

The Divine In Humanity

PATHWAY TO EXPERIENCING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Always everywhere God is Present, and always He seeks to discover himself to each one.

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FORWARD

The book of Numbers 33 vs 18 records a very critical part of the scripture. It captures one of the hugest demands man ever placed before God. I am amazed at the intensity of the hunger for God's glory with which these words were spoken:

"...I pray thee show me thy glory" And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you my name..." (Exodus 33 vs 18-19)

Can you imagine that? Those were words from a man athirst for God. A man hungry for His Presence. A man seeking to be a visible corner of the presence of God. One not satisfied with just a drop of the anointing. He wanted to behold the glory. He wanted an encounter. He wanted access into the realm of glory and intimacy. What is even the most surprising to me was that the man Moses who was seeking such a rare intimacy with God was a man of enviable anointing at that time. Here was a man who had had a fire encounter with God on Mount Sinai, who performed many dangerous miracles in Egypt, whose rod divided the Red Sea, who prayed down manna from heaven, who brought out water from the rock. How could a man who talked with God face-to-face still be hungry for more glory?

Perhaps Moses knew what we don't know. He sought what many of us don't seek today. He had what is lacking today in the body of Christ: hunger for God's Presence. I am convinced that any child of God who will do exploits in the Kingdom of our Father must be a hungry man. He must be one who contends for deeper access into God's presence. He must be ready for closer intimacy with the Holy Spirit.

The body of Christ is hungry for the emergence of an army of believers who are constantly seeking more and more intimacy with God. Men and women, boys and girls, you and I, who will develop a burning passion for the Holy Ghost. And that is exactly what this story is all about!

The stories of this book will spark a fresh fire within your soul that will cause you to forget how far you've gone. They will cause you to reach even further for more and more and more of his presence. And very soon, somewhere within the pages of this book you will find yourself on the floor crying to God with these words:

...I pray thee show me thy glory!

INTRODUCTION

Here is a study of the heart thirsty for God. The idea of this story shows a practical way a *child of God* should know Him better; *discovering the key to God's Presence*. If I may ask, what is the Key to God's Presence? What does God require of you as a Christian? Is God an unapproachable deity that cannot be communed with? These questions are necessary for a Christian's self-examination.

The whole content is written in two ways: One is the story of Obed, and the other is the Discussion Guide. Obed here is not the Obed we all know in the Bible, but a different Obed. One who had God in a personal and intimate relationship-that fulfilled his thirst after God *who* seeks to reveal Himself to anyone that seeks him. God can be very close to you if you draw closer to Him: coming before Him with a heart of *worship* and *praise*. He also desires to move through you to minister His love to others.

I believe that Christianity does not bring us to the point of rest in the sense that we relax from knowing Him better. *We should come to a satisfying knowledge of WHO God is and WHAT he requires of us*. Study the works of great men of God (*The Pursuit of God: A.W Tozer, Welcome, Holy Spirit: Benny Hinn, The Greatest Power in the World: Kathryn Kulman, Man-the Dwelling place of God: A.W. Tozer, Good Morning Holy Spirit: Benny Hinn, The Triumphant Church: Kenneth E. Hagin, God's Attribute: A.W. Tozer, Pathway to Spiritual Growth: Uma Ukpai, and many others*) and you will discover what their found in God that they pursued Him till their found Him. Question: *What is the Chief End of man?* Why has philosophy and science not been able to answer every question of the living? It's all answered in this book.

This story will give you a Spiritual value and add more knowledge to the extent you know about God. Thank you

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CHAPTER ONE

“The man who will truly know God will give time to Him. True faith rests upon the character of God and asks no further proof than the moral perfection of the one who cannot lie.” – A.W Tozer

It started in the hospital, where a child was adopted by a married couple. There, he became the son of the family. They disciplined him in a good and accurate belief of his Maker...and named him Obed, meaning ‘servant of God’.

Obed, was blessed with the *Spirit* of God; he had the ability to see beyond the seen, beyond the obvious and the natural. The *presence of God* surrounded him, and the blessings of the kingdom brought him a right hand of fellowship. From his childhood stage, he was best among bests and equal to any task – unlike children from other families that make their parents’ suffer heart break. In his own, his family was contented with him. The couples were divinely led to the hospital where he was born. His mother actually gave up the ghost after giving birth to him. The same God gave them the name which he must be called, and the kind of discipline he should be brought up with.

Obed walked in line with that which he had received and did his best to be at the right place, even in the school where he spent most of his time. This light attracted men of greatness to him. All the lecturers in his department became his friends as a result of his outstanding character and intelligence which made him unique in the eyes of men. His natural endowments and God’s gift brought him honor and gave him a bright future. People from far and near were attracted to him because of his uniqueness.

When Obed was seventeen years of age, a teacher who was employed in the same school saw the kind of life he lived and became his friend. Though the man, was a government teacher and Obed, was a science student, they agreed together in spite of their differences. The government teacher helped him in many ways to meet his needs. He bought him books, writing materials, social equipment and some other things which other students could not afford. This of cause led to some of his mates being envious of him, but few humbled themselves to receive and get blessed.

When he was about to graduate from secondary school, he wanted a suitable gift which he could give to his friendly teacher, but had none, not even money to buy one just like other students were all purchasing gifts to appreciate their teachers. And the only thing he could do was to offer a prayer of thanksgiving to his God and then asked for His Will to be done, *“O God, I thank You for the air I breathe, and for Your presence in my life. I love to be where You are. Please Father; I’ve come to ask for Your mind towards the graduation ceremony which will soon come. Show me what to do and how to walk in line with Your Will. Tell me what to do, that I may follow Your plans for my future and my friend, Mr. Elite whom Thou hast directed to me to show the best path to follow in life. Show me how to thank him for all You have done for me through him, in Jesus name, Amen.”* After he had done this, the spirit of the Lord instructed him on what to do. The *Holy Spirit* told him to go back to the teacher and tell the teacher to contest for the upcoming election. With gladness, Obed received from the Spirit, and rushed to meet his

dear friend-teacher. But, after he had finished explaining this, however, the teacher was surprised, though not offended. But his reason for the sudden shock was the question of how it could ever happen. "I had never dreamt of government offices before in my life, and you are bringing in such idea. How will I start? Who will be my Referee ...and where will I get this money from?" He asked, with a low countenance.

