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FROM THIS DAY WILL I BLESS YOU

Text: Haggai 2:19

Beloved in Christ,

It is a joy to present to you this edition of our bulletin, centered on a timely and divinely inspired teaching: **Seven Types of Blessings You Can Enjoy in God**.

In a time when many run after blessings but miss the Blesser, God is reminding us through His Word in **Haggai 2:19** that true blessing has a source, a season, and a sustenance. The question, "Is the seed yet in the barn?" speaks to every apparent lack, delay, and unfulfilled expectation, yet it ends with a divine decree: "From this day will I bless you."

This message is more than a promise; it is a revelation. It opens our eyes to understand that God's blessing is not monolithic. It comes in dimensions: as a Stable and Substantive Platform, as a Less-Struggle experience that adds no sorrow, as a Timely intervention in due season, as a *Lifetime* heritage that outlives us, as a Progressive increase that moves from glory to glory, as an Overstocking abundance that breaks the limits of our storehouse, and ultimately as the Blessing of Salvation, without which every other blessing is transient.

We trust that as you prayerfully go through this teaching, your understanding will be enlightened and your faith will be stirred to lay hold on every dimension of blessing God has ordained for you. **More importantly, you will be challenged to meet the conditions: faithfulness, humility, kingdom stewardship, and a genuine walk with Christ.**

We pray that from this day, the Lord will indeed bless you, establish you, and cause His goodness and mercy to follow you all the days of your life.

Stay blessed and remain lifted.

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Is the seed yet in the barn? yea, as yet the vine, and the ig tree, and the pomegranate, and the olive tree, hath not rought forth: from this day will I bless you.

1. **The Stable and Substantive Platform Of Blessing.**
   - The blessing of God begins in the life of a person when God opens a substantive and stable platform of breakthrough for him. Getting a substantive platform of blessing is beyond a person's ability. Only God can do this in His supremacy. A person may study and acquire a high level of education, yet he may not secure the substantive platform of blessing. Many people get a platform of blessing, but only a few people get the substantive and standby platform of blessing. You are urged to pray for it.
     - **Isaiah 60:11** ***Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring unto thee the forces of the Gentiles, and that their kings may be brought.***

2. **The Less-Struggle Blessing.**
   - There is no blessing without sweating, but sweating becomes struggle when there is no result to show for it. But there are less-struggle blessings. They are less-struggle because the effort brings no sorrow, but joy, because the results are clearly manifest.
     - **Pro 10:22** ***The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.***

3. **The Timely Blessing.**
   - This is when God gives you a blessing at the appropriate time. A farmer may suffer if the rain does not fall on his plants in season. Therefore, if you will ask God to bless you, ask Him to release the blessing in season.
   - This will also teach you to make up your mind to cleave to God and pass all the tests of faith and temptations placed before you on time, so that the blessing will not be delayed.
     - **Lev 26:4** ***Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of*** *the field shall yield their fruit.*
     - **Deut 28:12** ***The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.***

4. **The Lifetime Blessing.**
   - The lifetime blessing is the delight of God for His children. He promises it in the Bible. But sadly, many people do not enjoy this blessing; you see them blessed today, but the blessing

does not last for their lifetime.

- In fact, God blessed Abraham with a blessing that outlasted him. **John 4:12** ***Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?***
- Therefore, your understanding is opened today that the blessing of God is not like an OTP. This understanding led King David to ask God for a lifetime blessing. I strongly advise you to withdraw from whatever lifestyle that may cut the lifespan of your blessing short, and where you need to be watchful and careful, do so.
  - **Psalm 23:6** ***Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.***

The condition to achieve this is when you share your blessing greatly with God to promote His work without relenting.

