



WATCHMAN'S TRUMPET



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FROM THE MISSION DIRECTOR

Hello,

I welcome you to this new month and present to you March 2023 edition of Watchman's Trumpet. The theme of this month's edition is "Divine blueprint for unceasing supply in challenging times"

We live in challenging times characterized by endemic scarcity. At such a time many resorts to desperate measures to make ends meet, leaving God out of their equation. Against this background, our lead reference Luke 4:1-4 described how the devil tempted Jesus to turn stone into bread to satisfy His hunger after 40 days' fasting. The Lord declined and told the devil that bread alone, fetched in disregard to the word of God will not sustain life. We need this same lesson today. We must pay attention to the word of God, make it our guide, and rule for living.

Christ's response to the devil's temptation quoted from Deuteronomy 8:2-3 revealed how God met the needs of Israelites in the wilderness when they obeyed Him. To them obedience to God did not come naturally, they were trained and conditioned to obey. We need such training today.

The word of God will give us more and do for us much more than satisfaction of our physical hunger if we build our life on it. It will bring us into unending relationship with God and with Christ that transcends the shores of earthly life. It will produce in us living faith by which we can touch Jesus like the Woman with issue of blood in Mark 5:25-29 did.

It is as we study the word of God that we come across and are able to hold on to great promises from God such as the one in Mathew 7:7-11 that guarantees answers to our prayers

Taken together, it becomes clear that notwithstanding the difficulties and challenges of living in these end-times, we can have all our needs met as it was with Israelites in the wilderness. Like them, God has in store sufficient daily miracles for every need in our lives but we must know how to tap into it. The fundamental nature of the Christian faith is the experience and daily enjoyment of life in the supernatural. However, there are proven principles and strategies that guarantees the meeting of our needs that is explored in this edition of Watchman's Trumpet.

My prayer is that the Holy Spirit will guide you to discover and apply them as you read this Magazine. I pray that you will daily be loaded with miracles of God's sufficiency and abundance that will sufficiently meet every area of need in your life in Jesus name. Welcome!

TEACHING ISRAEL OBEDIENCE OF FAITH

And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered. And the devil said unto him,



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If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread. And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God" Luke 4:1-4.

Our text described the first temptation of Christ by Satan. Jesus was hungry. He had been fasting for forty days. The devil suggested to Him that He should turn stone into bread and eat. Jesus replied that physical bread alone does not sustain life; we must pay attention to the word of God. There are many lessons we can learn from these as we consider these three subtopics:

1. Instructional miracles for Israel in the wilderness
2. Sustenance and satisfaction of the obedient
3. Patience of obedient believers in times of need

1. Instructional miracles for Israel in the wilderness

“And thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no. And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live” Deuteronomy 8:2-3.

Jesus in His response to Satan’s temptation to turn stone into bread quoted from Deuteronomy 8:4. The context of this quotation suggested that the process by which Israel was supernaturally fed in the wilderness passed them through training. The goal of the training was to make them prioritize and reverence the word of God; and make it their rule for living. First, He allowed them to experience hunger. This experience turned them to God. There was nothing else to do in the wilderness. God responded by raining down Manna at a certain rate per day and it came with clear instructions to test their inclination towards obedience. The instructions included the fact that Manna will be available for only six days.

The Lord commanded expressly that each person was to gather only what was sufficient for him to eat for each day. They were not to leave anything until morning except on the sixth day when they were to gather two days’ measure; the measure they would eat on the sixth and the seventh day. They were not to go out on the seventh rest day in honour for the Lord’s Sabbath. The people’s response to these commandments betrayed their unbelief and anxiety

but over time they were trained to be obedient to God.

First, when they went out to gather Manna, some gathered more, others less. The first miracle that took place was that when they measure it with Omer, those who gathered more have no extra and those who gathered little found in their measure what was sufficient. Secondly, those who kept part of it until morning find out that it bred maggots and were smelly. Thirdly and ironically the double portion for the sixth day remained fresh; their measures of two day’s portion and the left over after the first day remained fresh as it was gathered. It never bred worms.

Finally, those who went out on the Sabbath day found nothing. Israel’s responses and attitude towards God from the time they began to experience hunger, up until and including the time that supplies came were that of grumbling, fault-finding, worries and anxiety, unbelief and disobedience. However, since the supply process and programme never changed, over time the people were conditioned to respond to God and His commandments in faith, godliness, contentment and obedience.

