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## MY EYES SHALL SEE THE KING IN HIS BEAUTY ISAIAH 33:17

**W**e thank the Lord and our Fathers for the success of the **45th LAWNA ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**. It was quite beautiful and highly successful and it is our prayer that the Lord continues to spare their lives to witness more epoch-making conventions in the land of the living if Jesus tarries.

What is beauty? It is that quality of any object or sense or thought which excites an admiring pleasure, qualification of a high order for the delight of the eye or the aesthetic sense, that is, something beautiful and attractive to behold. It can also be described as grace, charm or pleasing excellence. It is synonymous to loveliness. Seeing the King in His beauty therefore means seeing Jesus Christ in His majesty, splendour and awesomeness.

However, only those who have withstood the storms of life while on this terrestrial plane and not wavering or looking back will certainly see the King in His beauty, especially those who remain consistent and faithful to His cause. For it is written **“that in the world ye shall have tribulation but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world”**—John 16:33. Psalms 119:50 provides a rider viz: **“This is my comfort in my affliction thy word hath quickened me”**. These biblical passages speak words of comfort to many who are consistent and truly serving God in the beauty of holiness and consistency but in sorrow, weeping and affliction most especially devout Christians under serious deprivations, challenges, childlessness, loss of glorious children or even those swimming and wallowing in sorrow and despondency every day over the pathetic situation they currently live their lives.

However, I encourage these set of believers should cheer up for this MESSAGE by Pastor M.A Oke, National Evangelist, The Apostolic Church Nigeria at the August 2021 Irede Prayer Programme of Blazing Fire has brought a balm of Gilead and succour to heal all challenges and frustrations be it childlessness, swimming in sorrow daily over the situations of your life, children, marriage and relatives - happy in the church but sad at home. This edition is a **Must read and digest for these categories of people to get succour**

**and assurance that Jesus lives and He is able to deliver and save.**

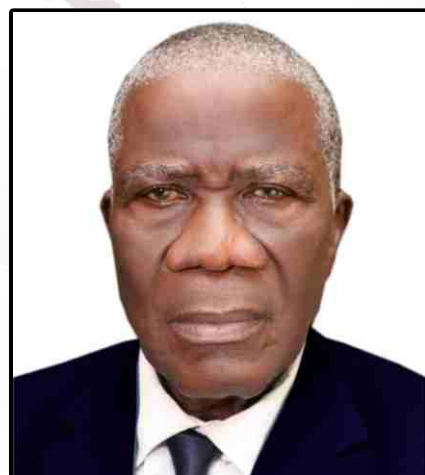
The THEME for the August, 2021 Edition of LAWNA Irede Prayer Programme of Blazing Fire was selected from the Book of Prophet Isaiah, Chapter 33 Verse 17 – **“Thine eyes shall behold the Lord that is very far off”**. The Message is divided into three(3) divisions namely:

- Opening Message’
- Examples of Christians who see Jesus in this world but not in His Beauty;
- Why it is necessary that you should see the King of kings in His Beauty in Heaven.

It is a **thought-provoking MESSAGE** for those currently undergoing serious challenges of barrenness, tribulations and afflictions in order to encourage them to cheer up that even if their today is bitter and discouraging, they should by faith in Jesus Christ, believe that their tomorrow will be pleasant and joyful. No matter their storm(s) surely their eyes shall see the King in His Beauty – Isaiah 33:17, Redemption Hymnal 472.

All these and more were the highly spiritually uplifting Message of the Servant of God at the well-attended session of LAWNA Irede Prayer Programme of Blazing Fire which flowed into 45th Annual International Convention. Other notable features include Amazing Testimonies, Power-packed Prayer items and spiritually

exhaustive Messages culled out from Our Daily Bread, 2021 Annual Edition namely “Present in the Storm” – June 20, 2021 edition and “Spiritually Exhausted”, August 18, 2021 Edition. Have a pleasant reading and God bless.



