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Straight From *My Heart*

As the year progresses, you must consistently carry out an appraisal of your progress in achieving what you have set out to do this year; are you making progress? Or have you already given up on those worthy goals and plans?

The only way you can effortlessly achieve good success is by a continual engagement in fervent prayers, committing your plans and your ways unto God and asking Him to lead you in His predetermined path ways for your life.

Doing this will secure for you the much-needed divine directions.

In this edition we will be touching on a bouquet of topics that will help you in securing Gods staying hand on your affairs and family.

More importantly, it is getting more and more critical for the saints to rise up and undertake an intense soul winning effort. God's appeal to you this quarter and onwards is that you make that conscious and determined effort to win souls for Him.

Remember that he that winneth souls is wise, also the cheapest way to secure God's abiding presence is to be actively involved in soul winning.

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen"

**BE BOLD FOR GOD KEEPS WATCH OVER YOU,
STAY BLESSED AS YOU SOAR HIGHER AND HIGHER.**

Michael

7 Strategies for Building a *Psalm 91 House*

When you first move into a home, great care is taken to situate the furniture, hang family pictures on the walls, and decorate each room. A house becomes a home with time and love invested into establishing a comfortable space.

But what about the spiritual side of your home? Does being a Christian mean your home will automatically be blessed and protected? Unfortunately, the answer is no. So, what can you do to ensure your home is a safe place for your family? You go to God's promises in His Word.

Promises of protection abound throughout the Bible, but there is one place where you can find all of them gathered together in a single, power-packed passage—and that's in Psalm 91. Psalm 91 is God's covenant for divine protection. It covers every danger—sickness, disease, assault, crime, tornadoes, fire and any other threat to your safety and well-being.

The good news is you can live in a fortress of Psalm 91 protection and create an environment in your home that makes the devil flee. But like any of the promises of God, you have a responsibility to receive the promises of Psalm 91 by faith.

Here are seven faith strategies for Building a Psalm 91 house.

01 Fill Your Atmosphere

*"Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty."
(Psalm 91:1)*

We live in two atmospheres—one is physical and the other spiritual. An atmosphere is defined as "a pervading or surrounding influence or spirit, general mood or environment." In *Genesis 1*, the earth's atmosphere was dark and empty—until God spoke. It didn't automatically take on the spiritual atmosphere of God—He had to fill the atmosphere with what He wanted to occupy that space.

The same is true for us. We have a spiritual atmosphere in our homes that we can energize with the power of the Holy Spirit or leave blank for anything or anyone to permeate. The latter is much too dangerous. If we fail to play offense, we'll end up playing defence and wearing ourselves down with unnecessary trials.

How can you fill your atmosphere? Try these simple, but powerful, ideas at home:

- Load an MP3 player with the entire Bible. Connect it to small desktop speakers and place it in the main living space of your home. Set it to 'repeat' and let it run on low volume 24 hours a day, seven days a week. No matter where you are or what you're doing, the Word of God is being spoken into the atmosphere of your home!
- Turn on the Believer's Voice of Victory Network (BVOVN) and let it play in your home.
- Play worship music softly throughout the day.
- Speak the Word of God out loud as you go about your daily tasks.

02 Protect Your Atmosphere

*"He is my refuge and my fortress...."
– Psalm 91:2, NKJV*

Romans 12:2 tells us not to be conformed to this world and its ways. Media choices like television shows, movies and music that promote fear, worry, infidelity, divorce, anger and sexual immorality oppose the Word of God and weaken the protection around you, your home and your family.

When you take refuge in God, you remove yourself from the influence of those things that are not of God—the voice of the world. Ask God, according to *Psalm 119:37*, to turn your eyes from worthless things and help you purge your atmosphere of all that is not of Him.

03 Deal with Wrong Spirits Immediately

"Because he has set his love upon me, therefore I will deliver him..." – Psalm 91:14, NKJV

Have you ever walked into a room and felt tension so thick, you wanted to run the other way? A wrong spirit was most certainly to blame. *James 3:16* says, "For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there" (NKJV).

When you set your love upon the Lord, you will desire to love others as He loves them, but if you step out of love, you are stepping into Satan's territory. Strife, unforgiveness, rebellion and pride are all tools the devil uses to come into your home and stir up trouble. His purpose? To divide and destroy your home.

It can be very costly to allow the "luxury" of a few quarrels or to permit your children to rebel and talk back to you, because when you do, you are inviting a wrong spirit to operate in your home. On the other hand, the power of agreement is a supernatural, miracle-working power!

