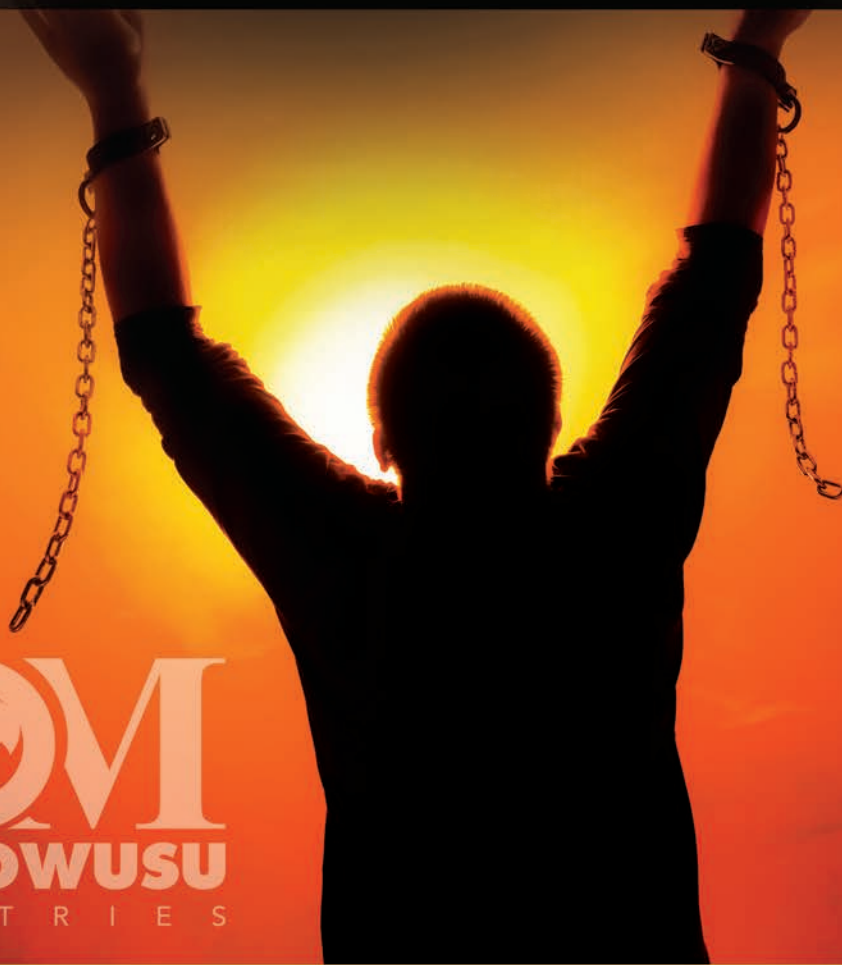


THE RESURRECTION *POWER*

HOW TO RISE AFTER A FALL



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The resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ is the most significant and phenomenal event in the history of Christendom.

When people talk about the resurrection power of Christ, they are mostly reminded of His death and rising from the grave. In this eBook, we will take time to understand in depth what this resurrection power is and why it is so important for a Christian to not only know about the resurrection power but also how to utilize it. In **PHILIPPIANS 3:10**, it says:

"That I may know him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death".

Saint Paul is not only talking about knowing the resurrection power through knowledge but also through experience. How can one get to possess this resurrection power? This power is given to those who only believe in Jesus Christ, that He died and rose again. Yes, the moment you received Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour, you automatically possessed this resurrection power. **EPHESIANS 1:19-20** says, *"And what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power, 20 Which He wrought in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead, and set Him at His own right hand in the heavenly places"*

IN THE BEGINNING

When God created man and placed him in the Garden of Eden, man lived the God kind of life or "zoe" before he fell into temptation. "ZOE" is a Greek word that means "life". Man had a nature like that of God, but when man fell by eating from the tree of death, man's spirit died. It meant that the God nature in him also died. In other words, man lost the ultimate authority God gave him. In **GENESIS 3:21**, God killed a lamb in the garden and used its skin to make clothing to cover the sin of Adam and Eve. The lamb here represents Jesus Christ, as mentioned in **JOHN 1:29**, which says that Jesus is *"the lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world"*. When the children of Israel left Egypt, God enacted a law that when they sin, they were to bring a sacrificial lamb to make atonement for their sins. In time, God realized that the blood sacrifice from animals was not good enough to atone for man's sin; so He decided to make an ultimate sacrifice for humanity that would benefit only those who believe in His Son, Jesus Christ. God sent His Son to die as an ultimate sacrifice for the sin of man, which includes your past, present and future sins. As Jesus Christ died for our sins, we no longer need to bring a lamb to sacrifice because Jesus Christ shed His blood on the cross for us.