Elder Julius Aluko  
Editor-in-Chief



# MY EYES SHALL SEE THE KING IN HIS BEAUTY

**ISAIAH 33:17**

*“Thine eyes shall see the king in his beauty: they shall behold the land that is very far off.”*

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## A. Opening Message:

- ◆ In John 16:33 ...In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.
- ◆ Psalms 119: 50 This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me.
- ◆ The two bible passages quoted above speak comfort to several people who are truly serving God in this world but in sorrow, weeping and affliction and this is the reason why it is written that in this world, you shall have tribulation but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.
- ◆ It is possible that virtually, all Christians in the world may see Jesus in this world but not in His beauty. Because salvation principle is not bread and butter!

## B. EXAMPLES OF CHRISTIANS WHO SEE JESUS IN THIS WORLD BUT NOT IN HIS BEAUTY

1) A couple who had married for many years, praying unto God for the fruit of the womb but up till now, they are still childless and desperately troubled.

- ✓ Indeed in reproach, they proclaim Jesus in this world. Do you know that no matter your afflictions you shall still see the king of kings in His beauty? Or will you allow the problems of this world to stop you from seeing the king of kings in His beauty in Heaven?

2) A woman or a man who lost her or his most glorious children suddenly at an unripe age as if he or she is not serving God.

- ✓ People like this see Jesus in the world but not in His beauty. Their hearts are troubled and

disturbed. God asked me to tell you; will you allow these problems no matter how sordid and sorrowful to prevent you from seeing Him in His beauty?

3) Those who are swimming and wallowing in sorrow everyday over the situation of their lives, children, marriage and relatives – they are happy in the church but sad at home.

- ✓ Of a truth, these sorrowful Christians are very many in this world. However, no matter how tough your situation maybe, just endure, it is for a moment, very soon, you shall begin to see God in His beauty.

4) Those who lost their wives or husbands at unripe age.

- ✓ To be frank with you brethren, this is sorrowful, painful and pitiful. Nevertheless, the eyes that see evils can still see good. By the grace of God, it shall be well.

5) A lady or a guy who decided to live holy and yet couldn't get a partner, a job and a better life to live.

- ✓ This is indeed quite **troublesome, worrisome and wearisome**. If you see Jesus in this world but not in His beauty – there is still hope for you. He will never leave you or forsake you no matter the odds.

6) A faithful husband / wife who comes across an unfaithful wife/husband in marriage, hence their union turns to hell and regret on earth.

- ✓ This is possible! But it is not the end of life, because there is still a place of another union where gender is not required.

7) The disappointed, the frustrated, the afflicted, the persecuted, the defeated, the poor, the hopeless and the wearisome.

- ✓ **These sets of people, in their service to God, they see Jesus in this world but not in His beauty.**

However, they will see Him again in His glory and beauty.

- ✓ Ohun kan yii da mi loju, beeni o ye mi yeke, bojo oniba tile koro odaju pe ojo ola mi a dara.

### C. WHY IT IS NECESSARY THAT YOU SHOULD SEE THE KING OF KINGS IN HIS BEAUTY IN HEAVEN.

- You may not see the King of kings in His beauty in this world, it doesn't really matter; but what matters most is for you to be counted to see Him in His beauty and glory in Heaven.
- **If you are looking for the most miserable and wretched people in this world, look for these two sets of people:**

1) Those who have the world in their hands but their eyes would not see Jesus in His beauty at His return and equally loose out in His millennial reign.

- ✓ **Mark 8:36** "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

2) Those who allow their sorrow, affliction, sickness, reproach, poverty and the trouble they go through in the world to affect their salvation and at the end miss heaven.

- ✓ **Prov 24:10** "If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small"

- **My eyes shall see the king in his beauty/3ce.** Kindly always declare this to yourself if you are convinced of making Heaven at last.

- If you know anything that will prevent your eyes from seeing the King in his beauty, you are strongly advised to do away from such ignoble things now. Because it will be a great shame and disaster if you fail to see Jesus when you die or when He returns.

- **It shall be painful!/2ce It shall be seriously painful and calamitous** if you die and unable to see Jesus in His glory.

- **However, there are people whose eyes will**

**not see Jesus if they fail to repent now! Namely:**

- The fornicators – adulterers or adulteresses, smokers – drunkards - liars – thieves – cult members–witches and wizards who operate in darkness.
- **Those who masturbate coupled with those who watch pornography and blue films.**
- Those who deliberately commit abortion – those who are not faithful to their spouse
- Those who have denied Christ including the backsliders;
- Those who are in the church but NOT born again and those who dress indecently in order to seduce and those who are born again but not broken down completely.
- Those who are charismatic but lack character. Those who fail to forgive and forget.
- Those who are dastardly wicked and unrepentant.
- **Those who have fallen inwardly but pretending to be in faith.**
- Those who have gifts of the Holy Spirit but lack and devoid of fruit of the Holy Spirit.
- Those who are gifted but using the gifts in sin, carelessness and wantonness.

