

# DARE TO DO ONLY THE FATHER'S WILL

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# 1. WHO WE ARE IN CHRIST

Even though Jesus was the son of God, He was also human and was born into the earthly realm. Coming to the Father was the only way He could enter the eternal heavenly realm. Christ could do nothing without hearing from the Father first (John 2:3-10)

## The different realms in the bible

### Natural Realm

- This is a temporal limited realm in which we are born into on earth
- Here, people decisions are made without the power of God
- Decisions are made based on their five senses to interpret the natural world
- The cause of sickness and mental problems cannot be comprehended
- They keep looking for new ways to combat new and old germs and their treatment
- They live in condemnation and guilt (Rev 12:10)
- Teaches evolution rather than creation (Gen 1:26)
- Satan is the god of this world

### Eternal Realm

- This is where the God of heaven dwells in Power and Authority
- Here, Jesus has been endued with power and authority by the Father to perform signs and wonders
- Jesus has also transferred that power and authority to you and me to do the same
- All we have to do is coming to the father in prayer through the name of Jesus that is above every other name (Phil 2:8-11)
- Demons, sickness and pain, oppressions, challenges are cast out in the Name of Jesus
- Who we believe we are will set our course in life
- We discover that we are chosen and set apart by God
- We learn that we are sons and daughters of the living God

Note:

- ★ We can choose which realm we want to live in and that choice determines who we are and whom we belong to (God or Satan)

Through Prayer;

- We have the ability to access heaven
- We can receive and bring the blessings from heaven down on earth
- We have the authority to bring change to earth
- God, the source of everything, shows us what to do, what to say, where to go

## Characters of someone in Christ

- A people of prayer knowing how to access heaven
- Have a servant heart
- Seek to help, serve and bring men to the kingdom of God
- Know the authority you have over the powers of Satan
- Can cast out sickness and pain, demons and evil spirits
- Can command bodies to be healed physically and to be set free spiritually
- Can do nothing except by and through Him

## God has given us

- Jesus, His son
- The authority
- The Holy Spirit
- The power
- The bible as the revealer of truth
- Ability to access His presence

## **2. HOW TO SEE WITH YOUR UNDERSTANDING**

We come to know the father through Jesus after we receive him as our Lord and saviour

### **Things we find in God's presence**

- Rest (Matt 11:28-30) where; he calms us, takes our tiredness, restores us and we begin to enjoy His glorious presence
- Worship and adoration
- He then begins to reveal things to us from scripture and about Him that we have never seen before (Eph 1:17-21)
- He opens the eyes of our understanding

### **What happens when the eyes of our understanding are opened?**

- We see situations more clearly
- We see with the understanding of heaven
- God himself opens the scripture for us
- He shows us depths we have never perceived
- He shows us our part as he relieves people's problems
- Everyday living becomes meaningful
- God quickens us to do His work
- We are enabled to make right judgement and decisions

## **3. MAKING DECISIONS IN PRAYER**

We need to make daily decisions in prayer

- God sends us to make disciples of all nations
- We need to be absolutely obedient God alone not man
- We ought to spend more time in prayer
- Hear what His will is for us

## **4. SUBMITTING TO THE LORD (John 6:38)**

- Its harder than making decisions in prayer
- The flesh is always fighting the spirit and wants its own way
- In submitting to the Lord, we give our lives not for what we want but what the Lord wants. (John 6:39:41)
- We must be prepared to do the fathers will even in the face of opposition
- We must die to our own will in order to do His will
- We must get rid of every cloud of sin in our lives

### **Benefits of submitting to the Lord**

- We are enabled to rise up in Him into the heavenly realm
- We start to live in God's presence
- Heaven will invade our souls
- Transformation in our minds
- We rise above every care and every problem
- We see answers not only for ourselves but also for the world also
- Prayer will become our life source and the things of heaven will be within our grasp
- We are enabled to take His message of love and salvation to all
- He uses our oppressions and strongholds for his glory

#### **Note:**

The lord occasionally gives us a glimpse of his glory and power to encourage us but most often;

- ✓ We must walk the path of faith

- ✓ We must believe that he's there
- ✓ We must rise beyond despair and hopelessness into the sunlight of His presence

### **Strongholds**

- Villages and cities have one or several strongholds that oppress God's people
- Strongholds hinder people from hearing or responding to the message of the gospel
- We need to seek God to reveal to us the strongholds in each area
- We are to bring them down through prayer and release the dwellers from demonic oppressions
- Binding strongholds should be done in serious effective prayer before any meeting
- Every city/village is different so we need to seek God for each strategy in each area
- We must also remember to replace the negative things with the Lord's joy, peace, love and strength
- We must release the blessings of heaven upon these areas and people

God is grieved at his people's half hearted prayers.