"Go and register for local government chairman in your home town. Start with the little money you have, don't worry about all that are involved in it. It is God that makes kings," he reminded him, trying to direct his attention to God Who never fails. While telling him this, he spoke about casting his bread upon the sea, and waiting to see what the outcome would be. "There are certain things a man might do and be glad he did it. The ground was made to produce fruits, and you doubting if your seed is going to produce fruits is like doubting whether God is on the throne," he continued, "sow all you have on things which will bear good fruit, or wait forever. It is better to do something great and fail; than to try something small and succeed. The professionals understood this principle...that's why they built the 'Titanic'. Why don't you give God all you have to bless you?" he advised. The teacher, looking at him, saw truth in all he said, but the issue in question was too big, and he had never done something of that nature before. "A man with ten thousand armies may think that he would win the battle against the Spirit. His human senses can only perceive what he sees, but that would be his greatest mistake because things seen are nothing to be compared to the unseen. The hand of God upon one's life is all he needs to succeed in life-even if all men hated him; they will never survive without getting him involved. Give God all you have; and watch Him give back all you need. Count your blessings and name them one-by-one for what He has promised He will surely fulfill"

The teacher was disturbed-though he believed in what God can do. He could not imagine how a common teacher, teaching in the least acknowledged Secondary school could contest for an election that the affluent loses. To him, he was a nobody and no one knows him let alone to support or cast vote for him. "If you don't win the election, know that God is not in heaven, a word from God is enough to change your life and cause everyone to follow you." Obed shouted, encouraging and giving him assurance of success.

"Perhaps it takes a pure faith to believe God for unrealized blessings than for those we once enjoyed or those we enjoy now."- A.W Tozer

When the teacher was going home after the meeting, he thought carefully about the whole thing, and indeed, it disturbed his heart, because the young man was so serious pouring out his heart in order to convince him. He remembered that even if he had wrongly misinterpreted the prophecy; God would not neglect it, because he sends forth his prophets and confirms His Word before them. "Obed is highly anointed of God. He couldn't have sworn on it if he wasn't so sure. It has to be true, but emm," he was contemplating in his heart. But as he was taking the stroll back home, something shook him. The people who he usually greets on the way to school; saw him passing-by and started shouting: "...your honorable

sir...we are loyal..." Crossing to the other side where the regional office of registration was situated, a secretarial worker who was at a distance from the other side of the road packing her papers into the government building saw him. From the far distance where she was standing, she started calling on his attention. "Excuse me sir..." After minutes of discussion, she informed him that a file for registration could still be given, if he would pay-in as soon as possible. She also told him that it should be done immediately because another person may come to secure it. It was actually the last form to be filled before all the forms would be submitted to the Electoral Board. As all these transpired, he was surprised to see how fast the prophecy was coming true. The first evidence was the way people honored him. Now it is registering for his candidateship, "the hand of God must be in this...this boy is truly a God sent!" he soliloquized and left the office.

After some moment, he hurriedly rushed home for the registration and became a member. A day later, he was coming back from school (this was after he had finished registering the account), walking side-by-side as usual, a car drove past him and stopped. A man inside it called him to the side where he parked. He asked him if he was among the electoral candidates, because people have been celebrating his name in the town. At the mention of this, the teacher stood there; not knowing what to say. He nodded his head in affirmation. "Come on..., what's your name?" he asked the dumb teacher, looking at his bent face. "Are you not going to talk...what's the problem?" While the teacher struggled to say his name, indicating that he was the one, but didn't know what to say further. But the man held him on his shoulders, "I understand," he continued, "What you did was not easy. But that shows your responsibility as a leader," he came closer, "your people are already there, celebrating your courage for them ...and here you are, battling with your mind. You must stop looking down on yourself and manifest a quality leadership mentality," he said. "Don't worry about the campaign; you have supporters at your back to lift you up." The man encouraged, and went inside his car and brought out a cheque of six million and gave to him, promising to sponsor him all through the campaign, and drove away.

"Any faith that must be supported with the evidence of the senses is not a real faith. God must do anything for us. Our part is to yield and trust." – A.W Tozer

A week later, a lot of people also came to him and made a tremendous assistance to this election campaign. People from different places, some of which were members of his party, others are the pillars of the town (the affluent), and supporters from the masses. After he had received more than enough from these destiny helpers, he went back to Obed in tears and amazement of what God had done, telling him that he was an angel. What he prophesied was only waiting for his active faith to start working. "All these happened a week after you had prophesied to me of what God has said concerning my destiny," exclaimed Elite, hugging him in thanks. And Obed told him to keep that faith in motion, and altogether, they lifted their voices in praises to the *King of King* for being faithful. After that week had gone, two days later, some groups of men, who were members of his party, came to the school where Elite was giving the students notes, and requested that he go with them. They drove with him to one of the most expensive shopping malls in town where they bought him executive suites and shoes, a new black jeep,

and commissioned some Police force to guard him. Finally, he was taken to the G.R.A where his diplomatic building was already waiting for him for being one of them.

Many bill boards, posters, and stickers were made on his name to start-up the secondary campaign. During the busy days, they went with him round in a campaign slogan which lifted him above many expectations. The entire school was so much amazed. But Obed, who was the one that told him to carry-on, was not surprised-because he knew that God's hand was directing the whole thing. Afterwards, he went home and told his parent all that happened, and they all gave more praises and adoration to the God of heavens.

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The graduation day was two weeks to come, both teachers and students were all preparing. But a week before then, the election results were finally released; it was announced both on T.V and radio. Both Elite and members came out triumphantly as the winning team. The man, who sponsored Elite during campaign later became the governor of the state because, he was the chairman when he got to know the teacher, who was now the Local Government Chairman elect. Everybody was rejoicing over the victory. The school where he taught couldn't believe it when it came to their hearing. It all happened like magic. His fellow teachers never knew that who they had been with, would one day become their boss. But such is life... only God knows tomorrow

The day of graduation has come. Everyone wore their best outfits, assembled together and were seated in a corner of the school compound. Many invited their friends and relations. However, Obed managed to come with his dear parents. They were rejoicing and dancing as each student received their testimonials and other certificates. Before Obed could receive his, he spoke these words in his heart: *"God, I know You answer prayers. As long as I live on this earth I will continue to worship You. You are the God of wonders, and I know that You can even do more of it in our midst this moment."* He proceeded to collect his certificate. But this awesome God, who knows our heart, desires and searches the deep things of the mind, answered his honest prayer and did another wonder, just as He promised. And there came an unusual sound. It was outside the gate. Bang! Bang!! Bang!!! "Open the gate!" the Principal shouted to the gateman in anticipation of what noise it could be outside. He rushed and opened it...and there came troops of cars booming inside. Attention, everybody stood-looking at the scenario. Police vehicles and other official cars in, in convoy. The official cars were opened and unexpectedly Obed's friend came out with the Governor of the state and a host of other politicians. The place was filled as numerous officials kept coming and parked outside the school gate.

