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For Long Life*



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Introduction

*I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore,
Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.*

Revelation 1:18

O death, w|here is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

1 Corinthians 15:55

Are you ready to live? Do you want to fulfil your days? I am sure God asked me to write this book because of you. Know that you can fulfil your days!

Let me begin by telling you this: I am sent! I am sent to do what I am doing. After an 18-hour vision, God said to me in a very plain language: "The hour has come to liberate the world from all oppressions of the devil, through the preaching of the Word of faith; and I am sending you to undertake this task."

Death is definitely one of the oppressions of the devil. I am sent to declare total war against the harassment of death in your life, Family and environment. Death is an enemy and so must be

confronted and subdued.

I went before the Lord in October 1997, to hear from Him what 1998 held for our ministry; and He told me two things. He said I should hold a seminar on fruitfulness in February, and another one in April, on War Over Death! He went on to say, "It is finished! Death is swallowed up in victory!"

If you will receive the truth contained in this book, and believe it, no devil can stop you from enjoying covenant longevity. God is giving you a unique opportunity to receive the truth on the defeat of death and covenant longevity, so you will not only believe it, but also enjoy it.

Long life is not a special offer, it is a general covenant right. It is not a gift, but a choice! What joy it would be for you to reach the age of 120, and see your children's children!

Victory over death is an unusual and often avoided subject in the Christian faith. No wonder it is where we have recorded the most devastating defeat. But very early in ministry, God gave me a privileged insight into the subject. I held my first seminar on Power Over Death in 1984. Death reacted initially, but it was subdued, because the Scriptures cannot be broken.

Before the Church started hearing God's Word on divine healing, everyone in the Church was a natural victim of disease. In those days at fellowship meetings, we always took prayer requests for "Brother this" or "Brother that", who was sick or who had just returned from the hospital. We were always praying for sick people, asking and thanking God for the lessons He had taught them through sickness. (Since they couldn't learn it when they were well, perhaps they'd know it better in sickness.)

Similarly, until we began to hear teachings on prosperity, everyone in Church was wallowing in poverty. Poverty was the identity of the Church, so much so that the mundane proverbial simile, "As poor as church rat" was coined from the image of the Church. To the world, everybody in the Church was a "rat", which has no possession of any kind.

But suddenly, the light of God's Word began to dawn on the people and they began to walk their way out of poverty into

plenty! This is the same way I see the Church walking out of every harassment of death, into life more abundantly! If you had been appointed to death, every such appointment is disappointed now, in Jesus' precious name!

Nothing shatters darkness like light. As the word of light from this book gains entrance into your heart, your dominion over the darkness of death will be established.

Death was swallowed up in victory about 2,000 years ago. All you need to walk in that victory now is enlightenment. Didn't God say, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge"? I see God bring you into the realm of knowledge, where you will be free from the harassment of the enemy. God has marked you out to live, you shall not die, in Jesus' name!

Death is not a friend; it is an enemy! This book will expose the strategies of that enemy, so you can deal with it. The Bible says we're not unaware of the devil's devices, lest he should take advantage of us.

Long life is your covenant right. All you need is an understanding of its terms. When that happens, then you're set to enjoy all its benefits. God is not a man that He should lie (Num. 23:19). If He says we have victory over death, then that is what we have. By the time we are through exploring the depths of this truth, the same God who brought Jesus out of the grave, will bring you out of every grave!

Our security is in the secrets of God. Every kingdom secret guarantees earthly security. Every light from heaven shatters darkness on the earth. So, when you locate the light on divine healing, it will shatter the darkness of sickness. Rev. Kenneth Hagin, now over 80 years old, said that for over 61 years, he doesn't know what headache feels like. And in 1996, he dedicated his fourth generation child! Light will always make the difference anywhere.

You are not created to die like men, nor were you born to fall like one of the princes. You're different from other people. You are "a peculiar people."

They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all

the foundations of the earth are out of course.

Psalm 82:5

When you know and understand, you become outstanding. All that you will encounter in this book will help you understand covenant longevity. It is not a thing you should be looking for, it's yours already. It is already packaged for you in redemption. But there is what to do and how to live, to enjoy it. You'll get to know all that in this book. You will not miss it, in Jesus' name.

Chapter 1

Jesus Has The Keys Now!

I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last...

...He laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

Revelation 1:10-18

Hell represents the grave ***First Corinthians 15:55 says:***

O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

Jesus, in other words, is saying, "... I have the keys of the grave and of death." These keys were what He used to open the graves of the dead saints who came out from their graves and walked on the streets of Jerusalem in Matthew 27:52-53.

When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

John 19:30

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

Hebrews 2:14

The reason for the act in John 19:30 is made plain in Hebrews 2:14-15. When Jesus said, "It is finished", He meant that He had finished the devil. When Jesus gave up the ghost, the devil gave up the keys of hell and death!

So, the keys of death and the grave are no longer with Satan. He is no more in charge! Legally, he lost the battle 2,000 years ago. Jesus demonstrated the defeat in an open show. He went down, the graves opened, and then the dead saints came out and walked on the streets of Jerusalem.

Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

Matthew 27:50-53

That was the open show, a practical demonstration of mastery over the grave and death, that Paul talked about in ***Colossians 2:15:***

And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

When Jesus disarmed the devil and took the keys from him, He proved that He now had them, by opening the graves and releasing the bodies of the saints who had slept. Just as the saints of old, I see you come out of every programmed grave of the devil!

Jesus said, "I am he that liveth and was dead; and behold, I am alive for evermore. Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death." That is, "Satan had them, but he lost them when I gave up the ghost. He was compelled to give up the keys. I collected them and made an open show of him by opening the graves. I made all the saints who had slept come out of their graves, to let you see the practical demonstration of what took place when I gave up the ghost."

When Jesus gave up the ghost, the devil gave up his power, including the power of death. That is why the Bible says, "...That through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil." What a joy!

What you receive is what you believe, and what you believe is what you become. Jesus' declaration that "It is finished" means the terror of death is over! It means the bondage of the fear of death is over! It means the last power that the enemy has is over! Haven't you heard, that the last enemy that shall be destroyed is death? (1 Cor. 15:26.)

When Jesus said, "It is finished", He was saying, "This is the last straw. I got it at last!" That was why when He came out of the grave, He declared *"All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore..."*
(Matt. 28:18-19.)

Jesus has the keys now! The keys are no longer in the hands of Satan; they are now in the hands of your Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Hallelujah!

Jesus, your Lord and Saviour, can't be holding the keys in favour of your enemy. No! He is holding the keys in your favour.

Make the following declarations: "Jesus now has the keys of hell and of death, and is holding it in my favour. So, Satan you can't kill me! Jesus has the keys. He gave me His life, so He can freely give me any other thing." The Word of God says, "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" (Rom. 8:32.) Long life is one of those things.

DEATH IS UNDER YOUR FEET!

And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly...
Romans 16:20

Satan formerly had the power of death. But Jesus "through death, destroyed him that had the power of death, and that is the devil." And now, Satan, the devil, is under your feet! That means the power of death is among the powers of the devil you have been covenanted to trample under your feet.

In **Luke 10:19**, Jesus said:

Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Look at that force of hell and say to it, "Death, you have no power over me, because your master the devil is under my feet. Death, you have no more power to hurt me. God has empowered me to trample you under my feet. He has empowered me by His Word and by His Spirit, to trample you under my feet. You can't have me, Satan. Death, you can't hurt me anymore, because I am of God, and I have overcome you. The greater One is in me, so you must bow to my desire. You must bow to my will and authority, in Jesus' mighty name."

YOU HAVE THE VICTORY!

O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

1 Corinthians 15:55

You have the victory over the sting of death and the power of the grave through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This victory is a gift from God and that gift is without repentance (Rom. 11:29). That means it is forever. So, death shall no more have any foothold in your household, in the name of Jesus!

SATAN LOST THE POWER TO KILL

Satan has lost the power to kill. He lost it 2,000 years ago! You no longer need to live at his mercy, if you are a child of God. Jesus has the key and would not use it against you.

WEEP NOT!

Satan slew a widow's only son; and on their way to bury him, they met Jesus.

*And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her,
WEEP NOT.*

Luke 7:13

"Weep not" is the verdict of redemption. Jesus came to wipe tears off people's faces. Death naturally provokes weeping. When Jesus said to that widow, "Weep not", He implied, "I've got the answer in My hand, I have come to plague death; so, weep not!"

And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.

And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon. And one of the elders saith unto me, WEEP NOT: BEHOLD, THE LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDA, THE ROOT OF DAVID, HATH PREVAILED to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

Revelation 5:1-5

Jesus is the Lion of the tribe of Judah. God had promised in ***Hosea 13:14:***

I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes.

The fear of death and death itself should no longer pose any threat to you because Jesus destroyed death and its power by dying. He had to die in order to destroy him that had the power of death. That is, the keys of death were transferred to Jesus through His death. Remember what He said in **John 10:10?**

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

Jesus has the key now! As Jesus gave up the ghost on the cross of Calvary, Satan gave up the key of death. So Satan no longer has the final say as regards how long you live. Every untimely death, therefore, is by the conscious or unconscious allowance of its victim.

