



WATCHMAN'S TRUMPET



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FROM THE MISSION DIRECTOR

Hello,

I welcome you to this new month and present to you May 2021 edition of "Watchman's Trumpet". This month, our theme is "The Anointing!"

Primarily, 'anointing' refers to a process of endorsement for service especially in leadership capacity. Under God's guidance and instruction men are anointed with special sanctuary oil to appoint them as prophet, priest or kings in Israel in the Old Testament. Men who are so anointed are directly endowed with Holy Spirit's power by God which enables them to perform the specific roles for which they are anointed and to succeed in the assignment. The equivalent of that in New Testament dispensation is Baptism in the Holy Spirit. However, a key difference between Old Testament and new anointing is that only selected few are anointed and endowed with power in the Old Testament while the promise of Holy Spirit Baptism is for all New Testament believers. In fact, Jesus invited anyone thirsty to come and drink from the well of God's anointing John 7:37-39. Therefore, no New Testament believers have any excuse to continue living fruitless, timid, vulnerable and defeated life after salvation. The Lord even allows His Spirit to dwell in a small measure in converted believers to guide them in their Christian journey, day to day life and activities as well as facilitate personal victorious living. However, a fullness and intermittent infilling is required for dynamism and effectiveness in divine service.

The end-time is here with us; activities of powers of darkness are increasing daily. God knowing this ahead of time promised the latter day outpouring. It is by the Spirit's fullness that every yoke can be broken. Peter in his sermon on the day of Pentecost reiterated Jesus' position that God's power is available to all who desire and thirst for it. Holy Spirit's baptism is for all God's children in the kingdom. "Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call." Acts 2:38-39. My prayer for you is that as you read this magazine, before you get to the end of the last page, God's power and anointing will be poured upon you in an unprecedented measure so you can be tremendously blessed and be a source of blessing to multitude in your generation. Welcome!

UNDERSTANDING THE ANOINTING

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord". Luke 4:18, 19

"How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him". Acts 10:38



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Our references described what "anointing" is, what it does, how it works as well as how to receive. The two references revealed clearly that in "the anointing" lies the secret of the success of Christ's life and ministry. Actually the word "Christ" means "the anointed one". By implication "Christians" ought to be and ought to live like "anointed ones". This is what our name suggests. The presence and power of God in man which the "anointing" represents is our heritage

We shall consider three subtopics

1. Meaning of anointing
2. Simple truths about the anointing
3. Spiritual gifts for the anointed

1. Meaning of "anointing"

"Now these be the last words of David. David the son of Jesse said, and the man who was raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel, said, The Spirit of the Lord spake by me, and his word was in my tongue".

2 Samuel 23:1-2

The Hebrew word translated "anoint" means to apply oil by smearing, pouring or spreading. We find much of this in the Old Testament. In the Old Testament, men or things are anointed

to set them apart for God, consecrate them for divine service to lead God's people or perform certain functions under God's guidance and instruction.

On the other hand, pouring or rubbing oil in the New Testament applies more to medicinal use to heal the sick than consecration for divine service. New Testament usage of "anointing" applies more to spiritual anointing; it applies to the impartation of the Holy Spirit's presence and power carried out through laying on of hands and prayers. Those to receive are prayed for with or without laying of hands as the Spirit leads so that those they pray for can receive this blessing. Some also receive while alone praying for themselves or in prayer meetings with others. Anointing as presented in the New Testament refers to the Holy Spirit's Baptism, empowerment and fullness.

In the Upper Room, the early disciples received while in prayers, converts in Cornelius house were filled while listening to Peter's sermon. On the other hand, Samaritan and Ephesian converts received by laying on of hands of the Apostles. In each instance, Spirit's fullness was recognized and acknowledged by receivers' speaking previously unlearned languages.

Anointing gives power to our work, authority to our words, freshness to our presentation, and relevance to our actions. According to Acts 10:38, it is the evidence of God's involvement and partnership in whatever He ordains or ordered us

2. Simple truths about the anointing

- i. Anointing comes from God. Ezekiel 36:25-27; Joel 2:28-30; Numbers 11:13-17.