Gently, honorable Dr. Elite, who was a common government teacher before, emerged in a government parade. The least among other teachers by the reason of a prophetic encouragement has risen to a position of eminence." He walked gently to where the graduates were standing to meet his dear friend. He then embraced and thanked Obed. Others were still standing, lost in awe of what this man has

become. While together with Obed and his parents they took pictures together. His associates made his pictures official by partaking in it. After then, they appreciated and blessed him with expensive gifts. Before they left, the State government gave him scholarship to study anywhere in the world, and his family, was provided with comfortable accommodation in one of the choice places in the city.

The Story of Obed

CHAPTER TWO

"We can never know who or what we are till we know at least something of what God is."- A.W Tozer

That was how the destiny of Obed began. God used him to bless those around him, and in return they blessed him too, what a God! He became a notable citizen of the country by the use of his divine gift just at the age of seventeen. The circumstances surrounding his birth never interfered in his destiny...which will soon be revealed at the end of the chapters. The story continues...

His study never made him forget what brought him there. He studied very hard to bring honor and respect to his people. He was mindful of the things he did and responsible for his actions. Universities, especially abroad, was not like that of Secondary schools. Life there was almost as free as the air. There, are people of different color, cultural and behavioral backgrounds, and so on. And everybody minds his or her own business. But amidst all these, the Spirit of God was with him. He walked hard, from the beginning of the year to the end: and made excellent results. He was brilliant and intellectually sound which favored and gave him more honor and respect before his lecturers. The quest to become a medical doctor kept him focused on what he was doing. But there came a time at his 400 level in the University that the significant Will of God caught him up. It was a time for the increase of burden and relentlessness. God began to touch and opened his eyes to some certain dimensions of the *kingdom assignment* which is also the *Will* of God for all.

Very soon he would graduate from the University and proceed for his master's and doctorate degree respectively. But being uncomfortable, he began to understand that there is more to passing exams and obtaining degree certificates. God has more in mind for him which was yet to be revealed, but even if he does not know: he would yield and trust, following the leading of the *Holy Spirit*. "There is more to know about God; heaven is filled with answers of which no one bothered to ask. There is restlessness inside us that would never be satisfied until we fully rest in Christ," he thought. This restlessness could not let him relax at all. Only to love what God love and have the ability to be pleased with what pleases Him can give true rest and satisfaction. "How would it be that I would leave this school and obtain information, without giving transformation? What will I earn after graduating with my mates and leave them to perish in hell? Where are all these...leading us to?" This was the question that disturbed his heart. This question kept ringing in his heart as if it was eating him up. As long as we think we own anything, that thing owns us. As soon as we know that we own nothing, then God owns us.

**Question: What is the main purpose of man?*

Answer: The Man's Chief End is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.

The Spirit of God was directing him somewhere. In the night, he would hardly sleep, but kept researching and reading the history of Mankind. As the day passes, he kept on having new experiences of this

direction. "All achievement and degrees without Christ is vanity. Anything that would take the place of God in one's life can destroy that person." This thought flashed into his heart.

**Nothing is complete in it but requires something outside in order to exist, remember this.*

He lived and studied with many who never knew the Creator, nor had encounter with the Holy Ghost, what a tragedy it would be. *A creature created by his Creator without the presence of the Creator is like a sheep without a shepherd. It can be slain by the wickedness of the fallen creatures.* What a chaos this world would have been without the presence of God, "man would have fallen like a dry leaf. What a privilege it is to be filled with the presence of God, *the Holy Spirit,*" he thought. As the reality of this truth came closer to his understanding, he would feel the pain and grief. This time, Obed began to draw closer to heaven. "How many souls are perishing? How many are damned?" This question has no one answer. Not in this dark days. Before the end of the 4th year in the school; when he had this touching encounter, he was determined to locate his spiritual rocket back to gear and embarked on a mysterious journey. He looked for a way to cause a mighty revolution in the life of the people and went for the *phenomenon*. After some weeks of decision making, he retired from the school premises – and went for a retreat. He decided to embark on a higher realm of spirituality; and engaged in dry fasting for two weeks.

*"In your presence
That's where I belong
In your presence,
Oh Lord my God."*

The first day he disappeared from the school premises, his absence was noticed because he was such an active student that keeps lectures interactive. The second, third, and fourth day he was not seen; everyone became curious. Soon it became very obvious that Obed was missing. The security that should be aware of the movements of the students was called to give account of his where about. After they had checked and searched every department and hostels in the school premises, it was to no avail. The whole students were questioned, the lecturers and heads of department carefully inquired if they had seen him. But the bad news was that he had no major friend that he goes out with. The vice Chancellor of the school later invited a special patrol team to search every corner of the entire School and outside its environs; but none could still give an accurate information regarding his where about.

The man was so worried about him and sent for the school Chancellor; all the way from Dubai to arrive immediately. This same urgent news was also sent to the Federal ministry of Education, U.S, to arrive once at the school as soon as possible. At the meeting, everybody was asking each other how he could have gone out of the school without any of the securities seeing him. They discussed about it, they were all anxious of what his fate could be because the government personnel's were very aware of his study in their school. They didn't know what to do or say if any of the government officials should call to ask of him. They were also afraid on reporting this issue to the President of the U.S because he too was also aware of Obed. They went home without any meaningful information.

“I want the presence of God Himself, or I don’t want anything at all. I want all that God has or I don’t want any. O Lord. Come near to the holy men and women of the past and you will soon feel the heat of their desire of God. They mourned for Him, they prayed and wrestled and sought for Him day and night, in season and out, and when they had found Him the finding was all the sweet for long seeking. Moses used the fact that he knew God as an argument for Him better. ‘Now, therefore, I pray thee, show me thy glory.’ God was frankly pleased by this display of ardor, and the next day called Moses into the mount, and there in solemn procession made all His glory pass before Him.” - A.W Tozer

Obed, whom all were looking for, looked for a quiet and lonely place outside the school premises where he could pour out pools of tears on ground to seek God’s face. He has found out that His presence is all that matters. There, no one could see or hear or distract his communion with heaven over his art of sacrificial worship. And so, he prayed incessantly and fasted away the humanity in him. *This is the pursuit of God.* What was his prayer topic? *“More of you.”* He prayed with fasting to the last day of the two weeks. *“We have lost our spirit of worship and our ability to withdraw inwardly to meet God in adoring silence,”* he insisted and made no shift from where he was. Calmness and rest took over him all through. Getting to the last days of the two weeks, he still did not shift – even to his point of exhaustion. After he had made it with his desire, he was very close to eternity.

