

NEWSLETTER

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RESTORATION OF THE SOU



My friend, the soul is the seat of your emotions, your intellect, and your mind; it is your CORE. The soul is an integral part of man. The soul is the interface between the body and the spirit. There is an ongoing war in your body and spirit, and all these are manifested in the soul. This is why the soul is very important.

Beloved, in my many years of ministry, I have seen many cases in counselling and indeed through my own personal life experiences that show that one's soul is damaged and needs to be restored. Some of them are:

- 1. Grief or the loss of a loved one.
- 2. Loss of a job. I remember when I was unjustly relieved of an upper management job in corporate America; a job I had put in over 4 years of hard work. That ugly experience scarred a part of my soul.
- 3. Childhood trauma. For example, growing up back then in Nigeria, we used to use candles to study at night due to poor electricity supply. This experience made me hate candles till date.
- 4. Heartbreaks
- 5. Soul ties: falling off with someone you are entangled with, or them experiencing some kind of pain or hurt can damage your soul. This is common among lovers and couples.
- 6. Rape or Molestation
- 7. Anxiety, Depression, and/or related mental issues
- 8. Anger
- 9. Unforgiveness
- 10. Rejection of any type

Dear friend, the only person that repairs or restores a damaged soul is the one that created the soul. Being born again as described in John 3:3–5 means for one to be born as a new baby in the spirit, notwithstanding how old one is as a human being. Let us look at 3 levels in life that exist whether in the physical or spiritual realm.

- 1. Baby level: at this level, you are being dictated to and controlled as a child.
- 2. Teen level: the baby described in level (1) above is now grown as a teenager and has attained the age of 18. At this level, the teenager becomes an adult and starts doing things on their own. In the spirit realm, this teenager submits to God's will. Most Christians are NOT able to go past this stage, sadly. The reason is simple: this stage requires MATURITY and RESPONSIBILITY. It is a level whereby, though having the free will to do as you like, you are able to submit to God's will and allow him direct you.
- 3. Marriage level: at the marriage level, your will becomes lost in God's will, like that of a wife being lost to her husband's will. Genesis 2:24 describes the ONENESS that happens when you are joined to God. God becomes the groom, and you the bride. Being the groom, God protects, provides, leads and sustains you. He becomes the lover of your soul, though at a great cost of obedience to his will and voice. Jesus becomes the caretaker of your will, emotions, intellect, conscience and mind: the 5 MAJOR components of your soul.

The understanding of Jesus being your groom, Lord and lover is what furnishes the confession in Psalm 23:1 that "The Lord is my shepherd...". The rod and the staff in verse 4 of Psalm 23 stand for correction and support/sustenance respectively. Jesus being the shepherd of your life is the restorer of your soul, and he takes pride in doing this.



Let us briefly look at the 5 components of the soul.

- 1. The will: In John 3:16 we see God giving eternal life to those who believe in Jesus. The eternal life being spoken of here is NOT for the body but for the spirit. This means that what first attracts God to you is your spirit, unlike a man who gets attracted to a woman first because of her body. The will of God being done in your life is what first determines if God will restore your soul.
- 2. The mind: Romans 12:2 talks about the renewing of your mind when your will is lost in God's will. Isaiah 26:3 talks about your mind being STAYED on God. But how does one's mind stay on God you may ask through worship, hearing messages, reading scriptures, consecration, and having godly conversations.
- 3. Intellect: Proverbs 3:5–6 shares how God (our shepherd) will direct the paths of those who have become a part of his sheepfold. As humans, we are used to understanding and doing things our own way. We are being admonished to acknowledge God in ALL things, giving up our own intellect to God.
- 4. Emotions: The restoration of the soul in the area of emotions begins with forgiveness. You have to let go of whatever pains or hurt you may have experienced. The key to emotional restoration is forgiveness. See Matthew 6:11–12.

Ephesians 4:32 further underscores the importance of forgiveness. Listen, God restores you by the same amount of emotions you put into forgiving those who hurt you.

5. Conscience: 1 John 3:21–23 show us that God looks at our conscience to know if we have sinned or not. If you have the holy spirit in your heart, the way he convicts you is through your conscience. The way God restores us through our conscience is by giving us the holy spirit and through us keeping his commandments.

As humans, we stray once in a while like a sheep that strays from the shepherd and becomes a lost sheep. When this happens, Psalm 124:7–8 gives us a clue of how to get reconciled to God, our shepherd: our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

My prayer for you, dear marketplace minister, is that God our Lord and Shepherd over our souls, will restore you to kingdom factory settings and help you decide for your mind to be STAYED on God and for your will to be surrendered to him in Jesus mighty name. Amen.

God bless and honour you.



"It is finished, it's a done deal Nat". It's been paid for, I mean fully paid for. You don't have to carry the weight and burden of it anymore. You don't have to bother about it again.

"Seriously?" Nat's eyes shone with excitement. "Are you telling me there's someone who has paid for my food this afternoon, and clothing; even a house?" "Are you saying that I don't have to carry the guilt of my past – I've done a lot you know"

"Yes, I am" Memshima said.

"Wow". He quickly dusted himself and got up ready to move. Then he took a pause and asked "So, where's this man and how do I get to meet him. How do I get the things he has paid for?"

With that Memshima led him to Christ Jesus

"When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost." John 19:30 (KJV)

Jesus Christ came to fulfill His Mission on Earth. God sent Him to save us John 3:17 NKJV - For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

He redeemed us from the curse of the law "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree:" Galatians 3:13

As Marketplace Apostles, we've been given a call, sent to the Marketplace to fulfill a mission. Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV) "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.".

Are we fulfilling our mission?

Everywhere Jesus went He was doing good.

"How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him" Acts 20:38 KJV.

He was able to fulfill His Mission through the help of the Holy Spirit. Are we leaning on the Holy Spirit to fulfill God's purpose for us in the marketplace? We come meet people everyday, do they know about Christ Jesus and what He has done for them? Do they have a relationship with God? Do the lives we meet know that they don't need to live in bondage that Christ has set them free from the curse? Do our lives minister to others? Do they know that Christ came to destroy the works of the enemy? "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil." – 1 John 3:8 KJV

As we remember the sacrifice Jesus Christ paid for us, let us show forth such sacrifice and love to others. Let us be willing to sacrifice our time, talents, treasures, to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Let us allow the Holy Spirit to flow through us to meet the needs of others. There's a whole lot of people out there crying for a Saviour from their distress, depression, oppression, sickness, pain.... Let us reach out!

May His Birth, Death, Resurrection and Ascension into Heaven be evident in our lives.

Happy Easter. Jesus Christ is risen.



REPORT & UPDATE OF OUTREACH ACTIVITIES









Some Tribe members in Lagos and Abuja shared the good news on the streets of *Lagos* and *Abuja*.





Mr Damola and Mrs Emi Adelakun (our co-founders) welcomed their spiritual father, Apostle Aroma Osayi and his dear wife, Rev Dinna Osayi, when the duo visited America for an apostolic mission. God be praised both now and forever more. Amen.

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