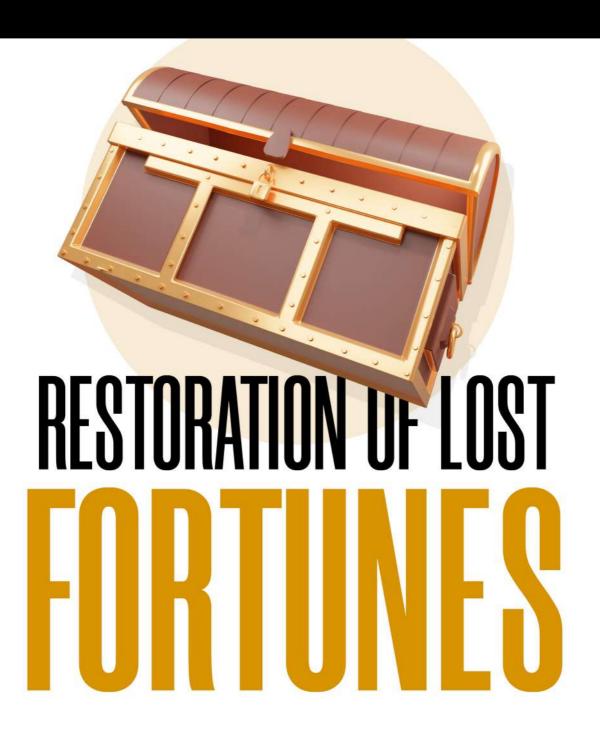


NEWSLETTER

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The question we need to answer today is: what exactly did we lose?

If we are able to answer it, we will know exactly the true fortunes that we have lost.

For me, the main problem we have in the body of Christ is in our interpretation of God's words. So, in most cases, we interpret God's intention or message according to the flesh.

God tells us in Isaiah 55 that: 'my thoughts are higher than your thoughts and my ways are higher than yours'. So, that means we need to elevate our thoughts to where God is so that when God is communicating, we can grasp the true meaning and intention of his words.

So I ask the question again: what did we lose that needed to be restored? If we are unable to answer this genuine question, we may be seeking things that are probably not the desire of God, or altogether, we will be seeking our fortunes in the wrong place.

Just as the world seek their fortune from the earth, so also must we (marketplace ministers and kingdom citizens) seek heavenly fortunes.

Colossians 3: 1-4 says: 'Therefore since you have been raised with Christ, strive for the things above where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

Dear friends, during my late mother's burial last month, I experienced yet again the vanity of life. Staring at her lifeless body, out of curiosity, I laid my hand on her body but her spirit had departed and the words 'we came into this world with nothing and we will leave with nothing' kept ringing in my head.

When Adam sinned, God didn't take away the Earth or any of the created things from Adam. Rather, he took the true treasure away from him, and without that treasure, there's no reason for Adam to leave because that's the main thing.

God took away his presence because God's presence is his Spirit.

From the beginning, even before God predestined you to come into the world through your parents, your spirit man was with God. So, why do we now have to focus on temporary fortunes instead of the eternal fortune?



Romans chapter 13: 7–9 says: 'For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone. if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. For this reason, Christ died and returned to life that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.'

Joel 2:28 says: 'and afterward I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh and on all people, your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.'
This is the reality of all believers, but the question is: Are we all walking in this reality?

1 Corinthians 2:9 tells us that 'Eye has not seen nor ear heard, nor has it entered the heart of man what God has prepared for those who love him.' It continues in verse 10 with 'for God has revealed them to us through his Spirit'. Why? His Spirit searches all things.

The beautiful incident that happened on the road to Emmaus in Luke 24:13–35 is an important lesson for us all. Unless Christ reveals himself through the word to us, we will just be reading the letters, and unless the Holy Spirit opens up to and helps us to pray, we cannot see the real and the true treasures through the word because you unlock the treasures of God through his word.

So, what is the way into this fortune?

- 1. Faith
- 2. Humility
- 3. Trust

Surely, with the help of the Holy Spirit, God will give us understanding and his grace to follow through. God will begin to take us into the true fortunes of his kingdom and that each and everyone who has heard this message will begin to manifest the dimension of this fortune of God in fullness. Amen.





Most times, when Christians think about the beginning, we go to a book called Genesis in the Bible and little wonder why.. when the first words in the great book start with "In the beginning..."

When we spend time with the bible, we begin to realize that certain events actually happened before this beginning and it makes sense to understand that the good news / bible / truth / gospel is not limited to only a section of the book but that the full book is the good news. Certain themes emerge across both old and new testament which not only point to how deliberate/intentional God is but how the completeness of the book is the full book itself.

For example, in Genesis 7, God the Father begins to instruct Noah (a man who was found to be faithful in a world that had grown increasingly wicked. At that time, all their thought and intent was purely evil continuously :ref Genesis 6: 5) to go into the ark with which he, his family and some other living things would be saved since He (God) decided to destroy the earth with a flood.

Now, God asked Noah to bring with him, into the ark the following:

7 each of every clean animal; a male and his female
2 each of every unclean animal; a male and his female
7 each of the birds of the air; male and female
I wondered why the unclean animal was also saved especially going by that adjective "unclean".

Now, in Acts 10 vs 9, we are told Peter was hungry and while food was being prepared, he went to the rooftop to pray and then fell into a trance.

In that trance, a great sheet bound or held at the four corners descended from heaven and in it were all kinds of unclean animals. He then heard a voice asking him to get up, kill and eat.

When man/woman is faced with a decision, he/she reaches by default into his soul which contains his mind, emotions, and will to find a response. As such, Peter's tradition/training/mind map/what he had been taught etc told him to refuse this request even though it was coming from the Lord.

Do you understand that as anointed as Peter was, he said "Not so Lord, for I have never eaten anything unclean".

Peter literally said "No!".

So we see that during this spiritual event (trance), Peter's response was driven by what he found in his mind/emotions and he willed a response to say "No!", with the excuse that it was unclean and not fit for the purpose of eating.

We later find out that the ministry of Jesus which Peter was one of the Apostles for, was about to be extended to the Gentiles or the "non-Jews" and in that time, there was a big divide between Jews and Gentiles and they assumed the gospel was meant for only the Jews but the Lord was letting him know the plan had always been for both Jews and Gentiles to benefit from the good news.. in the same way, the unclean animals were always part of the plan as we can now understand from the instructions given to Noah in Genesis 7.

The unclean animals were always part of the salvation package! The punctuation mark for this theme was when the penny dropped for Peter and hopefully for you.

God is the grand architect, an intentional/deliberate God that nothing is capable of catching by surprise.

We will continue this series in another part, where we will explore the events that happened before the creation story and build it to the second Adam and get some more water from the wells of Salvation.



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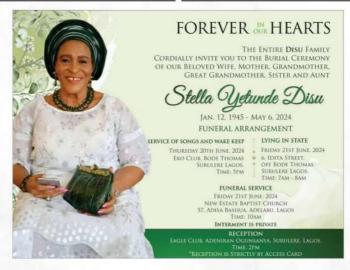




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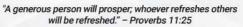
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