“If there is anything necessary to your eternal happiness than God, you’re not the kind of Christian that you ought to be. For only God is the true rest.” A.W Tozer

At this point of his life, if an extra day were added to it, he would have switched over to the other side of life (to immortality). As he was struggling back to the school premises, a curious and vicious student – though sent by God, standing afar in a shade early in the morning sighted Obed as he was unconsciously losing his breath trying to cross the road to the school.

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Obed woke up and was shocked as he realized he was lying on a hospital bed seeing everyone staring at him in a rapt concentration, he quickly closed his eyes. The news of what happened went around the school and draw both students and lecturers and other office representatives to the hospital. Even some of the students that never knew him for once all came to see him. The question on the lips of everyone was, *“Where did he go to?”*

CHAPTER THREE

*“Draw me close to you,
never let me go
I lay it all down again
to hear you say that I’m your friend,”*

*“You are my desire; no one else will do
‘Cause nothing else can take your place
To feel the warmth of your presence
Help me find the way, bring me back to you,”*

*“You’re all I want
You’re all I’ve ever needed
You’re all I want
Help me know you are near...”*

“The most holy and necessary practice in our spiritual life is the presence of God. That means finding constant pleasure in his divine company, speaking humbly and lovingly with him in all season, at every moment, without limiting the conversation in any way.” A.W Tozer

“Help me know You are near...,” Obed continued singing. Amidst of the hot afternoon, the hospital was filled with people, the whole of them stood up-looking at him. The Spirit engulfed him more and much more that as he was singing this worship song, those near him began to feel the heat of God’s Spirit. Suddenly, they began to sing the chorus. Obed shut his eyes in tears for he began to see and feel the reality of the song he was singing because the greatest form of worship is found in the worship of tears. As the crowd gathered more and more, they began to “give in” to the wonder of this worship. No sooner did Obed rise up from his sick bed fully possessed by the *Holy Spirit*. Immediately he hit his knees on the ground to pray, the presence of God in that building became so real that it began to pierce the souls of worshipers in that place. *A man that has found God and still pursues Him has gone from mortality to immortality.* Shortly after Obed began to pray, he prayed in tongues in such a way that the weight of his prayers began to shake the foundations of the building they were into. Those outside began to call on the securities to come and witness this. But the more any man entered into that place, they fell on the floor and began to speak in tongue. *The proof of God’s presence is Power: anywhere the Holy Ghost is found is a place of strong power.* He is the one that divided the *red* sea into two equal halves and commanded the water to remain separated till his *chosen* finished their journey from its abode. He caused the sun to stand still, shut the mouth of lion, broke in pieces the iron bars and smashed the gate of bronze. Obed prayed like as he was going to heaven, and a mighty revival took place in the building. The foundation of the house got to the extent of cracking the pillars.

Before the whole security could come in, the whole people: students, lecturer, the HODs and the Vice Chancellor were on the floor in tears, as Obed was raising his voice in worship and prayer.

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*“We are saved to worship God. All that Christ has done in the past and all that He is doing now leads to one God. *Remember He wants your fellowship, and he has done everything possible to make it reality. He has forgiven your sins, at the cost of His own dear Son. He has given His Word, and the priceless privilege of prayer and worship.” A.W Tozer*

“Help me know you are near...” Desperately, the people began to sing, as they worshiped they longed to worship more. Their hearts were filled with longing and desire to praise and worship God the more. More students from far heard this tremendous sound-echoing in the hospital, as it was raising a harmony onto God and began to strive for space to see for themselves. Many that came around that corner; gave up on the floor at the wind of *worship*.

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As they called on God, the more they felt like calling on Him. The Holy Ghost came down in His fullness; shutting the mind of opposition that would have interrupted this glorious move of the Spirit, rendering them like a child going into the hands of the dear mother. Obed, who was a far from the earth realm, was in the position of going to heaven. Worship that started by little, took the day till everybody was saturated in the Spirit.

This same revival drew the attention of the Media and many journalists. They came and put all that happened to record: showing it in news headline. The news reports include how the executives of the higher Institution were crawling on the floor in hunger of worship that had no end. Before everyone, apart from Obed could recover from the experience, it was already morning. After that day things changed from the way it used to be. Challenging news scattered across the city. Early that morning, Dr. Charles Clinton, the CEO and Principal Chancellor of the honorable school came, with the heavy escorts that accompanied him to the upper office; not smiling. “Professor Roland, what am I hearing in the network?” continued the chancellor, “the activity of yesterday is the talk of the town. What do you have to say about this...?” He brought out a newspaper showing pictures and headline of the school’s name. “Oh my God, I don’t know where this came..., ...from. In fact, this must be a mistake...” said the confused Professor. Professor Marvin Rowland has been an active vice chancellor of the University of California for six years and had never seen any occasion where the boss called him by the surname. But all these were because of that young man, Obed.

“What do you have to say for yourself?” “Do you know that I had to leave my office and business calls in Dubai to fly back to US to answer this call? What would Mr. President do when this gets to his

attention!” shouted the annoyed Dr., pointing at the president’s picture hung on top of the office. He yelled at him over and over-again and then sat down. After he had finished lavishing his anger on the silent vice chancellor, he demanded the presence of the student that caused the effect. Obed was brought before the panel of the School Board to justify himself for the occurrence that took place in the entire school environment. The press also came on this occasion. This was one targeted to expel him from the school. He was ordered to speak for himself, or, he would be expelled and sent back to his country for escalating act of indiscipline.

“When we know God personally through faith in His Son, Jesus Christ, we can have confidence that the angels of God will watch over us and assist us because we belong to Him.” – Billy Graham

He knew the reason he was summoned and said a short prayer in his troubled heart. After going through some verses of God’s Word, he waited for the Holy Spirit to guide him on what to say to avoid answering amiss.

“It’s faith and obedience that counts with God. It’s just best to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit and do what He tells you to do. That always brings result. The Holy Spirit will always lead you in line with God’s Word, and what he tells you to do will always work.” – Kenneth E. Hagin

So he kept quiet and waited patiently on the Lord. Even at this time, the Spirit of God was ever ready to answer him: *He is nearer than our own soul and knows when we need Him most.* Immediately he felt His touch within him, he nodded his head in thanks. “Look up,” he told them, raising his own head up to the space; all looked up in curiosity to see what he was looking at. Disappointingly, they saw nothing other than the roof which sheltered them from the heat. Bang! One of the staff hit his hands on the desk. “This is no time for funny excuses young man. Are you trying to make fun of the authority sitting here with you?” he yelled at him. But Obed apologized, and in low tune, told him that he had not seen his own king of authority, and that was why he asked them to look up to Him. “His mercy and love endureth forever” he said, raising up his hands in expression of what he meant.

