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INTRODUCTION

hen the court of Heaven convenes, who may appear before it to plead a case? What is the legal requirement and dress code for entering into the court?

The Bible shows us clearly, that those who are born again have the right and privilege to access the court of Heaven and present or defend a case. Yet, many believers do not know that they have the legal right to do so. As a result, they are outsmarted by the devil, who never stops accusing them in court and riding on their ignorance to obtain court injunctions and rulings against their life and prosperity.

This revelatory book is written to give every believer a rare insight into how to dress up to enter the court of Heaven, defend your case and obtain favourable rulings, that will keep the devil away from all that concerns you.

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- ~ The Legality of Prayers
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CHAPTER ONE THE JUDGE AND HIS COURT

hroughout scriptures, we see the revelation of who God is and the manifestation of His Person. In the Book of Genesis for instance, we see Him as the Creator of Heaven and Earth.

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Genesis 1:1

The scripture also portrays Him as a Great King over all the earth.

For the LORD most high is terrible; he is a great King over all the earth.

Psalm 47:2

For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

Psalm 95:3

We also know Him to be Our Father.

But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.

1 Corinthians 8:6

One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Ephesians 4:6

The Bible further tells us that God is Love.

He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

1 John 4:8

In Deuteronomy Chapter 4, we see that He is a Consuming Fire.

For the LORD thy God is a consuming fire, even a jealous God.

Deuteronomy 4:24

Again, in the Book of 1st John, the Bible says that He is Light.

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

1 John 1:5

However, in Genesis Chapter 18, when Abraham had an encounter with the LORD, we see how that He refers to Him by a new title: The Judge of the whole earth.

And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the LORD. And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked? Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein? That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right? And the LORD said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes.

Genesis 18:22~26

Did you see that? Abraham referred to the LORD as the Judge of the whole earth, and the Lord did not dispute this. Does this suggest that God is indeed a judge?

Other scriptures confirm this revelation as we see below:

So that a man shall say, Verily there is a reward for the righteous: verily he is a God that judgeth in the earth.

Psalm 58:11

And the heavens shall declare his righteousness: for God is judge himself. Selah.

Psalm 50:6

But <u>God is the judge</u>: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.

Psalm 75:7

So, if God is indeed a judge as we have seen, then He must have a court and a jurisdiction, as one cannot talk about a judge without a court and a system of justice.

The Reality Of The Court Of Heaven

It is impossible for a kingdom to exist without a judicial system. Even the least countries on earth have courts set up by the rulers or government of the people, for justice and judgment. These courts exist to protect laws and covenants, and to punish violators.

In the same way, there are courts in Heaven, set up by the Most High God, to have jurisdiction over spiritual laws and covenants. These courts also take decisions and make judgements that affect the lives of people here on earth.

The Court Of Heaven

I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

Daniel 7:9~10

In the scripture above, Daniel gives a vivid picture of a court setting in Heaven. The Good News Bible translation makes it clearer.

While I was looking, thrones were put in place. One who had been living forever sat down on one of the thrones. His clothes were white as snow, and his hair was like pure wool. His throne, mounted on fiery wheels, was blazing with fire, a stream of fire was pouring out from it. There were many thousands of people there to serve him, and millions of people stood before him. The court began its session, and the books were opened.

Daniel 7:9~10 (GNB)

This shows us that indeed, there is a court in Heaven, that sits to deliver judgment. In this court, God sits as the judge.

I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit,

Daniel 7:9a

The Bible tells us more about the composition of this court in Hebrews Chapter 12.

But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, and to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

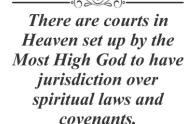
Hebrews 12:22~24

From the scripture above, you can see that this court is made

up of angels, the Church, God,
the saints who have died, Jesus
Christ, and His blood. What a
court!

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Jesus Christ spoke a parable alluding to the operations of the court of Heaven, and how we can obtain favourable rulings as sons of God.





And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint; Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man: And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary. And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man; Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me. And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith. And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

Luke 18:1~8

In other words, you have the right to approach the court of Heaven to present a case or to seek redress for any anomaly or injustice that you may notice in your life, or around you. And just like the unjust judge in Jesus' parable, God will avenge those who seek justice in the court of Heaven.

And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? I tell you that he will avenge them speedily.

Luke 18:7~8a

It is also important to note that Satan has access to the court of Heaven, where he appears as an accuser of the brethren.

And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

Revelations 12:10

A good example is seen in Job Chapter 1, where Satan approached the court to bring an accusation against Job.

Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them. And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou?

Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought? Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face.

Job 1:6~11

Satan is still doing the same today, accusing believers before the court of Heaven. However, the court of Heaven is also accessible to every believer.

But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, to

the general assembly and church of the firstborn...

Hebrews 12:22~23a

This is why you ought to learn how to approach the court of Heaven yourself, to plead cases on behalf of yourself and others, and to obtain favourable ruling.

We will discuss more on this in the next chapter.

CHAPTER TWO PRAYERS IN COURT

Just as we have established, God is a judge who presides over the court of Heaven, and it is important that we understand how to approach this court to seek redress or demand justice on an issue. This all begins with prayer.

Prayer Is Not Just Talking To God

Some persons see prayer as a religious rite - what you do religiously every morning and evening. This is not right! Prayer is more than just talking to God as popularly defined and taught, neither is it a religious rite. It is an opportunity to function with God and act with Him. In it lies the weapon of the believer against the devil and his demons in the court of Heaven.

The Legality Of Prayer

The reason why many believers fail to get results in prayer is that they see and relate with prayer more as a spiritual thing than a legal thing. But prayer is more of a legal thing than it is spiritual. The more you begin to see and relate with prayer as a legal thing, the more you would begin to get results when you pray.

For instance, a court session is actually an opportunity for lawyers to pray the judge to deliver judgment in their favour, by presenting the facts of their cases in the most favourable light and according to legal procedures. According to an online dictionary, Prayer is a **legal** word, which refers to a request for something, or action which a person asks a Court to do, or not to do. It is the specific request for judgment, relief and/or damages at the conclusion of a complaint or petition. A prayer gives the judge an idea of what is sought, and when a defendant fails to answer to this prayer, he may have a default judgment entered against him for the amount prayed for.

In the same way, prayer gives believers the right and privilege to stand before the Judge, in the court of Heaven and appeal or demand justice on an issue.

What Really Is Prayer?

Prayer is a right and privilege given to believers by God. Just like lawyers have the right to plead a case in a Law Court by virtue of their call to bar, believers who are born again, also have the right and privilege to stand before the Judge of the whole earth and present a case in the court of Heaven.