5. The Progressive Blessing.

- It is very important to know that the blessing of God always comes progressively. If your case is the opposite, it means something is wrong somewhere. Progression always comes from God, while regression comes from Satan. The Bible confirms this as follows:
  - **Psalm 115:14** ***The LORD shall increase you more and more, you and your children.***
  - **Gen 26:13** ***And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great***

6. The Overstocking Blessing.

- The Almighty God promises the overstocking blessing for His people. The moment God sees that you did not lift the blessing above your Creator, you do not allow the blessing to trigger pride, and you keep releasing the blessing to expand the kingdom of God, He too will open the blessing beyond your silos.
  - **Isaiah 60:5** ***Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee.***
  - **Mal 3:10** ***Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it***

7. The Blessing of Salvation.

- The blessing of salvation can provoke the earthly blessing is the blessing of salvation. If you are not saved, you cannot be eligible for it. The greatest blessing a person should never miss on this earth is salvation.
  - **Heb 2:3** ***How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;***

Therefore, decide today to surrender your soul to Jesus Christ for the blessing of salvation to come into your life.

- **Altar Call…**

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WHEN FIRE IS INEVITABLE, FAITH IS THE REMEDY

Text: Mat 26:42

"He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done"

A. **What would you do if you were paid with suffering for your decision to serve God?**

- **Will you compromise? -Ezekiel 18:24** But when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked man doeth, shall he live? All his righteousness that he hath done shall not be mentioned: in his trespass that he hath trespassed, and in his sin that he hath sinned, in them shall he die.
- **Will you deny God? 2Tim 2:12** *If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us*

When fire, suffering, or an unjust punishment is inevitable, faith is the remedy. How? ***When you are in the fire of inevitability, faith will tell you that:***

- **You may be put into the fire, but it will never burn you- Exo 3:2** *And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.*
- **No matter the degree of the furnace, none of the hairs of your head will be lost - Luke 12:7** *But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows.*
- **After the thorn, the next is the throne - James 1:12** *Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.*

Psalm 30:5 *"...weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning."*

B. **SOME TYPES OF INEVITABLE FIRE A BELIEVER MAY PASS THROUGH.**

- **The Fire of Delay**. Whenever you are passing through delay, fear will give you two options:
  - **i. To give up** – **Exo 32:1** *And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods...*
  - **ii. To go back - Num 14:4** *And they said one to another, Let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt.*

However, faith will tell you that; "**Delay is not denial**"

- **The Fire of Defeat.**

When you are defeated, fear will tell you that you should not bother yourself to make further attempts. *Fear will open your hearts to the scornfulness of the enemies* ***as if the winning days are not ahead***.

But faith will rise in you removing the dust of shame, sending it back to the sender, the reproach of the enemies and say. "*Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the LORD shall be a light unto me*. **Micah 7:8**"

- **The Fire of Disappointment.**

When you are going through disappointment. fear will tell you to wound your life, kill yourself, and destroy your destiny because it is sourced from the devil.

There are five things you should know about Disappointment:

i. Without Disappointment, there may never be an appointment.
ii. God is using Disappointment to correct a wrong choice or decision.
iii. God is using Disappointment to separate you from the wrong people
iv. God is using Disappointment to take your trust away from human beings.
v. God is using Disappointment to make you firm and upright in Him.

Nevertheless, faith will enable you to see God's consciousness in your disappointment. **Job 13:15** *Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him.*

- **The Fire of the Death of loved ones.**

The death of a child, wife, or husband at a prime age is a fire! No one prays

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TESTIMONIES OF GOD'S GOODNESS

"They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony" - Rev. 12:11

ONLINE TESTIMONIES

1. ONE YEAR OF GOD'S PRESERVATION

Glory to God in the highest! The Lord blessed me with a child last year, and to His glory, the child will be one year old this month. I bless the name of the Lord for keeping us alive this far. He will continue to keep us to witness many more years in Jesus' name. Amen.

2. DIVINE PROVISION OF A FIRST JOB AFTER NYSC

I thank God for providing me with a new job. This is my first job after NYSC. I told God I did not want to stay at home for too long after service, and God did it! Praise the Lord.

3. VICTORY OVER DARKNESS AND SAFE DELIVERY

want to use this medium to thank Almighty God for saving me and my family from every covenant of darkness, for His mercy and goodness, and for giving us victory over the devil. I also thank God for my daughter who was pregnant; God granted her a safe delivery; both mother and child are healthy. God also delivered me from sudden sickness and made me whole.