The fear of death is a spiritual bondage that leads to the grave. But praise God, Jesus has the key for your deliverance! You are no longer at the mercy of the devil. From this time on, I see you make an open show of death! Death shall no longer strike around you, in the precious name of Jesus!

Chapter 2

Our Covenant Examples

Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls...

Jeremiah 6:16

Long life is God's perfect plan for us. This is proved by our covenant fathers in the Old Testament, who lived for very many years on the earth. We, therefore, have examples to follow.

Abraham

God told Abraham:

And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age.

Genesis 15:15

God fulfilled that promise, by causing him to live for 175 years!

And these are the days of the years of Abraham's life which he lived, an hundred threescore and fifteen years.

Then Abraham gave up the ghost, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years; and was gathered to his people.

Genesis 25:7-8

ISAAC

And the days of Isaac were an hundred and fourscore years. And Isaac gave up the ghost, and died, and was gathered unto his people, being old and full of days: and his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

Genesis 35:28-29

Isaac lived for 180 years! He was "old and full of days." And the Bible says:

Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise.

Galatians 4:28

So we are partakers of Isaac's blessings, promises and heritage.

Jacob

And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years: so the whole age of Jacob was an hundred forty and seven years.

Genesis 47:28

That is 147 years! At the age of 130, he still rode on a chariot to Egypt from the land of Canaan (Gen. 47:9). The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is still alive. Therefore, I have no business rushing to heaven. In our days, like Simeon, we would tell the Lord, "Now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace..."

Joseph

So Joseph died, being an hundred and ten years old: and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

Genesis 50:26

Joseph lived for 110 years!

MOSES

And Moses was an hundred and twenty years old when he died: his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated.

Deuteronomy 34:7

Even at the age of 120, Moses' eyes were still very bright. His system was intact and all the cells in his body were alive; his natural force was not abated, neither was he worn out.

JOSHUA

And it came to pass after these things, that Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died, being an hundred and ten years old.

Joshua 24:29

Joshua departed at 110 years, and we are the Joshua generation of the end-time.

All our covenant fathers lived very long on earth. They were kept by God, who said in His Word:

...If ye can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season;

Then may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne; and with the Levites the priests, my ministers.

Jeremiah 33:20-21

God is a covenant-keeping God. If He could give the men of old long life as well as perfect health, then you too can live long and in perfect health! God has programmed long life for you. The enemy has no power to terminate it, so long as you do what you're expected to do. Surely, you have a goodly heritage!

HOW TO HOOK ON

How then do we hook on to this covenant of long life?

Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the Lord: look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged.

Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bare you: for I called him alone, and blessed him, and increased him.

Isaiah 51:1-2

In other words, God is saying, "I am going to deal with Zion the way I dealt with Abraham. I want to bestow upon Zion the same blessing I bestowed upon Abraham."

Let us see how Jesus connected us to the Abrahamic covenant in the New Testament.

Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Galatians 3:13-14

Jesus died, among other things, to connect us to the Abrahamic covenant and blessings, one of which is the blessing of old age. Not just any kind of old age, but a good one. The Bible says Abraham was old and well-stricken in age, and the Lord had blessed him in everything (Gen. 24:1). That is, long life coupled with undeniable prosperity; an enviable, Satan-provoking prosperity! Abraham was not a liability to his children. The place where Isaac and Jacob were buried was built by Abraham.

You are properly connected! When Jesus died, He did not only die to redeem your soul from death; He also died to connect you to the Abrahamic covenant heritage of long life and prosperity.

Let us also see our connection to Isaac in ***Galatians 4:28***:

Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise.

Abraham lived for 170 years and Isaac, 180 years! No wonder ***Psalms 16:6*** says:

The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.

If you are born again, you have a goodly heritage!

CHRISTIANS DON'T DIE

Christians do not die; they only sleep.

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

1 Thessalonians 4:13

Christians are not born to die! At the end of their days here on earth, Christians sleep. The departure of a Christian from the earth is supposed to be a thing of joy, such that his children and children's children will not be told, "Sorry, it's a pity!" Rather,

people will tell them, "Congratulations! It was a life well spent."

This is God's plan for His children. You're created for life. Jesus said, "*I am come that you might have life and have it more abundantly*" (**Jn. 10:10**).

You may ask, "Does that mean Christians will never die?" The Bible makes us understand that Christians sleep, they don't die. And they only sleep at a full old age. What that means is that when night falls, we simply go to bed and sleep.

Paul said, "Brethren, I would not have you to be ignorant concerning them which are asleep...", not concerning them that are dead. In the world, people die; but in the Church, they sleep.

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-15

For they that sleep sleep in the night...

1 Thessalonians 5:7

When do you say, "Good night" to someone? It is only correct to say it at night, for they that sleep do so at night. Until your night falls, you're not permitted to sleep. Until your night comes, your sleep will never come, in the precious name of Jesus!

You shall not be slaughtered by witches and wizards! Enough of being slaughtered by armed robbers or hired assassins! No more of being slaughtered by accident or being burnt up by fire! You shall not die, but live to declare the works of the Lord, in Jesus' mighty name!

Chapter 3

70 Is The Minimum

The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years...

Psalms 90:10

The minimum covenant number of years you are expected to live on the earth as a child of God is 70. This can be extended beyond 70 by reason of strength. Even the weakest Christian is not expected to live for less than 70 years before he passes on to glory.

Seventy is the minimum covenant age. That means, nobody should die in his youth in your entire Family. And if you belong to a church where you continually receive God's Word, you're building strength into your system, and by doing so, you're building up spiritual muscles to enjoy longer years.

In **John 6:49-50**, Jesus said:

Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.

That means man is expected to fulfill the number of his days on the earth. And when you key into the Word of God (the source of divine strength), you can determine when you want to leave here. Remember that the key is no longer in the hand of Satan, so he cannot determine when you depart from here. The key is now in the hand of Jesus, and He's holding it in your favour.

YOU DONT PRAY FOR IT

Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her. Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour.

Proverbs 3:13-16

Long life is a product of wisdom and understanding, it is not something you pray to get.

Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her. She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee. Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many.

Proverbs 4:7-10

Since wisdom and understanding are what it takes to live long, now ask the Lord for wisdom. Say to Him, "Help me Lord, to find wisdom. Help me to get understanding. I'm trusting You for a unique insight, that will guarantee me length of days, riches and honour. Let it be Lord, in Jesus' name."

TILL YOU'RE SATISFIED

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation.

Psalm 91:1,16

As long as you're dwelling in the secret place of the Most High, long life is your heritage. Note what God promises here. He said, "With long life will I satisfy him." That means that you will remain here on earth until you are satisfied! No one can cut short your life.

In Noah's days, the minimum covenant age was 120.

And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

Genesis 6:3

But with sin came corruption, so that the human nature began to deteriorate, bringing the minimum age down to 70 years. But since it was pegged at 70, it has not been reviewed. So, except Jesus comes before then, you are not expected to live for less than 70 years.

There is so much to be done here on earth, no need to be in a hurry to cross over. I was looking through the 1998 Guinness Book of Records and saw people who were not born again, yet living for as long as 95 years! I also saw a couple, one was 103, the other was 102 years old, sitting comfortably and looking straight and bright, not bent-over. Much more is expected of you.

DON'T DESTROY YOURSELF!

O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself; but in me is thine help.

Hosea 13:9

The destruction of covenant people is mainly self-caused. "Thou hast destroyed thyself." The things they should do, they won't do.

The things they should not say are the things they're saying. The things they should not think, are the things they're thinking. But God is saying to you now, "But in me is thine help." That is, "Turn to Me, I want to help you out."

Many years ago, I went up to pray and fast on the mountain for three days. When I returned, there was a seemingly harmless discussion on whether a Christian can be sick or not. I had always been a hard-liner when it comes to that issue, but somehow, there was so much pressure (and probably because I was weak from my three days of fasting on the mountain top), I said, "Well, a Christian may be sick, but a Christian ought not to be sick." Remember, I had just come down from a "power mountain", where I had experienced God in a very unique way.

Guess what happened? Immediately, a strange and undiagnosable sickness came upon me! I felt very cold in the mouth. Meanwhile, every other part of my body was hot! Friend, death and life are in the power of the tongue! One other young man who was very vocal in that discussion (he was of the opinion that a Christian can be sick), felt very terrible heat on his back! It seemed like a boil, but the swelling was as big as a hunchback. All were self-caused!

A wrong use of the tongue can kill you within a week. All you need do is to go about saying, "I die! I die! I die!" Note that those things which don't seem to matter, are the very things that cause the horrible experiences most people have. Life and death are in the power of the tongue, so watch it!

I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes.

Hosea 13:14

This is God's promise to His children. This promise was fulfilled on that wonderful Friday (Good Friday), when Jesus gave up the ghost on the cross. He ransomed you and I from the power of the grave when He declared, "It is finished." So, don't destroy yourself.

