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WHAT IS IN THE **Joy of the Lord** THAT **Heals?**

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Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered? (Jeremiah 8:22).

From scriptures, we discover that Jesus is the Great Physician and His great prescriptions are resident in His book called the Bible. That is why the Bible says: *He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions* (Psalms 107:20; see also Matthew 9:12-13; Mark 2:17).

In other words, just as doctors write their prescriptions on paper, Jesus' great prescriptions for our total health, among others, are written in the scriptures. Furthermore, speaking of Jesus, the Bible says: *And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was present to heal them* (Luke 5:17; see also Psalms 107:20).

That means as Jesus was teaching, God's power went through His Word to heal them. In other words, there is healing virtue in the Word. Therefore, when we

obey in faith whatever is written in the scriptures concerning our total health package, we commit God's integrity to perform. Unfortunately, many believers today are ignorant of Who the Great Physician is and what His prescriptions are; hence, their predicament persists. I pray that your eyes of understanding will be enlightened to know Jesus as the Great Physician and to access His great prescriptions from scriptures in the name of Jesus!

Having established Who the Great Physician is and that His prescriptions are contained in the Bible, let's examine one of His great prescriptions, which is the joy of the Lord.

But, what is in the Joy of the Lord that heals?

✓ **The healing virtue:** Brokenness of heart will always lead to brokenness of the body. Remember the Bible says: *A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones* (Proverbs 17:22; see also Proverbs 18:14).

That means there is healing virtue in joy that keeps our bodies healthy and strong. In other words, the more joyful

we are, the healthier we would live. Therefore, we must avoid being in the company of heart breakers in order to remain healthy and strong.

✓ **Divine presence:** From scriptures, we discover that divine presence empowers our dominion over sicknesses and diseases. For instance, when Jesus' disciples were with Him for three and half years, none of them was reported to be sick. This is because Christ's presence empowered them for dominion over every form of weakness, pain and ache.

In addition, the Bible says: *Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore* (Psalms 16:11).

It is also written: *What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?* (Romans 8:31).

These scriptures help us to understand that the joy of the Lord guarantees our access to divine presence naturally, which in turn empowers us to live above every assault of the devil and his cohorts.

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✓ **Divine strength:** We understand from scriptures that divine strength resides in the joy of the Lord. For instance, when the people wept at the understanding of the Word being preached, Prophet Nehemiah told them to eat, drink and be merry because ...*the joy of the LORD is your strength* (Nehemiah 8:10; see also Psalms 84:7).

In other words, the more joyful we are, the stronger we would live. Thus, joy is like building a brick wall against the attack of sicknesses and diseases on our bodies. Therefore, the last attack on your health will be the last you will ever see in the name of Jesus Christ!

✓ **It is our covenant access to revelation:** Revelation is our most powerful access to total health and joy is one of the channels to access revelation. As it is written: *Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation* (Isaiah 12:3).

"Water" in the above scripture connotes God's Word. The Bible says: *That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word* (Ephesians 5:26).

That means we need joy to draw revelation from God's Word, which in turn guarantees our healing and deliverance from all assaults of the wicked. This is graphically illustrated in the account below: *His flesh is consumed away, that it cannot be seen; and his bones that were not seen stick out. Yea, his soul draweth near unto the grave, and his life to the destroyers. If there be a messenger with him, an interpreter, one among a thousand, to shew unto man his uprightness: Then he is gracious unto him, and saith, Deliver him from going down to the pit: I have found a ransom. His flesh shall be fresher than a child's: he shall return to the days of his youth* (Job 33:21-25; see also Proverbs 4:20-22).

This helps us to understand that the power of revelation can restore the health of anyone, no matter the stage of degradation. This is because just as light dominates darkness instantly and unquestionably, the power of revelation is a spiritual illuminant that empowers us to dominate every form of sickness and disease (Psalms 119:130; John 1:1-5).

Remember, when we engage the joy of the Lord to encounter revelation from scriptures, every satanic arrow of oppression gives way to us

automatically. That will be your testimony from now in Jesus' name!

How do we access this kind of joy?

➤ **By redemption, we have access to the joy of salvation:** Joy is one of the fruits of the Spirit. As it is written: *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith* (Galatians 5:22).