According to the English dictionary the word "right", means an entitlement or freedom and a justified claim or the freedom to do something. As believers who have received the righteousness of God by accepting the Lordship of Jesus Christ, we have an entitlement and the freedom to come before God in the court of Heaven when we pray. This is such a privilege that God has given us ~ the right to pray and obtain judgements in our favour. The Apostle Paul calls it an unlimited access!

"By whom also we have <u>access by faith into this</u> <u>grace</u> wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God"

Romans 5:12

Prayer is not a begging scenario. Rather, it is the picture of a believer talking to God confidently, just as a lawyer stands in a law court to seek compensation/relief. This is indeed a great calling. This is also why a person who is born again and armed with the right understanding of prayer, is the most powerful being on the face of the earth ~ more powerful and more dangerous than the highly dreaded nuclear weapons of the world today, because the power that manifests or that is activated in the place of prayer is the power of God ~ the same power that created the whole world, man and all the wisdom of men. It is the greatest privilege man possesses.

Prayer - A Business For Righteous Men

Prayer is a right or a privilege given only to righteous men by God. It is a business for only righteous men. A man who is not born again cannot function in prayer because his prayer is an abomination to God. But, the prayer of a righteous man is a delight to the LORD.

"The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the lord: but the prayer of the upright is his delight."

Proverbs 15:8

The unsaved man's prayer is an abomination, meaning that he does not have the right to pray, just like anyone who has not been called to bar cannot stand in court as a lawyer. This limitation is destroyed at salvation, by the impartation of the free gift of righteousness, as righteousness is our call to bar as believers.

The Bible says that God delights in the prayer of the righteous and His ears are open unto them.

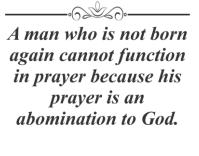
The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry.

Psalms 34:15

The word "*cry*" here refers to a child's cry or affectionate call to the parents not just tears. This outward cry is an expression of an inward affection.

There is no time the believer prays that God does not hear ~ God's ears are always opened to his prayer. But this is not so for the unbeliever. However, by applying for salvation, he

could also have righteousness imparted into his spirit, and then qualify to function in prayer. He can apply by praying the prayer of salvation in Romans Chapter 10 verse 9, so that he can receive the nature of righteousness that will



enable him function in prayer just as a lawyer in court.

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Romans 10:9~10

The prayer of the righteous man is acceptable to God. Hence, it releases much power that in turn produces tremendous results.

"...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

James 5:16 (KJV)

Other translations of the verse above put it this way ~

"...the effective prayer of a righteous person accomplishes much..."

James 5:16 (LEB)

...for great is the efficacy of the prayer a righteous man prays...

James 5:16 (MURDOCK)

The Amplified Version translates it beautifully ~

Confess to one another therefore your faults (your slips, your false steps, your offenses, your sins) and pray [also] for one another, that you may be healed and restored [to a spiritual tone of mind and heart]. The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes

tremendous power available dynamic in its working).

James 5:16 (AMP)

I want you to notice that the scriptures above emphasize the significance of righteousness in the process of prayer. It is therefore important that we study further and understand how righteousness operates and how it acts to facilitate prayer.

CHAPTER THREE

THE DRESS CODE OF HEAVEN'S COURT

reads of identification. For instance, Medical Doctors are known to a wear white overall while on duty, and soldiers can easily be identified in their camo uniform. In the same way, lawyers who have been called to bar, appear in court wearing a wig and a robe as a means of identification, so as to distinguish themselves from others who may be present in court.

Just like in a physical court room which is guided by legal procedures, a lay man may not just stand before the court to plead a case or make a prayer except he has been called to bar.

In the same way, in the realms of the spirit as we see in scriptures, only those who are born again have the right and privilege to access the court of Heaven and present or defend a case. So, how are the Righteous identified in court? What is the dress code in the court of Heaven?

First, let us begin by gaining understanding of what happens when a man gets born again.

The Transaction At Salvation

The righteous man is one who believes in his heart, the LORD Jesus and has confessed Him as his LORD and personal Saviour. If you have willfully accepted Jesus as LORD and the price He paid on the cross for your sins, you are saved.

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Romans 10:9~10

Take note that the Bible says such a man has believed unto righteousness. This is because righteousness means believing God, just as we see by the example of Abraham as recorded in Romans Chapter 4 verse 3.

For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

Romans 4:3

Thus, a man who believes in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ and has confessed Him as LORD, is not only saved from sin, but also declared righteous.

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Romans 10:10

The Garment of Salvation and the Robe of Righteousness

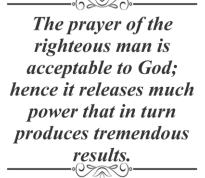
Again, the Bible shows us that there is such a thing as the garment of salvation and the robe of righteousness given to everyone who is born again. Isaiah 61 verse 10 shows us this.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the <u>robe of righteousness</u>, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.

Isaiah 61:10

When a man gets born again, he is clothed with the garment of salvation and the robe of righteousness, just as the scripture above shows us. This is not a physical garment or robe, but one that is worn in the realms of the spirit, visible and identifiable by angels, demons and all spiritual beings. This is why, when a believer stands to pray in the court of Heaven, he is immediately identified, because he is unlike every other entity in court as he wears righteousness like a robe. It is our mark of identification in the realms of the spirit and in the court of Heaven as righteous men.

This robe of righteousness given to a believer in Christ, automatically grants him access into the court of Heaven and also the right to stand before God as His son without guilt. In other words, a righteous man can stand before God with all



confidence and speak to Him and from Him.

We will discuss more about the robe of righteousness and the special privileges that accompanies it in Chapter 5.

CHAPTER FOUR

THE NATURE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

What is Righteousness?

ighteousness is the justification of a man's soul that gives him the authority to speak to God and from God as God, with the necessary obedience and compliance. It is the nature of justification, that makes it right for a man to speak with God and speak from God as though God were speaking, and thus get the necessary compliance and obedience from creation.

Righteousness Is Not A Deed

It is important to note that the nature of righteousness is given to a believer at salvation not because of anything he has done right. Righteousness is not a deed. It has nothing to do with what you did, rather it is a nature. Just like a man cannot be more man or less man, if he is a man, he is a man. Likewise, you cannot be more righteous or less righteous. If you have willfully accepted Jesus as LORD and the price He paid on the cross for your sins, then you are righteous.

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Romans 10:9~10

For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

Romans 4:3

Righteousness Is Not Holiness

Righteousness is a nature that is imparted into the spirit of a believer at the point of salvation whereas holiness is the effect of that nature

I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now <u>yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.</u>

Romans 6:19

You cannot be holy if you are not righteous because holiness, is the good we do from our righteous nature. That is why good works can never make a man holy no matter how much of it he does, as holiness is not works in isolation but both the nature and the works it produces. That makes the works apart from the nature good but imperfect.