Furthermore, in **GENESIS 3:15 KJV**, God said to the serpent, "*And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel*".

The seed of the woman is believed to be Jesus Christ; and the seed of the serpent is humanity and the fallen angels of Satan that oppose God. The devil would bruise Jesus, which is the crucifixion, but Jesus would crush the head of the serpent, Satan, defeating him completely by rising from the dead after His death.

This is the first prophecy in the Old Testament that is spoken concerning the first coming of Jesus Christ to save humanity. **ISAIAH 53:5 KJV** says, "*but He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities...*".

God used the blood of Jesus to atone for our sins. To "atone" means to pay a penalty, pay the price, wipe out, make up for or make amends. Since Jesus Christ died on the cross, our sins were wiped out and we became justified. **ROMANS 5:1 KJV** says, "*Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ*".

ATONEMENT = AT-ONE-MEND

The death of Jesus Christ reconciled us back to God so that we can stand in righteousness with Him. Because of the death of Jesus and the fact that you believe in Him, you are declared righteous.

On His way to the cross, Jesus suffered many hurtful things. From the time He was betrayed, to the time He was beaten and humiliated, to His crucifixion and resurrection, all these events had a prophetic significance.

SUFFERING IN THE GARDEN

MATTHEW 26:36-56 narrates how Jesus was praying in the Garden of Gethsemane with His disciples when Judas betrayed Him. **LUKE 22:44 KJV** says, "*And being in an agony He prayed more earnestly: and His sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground*"

When Jesus was praying in the Garden of Gethsemane, the Bible says that He prayed so fervently until He started sweating blood. In medicine, this condition is not unusual but it rarely occurs. The clinical name given to it is "hematohidrosis", which happens when blood vessels around the sweat glands contract due to extreme stress and then expand to the point of rupture. The blood is then released into the body through sweat glands.

This shows us the amount of suffering Jesus went through just to save us. It is in the Garden of Eden that man committed sin and it is in the Garden of Gethsemane that Jesus made a decision to pay the ultimate price for our sins. However, one can ask, why the Garden of Gethsemane and not any other garden?

Gethsemane comes from two Hebrew words: "GAT" meaning a "winepress" and "SHMANIM" meaning oils and its singular "SHEMEN" means oil. The literal translation is "winepress of oils" and is also taken to mean "the place where olive oil is pressed".

At an olive press, a beam is lowered onto the stack of sacks of olives and increasing weight is added to the end of the beam to press oil from the olives. The more pressure, the more oil, therefore, olive oil is produced under pressure. According to the Bible, olive oil is a symbol of the presence of the Spirit of God. It was used to anoint priests and kings and to bring light.

The Garden of Gethsemane represents the sins of the world that were pressed down on Jesus like a heavy beam is pressed down on olives in their sacks. The sweat that dropped down His face is like the oil that comes from the olives when they are being pressed down on.

STRIPES AND THORNS FOR YOUR SALVATION

When Jesus was arrested, He was beaten mercilessly; He was given 39 stripes on His back. In medical science, diseases are categorized into 39 different groups. This means that each stripe Jesus endured was for each disease. That is why as a believer, you must not fall sick because He traded His suffering for all your diseases. As **ISAIAH 53:5** says "*...by His stripes we were healed*".

Jesus dealt with a lot of things on His way to the cross, all because of you and me. He was sacrificed so that you and I may live a life free of sin. He took away the shame that the enemy would bestow on you. He wiped out all the curses that would be spoken over your life.

Curse came as a result of the sin of man, God had cursed the earth, but as they placed the thorns on Jesus' head and blood came out, IT BROKE THE POWER OF EVERY CURSE.

YOUR SINS WERE NAILED ON THE CROSS

When Jesus died on the cross, He made the greatest statement ever made in history. He said, "IT IS FINISHED".

Any sin, any disease, any shame or curse that you encounter was nailed on the cross already. This is why as Christians, you must confess that Jesus died for you on the cross whenever you encounter sin, sickness, etc.

JOHN 3:16 KJV says,

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life".

In the above scriptures, we are made to understand that those who believe in Jesus Christ will not perish. As God gave Him to us to die for our sins, it is not acceptable for whosoever believes in Him to die of any sin, disease, curse, poverty, and all the other things that were nailed on the cross.

You are beginning life from a finished line. Our Lord Jesus finished it for us. We are no longer like those who do not believe, we are ahead spiritually and physically. All you just need to do is tap into the finished work by faith. When Jesus said it is finished, the curtain in the temple was torn into two.

MATTHEW 27: 50-51 KJV

" Jesus, when He had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. 51 And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent".