Most destructions that befall covenant children are self-inflicted.

Satan no longer has right over your destiny. And God says, "but in me is thine help." So say to Him, "Lord, I want an encounter with Your help, that will deliver me from every self-destruction."

Chapter 4

Old Age Is Good!

Thus saith the Lord of hosts; There shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, and every man with his staff in his hand for very age.

Zechariah 8:4

Just as it was in the time of old, so shall it be in the end-time, that death will loose its grip on both the young and the old. In ***Genesis 15:15***, God said to Abraham:

And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age.

Old age is good! Oswald J. Smith was still preaching at the age of 93! One morning, he said, "Well, I don't know how many 93 year old pastors are on the pulpit this morning, but I'm glad I'm one of them."

Thus David the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel. And the time that he reigned over Israel was forty years; seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three years reigned he in Jerusalem. And he died in a good old age, full of days, riches, and honour: and Solomon his son reigned in his stead.

1 Chronicles 29:26-28

Old age is good! David died at a good old age! He said in ***Psalms 34:10***:

The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.

Since old age is good, and they that seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing, it means that if you seek the Lord, you will not lack long life. You shall not lack old age, because it's a good thing, and it's for them that walk uprightly.

YOU HAVE A CHOICE

But God has made this all-important subject of long life an issue of choice. In ***Deuteronomy 30:19***, He said:

I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

Even though the provisions for you to live long have been made, it is your choice that delivers it to you. You live long by choosing to, and all I'm doing in this book is providing you with relevant information that will enhance your choice.

You are a covenant child. You are connected to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. You are saved and washed by the blood of the Lamb, so you're connected to the Mosaic blessing. You also belong to the Joshua generation; so long life is your heritage. You have a goodly heritage. So you can choose to live long, and when your choice is made; Satan can't stop or tamper with it!

I have chosen to live long on the earth. That is why when in 1984, I was face-to-face with death, I wasn't shaken. That night, I was driving with some other fellows in the vehicle at top speed, when suddenly, I saw a long vehicle coming towards me on the opposite side. We were both on a long and narrow bridge that could accommodate just one car at a time.

Those in the car with me were already struck dumb in terror! But right inside me, there was a force that is ever alive. I remembered that the Bible says, "He will give his angels charge over me." So I knew we were not going to be crushed. I then said to myself, "Whether by going under or going over, we are crossing this bridge over to the other side." And we did, though I can't tell how, even till now!

Friend, knowledge is power! How much knowledge of your covenant right to long life you have acquired, determines your strength when faced with danger. There is what in the Yoruba dialect is called "Ajesara". This is believed to be something you eat that makes you indestructible. What is the basis of your, "I cannot die" boast? What have you eaten that is making you talk that way? Jesus said:

I am that bread of life. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.

John 6:48-50

Old age is good, and it is by choice. Abraham slept at the age of 175, and it was described as a good old age! David also was 70

years old when he slept. This also was described as a good old age. So, it is now left to you to choose when you will leave, and you have a wide range to choose from — between 70 and 175. Death no longer has the final say. Your choice determines what happens. The minimum is 70, and it is left to you to determine the maximum.

YOU CAN CALL

There was someone in the Bible, whose life was to be cut short. But because he knew his covenant right to longevity, he called upon God, and he did not die. You also can do the same.

In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came unto him, and said unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Set thine house in order: for thou shalt die, and not live. Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed unto the Lord, And said, Remember now, O Lord, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore.

Isaiah 38:1-3

God is a covenant-keeping God. When Hezekiah called, God remembered His promise of long life and answered him.

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him. With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation.

Psalms 91:15-16

Then came the word of the Lord to Isaiah, saying, Go, and say to Hezekiah, Thus saith the Lord, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will add unto thy days fifteen years.

Isaiah 38:4-5

Friend, you have a choice in the matter! You can determine how long and how well you live! In the Acts of the apostles, we see two men who were both faced with death; one died, but the other lived, by his choice.

And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Acts 7:59-60

Stephen chose to die, so he did. He surrendered his spirit to death. But let's see Paul's choice:

And there came thither certain Jews from Antioch and Iconium, who persuaded the people, and, having stoned Paul, drew him out of the city, supposing he had been dead. Howbeit, as the disciples stood round about him, he rose up, and came into the city: and the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe.

Acts 14:19-20

Paul refused to die, he roused himself up from the dead! On another occasion, he spent a night and a day in the deep, but he came out alive and well (2 Cor. 11:25)! He refused to commit his spirit to death. I believe he must have called on God to keep him alive, and God answered him.

No matter the situation you may find yourself in, Philippians 4:6 admonishes you to "be anxious for nothing." With the remaining breath in you, make contact with heaven, call upon God, and you will receive restoration. When you are face-to-face with the horror of death, call heaven — "Hello! God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. I know that You have not changed. I say, 'No!' to death, because I believe your Word, that says long life is my heritage. I belong to the covenant of long life and have a prophetic covering for it. Remember now O Lord, and send down help to me."

God will respond from heaven with speed, giving you additional years. You are a covenant child, and long life is your heritage. Old age is good; to die young is bad. If it is not 70, it is not good.

Chapter 5

Covenant Requirements For Long Life

In this chapter, I will share with you some powerful insights on covenant longevity, which will enhance your understanding and cause you to enjoy long life.

I have named Psalm 91 the Long Life Psalm, as the covenant terms for long life are contained therein.

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the

shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked. Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;

There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet. Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him. With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation.

Psalm 91:1-16

Let us now consider the covenant demands for long life.

Lay hold of Secrets

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Psalm 91:1

There are certain secrets you must possess in order to enjoy long life. When you have them, then can you be said to abide under the shadow of God in that area. When you begin to dwell with the secrets of long life, you abide under the shadow of the Almighty, shielded from the arrows of death.

Until long life is revealed to you, it does not belong to you. This is because what you can't see, you can't possess. Healing, for instance, had always been part of our redemptive package, but

we never knew it. So everybody was a victim of sickness and disease. But when it was revealed, people began to possess their possession of good health. Every kingdom treasure is hid in kingdom secrets.

So far in this book, we have seen our covenant connection to long life through Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; giving us the assurance that it is attainable. In 1984, after I finished a series of teachings on Power Over Death, death came knocking on my door. In a split second, everything turned around and I watched life going out of me.

But suddenly, something on my inside, generated by the Scriptures I had "eaten", said to me, "What are you doing here?" I replied, "I don't know too." And with that force, I stood up, rushed to the bathroom, took my bath, and travelled the same day, daring Satan to follow me! I was in possession of the secrets for long life, so death could not destroy me.

The Bible says, *"Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free" (Jn. 8:32)*. The truth you know on long life is what determines the freedom you enjoy from the harassment of death.

Death is an enemy, and Jesus has told you, *"Behold, I give unto you power to tread...over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you" (Lk. 10:19)*. When you know this truth, you will no more be tormented by the fear of death.

The possession of kingdom secrets gives you confidence. When you hear me say, "I cannot be sick! I cannot be killed!" know that something has entered into me, causing me to talk like that. The secrets of God help you to receive what He has packaged for you. So, go for the secrets of the Most High.

SPEAK LONG LIFE

I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

Psalm 91:2

I will say! What you don't say, you never see. *"He shall have whatsoever he saith" (Mk. 11:23)*.

Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat

the fruit thereof.
Proverbs 18:21

Responding to the murmurings and complaints of the children of Israel, God said:

...As truly as I live, saith the Lord, as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you:

Numbers 14:28

I will say of the Lord. That means long life is impossible without you saying it. A man can either kill himself by the wrong use of his tongue or establish his heritage of long life with the right use of the same tongue.

Can you imagine that God killed thousands of people in the wilderness just because of what they said? Their forty years journey through the wilderness was over, and they were about entering the promised land; but their tongue didn't let them enter.

I believe what the devil does is that at every instance of death, he marks out the next person to die, by making him use his tongue against himself. You hear ignorant mourners say such things as, "It can happen to anybody." Whenever you go to a bereaved's house, please mind what you say. No matter what they say at such places, let your utterance always be, "Praise the Lord. The Lord is good. The Lord reigneth." Death and life are in the power of the tongue. And remember that God's Word says you will account for every idle word you speak (Matt. 12:36).

God confirms this requirement for long life in **Psalm 34:12-13**:

What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good? Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

This shows the importance of the good use of your tongue for your possession of long life. See what God commands in **Psalm 81:10-14**:

I am the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it. But my people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would none of me. So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lust: and they walked in their own counsels. Oh that my people had hearkened unto me, and Israel had walked in my ways! I should soon have

subdued their enemies, and turned my hand against their adversaries.

Psalms 81:10-14

God wants to help you against your enemies, one of which is death. The way He will do it is by you opening your mouth wide against it — "I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust." Saying it, is what guarantees it. What you do not say, you will never see. If you must see long life, then say it!

"How often do I need to say it?" you may ask. You are to say it continually! Never mind whether the people hearing you believe it or not.