To fully understand righteousness, we will go back to the Book of Genesis and study the life of Adam.

Righteousness Is A Nature

When God created Adam, He created him in His likeness and in His image, giving him His life and nature of righteousness.

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Genesis 1:27

And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Genesis 2:7

Adam was created in the same level with God, so he could have both fellowship and a relationship with God. By virtue of this nature of righteousness, he could speak from God as God.

We can see an example of this when he named the animals. Whatever he called them, became their names.

And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.

Genesis 2:19

There was no resistance to Adam and there was compliance and obedience from creation as though God was speaking. This is Authority! By this same nature of righteousness and justification, he also named the woman and it was so.

And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, this is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman.

Genesis 2:22~23

But, when Adam sinned by committing treason in obeying Satan, he lost this nature of righteousness. He could no longer speak to God without a sense of guilt and inferiority. When God came to fellowship Him in the Garden of Eden, he hid himself.

And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself

Genesis 3:8~10

Adam lost the nature of righteousness and put on the nature of sin, and this nature of sin passed upon all men. All men were concluded under sin, irrespective of their works. (Our sin today is not an original sin, therefore cannot affect our righteousness. This we would see more clearly as we study)

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.

Romans 5:12~14

After the fall of man and the loss of righteousness, God gave Moses the Law. But no matter how much man tried, he could not obey all the law. If man could not obey all the law and the law could not make man perfect, then why did God give Man the Law?

God gave Moses the Law to conclude all men under sin, and thus reveal all men as guilty and in need of a saviour.

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Romans 3:23

Now we know that what things so ever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

Romans 3:19

In Romans Chapter 3, Apostle Paul begins an interesting argument about the futility of the law and the glory of righteousness. He speaks as the Law from verse 10:

As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: Their feet are swift to shed blood: Destruction and misery are in their ways: And the way of peace have they not known: There is no fear of God before their eyes.

Romans 3:10~18

He emphasized the state of man under the Law, how that no man could be righteous under it. Although these scriptures may have been misunderstood and erroneously taught as meaning that, no man is and will ever be righteous, this is not so. The Apostle Paul was making reference to the Law and how no man could ever be righteous under it, no matter how much he tried. We can prove this in the next verse:

Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

Romans 3:19~20

The Law showed man the things he had to do to be righteous in his fallen state, so that he would value his new state when he received salvation. The Law of Moses includes the Ten Commandments and its ordinances as seen in Exodus through to Deuteronomy. They are numbered at about six hundred and thirteen (613) laws. Yet, in breaking one of the laws, you had violated all.

For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.

James 2:10

This explains why no matter how much the children of Israel tried, they could never fulfil all the law. They were trying to produce holiness or the works of righteousness out of the nature of sin, which is impossible!

Even today, we should not expect unbelievers to change from their wicked ways just by an act of their will, because they lack the nature of righteousness. They cannot produce holiness, which is the outward working of the inward nature of righteousness, only obtained at salvation by putting faith in Christ Jesus as LORD and personal Saviour.

It is so sad, that today people are still trying to obtain righteousness by trying to observe the law or trying to do good works. If the children of Israel could not obtain righteousness by works, neither can you.

But Apostle Paul introduces a new concept in verse 21° the righteousness of God without the law.

But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;

Romans 3:21

How Righteousness Comes

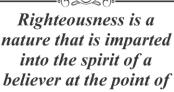
The righteousness of God without the law, does not come by works or by obedience to the law. It comes by the faith of Jesus Christ.

Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

Romans 3:22

The only criteria for receiving the righteous nature of God is believing in Jesus and accepting Him by faith. The scripture above also says that this righteousness is given "unto all and upon all them that believe". When you believe and accept Jesus, you are given the nature of righteousness. It is placed upon you as a robe and stamped in your spirit.

By this law, anyone who has accepted Jesus Christ as LORD and Saviour is righteous. I did not say he is holy! I said that he is righteous! By believing in Christ Jesus, he is justified freely by grace. To be justified is to be acquitted and declared not guilty.



believer at the point of salvation whereas holiness is the effect of that nature.

Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

Romans 3:24

He is not only justified, acquitted and declared not guilty of sin, he receives this justification freely. It is not because of what he has done, or will ever do but because he believes in Jesus. This righteousness is by the redemption in Christ Jesus.

Not only is he redeemed from his sins, he is also instantly imparted with the righteousness of God.

To declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

Romans 3:25

Apostle Paul concludes it this way -

Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

Romans 3:28

Did you see that? This revelation is what the devil does not want the Church to know or understand. It is the lack of understanding, that makes us want to do good deeds before we pray, seek God or move in His power. We want to obtain righteousness when we are already righteous.

Sometimes, we think we need to feel our righteousness before we pray. We may want to feel good and excited before we pray, but **righteousness is not a feeling, it is a nature.** It is also not an act. It is not something you do, but something you are!

But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;

Romans 3:21

Get it! You are a man not because of what you do or do not do. In the same way, you are righteous by nature not because of what you do or do not do. If you have received Jesus into your life, righteousness is already yours, though that does not make you holy.

Our righteousness is hinged on the sacrifice of Christ and unless you can undo the righteousness of Christ, you cannot undo our righteousness, as it is His sacrifice that gave us His righteousness. Jesus did no wrong to warrant His death. He was righteous. The Bible says that no guile was found in Him.

Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

1 Peter 2:22

Yet, Jesus died the death in our place. In His death, He took our sin and His righteousness was given to us freely. A pure exchange!

Isaiah makes it clear~

He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Isaiah 53:3~5

For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

2 Corinthians 8:9

Jesus took our sins, sorrows, and grief and gave us His righteousness. And by His sacrifice on the cross, we have been made nigh to God.

But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

Ephesians 2:13

Therefore, as righteous children of God, we have access into God's presence. This cannot be reversed just as the death of

Christ cannot be reversed. Our license into the presence of God is sealed by Christ's death, burial and resurrection. We can pray anytime and anywhere and expect results because we stand in His righteousness, which is efficacious before the Father.

We do not have to beg because His righteousness reaches into heaven and avails for us.

I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

Psalms 37:25

This righteousness gives us the authority of God, against death, disease, sickness, obstacles, and causes them to comply because God is speaking. If you do not accept the truth that you are righteous, you can never be effective in prayer because the accuser of the brethren, Satan, is always standing to accuse you and weaken your conscience, thereby making your faith ineffective. Remember, without faith, it is impossible to please God.

But without faith it is impossible to please him.

Hebrews 11:6

It is only this kind of righteousness that can make your faith consistent, because it does not hinge itself on what you can or cannot do. Rather, it rests on Christ's finished work, which remains the same yesterday, today and forever. Your faith also becomes the same yesterday, today and forever, making you a continuous master of life, of the devil and of sin.