**Pray earnestly and sincerely for the grace of God to always overshadow you so that your eyes shall see the King in His Beauty at His Second Coming in Jesus Name.**

- **MY EYES SHALL SEE THE KING IN HIS BEAUTY**

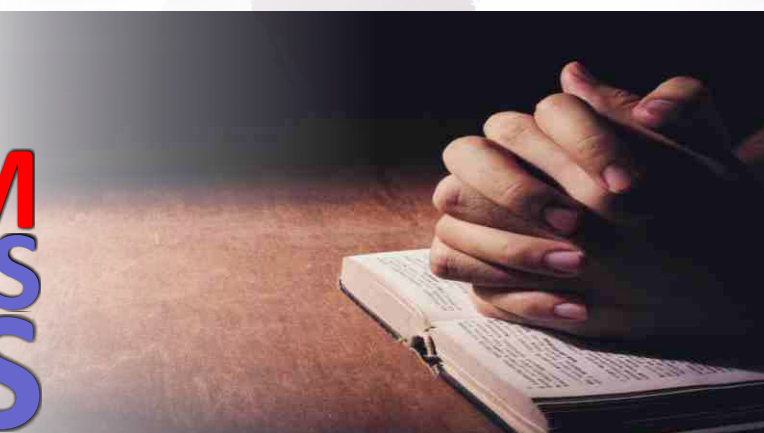
- The story of a young gifted man who had a motor accident and died after getting himself drunk with alcohol.

- **Altar call...**



Pastor M.A. Oke  
National Evangelist

# PRAYER FOR THE SICK AND INFIRM IN THEIR VARIOUS CATEGORIES



1. All those who are sick were called out for effective and effectual prayer.
2. All bachelors and spinsters were equally called out for specific item(s) of prayer on how they

- want God to pave way for them in terms of employment opportunities, marriage, business ventures/engagements.
3. Those working in a particular place of work for

over 20 years and more were called out for prayer on ways of advancement and elevation.

4. Those desirous of building their own houses were prayed for and assured that God has paved ways for them in the name of Jesus.
5. Those desiring to buy one means of transport or vehicles in their various categories were advised to come out for prayers and the man of God pronounced abundant blessing and comfort on all of them in the name of Jesus.

6. Also, with all humility, the man of God prayed for all our Fathers-in-the-Lord in their various categories and pronounced that may the Lord God continue to renew their strength and adequately take care of their ministry, homes including all our mothers and children.
7. Finally, as God is blessing all of you physically, spiritually and materially, do not forget to pay your tithes, first fruits and tangible offerings toward the support and advancement of this programme and

# PRAYER ITEMS

1. Pray earnestly to destroy the judgement of darkness against your existence because satanic judgment is not yours in Jesus name.
2. Pray vehemently to crush and terminate all negative judgment/admonitions and curses of wicked prophets over your life and glory to be consumed by fire of the Holy Ghost in the name of Jesus;
3. Command the Holy Spirit to endow you with power from on high to chain and consume with fire, judges of darkness from your cradle via your ancestors with effect from today in the name of Jesus;
- 4a. All ministers of God should pray earnestly that

- forces of darkness targeted to condemn or judge their ministry/Call be consumed by Holy Spirit Fire in the name of Jesus.
- b. All wicked judge(s) over their divine call into the ministry should receive divine judgment by fire by force in the name of Jesus Christ;
5. Pray zealously and completely destroy all wicked judgment over all members of your households and pronounce that before the end of this year you will be congratulated in the name of Jesus;
6. Decree and pronounce it that all strange trees in your extended and nuclear families be burnt down in the name of Jesus and claim your victory over them by the power of Holy Ghost.