The curtain or veil in the temple, which was made of linen with blue, purple and scarlet yarn, was torn into two pieces. The word VEIL in Hebrew is "PAROHETH" meaning screen, divider, separator, or barrier.

There are things that you try and do to bring progress in your life, but every time, you hit the wall. There is a veil that is limiting your life, your business, your finances, your progress, but today, as the VEIL in the temple was ripped, I declare that every barrier standing in your way is demolished right now in the name of Jesus Christ.

ROLLING AWAY YOUR RESTRICTIONS

MATTHEW 28:1-2 KJV *"In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.2 And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it".*

JOHN 20:6 KJV *"Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie",*

The stone that the angel rolled away was put there by the enemies of the Messiah. This was done in case Jesus resurrected and wanted to come out of the tomb.

In the same way, the enemy will also seek to place a limit on your life to restrict your progress. There is a spirit of limitation that the enemy places on the life of the people of God that makes you retrogress. It restricts your progress, and can sometimes cause things not to move at all. If for instance, Jesus had resurrected and the stone was still at the entrance of the tomb, His movement would be restricted to the tomb only.

Most people's movement is restricted to the tomb only, for example:

- you have a stable relationship, but it is not progressing to the next level
- you have a good job but there is no promotion
- you have a salary but the money is never enough to pay your bills and take care of your family
- You have a business but you are still in serious debts

These limitations are like the stones that have been placed on your life. As a prophet of God, I came to speak into your life and I declare today that every form of limitation is broken from your life in the name of Jesus. As the angel rolled away the stone and sat upon it, I release angels to roll away every stone that has been placed on your life.

MOVING TOWARDS GLORY

MATTHEW 28:4 KJV says, *"And for fear of Him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men".*

The keepers of the tomb thought that Jesus would remain in the tomb forever. There are people who think you will remain broke forever, they think you will be single forever, they think you will be driving that small car forever, but God will prove them otherwise.

The keepers can also represent monitoring spirits -- spirits that will monitor your finances, marriage, business, your life and make sure that you are always at one place without making any progress in life. I decree and declare, let the angel of God shake those monitoring spirits in Jesus' Mighty Name.

The Bible says "they were like dead men" which means they could not function anymore. Anybody fighting against you, I declare that they cannot function anymore. If they were using witchcraft, I declare their bodies cannot function anymore. If they were using social media, may the system crash in Jesus' name.

When the women went to the tomb to look for Jesus but His body was no longer in the tomb, they were very confused. Where your enemies thought they will find you, you will no longer be there. When your problem looks for you, it will not find you. There are people who are used to seeing you in bitter situations but when they look for you now, they will not find you there anymore. As Jesus rose and walked out of the tomb, I pray that today by the same resurrection power, you are walking out of that problem that you have been buried in. You are walking out of poverty, sickness, marital disaster, brokenness and disappointment; you are walking out in Jesus' Mighty Name.

If the last time your friends saw you, you did not have a job, you did not have a business, you barely had members in your ministry, you were sick or you may have been single, this year, when they see you, they will not find you in that terrible situation they last saw you in. They will be shocked when they see a ring on your finger, when they see your name on billboards, when they see you interviewing them for a job, and when they see you driving your Rolls Royce. They will look for you at No.1 Poverty Street but they will not find you because you moved to No. 10 Rich Avenue. God is changing your location. They shall be greatly puzzled because the resurrection power that raised Christ from the dead will resurrect every dead thing in your life and will shift your position in life.

God is moving you from a place of poverty to a place of wealth, from a place of lacking to a place of abundance.

1 SAMUEL 2:8 KJV says, *"He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth are the LORD's, and he hath set the world upon them"*.

He will move you from being single to being married, from a place of sickness to a place of good health.

WEARING THE NEW CLOTHES OF HOPE

When they put Jesus in the tomb, they put clothes on Him but when He resurrected, he left the grave clothes and God gave Him new clothes.

Jesus was given grave clothes that signified that His life was over. At some point in your life, there may be some people that have written you off as well. For instance, your bankers might have said there is nothing they can do about your situation, your lawyer might have said there is no hope for you with that case you are facing, the man or woman you are in a relationship with might have told you it's all over now; but hear me, God is about to do something new in your life that will shock the people that wrote you off.

ISAIAH 43:18-19 KJV says, "*Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old.*

19 Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

Do not lose sleep over how God will do it because there seems to be no way of turning your situation around. God said He will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. People see you in that terrible situation and they label you a hopeless person, but what they do not know is that God is removing the clothes of hopelessness and is clothing you with the clothes of hope. Everything about your life is going to be renewed, you will come out looking like someone who was never harmed, who was never disappointed, who was never cheated, someone who was never broken because God is renewing everything about your life.