2. Sustenance and satisfaction of the faithful and the obedient

“Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed” Psalm 37:3

“Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. “... my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus” Philippians 4:6, 19.



Many years have passed between the feeding of Israel in the wilderness by God, Jesus’ quotation in response to the devil’s temptation and now, but it seems men in general have not come closer to



the stage of internalizing the lessons of faith, absolute obedience to God, contentment and godliness which the two incidences teach. Multitude still responds to God in times of need in the same way that Israel responded when they were hungry and often times ignored the response of Christ. Believers in need armed with God’s promises should respond to God in faith.

3. Patience of obedient believers in times of need

“But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you” Jeremiah 7:23.

“Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry” Hebrews 10:35-37.

Between prayers on the promises of God and performance of what God promised, there will be need for patience. Such times of waiting we can fill by sustained obedience to God in every area of our lives and thanksgiving. Our commitment to God and obedience to Him before, during and after we have our needs met must be sacrosanct. We must recognize, continuously acknowledge and affirm God’s commitment to keep His people supplied with necessities of life. We must exercise confidence in the fact that God who provided for us today will not abandon us when more needs surfaces tomorrow.



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 March 2023

1. Thank God for the power of His word
2. Thank God for His commitment to meet all our needs promised in His word
3. Thank God for the gift of the Holy Spirit and the comfort and peace that He provides in challenging times
4. Pray for consistent commitment to Bible reading and study, worship, fellowship and prayers as well as implicit obedience to the Word of God
5. Pray for grace to reject all suggestions of the devil in times of difficulties, needs and challenges
6. Pray for grace to continuously depend on God and trust Him as we wait for the meeting of our needs
7. Pray for miraculous encounters and supernatural provision of our needs today as in Bible days
8. Pray for responsiveness to God and guidance of His word and Spirit in our efforts to make ends meet daily

“ *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 Follow us on any of our Social media platforms and send your inquiries or prayer requests to any of our digital addresses.

TRUSTING GOD FOR SUPPLY OF GRACE AND FOOD

“Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered. And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread. And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God”
Luke 4:1-4

*“Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him”***Mathew 4:11**

Our text described the first temptation of Christ by Satan. Jesus was hungry. He had been fasting for forty days. The devil suggested to Him that He should turn stone into bread and eat. Jesus replied that physical bread alone does not sustain life; we must pay attention to the word of God. There are more lessons we can learn from these as consider these three subtopics:

1. Insufficiency of physical nourishment for life's sustenance
2. Trusting God in life's wilderness
3. Instances of God's supernatural provision for His needy people

1. Insufficiency of physical nourishment for life's sustenance

*“And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live”***Deuteronomy 8:3.**



“Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein”
Hebrews 13:9

Natural food and material resources without the grace of God and obedience to His commandment will not guarantee the elongation of our days and survival on earth. This we learn from Jesus' statement in Luke 4:4. As we step out daily in search of daily bread we must in our search recognize and acknowledge the obligation we owe God and be responsive to the needs and the feelings of others. These are the things that can guarantee long life. When we dedicate ourselves unreservedly to obey every word of God, we shall be fed.

2. Trusting God in life's wilderness

*“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil”***Proverbs 3:5-7.**

God provided bread miraculously for Israel in their own wilderness journey, He will provide for us. This is highly instructive in the light of wilderness-like situations that existed in many nations of the world today. We should in spite of our pains turn away from the devil and his suggestions and turn to God and His word. We should say “No” and continue to say “No” to the devil.

3. Instances of God's supernatural provision for His needy people

“And Isaac spake unto Abraham his

father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering? And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together. And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son”
Genesis 22:7-8, 13

*“I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread”***Psalms 37:25**

Beyond Israel, instances existed in Bible days and in contemporary times of God's supernatural provision for His needy people. Elijah was miraculously fed and sustained in time of famine. Jesus multiplied a few loaves and pieces of fish to feed thousands.

God's supernatural power is still at work today. Actually entrenched within the Christian faith is the potential for continuous experience of the supernatural. Others before us have trusted God for meeting of their needs or that of others in the past, they were not disappointed; we shall never be disappointed. So, whenever the devil come to us with the temptation to resort to self-help and forget God in meeting of particular physical need, we must remember the words of Christ that man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from God.