Anointing is for children of God. All converted Christians have a measure of Holy Spirit in them Romans 8:9, 14. Anointing is the fullness of the Spirit that they receive as they hunger and

thirst for more John 7:37-38

- ii. Sinners are children of the devil; in that state they cannot be anointed. You cannot be filled with sins or demons and the Holy Spirit at the same time.
- iii. To be anointed is to be filled with the Holy Spirit Acts 2:1-4.
- iv. Anointing imparts spiritual power for spiritual living and service. Anointing fuels, energizes, invigorates, emboldens our total being to do what God appoints. Acts 4:31, 33. Our natural abilities take on supernatural dimension when the anointing comes on us.
- v. Luke 4:14-16. Anointing inspires, initiates and stimulates activities. Jesus after anointing "went out". Anointing brings you out of your shell and out of yourself. It is the strength, energy or generator within you, pushing you and moving you to go out and bless others in God's name. The anointed man has a spring on his heels.
- vi. Anointing makes people good and do good. Many good men try to do without anointing are always stained with "self" and "selfishness". Selfless sacrifice service comes only by the anointing.
- vii. Anointing is meant to mitigate human suffering and meet real time needs. Genuine anointing lifts people up and edifies not oppress or run down others.
- viii. Anointing heals and sets people free from oppression and Satan's bondage.
- ix. Anointing is the evidence that God is with you.

3. Spiritual gifts for the anointed

"But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal". 1 Corinthians 12:7

Spiritual gifts are manifestations of insight, utterances and power in and through the spirit filled believe to solve problems and meet individual group or congregational needs.

They are nine (9) divided into three (3) groups:

i. Revelation gifts

- a. *Word of knowledge: illustrations:* Colt that Jesus rode into Jerusalem Matthew 21:2-3;



The woman at the well John 4:17-18; The Asses of Kish, Saul's father 1 Samuel 9:19-20; Gehazi collecting Naaman's gifts 2 Kings 5:25-26.

- b. *Word of wisdom:* Jesus' answer to question on tribute Luke 20:20-26; Woman caught in adultery John 8:4-7; Samuel going to anoint David in Bethlehem 1 Samuel 16:1-5; Rebuke of David's sin against Uriah 2 Samuel 12:1-7.
- c. *Discernment of spirits:* woman in synagogue bound for 18years Luke 13:11-16; Rebuke of Peter "Get behind me Satan" Matthew 16:21-23; Girl with spirit of divination Acts 16:16-18; Micaiah and other prophets 1 Kings 22:18-28.

ii. Vocal or utterances gifts

- a. *Prophecy:* Agabus on worldwide fame Acts 11:27-30; Paul's experience in Jerusalem Acts 21:10-12; Jesus on last days events Matthew 24:3-44; Jesus' prediction of the death of Peter John 21:18-19.
- b. *Diverse kinds of Tongues:* Pentecost Acts 2:4; Cornelius family Acts 10:44-46; Believers in Ephesus Acts 19:1-2, 6.
- c. *Interpretation of tongues:* 1 Corinthians 14:13, 26-28.

iii. Power gifts

- a. *Faith:* Healing of withered hands Mark 3:1-5; Jesus asleep during a storm Mark 4:37-48; Peter walking on the sea Mathew 14:26-29.
- b. *Gifts of healings:* Lame man at the Beautiful Gate Acts 3:4-7; casting out of demons by Paul Acts 16:18
- c. *Working of miracles:* Turning water into wine John 2:1-11; Multiplication of bread Luke 9:16-17; Joshua stopped the sun and moon Joshua 10:12-13; floating axe 2 Kings 6:5-6; Raising of Lazarus John 11:1-end.

The gifts of the Spirit are interdependent like the human body. Often you need the manifestation of one to make the other work effectively.





ABOUT WATCHMAN OUTREACH MISSION

Watchman Outreach Mission as envisioned fundamentally comprises of men and women of faith who watch over one another and together watch for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Next to this primary assignment is an equally important responsibility of bringing others into the same state of watchfulness and readiness as the coming of the Lord draws near. Ours is a trans-ministerial, trans-denominational mission. Our core values include expository teaching, prayer and counselling. We train in principles and practice of Christian discipleship and equip for effective Kingdom Service.