Again, the psalmist said: *Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit* (Psalms 51:12).

That means, at redemption, every child of God is baptised with the joy of salvation.

➤ **By the baptism in the Holy Ghost, we gain access to the oil of Joy:** One of the blessings that the Holy Spirit bestows upon us at redemption is the oil of Joy and gladness; it's the most effective anti-depressant in the world. This is because the joy of the Holy Ghost has the same intoxicating effect a drunkard exumes under the influence of alcohol (Isaiah 61:3; Psalms 45:6-7).

That is why the Bible admonishes thus: *And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit* (Ephesians 5:18).

That means, everyone who is truly baptised in the Holy Ghost is ordained to live above depression naturally. Therefore, until we are depressed, we cannot be oppressed because joy guarantees divine presence and with divine presence, no one can be oppressed (Psalms 16:11; Romans 8:31).

➤ **By encounter with the revelation of the Word, we access joy and rejoicing:** Every revelation we encounter from scriptures spurs joy in our hearts. In other words, the more insight we gain from scriptures, the more joyful we become. For instance, when Prophet Jeremiah encountered revelation from God's Word, he said: *Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts* (Jeremiah 15:16; see also Psalms 119:162).

In July 1979, when I found the revelation of Kingdom prosperity, I screamed: "Ye, I can never be poor" because an intoxicating joy welled up in me. Also, on March 22, 1982, I found the key to a sickness-free life and screamed from that encounter: "Ye, I can never be sick!" Since then, I have been bouncing in sound health. We must, therefore,

engage in active Word study, make discoveries and flow in divine revelation that guarantees our access to joy, and sound health.

➤ **Commitment to Kingdom advancement endeavours:** "Kingdom advancement endeavour" here implies reaching out to the lost via soul-winning and praying for souls to be saved, and established in God's Kingdom.

Concerning the seventy disciples who went out on soul-winning, the Bible says: *And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name* (Luke 10:17).

Again, we recognise from scriptures that there is joy in heaven over every soul who repents. After Jesus narrated the parable of the lost coin and sheep, He said: *I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance* (Luke 15:7; see also Luke 15:1-10).

That means, when we engage in Kingdom advancement endeavours wholeheartedly, we become candidates for the joy of the Lord. This is because every Kingdom advancement engagement is an investment of joy seeds that entitle us to harvests of joy in return. Furthermore, the Bible says that whatever a man sows that also shall he reap. Thus, heavenly joy which is called joy unspeakable full of glory is the heritage of everyone engaged in soul-winning endeavours (2 Corinthians 9:6; Galatians 6:7; Ephesians 6:8; 1 Peter 1:8).

In conclusion, it is important to know that our greatest asset in God's Kingdom is divine presence; if we lose it, we have lost everything because in His presence lies the fullness of joy and everlasting pleasures. We must also recognise that joy, among others, guarantees our unchecked access to God's presence. That is why the devil always afflicts us with depression to rob us of divine presence. As such, we must engage the joy of the Lord to access divine presence and silence the depression of the devil. As we do so, we will continually be in command of miracles, signs and wonders, cheaply. Therefore, welcome to your season of miracles in the name of Jesus Christ. Remain ever blessed!

Jesus is Lord!

Amazing Testimonies!

3-Year Barrenness Terminated!

"We came to this Commission in 2014, but we were unstable members. In 2015, I attended one of the services without knowing that it was a service for those who believed God for the fruit of the womb.

During the service, the Bishop instructed us to dance to the altar with our baby items. I obeyed and said to God, 'Lord, I didn't know that it is a fruit of the womb service. So, all I have to present as my point of contact is my womb.' Then, I danced vigorously to the altar as I made a vow to God saying, 'If You will change my story to become a mother, I will bring my baby to this altar and roll on the floor to glorify You.'

After that service, I conceived and became a full member of this Church. Today, we have our wonderful baby boy.

Also, before we came to this Commission, things were very difficult for my husband and I. However, since I became fully committed, God has turned our situation around. Before now, we were tenants but today, God has blessed us with our own house! We give God all the glory!"

---Mr. & Mrs. Kelechi Onyemaenu

Insanity Terminated!