ASK, SEEK AND KNOCK

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened"
Mathew 7:7-8

According to our text, the Lord Jesus in the sermon on the mountain promised that God will answer persistent, persevering, importunate prayers of His children. The words 'Ask', 'Seek', and 'Knock' represent graded and escalated level of importunacy and persistence before God's throne.

We shall consider three subtopics in this message:

1. God's benevolence and commitment to answer His children's prayers
2. Priorities in the prayers of God's children
3. Responsible living and answer to prayers

1. God's benevolence and commitment to answer His children's prayers

*"For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?"***Mathew 7:8-11**

*"For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations"***Psalms 100:5**



We learnt in our text that God is benevolent and has sufficient blessings to go round. He is kind, loving and compassionate; a Father that is infinitely good. According to the Lord, no matter how sinful or wicked earthly fathers are, they do not lose filial attachment and affection for their children. When their children seek to be fed, they do not mock them by giving them stone or hurt them by giving them serpent. God is good and much more caring than earthly fathers are. We should therefore understand His readiness and willingness to give good things to His own children and all who ask Him.

2. Priorities in the prayers of God's children

*"And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:"***1 John 5:14**

*"If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him.? Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets"***Mathew 7:11-12.**

Within a broader context of the verses surrounding this promise, it is clear that God wanted us to ask for the strength that we need to do our duty. God wanted us to ask for forgiving grace, wisdom to deal with others within and outside the church with fairness and equity, to prioritize issues connected with God and His kingdom, live free from aggression or retaliation, fast when we should, discipline our mind and care for others. These should be our priorities.

Our asking should focus more on these to have hundred percent answers to prayers.

3. Responsible living and receiving answers to prayers

*"If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him.? Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets"***Mathew 7:11-12.**

*"Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts"***James 4:3.**

The Golden Rule was annexed to this promise in our text. The opening word "therefore" and reference to "the law and the prophets" suggested that it was a conclusion of Christ's teaching on ethics and morality that began in Mathew 7:1. It is the summary of the entire sermon on the mountain. Luke's gospel annexed it to "love thy enemies". Christ described it as being the summary of the law and the prophets, that is, the Old Testament scriptures.



It is an embodiment of the principle of godliness and righteous living. It is the entire law of God simplified. When we come to God to make requests or ask for what we need, God will check up to see how we ourselves responded to the needs, pains and hurts of others around us and how we treat them. This could determine whether we receive from Him or not in our own time of need and hour of trouble.

RECEIVING AND ENJOYING GOD'S BEST INA CROWD

“And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. For she said, if I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague” Mark 5:25-29.

Our text described how a woman who had been bleeding for twelve years, who had exhausted all her earnings and savings on medical treatment but grew worse, pushed through the crowd and touched the hem of the garment of Jesus. While coming to Jesus, she had kept saying to herself that if only she could touch His garment, she shall be healed. She did and she was healed. Her encounter formed the focus of this ministration as we consider these subtopics:

1. The crowded world and the crowded church
2. The faith of a lonely seeker
3. Divine-human connection transforming life

1. The crowded world and the crowded church

Jesus crossed Galilean lake from the eastern side where He healed a demoniac to the west. On coming to Galilean side of the lake, a large crowd welcomed Him. As we step back to look at a cross section of the people in the crowd, we see in it a cross section of today's world and the church. The crowd that surrounded Jesus are made up of all kinds of people - the disciples, miracle seekers, spectators

sinners, unbelievers, synagogue attendees and rulers, religious leaders, publicans, Pharisees, lawyers, friends and enemies, the sick, the desperate, the poor, the rich, indigenes and foreigners, immigrants, realists and scientists, the doubters and scorners, the sarcastic and the presumptuous, sincere, obedient and faithful followers, traitors and betrayers like Judas Iscariot, parents, children, families, neighbours, brothers and sisters. They pressed and pushed, bumping into Him and into one another.

We find in this crowd a reflection of life and struggles in the world and perhaps the picture of a congregation of church people who gathered to hold services, crusades, or prayer meeting, Bible study, vigil, revival etc. The world is a pushing, jostling and shoving place and in it, it is sometimes difficult to get a space to stand. It is sometimes difficult in a large gathering for the disadvantaged and underprivileged to get noticed. Unfortunately, sometimes-church services are like that. The good news is that Jesus notices everyone who comes to His meeting; that much we learn from our text. Therefore, when we come to such a meeting, we must come with faith and focus; otherwise, we might come with nothing and go home with nothing.