Know that every word you say is a seed sown. And the Bible says, *"while the earth remaineth...seed time and harvest shall not cease"* (Gen. 8:22). Whatsoever a man sows is what he reaps (Gal. 6:7). People who talk problems, sickness and death never lack them. This should make you become cautious in the use of your tongue.

You are also expected to shout it loud. The Bible says, "Let them shout for joy, and be glad..." (Ps.35:27). You need to continually say and shout your covenant heritage of long life, so that death and all your enemies will hear and submit themselves to you and subsequently, fade out of their hiding places (Ps.18:44-45).

WHY YOU NEED TO SAY IT

Thus saith the Lord, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the Lord that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself;

That frustrateth the tokens of the liars, and maketh diviners mad; that turneth wise men backward, and maketh their knowledge foolish;

That confirmeth the word of his servant, and performeth the counsel of his messengers; that saith to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be inhabited; and to the cities of Judah, Ye shall be built, and I will raise up the decayed places thereof:

Isaiah 44:24-26

You are saying it in order to give God something to perform. As you're saying it, you're committing God to ensuring that you live long, because His Word says, *"he shall have whatsoever he saith"* (Mk.

11:23).

Also, by saying it loud, you're saying it to the hearing of the devil and commanding him to take his hand off you (Ps. 18:44-45).

Thirdly, you're saying it for the angels to take position and enforce that which you have declared. The angels are ministering spirits sent forth as your messengers. They hearken to the voice of His Word (Ps. 103:20). And as the Father has sent Him (Jesus), so He has sent us. So they are compelled to carry out whatever command we give them.

That is why God said in Psalm 81:10, "Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it." So say it loud: "I shall not die! I am a covenant child. I have an heritage of long life." Say it and believe it.

TRUST

I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Psalm 91:2,4

The third requirement for enjoying long life is trust. Not only are you expected to make bold declarations of your part in covenant longevity, you are to say it with absolute trust in God, believing that He can keep you from evil.

They that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever. As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth even for ever. For the rod of the wicked shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous; lest the righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity.

Psalm 125:1-3

This is the security that they who trust in the Lord enjoy. **Mark 11:23** also has this to say:

For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

It is only when you confess aloud your heritage of long life without any doubt in your heart that God is committed to perform it for you. Say to God, "Lord, I believe You. I believe in the covenant of long life. I believe in my

covenant connection to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. I believe I'm created to live long. I believe Satan cannot terminate my life. I believe death shall not have a foothold in my household. I believe You, Lord, and believe Your Word too. Therefore I can say with confidence that I shall not die, but live to declare Your works."

No matter how accurate and loud your declarations of long life are, if you doubt, they are rendered ineffective. But when you sincerely trust God for anything you utter, you have committed Him to performing it.

DONT FEAR!

The fourth covenant requirement for long life is that you fear not.

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

Psalm 91:5

Fear is a trap of the enemy.

The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe.

Proverbs 29:25

Fear was what gave the devil an in-road into Job's life, to afflict him.

For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me.

Job 3:25

The evil that came upon Job was brought by fear. When you live in fear, even God can't help you. God couldn't stop the devastation that came upon Job, because his fear opened the door to it. Jesus died so *"...that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage" (Heb. 2:14-15).*

The fear of death is the weapon Satan uses in afflicting people with death. I see you delivered from the fear of death, in the precious name of Jesus!

With these four covenant requirements in place in your life, death can no longer torment you. You are now lord and master over death. Long life is your portion.

Chapter 6

The Blood Provision

God has made practical provisions to ensure your covenant longevity on the earth. The blood of Jesus is one of such provisions, available in the Lord's table (the Communion) and the passover mystery (the Blood of Sprinkling).

THE LORD'S TABLE

The Lord's Table is a power package for longevity. As soon as you take the communion, whatever was not functioning properly in your body is corrected. Imperfection gives way to perfection, and death to life.

I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat?

Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

John 6:51-55

The Lord's table offers strength, health, and guarantees longevity. Smith Wigglesworth, a great man of God, understood this mystery and so took the communion daily. He was still very strong and looking youthful when he went to be with the Lord at the age of 87. His understanding of the mystery in the blood of Jesus gave him mastery over sickness and disease.

Let us look at another dimension of this mystery in **2 Kings 4:38-41:**

And Elisha came again to Gilgal: and there was a dearth in the land; and the sons of the prophets were sitting before him: and he said unto his servant, Set on the great pot, and seethe pottage for the sons of the prophets.

And one went out into the field to gather herbs, and found a wild vine, and gathered thereof wild gourds his lap full, and came and shred them into the pot of pottage: for they knew them not.

So they poured out for the men to eat. And it came to pass, as they were eating of the pottage, that they cried out, and said, O thou man of God, there is death in the pot. And they could not eat thereof.

But he said, Then bring meal. And he cast it into the pot; and he said, Pour out for the people, that they may eat. And there was no harm in the pot.

The meal Elisha asked for was a piece of bread. He cast it into the pot and it destroyed the poison therein. Likewise, as the bread of the communion is cast into your "pot" (your belly, where all the food you eat is processed), the harm or poison in it is neutralized. That was why Jesus said, "If you eat of me, you have eternal life." That is, "My life will replace the death in your pot."

The communion is the prophetic meal of the New Testament. When it is cast into your belly, it swallows up in victory whatever death may be there. It is the New Testament rod of Moses, that devours all the death and sickness in you. The communion nullifies death and releases the life of God into your system. That is how the Lord's table guarantees longevity. It is not a religious ceremony or activity. It is covenant wisdom against sickness and untimely death.

Like Smith Wigglesworth did, you can also begin to enjoy the communion and its benefit on a daily basis. You don't have to wait for when it is eaten in church only; you can partake of it daily in the privacy of your home.

The communion has been mystified in time past, making it difficult for many to believe that they can serve themselves the communion. What is the communion made up of? Did Jesus actually give His disciples His physical flesh and blood to eat and drink? What really did He give His disciples?

And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body.

And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it;

For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Matthew 26:26-28

Jesus gave them from the bread they were eating at the table and the cup they were drinking from. He took the bread from the

table and said, "This is my body." He also took the cup they were drinking from and said, "This is my blood." They didn't go to prepare any special bread or wine for the communion.

As a covenant child of God, you are a priest (Rev. 1:6), and so can serve yourself the communion. Also, there is really nothing called "communion wine" or "communion bread". The same bread you eat at home is the communion bread. Jesus didn't send Mary and Martha to go get special bread from somewhere; He gave them from the table.

TAKE IT OFTEN

How often is one expected to partake of the communion?

For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread:

And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

The communion is to be taken as often as possible. Why? It is for the servicing of your system. "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come." That is, as often as you partake of the communion, you're saying to all the devils, "somebody already died for me, so you can't kill me."

Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.

For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

1 Corinthians 11:27-30

Note the word "unworthily". Religious people have taken hold of this word, to make the communion look occultic. They

differentiate between those who can and those who cannot take the communion. But the unworthiness Paul was talking about had nothing to do with their physical appearance. Rather, he didn't want them to approach the table as carnal men.

The Corinthian Church carried their former pagan practice into the Church, especially at communion time. There was always a lot of fighting and rowdiness when it was time for the communion. Before it was one person's turn to take the communion, the one before him would have eaten up the whole thing!

One thing is worth noting about the effect of the communion here. Paul said to the Corinthian Church, "See, the communion was supposed to give you strength, but instead, you're a victim of weakness. It was supposed to give you health, see now how sickly you are. It was supposed to elongate your life and give you fullness of life, but see how you're dying young." This makes us understand further what the communion has for the saints. It is my prayer that you will understand and fully utilize the virtues the communion carries.

THE PASSOVER MYSTERY

The blood is not limited to drinking alone, it is also available for the passover mystery, which guarantees mastery over the horrors of death. The blood taken in and the one sprinkled carry out different functions in the life of the believer.

The passover mystery was introduced in ***Exodus 12***.

Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them, Draw out and take you a lamb according to your families, and kill the passover.

And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that is in the basin; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning. For the Lord will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the Lord will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you.

And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons for ever. And it shall come to pass, when ye be come to the land which the

Lord will give you, according as he hath promised, that ye shall keep this service. And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you, What mean ye by this service? That ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of the Lord's passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses...

Exodus 12:21-27

When you are sprinkled with the blood, as the Scripture above says, "the Lord will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you." Then a thousand shall fall at your right and ten thousand at your left, with your eyes you'll see them, but they'll never come near you. In the hour of judgement, the blood will stand for your justification. In the moment of attack, it will represent your deliverance. The destroyer will not be able to smite you. Death will pass by your house and will be unable to enter.

Who is our passover Lamb?

Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:

1 Corinthians 5:7

Christ, the Son of the living God, is our passover Lamb. So when the blood is sprinkled on your body, it sets a passover seal on you, separating you from the evil in the land.

Why must you be sprinkled? The Bible says, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" (1 Cor. 3:16.) And in another place it says, "...For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people" (2 Cor. 6:16). So, your body today serves as the lintel and two side posts of the door that is sprinkled.

