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THE ACCEPTABLE YEAR OF THE LORD

LUKE 4:19; ISAIAH 49:8



Hello, dearly beloved!

This is the week the LORD God has made! We will rejoice and be glad in it in the name of Jesus!

It is important that you learn how to proclaim the word of God. Proclamation is powerful. It is declaring audibly and authoritatively the word of God over your life or a situation. What is proclaimed is what will be published.

In Isaiah 43:26, it is written, '... declare thou that ye shall be justified.' That word 'declare' can also mean to proclaim.

What you believe you proclaim and what you proclaim will be confirmed in your life. It is also what you believe and proclaim that justifies (makes you right) before God. So don't be quiet - proclaim and you will be justified before God.

I have continued to receive many testimonies from some of church members as this sermon series continues. It has been a word in season for some, and to others, a word of rest and direction. All glory be to God!

The word of God declares in Job 6:25, "how forcible are right words." The right word has the capacity to force its way into our lives and produce what is most needed. I thank God that He has sent us His word in season at the right time.

My utmost prayer is that the word of God will not return without accomplishing all that God intended for every one of us in this season in the name of Jesus.

Whatever you are going through, as we go on in this sermon series, this word in season will settle you.

I will also strongly suggest that you go through again the notes you took during sermons and to listen or watch those sermons again. There are things you will pick up or be reminded of that the Holy Spirit will bring to your remembrance.

May the lines for you only in pleasant places this week in Jesus' name!

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**LET'S GET TO
KNOW YOU
BETTER!**

Don't do life alone....

God sets the lonely person in
families... (Psalm 68:6)

This is your family and spiritual
home. So don't remain isolated or
be lost in the crowd.

We want to know you better and
make you feel and be a valued
member of this church.

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their God-ordained destinies and
to be a Godly influence wherever
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MID-WEEK SERVICE (ONLINE ONLY)

SERMON SUMMARIES

1ST SERVICE: THE BURDEN BEARER (Part 1)

If the Word of God cannot tame you, or cannot control yourself, you might be experiencing a stage of madness, but don't know it. The Word of God made everything - anything you use the Word of God to address will answer to you. If you can't sit under the Word, the Word cannot work for you. Sitting under the Word means yielding to the Word, sitting under the authority of the Word.

3 evidence of sure deliverance are 1, you sit under God's Word, 2, your appearance, 3, a right mind, which means a sound mind. Having a "right mind" means being free from the cloud of anxiety and fear. In *2 Timothy 1:7*, the Bible reminds us that God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and a sound mind. When these three essential gifts are missing, fear takes hold.

Fear often comes from anxiety and worry—anxiety being troubled thoughts, and worry being heavy burdens on the heart. How do we overcome these? In *Philippians 4:6*, we are encouraged to be anxious for nothing. Nothing should cause us to be burdened with anxiety or worry. Jesus also teaches us in **Matthew 6:25-30* not to worry about our daily needs like food and drink. Instead, He says we should "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness" (*Matthew 6:33*).

To seek the kingdom of God means to pursue His will above all else. To seek His righteousness is to live a life pleasing to Him every day.

Everything you need for your life, God has already made. It is as you believe in God and obey Him, you enter into the rest God has made for you. The proof that you exist today shows that there is something God has for you.

2ND SERVICE: THE BURDEN BEARER (Part 2)

Jesus invites all who are weighed down by burdens to come to Him and find rest (*Matthew 11:28-30*).

Here are some of the ways Jesus has made this possible for us:

1. He takes away our sins and blots them out (*Isaiah 43:25*)
2. He carries our griefs (*Isaiah 53:4*)
3. He bears our sorrows (*1 Peter 2:24-25*)
4. He takes our diseases—"by His stripes, we are healed" (*Isaiah 53:5*)

Familiarity destroys the anointing. When you come to Church, come with expectation, come with your worries and burdens and dump them on Jesus. We carry our burdens on our shoulders, and when we come to Church and lift up our hands, the burdens are taken off us. No Church service is the same.