## SPECIAL PRAYER FOR FAMILIES SEEKING FRUITS OF THE WOMB

1. Who judged and condemned your womb that it shall never be productive as long as you are alive? Pray seriously that such judgment(s) is not for you and back to sender in the name of Jesus;
2. Call the name of Jesus(3ce), Holy Ghost (3ce), with confidence pronounce that by the grace of God, you will come to testify with your baby(ies) indicating that Jesus Christ has made you productive because all forms of delay and fibroids have been totally removed from your system in Jesus name. Amen.
3. Pray earnestly and rebuke all wickedness designed and perpetrated by you which have blocked goodness and mercy to reach you over the years, such wickedness is hereby consumed by fire of the Holy Ghost in the mighty name of Jesus Christ. Amen.
4. Pray vehemently and zealously, command in the name of Jesus that the spirit of continuous and perennial barrenness that has enveloped your womb from giving birth to lovely and promising children all these years be consumed by fire of Holy Ghost in the name of Jesus. Amen.
5. Command Holy Ghost Fire to consume all instrument(s) of darkness in-dwelling your womb all these years impeding your conception in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.
6. Pray earnestly and say Holy Spirit Fire(3ce)

- and zealously condemn and disown connections with heavenly husband(s) that has impeded or blocked your womb from getting pregnant all these years in the name of Jesus Christ.
7. Pray zealously and say Fire(3ce) and earnestly condemn and disown all connections with heavenly husband(s) that has completely determined to block your getting pregnant all these years in the name of Jesus.
8. Rebuke all curses and thorns that have blocked your womb/fallopian tube from conception and getting pregnant all these years be totally destroyed in the name of Jesus Christ. With effect from today, always imbibe the habit of invoking the power of the Holy Spirit to overshadow you completely and take you out of the realm of continuous barrenness and shame, so that your marriage shall have meaning and fruitfulness in name of Jesus.
9. Rebuke every negative judgment or words spoken against you positively reverse them and always look unto Jesus Christ for fruit(s) of the womb and by the power of the Holy Spirit, you will surely conceive and laugh at last in the name of Jesus.
10. Pray earnestly and sincerely against anyone that accompanied you to this holy and spiritual gathering with the intention of blocking you from getting pregnant by passing negative judgment

against you. In the name of Jesus, such judgment shall not stand.

11. Pray vehemently, call the name of Jesus (3ce) and Holy Ghost (1ce) to condemn anyone who has followed or accompanied you to this Holy Ground to block or make your conception impossible, command fire from on high to consume him or her in the name of Jesus Christ.
12. Pray seriously and handover anyone present at this holy gathering solely to pass negative judgment and pronouncement against your getting your baby(ies) tonight. Pronounce it that right from this day such person(s) is in bondage and her power and pronouncement are no longer of any effect in the name of Jesus.
13. I decree in the name that is above all names that, even if your fallopian tube is completely

blocked; I pronounce in the name that is above all names, receive brand new fallopian tube in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

14. I pronounce by the power of God Almighty over my life and evangelistic ministry receive new fallopian tubes as new babies are being distributed unto you in the name of Jesus Christ. I pronounce by the power of the Holy Spirit in me that within 3 (three) months effective from this day, you shall all be pregnant and deliver bouncing babies, boys and girls at the expiry of 9 (nine) months in the name of God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

If you believe this, shout 3 (three) thunderous Hallelujah as you receive your babies with faith in Jesus Name.

# Testimonies

## 1. HEALING FROM TWO YEARS DEADLY ATTACK

-Elder Moses

I seize this opportunity to praise God, who completely healed and saved me from serious attack of evil arrow that struck me 2 years ago. It had been a terrible experience. But tonight I have received total deliverance from the poisonous effect of that evil arrow. Hallelujah!

## 2. MIRACULOUS VOMIT OF BROKEN BOTTLES AND STONES

-Ezekiel Adesanya

My child was seriously sick of a sickness initially thought as appendicitis which had taken us to various healing centres without any cure because the doctors could not ascertain if the sickness was actually appendicitis. This prompted us to run to God at Irede Prayer Programme of Blazing Fire in the month of July, when we got home, my son, vomited broken bottles and stones which thereafter he became healed completely. Praise the Lord! Hallelujah!