The Lord Jesus Christ in one of His parable said “*While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept*” **Mathew 25:5**. Watchman Outreach Mission is a response of faith to this and similar warnings about events in the last days. Our response is based on the premise that prophecies, visions and revelations about the future such as the one documented in the Lord’s parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins are sign-posts by which men are warned to keep vigil to avoid disastrous end. We serve to wake up the church and men everywhere to remain alert and watch for the Lord’s return.

The Mission, based in Ibadan, Nigeria, was launched in 2009 and its maiden outing took place on the 20th November of the same year. On that day, we partnered with All Nations Evangelical Ministry (ANEM), Akobo, Ibadan for Evangelistic and Medical Mission Outreach to Idi - Ose Village on Arulogun - Olorunda Road in Lagelu Local Government, Ibadan.

In the years that followed we networked with churches and other Christian groups too to implement our mandate which include conducting gospel outreaches, discipleship training for new converts, organizing and facilitating workers and ministerial training, conducting administrative reviews in churches and ministries, writing of proposals for reforms and church growth strategies that can enhance social cohesion, improve church finances and foster overall development, unity and growth of such ministries; monitoring and/or supervision of the implementation of such reforms and strategies.

Some of these Christian groups and ministries include with Christ Apostolic Church, Oke - Ife in Ajangboju, Ibadan, Nigerian Military Christian Fellowship, Adekunle Fajuyi Cantonment Chapter in Oyo - State Nigeria, Christ Gospel Mission International, Light of Jesus Evangelistic Ministry with branches in different cities in South Western Nigeria, and Ark of Salvation Church of Christ (ASCC) with headquarters at Molade, Monatan Ibadan.

Till date, although partnered ministries change from time to time depending on the leading we receive from the Lord, we remain committed to our main purpose and vision; that of service to the church and in the world to wake up men everywhere and encourage them to remain alert and watch for the Lord’s return. Through our activities, souls had been saved, believers edified and church workers’ spiritual growth and development enhanced, all to the glory of God.

WATCHMAN PRAYER HOUR



Prayer Points - For December 2020

1. Thank God for the gift and possibilities through Holy Spirit’s anointing
2. Pray for infilling and overflow of Gods’ anointing upon your life
3. Pray that God’s anointing will give power to your work, authority to your words, freshness to your presentation, and relevance to your actions..
4. Pray for impartation of spiritual power for spiritual living and service.
5. Pray that the anointing will fuel, energize, invigorate, embolden your total being to do what God appoints.
6. Pray for manifestation of the gifts of the Spirit in your life and ministry.
7. Pray for continuous guidance instruction and influence of the Holy Spirit
8. Pray for grace not to tempt, resist, grieve or blaspheme the Holy Spirit.
9. Pray that God’s anointing upon your life will break any yoke and every yoke in men’s lives.

“..... *men ought always to pray, and not to faint;*” **Luke 18:1**

May the Lord hear and answer all our prayers - AMEN!

Watchman Prayer Hour holds every Saturday from 10.30am - 12.00MD. We invite you to join us at our office in 78/80 Nepa (IBEDC) Building, Opposite U.I. Second Gate, Ibadan . Oyo - State. You can also follow us live on any of our Social media platforms during the prayer session

BELIEVERS' PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HOLY GHOST

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth". Acts 1:8

"Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will shew you things to come". John 16:13

Christian religion comes with high standards by virtue of its demand for moral perfection. The Christian faith demanded that human beings be as perfect as the heavenly Father, love one's enemies and embrace the cross in lifestyle and worship. The situation of the world is not helping matters. There are activities of anti-gospel forces out to frustrate healthy Christian living.

Being a Christian amounts to swimming against the current of the dominant values of most human societies. The extraordinary courage, wisdom, and holiness that believers require to meet the standard expected of them and win the battle of life can only be supplied by the Holy Spirit. To live spiritual and supernatural life in a depraved world we need Holy Spirit's power and promised help. This we must know how to assess and keep.