"I am from a Muslim background and my husband is an Alfa. On May 20, 2014, my first child suddenly screamed from his sleep at midnight and started tearing the clothes he wore. When I asked my husband what was wrong, he said that the spirit of insanity has taken over my son. Meanwhile, I am not educated but I determined to work hard and pay for the education of my children. To the glory of God, since he started attending school, he always emerged first in his class and that was what led to his attack. Everywhere I took him to, I was told that it was an attack on his academic advancement. In the course of the ordeal, as a palm oil seller, I spent money at Neuropsychiatric Hospital, Aro, Abeokuta and other places but all proved abortive.

At a time, my husband's relatives said that the battle Islam could not overcome cannot be conquered by anybody. Later, my husband abandoned us because of the situation.

The attack persisted from May 2014 to December 2015, until I was invited to this Church for Shiloh 2015 and I came. At that point, I was already selling my clothes to

pay for his treatment; so, I said, 'God, do what only You can do.'

When the programme ended on Sunday, December 13, 2015, I bought the anointing oil and all the CDs before leaving the event ground, believing that as I watched the messages, the God Who called Bishop Oyedepo will manifest Himself in my house.

In 2016, I started begging to take care of my children because I could not work and leave my son alone. However, on Sunday, July 24, 2016, while watching Bishop Oyedepo preach in one of the CDs as our custom is, my son suddenly got up, picked the CD jacket which I left on the floor, placed it on his head and slept off immediately. Initially, I wondered what kind of sleep could have overwhelmed the boy that was watching the message with me; so, I decided to wake him, but the Holy Spirit instructed me to let him sleep. So, I did.

When he woke up, he said, 'Mummy, what is on my body? Where is my father?' So, I told him that while he was insane, his father left us in search of a job.

Amazingly, three days ago, God exposed the person behind my son's predicament. Little did I know that the person I usually went to meet for food was responsible for my son's ordeal. When I went to him three days ago for food as usual, he said that since God has set my son free, I should go to that God for food. I thank God because the battle that brought me to Canaanland has ceased. I give God all the glory!"

---Latifat Akande

Supernatural Healing via Kingdom Engagement!

"I joined this Commission on May 28, 2000 as a single girl; by December of that same year, I was fully married and presently, God has blessed me with four children.

However, On June 2, 2016, I suddenly became ill and what started off as malaria in the office, landed me in the hospital. When the doctor checked my blood pressure (BP), it showed 230/120 millimeter of mercury (mmHg). So, he advised that I see a consultant physician, immediately.

When I did, the consultant physician conducted the same test and said that I would be admitted as it was a surprise I was not paralysed. However, I refused.

Thereafter, I was given some drugs and told to return the following day to run all manner of tests. After the tests, the doctor said, 'Madam, your left kidney is grossly

enlarged with a 66 by 55 mm cyst renal mast and even the right one has a small cyst inside.' He then said, 'You can look at the screen to see it,' but as I looked, I remembered three testimonies from this altar.

The first was the brother who mistakenly drank acid but refused to believe that it was acid; instead, he declared that it was water and it was so. The second testimony was the man, who had kidney challenge but went for the *Covenant Hour of Prayer*. After the prayer meeting, he dreamt that a black rope was removed from him. The third was that of a brother who had an enlarged heart and was also healed. So, I quickly told myself that could not be my report.

During the *Operation Possess the Land*, I joined the Reapers' squad and engaged the mystery of sacrifices. I also used the mantle and the anointing oil daily. Later, I was told to go for a Computerised Tomography (CT) scan on Monday, June 13, 2016, which was before our *Covenant Day of Settlement* service on June 19, 2016. However, I refused. To the glory of God, during the *Covenant day of settlement* service, God healed me supernaturally. To Him alone be all the glory!" ---Uju Enwelum

Epilepsy Destroyed after 7 Years!

"In 2009, I came from Kogi State to Lagos, where I was afflicted by the spirit of epilepsy. However, a sister invited me to this Church for the *Covenant Day of Escape* service on July 17, 2016. That was the first time I attended service in this Church and since then, the epileptic attack ceased. I give God all the glory!"

---Victor Oseni

Miracle Twins after 6 Years!

