



THE REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD

CHRIST THE LORD PARISH

1-5 ADMIRALITY ROAD, LEKKI PHASE 1, LEKKI

THEME FOR THE MONTH: PRAISE
TOPIC: GREAT EXPECTATIONS, PART 1

DIGGING DEEP: TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025
TEXT: PROVERBS 23:18 AND ACTS 3:5-6

Introduction

Our theme for this year 2025 is "Great Expectations" as declared by our father in the Lord [APICR Reg 11] and the text is Proverbs 23:18. All our righteous expectations this year shall be established, in Jesus' name, Amen! As children of God, greatness is our portion. However, this does not just happen; we need to prepare as we adopt and put into practice the relevant principles enshrined in the word of God. Therefore, our study today and next week Tuesday; will examine those steps as we begin to ascend that ladder to greater heights. For today, these steps will cover four [4] ingredients: ASK, OBEY, DEED and EXPECT [faith].

OUTLINE 1: GOD'S DESIRE FOR YOUR LIFE

We all have great expectations this year and this is justified because it aligns with the word of God; as God's promises are yea and Amen [2 Corth 1:20]. Therefore, may God turn all our expectations to testimonies, even before the end of this year. Jer 29:11, Psalm 75:6-7, Hakk 3:19, Dan 12:3, 3 John 2.

OUTLINE 2: YOU NEED TO ASK GOD

We cannot afford to operate in isolation. We need to bring our Lord Jesus Christ into our equation, by presenting our requests to Him. In Exodus 33:13-14, Moses asked God and He responded. In Isaiah 30:21 God promised to show us the way to fulfil expectations. You ask through prayers. Prayer is the master key, but faith unlocks the door. Matt 7:7-8, John 16:24, Hebrews 11:6.

OUTLINE 3: OBEDIENCE IS NEEDED TO FULFILL EXPECTATIONS

Jesus Christ is our Lord. Through His Word [Bible], He gave us instructions on what to do to fulfil our expectations in year 2025. How familiar are we with these instructions which we need to do? In 2 Tim 2:15, we are admonished to study the Word; and obey all as in Joshua 1:8. Obedience means holiness and separation unto God. God cannot behold iniquity. Isaiah 1:19, Mal 3:10, Acts 3:5-6, Hakk 1:13.

OUTLINE 4: YOUR DEED [HANDIWORK]

God delights in the works of our hands. That was why He said in Isaiah 48:17 that He will teach us how to make profit. Lawyers will say, you cannot build something on nothing. There should be something in your hand that God can bless and cause your increase. Elisha asked the widow in 2 Kings 4:2, what do you have in the house? God will bless our careers and businesses. 1 Kings 17:12-14, 2 Thess 3:10.

OUTLINE 5: YOU NEED TO BE EXPECTANT [FAITH]

Ephesians 6:13 says after you had done ALL; then stand. In other words, remain expectant. The time for it to happen remains God's prerogative. But it shall surely come to pass in line with Isaiah 14:24. Our faith should be anchored on our expectations, because faith is the spirit of expectancy. Acts 3:7, Hebrews 11:6.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, there is great hope for you and me that all our righteous expectations shall be met by the Lord [Eccl 9:4]. This year, will be far better than year 2024. You will sprout again [Job 14:7]. According to Eccl 3:1, there is time for everything. Year 2025 is our time! That same God that can lift a beggar from the dunghill [1 Sam 2:8] will do it for us in Jesus' name, Amen!