

## Lifeline Snippets

**1st Time Visitors:** We welcome specially, all those worshipping with us for the first time today. Please, join us at all our meetings and programmes and God will bless you.

**Bible Study:** Please, join us this Tuesday as Pastor Ade Adejebi teaches on the topic: *ALONE WITH GOD*. Don't miss it!

**Prayer Meeting:** Please, join us at our Prayer Meeting this Thursday as Sis. Edith Okonofua leads us to pray on the theme: *POWER FROM ON HIGH*. Please don't miss it! God bless.

**Commitment:** Don't be a bench-warmer in Church this Year. Be committed! Join a Team of your choice and the House Fellowship nearest your house. It pays to serve Jesus!

**Building Project Offerings & Pledges:** Please, give generously towards the Church Building Project and be faithful in redeeming your pledge. God is faithful and will bless you.

**Birthdays:** This month's birthday celebrants should remember their commitment of sponsorship to the Children's Church. May the Lord reward, enrich and bless you abundantly.

**Online Sermons:** You can listen to Pastor Adejebi's Sermons online at the church website: [www.lifelinebiblechurch.com](http://www.lifelinebiblechurch.com)

**Tracts:** Gospel tracts & handbills for evangelism & church publicity are available. Collect as many as you can faithfully use.

**Notice Board:** Check the Notice Board for more information.

## Through The Bible In A Year

Monday, July 15 -----	Isaiah 25-27
Tuesday, July 16 -----	Isaiah 28-30
Wednesday, July 17 -----	Isaiah 31-33
Thursday, July 18 -----	Isaiah 34-36
Friday, July 19 -----	Isaiah 37-39
Saturday, July 20 -----	Isaiah 40-42
Sunday, July 21 -----	Isaiah 43-45

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## Life Reflection



Be still, and know that I am God.

Psalm 46:10

## HELPFUL HINT

No eye has seen,  
no ear has heard,  
no mind has conceived  
what God has prepared  
for those who love Him.

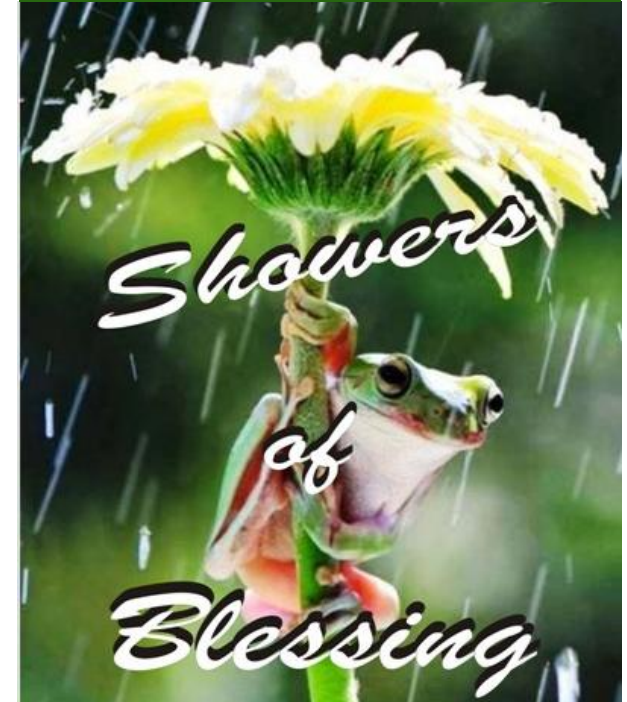
1 CORINTHIANS 2:9



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A Newsletter of Lifeline Bible Church, Lagos



Showers  
of  
Blessing

Jesus is our Lifeline



**MOTTO:**

"Looking unto Jesus the  
Author and Finisher of our  
faith..." Hebrews 12: 2.

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## WHAT IT MEANS TO BE BLESSED

To be blessed is to be happy (from the Greek word – ‘makarios’). This happiness comes from within and not externally stimulated. This type of happiness ideally is called **joy**. It is the gift of God and part of the fruit of the Holy Spirit (**Jn.4: 37-39; Gal.5: 22-23**).

Being blessed is usually confused with being **Lucky** or **Fortunate** but these words are different from being blessed and come from an idolatrous background. **Luck** is seen as the **force, circumstances or events** operating by chance in favour of a person or against him. However, as Christians, more than any force (on earth or in the sky), more than a chain of circumstances or events, we believe God created the heaven and the earth and He directs all activities on earth – (**Gen.1: 1; Ps.24: 1**). Our blessing comes from God; not any force or star or chain of events (**Ps.121: 1-2**).