2. The faith of a lonely seeker

“When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague” Mark 5:27-29

“And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. 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. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them” Mark 11:22-24

The account of what happened to the woman with issue of blood in our text shows that she came prepared. Christ confessed that her faith saved and healed her. The seed of that faith was her thought before beginning her journey to where Christ was. She heard about Jesus and was determined to get to Him and touch the hem of His cloth. Her faith broke through three remarkable barriers:

- i. The effect of worsening health and disease condition Mark 5:26
- ii. The restriction imposed by Jewish law Leviticus 15:19-31, Haggai 2:11-13
- iii. The wall of crowd which surrounded Jesus Mark 5:27

Many people who by determination are able to overcome barriers imposed by distance, rowdy crowd, unbelief, and fears or worries are touching Christ and Christ is still touching them today Hebrews 13:8. They are living lives of impact in the world. If it is happening to others; why not you? All you need to do as we are connected is to set a time to your miracle like this woman did. At the set time, before a final amen, you will discover that your miracle is right there by your side.



“Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened” Matthew 7:7-8

3. Divine- human connection transforming life

“When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. For she said, if I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague”
Mark 5:27-29.

This woman with bleeding problem went through twelve years of horror, pains, frustrations, disappointments, organ damage, body aches, weakness and embarrassment. In just one day, with one little touch and connection with Jesus, all her problems vanished. This woman touched Jesus and something happened in her body. She knew it, the Lord knew it too. She felt it in her body. Jesus testified about it too, that power flowed from His body into hers. She left in peace, with the peace of God in her heart and life. She was permanently transformed. It can happen to you. Every time you come to meetings of God’s children or approach God on your own for a need, come with faith and focus. Waves and currents of God’s supernatural power hover over believers’ gatherings and are transmitted across lands to distant places to change men’s situation and transform lives. You will be touched and transformed today in Jesus name!

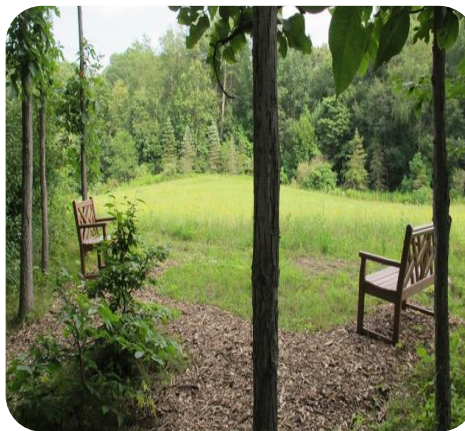
All who want to benefit from help that comes from above must look up. Problems come to men in life sometimes because of looking at the wrong thing and looking in the wrong direction. To get the best from God we must realign our focus. We must look away from men who are limited in knowledge, power and ability and look at the boundless holy mountains called heaven where the Most High lives.



Jesus promised to make His presence felt in the meeting of believers -

- i. When and where we congregate in His name Mathew 18:18-20
- ii. When we preach and teach what He commanded Mathew 28:18-20
- iii. When and where we live and walk in obedience to His word John 14:23
- iv. Where and when we practice godliness and contentment Hebrews 13:5-6

We touch Him by our earnest prayers Mathew 14:30, saintly thoughts 2 Samuel 7:1-3, 12-16, dedicated service Daniel 6:20-22, affectionately caring for others in His name Proverbs 19:17 and by commitment to regular and consistent fellowship with God and His people John 20:19 - 20. To such a place and at the appointed time, we should come with faith and focus. There is a way in which every fellowship we attend could be special and change our lives. I invite you to that way tonight. Stand up and stand out, don’t get lost in the crowd. Touch Jesus personally and let Him touch you; do it **RIGHT NOW!**



We must recognize the possibility of transfer of divine grace, spiritual power and healing virtues by believers and ministers’ touch directly or contact with items or materials that had been in contact with their bodies Mark 16:17-18, Acts 19:12 or by their prayers James 5:14,16. But like the case of this woman with bleeding problems, personal faith expressed by recipients of miracle is very important.

Finally, this woman openly shared her testimony with others; she did not keep it to herself. It is obvious from Luke 8:45-48, that Jesus expected those who benefitted from His healing power to tell the story. Your testimony may well be what someone else needed to receive and give his own. The fundamental nature of the Christian faith is that of experience and enjoyment of life in the supernatural.