"For 6 years, my husband and I believed God for the fruit of the womb to no avail. During one of the services at Shiloh 2013, Bishop Oyedepo instructed those trusting God for the fruit of the womb to write the names of their children and drop it on the floor. Immediately, we wrote David and Daniel because we desired twins from God. From that day, we started mentioning their names in our prayers. We also believed every prophetic word declared by the Bishop.

To the glory of God, I became pregnant in August 2015, and when I went for a scan, the doctor said there were two boys in my

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womb. God sustained the pregnancy till the day of delivery and today, we have David and Daniel. We give God all the glory!"

---Mr. & Mrs. Osemeze

Hepatitis B Destroyed & Miracle Baby Delivered!

"We joined this Commission in 2011. Before then, my wife was diagnosed with hepatitis B virus. We visited several hospitals for treatment, but all proved abortive.

After our wedding, we experienced difficulties in conceiving; so, we believed God for our miracle. We participated actively in our service groups until the *Midst of the Year* outreach of 2015.

During one of Bishop Oyedepo's teachings, he said, 'Whatever you have been praying for that has not been answered, stop the prayers and start praying Kingdom advancement prayers.' Immediately, we keyed into that instruction and started praying for souls and shared fliers, and tracts. We also keyed into every instruction, as if our lives depended on it.

During the last week of the *Midst of the Year*, my wife felt a little discomfort in her body; so, we went for a test. Miraculously, the test showed that my wife was two weeks pregnant and the Hepatitis test result showed negative. Today, God has blessed us with our own daughter. To God alone be all the glory for confirming His Word in our lives!" ---Mr. & Mrs. Adetayo

When *Operation Rescue* was declared in 2015, two senior members of this Church admonished me to engage the period as that was my chance for a breakthrough. So, I took their advice and made the best of that season.

When the seven days prayer and fasting season was declared from September 7 to 14, I remembered the testimony of a brother who said he continued fasting even after the 7-day proclaimed fast ended. I did same and fasted for 21 days, instead of the declared 7 days.

Having established by my father in the Lord, Bishop Oyedepo and brethren in this Commission that Matthew 6:33 is ever reliable, I prayed Kingdom advancement prayers and shared tracts in the evenings. Throughout the 21 days of fasting, I never mentioned my case, once. On the 21st day, I could no longer engage because I was already pregnant.

The pregnancy was threatened twice. The first time was in the third month when I felt pains. So, I came to Church that day which was a feet-washing service. As soon as I stepped in the water, the pains ceased. The second attack was in the sixth month, on my birthday. Miraculously, it was also a service day. In the course of the message, the Bishop said, 'What you got by Word practice cannot be lost.' Immediately, I told the devil that I got my pregnancy by Word practice and Kingdom advancement prayers; therefore, I cannot lose it.

Furthermore, I always have my mantle on me but one day, I forgot it. When I remembered, I was already bleeding. So, I said to the devil, 'You came too late,' because that morning, a pastor called and prayed that my baby will be a testimony.

Thereafter, I took my mantle and went to the hospital. On getting there, the bleeding stopped miraculously and on May 25, 2016, David Oluwamayomide Oluwadamilare came forth. I give God all the glory!"

---Olusola Akanji

Prophetic Blessings

I decree the release of intoxicating joy upon your life today!

I declare that every attack of sickness and disease on your life is nullified today!

Depression is cursed in your life today!

An end has come to begging in your life!

Everything resisting your advancement is bruised under your feet in the name of Jesus!

Henceforth, when others say there is a casting down in their lives, you shall be singing there is a lifting up!

I decree the supernatural delivery of your miracle job, marriage and babies in the name of Jesus!

This week is declared your week of special miracle testimonies!

Jesus said You Must be Born Again!

Have you ever asked Jesus to come into your heart?

That is, are you BORN AGAIN? If your answer is "NO", or you are not sure, please pray this prayer with all sincerity and confidence! Lord Jesus, I come to You today! I am a sinner, I cannot help myself. Forgive me my sins. Cleanse me with your precious blood. Deliver me from sin and Satan, to serve the Living God. Today, Lord Jesus, I accept You as my Lord, and my Saviour. Thank You Jesus, for saving me! Now I know, I am born again!

Worship with us in any of these

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