So, determine to stop any attitudes or situations that cause destruction. When any wrong spirit tries to take up residence in your home, deal with it immediately. Say, "Spirit of strife, unforgiveness, pride and rebellion, get out of my home in the Name of Jesus!"





04 *Anoint Your Home with Oil*

*“A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; but it shall not come near you.”
–Psalm 91:7, NKJV*

The world around you—even fellow believers—seem to struggle with constant sickness and tragedy. But under God’s promise of protection, those evils will not touch you. When you stand in faith for Psalm 91 protection, you will see those around you falling, but that evil won’t come near you.

One way to appropriate your faith for supernatural protection is to anoint your home with oil. Oil represents the power of the Holy Spirit and is a symbol of faith in God’s ability to cleanse and make holy. It is an act of consecrating your home to Him.

To do this, anoint the frame of every door in your home. As you do, pray and invite the Holy Spirit to fill every inch of your home in every room. Pray that only His will be done and that everything that is said and done in your home will be pleasing to Him.

“And the yoke will be destroyed because of the anointing oil.” –Isaiah 10:27, NKJV

05 *Draw a Blood Line*

“No evil will conquer you; no plague will come near your home.” –Psalm 91:10

There is power in the blood of Jesus! In 1 Peter 1:18-19, we are told that we were redeemed from the curse with the precious blood of Christ. So, when the devil tries to nose his way into our lives, we overcome him by the blood of the Lamb (*Revelation 12:11*).

How do we use the blood? In *Luke 10:19*, Jesus says, “I have given you authority over all the power of the enemy.” So, we plead the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ over our families, our property and our possessions.

A minister and his wife were conducting meetings in a large church that was having a great impact on the kingdom of God. The devil had become infuriated at the success of the meetings, so he told the minister he had put rabies on the foxes in the woods adjoining their property and intended to kill his children.

The minister said, “Devil, you are a liar! You can’t kill my children.” Immediately, he went home and gathered in agreement with other believers. They agreed in prayer and by faith drew a blood line of protection around the property.

A week later, lying on the boundary of his land,

were five dead foxes. They had dropped dead when they tried to cross the blood line!

In prayer and faith, you can plead the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ and draw a blood line around your property, your vehicles, your children’s schools and your workplace.

06 *Dispatch Your Angels*

“He will order His angels to protect you wherever you go.” –Psalm 91:11

Did you know that one of the ways God carries out your deliverance and your protection is through angels? You literally have angels at your service.

You could hire a hundred natural men for your security, but they would be limited by natural things. Not so with angels. Angels operate under the authority of Jesus (*1 Peter 3:22*), and one of their jobs is ministering to believers. They are real. They are powerful. And if you are a believer, they are a vital part of your life.

So, dispatch angels around you, your family members, your home, your vehicles and any building you walk into. Say, “Ministering angels, I send you forth to protect my family according to *Psalm 91*.” Then, expect it!

07 *Pray and Speak the Word*

“His truth shall be your shield....” –Psalm 91:4, NKJV

The Word of God is a weapon, a two-edged sword (*Hebrews 4:12*), so when we pray the Word, we pray right on target.

How can you pray for protection? Pray Psalm 91 over your home and family. Commit it to memory and make it a part of your heart and spirit. Hang a copy somewhere in your home as a reminder of God’s promise of protection. You can even pray something as simple as, “I pray Psalm 91 protection over my home and family today.”

Put these seven strategies to work in your life and home and watch the power of Psalm 91 build a fortress of protection that cannot be touched! The Word of God is a powerful force, and the devil is no match for it! God’s Word always produces fruit and accomplishes everything it says (*Isaiah 55:11*). Trust in God and rest in the protection and blessing only He can provide! **16**

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Nigeria, let the Righteous Arise

The secrets of God are the pathway to progress for any nation, tribe or individual; being a recipient of God's secret is a key tool for intercession. The saints in Nigeria must arise and lay hold of the secrets of Heaven by which we can proclaim the counsel of God in and upon our nation like the prophets of old.

