Lifeline Snippets

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

<u>Bible Study:</u> Please, join us every Tuesday this month as Sis. Moni Adejobi teaches on: *TIMES & SEASONS*. Be there.

<u>Prayer Meeting:</u> Please, join us at our Prayer Meeting this Thursday as Pastor Ade Adejobi leads us to pray on the theme: **DIVINE REWARDS.** Please, don't miss it. God bless.

<u>Commitment:</u> 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!

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

<u>Birthdays:</u> 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.

<u>Online Sermons:</u> You can listen to Pastor Adejobi's Sermons online at the church website: <u>www.lifelinebiblechurch.com</u>

<u>Tracts:</u> Gospel tracts & handbills for evangelism & church publicity are available. Collect as many as you can faithfully use. <u>Notice Board:</u> Check the Notice Board for more information.

Through The Bible In A Year

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Monday, December 12 Hebrews 5-7
Tuesday, December 13 Hebrews 8-10
Wednesday, December 14 Hebrews 11-13
Thursday, December 15 Philemon; 1Peter 1-2
Friday, December 16 1Peter 3-5
Saturday, December 17 2Peter 1-3
Sunday, December 18 1Timothy 1-3
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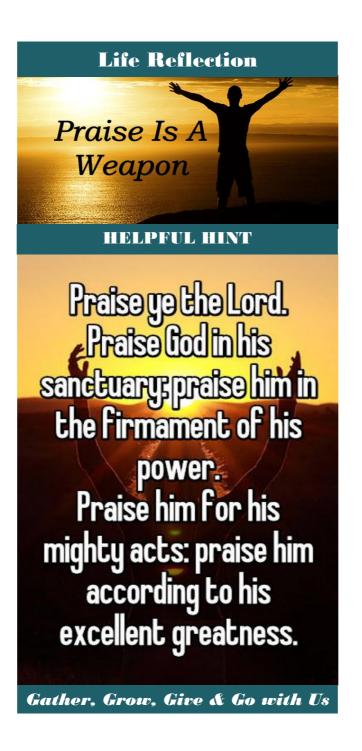






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MOTTO:

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

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JOY IS COMING

God's nearness does not mean we will never walk in darkness. It does mean, however, that darkness is never an *end*, but only ever a *means*: the tracks, not the station; the pathway home, not the fireside. In the darkness, God tunes the strings of our souls, readying them for the coming praise.

In God's time, the joy that seemed so far away from David returned: "He drew me up... and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God" (Psalm 40:2-3). The memory of joy lost and restored then emboldens him to pray at the end of the psalm, when joy has once again fled from him, "May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually, 'Great is the Lord!" (Psalm 40:16).

David's confidence in the coming joy does not mean his darkness was not so deep after all; it means that joy, for those in Christ, is always deeper and surer than the darkness - everlastingly deeper, infinitely surer. You may not feel the truth of it right now. But can you, in hope against hope, imagine yourself singing again, laughing again, telling everyone who will listen, "Great is the Lord!"?

Lost joy need not stay lost. For those in Christ, it will not. Though your joy in Christ seems barely to flicker right now, it will one day burst back into full flame. Even if darkness lingers in great measure for the rest of your earthly pilgrimage, you will one day stand firmly on the rock, your feet no longer slipping; you will one day sing a new song, your mouth no longer sighing. However much darkness you face in this battle for joy in God, it is, as Samuel Rutherford puts it (in *The Loveliness of Christ*), "not worthy to be compared with our first night's welcome home in heaven" Fullness of joy is coming, Christian. Exceeding joy, everlasting joy, world without end.

Jesus is Lord!

Hymn 1

THERE'S A GREAT DAY COMING

1. There's a great day coming
A great day coming
There's a great day coming by and by
When the saints and the sinners
Shall be parted right and left
Are you ready for the day to come?

CHORUS:

Are you ready? Are you ready? Are you ready for the judgment day? Are you ready? Are you ready? For the judgment day

- 2. There's a bright day coming
 A bright day coming
 There's a bright day coming by and by
 But it's brightness shall only come
 To them that love the Lord
 Are you ready for that day to come?
- 3. There's a sad day coming
 A sad day coming
 There's sad day coming by and by
 When the sinner shall hear his doom
 Depart! I know you not
 Are you ready for that day to come

Life Lessons

"We would worry less if we praised more. Thanksgiving is the enemy of discontent and dissatisfaction." - Harry Ironside "When we bless God for mercies, we usually prolong them. Praise is the honey of life which a devout heart extracts from every bloom of providence and grace." - Charles Spurgeon "The climax of God's happiness is the delight He takes in the praises of His people." - John Piper

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Hymn 2

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father! There is no shadow of Turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassion, they fail not: As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

CHORUS:

Great is Thy faithfulness (repeat) Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand has provided, Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

- 2. Summer and winter; and Springtime and harvest, Sun, moon and stars In their courses above, Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, Mercy and love
- 3. Pardon for sin and a
 Peace that endureth,
 Thine own dear presence to
 Cheer and to guide,
 Strength for today
 And bright hope for tomorrow;
 Blessings all mine,
 With ten thousand beside!

Church Programmes

SUNDAY: Worship Service - 9: 00am
 TUESDAY: Bible Study - 6: 30pm
 THURSDAY: Prayer Meeting - 6: 30pm
 1ST FRIDAY: Prayer Vigil - 10: 30pm

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