Jesus is the burden bearer, and so when we come to Church, we come to meet with Him. Every time we come to Church, we come to the Heavenly Jerusalem.

When we come to Church, we have come to Mount Zion and the city of the living God. In a city, everything we need is there. The Bible is our tour guide, our showroom. If you don't know much of the Bible, you won't know what to pick. There are certain blessings you won't get until you come to Church.

When you come to Church without expectations, you won't know that your burdens could have been lifted. The house of God is the gate of heaven on earth. It is not a normal place. Once we are gathered in Church, God is present, and numerous Angels are gathered.

MIDWEEK SERVICE: THIS BLESSING CALLED REST

In Matthew 11:28, Jesus invites all who are heavily burdened to come to Him, promising that He will give them rest. Burdens were never meant to be our natural state; they were introduced as a consequence of the fall of man.

Man is composed of spirit, soul, and body (1 Thessalonians 5:23). According to Proverbs 20:27, the spirit of man is the candle of God, which means God communes with us through our spirit. However, when man disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden, he experienced spiritual death—losing his ability to fellowship with God.

The soul is the centre of our emotions, thoughts, and will, where our desires and aspirations reside. The body serves as the vessel that houses both spirit and soul.

Because of the fall, our nature was altered, and decay entered the world. One of the prominent consequences of the fall is restlessness. But Jesus came to bring us rest. First, He offers rest through salvation when we accept His work on our behalf. Then, He provides ongoing rest in our daily lives as we learn from Him (Matthew 11:29).

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DAILY DEVOTIONAL

People will always come in and leave your life. This is normal. But make sure they neither take away your self-confidence nor leave you bitter. Both are deep, dark holes you should do all in your power to avoid falling into. Once your self-confidence takes a hit, nothing much will be left.

The loss of self-confidence can lead to depression. "The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity, but a wounded spirit who can bear?" (Proverbs 18:14 KJV). A wounded spirit is a crushed spirit. The symptoms of a crushed spirit are discouragement, depression, and confusion. At this point, you become vulnerable to negativity and bitterness.

Bitterness defiles. (Hebrews 12:15). It is worse than a plague. It was what destroyed Esau and his descendants. (Amos 1:11-12). It was the folly of Haman. (Esther 3:2-6). And see how he ended. (Esther 7:10). By all means, you should never allow the bile of bitterness in your heart. It is the bait of the devil to destroy you.

Word: The root of bitterness is offence. Offence leads to unforgiveness. If you harbour unforgiveness, the heavens over your life will be closed. (Mark 1:24-26). This is one of the reasons many answers to prayers are yet to manifest.

Prayer: Father, I forgive and release, from my heart, everyone who has offended me or whom I have fought against. I bless them and wish them well in the name of Jesus. Amen.

[Click this link for daily devotional \(Monday - Saturday\).](#)

BIBLE READING

DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday	EZEKIEL 13-15; PSALM 56
Monday	EZEKIEL 16-18; PSALM 57
Tuesday	EZEKIEL 19-21; PSALM 58
Wednesday	EZEKIEL 22-24; PSALM 59
Thursday	EZEKIEL 25-27; PSALM 60
Friday	EZEKIEL 28-30; PSALM 61
Saturday	EZEKIEL 31-33; PSALM 62

AUGUST Birthday Celebrants

- Vivian Okeke 2nd
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- Victoria Elaigwu. 28th
- Precious Aigbe. 29th



The Heartbeat of the Home: Called to Nurture, Serve and Shine (1)

In a world of shifting values, conflicting messages about womanhood and cultural opinions often drown out God's timeless truth, the Christian woman stands at a unique crossroads, and her role remains anchored in the unchanging Word of God. Whether as a daughter, wife, mother, homemaker, or caregiver, the born-again woman carries a unique call to reflect Christ's love in every sphere of life. This calling is both a privilege and a responsibility.