“Abraham Lincoln said, “I am profitably engaged in reading the Bible. Take all this book upon the reason that you can balance your faith, and you will live and die a better man.” Coleridge said he believed the Bible to be the Word of God because, as he put it, “it finds me.” “If you want encouragement,” John Bunyan wrote, “entertain the promises. In order to console, there is no need to say much. It is enough to listen, to understand, to love.” – Paul Turner

He approached closer looking at them with a meek heart that he would pour for the sake of what he was about to tell them and began with the passion of Love. This was not what he was asked to say, but because he had prayed before entering into the court room, he was assured of what the Holy Spirit would do. And he also knew that if he could conquer the hearts of these prestigious men, getting to the students would be much easier for him.

“Beyond Power, beyond nature and authority...beyond fraternity and humanity, from the time of creation; something existed between God and man: something overwhelming. It is good to know that God created the universe,” he said, “but there is much more to that.” He continued “There is a bond of fellowship, bond of relationship and bond of friendship God had with man. It is bond of *love*.” As he began to say this, attention was given to him, but not for this. “The only thing that has not changed its shape is *love*. Love is the bond between God and man. It is free, since the beginning. The fellowship or communion of mankind with God couldn’t have been possible without the substance of love. Love sent the only begotten son of God to the cross that he may bring men to glory.” He looked at the chancellor and continued, “The respect and authority you have today is as a result of this love. How? Love made you worthy, otherwise you are unworthy. This same applies to all of you here,” he pointed to them all, looking at them boldly, as they were all calmed hearing the truth that came from him.

“The *spirit God gave* to man since the departure of Christ couldn’t have been so real if Love was not attached to it. This same Love led Jesus to the cross; it caused him to endure the suffering. ‘Do you know that even if you were still the last person on earth to be condemned, Jesus would have still died for you?’ Jesus did not only sacrifice himself for all because He alone Love mankind, He also did it for His Father because He would have done the same. Love kept the gates of heaven open since the day of His ascension. The Love of God to man is greater than words can explain; it is greater than salt covenant; stronger than the covenant between a mother and her child. This Love has done for us what no dollar could buy.”

As he said this, he began to go deeper into the mystery of God’s heartbeat. “The Love of Christ both wounds and heals, it fascinates and frightens, it kills and makes alive. ‘The only cross in all of history that was turned into altar was the cross on which Jesus Christ died. They nailed Him on it, and God in His majesty and mystery turned it into an altar. The Lamb who was dying in mystery and wonder of God was turned into the priest who suffered Himself.’” As he was saying more of this, he paused a little, pointed at the chancellor, and asked him: “Will your Love for this university you claimed that made you leave your business in Dubai lead you to the cross? You know what I mean,” he pointed to the confused chancellor, “can you die for this School?” “No,” he said. “Would your love for your office as the principal Chancellor of this Institution lead you to death, if that is what it would take...and would it lead you to resigning your post if you heard that one of the staff members got sick?” “No...no...no, I can’t do that, Ok?” he cried out, in a compelled tune.

Obed told him that Jesus did not say ‘no’ to us. “He gave up everything- even His throne in heaven for ‘You and I’” He died to purchase us back to our lost glory the Father gave to all men.

“Jesus Christ came not to condemn you but to save you, knowing your name, knowing all about you, knowing your weight right now, knowing your age, knowing what you do, knowing where you live, knowing what you ate for supper and what you will eat for breakfast, where you will sleep tonight, how much your clothing cost, who your parents were. He knows you individually as though there was no other person in

the entire world. He died for you as certainly as if you had been the only lost one. He knows the worst about you and is the One who likes you the most. If you are out of the fold and away from God, put your name in the word of John 3:16 and say, "Lord, it is I. I'm the cost and reason why Thou didst on earth come to do." That kind of positive, personal faith and a personal Redeemer is what saves you. If you will rush in there, you do not have to know all the theology and all the right words. You can say, "I am the one He came to die for." Write down in your heart and say, "Jesus, this is me," as though there were no others. Have that kind of personalized belief in a personalized Lord and Savior." - A. W. Tozer

"What else would you think of Him?" he asked, looking deeply into their eyes, as they paid rapt attention to him. "Money, gold, silver, or diamond or any treasures of the earth He does not need. For all these are already His from beginning" he continued "He does not need any share of your monthly salary, neither does He desire any of your wealth or assets. All He needed from you is a portion of that same Love He had given to you. "You may not be able to Love Him more, till you have understood how much he loves you and how much that cost Him." "What should we do? ...love Him?" asked the convicted chancellor; already on his knees and others looking far way.

"You have to start first, by accepting Him as the Lord and Savior of your soul. Then I will raise a worship to invite the Holy Spirit to come and seal your confession and dwell in your heart. The Holy Spirit will teach you how to Love Him because you may not Love Him by your own power."

"O God, I have tested Thy goodness, and it has both satisfied me and made me thirst for more. I am painfully conscious of my need for further grace. I am ashamed of my lack of desire. O God, the Triune God, I want to want thee; I long to be filled with longing; thirst to be made more thirsty still. Show me Thy glory; I pray Thee, so that I may know Thee indeed. Begin in mercy a new work of Love in me. Say to my soul, 'Rise up my Love, my fair one, and come away.' Then give me grace to rise and follow Thee up from this misty lowland where I have wondered so long..." When they finished the confession, Obed prayed for them all and they fell under the power of the Holy Ghost and became "*born again*". After that, they asked Obed to prepare, that he would preach to all the students-both in the School and outside, and they would air the message on T.V and Radio channels, and make it come out in all leading network news in the world. The chancellor promised to fund every activity. At this meeting, they spent over fifteen hours planning kingdom business instead of judging it.

CHAPTER FOUR

“Now, if faith is the gaze of the heart at God, and if this gaze is but the rising of the inward eyes to meet the all-seeing eyes of God, then it follows that it is one of the easiest things possible to do. It would be like God to make the most vital thing easy and place within the range of possibility for the weakest and poorest of us.” – A.W Tozer

Fourteen days, before this event would take place, as they were putting things together, the devil was also getting ready to strike. Of course, his plan was one which could never be peaceful. With regards to the fact that everything depends on the principal director of the school to make the program effective, he started from where it would hurt the most. But, *there is power in the name of Jesus to break every chain.*

On the ninth day to the program, everything was getting ready for the event. The journalists and reporters have been invited; including the media. All satellite telecommunication station has launched their equipment for the program and the school arena-put in order. Everything was rearranged for space to install the systems that would be used, meaning that it would be from in-door to out-door event.