For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

Romans 6:14

Such faith does not fail and would always prevail in the place of prayer, regardless of our shortcomings. What a great revelation!

I would to God that every member of the body of Christ would get this understanding. It would catapult the body of Christ into greater realms of effectivity and power in the place of prayer.

Having received the nature of righteousness by virtue of being born again, it is important that we understand the forms, in which righteousness may operate in our lives. The Bible shows us seven different kinds of righteousness.

Kinds of Righteousness

Apart from being a nature, righteousness can also function in the life of a believer in a number of other ways. So, I want us to consider the seven kinds of righteousness:

1. The Nature of Righteousness

And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; and that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Ephesians 4:23-24

Just as we have just discussed, every believer is created in righteousness. So, when we refer to the nature of righteousness, we are speaking about how we were born as New Creatures in Christ. The new man is created in righteousness and is therefore righteous by nature.

2. The Gift of Righteousness

For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)

Romans 5:17

Did you see that? The Bible refers to righteousness as a gift. In other words, righteousness was freely given to us by God. We did not have to pay for it or to earn it by our own works. Here, righteousness is given to you as a gift. This is different from righteousness as a nature.

3. The Fruit of Righteousness

Righteousness in you produces fruits within you that fills your life. This is another dimension of righteousness. The fruit of righteousness refers to the effects of righteousness.

Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the <u>peaceable fruit of righteousness</u> <u>unto them which are exercised thereby.</u>

Hebrews 12:11

For example, the scripture above shows us how chastening yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness. In other words, discipline helps to show forth a man's righteousness. This is why we discipline people. If any man is not disciplined, he may have the nature of righteousness as we have earlier said, but he may not be able to live the life of righteousness, which is evident by the fruits of righteousness in such a life.

Again, the Bible shows us that holiness is the fruit of righteousness.

For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death. But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

Romans 6:20~22

A lot of believers do not know the distinction between righteousness and holiness, yet both are not the same. Righteousness can be a gift, but holiness is the fruit of that gift. Unlike righteousness, holiness is not a gift because it is something you do.

Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the LORD your God.

Leviticus 20:7

So, living a holy life entails consciously sanctifying oneself and yielding to righteousness.

I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now <u>yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness</u>.

Romans 6:19

You did not do anything to be righteous, it was given to you, but you have to do something to work out your righteousness, and that is what holiness is - a fruit of righteousness.

That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ; Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

Philippians 1:10~11

In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

1 John 3:10

4. The Crown of Righteousness

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

2 Timothy 4:7-8

There are five types of crowns that a believer may receive as a reward from God. These are highlighted in my book: The Mystery of Crowns. One of these is the Crown of Righteousness.

The Crown of Righteousness is a reward for bringing forth the fruit of righteousness. When a believer receives the nature and cloak of righteousness, he can produce the fruit of righteousness. And when he produces fruits of righteousness and leaves this world, he would receive the crown of righteousness.

5. Sceptre of Righteousness

And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire. But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

Hebrews 1:7~8

Righteousness is not only a nature, a gift, or an armour, it is also a scepter. A scepter is a symbol of authority. That is why if you do not understand righteousness as a scepter, you may never be able to rule. Righteousness as a scepter gives you rulership.

For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the lot of the righteous; that the righteous not put forth their hands to evil.

Psalm 125:3 (LITV)

The above scripture talks about jurisdiction - how that the scepter of the wicked should not rest on the lot of the righteous, because this puts the wicked in control.

If you do not know your lot and stand with your knowledge of righteousness as a scepter, Satan may overturn your rule. For example, as the head of a house, your home is your lot. Satan wants to make you feel condemned, so that you will not be able to stand in righteousness to take charge of your lot. That way, your children can become wayward and you are not able to take charge, because you do not recognize that you have jurisdiction as the head of the house. You are made righteous by faith in Christ, and therefore have a scepter of righteousness.

The same thing applies to your business, ministry, health etc. These are lots that have been given to you. Your knowledge of righteousness, gives you the ability to operate with a scepter over these lots.

The Law of the Tenant and the Law of the Landlord

Also, if you are living in a place and you have paid your rent, legally, that also is your lot. You ought to take charge, so the devil has no place there. If you are renting the place, use what I call the Law of the Tenant. And if you have bought the place, use the Law of the Landlord.

The Law of the Tenant states that the tenant has right to a place, and the landlord should not come into the place without permission. As a tenant, your rent has given you authority to control the space. This also applies in the realms of the spirit. The devil and any spiritual force have no right in your lot. You have to raise up the scepter of your righteousness and take charge of your lot.

For example, when you move into a new apartment, you can use your scepter of righteousness by declaring these words "In the name of Jesus, I take charge over this atmosphere, and declare that Satan has no room in this place. I suspend every demonic activity, and welcome angels of God to operate freely in this place!"

Some years ago, our church rented a property in the city of Benin. We were told that a number of businesses, which operated from the property folded up. When we came to rent the property for our church, we were advised by many persons not to. In their words, anything you establish in the property always folds up. But against their word, we took that property. That night when we slept, after praying over the place and using the law of the tenant, one of our intercessors had a vision. In that vision, she saw a big snake, which came to challenge our occupancy of the property. But because we had used our scepter of righteousness, we subdued that spirit.

That was when our church began to prosper in the place. When we outgrew the property and moved to another place, we later heard that several other persons who attempted to use the place for one business or the other, folded up again like the first time because, they did not have the revelation that we had. Glory to God!

And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

Revelation 19:11

Also, with the scepter of righteousness, you are able judge in righteousness. We will talk more about this in Chapter 6.

6. Armour of Righteousness

By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,

2 Corinthians 6:7

Apart from being a nature, righteousness is also an armour given to every believer for protection from the attack of the enemy. This is the dimension where righteousness sustains a man. Isaiah Chapter 59 verse 16 emphasizes this more.

Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey: and the LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment. And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him.

Isaiah 59:15~16

Did you see that? God went to battle and He was sustained by righteousness. This is why Apostle Paul admonishes us to put on the whole armour of God, amongst which is the breastplate of righteousness.

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the <u>breastplate of righteousness</u>;

Ephesians 6:11,14

(You can read more about this subject in my book on The Whole Armour of God)

7. Word (Revelation) of Righteousness

For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

Hebrews 5:12 ~ 13

This refers to the revelation of righteousness. The realm of the word of righteousness requires a degree of revelation and skillfulness to navigate in it. It takes skillfulness to rightly divide the Word.

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15

The word of righteousness cannot be understood unless you are mature. This is where some stumble and walk in error, teaching and learning false doctrine.

In enumerating the word or doctrine of righteousness, you will discover seven major types of righteousness.