## 3. GREAT VICTORY OVER 21 YEARS OF STAGNATION

-Elder Victor Ogongo

I have been hearing about Irede prayer programme, but my first attempt to witness the programme was during the July Edition. Then, a young man testified how he got a wonderfully poverty eliminated job. I keen to the testimony because I have been working for 21 years at a particular place and got stagnated. The man of God asked those who seek good job and those who want to change job to come out for prayer and I joined them. Few days, after the programme, in a miraculous way God provided a new job for me in a Commercial Bank which is multi-fold better than the former. I thank the Lord

for packaging everything in my favour. Praise the Lord! Hallelujah!

## 4. PROVISION OF THE FRUIT OF THE WOMB

-Mrs T.A Dada

Praise the Lord with me for giving my daughter a bouncing baby having been childless for quite some time after her wedding. Praise the Lord! Hallelujah!

## 5. A BACKSLIDER CAME BACK TO GOD

-Bro. Julius Fasunle

I have strayed away from Jesus Christ for quite some time and I even attempted to start my own church which I have built a prayer mountain at Ibadan, but all is to no avail. This has made me to suffer seriously as a result of my careless and unwholesome behaviour towards Him. But, now, I have decided to turn to God and come back to my base – The Apostolic Church even to release the church I have built at Ibadan to The Apostolic Church. Praise Lord with me! Hallelujah!

## 6. PROTRACTED DISEASES HEALED

-Sister Comfort

I praise the Lord for healing me completely from a protracted illness that could have taken my life. I seriously challenged God that He must heal me and I thank Him for His faithfulness and answered prayer. I am completely healed. Praise Lord with me! Hallelujah!

## 7. TEN (10) YEARS BARRENNESS TERMINATED AT IREDE

-Sister Maria Odunfa

I married in year 2009, since then I have been praying to God for the fruit of the womb. However, the Lord answered my prayer in year 2019. I praise His Holy name for removing the toga of childlessness from my life. Hallelujah!

Praise Lord with me.

### **8. SAVE FROM STRAY BULLETS**

I thank the Lord Jesus Christ for saving the life of my brother and today he is alive and fit after having been hit by a stray bullet. The bullet was miraculously removed and today he is alive singing praises to the Most High God. Hallelujah!

### **9. SAVE FROM SUDDEN AND STRANGE DEATH**

**-Deacon T.K. Fateru**

I thank the Lord for saving my life miraculously from sudden and strange death. It is the Lord's doing and quite marvellous in my eyes. Praise the Lord with me! Hallelujah!

### **10. FIBROID MIRACULOUSLY DISAPPEARED**

**-Sister Arowosegbe**

I praise the Lord for healing me of fibroid during the May edition of the Irede after the man of God requested all those who have fibroid should come out. I came from Ibadan seeking cure to the fibroid which has been much trouble of excessive blood flow and discomfort. Surprisingly as I heard the call, I came out with faith. When I got home, it started shrinking which prompted me to go to see the doctor in charge of the case. In fact, the doctor too was amazed after carrying out medical test, he could not see any trace of fibroid anymore. He was even interrogating me to know where I had gone to for healing. In Praise the Lord with me! Hallelujah!

### **11. PROVISION OF A GOOD JOB AFTER A LONG TIME SEARCH**

**-Dcns. Oyekunle**

I praise the Lord for providing job for my child after a long search. I sincerely believe it is the Lord's doing and it is marvellous in my eyes. Praise Lord with me! Hallelujah!

### **12. MIRACULOUS DELIVERY OF BABY AFTER THREE DAYS TRAVAIL**

**-Dcns. Dorcas Olubiyi**

I thank and praise the Lord Almighty who out of His abundant mercy gave my daughter safe delivery after having laboured for three days before she could deliver her baby. It was a miracle. Praise Lord with me! Hallelujah!

### **13. DELIVERANCE FROM THE SHADOW OF DEATH AFTER MAJOR SURGERY**

**-Sister Olatunji**

I thank the Lord God for sparing my life hitherto after going major surgery. Indeed, I went through the shadow of death, but God delivered me. Praise Lord with me! Hallelujah!

### **14. RETRIEVAL OF ENTITLEMENT SINCE 2019**

**-Dcns. Adetunji**

I praise the Lord who helped me to collect my right and entitlement that have been usurped by man since 2019. Praise Lord with me! Hallelujah!