We shall consider three subtopics:

1. The promised help from above
2. Offences against the Holy Spirit
3. Walking, working and living in the anointing

1. The Promised help from above

"Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you:

and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do" Ezekiel 36:25-27.

Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall he speak: and He will shew you things to come". John 16:13

The Holy Spirit is a person John 16:13. Like all persons He has attributes of personalities: **Intellect** - He knows 1 Corinthians 2:10-11, **Will** - He acts, moves, speaks, choose and decide. Acts 13:2, **Emotions** - He has feelings - could be made happy or sad. Ephesians 4:30 The Holy Spirit is a divine person so He can do all that God can do, He knows all that God knows and feels all that God feels.



When one is born again, the Holy Spirit comes into our heart. We become the Temple of the Holy Spirit and our hearts become an altar where sacrifices go up to God or ought to go up to God on a continual basis. Galatians 4:6, 1 Corinthians 3:16, 6:19-20. The presence of the Holy Spirit in us is seal of divine ownership

What does the Holy Spirit in us do?

1. Co-habit and partner with our spirit to reveal the mind of God to us through our own spirit. By this we are able to ascertain our spiritual states at all times. Romans 8:15-16.
2. He teaches us
3. He instructs and directs us John 14:26; 16:12-13
4. He reveals heavenly things to us 1 Corinthians 2:9-13
5. He stores the scriptures in us and reminds us of them when we need it. Ephesians 6:17
6. He cautions us when we are close to objects of sin. 1 Samuel 24:4-5
7. He strengthens us to overcome temptation Acts 7:54-59
8. He quickens our anatomical and physiological parts Romans 8:11

9. He keeps us spiritually alive Romans 8: 5-9. Those who live in the flesh does the work of the flesh (Galatians 5:19). They are spiritually dead. The mission of the Holy Spirit in us is to keep us spiritually alive.

10. He inspires continuous worship in our hearts Ephesians 5:19

2. Offences against the Holy Spirit

The Bible clearly revealed four (4) offences that we can commit against the Holy Spirit. We can:

1. Grieve the Holy Spirit Ephesians 4:30
2. Resist the Holy Spirit Acts 7:51
3. Quench the Holy Spirit 1Thess 5:19
4. Blaspheme the Holy Spirit Mathew 12:31

3. Walking, working and living in the Anointing

"For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline". Timothy 1:6,7 (NIV)

We need to recognize how the Holy Spirit's anointing operates for effectiveness and fruitfulness in ministry. We need to learn the keys within ourselves that effects anointing's release. These keys are different for different people. For some, it is praise and worship, for others praying to God which could be praying in tongues. Some find their sense of release in meditation especially on their past testimonies of God's faithfulness. It could also be laying of hands, fasting and prayer, being still and silent before God, reading particular promises of God or appropriate scriptures, listening to particular sermon or preachers or even reading Christian biographies etc. usually it is important to wait on God before any time of ministry and carry an air of spiritual sensitivity around us most times so that we can be always available to God and Holy Spirit's use. Fasting the meal before ministering can be helpful.

A heavy meal talkativeness, irritation, quarrels, fights, tension and malice or engaging in frivolities before any ministry has opposite effect. Purity of heart and holiness of life is imperative to get the best from God and our use of His gifts.

ANNOINTING THAT BREAKS EVERY YOKE

“Therefore thus saith the Lord God of hosts, O my people that dwellest in Zion, be not afraid of the Assyrian: he shall smite thee with a rod, and shall lift up his staff against thee, after the manner of Egypt. For yet a very little while, and the indignation shall cease, and mine anger in their destruction. And the Lord of hosts shall stir up a scourge for him according to the slaughter of Midian at the rock of Oreb: and as his rod was upon the sea, so shall he lift it up after the manner of Egypt. And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing”. Isaiah 10: 24-27

Isaiah prophesied about God’s use of Assyrians to punish His people. God allowed them to place yokes and burdens upon Israelites His people as punishment for their sins. But towards the end of this reference, Isaiah revealed that their punishment and oppression will not be forever. He announced a day that the burden will be removed and the yoke will be destroyed. The crucial factor in the deliverance that God’s people will enjoy on that day will be *“the anointing”*. Isaiah prophesied that on that appointed day, God’s anointing upon God’s people will destroy every property of the enemy upon and around them. Today is your day. Today every burden upon your life will be taken away and every yoke shall be destroyed in Jesus Name!