- 1. Righteousness of Man
- 2. Righteousness of the Law
- 3. Righteousness of God
- 4. Righteousness of God in Christ Jesus
- 5. Righteousness of Faith
- 6. Righteousness of Christ
- 7. Righteousness of the Saint

We will discuss these in details in the next chapter. Come with me.

CHAPTER FIVE

THE HIGHLY PRICED ROBE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

n Chapter three of this book, we established that in the court of Heaven, the righteous man is identified by his robe, that is, the robe of righteousness. This is that which he receives at salvation as we see in Isaiah 61 verse 10:

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the <u>garments of salvation</u>, he hath covered me with the <u>robe of righteousness</u>, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.

Isaiah 61:10

What is the robe of righteousness and why is it so important? To fully understand what the robe of righteousness is, I would want us to first consider the seven types of righteousness.

Seven Types of Righteousness

1. Righteousness of Man

The righteousness of man is a filthy rag.

Thou meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness, those that remember thee in thy ways: behold, thou art wroth; for we have sinned: in those is continuance, and we shall be saved. But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

Isaiah 64:5

Just as you may not gain access to a Presidential Villa dressed in rags, you cannot be granted access into the presence of God, or the class of God dressed in a filthy rag. So, when you come in your own righteousness in the realms of the spirit, you appear in filthy rags and will not be granted access into the court of Heaven.

2. Righteousness of the Law

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth. For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them.

Romans 10:1~4

There is a law of righteousness, which says that those who must be imputed with righteousness, must do or comply with everything written in the Law of Moses. This is the righteousness of the Law.

3. Righteousness of God

There is also the righteousness of God, which is the righteousness that God is.

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Matthew 6:33

The righteousness of God is the inherent righteousness of His person. In other words, it is the core of His being. He is a righteous God.

Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just: for the righteous God trieth the hearts and reins.

Psalm 7:9

4. Righteousness of God in Christ Jesus

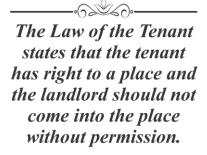
This is the righteousness that God achieved when He justified us in Christ's place, and condemned Christ in our place. Ordinarily, our justification is unrighteous because we are sinners, but was made righteous because Christ was condemned in our place.

To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

2 Corinthians 5:19

It is wrong for a man to commit a crime, and for another to be arrested and punished for the same crime. That would be unrighteousness. For instance, if Mr. A, commits an offence and stands trial in a law court, and the Judge sentences Mr. B for the crime committed by Mr. A, that would be unrighteous. However, for the judgment to become righteous, Mr. A and Mr. B would have to swap places completely, taking over each other's identity, assets, liabilities etc.

In the same way, when we sinned, Jesus Christ who knew no sin, died for our sins; that qualified as unrighteousness. But Christ took our place and punishment, while we took on His righteousness, which made God's judgment



righteous. He took our place and we took His! Thus, we became righteous though we had not done anything to be righteous. This is why this transaction is called the righteousness of God in Christ i.e., the righteousness God achieved when He worked salvation for unrighteous people in Christ Jesus.

To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:19

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

Romans 3:23~26

5. Righteousness of Faith

For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them. But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:)

Romans 10:5~6

The righteousness of faith is not a garment, it is a justification of a transaction. This righteousness belongs to faith. It is the legal document that makes faith transactions possible in the realms of the spirit. It is the constitution that guides the operations of faith.

The reason you can have faith and it produces result is because faith is legal. Else, how can a weak person say he is strong and he becomes strong? How can a poor person say he is rich and he becomes rich? Through faith!

Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: <u>let the weak say, I am strong.</u>

Joel 3:10

The Bible says that believers did exploits through faith. But faith cannot enter into the realms of heaven because, it would mean you claiming what you are not. Therefore, faith has to be righteous to enter into God's righteous system and obtain some redemption for you. That transaction of faith where faith is able to operate and produce results is known as the righteousness of faith. This is different from the righteousness of the saints which is the righteousness of God gotten by faith,

and also different from the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus.

The righteousness of faith speaks. It is a document.

But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:) Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.) what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

Romans 10:6~9

Somebody may say, how can I obtain salvation seeing that Christ is already in heaven? This is the same way some doubt the operation of faith by saying, how can I receive my healing or breakthrough when I cannot see it physically? But faith speaks otherwise. You can stand here and confess with your mouth what you believe in your heart, operating by the righteousness of faith. So, when you declare by faith that you are saved, healed or seated in heavenly places, you are functioning by the righteousness of faith.

God says, "anyone who believes what he cannot see, give it to him." That is the document called the righteousness of faith. Though you may not see your healing physically, when you decree that you are healed, you receive it through the righteousness of faith and not by works.

Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

Galatians 2:16

6. Righteousness of Christ

But of him are ye in <u>Christ Jesus, who of God is</u> made unto us wisdom, and <u>righteousness</u>, and sanctification, and redemption:

1 Corinthians 1:30

The scripture above shows us that Jesus Christ has been made unto us righteousness. This explains the mystery behind why we as believers cannot lose our righteousness; it is because the transaction for our righteousness was deposited in Christ. Though we are the owners, but the document of the ownership is in Christ.

In other words, the security of all our righteousness is that Christ is now made unto us righteousness, which means that our righteousness consists of the infallibility of Christ. So, the only time our righteousness can be defeated, is when one can defeat Christ.

7. Righteousness of the Saints

Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

Philippians 3:8~9

This form of righteousness which is a garment, is the righteousness that we are dealing with in this book, though I have taken time to highlight the vastness of the scope of righteousness.

Paul by his own efforts and discipline, had gone beyond the righteousness of man to attain the righteousness of the Law by keeping every word of the Law. However, he speaks of another type of righteousness, the righteousness of God by faith, which is the righteousness of Saints.

The righteousness of Saints is actually the righteousness of God imputed in the person who believes in Jesus Christ. By birth, through Adamic nature, man is assigned the righteousness of man, which is as a filthy rag.

By keeping the Law, he can attain the righteousness of the Law. However, by faith in Christ's death, burial and resurrection, he receives the righteousness of Saints. This is the same as the righteousness of God.

And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

Philippians 3:9

Thus, a child of God is not less righteous than God, and God is not more righteous than him because he attains God's own righteousness and thus obtains God's nature.

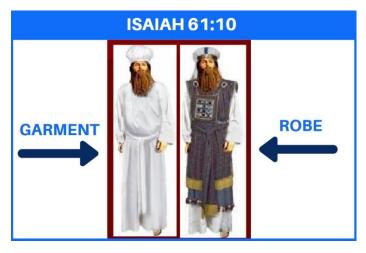
And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

Revelations 19:8

Unlike the nature of righteousness, which is an inherent ability in you, the gift of righteousness is a cloak or garment that you wear.

> I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the <u>garments of salvation</u>, he hath covered me with the <u>robe of righteousness</u>, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.