What are the benefits of the passover blood of sprinkling?

As for thee also, by the blood of thy covenant I have sent forth thy prisoners out of the pit wherein is no water. Turn you to the strong hold, ye prisoners of hope: even to day do I declare that I will render double unto thee; When I have bent Judah for me, filled the bow with Ephraim, and raised up thy sons, O Zion, against thy sons, O Greece, and made thee as the sword of a mighty man.

And the Lord shall be seen over them, and his arrow shall go forth as the lightning: and the Lord God shall blow the trumpet, and shall go with whirlwinds of the south. The Lord of hosts shall defend them; and they shall devour, and subdue with sling stones; and they shall drink, and make a noise as through wine; and they shall be filled like bowls, and as the corners of the altar. And the Lord their God shall save them in that day as the flock of his people: for they shall be as the stones of a crown, lifted up as an ensign upon his land.

Zechariah 9:11-16

It Brings You Out Of The Grave

As for thee also, by the blood of thy covenant I have sent forth thy prisoners out of the pit wherein is no water.

Zechariah 9:11

The pit wherein there is no water is the grave or death. "He keepeth back his soul from the pit, and his life from perishing by the sword" (Job 33:14). That verse can also be rendered this way, "As for thee also...I have sent forth thy prisoners out of the grave..."

It Turns You To A Mighty Man

When you are sprinkled with the blood, you become a mighty man, because the Lord shall be seen upon you.

And the Lord shall be seen over them, and his arrow shall go forth as the lightning: and the Lord God shall blow the trumpet, and shall go with whirlwinds of the south.

Zechariah 9:14

In Leviticus 17:11, we are told that the life of the flesh is in the blood. So when the blood of Jesus is sprinkled, His life is sprinkled over you. This is what the angel of death sees and passes over you. When the devil and all his demons see you, they don't need any further warning to give way to you.

"...And the Lord God shall blow the trumpet..." The blood upon you shall be speaking, "Passover! Passover! Passover!" The Lord Himself shall defend you, His arrows shall go forth as lightening, and shall go with whirlwinds of the south. Consider this Scripture:

The Lord of hosts shall defend them; and they shall devour, and subdue

*with sling stones; and they shall drink, and make a noise as through wine;
and they shall be filled like bowls, and as the corners of the altar.*

*And the Lord their God shall save them in that day as the flock of his
people: for they shall be as the stones of a crown, lifted up as an ensign
upon his land.*

Zechariah 9:15-16

So when we're talking about the blood covenant, it's not limited to the communion we serve alone, but includes the passover mystery. The passover mystery inaugurated in Exodus 12, was ratified in Christ, and delivered to us.

When you're sprinkled, the Lord Himself envelops you. That is, you're shielded in a divine cocoon. You become impregnable and impenetrable! You become invincible. You are wrapped and bundled up in God Himself!

I see you out of every pit already! Every gallows the enemy has dug for you, he will be buried in it himself! Every trap set for you from now on, will catch the one who set it, in Jesus name!

Jesus believed in the passover. He went up to Jerusalem for the passover in Matthew 26. He is the passover Lamb, and He delivered His blood to us, not only for the remission of our sins, but also for a strong covering against all the arrows of the wicked. ***Revelation 12:11*** says, *"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb..."*

The blood is the seal of your long-awaited victory over untimely death. As you're sprinkled with the blood, you're eternally separated from the harassment of death.

Note that the blood can be sprinkled on items such as cars too. When they are sprinkled, such items are kept from the evil and destruction of the enemy.

From now on, the destroyer shall have no more access to you! You'll never bury your children and young ones! No more shall the enemy take you for a ride, in Jesus name! I declare you out of every pit dug by the enemy against you! Every appointment made with death on your behalf, is annulled this hour! Whatever can't keep God in the pit will never be able to keep you in the pit, in the precious name of Jesus!

The Lord Himself shall defend you in the hour of attack! Then shall the prophecy in ***Zechariah 8:4*** be fulfilled in your life:

Thus saith the Lord of hosts; There shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, and every man with his staff in his hand for very age.

Chapter 7

The Angelic Provision

Angels are yet another covenant provision for our longevity.

There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Psalms 91:10-12

Angels are God's agents for our preservation, defence and security. They are there to ward off all evil and devour all plagues. Angels are messengers of destiny. They are God's Rescue Corps. Their job is to bring you out of every danger. Angelic provision is your covenant heritage, so learn to take advantage of it.

We have several accounts of angelic operations in the preservation of the saints in the Scriptures.

In ***Genesis 48:15-16***, one of our covenant fathers, Jacob, when he was praying for the two sons of Joseph, said:

And he blessed Joseph, and said, God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God which fed me all my life long unto this day, The Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads...

No wonder he lived up to 147 years!

ANGELS PRESERVE DESTINIES

Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared.

Exodus 23:20

Angels are messengers of destiny. They are to ensure that your destiny is preserved. They also combat the agents of death on your behalf.

And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him...

Daniel 3:23,28

God sent His angel into the fiery furnace, to combat the forces of death there! There is another similar incidence in Daniel 6. Death was swallowed up in victory by angelic intervention.

Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee. Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions. And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel: and the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions? Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever. My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me...

Daniel 6:16, 19-22

There is also this account in the New Testament, where an angel came to Peter's rescue.

Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him. And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison. And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands. And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.

Acts 12:5-11

Angels are your security agents. When you know how to put them to work, they preserve your destiny. They are ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation (Heb. 1:14). So, the day you gave your life to Christ, an angel was assigned to you, because every heir of salvation has an angel

assigned to him. See how an angel ministered to the brother in this testimony:

"About two weeks ago, I travelled to Hong Kong and Malaysia on business. On my way back, I was confirmed on an Ethiopian Airline coming back to Lagos, enroute Dubai, Addis Ababa, Nairobi. We left Addis Ababa for Nairobi at about 11:05. The flight would have taken us about an hour and 15 minutes.

"But fifteen minutes after take off, three young men got up from the back of the aircraft and announced that they were escaped prisoners, who were against the Ethiopian government, and were hijacking the aircraft and taking it where they wanted. They said passengers should not try anything funny, else they were going to bomb the plane.

"At that point, two things happened to me. First, I said to myself, 'I've read the Bible and have not come across the word bomb.' Secondly, I said, 'If the Bishop were in this aircraft what would he do?' Two answers came to my mind. I said, 'Number one, I'm sure he would rebuke Satan, and two, he would go to sleep.' And that was exactly what I did!

"After a few hours of flying (by this time I knew we had already passed Nairobi), the gentleman beside me tapped me awake and said, 'Wake up, wake up, we are about to die.' I told him, 'You are on your own, I'm not about to die.' Immediately, the pilot came on the P.A. and said we had lost one engine and that the second engine was bound to go off anytime from then. He was, therefore, advising passengers to get ready for a crash landing, because there was nothing he could do other than to adhere to the instructions of the hijackers.

"I spoke in the kind of tongues that I had never spoken in my entire life. Whenever I travel on business, I go with some of the Bishop's message tapes. Throughout that trip, I listened to only one tape, where the Bishop taught about our being conscious of what we had. After the pilot's announcement, I then thought to myself, 'What have I got?' I thought of my anointing oil, but it was in my hand luggage up in the luggage rack, which was too far from me. At that instance, the second engine went off!

"We were cruising at over 37,000 feet above sea level, from where we started dropping like a stone! Everywhere was in pandemonium, and people started hurriedly putting on their life jackets. The Holy Spirit asked me 'What is it that you have on you that you are conscious of?'

"I checked and found my mantle. I brought it out, and He told me to tie it around my neck, which I did. Then the devil came and said, 'Look outside the window.' I did and saw water. He said, 'You are trying to choke yourself and you know you are going into the water. Why don't you take that thing off?' I actually did.

"But on a second thought, I said, 'God is not an author of confusion. He can't tell me to tie the mantle around my neck and again tell me to loose it.' So I tied it back. I then started praying. The Spirit of God came upon me and told me that everything was going to be okay. His peace came upon me so much that I felt as if I should go back to sleep, but I wanted to see the end of it all. I gave Him thanks, because I was so sure of what He was going to do. I was so conscious of the fact that I shall live; because He lives, I shall live also. He said He would fulfil the number of my days.

"I was sure of one thing, that if my father in the Lord (Bishop David Oyedepo) were here, he won't be thinking of a crash. So I relaxed and called upon the angels and all the forces of heaven. The Spirit told me that as soon as the plane touched the water, I should make sure I called upon the blood of Jesus, because it was my last card. Immediately I felt the impact of the water, I pleaded the blood.

"What happened to me then I had never experienced in my whole life! I saw the aircraft divide into two right in front of me! I felt myself thrown out of the plane (I had to close my eyes) and turned upside down, it was as if I was gliding. I don't know what happened between the glide and when I landed in the water, but I found myself under water, struggling. I was sinking.

"Then a voice said to me, 'Just be still.' I didn't understand how I could be still at that time. I tried again, but I was still sinking! So I had no choice other than to be still. I actually felt hands holding my legs!