Righteous points of action

1. Engage in fervent prayers, asking God for an abundance of revelation concerning our nation
2. Engage in thanking God for what He is set to do in our nation
3. Decree that the righteousness of God shall rule over our nation
4. Invite the Holy Spirit to take over the seat of power of this nation ensuring that all decisions concerning this nation are sanctioned by Him
5. Continue to pray for a re-awakening of the church and a revival
6. Make a commitment to winning one soul a week and nurture same to maturity

"SURELY THE LORD GOD WILL DO NOTHING,
BUT HE REVEALETH HIS SECRET UNTO HIS
SERVANTS THE PROPHETS"
(AMOS 3:7)

I was in a conversation with a friend a while ago; now this friend is always upbeat, cheerful and ever ready to lend a hand of help to people that she came across. The assumption was that all was well and perhaps the lines had fallen for her in all the pleasant places. With a little prompting during that conversation, she told me what she was going through, her story brought tears to my eyes, that was one of those rare occasions that I was at a loss of what the right words would be that would soothe an aching and troubled soul. For minutes I remained silent, asking the Holy Spirit for guidance on what to say and what not to say. I couldn't approach her issue by reeling out scriptures, because she knew quite a bit of them, I couldn't tell her that I understood how she felt, because that would not have been altogether true. I couldn't narrate to her any of my own experiences, because no two experiences are alike. As those seconds raced by, my heart cried out with an intensity that usually comes when I hear or see people in agony.

At the end I said to her, "Sister, I definitely have no clue how you feel, I might guess at it, I might have had a similar experience, but I am quite sure that the impact of my experience and yours are not the same, I know you are a Christian, who has been serving God perhaps to the best of your ability, I know you would have perhaps wanted to ask God to provide some form of explanation on why He is standing by and letting you go through what you are going through. I can hazard a guess on how hard it has been for you to maintain a cheerful disposition when in the midst of others only to go back home and cry yourself to sleep, perhaps I can relate to how you are conflicted on the inside while having to appear so calm on the outside, I can imagine the fear in your mind when you think of the possible outcomes of your situation. And truthfully, I lack words to say to you that will be of comfort, however let me remind you of the God that you have chosen to serve all these years.

That God is the Alpha and Omega, He is the beginning and the end, the fourth man in the fiery furnace, the one who is familiar with our experiences in that He took our place on the cross. That God you serve knows exactly what you are going through, and His heart breaks every moment He sees a tear drop from your eyes. I cannot fully understand myself why He doesn't just wave His hand and clear all



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the storms from the lives of His children. However, I know that our light affliction, which is but a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal light of glory (2 Corinthians 4:17)."

At this point the tears had subsided and she just stared into space with those glassy eyes weary from weeping. I heard that familiar voice that said to me, stop talking and worship'. And that I did. I was so lost in worship that I didn't realize that she was still there, I could just hear this sweet soul join in worship and prayer. By the time the Holy Spirit was done, she had regained that laughter and gladness of heart that precedes a miracle and I was sure that God was in the process of perfecting a miracle.

Every Christian will at one point or the other pass through what I might refer to as a threshing floor experience, where it seems as though all the trials of the world have come to bear on you. Those threshing floor experiences can be overcome by a combination of faith, worship and seeds (seeds of kindness that you have sown into the lives of others).

When you go through those seasons, you must remember that God is in the business of working things out for your good. You must remember that He has good plans for you that will ultimately bring you to an expected end. You must realize that your walk with God does not insulate you from the storms but rather provides you with the strength and wisdom to thrive despite the storms.

In those moments as should already be your custom even before those threshing floor moments, you need to read the word, meditate on the word, speak the word, claim the promises in the word, think the word and see the word that God has spoken concerning you in everything around you.

In my personal experience I have achieved this by literally converting my phone and car to a media centre of some sorts. There is always some worship song or message playing in my ears at every freed-up time.


Being in tune with the word of God ensures that your heart is conditioned to receive divine instructions that will guide you through your threshing floor.

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What about worship?

You need to understand that God created you to worship Him, to take up the job that the enemy lost when he was thrown down from Heaven; the reason why the enemy attempts to come in like a flood is basically to draw you away from your primary role of worship, therefore you must dedicate yourself to the true worship of the King of glory and guess what? God only listens to the worshippers – "Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth." (John 9:31 KJV).

It is through worship that God speaks to you, worship helps you tune into the frequency where God bypasses your understanding and speaks directly to your spirit.

Nothing moves God more than a soul who gives selflessly to those in need even when it perhaps isn't convenient. When you have a giving heart, God in turn fulfils His word and gives back to you with a good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over (Luke 6:38) also kindness to the poor is a loan to the LORD, and He will repay the lender (Proverbs 19:17). 

BELOVED, IF YOU ARE GOING THROUGH A STORM IN YOUR LIFE, THEN THIS PIECE WAS WRITTEN SPECIFICALLY FOR YOU, AND BY THAT SAME ANOINTING AND GRACE THAT PROMPTED THIS PIECE.

