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God has sworn that He will give everlasting life to man - to the seed of Abraham. The seed of Abraham is not a carnal man neither is he a natural man or a man who is dead in his spirit (**Galatians 3:16**). It is the promise of everlasting life that necessitated our quickening from the dead to receive the doctrine and knowledge of Christ.

You cannot be called a seed of Abraham without the doctrine of Christ. Christ is the seed of Abraham (**Galatians 3:16**). No other person can take the promise. The stature of Christ is very necessary for us to come into everlasting life. We cannot attain anything in Him without His doctrine.

The doctrine of Christ raises us to become Christ. Jesus is a man who was raised by doctrine. There is nothing He wants us to do that He hasn't accomplished. Jesus also did the sayings of His Father. He then made it clear that there is no way a man can come into everlasting life without doing His sayings (**John 14:6**).

The warfare Satan wrought from the beginning of creation is to make sure man finds it difficult to do the sayings of God. Christ brings sayings to the carnal man with the intent of upgrading him. These sayings are contrary to the arrangement of the carnal man.

The laws that govern marriage were ordained for everlasting men. The laws are so high that they can only be received by spiritual men. It is a spiritual man that can interact with everlasting laws and be excited to obey them.

For example, *I find it beautiful and glorious to live as a woman under my husband. I see it as my service to God and my alignment to Him. I see it as the reason I was made a woman.* God has sworn to give everlasting life to this generation because He knows they will be able to keep it. God is giving these laws because He will strengthen this generation to keep them.

The knowledge of God will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea (**Habbakuk 2:14**). This is the knowledge that brings everlasting life. We should not be deceived to think that the earth will be taken over by evil. The knowledge of God will be trapped by souls on the earth. This knowledge will raise everlasting men (or stature). With stature, men would be willing to obey the commandments of Everlasting life.

Doing the will of God was not palatable to Jesus, but He had been raised to do it. He got to the cross and wanted to negotiate it because of its high demand (**Matthew 26:39**). He wanted the cup to pass over Him. He must have then realised at that point that He had gone too far to turn back. He eventually gave it all up to God and decided that God's will will be done. Jesus' resolution was possible because He had been used to doing obedience before that time. He had been training himself in obedience before He arrived at that point. You do not stumble on obeying commandments of Everlasting life.

There is a level of fear every soul must possess with respect to the word of God at every level. There were brethren who did not care about God's word at the level of milk. They were men were too bold and comprised God's standard. They did not want to submit to God. Today, they are still carnal and cannot change. Rather they have turned to strange things that are convenient for their flesh.

The attitude you give to every level of God's word you are exposed to now will determine how far you will go with God. The attitude you show to every little commandment of God will determine how far you will go.

At the time we heard the milk of God's word, the conversation was that of faith in the Lord Jesus and love towards all the saints. The commandments around these conversations were kept by some and disregarded by others. As simple as this level of God's word is, it would help you take a journey far with God.

Faith towards God made some brethren refuse to marry until the Lord brought someone to them. It made them learn patience. God would not demand higher things of you when you have not cultured a heart of obedience with little things. It is important for us to cultivate a heart of obedience early.

Obedience is yieldedness to God contrary to what you feel is right, what you have known and what is advantageous to you. We have been formed by the ideas of this present life, which is why we fight God when He comes. We refuse Him from redeeming us from our death. One of the things we need to know is that the leading of the Spirit becomes stronger the more you obey. Your ears become sharper as you exercise yourself in obedience.

The Lord knows the intents and thoughts of our hearts (**Hebrews 4:12**). He moves ahead to instruct us to go against what our hearts need to turn from. As we obey God,

our senses change and our thoughts begin to tow the same line of God's ways. To break a wrong nature, walk against the way the natural, carnal mind would want you to react.

I felt the Lord was too hard on me - at a time - with the way He was dealing with me. He wanted me to obey Him against all odds and even despite the opinions of others. If you will be controlled by the opinions of others, you will not grow nor will you journey. You will have to die to what people will say about what God has asked you to do. You are unholy if people's opinions stop you from obeying God. You serve God by His commandments, not by what people say. If Jesus were to listen to what people would say, He would not have gone to the cross.