Brothers and sisters, we live in challenging times, problems and difficulties are increasing in the world but by connecting with God and operating by the principles of dynamics of faith which we learn today, we can live and walk daily in the supernatural anywhere, anytime. That is what God wanted for us. That is what Christ promised. Therefore, wherever you are, believe and receive **RIGHT NOW!** Receive healing, receive strength, receive provisions, receive help, receive solution, receive deliverance, receive power, receive grace, and receive life of abundance that the Lord promised; receive in the name of **JESUS!** Let your faith work for you as it did for the woman with issue of blood!



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Evan Roberts was born on June 8th 1878 at Island House near the banks of the River Loughor. His parents Henry and Hannah Roberts were committed Christians. On September 29th Evan attended a conference at Blaenannerch with a group of young men from the Grammar School. Rev. Seth Joshua prayed during one of the meetings that God would bend the people in the congregation. Evan knelt in the pew and prayed fervently that God would bend him. This proved to be a turning point in Evan's life. Before this experience, something seemed to hold him back from knowing the fullness of joy and certainty that he was forgiven by God. After the experience he felt ready to follow God's leading in everything he did. Evan was unable to concentrate on his studies as his mind was in turmoil. He explained to the minister of Newcastle Emlyn, Rev Evan Phillips, that the Holy Spirit was urging him to return to Loughor to work with the young people of Moriah. He followed his advice and caught the train home.

Commencing on Monday night 31st October a series of prayer meetings were held at Moriah in which Evan made urgent appeals to the people to rise and confess Christ publicly. Each night the presence of the Holy Spirit became more powerful and more people confessed the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour. The revival meetings were extraordinary; The chapels were filled to capacity and there were crowds of people on the roads outside. Yet there was no disorder in the meetings. They lasted until 2, 3 or 4 o'clock in the morning so that men coming off the night shift in the colliery met the people coming out of the meetings. Thousands of people were saved. Public houses became almost empty. Men and women who used to waste their money getting drunk were now saving it and giving it to the church. They were using their money to buy clothes and food for their families. Stealing and other offences became less and less. Often a magistrate came to court and found that there were no cases for him to try. Men who blasphemed learned to talk purely. The miners put in a better day's work but the pit ponies could not understand what had happened to the miners as they spoke to them more kindly. They were so used to being sworn at. Unused to the miners' transformed language of their handlers, they became disobedient!

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

EVAN ROBERTS
1878 - 1951



People who had been careless about paying their bills or paying back money they had borrowed gave back all they owed. People who had quarreled forgave each other and were reconciled. Society was changed and Wales became a God-fearing nation.

The Revival storm that hit the hills and valleys of Wales in the autumn of 1904 soon became a hurricane. For two years between November 1904 and 1906 God anointed Evan Roberts to release a powerful movement of the Holy Spirit. The result of this was 100,000 Christians who profoundly influenced the spiritual life of Wales and the world. The Revival importantly produced a world-wide movement in the Apostolic Church. It spreads as ripples of water on a pond to Europe first, then America, and eventually to all five continents.

Exhausted from a formidable schedule of meetings Evan Roberts suffered from extreme overtiredness. He found refuge in the home of William and Jessie Penn-Lewis in Leicestershire in the spring of 1906. By 1907 he had recovered his health and became a prayer intercessor, spending up to 18 hours a day in prayer. In 1924 he moved to Brighton and then to Worthing. In 1930 He returned to Wales and lived quietly in Cardiff. He worshipped at a Welsh chapel there.

Evan Roberts died on 29th January, 1951 at age 72. He was buried in a family plot behind Moriah Chapel in Loughor.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

"... Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you" Jeremiah 7:23

SONG OF THE MONTH THROUGH THE LOVE OF GOD OUR SAVIOUR

1. Through the love of God our Saviour,
all will be well.
Free and changeless is his favour,
all, all is well.
Precious is the blood that healed us,
perfect is the grace that sealed us,
strong the hand stretched forth to shield us,
all must be well.
2. Though we pass through tribulation,
all will be well.
Ours is such a full salvation,
all, all is well.
Happy, still in God confiding,
fruitful, if in Christ abiding,
holy, through the Spirit's guiding,
all must be well.
3. We expect a bright tomorrow,
all will be well.
Faith can sing through days of sorrow,
'All, all is well.'
On our Father's love relying,
Jesus every need supplying,
in our living, in our dying,
all must be well.

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