Obed and the officials were in the central hall, praying and worshipping God.

“Ultimately Abraham discovered that only God matters...” - A.W Tozer

After the day, they prayed and worshiped asking God to take absolute control of all that would happen. They committed all into His hands and told Him to be with them – for it was one which would cause revolution to the world, knowing that the devourer would push in attack from any source. Obed was later given a special department with the top security to watch over him. However, in the middle of the event the perpetrator of evil invaded the vicinity in a deceitful manner-but *all things walk together for good to them that trust Jesus.*

The chancellor’s mom, who had a major kidney default, in the midst of this event had a mysterious accident with the sickness she had been managing for over thirty-two years. This sickness has been there before Dr. Clinton graduated from his high school in California. The sickness was “kidney disease” along with other effects that followed it. It was manageable anyway. But not now. In the mid night, the sister to the Dr. called him giving him this heart breaking news, telling him that she was flown to U.K for major operation and he should leave whatever he was holding at the moment to come over to see her. She also told him that the situation was chronic, and the mother had been mentioning his name since she fell from the staircase on her way to return a glass of coffee back to the kitchen. He finally begged him to come over within few hours to the U.K, else; the mother would die.

Story that touches the heart, no one would like to miss the mother. But if it was of God it wouldn’t have been at the hour of His kingdom advancement. So it was never from Him, rather-of darkness. But God is

omnipotent and omniscient; He can turn the counsels of the wicked into foolishness. He quickly packed up his documents and every other thing and called his men to board a flight to travel, to get to the hospital at once. He left that moment and took a night journey over to meet his dying mother without informing anyone.

“Abraham was completely satisfied with God’s friendship. He becomes to us a faithful example in his willingness to put God first. With Abraham, only God mattered. In his encounter with God he learned why he was here upon the earth. He was to glorify God in all things... (Men who meet God).” - A.W Tozer

In the morning, being the tenth day to the event, the whole officials gathered in the office where they always meet – waiting for the chairman. They waited for hours for him to come and start from where they stopped the previous discussion, but to no avail. They sent some men to go over to his own office and check whether he had forgotten the meeting schedule, but came back with negative report. He left a short message on the table of his office telling of what had happened and where he had gone to. He also apologized that the situation with him was going to affect the program because he would not come back until his mother gets better. This resulted to another problem in their midst because the neck would do nothing without its head. They needed his active support to run the program. But Obed-knowing the source of this problem called to their attention and suggested to seek God in prayer.

*“God wants worshipers before workers; indeed, the only acceptable workers are those who have learned the lost art of worship. It is inconceivable that a sovereign and holy God should be so hard up for workers that He would press into service anyone who had been empowered regardless of his moral qualifications. This very stone would praise Him if the need arise and a thousand legions of angels would leap to do His will.” -
A.W Tozer*

After they had fellowshiped in prayer for nine hours, Obed turned and told them what the Spirit instructed about the case and exposed every works of the devil and suggested the solution to it. He told them to board a flight to U.K for them to go to that hospital which was where God said they must go. And they obeyed, leaving instructions for the other members to handle the school affairs and departed.

While in the air, Obed opened his heart to God in deep prayer: “I am Thy servant to do thy will, and that will is sweeter to me than position or riches or fame, and I choose it above all things on Earth or in Heaven.” He opened the scriptures and began to prophesy over the journey. He did this without minding what they were about to meet; *that is faith*. The journey took hours to arrive the international airport of U.K. and he called the chancellor, asking him to send the hospital address that they are in the airport waiting to be directed to where they are.

*“Living with faith and courage is something that life requires of each of us. Never, absolutely never, give up!
Never give in no matter what! Fight it through! – Kathryn Kulman*

What he heard from the receptor shocked him “my mother is dead,” replied the crying voice over the

phone. Death it is. The destroyer succeeded in his plan to ruin the work of Christ by rendering the head

Chancellor in vulnerable situation. The man cried and wailed as he was saying this to Obed. Obed told others what had happened and in shock they all shouted – sympathizing for their dear boss. He has been a generous and cheerful leader that wished them well. This touched their spirit; feeling weak and not knowing what to do, they resolved to go back to the school and break the sad news.

“Sometimes when we get overwhelmed we forget how big God is. When the going gets tougher, don’t give up; just look up.” – Frank C. Ogbodo

But on getting to the airport to go back, Obed shouted: “wait!” he stopped, trying to listen to the voice inside of him. Tired and exhausted already, everybody still stood to hear from him. “You said you are my servant to do my will, but why are you going back from my will?” the Holy Ghost whispered to him. “I am God: Who instantly and effortlessly – knows all matters; all minds and every minds, all spirit and every spirits, all being and every beings, all creator hood and all creatures, every plurality and all pluralities, all law and every law, all relations, all causes, all thoughts, all mysteries, all thrones and dominions, all personalities, all things- visible and invisible; in heaven and in earth, motion, space, time, life, death, good, evil, heaven, and hell.’ My word is a decree that every demon must obey...” continued, “Go back to the hospital that is where your victory lies.” This was what the Holy Ghost commanded him to do.

“Faith is that quality or power by which the things desired becomes the things possessed.” – Kathryn Kulman

At this instance, Obed fell on his knees, and began to worship God asking his fellows not to give up. After then, he revealed what the Lord had said and told them to get ready for the “turn-around” to see the chancellor. Off they went in obedience to their land of promise. Right there, Obed called the chancellor again –telling him to deliver the address of the hospital, and they went.

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“Teach us, O God, You seek us though You can do without us. ‘We seek You because we need You, for in You we live and move and have our being’ Grant us light,” he said in his spirit, as they were about to enter the big gate of the hospital. Inside they were given seat at the reception. But when they were passing through those doors what Obed saw touched his heart, many patients dying in pain as they were groaning to be attended to. His spirit confirmed to him that he was the one they had been waiting for, “but how?” he interrupted.

They stayed for three hours still waiting to hear from the Lords servants. But Obed himself waited to hear from God. However, they were all waiting, but could not wait forever, not in this misty condition. Their patience was thirsty for results; as doubt was already feeling their mortal minds.