Many modern Christians still confuse luck and fortune with God’s blessing. The word bless, unlike, luck or fortune can be used for both man and God. To bless someone is to consecrate, sanctify or pronounce him holy. To bless God is to glorify Him and extol Him as holy. To bless also is to request God’s favour on a person. To be blessed then is more than to enjoy human favour or have financial and material possession and goes far beyond physical things or realm (**Ps.1: 1-6; 32: 1-2; Prov.10: 22; Mk.8: 36**).

To be blessed includes enjoying favour with men but to be blessed is much more to enjoy God’s favour (**Lk.2: 52; Prov.31: 30; Lk.6: 26**). Unlike the erroneous concepts of luck and fortune, a Christian or a person blessed by God may sometimes suffer certain pains, problems and setbacks but these problems and setbacks are usually tests from God and temporary in nature. Eventually, God always sees His children through them all as could be seen in the lives of Job, Joseph and David (**Ps.34: 19; 37: 25; Prov.24: 16; Mic.7: 8; Rom.8: 28**). Deliberate attempt as Christians to seek for men’s favour usually leads to compromise and sin.

To be blessed is not the same as being lucky or fortunate. Unlike the word 'BLESS' we can’t even find the words – LUCKY or FORTUNATE in the Bible. Satan is so subtle! He has weaved so many idolatrous words into our vocabulary that it takes a lot of discernment and sensitivity to the Holy Spirit for us to detect them. Apart from the fact that luck and fortune connotes idolatry, being blessed unlike fortune and luck is far beyond having favour with men or material wealth. We must therefore constantly renew our minds by the word of God (**Rom.21: 1-2**) to discern correctly. We should also reflect the word of God in our speech as Christians (**Josh.1: 8; Col.3: 16**). So, a Christian is blessed – not lucky or fortunate!

**Jesus is Lord!**

## Hymn 1

### O GOD OF BETHEL, BY WHOSE HAND

1. O God of Bethel, by whose hand  
Thy people still are fed;  
Who through this weary pilgrimage  
Hast all our fathers led:
2. Our vows, our prayers, we now present  
Before Thy throne of grace;  
God of our fathers, be the God  
Of their succeeding race
3. Through each perplexing path of life  
Our wandering footsteps guide;  
Give us each day our daily bread,  
And raiment fit provide
4. O spread Thy covering wings around,  
Till all our wanderings cease,  
And at our Father’s loved abode  
Our souls arrive in peace
5. Such blessings from Thy gracious hand  
Our humble prayers implore;  
And Thou shalt be our chosen God,  
And portion evermore. Amen.

## Life Lessons

*“God bestows his blessings without discrimination.” - F. F. Bruce*  
*“Count your blessings, not your problems.” - Anonymous*  
*“The hardest arithmetic to master is that which enables us to count our blessings.” - Eric Hoffer*  
*“Sometimes we focus so much on what we don't have that we fail to see, appreciate, and use what we do have!” - Jeff Dixon*  
*“I have too many blessings to be ungrateful.” - Anonymous*

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## Hymn 2

### NEARER MY GOD TO THEE

1. Nearer, my God to Thee, Nearer to Thee!  
E’en though it be a cross that raiseth me;  
Still all my song shall be,

#### CHORUS:

*Nearer, my God, to Thee, (repeat)*  
*Nearer to Thee!*

2. Though like the wanderer, The sun gone down,  
Darkness be over me, my rest a stone,  
Yet in my dreams I’d be

3. There let the way appear, steps unto heaven;  
All that Thou sendest me, in mercy given;  
Angels to beckon me

4. Then with my waking thoughts,  
Bright with Thy praise,  
Out of my stony griefs, Bethel I’ll raise;  
So by my woes to be

5. Or if on joyful wing, leaving the sky,  
Sun, moon, and stars forgot, upward I fly,  
Still all my song shall be

## Church Programmes

**SUNDAY:** English Service – 7: 00am  
English & Yoruba Service – 9: 30am  
**TUESDAY:** Bible Study – 6: 30pm  
**THURSDAY:** Prayer Meeting – 6: 30pm  
**1<sup>ST</sup> FRIDAY:** Vigil – 10: 30pm

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