I will briefly speak on three things:

1. Description of enemies yokes
2. Decision that brings deliverance from all evil yokes
3. Destruction of all satanic yokes by the Spirit’s anointing.

1. Description of enemies yokes

Yokes makes men servants of other men or evil spirits, yokes makes people to come under the control of other men or evil spirit (on their network or frequency), yokes make people serve enemies or evil spirit’s interest rather than God’s, they make people engage in unprofitable and unfruitful labour. Their energies, resources and intellect are put to use without them benefiting from it, yokes provide attachment to burdens, limits progress, brings sorrow, suffering and hardship

What are the things in your own life that you identify as yoke?



In practical terms, there are:

Moral yokes, spiritual yokes, physiological yokes, financial yokes, generational yokes, mental yokes, occupational /employment yokes

There are also - Family yoke, community yoke, and national yokes

Whenever is the case, today is the day when every yoke in your life shall be broken in Jesus Name!

2. Decision that brings deliverance from all evil yokes

“And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father’s have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him”. Luke 15:17, 20

Men come under yokes:

- i. When they reject Christ’s yoke 2Corinthians 3:17
- ii. When they refuse to be born-again or retain their conversion experience
- iii. When their conversion experience is not from their hearts

- iv. When they are born again but neglected the means of grace and growth such as prayers and righteous living James 5:15 Bible reading and study, obedience to the word of God regular fellowship attendance, service to the Lord and to the saint, giving tithes, financially supporting God’s work and giving to needy brethren
- v. Many people came under the yoke because they neglected or refused to do what is good and right
- vi. Many came under the yoke when they wander away from home like the prodigal son. They harbour grudges, malice or unforgiving spirit in their hearts
- vii. When you become involved with strangers and your Father’s enemies, when strangers to the Commonwealth of Israel is you best friend
- viii. When you fail to watch and pray
- ix. When you do not know your right in the kingdom or you are too lazy to claim it

The day the prodigal son took a decision to return to his father. That single decision was the beginning of his deliverance from the yoke of poverty.

To be free from yokes, you must -

- i. Separate from sin and come into Christ’s righteousness
- ii. Forsake the world and its deceptive pleasures
- iii. Love what Christ loves and to hate what Christ hates
- iv. Do your restitution and return the devil’s properties to him

3. Destruction of all satanic yokes burden and bondages

“If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed”. John 8:36

After confessing your decisions and resolution to God, you need to concentrate on God. From time to time God pours His anointing upon men Luke 4:18. Anointing is the key. The Holy Spirit’s power is a power that none can resist. As you pray now, God will pour out His Spirit upon you and break all your yokes in Jesus name!

ANOINTING CONNECTION IN CHRISTIANITY

“Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel”.

Isaiah 7:14

“And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover”.

Mark 16:17, 18

“Behold, I and the children whom the Lord hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the Lord of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion”.

Isaiah 8:18

The Christian religion started with signs and will continue by signs till the end of time. The signs witnessed in Christianity by those who are Christians are evidences of manifestation of the power of the Holy Spirit. In a world filled with problems, troubles, trials, denials, necessities and difficulties which may be physical or spiritual, every Christian (believer) should know the tested and trusted God - approved way to have their problems solved.

We shall consider three subtopics:

1. Christianity's beginning with sign
2. Supernatural manifestations by the power of the Holy Spirit
3. Connecting to and benefitting from the anointing

1. Christianity's beginning with sign

“And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of

Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God”.

Luke 1:31-35

The virgin birth is one of the greatest sign the world has ever and will ever witness. (1) It was fulfillment of prophecy, (2) an evidence of God's involvement and (3) evidence of Holy Spirit's activities. By extension, the account revealed the possibility of God's working in our lives by the Holy Spirit and in us when we are overshadowed (saturated and invigorated) by the power of the Most High.