“Things don’t always work out the way we plan. But if we commit our ways to Christ and walk in obedience to Him, we discover His plans are always better.”- Billy Graham

The doctors, nurses and other attendants were walking about to attend to their different patients, Obed was still waiting. They waited for extra thirty minutes and nothing happened. They kept on waiting. Then, the sister of the chancellor who could no longer bear this situation stood up, pointing at them in tears, "Is this what you came here for, just to sit?" and held his brother's trouser - dragging him to "let go".

"My dear friend, Dr. Bill Bright, president of Campus Crusade for Christ international, says, "When we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we are filled with Jesus Christ. We no longer think of Christian task but, rather, Jesus Christ does the work through us." – Benny Hinn

At this point, Obed didn't know what to say or do. For he thought the Holy Spirit would do something, Then a voice spoke to him, saying: "the challenges and problems you are facing is looking and laughing at you because you are still waiting. 'What are you waiting for?' If you keep waiting, your problems will still be there. Those opening blind eyes and raising the dead are not more powerful than you. They only trust my word. You won't see signs and wonders unless you step out to those with problems and start confronting them with my Word. Stop wasting your time because you will wait and nothing will happen." Then Obed shouted like he became alive again. "Okeeeey..." he panted his foot on the floor like he was beating the ground. "My ignorance has finished me!" he shouted.

"It is from where we never expected that God comes in. He who sits above is above all." - Frank C. Ogbodo

He ordered the sister not to worry furthermore; calling them to stand -up. "I don't know what is going to happen in the next minutes, but trust me, it is going to be a mighty revolution in this place," he said and demanded that they close their eyes in worship.

CHAPTER FIVE

“Neither art nor science is needed for going to God, but only a heart resolutely determined to apply itself to nothing but Him, or for His sake, and to love Him only. To worship God in truth is to recognize Him for being Who He is.” *A.W Tozer*

“You must drive away from your mind everything capable of spoiling the sense of the presence of God,” he said, before starting. “Forget all about you, the school, your title, your position, money ...and even where you are standing. Focus now on the Image of who we are about to invite. Let Him come and do; what no man, no science, philosophy or medicine would do. Let the world know that there is *one* greater than the natural laws and records,” he urged them.

“Grant us light, O God. Would you open up the gate!”

“Open up the gate,” calling for heavenly reinforcement for the time has come. They sang it for more than half hour, after which the atmosphere of the room became hot. Doctors came, along with other nurses, to witness where the sound was coming from. As the whole people gathered to hear from this harmonious song, *the Spirit of the Living God* came upon Obed, and began to do mighty things with his mouth.

“Philosophy and science have not always been friendly towards the idea of God. The reason, being that they are dedicated to the task of accounting for things and are impatient with anything that refuses to give an account of itself. They will never admit that there is much that they do not know -which they can never know,” he looked at the doctors, “Where is the dead woman?” Speechless, the doctors said nothing. They don’t know what to say. “Haven’t you done all you could?” He asked them. “She must be in the mortuary. Isn’t she?” “Yes sir,” one of them answered.

“Would You open up the gate!” continued, “The problem of why God created the universe still troubles thinking men. There are men, there are men: big and small, rich and poor, ignored and celebrated ‘...that goes to gods, but above all: there is *One* God.’ *He is *eternal*, which means that He supersedes time and is wholly independent of it. Time began in Him and will end in Him. To it He pays no tribute and from it, He suffers no change: He is *immutable*, which means that He has never changed and can never change in any smallest measure. To change, He would need to go from better to worst or from worse to better. He cannot become more perfect, and if He were to become less perfect, He would be less than God: He is *omniscient*, which means that He knows in one free and effortless at all matter, all spirit, all relationship, all events. He has no past and He has no future: *He IS*, and none of the limiting and qualifying terms used of creatures can apply to Him. He is everything man could think of, because everything in existence describes His Sovereignty!” the crowd began to shout as he unveiled this Wisdom of God. “God is so vastly wonderful, so utterly and completely delightful that He can, without anything other than Himself, meet and overflow the deepest demands of our total nature, mysterious and deep as the nature is,” as he proceeded, everybody was quiet, getting to get on their knees. Still on this influence, he spoke for

more than hundred and twenty minutes; leveraging the miracle he was about to do. After the two hours, he pointed at the doctor, “go and get her corpse, let her also hear the WORD of God.” In response to this, the people were speechless. The doctor rushed with other attendants and brought her cooled body from the fridge.

“He is eternal, he has always been, He is, and always will be. He is without beginning or end. Reliable, consistent, loving – He’s always the same and He will never let you down. He’s the same, yesterday, today, and forever!” – Benny Hinn

He ordered them to sit her down on a seat and hold her. “To admit the existence of a need in God is to admit incompleteness in the divine Being. Need is a creature-word and cannot be spoken of the Creator. God has a voluntary relation to everything He has made, but He has no necessary relation to anything outside of Himself. His interest in His creature arises from His sovereign good pleasure, not from any need those creatures can supply nor from any completeness they can bring to Him Who is complete in Himself,” he continued, getting to let them understand the limitless, boundless - possibility of God; and paused for a while and turned to the woman. The entire witness, were already nowhere to be found in awe, they were already subjected to the power of what God was doing.

After speaking, he raised a very powerful worship to the King of kings, thanking Him for what He had done and the crowd joined him in the chorus. This worship song caused another powerful transformation in the lives of the witnesses, amidst the worship, Obed, who was already filled with the Holy Ghost; ordered the boys to stand the dead woman up from the seat. And, in revelation; knowledge and power; he pushed the dead woman - forward and shouted at her: “Wake up ...in the name of Jesus!” and the woman. Falling down, *she* opened her eyes and started to run like a mad person. Everybody shouted, Crowd held their hands on the head, including the professional doctors.

The Lord told Obed that that was not all, He told him to raise Him more praises for more work He would do. They sang and clapped their hands to heaven, and the whole sick patients in the entire hospital became instantly healed in the mighty name of Jesus Christ.

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Reports about this went across the net, newspaper, and Radio and Television stations in across the State. Obed was sought for and honored; but that was not all. On the day of the program, God used him mightily to perform greater miracle which went across the globe; via the powerful worship and praises. Altar calls were made, and at the end, over 40million peoples – including the students, inside and outside were transformed. The media shot everything. This was read in so many articles, seen in television, and net. And at the end, about 140 million people received Jesus Christ and became born again.

As for Obed, he was honored by the School. The State gave him loyalty awards and supported him in his ministry and also in his education. The family didn't bother because they knew; he was a servant of God.

The Story of Obed

STUDY AND DISCUSSION GUIDE

'Study Guide' helps you to memorize the story. It helps reader to review the story in accordance with the author's message. There are about 33 questions in this part. Half of the questions *'asks'* and half *'does not ask'* questions (it is from the reader's choice to know) – and are all tools for bring out the main picture of the story. It is suggested the reader review the question properly before answering so that what he/she believes about God would be touched. Thank you.