### **The Lord calls for;**

- ✓ True belief in Him
- ✓ Wholehearted prayer
- ✓ True worship in the spirit
- ✓ A life of prayer balance
- ✓ Serious commitment to Him
- ✓ A focussed dependence on His counsel and guidance
- ✓ Alertness to the devil's strategies to oppress God's people
- ✓ We should not allow our over busy life to steal our time with Him which is the devil's target.

Then He will answer their prayers

### **God is going to;**

- ✓ Call them together
- ✓ Raise them up
- ✓ Give a call on such people's lives
- ✓ Use them to extend His kingdom
- ✓ Bless them abundantly
- ✓ Send us the help that we need

### Note:

- ★ Those who try to save their life will lose it but those who lose their lives for the sake of the gospel shall find it
- ★ Those who seek Him will find Him and those who listen will hear His voice
- ★ The devil is after our souls, we need to guard it well at all costs
- ★ It is not a matter of serving God but doing it within His presence
- ★ Working within His presence is more effective than working for Him and bears much fruit

## **5. HOW TO PLAN IN PRAYER AND PREPARE SERMONS**

(John 7:16-18)

The three gifts of Salvation, righteousness and the Holy Spirit

### **Salvation:**

Delivers us from sin through repentance and receiving Jesus as Lord and Saviour

### **Righteousness: (Rom 5:17-21)**

By one man's disobedience sin came to all, by one man's obedience righteousness will come to many

True repentance leads to salvation, righteousness and eternal life  
We have a free will and must do our part to continuously choose to receive the gift of righteousness (1 Tim 6:11)

Note:

- ★ The devil has no regard for a sinner but fears a righteous man
- ★ As sin causes a man to become weaker and weaker so does pursuing righteousness make a man stronger and stronger to say NO to sin and YES to God
- ★ When we submit to only the fathers will, there will be no unrighteousness in us

### **Why must we work towards the free gift of righteousness?**

Just like a man who is given a gift of a plane but has to be instructed through lessons to know how to fly it and the plane needs air and fuel to hold it up. In the same way, prayer with righteousness and the wind of the Holy Spirit will enable us to take off and stay higher in dimensions of faith.

Waiting on God is not being passive but is born of a passion to do his will.

No signs or healing will follow a man who speaks only about what he has put together.

When we preach God's word, people will respond because they recognise the word as being from God.

### **IMPORTANT:**

- ★ Every sermon that Jesus preached was received from the Father, that's why;
- ★ His sermons were perfect
- ★ Signs and wonders followed
- ★ He spoke that which the Father gave Him to speak
- ★ Jesus did not react before getting directions from the Father on how to. (John 8:4-5, 7-11)

## **6. HOW TO DISCERN WHAT IS FROM GOD**

(John 8:15-16, 17-18)

- When the voice and the Word agree or speak about the same thing because the flesh and the devil can also speak but contrary to the word of God
- We have to seek Christ's help in deciding whom to trust and who not to trust because we can be fooled but Christ can't
- We have to discern properly which person is from God and speaks from Him

Note:

- ★ In countries that are closed to the gospel, discernment is of utmost importance
- ★ Discernment is needed when praying for someone to be healed and is not responding

## **7. THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIS PRESENCE**

(John 8:28)

We must live a life free of sin, pleasing God in every way

### **Reward of pleasing God**

- He will never leave us
- He will guide us
- We will value our prayer time
- We come to the knowledge of His presence
- We will know the reality of knowing the Father in a glorious way
- He will raise us up to a new realm of walking with Him

Note:

- ★ Jesus lived above the earthly realms in prayer that is why even the storms obeyed Him
- ★ Living in the earthly realm causes us to naturally to respond to great storms in fear.
- ★ On the contrary, in the heavenly realm, we begin to command the situations (1 John 4:4)
- ★ When we are rooted and grounded in His love, we will live more in Him and less in the things of the world
- ★ God's priority becomes ours and his cause becomes as important as our own agenda
- ★ If we fail to plan, we plan to fail
- ★ Our works are important to the lord (Jer 32:19, 1 Cor 3:13)
- ★ We are ordained by God unto good works (Eph 2:10)
- ★ We must not only turn away from evil works but also from dead works.