4. DELIVERANCE FROM STRANGE ILLNESS

Some weeks ago, I was struck with a strange illness. I suddenly felt weak, dizzy, and tired even without doing any work. I took medications, went to the hospital, and did blood tests, but nothing was wrong, yet the symptoms persisted. At the September Irede, Baba Oke said we should command arrows of darkness out of our body. To the glory of God, after the programme, I got home and slept. When I woke up, the dizziness, weakness and tiredness had all disappeared. All glory be to God!

5. MIRACULOUS ACCOMMODATION AFTER SACRIFICIAL SEED

I want to bless the name of the Lord for His miraculous works in my life, family and work. At the last Irede, Baba Oke, the National Evangelist said we should give to the Lord with faith. I had #16,000 in my account and I transferred all to the Irede account. Miraculously, the accommodation I had been trusting God for in the past six months was given to me that same week. I praise God for answering prayers at Irede.

6. BIRTHDAY GIFT: A MIRACLE JOB

I want to thank the Lord for His blessings on every side. God added another year to my years on Monday, 28th September. He also gave me a miracle job as a birthday gift, where I never applied. May His name be praised.

7. DELIVERANCE FROM FIRE ACCIDENT AND HEALING

I want to thank the Lord for His grace, mercy, and protection over my life. Last Friday, I experienced a fire accident at home. I was frying some products for delivery the next day and unfortunately fell asleep. I woke up to find the kitchen filled with smoke and fire. I thank God for His mercy in helping us put out the fire before it caused greater damage. I also thank God for healing me after inhaling smoke. For about three days I found it difficult to breathe and was referred to the hospital, but God healed me without my having to be admitted.

8. OUTSTANDING WAEC RESULT AND ADMISSION

I want to thank God for granting me outstanding results in my WAEC and for my admission. Praise the Lord!

9. AFTER 13 YEARS: GOD BLESSES FAMILY WITH TRIPLETS

I give glory to Almighty God who has turned our waiting into joy. We have been attending the Irede Programme since it started in Oshodi. We continued to trust God and hold on to His promises throughout the years. After 13 years of marriage, the God who is able to do all things has blessed our family with triplets! Indeed, God has turned our waiting into testimony and our prayers into praise.

10. INSTANT PROVISION AFTER PRAYER

At the last Irede, I prayed to God for financial provision. After the Irede programme, God sent someone to give me #60,000. Praise the Lord!

11. DIVINE PROVISION FOR WEDDING

I give glory to God for the success of my wedding. He truly showed Himself faithful as the God of divine provision. At every point when I thought about the responsibilities and many things that needed to be done, God made a way. He carried every burden and supplied everything we needed.

12. HEALED OF RECURRING ILLNESS AND FINANCIAL STABILITY

At the May edition of the Irede Programme, God healed me of a recurring illness that used to cost me thousands of naira monthly. I came with great expectation, knowing my only hope was the God of Irede. I joined those at the Pool of Bethesda, anticipating the mighty move of God, and He healed me. I also bless God for financial stability. He has continually blessed me with more than enough to support my family and those around me.

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THE TRIUMPHANT TRANSLATION OF BISHOP PHILIP WILLIAM OTTERBEIN

Bishop Otterbin, founder of the United Brethren Church, ended a ministry of sixty-two years in great peace. Rev. Dr. Kurtz, of the Lutheran Church, for many years a devoted personal friend of the distinguished preacher, offered at his bedside the last audible prayer; at the close of which the bishop responded, "Amen, amen! It is finished. "Like good old Simeon, who was spared to take the babe of Bethlehem in his arms, he could say, *"Lord, now letter thou thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word: for mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation."* His grief-stricken friends, thinking he was dying, had gathered about him to take the last look ere he smote with this sandals the waters of death's river, but, rallying again for a moment, as if to finish his testimony, and to give still greater assurance of victory, he said, "Jesus, Jesus, I die, but Thou livest, and soon I shall live with Thee." Then, turning to his friends, he continued, "The conflict is over and past. I begin to feel an unspeakable fullness of love and peace divine. Lay my head upon my pillow and be still." All was quiet. He awaited the approach of heaven's chariot, nor did he wait in vain. "A smile, a fresh glow, lighted up his countenance, and, behold, it was death." *(From Life to Life)*

DIRECT TESTIMONIES

1. ADMISSION AFTER 3 YEARS OF DELAY
She thanked God for granting her admission after being delayed for over 3 years. She had prayed to God for help, and He answered.