### **15. PROVISION OF GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT**

**-Dcns. Ayinke**

I praise the Lord who by His grace provided employment for my child in a miraculous way. Praise Lord with me! Hallelujah!

### **16. SAFE DELIVERY OF A BABY**

**-Sister Abigail Olabiyi**

I praise and thank the Lord for my daughter had a safe delivery. She is alive and the child is equally alive. Praise Lord with me! Hallelujah!

### **17. MIRACULOUS HEALING FROM DEBILITATING SICKNESS**

**-Sister Mariam Olabisi**

I praise and thank the Lord for His protection over my life as He healed me and my brother from a debilitating sickness in a miraculous way. Praise Lord with me! Hallelujah!

### **18. RETRIEVAL OF ENTITLEMENT SINCE 2019**

**-Dcns. Okedeyi Clement Olanrewaju**

I praise and sincerely thank the Lord for restoring my rights and privileges in a miraculous way which have been denied me since 2019. Praise the Lord with me! Hallelujah!

### **19. SIX YEARS BARRENNESS TERMINATED AT IREDE**

**-Dcns. Okedeyi Clement Olanrewaju**

I praise the Lord for answered prayer. For over 6 years I have been seeking the face of the Lord for a child of my own to no avail. But in a miraculous way God made me to go into conception and I delivered a bouncing baby. Praise the Lord with me! Hallelujah!

### **20. SAVE FROM MOTOR ACCIDENT**

**-Sister Elizabeth Temitope**

I thank and praise God for saving my life from a terrible motor accident that could have claimed my life. Praise Lord with me! Hallelujah!

### **21. WONDERFUL WAY-OUT TO STUDY ABROAD**

**-Mrs Bolanle Olukoya**

I praise the Lord Almighty for paving ways for my child to travel abroad for further studies in year 2019. Praise Lord with me! Hallelujah!

### **22. A SUCCESSFUL MEDICAL OPERATION**

**-Mrs Taiwo Dauda**

I thank the Lord for saving the life of my husband from sudden death after a successful medical operation. Praise the Lord with me! Hallelujah!

### **23. SEVEN ITEMS OF PRAYER REQUESTS GRANTED**

**-Mrs M.O. Osirih**

Two years ago, Ps M.A. Oke, National Evangelist said that whatsoever we ask God to do for us we should list them out not exceeding seven items. I complied and promised that if the Lord should grant all my requests and indeed He granted all of them hence my praises and thanksgiving tonight. Praise Lord with me!

Hallelujah!

Hallelujah!”

**24. TWO YEARS BARRENNESS TERMINATED AT IREDE**

-A lady

(The testifier shared this testimony in written formula)

“After two years of marriage I had no issue and I cried unto the Lord to bless my womb and I got pregnant and delivered Olusola safely without any problem. Praise the Lord with me!

**25. EIGHT YEARS CHILDLESSNESS ENDED AT IREDE**

(This testifier also shared this testimony in written formula)

-A lady

“I got married in 2012 and for good 8 years no conception no issue but in 2021, I got pregnant and had a child who is here with me. Praise the Lord with me! Hallelujah!”

# PRESENT IN THE STORM



**PSALM 46:7** *“The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.”*

**F**ire swept through the home of a family of six from our church. Although the father and son survived, the father was still hospitalized while his wife, mother, and two small children were laid to rest. Unfortunately, heartbreaking events like this continue to happen again and again. When they're replayed, so is the age-old question: *Why do bad things happen to good people?* And it doesn't surprise us that this old question doesn't have new answers.

Yet the truth that the psalmist puts forth in Psalm 46 has also been replayed and rehearsed and embraced repeatedly. “God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble” (v. 1). The conditions described in verses 2–3 are

catastrophic—earth and mountains moving and sea waters raging. We shudder when we imagine being in the midst of the stormy conditions poetically pictured here. But sometimes we do find ourselves there—in the swirling throes of a terminal illness, tossed about by a devastating financial crisis, stung and stunned by the deaths of loved ones.

It's tempting to rationalize that the presence of trouble means the absence of God. But the truth of Scripture counters such notions. “The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress” (vv. 7, 11). He is present when our circumstances are unbearable, and we find comfort in His character: He is good, loving, and trustworthy.