I decree an end to the storms you are passing through and I command peace to reign supreme in your life and affairs; may you arise from your threshing floor, fully equipped to apprehend that for which you have been apprehended. In addition to these, I prophecy concerning you that your destiny helpers will begin to locate you from this very Moment in Jesus Name.

As we embrace the year 2019, there is a feeling of old things passing away, a surge of energy to start afresh, resolutions to make life better. However, feelings are never enough, and resolutions are never sufficient. Men must be empowered for a glorious future. If the year must be successful, then we must engage what makes men succeed. The word of God is the foundation for a successful 2019. It is the most valuable treasure in the kingdom and the missing factor in most failed Christian lives. The word instructs, reproofs and corrects but more importantly it impacts the very life of God (Zoe). John 6:63...the words I speak to you, they are Spirit, and they are Life. God is packaged in his word! John 1.1....and the word was God.

Little wonder the enemy is out to steal your access and manifestation of the word. He knows if he can keep you away from the word, poverty, sickness and chaos would be the outcome.

This was the case in the life of Eli the great priest. He was always present at the tabernacle but as long as the word of the God was absent, his doom was inevitable. The root cause of his problem was captured in 1 Sam 3:1...Now in those days messages from the Lord were very rare, and visions were quite uncommon. In summary, this scripture was saying that the word of God was absent. The result was gluttony, sexual immorality and eventually death.



A photograph of a man with dark skin, wearing a red long-sleeved shirt, resting his head on his hand in a church setting. He is sitting in a wooden pew, and a Bible is open on his lap. The background shows other pews and a window with light coming through. The title 'The Foundation' is overlaid in a white serif font on a black rectangular background.

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The word of God is only absent where men have not sought God for it. If Eli had known better, he would have ensured the word became abundant in his time. It is our responsibility to avoid distractions and separate ourselves to encounter his word in this great year. Anything we place above his word has become a god to us. Let us make a conscious decision to go after his word above all else and see the hand of God upon our lives in 2019.

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Imagine yourself taking an evening stroll on a familiar road, oblivious of everything happening around you; worrying virtually about nothing. You look behind you and notice that an increasing number of persons are taking the same stroll on the same route and in the same direction as you, but what is it to you? You are the type that minds his business. You look back the second time, and a lot more people have joined in the stroll. You wonder why everyone has chosen this same evening to stroll. You decide to increase your pace to try and get farther away from the crowd that has thickened behind you, but the faster you walk, the faster the crowd behind you walks and the larger it seemed to grow. You still do not bother after all it's a public road. Suddenly you feel someone shove at your back. You try looking back, but you quickly must concentrate on moving faster.


It is no longer a stroll; you just must keep on moving. It has seized being a choice you make but a thing you must do. You look ahead of you and see a large gully of infinite dimensions.

You try stopping, but the crowd behind you keeps pushing you on. You try shouting at the top of your voice, but the people behind seem not to hear, while all the time they keep pushing you forward, you must keep moving or else you'll be trampled underfoot.

You find yourself at the very edge of this bottomless pit, you try digging in your feet to see if you could save yourself, but the very soil beneath you seems to crumble. You find yourself falling into this pit, suddenly a hail of fire seems to rise from the bowels of the pit to welcome you, you awake, all soaked up in sweat. It was a dream.

The above scenario paints a vivid picture of a true-life situation with eternal consequences. Now imagine you had that encounter above but were delivered by some strange fellow who reached down, pulled you out and set you on a plane where you could still see those previously behind you rushing straight into this pit filled with this raging inferno.

Would you not do all it takes to ensure that you rescue some from that which you have been rescued from? To do this you must commit to interceding in prayer for and on behalf of lost souls, the soul that walks past you right now might just as well be at the edge of that cliff that you have been delivered from. Knowing the wrath that is to come, will you not participate in warning all men?

The bible says that he that winneth souls is wise, also *"go into all the world and preach the gospel to all men, and lo I am with you to the end"*. Note that before the 'lo' was a 'go'. Will you obey the 'go' command today thereby activating the promise of His abiding presence? 

I call on you to join in this separate but collective effort to save men and women from this otherwise inevitable end. Let the very next person you meet after reading this, hear the gospel of salvation from your mouth and then let it become a daily habit to win souls at all costs.

TOGETHER WE CAN WIN THIS WORLD FOR CHRIST!!