2. Supernatural manifestations by the power of the Holy Spirit

1. *Supernatural life* - Lazarus John 11:25. It is a picture of what God could do with the debased, corrupt and degenerated nature in man either spiritually or physically. Ezekiel 37

2. *Supernatural walk*: Peter walking on the sea Mark 14:25-29. It is easy to understand Jesus walking on the sea, but what about Peter?

Supernatural call:

- i. Call to salvation - Saul who became Paul Acts 9



ii. Call to service - Moses and the Burning Bush

iii. Call to Glory - Enoch Genesis 5; John 1:12. If God gives you power you will be and do all that He has ordained you to be and do.

3. *Supernatural heart*. Ezekiel 36:26-27. God promised to change our heart and replace it with another one so that we can find it easy to walk in His ways. Saul received it 1 Samuel 10:5-6, 9. Stephen demonstrated it Acts 7:57-60.

Supernatural guidance and revelation: The wife of Jeroboam 1 King 14; Elisha and Syrian Army 2 Kings 6:8-12; Haggai in the wilderness Genesis 21:19



4. *Supernatural utterances and pronouncement:* Speaking in tongues by the Spirit-filled. Prophetic declaration 2 Kings 3:16-18, provision of water for troops of warring kings, Paul and Elymas Acts 13:7-11

5. *Supernatural strength:* promised in Deuteronomy 33:25; Psalm 91:16.

Moses at 120 Deuteronomy 34:7
Caleb at 85 Joshua 14:7
Sarah at 89 Hebrews 11:11

6. *Supernatural protection and preservation:* promised in Psalm 34:7; fulfilled for Elisha and his servants in 2 Kings 6:15-17.

7. *Supernatural healing and miracles:* promised; Romans 8:11; Exodus 23:25-27. The lame man at Beautiful Gate Acts 3, Dorcas raised by Peter Acts 9:36-37, 40.

8. *Supernatural provision:* Psalm 37:25. Widow of Zarephat 1 Kings 17, The wedding at Cana in Galilee John 2

9. *Supernatural deliverance:* Isaiah 49:25. The three Hebrew children Daniel 3; Daniel in the Lion's den Daniel 6; Peter in prison Acts 12.

10. *Supernatural progress and promotion:* Isaiah 49:23; Deuteronomy 28:1, 12-13. Joseph in Egypt Genesis 41:38-40, Daniel in Babylon Daniel 1. What academic/professional qualification do they have and how do they get it?

11. *Supernatural transition or translation and glory:*

Enoch Genesis 5
Jacob Genesis 49
Elijah 2 Kings 2

3. **Connecting to and benefitting from the anointing**

Achievable through:

i. Relationship with God John 1:12; Matthew 7:7, 11

ii. Knowledge of His will 1 John 5:14

iii. Faith in God and His word Mark 11:27; Luke 1 :37

iv. Righteousness combined with fervent prayer James 5:13-16

v. Fasting Mark 9:25, 28-38



vi. Vows and covenant with God if your faith is insufficient to carry you. Psalm 89:34

vii. Acceptance of and confidence in the anointing of tested and trusted servants of God. Matthew 10:40-41.

After prayer for the anointing, as we walk the path of faith and obedience to the Holy Spirit, doing what He has sent



us to do, we just begin to discover that our everyday events and schedules or encounters begin to take on supernatural dimensions that people cannot but notice. The gift of the Spirit is for us today. It is the token evidence of the presence and power of God's Spirit working in and working through those who have been filled with the Spirit of God.



'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy I will show wonders in heaven above And signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke.'" Acts 17-19

For more info on the Mission, log on to:

www.watchmanoutreachmission.org

John Graham Lake was born on March 18, 1870 in Ontario, Canada. When he was small, his family moved to Michigan, in the United States. While still young, Lake attended a Salvation Army meeting and became convicted of his sins and converted. Lake was incredibly impacted by illness. He was one of sixteen children, and over the course of his young life eight of them died. He grew to hate sickness, grief, and death that were so much a part of his family life.