2. BROTHER SURVIVES ACCIDENT AND FAMILY HEALED
She thanked God for her brother who survived a ghastly accident. She also thanked God for blessing the work of their hands and for healing all members of her family who were sick after they prayed to the God of Irede.

3. JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM MADE POSSIBLE
God answered her prayer, and she was able to embark on her pilgrimage to Jerusalem this year.

4. HEALED OF LEG FRACTURE AND CHILD'S HEALING
a) She had a fracture in her leg in January, but to the glory of God, she has been healed and can now walk on both legs.
b) God also healed her child who was sick.

5. ADMISSION BREAKTHROUGH FOR CHILDREN
She prayed to the God of Irede for her children's admission, and God answered her prayers.

6. FROM CONTRACT TO PERMANENT STAFF AFTER 15 YEARS
God miraculously promoted her from contract staff to permanent staff with full entitlements after 15 years of service.

7. HEALED OF LEG PAIN AND BLESSED WITH A NEW BABY
a) God healed her of leg pain when she prayed to the God of Irede.
b) God also blessed her family with a new bouncing baby yesterday morning.

8. TOTAL HEALING OF THE HAND
She prayed to the God of Irede concerning her hand, and God healed her completely.

9. TWINS PRESERVED FROM MOTOR ACCIDENT
God did not allow her to weep over her twin children who were involved in a motor accident for the second time. God preserved them.

10. DELIVERANCE FROM FIRE INCIDENT
God saved her from a fire incident. To Him be all the glory.

11. FATHER'S LANDED PROPERTY PRESERVED
She prayed to God against those who wanted to sell off her father's landed property, and God answered her prayer — the house was not sold.

12. HEALED DESPITE NEGATIVE MEDICAL DIAGNOSIS
God healed her from a sickness that medical doctors could not diagnose. Though tests showed nothing, she was sick, but after praying to the God of Irede, she was healed.

13. VICTORY OVER GUNSHOT ATTACKS IN THE DREAM
God gave her victory over repeated gunshot attacks in her sleep.

14. RESTORED HOPE AND BUSINESS RESTORATION
Her hope was restored when she prayed at the Irede Vigil, and her business was also restored.

15. IMPOSSIBILITY CONQUERED AND BREAKTHROUGH GRANTED
God conquered impossibility in his life and granted him a major breakthrough.

16. FAVOUR, JOBS FOR CHILDREN AND DELIVERANCE FROM ACCIDENT
God answered her prayer by granting her favour, providing jobs for her children, giving her victory and not putting her to shame. God also delivered her child from an accident.

17. LANDMARK ACHIEVEMENT: FIRST LIVE ALBUM RECORDING
God gave him a landmark achievement as he completed the first live recording of his album.

18. VICTORY OVER CHEST PAIN
God gave her victory over chest pain.

19. HEALING AND EMPLOYMENT
God granted him healing and employment when he prayed to the God of Irede.

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for it, but then, it does happen.
When fire is inevitable, faith is the remedy.
A strong faith is a powerful weapon!
When you are going through the fire of the death of loved ones, faith will be speaking to you simultaneously that truly; "…behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. **Exo. 3:2**"

- **The Fire of Despair.**
During the fire of despair (loss of hope) the following happens:

The strong lose their strength and become weak. The level of faith drops. The soul of the powerful becomes weak. Before strength or power can be regained, faith must come in. **Joe 3:10** *Beat your ploughshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong.*

C. **THREE THINGS JESUS DID WHEN HIS FIRE BECAME INEVITABLE. (Luke 4: 1-8)**

1. **He refused the bread of Satan. (Verses 3-4) Deut. 8:3** *And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.*
2. **He refused to worship the devil for worldly kingdoms. (Verses 5-8)**
John 14:30 *Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.*
3. **He did not allow the devil to turn the power of God in Him into an experiment.**
Deut 6:16 *Ye shall not tempt the LORD your God, as ye tempted him in Massah.*

You need the grace to develop the faith that assures victory over the inevitable fire of life. Ask God for this grace.
When fire becomes inevitable, faith is the remedy!
Thanks for reading, studying and meditating.
God bless you.

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