Spirit Food

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Once you are presented with what the Word of God has to say about an issue, you are responsible for receiving His love, grace, & favor; and the gift of His righteousness. Remember, you are greatly blessed, highly favored, and deeply loved by your Heavenly Father.

This month, let’s focus on being an Heir of Almighty God!

Galatians 4:6–7 -And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

When you accepted Jesus as LORD in your life, the Holy Spirit came to live on the inside of you. Remember, mankind are spirit beings created in the image of God (Gen 1:27). Accepting Jesus as LORD made you an heir of God through what Jesus or Christ (Redeemer) did for us on the cross.

As a son and an heir of God, you inherit all the blessings of God which Jesus died to give you, including salvation, healing, provision, wholeness, favor, intimacy with God and answered prayers. And Jesus rose from the dead to make sure that what He died to give you, you get. He is alive today to enforce this rich, blood-bought inheritance in your life!

Do you remember the events written in Matthew where after John baptized Jesus, the heaven’s opened up and God spoke, basically saying that Jesus was His Beloved Son, in whom He was well pleased? Then Jesus went out into the wilderness and was tempted of satan; who said: “If you are the Son of God…” (Matthew 4:3). You see, the devil’s intention was to make Jesus doubt His Sonship, and the devil wants to do the same thing to you today.

The devil wants to destroy the Spirit of sonship in you and in the body of believers. He knows that once you really believe that you are a son of God, something happens—you begin to live life as “an heir of God through Christ”.

You are an heir of God through Christ. This means that you are joint heirs with Jesus. (Romans 8:17) So His inheritance is your inheritance too!

What is provision when you are an heir of God? He owns every beast in the forest and the cattle on a thousand hills. (Psalm 50:10) All the diamonds and gold came from Him. What is healing when you are an heir of God? He is your Creator and the very breath of your life.

As heir’s, we should be enjoying every bit of our inheritance in Christ, not because we deserve it, but because it was paid for by Jesus’ blood!

So, why aren’t many Christians? Most likely because they’ve not stayed focused on Jesus and what he accomplished at/on the cross for them.

Proverbs 4:20–21 - My son, give attention to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes; keep them in the midst of your heart;

Many of us have vocations in this world with huge responsibilities. However, we need to ensure these responsibilities (or just life in general) doesn’t take us away from the Word of God. Understand that as your physical body needs nourishment, to function and not become weak, so also does your spirit being. Every day, we need to set aside time to study the scriptures until our inner man is happy in the Lord.

You need to have the mindset and believe that when you give time to God’s Word first, God will take care of all your needs.

You really believe and practice every day, only one thing is needful? Even if the bills don’t get paid, the children are not making any headway in their studies and the office work is not completed, all these things can wait. Only one thing is needful—that you spend time in the Word of God and continue to develop your relationship with Him.

When Martha complained to Jesus that her sister Mary had left her to serve alone (Mary was sitting at Jesus’ feet and hearing His Word), Jesus defended Mary by saying, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But **one thing is needed**, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.” (Luke10:41–42)

You will not lose out when you take time to sit down and listen to God’s Word. Even your health and well-being will be blessed. (Proverbs 4:22) So take time today to meditate on His Word. It will make your way prosperous (Joshua 1:8–9), and give you divine health and good success!

Remember, faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God (Rom 10:17). When you are built up in your faith, understanding that you are an heir of Almighty God, the creator of the universe as we know it, and believe that His Word is the final authority, you’re functioning wearing the armor of God, and you’re a blessing (to yourself and others).

Ephesians 6:11 - Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Understand that God does not need you to defeat the devil today. Jesus has already done it and given you the victory. (Colossians 2:15, Romans 8:37) Your part is to enforce the victory by simply standing your ground, which is victory ground. In other words, you “fight” from victory ground by standing. You don’t fight for victory.

In Ephesians 6:10–18, the passage on spiritual warfare, the word “wrestle” appears only once (verse 12), while the word “stand” appears four times—“**stand** against the wiles of the devil”, “**withstand** in the evil day”, “having done all, to**stand**”, “**Stand** therefore”. (Verses 11, 13–14) Four times the Holy Spirit tells us to stand. Yet, many Christians are focusing on wrestling their way to victory!

 You are already on victory ground. You already have everything in Christ. (1 Corinthians 3:21, 23) You are already blessed with every spiritual blessing in Christ. (Ephesians 1:3). The devil knows this. And that is why his tactic is to deceive you and make you think that you don’t have the victory.

So when he attacks you by saying, “Look at that small sum in your bank account! How are you going to pay the bills?” stand your ground. Declare, “I am not trying to be rich. I am already blessed in Christ!” It doesn’t matter how much you have in the bank. You are richly supplied because you are in Christ. And as the need arises, the supply will be there if you believe it. Use your faith, pick up that bank statement and call the account that is in your name to be replenished with amount you need to do what’s necessary … In Jesus’ Name! God spoke this world into existence by using His words … use your words to call those things that are not, as though they were!

It is the same with healing. The devil will try to attack you with symptoms in your body. He will try to put pain in your body, and make you feel weak here and there, so that you think that you are still sick. He is trying to make you believe that you don’t have your healing. That is the time to be conscious of Jesus’ finished work and declare, “I am not trying to get healed, I am healed! I am standing on the victory ground which Jesus has given me!”

Mark 11:24 - Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.

When you pray, what did you see inside you? Were you praying for healing, but seeing yourself sick (or that person you were praying for not having a change in their condition)? Were you praying for a financial breakthrough, but seeing the banks pursuing you till you were contemplating bankruptcy?

You need to understand, you don’t get what you pray for. You get what you believe you receive when you pray. Jesus said, “Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.”

 “Whatever things” covers your every need. And believing that you receive them comes before having them. Jesus once told a centurion, “Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you.” The centurion’s servant was healed that same hour. (Matthew 8:13) The centurion believed that he received his miracle even before he saw it in the natural.

So when you pray, what do you really believe and see on the inside? If you can’t see it in your spirit, then don’t pray yet. Change your vision on the inside first. Start seeing yourself with the answer. See yourself healed. See yourself living in the bigger house that you need. See yourself enjoying more than enough. When you can see it and believe it, then pray in faith, and you will have whatever you ask for!