## **8. SEEING FROM WITHIN THE HEAVENLY REALM**

(John 8:36)

- Whoever is of God hears the words of God (John 8:47)
- We need to do His works now while we still can (John 9:4)
- We too will soon see the Father show us some unusual things and we need to be obedient to what we see Him doing (John 8:38-39)
- If we truly belong to Him, then we will surely recognise His voice when He speaks (John 10:14)

### **As we follow the good Shepherd closely;**

- He will go before us and lead us
- We will follow Him in confidence
- We will hear Him clearly step by step
- He will show us more and more
- We will be able to see with the father
- We will speak of the things we have seen with the Father
- He gives us life in abundance
- He gives us more understanding
- He gives us more revelation
- He gives us more strength and supernatural power
- He will do his work in and through us

Note:

- ★ The more we come to know the Father, the greater our faith and the greater the miracles and healings that will take place.
- ★ One has to travail "hard work" prayer (deep, yielded effectual prayer and communication with God all the way through to victory)
- ★ Our main battle is in our minds, we must get the victory over the negatives in our minds if we are to have faith.

## **9. THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS' NAME**

- The death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ led to our salvation and everlasting life
- It also placed His name above every other name before which every knee shall bow
- Jesus knew that He had full and complete authority from the Father and exercised it in perfection and so must we
- He now sends us and has given us the authority in His name

- In His name, we can cast out demons, sickness and pain, challenges, situations and circumstances that are not from God.
- God now gives us His spirit without measure as long as we obey Him with full confidence
- He confirms His word with signs and wonders
- Repentant believers are already clothed in the righteousness of Christ (2 Cor 5:21, John 5:16)
- This power, authority and victory in Christ is freely available to us

Note:

The world is spiritually dead and is therefore restricted to the natural realm but those who receive Jesus are reborn spiritually to eternal life

## 10. BELIEVING FAITH

- Like John was a forerunner of Christ, so is He calling men to be forerunners for His second coming
  - God is calling men to walk in greater faith than those who were before them
  - If we believe Jesus, we too will rise up in the same victory (John 14:15)
  - We will come to know God so well which will make us not to limit him again and help overcome our unbelief and lack of faith
  - Enables us to rise up in Him and walk in Him as we should
  - We gain access into the heavenly realm through prayer while on earth and our spirits are translated there at physical death
  - The enemy the devil will go to great length to prevent us from reaching there eg make us busy or distract us
- ✓ When we put prayer first and pursue the Lord, we will enter through
- ✓ Spending time with God causes us to be filled with the joy, peace and healing power of heaven.
- ✓ Jesus spoke everything He was going to do and He did it yet we still have trouble believing what He says He will do (John 14:28-29)

## 11. THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit has been given to dwell in us forever (John 14:26-27)

### What the Holy Spirit does in us

- He teaches us all we need to know
- He brings us to remembrance at any given time
- He enables us to do the works of Jesus as we witness to others
- Makes sure nothing separates us from the love of Christ (Rom 8:35-39)

### The power Holy Spirit changes our greatest desires to;

- Living for God
- Getting to know Him more and more
- Acting from within His presence
- Joyful obedience formed from our relationship with Him
- Learning to see more and more with Him

Note:

- ★ Our connection with Christ is an invisible cord yet stronger than steel (Hos 11:4, Ecc 12:6-7)
- ★ We will return to God in our spirits to live with Him forever
- ★ This type of service is like team work, it results in much fruit

- ★ We need to pursue and grow up in Christ in every way so as to attain His fullness within us (Col 2:9-10)

### **What is waiting on the Lord about?**

- It is waiting for wisdom
- Receiving instruction on how to do His will
- Seeking an answer to a problem and for wisdom on how to deal with it
- It is continuous
- Through it, His work will be done on earth through us.

## **12. THE GUIDANCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Jesus tells us to ask whatever we need from the Father through His name

Likewise, the Holy Spirit does nothing other than what he sees and hears the Father doing (John 16:23)

### **The work of the Holy Spirit in us**

- He shows us things to come
- Enables us to do the work that we have been called to do on earth
- Enables us to bring glory to the father
- He guarantees success if we only do as He directs

### **God's work must be done;**

- His way
- With His words
- Using his methods

### **Conclusion**

- ★ We need to seek God's directives in each and every task before us
- ★ The Lord renews the fire within us everyday
- ★ Through our connection to God, He connects us to people who He needs to respond to His word
- ★ The Holy Spirit and his complete nine(9) gifts equips each one of us to fully live and work from the supernatural realm
- ★ The gift of faith enables us to walk in all the nine gifts of the Spirit which in turn makes our work with God effective