Lake felt a call to the ministry, and studied to become a Methodist minister. He took to heart the Methodist teaching on sanctification and sought it passionately. When his studies were done, however, he made a decision to go into business and start a newspaper in Illinois. Then he moved back to Michigan and began a career in real estate. He met Jennie Stevens and married her.

Sicknesses continue to hound Lake. His brother was an invalid, one sister had extensive cancer, another sister had bleeding problems. His wife had tuberculosis and heart disease. In 1899 the family heard about John Alexander Dowie. They took Lake's brother to his healing rooms in Chicago, and he was instantly healed. Both sisters then went as well and were healed. Finally, Lake contacted people to pray for his wife and in June of 1899, and she was also healed.

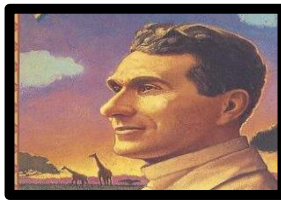
He opened the scriptures to see **Acts 10:38** *"You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good, and healing all who were oppressed by the devil; for God was with Him".*

He saw in it clearly that Jesus is the healer and Satan is the oppressor of men. Lake became a member of Dowie's congregation and began seeking a fuller level of the presence of God.

While praying for a sick woman in the company of another man, God's presence fell on and over him like he'd never known before. The next six months were marked by conviction, repentance, and heart cleansing.

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

JOHN GRAHAM LAKE
1870-1935



The gifts of the Spirit became magnified; discernment and healing gifting increased dramatically.

John Lake knew that he would have to start his own work. He felt called to Africa and went there in 1908. Over a five year period in South Africa Lake saw 1,000,000 converts, planted hundreds of churches, and raised over 1000 local ministers. The work was strenuous, his wife died in December 1908. Committed to keep his family together, in 1913, Lake returned to the United States, with his seven children.

Back in the United States, he remarried, and began a traveling ministry. One of the places he was asked to speak was Spokane, Washington. He started a healing room there. In five year period, over 100,000 healings were reported. Although Lake's church was never large, thousands came from all over the country and the world to receive prayer. In 1920, he felt called to move to Portland, Oregon and start a healing room ministry there. Similar healings were reported during these years as well.

Later, Lake considered starting a healing room ministry in towns up and down the west coast. But his strength was beginning to wane because he lived life at an incredible pace. He went to Houston, Texas to start a church, but was called away by a family crisis and never returned. He ministered briefly in churches in California, returned to pastor in Portland for a season, and finally settled back in Spokane for the remainder of his life. He died on September 15, 1935.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Acts 1:8

SONG OF THE MONTH

WITH SIGNS FOLLOWING

1. When first the risen Lord of pow'r
His chosen ones sent forth,
A charge He gave, that solemn hour,
To preach His saving worth.
"Go ye," said He, "to all mankind;
Declare My Word, and ye shall find:
These signs shall surely follow them
Who on My Name believe."
2. "No demons shall before them stand,
No poison do them harm;
Nor subtle serpent in their hand
Cause pain or dread alarm."
For Satan's kingdom He o'ercame,
To give His people right to claim:
"These signs shall surely follow them
Who on My Name believe."
3. "They shall with other tongues declare
The wonders of their God:
The sick beneath their hands, by prayer,
Shall rise, to prove My Word,"
So let it be! Firm as His Throne
Stands this clear promise to His own:
"These signs shall surely follow them
Who on My Name believe."
4. Crowned with the flame of Pentecost,
A faithful, fearless band
Proclaimed His Name: a ransomed host
Arose from every land.
The Lord worked with them from on High,
His proven Word could none deny:
"These signs shall surely follow them
Who on My Name believe."
5. No word of Thine is void of power;
No Promise, Lord, is vain.
Be this a Pentecostal hour -
Confirm Thy Word again!
Nor can'st Thou fail! Thou art the same
As when of old Thou did'st proclaim:
"These signs shall surely follow them
Who on My Name believe."

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