The enemy can succeed in burying your blessing, burying your marriage, burying your potential but you shall come out. Jesus walked out of the grave and today by the same power, you are walking out of your grave. Death is not just physical, it can be spiritual, mental, material and there are so many things concerning your life that are dead and buried. Some of you applied for certain jobs years ago and you never got any response because your application was buried, or you applied for a visa 10 years ago and got no response because your application was buried also. But today, I prophesy over your life that whatever the enemy buried in your life to hinder your success, it is coming out of that grave by the resurrection power of Jesus Christ. If the devil could not hold Jesus in the grave, I come to declare to you that he can't hold you down either. You were set free when Jesus walked out of the grave. **JOHN 8:36 KJV** says, "*If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed*".

DISCERNING TRUE LOYALTY

Everything that Jesus went through -- the betrayal, His arrest, the beatings, the humiliation, His death and resurrection -- all depicts the life of a believer.

One of Jesus' most trusted disciples is the one that betrayed Him. Judas was even the treasurer in Jesus' ministry. Be careful who you trust, as it says in the scriptures:

MICAH 7:5 KJV

" Trust ye not in a friend, put ye not confidence in a guide: keep the doors of thy mouth from her that lieth in thy bosom".

JEREMIAH 17:5 KJV

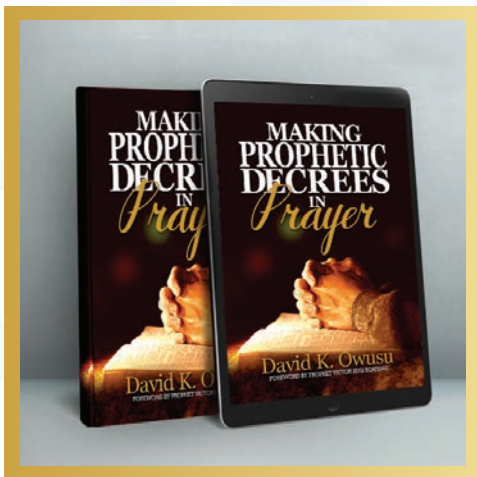
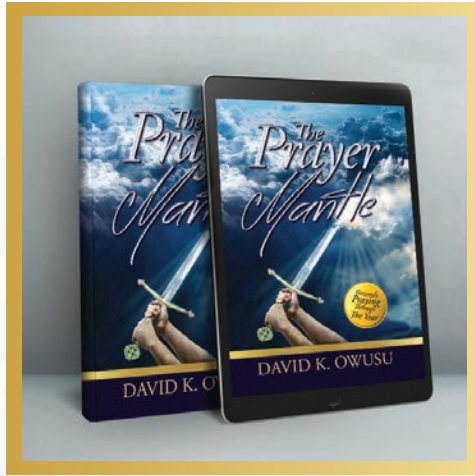
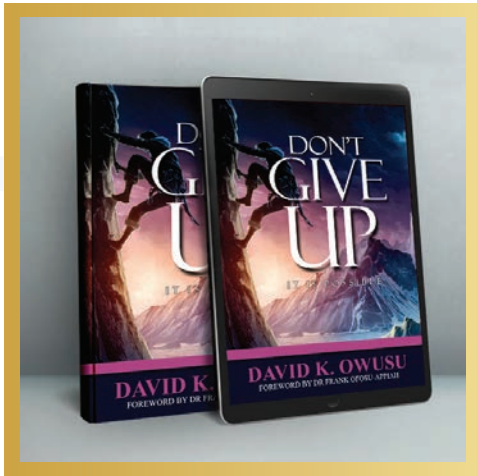
" Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD".

Anybody that betrays you thinks they are selling info to your enemy to destroy you, but they don't know that God has already foreseen that into your destiny. The betrayals will only make you better. Every betrayer ends up destroying themselves.

Mary, the mother of Jesus and Mary Magdalene went to the tomb at dawn to anoint Jesus' body with oil. It is not surprising that a mother goes to the tomb of the her dead son, however when someone who is a disciple or a follower decided to visit a dead man's tomb even after his death when he was classified as no one of any significance, it is something worth considering.

There are people who will stick with you as long as you have something to offer them. If you give them money, they will be there for you, if you support them in one way or another, they will always be there for you. However, the day your support for them ends or your money finishes, their love and loyalty for you will also end. On the other hand, there are people who will stick with you with or without your support or anything you give them. High maintenance people will always let you down. They are the ones who are quick to betray you and quick to stab you in the back. I pray that God will give you people who will stick with you even when you have nothing to give.

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