Jesus had been schooled to obey God. If not, He would not have obeyed the instruction of not opening up his mouth when He was before the slaughter (**Isaiah 53:7**).

*John 8:31-32*

*"Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; [32] And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."*

We must have continued in the word for a particular level for us to know the truth that will make us free. The truth in Christ will make us free. This truth is the law of the Spirit of life that is in Christ Jesus. It is what makes us free. We don't become free without walking by the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus - against the law of sin and death (**Romans 8:2**).

The law of those quickened from the dead is the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus. We are to learn this law and live by it. (**John 6:33**). We would not please God if we seek honour from men and not God (**Romans 2:7; John 8:54**).

The truth that is in Christ sets us free from sin. Obedience to it purifies us. There is no purification without obedience. Those who haven't done well with the milk of the word will find it difficult to obey God at the level of the word of truth.

*John 8:51*

*"Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death."*

A man who keeps the sayings of the Lord will never see death. We must not joke with sayings. We must keep them as treasures and hide them safely. We keep God's sayings so that we can engage and obey them. It is spirits of death that come to steal the sayings of God from us. They give us arguments and reasons why we should not obey what God has said.

*"Then said the Jews unto him, Now we know that thou hast a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and thou sayest, If a man keep my saying, he shall never taste of death. [53] Art thou greater than our father Abraham, which is dead? and the prophets are dead: whom makest thou thyself? [54] Jesus answered, If I honour myself, my honour is nothing: it is my Father that honoureth me; of whom ye say, that he is your God: [55] Yet ye have not known him; but I know him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you: but I know him, and keep his saying." (John 8:52-55)*

God is not the God of those who don't obey him. He is the God of those whom He has led. They are men he has led to the slaughter until they lost their lives. He is the God of those who have died His death. God became the God of Abraham the day He died to Isaac.

We cannot become what God wants us to be in one day. It is as we cultivate the attitude to obey God. Before we can know Christ, we must have known and kept the instructions of the milk of the word. You move to the doctrine of meat as you get weaned from milk (**Isaiah 28:9**).

Everlasting life is delivered by sayings. The way Jesus proved that He knew God was in keeping God's sayings. Jesus kept the Father's sayings. Some have not been weaned from milk. They are not doing well with the laws that the word of milk projects. This is the reason some are not making progress with God. We must cultivate the habit of keeping sayings.

*Hebrews 1:1-2*

*"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, [2] Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds."*

The Son whom God is speaking about is also the high priest. We have been called to obey Him. However, we cannot come to the point where we can obey the voice of the High priest when we have not been made Christ.

The ministry of the high priest starts when one is about to be raised to become a Son. It is the high priest that harvests men from the holy place for the holiest of all. He harvests these men by sayings. These men will find grace to do these sayings because they have been used to obeying God's sayings before then.

Submission that is accompanied by grumbling and complaints is no longer submission. It is not acceptable.

The high priest uses instructions to wean us. They come as we interact with the Knowledge of the Father. The knowledge becomes the instructions we obey. There is

no life everlasting without commandments. We would not be able to understand the level of the everlasting commandment if we have not been exposed to the judgement of everlasting life. To process the thoughts of God, we must have engaged the thoughts of Christ (**Isaiah 55:8-9**).

The judgments of everlasting life beat our minds. They cannot be reasoned out. They are uncreated thoughts of a God who does not think vanity. Our thoughts are affected by vanity and they reflect how we see, feel, hear and touch. It would take Christ to redeem us from the control of these low carnal thoughts. Christ raises us to think and engage everlasting thoughts.

Conriteness comes with knowing God. The more we know God, the more it becomes obvious to us that we are quick to judge our brethren wrongly. We make excuses for those people we love. We cover them even when they have been proven wrong. We would not yield to the thoughts of everlasting life if we have not been yielding to Christ. Christ has to have killed us first before we can yield to God's death.

The realm of everlasting life is the realm of consecration (**Hebrews 7:28**), and this consecration is done by words.

The High priest is an heir of everlasting life. His Father taught Him the conservation of everlasting life and He kept them. Everlasting judgements will be communicated to us to be raised as everlasting men. Jesus was made a High Priest by the sayings of the everlasting.

