



THE REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD

Victory House, Bahrain

The Place of His Power

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AUGUST MY MONTH OF ADVANCEMENT (1Sam. 12:6)

Topic: LAZARUS WAS SICK. *Text: John 11:1-5.*

1. Friend of Jesus, But Sick Lazarus the sick man was described as one whom the Lord loved. "He whom thou lovest is sick," went the urgent message to Jesus (Jn. 11:3). The fifth verse makes the same point that not only Lazarus but also his whole family was beloved of the Lord. Why then should Lazarus be sick? Can he or they whom the Lord loves be sick? Can one be such a friend of Jesus and anything would go wrong with him? In a family so totally beloved by God, should not everything go on smoothly? In this family of Lazarus, however, as we find here, the presence of the Lord with them did not mean the absence of the storms of life.

2. Sickness that leads to death Sickness is not death, but sickness can lead to death. That is why no sickness should be ignored. Sometimes God reveal to a man that his temper is his 'sickness', but he excuses it as just his 'mild headache,' which would soon be overcome. He neglects it until it develops into something more critical, even death. Or God lets a lady realize that she has a 'sick tongue.' But what does she do? She excuses it as the peculiar sickness, in a long or short while, that sickness of her tongue eventually results in a death.

One little sickness ignored today could be the cause of tomorrow's lamentation. Sickness, spiritual or physical, is not death, but a sickness ignored can lead to death.

3. Not unto death As soon as the sisters of Lazarus discovered that he was sick, they sent to Jesus for help, Jesus, on receiving he message, at once prophesied that the sickness of Lazarus would not be "unto death" but for the glory of God. And because Jesus had spoken, the sickness was no more to be feared, no matter how critical it seemed to get thereafter. Let us go to Jesus, so that He may speak into our circumstances, so that our several sicknesses may lose their fatal hold. Amen.

4. The Master Never Panics Jesus did not rush down to see Lazarus as soon as He had heard about the case. He gave Satan, and Death his messenger, the 'extra time' of four more days to perfect their worst. Why? Because He was Master, and could not be set in panic by Satan, for He could destroy in one moment what Satan had been building for years.

5. Ripe for a Miracle Jesus was Master. He would not panic, because He was in control of the situation. When you have the authority of God, you do not panic at the news of Satan's havoc. Jesus did not arrive when all men expected Him to, but He never

arrived late. For men, four days after death was "too late." But for God, that was just the ripe time for a miracle. So also shall it be for you, that although men have counted you as now beyond hope, they shall find out that your God is never late. He knows just when it is ripe enough for a miracle. Your condition is not now hopeless. According to the Master, YOU are just ripe enough for a miracle.

6. In One Day In four days, Death had worked on the already lifeless body of Lazarus to ruin and wreck it thoroughly, apparently further beyond help. The sisters of Lazarus said to Jesus: "It is four days since Death and Grave have had custody of him. It is now totally hopeless. had custody of him. It is now totally hopeless. By now he stinketh." In the several days before then, Sickness had been working on the body gradually, wickedly, wrecking it, until the point from which Death had taken over the baton. Yet in one day, and with only few words - "Lazarus come forth! - Jesus undid what Satan, through Sickness and Death and the Grave, had taken to long to accomplish and, as it were, secure with the 'padlock' and 'bolt' of the grace stone.

It does not matter how ancient are the problems that bring tears into your family. It does not matter for how many years or generations sickness and death have gloated over you. It will take the Master only one day to rectify the ancient ruins; and He would need to speak only a few words to restore joy and wipe the tears away. Therefore, weep no more.

7. The Master is Come When Jesus got on the scene, it was announced, "The Master is come" (v28). How true. The Master! The Lord of all. The Master over sickness and death and even over Satan himself who is the master of those mischievous agents. When He was called on the scene of the stormy sea, by the terrified disciples, He turned their "great storm" into a "great calm," so that everyone declared: "even the wind and the sea obey Him" (Mark 4:41).