In the grand tapestry of the Christian home, the woman holds a position of immense importance and sacred calling. Far from being a burden of duty, this is a beautiful and powerful expression of God's design, guided not by fleeting cultural trends but by the timeless wisdom of His Word. This article explores these roles with a focus on biblical principles, cultural context, and the grace required to live them out faithfully.

Scripture provides a beautiful, complex portrait of godly womanhood that encompasses strength and gentleness, leadership and submission, independence and interdependence. The Proverbs 31 woman—often misunderstood or oversimplified—represents not a checklist of perfection, but a vision of a woman who fears the Lord and walks in wisdom, strength, and dignity.

The Foundation: Woman as Image Bearer

- Before exploring specific roles, we must establish the fundamental truth: women are created in God's image (Genesis 1:27). Her worth is not defined by her marital status, her appearance, or her possessions, but by her identity in Christ (Galatians 3:26). She is fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:14), with innate strengths and tenderness that God designed for His purposes. This means every woman possesses inherent dignity, worth, and purpose that circumstances, failures, or cultural devaluation cannot diminish. God equipped her with unique gifts, perspectives, and callings.

Cultural Context: Many women today struggle with identity issues rooted in childhood experiences or cultural messages. Some grew up in homes where women were devalued, silenced, or treated as less important than men.

Others absorbed cultural messages that define worth through achievement, appearance, or relationships. The gospel calls us to reject both extremes—neither diminishing women's capabilities nor defining them solely through others.

The Blueprint of a Godly Woman: A Proverbial Life

The ultimate biblical model for a godly woman is found in Proverbs 31. This passage doesn't describe a "superwoman" but a woman of strength, dignity, and diligence. She is:

A woman of character who is clothed with strength and dignity and laughs at the time to come (Proverbs 31:25).

A diligent homemaker who works with willing hands, manages her household with foresight, and ensures her family is well-cared for (Proverbs 31:13-15,27). This extends beyond physical tasks to creating a home that is a sanctuary of peace and love.

A compassionate caregiver who extends her hands to the poor and needy (Proverbs 31:20).

A wise counsellor who opens her mouth with wisdom and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue (Proverbs 31:26).

This woman is a pillar of her home and community, and her worth is far above rubies (Proverbs 31:10). Her life is a testament to the fact that a Christian woman's influence is boundless.

The Single Woman: Complete in Christ

Not every woman is called to marriage, and singleness is not a waiting room for "real life" to begin. The Apostle Paul actually praised singleness as offering unique opportunities for undivided devotion to the Lord (1 Corinthians 7:7-8). Single women can pursue God's calling with focused energy, serve the church and community in unique ways, and model complete fulfilment in Christ alone.

The Wife: A Covenant of Partnership, Love and Submission

The biblical call for a wife to submit to her husband is a topic often misunderstood and misused. The cultural context in which many of us were raised can lead to a misinterpretation of this as a mandate for dominance and passive obedience. However, scripture paints a different picture.

Submission is not subservience. The full context of Ephesians 5:21 commands believers to be "submitting to one another in the fear of God." A wife's submission is a matter of mutual respect, a choice to honour her husband's spiritual leadership as he, in turn, loves her as Christ loved the church.

The heart of submission is love and trust. It is a conscious decision to trust your husband's leadership, knowing that his love for you is rooted in Christ's sacrificial love. This dynamic is rooted in 1 Peter 3:1-6, where Peter's counsel to wives is to win their husbands "without a word" by their respectful and pure conduct. This is a quiet, powerful influence born of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious (1Peter3:4).

When Submission Becomes Dangerous

Critical Caveat: Biblical wisdom never requires a woman to:

- Endure physical, emotional or sexual abuse
- Enable sinful or destructive behavior
- Remain silent about illegal or harmful activities
- Sacrifice her children's safety or wellbeing



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