"Immediately I felt the hands, I started floating to the top. When I got to the top, the wing of the aircraft was just above me. I tried reaching out to it, but I started sinking again. The Spirit again said, 'Just be still, don't hold anything.'

"Then I started coming up the second time, and out of curiosity, I tried to see who was really holding me. He then said, 'Remember you are putting on your seat-belt.' It was then I realised that my seat was detached from the aircraft and that I was still sitting in it inside the water! As soon as I unfastened my seat-belt, it took me less than one second to pop out of the water, safe and sound!

"Of all the 175 people on board, 125 died and 50 survived. I'm sure that about 45 of the 50 are maimed, 4 others had serious injuries, with stitches all over. Only one came out without a scratch — me! I give Jesus all the glory!"

Alphonso, D.

Friend, you must be conscious of the fact that the angels of God encamp round about you. They're not just some funny winged creatures, they are assigned to keep you in your way and to secure your destiny.

Know also that angels excel in strength and hearken to the voice of God's commandment (Ps. 103:20). A single angel slew 132,000 people in a war! And you have one assigned to you; showing that you're heavily guarded against the arrows of death. No matter how determined the devil is against your life and destiny, he has lost the battle already! The angels of the Lord excel in strength and would destroy them all.

THEY DO WHATEVER YOU SAY

You maintain the services of angels with your tongue, as they hearken to the voice of God's words.

Bless the Lord, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

Psalms 103:20

Also, ***Ecclesiastes 5:6*** says:

Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands?

The angels carry out whatever order you give, so mind what you say. If you say, "Anybody can die at anytime", they will ensure that you have it just as you have said. They are your messengers, so they give you whatever you call for with your mouth. Angels are always there for you. They rolled away the stone from Jesus' tomb, and one of them sat on the stone, to see what devil will dare go in to tamper with the truth of His resurrection. I see your angel roll away every stone the devil has rolled against your destiny, in Jesus' precious name!

HOW TO PROVOKE ANGELIC INTERVENTION

How do we get angels to work for us? How do I call the angels to my rescue?

Trust

Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God.

Daniel 3:28

Trust is a force of committal. When you trust God, you have committed Him to cause the forces of heaven to stand at attention, to bring your desire to pass. You can put your angels to work by trusting God. When you trust God, you're surrounded by His forces.

They that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever. As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth even for ever.

Psalms 125:1-2

The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

Psalms 34:7

Trusting God establishes an angelic hedge around you, that is inaccessible and impenetrable by the arrows of death. In Psalm 125:3, God's Word says He will not allow the rod (arrows) of the wicked to hit the righteous, lest the faith of the righteous be shaken.

Your trusting God puts the angels to work on your behalf. You don't have to feel their presence to know that they are around you. The angels of the Lord are always there for you.

Believe

Another way of provoking angelic intervention is by belief. Whatever you see and believe in God's Word becomes His will for you. Since He cannot deny Himself, He ensures that only His will is allowed to be established in your life.

And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.

Luke 1:45

When you believe God, you commit Him. And when God is committed, angels are assigned to ensure that His will for you is established. Matthew 18:10 says, "...In heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven." This is in order to know what next assignment there is for them to carry out. And as soon as God gives the command, they set out to enforce it.

Service

Your service to God and His kingdom also goes a long way in provoking angelic intervention.

...Now the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee. And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel: and the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions? Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever. My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.

Daniel 6:16, 20-22

When you genuinely serve God, you commit Him to send down angels to intervene on your behalf in the hour of need. Your service commits God to your welfare, hence the Bible says in ***Exodus 23:25-26:***

And ye shall serve the Lord your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee.

There shall nothing cast their young, nor be barren, in thy land: the number of thy days I will fulfil.

Genuine service to God commands angelic intervention on your behalf. So that when the arrows of destruction are fired at you, the angels are there to ward them off.

"Thy God whom thou servedst continually..." Some are serving Him, however, but are not enjoying the angelic benefits of service, out of ignorance. When you serve God, He cannot hide His face from you when you're in trouble.

Prayer

Another key for turning on the angels is prayer. When He was confronted by enemies in the garden, hear what Jesus said:

And, behold, one of them which were with Jesus stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest's, and smote off his ear. Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?

Matthew 26:51-53

You can pray down angels for your deliverance in your hour of need. Jesus knew and believed in angelic intervention for our defence and against the arrows of death.

The Name Of Jesus

Another way of invoking angelic intervention is by calling upon the name of Jesus. When you invoke that name in prayer, you instantly secure the attention of angels, who stand at alert to carry out your orders, because the Bible says:

...And let all the angels of God worship him.

Hebrews 1:6

In case your assigned angel is inadequate to handle the challenge before you, when you invoke the name of Jesus in faith, you secure the attention of "all the angels of God", who come to your rescue.

TELL THEM WHAT TO DO

It is not enough to only call for angels to intervene on your behalf, you also need to tell them exactly what you want them to do. This is because they hearken unto the voice of your word (Ps. 103:20).

Let them be confounded and put to shame that seek after my soul: let them be turned back and brought to confusion that devise my hurt. Let them be as chaff before the wind: and let the angel of the Lord chase them. Let their way be dark and slippery: and let the angel of the Lord persecute them.

Psalms 35:4-6

After you have called them down through prayer, you must give them specific instructions to carry out, just as the Psalmist did above.

In looking at our angelic covenant provision for long life, we saw that Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego trusted God, and He delivered them from death by sending His angels to their rescue. Daniel served God, and He delivered him. Jesus made us understand that we can call down the help of angels by prayer.

A correct use of your mouth is required for angelic intervention, because they carry out your instructions to the letter. Your mouth will no longer speak error, in Jesus' name.

No matter what anybody else is saying, you should always say, "I shall not die but live. The number of my days I will fulfil. Seventy years is the minimum I will live here on earth. Because I serve the Lord, I am not permitted to lack any good thing. Old age is good. I shall not die, but live to declare the works of God."

The angels of God have a deliverance ministry to you. They are keepers of covenant people and preservers of covenant destinies. They are heaven's fire-fighters, assigned to quench the fire and swallow up death in victory. They come as God's rescue agents and they're always there for you!

Chapter 8

The Love Provision

Another very important covenant provision for long life is unfeigned and unreserved love for God.

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

Psalm 91:14

It is the will of God to deliver those who set their love upon Him. If your heart is truly with Him, then your destiny is secured.

In ***1 Samuel 2:30***, God said to Eli the priest:

Wherefore the Lord God of Israel saith, I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever: but now the Lord saith, Be it far from me; for them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed.

God will always respond to the steps you take towards Him. The Bible says, "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you" (James 4:8). That is, "Love Me, and I will love you. Honour Me, and I will honour you."

Your relationship with God determines your overall status in the kingdom. It is not how many times you appear in church, nor the title or position you occupy that matters. It is what place God occupies in your heart that determines the place you occupy on the earth. To be precious in the sight of God, He must be precious to you as well.

WIN HIS LOVE

Your love for God can destroy all the arrows of death targeted against you, because God Himself will rise to your defence.

But now thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee. Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee: therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy life.

Isaiah 43:1-4

"I have loved thee" That is our love security in our covenant walk with God. Jesus said in ***John 14:21***:

He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

In other words, "When he is attacked, I will appear right there to defend him. I will show up on his behalf." When you're in love with Him, every time you're confronted, He shows up on the scene and manifests Himself to you.

But God's love is not automatic. It is earned. You consciously earn it by consciously loving Him. Then shall He give people for your life and cause those who hate you to go for you. Friend, win His love, and long life is guaranteed you.

If your motivation to serve God is love, then you have committed God to your preservation. To you He says, "Never mind, when you pass through the waters, I will be there, when you pass through the fire, the flames will not kindle upon you. I will give people for your ransom, people will go in your stead."

Remember the story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the Bible? Their love for God would not allow them bow to Nebuchadnezzar's golden image; so when they were faced with death, God rose up to their defence. Those who threw them into the fire died in their stead (Daniel 3:1-30). When their love for God answered in heaven, God answered on their behalf on the earth!

GIVE GOD A PLACE IN YOUR HEART

Do you want security here on earth? Then give God a place in your heart. Give Him a genuine place of prominence and importance, and you will enjoy security on the earth.

My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways.

Proverbs 23:26

Where your heart is now is a pointer to where you will be tomorrow. If you will give God a place in your heart, your destiny of covenant longevity is guaranteed. He would do as He has promised — "Because he has set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him." God is saying, "I am committed to His deliverance, because His love is genuine. I am committed to his deliverance, because his heart is with Me."

There was a man who walked triumphantly through death all his life — David. He walked through the valley of the shadow of death. At a time, the whole army of Israel, led by Saul, was after him. Yet they couldn't get him. He was too precious in the sight of God to be killed. He loved God, and He gave people for his life. God shielded David from being killed by bringing a deadly sleep upon Saul and his army. David could not be slaughtered, because love never dies.