When He arrives on a scene, He turns storms into bliss, tears into smiles, sorrow into joy, weeping into laughter. When He comes on the scene, sickness becomes health, and death becomes life. He turns darkness into light; night into day, failures into triumphs; defeats into victories, and losses into gains. He is the Master of all.

Even now, may it be announced to your situation, as it was in Lazarus' situation: "The Master is come!" Amen.

8. Alive, But Bound Lazarus needed two kinds of miracles. The first

miracle he needed was deliverance from the hands of Death. That was something only God could do, so it had to take Jesus to do it. But coming out of the grave was not the end of the miracle. There were grave clothes, the tokens of death, with which he had been bound while he was dead. Those had to be loosed. That was something which men could do, so the Master had to say to them, "Loose him, and let him go" (v.44).

There are several who, while they were dead in sins and trespasses, had had themselves bound (by men or devils) with grave clothes of several kinds. Today, although the Master has spoken them back to life, they still go about "bound and had foot with grave clothes" (v.44), limited by and bound with the carry-overs from and the customs and conventions of the evil world of death. They need to be delivered from those vestiges of Death; those tokens of the Grave; those limiting costumes of the dead. A man cannot be alive (restored from the region of the Dead) and still be carrying those costumes about on his person. Light and darkness, or Death and Life, cannot dwell together.

The restored, Living New Man must be SEPARATED from those properties and tokens and conventions of Death, otherwise, although he is now alive, he remains limited bound by those grave clothes.

9. Hindered by the Tombstone after Jesus had healed and brought Lazarus back to life, there was a feast (John 12).

At that feast, Lazarus was one of those who sat at the hightable with Jesus. Imagine this man, destined to have a place with the Master, but cut short by Death, and prevented by the stone which had been placed over his tomb! Thank God, that stone was the very first thing Jesus had to address when He got on the scene. He asked them to roll away that stone of limitation.

The removal of the stone of limitation became the starting point of Lazarus' miracle.

Conclusion: There are several who today are rotting away in graves of sin, and hindered or limited by the covenant-tombstones that have been placed over those graves to keep them there perpetually. The Master shall come again. The grave could not hold Him back when Resurrection Day came for Him. So shall the grave limit you no more, because the Master is come. You are limited until you have met the Master. Death, that life of sin, is a limitation. But Jesus is come that you might have life, and have it more abundantly. The Master is come. Amen. SHALOM!!!

Schedule of Services

Every Friday: 10:00am

1st Friday - Thanksgiving Service.

2nd Friday- Jacob Service.

3rd Friday - He sent his word Service.

4th Friday- Anointing Service.

Mid - Week Service (Every Tuesday)
6:30pm.

1st Tuesday - Holy Communion Service

2nd Tuesday - Digging Deep (Bible Study)

3rd Tuesday - Digging Deep (Bible Study)

4th Tuesday - Faith Clinic (Prayer Meeting)

Breakthrough Service Every Sunday at
St. Christopher 's Cathedral. 11:00am

New Comers

We welcome you with the love of God to His presence where Biblical truths are taught without compromise. We hope that you enjoy the fellowship in His presence. Please wait after the service for a warm reception.

A/P Olajide Joshua
Pastor in-charge



Please
Switch off
your
Phone
or put them
on
Silence



VISION / MISSION STATEMENT

The following are our Visions and Goals as members of
The Redeemed Christian Church of God:

1. To make heaven.
2. To take as many people as possible with us.
3. To have a member of The Redeemed Christian Church of God in every Family of all Nations.
4. To accomplish No1 above, holiness will be our lifestyle.
5. To accomplish nos. 2&3 above, we will plant Churches within Five Minutes walking distance in every City and Town of Developing Countries and within Five minutes driving distance in every city and Town of developed Countries.

We will pursue these objectives until every nation in the world is Reached for Jesus Christ our Lord.

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FRIDAY 4TH AUGUST 2017

1. When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,
When you are discouraged,
thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings,
name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what
the Lord hath done.

*Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your blessings, see what God hath done;
Count your blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.*

2. Are you ever burdened with a load of care?
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?
Count your many blessings,
ev'ry doubt will fly,
And you will be singing as the days go by.
3. When you look at others with their lands and gold,
Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold.
Count your many blessings,
money cannot buy
Your reward in heaven, nor your home on high.
4. So amid the conflict, whether great or small.
Do not be discouraged, God is over all,
Count your many blessings,
angels will attend,
Help and comfort give you till your journey's end.

FRIDAY 11TH AUGUST 2017

1. When we walk with the Lord,
In the light of His word,
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will
He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

*Trust and obey!
for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus,
But to trust and obey.*
2. Not a shadow can rise,
Not a cloud in the skies,
But His smile quickly drives it away;
Not a doubt or a fear,
Not a sigh or a tear,
Can abide while we trust and obey.
3. Not a burden we bear,
not a sorrow we share,
But our toil He doth richly repay;
Not a grief or a loss,
Not a frown or a cross,
But is blessed if we trust and obey.

4. But we never can prove
The delights of His love
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favor He shows,
And the joy He bestows,
Are for them who will trust and obey.
5. Then in fellowship sweet
We will sit at His feet,
Or we'll walk by His side in the way,
What He says we will do,
Where He sends we will go,
Never fear, only trust and obey.

FRIDAY 18TH AUGUST 2017

1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to take Him at His Word;
Just to rest upon His promise;
Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him,
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, Precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more.*
2. O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to trust His cleansing blood;
Just in simple faith to plunge me,
'Neath the healing, cleansing flood.
3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life, and rest, and joy, and peace.
4. I'm so glad I learn'd to trust Thee,
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend,
And I know that Thou art with me,
Wilt be with me to the end.

FRIDAY 25TH AUGUST 2017

1. Deeper, deeper in the love of Jesus
Daily let me go;
Higher, higher in the school of wisdom
More of grace to know.

*O deeper yet I pray
And higher ev'ry day
And wiser, blessed Lord
In Thy precious holy word.*
2. Deeper, deeper! blessed Holy Spirit,
Take me deeper still,
Till my life is wholly lost in Jesus
And His perfect will.
3. Deeper, deeper! tho' it cost hard trials
Deeper let me go!
Rooted in the holy love of Jesus,
Let me fruitful grow.
4. Deeper. Higher every day in Jesus,
Till all conflict past,
Finds me conqueror, and in His own image
Perfected at last.

HOUSE FELLOWSHIP CENTRES

Every Friday Time: 6pm-7pm.

Flat 11, Building, 3304, Road 244 Area 324
Juffair, Bahrain

Flat 12, Building, 2020,
Road 4441, Block 244, Arad, Bahrain

Flat 1, Building 64, Road 1202,
Area 412, Al-dih, Bahrain

Flat 12, Building 954, Block 908,
Road 833, West- Riffa, Bahrain

Villa 1339, (Petland Bldg First floor, Opposite
KIA Body Shop) Road 4334, Block 243, Arad,



BIRTHDAY FOR THE MONTH

A/P Oladunni Taiwo Joshua	- 3rd August
Victor Okorie	- 3rd August
Diana Olando	- 16th August
Precious Isa	- 26th August
Adewale David	- 27th August

YOUTH CORNER

The Youths Meet Every Second
Saturday of the Month Time: 12noon

GOOD WOMEN CORNER

The Good Women meet every last Saturday of the Month
Time: 12noon Venue: Pastor's Residence

EXCELLENT MEN CORNER

The Excellent Men meet every 3rd Saturday of the Month
"A wise mans strong" A man of Knowledge I ncrease strength
Time: 12noon

KINGDOM PARTNERS

Dear Kingdom Partner, your support toward the church is greatly appreciated. Your kind acts and giving for God's work do not go unnoticed. As you sow you will reap a hundred fold in Jesus name.
Thank you for your partnership with the Kingdom.
The partnership is open to as many as are willing to join.
See the ministers for details.

GIVE UNTO THE LORD

YOUR TITHE
Promptly and Accurately

YOUR OFFERING
Cheerfully and Bountifully

TO THE MEN OF GOD
Reverently

TO THE LESS PRIVILEGE
Generously

TO GOD'S WORK
Willingly and Sacrificially

This is the Gateway to Abundant Blessing