> > Isaiah 61:10



(Pictorial differentiation of a robe and garment)

A robe is an outer garment while the garment is the fabric worn inside. Before you wear a robe, you first wear a garment. So, the robe of righteousness is worn on top of the garment of salvation.

This robe of righteousness, which is the righteousness of the Saint, gives the righteous man access into the court of Heaven to stand before God and present his case boldly without fear, doubt or guilt. It is a gift from God. In other words, it is not earned or paid for. It was freely given to us by God.

For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of

righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)

Romans 5:17

Again, the Bible says that the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

Romans 11:29

This is why the devil cannot accuse you that, because of something wrong you have done, you have lost your righteousness. You did not earn it by your good works in the first place.

When A Righteous Man Sins

When a righteous man sins, he becomes unholy, but he does not lose his righteousness or become unrighteous. Instead, his robe of righteousness is stained in the realms of the spirit. When this happens, he begins to feel guilty. Satan takes advantage of this opportunity to bring accusations against the believer in the court of Heaven and uses this as a leverage to attack the believer.

But the Bible tells us what to do in such a situation, which is to confess our sins to God.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9

Did you see that? God is faithful and just to forgive a righteous man of sin and also cleanse him from the stains of unrighteousness. This is why if there is anything that troubles your heart as a believer, or any wrong you have done that unsettles you, fix it in the spirit using 1 John 1:9, and give the devil no room through guilt and condemnation.

Remember that it is not holiness that gives you access into the presence of God, but righteousness. Holiness only affects your crown of righteousness, it does not take away your cloak of righteousness, because holiness is only the effect or fruit of your righteousness.

So, if you do not live a holy life, you may lose your crown, your armour etc., but you cannot lose the cloak of righteousness because it was given to you as a gift, not based on your works.

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Ephesians 2:8~9

It is important to note why this is so. Without the cloak, you can never access the presence of God anymore. The reason why a righteous man falls seven times and rises again, is because the cloak remains, and with the cloak, you can regain every other aspect of your life ~ the armour, sword etc. These can be restored when you stand before God in the courts of Heaven using that cloak. So, never be deceived that the cloak has left you because you sinned. As long as you believe in the LORD Jesus as Saviour of your life, the cloak remains. This is why the righteous man is able to fall seven times and still stand ~ his cloak remains.

For though a righteous man falls seven times, he will rise again, but the wicked stumble into calamity.

Proverbs 24:16 (ISV)

The cloak cannot be taken away from the believer unless he dies in sin. That is when the cloak of righteousness can be taken away permanently.

This revelation does not warrant a believer to live an unholy life but it is the truth of the Word. There is so much a believer loses by not living a holy life that can eventually lead to the loss of his soul. Yet, it remains true that your righteous garment cannot be taken away by your mistakes.

CHAPTER SIX

SPEAKING IN THE HEAVENLY CHAMBERS

Just as we have earlier established, righteousness is the justification of a man's soul that gives him the authority to speak to God and from God, as God, with the necessary obedience and compliance from creation. In other words, it is the nature of justification that makes it right for a man to speak with God and speak from God, as though God were speaking and get the necessary compliance and obedience as God would.

Righteous Men Speak from God

We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;

2 Corinthians 4:13

With our nature of righteousness, we can sit with God and speak with God without guilt, doubt or inferiority. This is in confirmation of our status as righteous men who have been called into the class of God, giving us the privilege to seat in council with God in the heavenly chambers.

God standeth in the congregation of the mighty; he judgeth among the gods.

Psalm 82:1

Did you see that? The Bible says that God stands in the congregation of the mighty and judges among the gods. But who are these gods? The Righteous!

I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High.

Psalm 82:6

By virtue of our salvation, the Bible says we have become sons of God.

In him was life; and the life was the light of men. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

John 1:4, 12

Just as a goat would only give birth to a goat, and a lion produces after its kind, you who have received the power or ability of God at salvation, have been admitted into the same class with Him. Righteousness therefore grants us the access to sit in the same class with God and judge the earth.

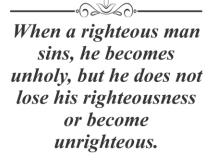
Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods? If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken

John 10:34~35

And because we have God's nature in us, we can speak in Heaven's chambers without fear, doubt or guilt and get compliance on the earth. Glory to God!

This is a revelation the devil would not want you to have, because He wants you to continue to see yourself as helpless and subject to the elements of this world. But that devil is a

liar! Just like in a legislative chamber, where there are many senators who sit to deliberate on issues and pass bills into law, you have a seat in the heavenly chambers as a Senator with God in His Chambers. He is the Senate President, and you are a senator with Him in His chambers.



And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

Ephesians 2:6

God standeth in the congregation of the mighty; he judgeth among the gods.

Psalm 82:1

Your Role As A Senator In God's Chambers

As a Senator with God in His chambers, the Book of Psalms Chapter 82 tells us more about your responsibility:

How long will ye judge unjustly, and accept the persons of the wicked? Selah. Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy. Deliver the poor and needy: rid them out of the hand of the wicked.

Psalm 82:2~4

The righteous man has received the power and jurisdiction to defend the poor and fatherless, to obtain justice on behalf of the afflicted, deliver the poor and needy, and also save them from the grip of the devil. What a great privilege and responsibility!

Someone may ask why this much is expected of the righteous man. It is because he has a seat with God in the chambers of Heaven, where he has the right and privilege to speak to God and from God, as God.

The next verse however, paints a picture of what may go wrong if believers fail to take their place and judge with God.

They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course.

Psalm 82:5

Many of the anomalies we see on the earth today exist because some believers have not awakened to the revelation of their place with God. The Bible says that they walk on in darkness, and as a result of their ignorance, the foundations of the earth are out of course! What a shame!

I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High. But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes. Arise O God, judge the earth: for thou shalt inherit all nations.

Psalm 82:6~8

Many disasters would be averted and many more souls saved from the grip of sin and the devil, if only more believers will awaken to this revelation and learn how to operate in the court of Heaven to execute justice on the earth.

Righteous Men Speak from God

The beauty of prayer is that it gives us audience with God, to speak to Him and to hear from Him in the court of Heaven.

The power of prayer is that, when we have spoken to God and have heard from Him, we can make declarations that will get compliance, as though God Himself were speaking into the situation. This is why prayer is not finished until you have received or heard a word from God. It is not a one-sided communication.

The circle of prayer is only complete when you hear from God and speak from Him. It is talking or speaking from God in righteousness that initiates change and completes the circle of prayer.

When Prophet Ezekiel was transported in the spirit to a valley of dry bones, he did not get compliance from the dry bones by speaking his own words. He prophesied as he was commanded by God.

So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone. And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no breath in

them. Then said he unto me, Prophesy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live. and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.