However, it is not enough to love God once; it should be continuous. Do not be in love with God today and be out of love tomorrow. Hear what Jesus told the Ephesian Church:

Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works...

Revelation 2:4-5

God expects you to keep loving Him, to maintain your love for Him. Just love Him, and you will see everything happening in your favour. David not only loved God, he celebrated it.

How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts! My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Psalms 84:1-4,10

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.

Psalms 122:1

Lord, remember David, and all his afflictions: How he swore unto the Lord, and vowed unto the mighty God of Jacob; Surely I will not come into the tabernacle of my house, nor go up into my bed; I will not give sleep to mine eyes, or slumber to mine eyelids, Until I find out a place for the Lord, an habitation for the mighty God of Jacob.

Psalms 132:1-5

He was God-addicted. He was lost in the love of God. As a result,

the enemy couldn't catch him. His life was hid in God, so only the person who could kill God could have been able to kill him. David was a God-crazy man, so he was God-covered.

David was so much in love with God , that even God could say this of him:

And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will.

Acts 13:22

Isaiah said, "I saw the Lord, and His train filled the temple." God is always accompanied by trains of glory, health, provision, prosperity, longevity, and every good thing that accompanies His appearance. So, if you keep loving Him, you will enjoy all that His train has. David, even though dead, is still a celebrity on the earth today. Even Jesus the messiah is called the Son of David.

Friend, possess a heart that is burning with love for God, and He will lead you into a destiny of longevity. You will live very long and in health, that you will be the one, like Simeon, to say, "Lord, now lettest thy servant depart in peace, for mine eye hath seen the glory of the Lord."

Keep the fire of His love burning in your heart, don't let it die!

Chapter 9

Some Self-destructive Traps

O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself; but in me is thine help.

Hosea 13:9

Even though covenant longevity is God's will for you, there are certain self-destructive traps that can make it unattainable. We shall identify some of them in this chapter, and I pray that God will release the grace to steer clear of them upon you, so you can fulfil the number of your days on the earth.

PRIDE

Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

Proverbs 16:18

Pride was Pharaoh's undoing. God sent a word to him through Moses, that he should let the people of Israel go, that they may hold a feast unto Him in the wilderness. But Pharaoh said:

...Who is the Lord, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the Lord, neither will I let Israel go.

Exodus 5:2

What happened to him eventually? He was swept away in the Red Sea! Pride goeth before destruction.

The rich fool Jesus talked about in Luke 12 is another person the trap of pride caught. His field brought forth abundantly, but he thought it was by his efforts only, and said to himself:

...This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.

Luke 12:18-19

But God said to him:

...Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

Luke 12:20

Indeed, pride goeth before destruction! There was also a king in Acts 12 called Herod. He made an oration, after which the people shouted, "The voice of a god and not of a man" (Acts 12:20-23). Immediately, an angel of the Lord went forth and smote him, and he was eaten up by worms! Pride goeth before destruction!

One of the stings of death is pride. When pride steps in, long life comes under attack. Pharaoh was swept away in the Red Sea, the rich fool gave up the ghost, and Herod was eaten up by worms. You shall not be destroyed!

Say this prayer: "Lord, deliver me from pride, both in my thoughts and acts."

WICKEDNESS

The fear of the Lord longeth days: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.

Proverbs 10:27

Wickedness shortens days. Evil thoughts, acts and calculated mischief are all stings of death. They cut short a man's life span.

What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good? Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile. Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

Psalm 34:12-14

Give up on wickedness, and you will enjoy long life. God's Word tells us that God is angry with the wicked every day.

God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day.

Psalm 7:11

Also, in ***Proverbs 16:14***, the Bible says:

The wrath of a king is as messengers of death: but a wise man will pacify it.

When God is angry, His anger is as a messenger of death. So, depart from evil and do good. Seek peace with men and pursue it.

HATRED

Hatred is a poison of the soul. It can swallow up the vitality inside a man. It also drains eternal life out of a man and destroys man's defensive mechanism.

Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;

Hebrews 12:15

Hatred is one of the arrows of death. It troubles people. It upsets the system and defiles many. Many have been cut down by the dagger of hatred. When you live in hatred and bitterness, you're unknowingly draining yourself of life. Hear what the Bible says:

We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

1 John 3:14-15

Hatred is deadly! Keep away from it, if you desire long life. When hatred sets in, not only does it drain the system of eternal life,

which is your defence against the arrows of death; but it also begins to swallow it up, so you're eventually reduced to dust. You remember that when man fell, God said to Adam, "For dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." To the serpent He said, "...And dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life." (Gen. 3:19,14).

When you no longer have eternal life, you are reduced to dust, and you become the devil's food. That is exactly what hatred does. Say to the Lord in prayer, "Lord, deliver me from the plague of bitterness. Give me a new grace to walk in love. Destroy every root of bitterness in me Lord. My eyes are upon You for deliverance."

Here is the solution to the hatred problem:

And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

1 John 4:16

My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

1 John 3:18

Let your love be of the heart; that way, you prolong your days on the earth. Hatred will no longer find a place in your life, in Jesus' precious name! Bitterness shall find no hiding place in your soul! From this day, love will become a natural thing to you, in the name of Jesus!

ANGER

Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools.

Ecclesiastes 7:9

Put this side by side with ***Ecclesiastes 7:17***, and you will see the evil effect of anger on your life.

Be not over much wicked, neither be thou foolish: why shouldest thou die before thy time?

Anger is a killer! It is giving a brutish expression to hatred by over-reacting to the errors of others. The Bible says it is foolishness, because it lies in the bosom of fools, who end up dying before their time.

Moses was described by God Himself as the meekest man in all the earth.

He was to lead the children of Israel into the promise land, but anger stopped him from entering. As anointed and chosen as he was, anger cut short his life. Anger didn't let him enter the promise land.

And the Lord spake unto Moses that selfsame day, saying, Get thee up into this mountain Abarim, unto mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab, that is over against Jericho; and behold the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel for a possession: And die in the mount whither thou goest up, and be gathered unto thy people; as Aaron thy brother died in mount Hor, and was gathered unto his people: Because ye trespassed against me among the children of Israel at the waters of Meribah-Kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin; because ye sanctified me not in the midst of the children of Israel. Yet thou shalt see the land before thee; but thou shalt not go thither unto the land which I give the children of Israel.

Deuteronomy 32:48-52

God is no respecter of persons! "Neither be ye foolish", He says. "Why should you die before your time?" Everyone needs to be delivered from the spirit of anger, because it is of the devil. It has come to steal, kill and destroy (Jn. 10:10).

I read about a man of God in Toronto, Canada, who had a very great ministry. But there was another nearby ministry that had no other job but to keep attacking this great one. It kept publishing horrible things against this other ministry. But the great man of God said the Lord told him, "No attack, no defence", so he kept on with his job. As a result, he lived for 96 years, before he went on to be with the Lord!

Leave anger alone, it's a self-destructive trap of the enemy. It is Satan's trap set for innocent saints; don't fall a victim!

OVERWORK

Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.

Exodus 31:16-17

The covenant of long life demands that you take time off to refresh yourself. Working without resting is destructive. God said

observing the sabbath or taking a rest is a sign, or covenant with Him forever.

If you want to be refreshed; you must rest. If you don't rest, you will be retired or expire! If you overdrive yourself, you will end up in the grave. If you refuse to rest, you will be laid to rest by others!

And he said, Let us take our journey, and let us go, and I will go before thee. And he said unto him, My lord knoweth that the children are tender, and the flocks and herds with young are with me: and if men should overdrive them one day, all the flock will die.

Genesis 33:12-13

When you overdrive yourself, you are unwittingly cutting short your life. If you don't want to die before your time, don't overdrive yourself. Be a wise worker, and set time apart for refreshing yourself and for rest. The Bible says God, the Almighty, the Omnipotent, rested and was refreshed. Perhaps He would have expired if He didn't.

As your business begins to expand, responsibilities increase, more companies added to the existing one; don't let the expansion kill you! Take time off to rest.

POOR HEALTH CARE

Another self-destructive trap is poor health care. Recently, God opened my eyes to see some things along this line.

Yet I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, and companion in labour, and fellowsoldier, but your messenger, and he that ministered to my wants. For he longed after you all, and was full of heaviness, because that ye had heard that he had been sick. For indeed he was sick nigh unto death: but God had mercy on him; and not on him only, but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow. I sent him therefore the more carefully, that, when ye see him again, ye may rejoice, and that I may be the less sorrowful. Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness; and hold such in reputation: Because for the work of Christ he was nigh unto death, not regarding his life, to supply your lack of service toward me.

Philippians 2:25-30

"For the work of Christ he was nigh unto death, not regarding his

life." Epaphroditus would have actually died if God had not had mercy on him. Why? Because he did not regard his life!

Every covenant child of God must have a healthcare mentality. Know what to eat and in what measure, and when to eat, so you don't give room to the enemy to rob you of your life. Divine life requires divine sense. Divine health is impossible without divine sense.

