTIMONIES

LAST DANCE TESTIMONIES

JACQUELINE UFOMADU - HEALING AND DELIVERANCE AFTER LAST DANCE

My aunt living in the US was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 2016. After surgery and chemotherapy, the doctors confirmed that it had cleared. However, on August 1, 2017, she called that the cancer had returned and the doctor said it was hopeless. I attended August 2017 Thanksgiving Service with a heavy heart, cried and danced to God, praying that He reversed the irreversible. That Sunday night, she called and said she had a dream in

which she was opened upon, and by morning, she vomited. She went in for a surgery on Tuesday, August 8, and what the doctors saw in the scan was not as bad as they had thought. She called and said we should continue thanking God because He has done wonders. To the glory of God, she was discharged on Saturday, August 12. Praise the LORD!

TITILAYO AJAYI - PROMOTION AFTER LAST DANCE

I thank God for granting my husband promotion at work. Several Last Dances were tied to this request and I give all the glory to God for fulfilling His Word.

GOD'S BLESSINGS

WALE AND FEKE MORONKOLA - BLESSED WITH GOD'S GIFT

God blessed us with a lovely baby girl on July 30, 2017. The birth process was so surreal and God proved that only Him could give a gift that adds no sorrow. We also thank Him for the success of the naming ceremony.

MR. & MRS. LANRE ADESANYA - GOD'S BLESSINGS

We thank the Almighty God for blessing us with a grandson.

PROTECTION AND DELIVERANCE

MEG ALABI - PROTECTION

My generator caught fire on the night of Saturday, August 12, 2017, and I thank God that the fire was put out and nothing was damaged. Praise God!

MR. & MRS. EDOZIE UZODINMA - JOURNEY MERCIES

We thank the Almighty God for granting our daughters, Chidaku Uzodinma journey mercies during her vacation. May God's Name be praised!

PROVISION

TONNIE AND NKECHI OGANAH - PROVISION

God compelled a certain very important personality to bless us with a substantial cash sum. Praise the LORD!

GOD'S PROVISION

ADENIKE AJAKIYE - GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

I testify of the goodness and faithfulness of God in my life and family. God has been merciful and proven Himself to be the source of

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2. When your song is not what you use to pacify your pain. Just because you are in pain when you sing, does not mean you are pretending that your pain does not exist. There is something about praise that breaks past your flesh. If you can find a song in your spirit and get your emotions to line up with your spirit, your body will fall in line (Habakkuk 3:17-18). A New Song comes as a result of an encounter or an event. In Mark 5, the woman with the issue of blood got a New Song when she was on the road. Jairus daughter got a New Song while she was in coma (Mark 5:21-43). The woman who was bent over got a New Song while she was in Church (Luke 13:11). Saul on his way to Damascus, got a New Song while he was in transition (Acts 9).

Habakkuk 3:17 shows that nothing good was going on but verse 18 says "Yet I will rejoice in the LORD..." The word 'rejoice' comes from two words 're' being a prefix on the word 'joy', 'oice' is a version of joy. Nothing good may be happening in your life right now but when you think of the goodness of Jesus and all He has already done for you, you will shout hallelujah. You don't need to have a good situation, you just need a good memory of what God has done for you, and that will make you have a New Song. Your New Song is not some abstract thing based on what

you have never experienced before, it is based on what God has done before. It is God's promises for you that makes you shout hallelujah, not the predicament that you are in.

In conclusion, all the promises of God are yes and amen, but you have to belong to Him for His promises to apply to you. The LORD's inheritance does not come to those who are not His children. If you have not surrendered your life to Jesus Christ, don't let anything hinder you, and miss Heaven. The LORD is waiting on you. He won't cast you away. He will receive you, cleanse you, forgive your sins, save you, and make you whole.

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The phrase "a New Song" is a statement of transition. It implies that there must have been an old song, and something happened that caused the old song to no longer be necessary, but for something new to be sung. Whenever you hear the concept of a New Song, it is making reference to something having a greater capacity to bring something forward (Matthew 9:17). A New Song could also mean a change in location, because a New Song means that you sang one way in one location, but your new location requires you singing something different (Psalm 137:4). A New Song also makes reference to you being changed yourself because once you are changed, you won't sing the same song. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." Whenever God Almighty is talking to you, He is talking about becoming mature in all things; and if there will be maturity in your spiritual walk, there must be maturity when it comes to your song. Your song and praise needs to grow up. Once you start maturing, everything about you must mature (see 1 Corinthians 13:11, 1 Corinthians 14:20, Ephesians 4:14, and Hebrews 5:12-14).

What Intimates A New Song?

What shows that you are singing a New Song is:

1. When your song is not based on your predicament (Psalm 137:1-4);

TESTIMONIES CONTD.

KOKO HENRY - BIRTHDAY THANKSGIVING

I celebrated my 40th birthday on August 5, 2017. I thank God for life, good health and provision all through the years.

RUTH IGBINEHI - BIRTHDAY THANKSGIVING

I thank God for His grace and faithfulness, and for adding another year to my life on Sunday, August 13, 2017. Thank You LORD!

OLO-OLABINTAN - PROMOTION

I thank the Good LORD for promotion at work, and for His grace and mercy upon my family and I.

TOVIN ANTHONY - INCREASE

I give all the glory, honour and adoration to God, my Father Who has been so good to me in all areas of my life. The LORD has increased me in my business, granted my heart desire, and I do not take Him for granted. God has also been helping me in the assignment He gave me.



For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

MONDAY MORNING PRAYERS

06:30 AM - 07:30 AM

@ THE NANNY'S TENT