Ezekiel 37:7~9

You are a god, and you ought to be decreeing things in accordance with the will of God, defending the poor and fatherless.

The revelation of your nature of righteousness and your place with God is therefore important. By this revelation, God is causing you to enter into an ambassadorial college. He is training you to be an ambassador, who will decree a thing in accordance with His will, defending the poor and fatherless, and keeping the devil away from you.

You need to know you represent the Kingdom of God to this earth and you have to begin to learn how to rule.

CHAPTER SEVEN DRESSING FOR COURT HEARINGS

ressing up for hearings in the court of Heaven entails reawakening the consciousness of your righteousness.

I put on righteousness, and it clothed me: my judgment was as a robe and a diadem.

Job 29:14

And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Ephesians 4:24

Take note of the phrase, 'put on'. If righteousness can be put on, it can also be put off. This is the battle we face every day as Satan uses our situation and weaknesses, to cause us to put off our righteousness. The cloak of righteousness is real, as we have seen in previous chapters. It is either you are dressed in it or not. It is therefore imperative that you know whether or not

you are dressed in it, before you commence praying formal prayers.

To learn more about formal prayers, get the volume two of this courtfare series which is Courtfare Vs warfare)

Court Prayers to Establish Your Righteous Stand Before God

To dress up for court hearings, you may use this prayer template provided below.

Say:

"Father, I gain access into your court by Jesus, being justified by faith in His blood, according to Romans 5:1&2:

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Romans 5:1~2

According to 1 John 1: 9, I confess all known sins before you *Ipause and do sol.* Therefore, in your faithfulness and justice, I ask that you both forgive me and cleanse me of all unrighteousness right now. Thank you, my LORD, and my God.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9

Father, I ask this court through my faith in Christ blood, according to Romans 3:25, to declare His righteousness into my account, for all unrighteousness and sins that are past, as I fully accept Jesus as my propitiation.

Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God

Romans 3:25

Also, I request this court to declare that same righteousness for all present sin and unrighteousness according to Romans 3:26, that I may be the righteousness of God in Him, thereby justifying Christ suffering and death on the cross of Calvary over 2000 years ago, according to 2 Corinthians 5: 21.

To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

Romans 3:26

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

2 Corinthians 5:21

Furthermore, I demand that this court declare me justified freely by the grace of Jesus Christ, through the redemption that is in Him, according to Romans 3:24.

Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus

Romans 3:24

In the light of this verdict, I put on the breastplate of righteousness and the complete armour of light, as I destroy and resist every arrow of guilt, garment of shame and of heaviness from the accuser.

I silence every voice that seeks to condemn me, as I bring every tongue that judges me into condemnation, according to Isaiah 54:17. I therefore revoke Satan's right to hold back, delay or hinder my destiny or anything, agenda or persons that pertain to it. I decree that every knee bow in heaven, on earth and under the earth, in response to my declaration now, in the name of Jesus, according to Philippians 2: 9-11.

No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.

Isaiah 54:17

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:9~11

I receive as appointed unto me by my Father, according to Isaiah 61:2, beauty for ashes, the oil of joy and the garment of praise. [Shout Hallelujah aloud 7 times]

To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn

Isaiah 61:2

Father, I stand boldly before You today, fully reconciled to You through the blood of Christ's cross, according to Colossians 1:20-22.

I stand Holy, unblameable and unreprovable in your sight, O LORD, my Maker.

And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled in the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in his sight

Colossians 1:20~22

I take my seat in heavenly places in Christ, above all principalities and powers and every name that is named, not only in this world but in that which is to come, with no condemnation whatsoever, as I make a conscious decision to walk in the Spirit and not in the flesh, according to Romans 8:1.

There is therefore now no condemnation to them, which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit –

Romans 8:1

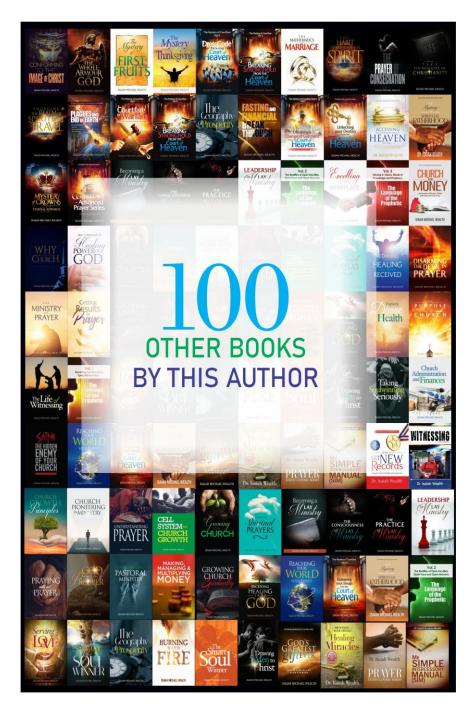
Thank you, LORD, for jurisdiction to function as a priest and as a king in Your house, according to Revelation 1: 5-6, in the name of Jesus Christ who is my faithful witness, the first begotten from the dead and the Prince of the kings of the earth. Unto Him that loved me and washed me from my sins in His blood,

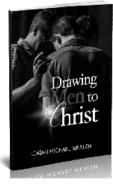
And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Revelations 1:5~6

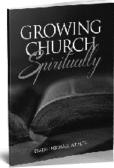
I now proceed to function in your courts and to minister and judge.

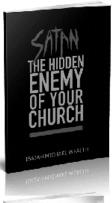
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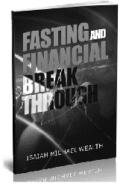