*When did a challenge in life cause you to question if God was present?  
What helped to turn the situation around for you?*

**Father, help me to trust the truth of Your Word when it's hard for me to sense Your care or presence.**

## Insight

**I**n Psalm 46, the psalmist writes of the security and stability that God provides in troubled times. Natural disasters (vv. 2–3) and armed conflicts (vv. 6–7) will always be present in this world. Earthquakes, hurricanes, typhoons, and military conflicts have all caused untold devastation and destruction. But no matter how dire the situation, those who make God their “**refuge and strength**” (v. 1) “**will not fear**” (v. 2). The basis for this confidence is declared in verse 7 and repeated in verse 11: “**The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**” Based on this psalm, reformer Martin Luther wrote one of his best-known hymns: “**A Mighty Fortress Is Our God.**” Like the psalmist living in an uncertain and insecure world, we are invited to “**be still, and know that [He is] God**” (v. 10). In confident trust, we echo Luther's words, “**A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.**” -**K.T. Sim**



# SPIRITUALLY EXHAUSTED

## 1KINGS 19:5

*“An angel touched him and said,  
“Get up and eat.”*

“Emotionally, we've sometimes worked a full day in one hour,” Zack Eswine writes in his book *The Imperfect Pastor*. Although he was referring specifically to the burdens pastors frequently carry, this is true for any of us. Weighty emotions and responsibilities can leave us physically, mentally, and spiritually exhausted. And all we want to do is sleep.

In 1 Kings 19, the prophet Elijah found himself in a situation where he was depleted in every way. We read that Queen Jezebel threatened to put him to death (vv. 1–2) after she discovered he had the prophets of Baal killed (see 18:16–40). Elijah was so afraid he ran away and prayed he would die (19:3–4).

In his distress, he lay down. An angel touched him twice and told him to “**get up and eat**” (vv. 5, 7). After the second time, Elijah was strengthened by the food God provided, and he “**traveled forty days and forty nights**” until he came to a cave (vv. 8–9). There, the Lord appeared to him and re-commissioned him (vv. 9–18)—and he was refreshed and able to continue the work God had for him to do.

Sometimes we too need to be encouraged in the Lord. This may come in the form of a talk with another believer, a worship song, or time in prayer and God's Word.

Feeling exhausted? Give your burdens to God today and be refreshed! He will carry your load.

*What area in your life is calling out for encouragement?  
What form may this come in and how can you seek it out?*

**Loving God, help me to turn to You when I am worn out.  
Thank You that in You I find rest.**

## Insight

**A**hab was the seventh king of the Northern Kingdom of Israel. His wife Jezebel is the notoriously wicked daughter of the king of Sidon. Under her influence and dominance (1Kings 21:25), Ahab led the nation into unprecedented idolatrous worship of the Canaanite god Baal and goddess Asherah (16:29-33). Jezebel herself supported 450 prophets of Baal and 400 prophets of Asherah by providing food for them (18:19). She vigorously opposed the worship of Yahweh and viciously massacred Yahweh's prophets (vv. 4, 13). She's so fearsome the even the great prophet Elijah ran for his life when she threatened to execute him (19:2-3). -**K.T. Sim.**



# ANNOUNCEMENT



## OUR HOTLINES:

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PROGRAM	DATE	TIME
IREDE	Every 1 <sup>st</sup> Friday of the month	10:00PM
TEMI NKO	Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month	9:00AM
Counselling Hour	Every Friday, except on IREDE day	7:00AM
Pregnant Sisters meeting	Every Wednesday, except on TEMI NKO day	10:00AM

## IREDE CALENDER, 2021

EVERY FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

JANUARY	1st of January, 2021
FEBRUARY	5th of February, 2021
MARCH	5th of March, 2021
APRIL	2nd of April, 2021
MAY	7th of May, 2021
JUNE	4th of June, 2021
JULY	2nd of July, 2021
August	6th of August, 2021
SEPTEMBER	3rd of September, 2021
OCTOBER	1st of October, 2021
NOVEMBER	5th of November, 2021
DECEMBER	3rd of December, 2021

## CITIES CRUSADE ACCOUNT DETAILS

**BANK NAME:**  
ZENITH BANK

**ACCOUNT NO.**  
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EDITION

**THEME:** **THE WAY OUT!**  
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Isaiah 43:19