



# 'More than Conqueror' focus

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## Pastor's Desk

### **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE FOR DIVINE COMPENSATION.**

The second part of Malachi 3:16 declares "...and a book of remembrance was written before Him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon His Name". This declaration by God Almighty is a confirmation that in the remaining each month of this year that ends with "...mber" till December 2016 and even beyond", our Omnipotent God will open His book of remembrance for your divine compensation, in Jesus Name.

When God opened His book of remembrance to Mephibosheth through King David; Mephibosheth who initially considered himself as a "dead dog" shouted for joy as a divine compensation through the covenant between Jonathan his father and David!. God made use of King Pharaoh's Chief Butler in remembering Joseph when he suggested Joseph (while still yet in the prison) for dream interpretation. Joseph instantly became the Prime Minister in the land of Egypt. Mordecai and the rest of Jewish community were to be exterminated as planned by the arch enemy of the Jewish called Haman in the land of Babylon. In just one night, God remembered Mordecai through King Ahasuerus who opened the closed book of remembrance unto Mordecai and he was promoted to the post of Prime Minister (Esther 6:1). What a great divine compensation of Spiritual heavenly precision!.

The most exciting news is that God made a promise of "...remembering your sins no more" Jer.31:34. If you could confess and forsake your sins through the name of our Lord Jesus Christ (John 3:16) and accept Jesus Christ into your life as your personal Lord and Saviour, in order to benefit from this confirmation of God remembering you and the situation you are facing for good before the end of this year 2016. After all, this promise is for those who feared the Lord and thought upon His Name as indicated in Malachi 3:16. God will remember you for good and you will overcome that mountain before you this month as you faithfully heed this call of humbly coming to our Lord Jesus Christ today in Jesus Name.

Remember, God has declared this month of October 2016 as our month of Divine Compensation! Awaiting that your awesome testimonies very soon!!!.

JESUS IS LORD.

PASTOR MIKE ILELADEWA

### **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

Sunday Service: 10:30am—1pm;

Monday Bible Study: 7pm - 9pm

Tuesday Prayer Warrior : 11pm— 2am;

## Monthly Activities

### Vigil Prayer Meeting

2nd Friday of Every month:10pm-3am

[Next meeting: 14th Oct., 2016]

### General Evangelism:

Third Saturday of Every Month, 3pm-4pm

[Next meeting: 15th Oct., 2016]

### Women's Fellowship Meeting:

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### Men's Fellowship Meeting:

Third Sunday of Every month, 1pm-3pm

[Next meeting: 16th Oct., 2016]

### Breakthrough Prayer Meeting:

Last Friday of Every Month: 7pm-9pm

[Next meeting: 28th Oct., 2016]

*"I am an Overcomer because Jesus Christ who lives in me is greater than he that is in the world (1 John 4:4)"*

## ONLY OUR GOD SPEAKS.

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Christian worship is unlike any other form of religious exercise because we worship the living God. Since our God is not like lifeless idols, we practice our faith differently than the rest of the world. Scripture contrasts idol worship against true faith in the contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal in 1Kings 18:20-40. We see a memorable scene on the mountain: hundreds of false prophets dancing around and shouting, "O Baal, answer us." They even try cutting themselves to get their idol's attention, "But there was no voice, and no one answered. And they limped around the altar that they had made." (1 Kings 18:26).

The account is tragic and hilarious. Elijah even joked at their solemn observance, "Maybe your god is in the bathroom. . . . Perhaps he's asleep" (1 Kings 18:27). Can you imagine how shocked the false prophets would have been if Baal actually responded? How many ceremonies had these prophets participated in without hearing so much as a sigh from their revered deity? One reason people worship idols is because they make no demands of you. It seems far safer to bow down before a god who is incapable of speaking. Maybe this is why 450 prophets were volunteering to speak on behalf of Baal — their god needed help communicating, and he wouldn't object if they mixed up the message a bit.

### Exchanging Voices

Idols are the work of human hands and completely unlike the living God (Psalm 135:6, 15). In the beginning, the Lord God fashioned us out of dust and made us in his own image to serve him only and to rule over all creation. But in the terrible exchange of idolatry, we bow before objects in our own image — or in the images of birds and beasts — and instead of serving the living God and ruling over all creation, we serve creation to escape the rule of God.

In the western world, it may be less common to stretch out in front of sculptures, but the same core impulse to serve created things is nevertheless alive and well. We know the repeat offenders: money, sex, or power. Or perhaps a certain person in your life or an activity you enjoy has gradually shifted from being good to being a god. It is so easy to start investing extreme amounts of time and energy, money and affection in worthless worship to fake saviors. And our religious ceremonies, whether formalized in cultic practices or informal in habits, give us the illusion of worship without the intrusion of God's authoritative voice.