On the mount of temptation, Satan said to Jesus:

... If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Matthew 4:6

But hear what Jesus answered him:

...It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

Matthew 4:7

So you are tempting God when you don't regard your life. When you expose your chest to cold, you're tempting the Lord your God, and wherever that ends you is your choice. These are all common sense healthcare mentality. There are certain things that may not be healthy for your body, because not every pot or food is safe for consumption. The sons of the prophet said to Elisha, "Alas master, there is death in the pot" (2 Kgs. 4:38-44).

Friend, there are certain killer menus, just as there are killer diseases. I saw someone who lost 460 pounds, and concluded, "Indeed, you can lay aside any weight." If you know something can kill you, and you continue in it, then you really want to die.

There are things not to be eaten, there are measures you mustn't go beyond when you eat. You must be disciplined in the things you eat, because there are certain deadly things in many pots!

In Mark 16:18, Jesus guarantees us safety when we drink any deadly thing unknowingly, not when we do so deliberately or out of folly. Your personal health care is your responsibility, no one will do it for you. Understand your body make-up. You're fearfully and wonderfully made, so all the cells of your body must work in symphony and together. You must know how to take care of

them.

Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

Acts 20:28

Where do you begin from? Begin from yourself. Take care of yourself.

In

1 Timothy 4:16, Paul said:

Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

Make enquiries, read books, understand what it takes to prolong your days on the earth, and live in line with your discoveries.

God told Adam, "But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die" (Gen. 2:17). There are certain things you don't eat too much of, so you can prolong your days on the earth. So, find out those things that are good for you and those that are not, taking your age into consideration. Wisdom is profitable to direct.

All these secrets are in God's Word — "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." When you're operating by the secrets of God, and you keep making your declarations, then shall your manifestation come. "I will say of the Lord. I will keep saying it in the Lord, because I've lined up myself with the secrets of God. I'm operating by secrets. I will regard my life. I will not overdrive myself. I will learn to know what pot has death in it and avoid it. I will take my rest, in order to be refreshed."

Chapter 10

It's Time To Rule Over Death!

The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

1 Corinthians 15:26

Death is to be destroyed! The last days' Church is programmed by God to humiliate death. Until all the enemies of Jesus are put under His feet, He will not come.

The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. The Lord shall send the rod of thy strength out of

Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.

Psalms 110:1-2

The last enemy that will bow is death.

And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

Revelation 20:14

I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes.

Hosea 13:14

We are here to force death to bow! Our generation will threaten death, so much so that it will repent of ever killing anyone. In all these, God will not listen to death's pleas for mercy; rather, He will plague it the more.

Make these declarations: "It's my turn to rule over death. The last days' Church is destined to rule over death and subdue the power of death, and I'm a member of that Church, therefore, I shall rule over death. I shall subdue the power of death. I shall not die, but live to declare the works of God."

In ***Luke 10:19***, Jesus said:

Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

So you have been given power over all the power of the enemy, including the power of death. Therefore, death shall by no means hurt you. Through His death, Jesus collected the power of death from the devil, and at His resurrection, He handed it over to us.

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

Hebrews 2:14-15

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore...

Matthew 28:18-19

Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

John 20:21

You have what it takes to rule over all the powers of the enemy, including the power of death. No devil can kill you!

"The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death." The Bible says, "That shall...", telling us that it is an established programme. That is why raising people from the dead has become a common thing in the body of Christ today. Death has been programmed for destruction in the end-time, and we are the end-time saints. It is therefore our privileged position to humiliate death.

THE PLACE OF KNOWLEDGE

And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:

But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

Isaiah 11:1-9

That means, when the fullness of the knowledge of God comes, every form of hurt is suspended. The Bible says, "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain." Why? "For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." The fullness of the knowledge of God automatically suspends every form of hurt.

From verse 6, you will discover that death lost its grip over man. That is

why the wolf and the lamb could dwell together, and the calf, the young lion and the fatling feed together. Death had been suspended, with the fullness of the knowledge of God.

Take note that the Bible says, "The earth shall be filled..." That means that these things will take place here on earth, not in heaven. There are no wolves in heaven, neither are there lions or leopards. Here on earth, death will be under the control of saints; but it's knowledge that will make it happen.

IT TAKES REVELATION

Revelation is the bedrock for every revolution.

And in this mountain shall the Lord of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined. And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the Lord hath spoken it.

Isaiah 25:6-8

The Church will begin to enjoy deep insights and revelations, and the result will be death being swallowed up in victory! That means the depth of your encounter determines the degree of your authority over death.

Every revolution has its root in revelation. Every forceful turn-around is as a result of amazing insights one gets from the Word of God. ***John 1:5*** says:

And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

You remember what we said about the mystery of the communion, how it swallows up the poison in the pot? Jesus said, "As often as you do this..." So as soon as you catch this revelation, and you go ahead to serve yourself the communion regularly, you are servicing your system and destroying every agent of death. The communion is one of the greatest prescriptions delivered to us by the Great Physician. It is for your strength and health, and it guarantees long life. It is cheaper than using drugs, yet much more effective.

Also, if you gain insight into the efficacy of the blood of sprinkling (the

Passover mystery), then you will be lord over sicknesses, diseases and death. You can make a bowl of the same drink you use for your communion, and sprinkle your dwelling place with it. Any devil that sticks out its neck there shall be caught and destroyed! Sprinkle it on your vehicle also, and any devil that stops you on the way will go for your sake!

These revelations were not there before. But God is removing the veil of covering from the face of the end-time Church, so as to give us mastery over death. We are, therefore, carrying this revolution to the regions of death, and saying to it, "Death, you don't have the key anymore! Jesus has the key now, and He has delivered it to us. Whatever we bind here on earth, is bound. Satan, you're bound! Death, you're bound! We are here to live."

That's what revelation does. It turns you on. It gets you drunk! It intoxicates! You shall not be slain by the enemy anymore!

Certain secrets have undoubtedly been communicated to you thus far. I would like you to begin to use them in prophecy. Now begin to prophesy over your life: "I am a partaker of the covenant God made with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Therefore, long life is my heritage. I lay hold on it right now, in Jesus precious name!"

Chapter 11

The Prophetic Seal

Your security is wrapped up in the secrets of God that are at your disposal. Whatever God reveals to you belongs to you as His child (Deut. 29:29). Every revelation is a pointer to your heritage, because the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever. So, when God reveals a thing to you, it is because it belongs to you. Until it is revealed, it does not belong to you. The reason why God has revealed the secret of the covenant of longevity to you is because it belongs to you.

Every encounter with the secrets of God brings an added security to the one that has the encounter, since every discovery naturally culminates in a delivery. When you discover divine healing, it becomes your natural possession. It is the same thing for protection and long life.

Friend, you still have a long way to go, so make the most of living. You are not created to die like a chicken, you have a heritage of long life in Christ. Jesus lives, so you shall live also. You can't afford to say, "Goodnight" in the afternoon. Saying "Goodnight" in the evening is not correct either. "Goodnight" is only said at night, for they that sleep, sleep in the night.

And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

Isaiah 11:10

This is talking about the end-time Church; because you belong there, your rest shall be glorious too! As a result of the knowledge of God you have received in this book, nothing shall hurt around you anymore! Rather, your rest shall be glorious.

In ***Isaiah 34:16***, God said:

Seek ye out of the book of the Lord, and read: no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it hath commanded, and his spirit it hath gathered them.

That means you can trust whatever you find in the Bible. Whatever you find in it is guaranteed. He said, "Seek ye out of the book of the Lord, and read..." That is what we have done in this book, so I make bold to say that whatever God has shown you here shall become a reality in your life!

Friend, you have everything it takes to live long here on earth, you will not miss it!

NOW, YOUR PROPHETIC SEAL

From this day, death shall no more have a foothold in your household!

You will live to see your children's children, to the fourth generation!

It is finished with death and all its threats in your life!

It is finished with Satan and all his wicked arrows in your life!

God will satisfy you with long life, and show you His salvation!

Accident will not claim your life!

Fire will not destroy your life!

You will not be involved in an aircrash!

You will not drown in the sea!

No one shall shed tears of losses around you anymore!

If you or anyone dear to you has been appointed unto death, I command your release right now! Satan loose your hold now! Death loose your hold now!

Because you seek the Lord, you will not lack good old age!

You shall not bury your children or your children's children!

It is finished with every harassment of death in your life and Family!

It is finished with the horror of armed robbers, the destruction of hired assassins, demonic attacks of hell and occultic attacks in your life, Family and business!

You will never be deformed in your days!

All your organs will still be functioning perfectly when you depart this earth!

You are declared free from whatever terminal disease you might have been plagued with!

Every yoke of bondage around your destiny is destroyed now!

Because you belong to the end-time Church, and the end-time prophecies are yours, you are going to see very good old age, in Jesus' precious name!

Now, celebrate your heritage of long life in God, in the precious name of Jesus!

Jesus is Lord!

Postscript

For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.

And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred

years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed.

And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.

They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the Lord, and their offspring with them.

And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the Lord.

Isaiah 65:17-25