Our attitude to sayings must change. Each time instructions come, we must engage grace that is in the knowledge that stirred the instructions. Grace enables us to yield to the sayings and demands of God. The Lord is taking us to a place where we will be killed completely.

The reward of God is not for the preachers, but for doers. This should make us work out our salvation with fear and trembling (**Philippians 2:12**). Our reward is the throne and this requires engaging sayings to arrive at. God spoke Moses from the burning bush to his death. The high priest was also raised by speakings. Our inheritance comes by doing the conversations being spoken to us.

The sayings that will set us on the throne will slay us. The reason for the life of the Lamb is to help the Father achieve what He wants to. She must obey the Lamb to the fullest to be useful to the Father this way. Whoever obeys the Lamb to the highest level will also become a lamb.

Following like a lamb looks odd to natural man but it is glorious in the sight of God. This is what makes a man beautiful.

*Revelation 19:7*

*"Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready."*

The bride makes herself ready for the marriage of the Lamb by obeying all the instructions of the Lamb. Every instruction has made her qualified to marry the Lamb. She is adorned with meekness and lowliness. She is already slain just like the Lamb himself. What makes the bride ready is that she also has been slain.

As women, our focus should be on inward beauty (**1 Peter 3:2**). Some struggle to belong to a class that men would reckon with; believers who do so, do it in jeopardy of sitting on the throne and becoming the bride of the Lamb. We are instructed not to mind high things (**Romans 12:16**). The character of the Lamb's wife is one who walks in lowly paths, even though they have the capacity to walk in high places. The lifestyle of the beast is otherwise, loving to walk in high places.

It is important that we do not treat brethren based on their natural status (**James 2:1-4**). Rather we must be like God, who is no respecter of persons, He only respects those who obey His standards.

The commandments of the Lord come to slay us and reduce our heights and age. It takes reputation from us, thereby making us ready to be the Lamb's wife. The adornment of the Lamb's wife is love of the brethren. As often as we express love of the brethren, we receive the incorruptible seed. And we will never cease to walk in that conversation, even when we attain sitting on the throne. Having yielded fully to the sayings of the Lamb and worthy to be His wife, the Lord Jesus presents us to the Father, and the Father sees in us a good match for His Son, because we would be meek and lowly as Him.

We must give attention to keeping the sayings of the Lord in this season. The sayings of the Lord can slip; hence, we must be careful (**Hebrews 2:1**). The fowls of the air, including satan come to fight and take away the sayings of the Lord from us. Satan comes with reasonings and thoughts, to make us dump the sayings of the Lord and do otherwise. In this realm of everlasting life, we are not wrestling against demons, but spirits that want to deter us from inheriting the promise. The battle lies in either keeping or dropping what God is saying. There are many enemies against us, hence the warfare is tough. The warfare is to prevent us from becoming; and the only way we can become is to keep the sayings of the Lord. We must stay strong and defeat the enemy in order to possess the land. It is a risky zone because of enemies, enemies of sayings and becoming.

In marriage, it is necessary to become one who listens and heeds the sayings of the Spirit, especially as the wife, else the enemy would have a ground/fothold in the

home. Through the sayings of the Lord, He gives instruction on how to maintain peace and order in our homes. Marriage is preserved by persons who keep sayings.

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This teaching is the Lord helping to point to us what we should become. It is important that in sincerity, we ask the Lord for help to do His sayings in order to become. The Lord is demanding something higher from us in this season. I had an encounter where I saw someone who was disqualified from entrance because of his attitude towards the word of the Lord. We must be found trembling at His word, because without such an attitude, we would not be able to receive the frequency of His saying and will not also be able to do them. A heart that does not tremble at God's word can be likened to being numb, that is, not sensitive to His saying. Your attitude to His saying will reflect in your attitude to instructions.

The Lord is warning us ahead of time because He knows what is ahead. Perhaps there are some oppositions that will come in the near future to accuse the word of the God we are hearing. Our attitude to sayings must be right, there is a higher response to His sayings God is demanding of us in this season. We should ask the Lord to grant us grace in this regard, to answer and give the right response to His words.

God desires a kind of conversation in this season and He would find it in us. We are a generation who would see the fullness of God manifested in our time, and this will be done by no other means but His sayings.