### The God Who Speaks

Speaking is central to God. God himself is Word, and his speech commanded nothing to be everything (John 1:1-3). "The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty" (Psalm 29:4). When God wants the dead to come to life he says, "Live!" (Ezekiel 16:6), and when Jesus wanted his friend to walk out of the grave, he spoke, "Lazarus, come out" (John 11:43). Even now, Jesus is holding together your molecules with his words (Hebrews 1:3). If Jesus were to stop speaking, you would stop existing.

How unlike the idols of this world is our speaking God. You will never hear a croak from the Baals or body-image, from Molech or money, from Asherahs or animism. But you cannot escape the revelation of Yahweh (Psalm 19:3-4). All of our human speaking is a mere reflection of the true speech that created the world.

### We Worship by the Opened Ear

Because Christians worship a speaking God, we approach worship differently than any religious sect or worshipping community. First, we do not need to cry out like the priests of Baal, "O God, answer us," because we recognize that our gathering only exists because God has called us out of darkness into the fellowship of light (1 Peter 2:9-10). The church is a verbally-founded gathering, and our worship begins with God's voice calling to us, with hearing the voice that false worship can never coax from the nothingness. When you meet with your church this Sunday you gather with people who have already heard the voice of God and responded.

Second, we expect to continue to hear his voice every time we open the word he has written for our hearing. All Scripture is breathed out by God (2 Timothy 3:16), and his word never returns void (Isaiah 55:11). We need not be like the priests of Baal, cutting themselves with knives to get their god's attention, hoping to hear a divine word. As long as Christian worship drips with Bible, God speaks. We cry out for God to speak with authority and power in our worship meetings — and then we open up our Bibles to listen.

Finally, we can expect to see evidence of God's voice in our churches. The proof of the Lord's voice in our midst is powerful, new life. This side of Mount Carmel, we experience a spectacle greater than fire burning on an altar; we know the burning of our hearts as the Scriptures concerning Christ are opened (Luke 24:32). We are eyewitnesses that the God "who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (2 Corinthians 4:6). So, gather with God's people this weekend to hear from the God who speaks.

Shalom!!!

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The Overcomers Christian Fellowship Int'l, Plymouth

## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. You are all invited to our "Mega Praise" coming up on Saturday 8th of October 2016; featuring Choirs from other Churches; Gospel Reggae; Gospel Rap & Gospel R&B!!! Time: 6.30pm-9.00pm. Venue: The Overcomers Sanctuary, 15 Gordon Terrace, Plymouth, PL4 6EP. Check our website for further information.
2. Thanksgiving Service for the end of our 40 Days Prayer and Fasting period is on Sunday 23rd of October 2016. Time: 10.30am – 1.00pm. Venue: The Overcomers Sanctuary, 15 Gordon Terrace, Plymouth, PL4 6EP. Check our website for further information.
3. 2016 OCFI Women Conference titled "PRICELESS WOMEN : WALKING IN GOD'S FRUITFULNESS- ISAIAH 54:2-3" coming up on Saturday 12th of November 2016. (Seminar Sessions on Marriage, raising Godly Generation & Health Talk). Time: 10.00am – 3.00pm.
4. Thanksgiving & Celebration Service on Sunday 13th of November 2016. Time: 10.30am - 1.00pm. Venue: The Overcomers Sanctuary.

## TESTIMONIES:

- ◆ I give glory to the name of the Lord God Almighty for making my family owned a mega company without spending any money; as my spouse was made one of the shareholders of equal status with other Directors just because of his expertise in his field. It was a divine appointment in the month of September 2016 as declared by God through our G.O. His servant.- Sis. G.
- ◆ I thank God for all His goodness upon my life at all times. Since I gave my life to Jesus Christ in Overcomers Ministries God has been doing a lot for me and when I looked back a year ago I have to appreciate all God's goodness upon my spiritual and academic life. Praise the Lord! - Sis. S.
- ◆ God has been very faithful to me in seeing me through my academics both the undergraduate and also my master's programmes. Some challenges came but I overcame them by God's grace. Also God made it possible for me to get my substantial financial needs met for both programmes in a miraculously way that amazed me. I came from a different Church background but since I have been part of the family of The Overcomers Ministries; my spiritual needs and growth has been very progressive and I have gained a lot of spiritual insights into life situations in general. Praise the Lord!.-Bro. M.