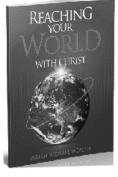


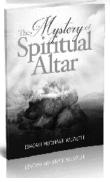






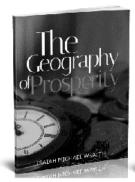


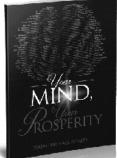


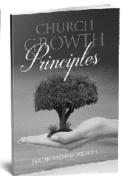




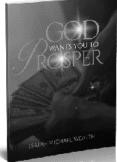










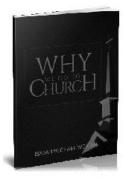


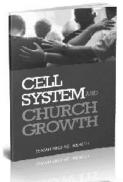






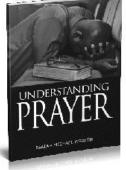


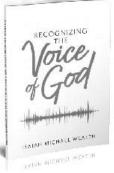




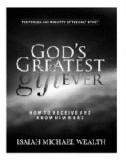




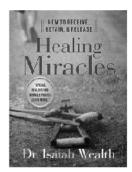


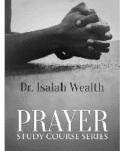




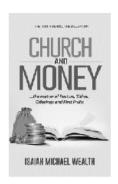




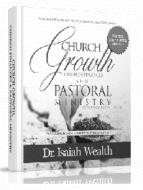


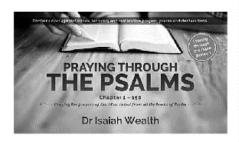


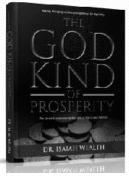


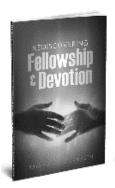










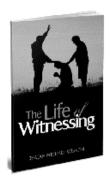










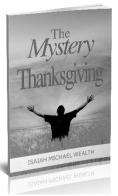


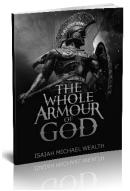




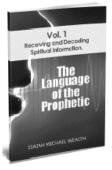


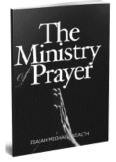






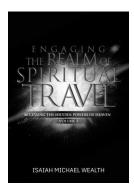


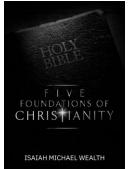


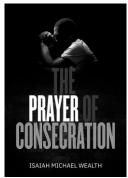


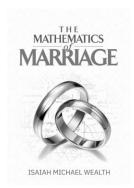


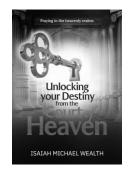


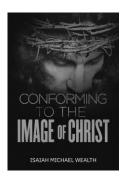


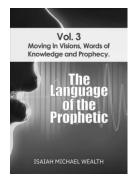


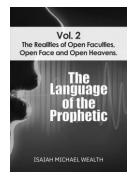


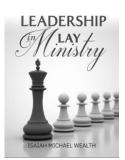




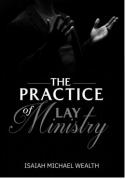


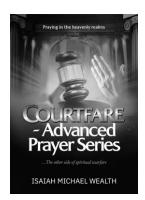


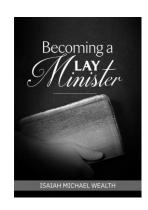












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About Isaiah Wealth Ministries



saiah Wealth Ministries (IWM) is an Apostolic Ministry with the mandate to prepare the way for the return of the LORD Jesus Christ. This Ministry is working hard in motivating and preparing the individual believer to be involved in reaping the harvest of the last days. It runs several Networks, Programs and Crusades backed with Supernatural Signs and Wonders and the Manifestation of the tangible Glory of God!

The Ministry is active in Church planting through its Mission Assisted Project (MAP), which has seen souls saved and established in the faith in over a hundred Churches planted in four continents of the world, operating under the umbrella of Gospel Pillars Ministry. Through the network of Churches and Parachurch activities, the Ministry has the interest and trust of many who are standing by us every month as Higher Impact Partners. This partnership is operated by the Higher Impact Vision - a team of Professionals who have taken the Gospel of Jesus Christ as their lives priority. These also are the Founders of the Higher Impact Club (HIC), a club with the vision to Empower Believers in Career, Business and Politics in view of Gospel Expansion.

The Outstanding Revelatory Grace given to Dr. Isaiah Wealth has provided great resources that continue to be of immense blessing to the Body of Christ. The Devotional Box, an Impact Driven Daily Devotional with several specialized versions has been in circulation for almost a decade. The Ministry's 24-hour TV network, Spirit &

Bride Network continues to impact many around the world with life-transforming Programmes on Facebook and several other platforms.

In charity works, Isaiah Wealth Ministries through its charity Organization, The Isaiah Wealth Initiative (TIWI), renders top notch and cutting edge Humanitarian Services. TIWI intervenes in the areas of Health, Education, and Empowerment Programmes through its seven NGOS, catering for the less privileged and victims of natural disasters.

Isaiah Wealth Ministries also operates The International Bible School and Seminary (IBSS) established to fulfill the mandate of our LORD and Saviour Jesus Christ in accordance to Matthew 24:14. The IBSS has set out to achieve this mandate by Training and Equipping Believers with the understanding of God's vision for their lives and helping them to take their place in God's end-time plan.

Through the International Christian Association of Ministers (ICAM), Isaiah Wealth Ministries continues to build a growing network of Gospel Ministers with a view to Engender Unity in the Body of Christ via Truth, Holiness and Service. ICAM also provides Mentorship for several hundreds of Ministers around the world who follow closely the ministry of Dr. Isaiah Wealth.

His passion to reach the world with the Gospel is the center of his message, missions and songs. His record label, Michael Wealth Music Ministry (MCube) is reshaping the sphere of Christian music, with over 80 Spirit-filled and Soul-lifting Tracks in a space of five years!

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Since the Lord Jesus first appeared to the man of God and called him to ministry in 2004, his love for his Lord has been the driving force behind the heart of this servant of God whose ministry is touching lives all around the world.

Called a prophet to the nations, coupled with his great love for people, he continues to lead an Apostolic Movement that is shaping the sphere of Christianity today and characterized by many supernatural manifestations, healing miracles, signs and wonders.

As a pastor and sought-after financial adviser, he has mentored many beyond his congregation into financial freedom and helps many more in business development and strategy for wealth creation as he facilitates in the Royalty Money Academy (RMA). His expository teachings sandwiched with great illustrations and the power of the Holy Ghost has carved him a niche as an outstanding revelator of scriptures.

His passion to reach the lost with the Gospel drives all his initiatives, programs and efforts which include the recently established International Bible School and Seminary (IBSS) where he serves as Chancellor.

Prophet Wealth has authored nearly 100 books, including Prayer & Witnessing study course series, Church Growth, Church Finances and Pastoral Ministry. He has also composed and recorded several songs including the famous 'Jesus My Everything'. The focus of his

message and mission is to equip the individual believer in living and witnessing for the Lord.

He is the Founder and Senior Pastor of the Gospel Pillars International Churches with Headquarters in Lagos Nigeria. He is also the president of the Isaiah Wealth Ministries which is active in church planting and charity work in more than three continents of the world. Also, his 24hour TV, Spirit & Bride Network continues to impact many with life-transforming programmes globally on satellite via free to air decoders across Africa.

Together with his wife Lianna, they pioneered The Isaiah Wealth Initiative (TIWI) which currently operates fourteen NGOs catering for the needs of women, children and less privileged in the society. Also, their Devotional Box is the first of its kind multi-version devotional tract that now reaches several thousands of people daily. They live with their sons in Lagos where he also oversees the Pray Nigeria Movement (PNM), a nonpartisan organization that leverages on his connection with heaven to use prophecy in directing the conscience of the people towards righteousness, development and national transformation.

His ministerial mentorship and fellowship platform – International Christian Association of Ministers (ICAM) is helping many young ministers today in the way of Christ.

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