SECTION: A

Chapter One

1 Based on the first quotation of 'chapter one, answer these two questions:

i. What is the moral proof of faith? Discuss.

ii. Have you ever been moved by faith?

2. "Tell me what to do, that I may follow your plan for my future," Obed prayed. How did the will of God affect Obed and his friend-teacher towards the coming graduation?

Chapter Two

1 Explain what the author meant by quoting "We can never know what or who we are till we know at least of what God is"?

2 What is the main purpose of God for creating man? Discuss.

Chapter Three

1. What are the most necessary practices in Christianity? State your answer and give reason(s) for it.

2. Is it true that “Jesus not only died for all: He died for each”? If ‘yes’, give reason(s) for your answer in the space provided below, and discuss.

Chapter Four

1. What is the greatest lesson you learnt from Obed and those medical doctors in the hospital?

2. How does faith affect a believer? Answer and Discuss.

Chapter Five

1. What is the tool for experiencing God’s divine presence? Give reason for....

2 “As God is lifted in our lives, different kinds of problems are solved at the same time...,” True or false? Give reasons for your answer following Obed’s encounter in the hospital.

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SECTION B

In your Self-examination, choose, by shading, the ones that is true.

(1.)

- A. "Obed were special person created to do wonders; that's all."
- B. "Obed were just human being like me: God can do greater things with me."
- C. "Obed had no choice than to do miracles; it makes no difference."
- D. "All of the above."

(2.)

- A. "It is enough to know Jesus by means of evangelism and the preacher's message alone; and not by any other means."
- B. "It is enough to go to Church, come back; and leave the rest to God."
- C. "It is not mere words that nourishes the soul, but God Himself, and unless and until hearers find God in personal experience they are not the better for having heard the truth; We should come to an intimate and satisfying knowledge of God, that we may enter into Him, that we may delight in His presence, may test and be thirsty still; may find Him and still pursue Him."
- C. "Let us always believe that God is too far; He is beyond our reach where we can call unto Him "Abbah Father," and He answers. Let us relax and run our daily routines since all that Christ requires of us is to go to Church."

(3.)

- A. "The existence of God is a history; it happened two thousand years ago."
- B. "The existence of God occurred once in the history of man; and can never happen in our generation."
- C. "The existence of God was just in the stories of Obed and Obinna; I don't think it is possible in reality."

- D. "He (the Triune God) is eternal, which means He exists forever and suffers no change; the existence of man (creature) ultimately describes the existence of God (Creator)."

(5.)

- A. "Love sent Jesus to the cross; and we must love others to show God's love and mercy."
B. "Pride sent Jesus to the cross; and we must be prideful to others to show God's pride and mercy."
C. "Humility sent Jesus to the cross; and we must be humble to show god's humility and pride."
D. "All of the above."

(6.)

- A. "Jesus is good to us; not because we are good, but because He is good."
B. "Jesus is good to us; because we are good and that makes one another's mate."
C. "Jesus has never been good; we are the good ones, and Jesus is currently becoming good because of our goodness."
E. "All of the above."

(7.)

- A. "In order to know God; we must often think of Him and meditate on His Word."
B. "In order to know God; we must play keyboard for Him to dance."
C. "In order to know God; we must be carnally minded so that our desires will lead us to Him."
D. "In order to know God; we must be Spirit-led, but should not study the Word."

(8.)

- A. "Following the way of God is difficult. Sometimes we should give ourselves break and have some fun. Christ, anyway, did not plan for us to struggle."
- B. "Following the way of God is sometimes difficult. That means we should rest sometimes and follow Him again."
- C. "Why do some persons 'find' God in a way that others do not? Why God manifest His presence to some and let multitudes of others struggle along the half-light of imperfect Christians? Of course the Will of God is the same for all. He has no favorites within his household. All He has ever done for any of his children He will do for all of his children. The difference lies not with God but with us. Therefore, let us search unceasingly till we find; let us continue following Him till we find Him."
- D. "None of the above."

(9.)

- A. "Philosophy and science has the answer to everything that has ever occurred in time, outside its knowledge has no ultimate answer."
- B. "Philosophy has made us to know that in it alone, is the answer to any question of man."
- C. "Man should come to the end of himself and acknowledge the existence of *One* who has the answer to that which he does not know, and seek to know from Him – for He (God) is the cause of all things."
- D. "All of the above."

(10.)

"But thinking is not enough. Men are made to worship, also to bow down and adore in the presence of the mystery inexpressible. Man's mind is not the top peak of his nature. Higher than his mind is the spirit, that sometimes within him can engage the supernatural, which under of the Spirit can come alive and enter into the conscious communion with heaven, can receive the divine nature and hear and feel and see the wonder that God is."

- I. True
- II. False
- III. I don't know

11. "The purpose of man is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever. Yes, worship of the living God is man's reason for existence. That is why we were born and that is why we were born again from above. That is why we were created and re-created. That is why there was a genesis at the beginning, re-genesis; called regeneration."

- I. True
- II. False
- III. I don't know

(12.)

"There came the great day when Christ appeared. Immediately He began to say, "Ye have heard that it was said by them of the old time – but I say unto you." The Old Testament schooling was over. When Christ died on the cross the veil of the temple was rent from the top to bottom. The Holy of Holies was opened to anyone who would enter in faith. Christ's words were remembered, "The hour cometh, when ye shall neither in mountain, not yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father ...But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in Spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him. God is a Spirit, and they that worship him must worship in spirit and in truth. (John 4:23-24)"

- I. This is True
- II. This is False
- III. I don't know what John 4:23-24 really meant

13.

W : Wait upon the lord.

O : Offer your life as a living sacrifice.

R : Rest in His Presence.

S : Sing unto Him.

H : Humble yourself before Him.

I : Intimacy with God.

P : Praise Him.

- I. I agree
- II. I disagree
- III. I don't know the one to choose

(14.)

"All of my Life, in every season,

You are still God. I have a

reason to sing. I have a reason

to worship. 'For Your name is Holy...'"

- I. Yes
- II. No
- III. I don't know if 'Yes' or 'No'

(15.)

"God wants worshipers before workers; indeed, the only acceptable workers are those who have learned the lost art of worship. It is inconceivable that a Sovereign and holy God should be so hard up for workers that He would press into service anyone who had been empowered regardless of his moral qualifications. The very stone would praise Him if the need arose and a thousand legions of angels would leap to do His Will."

- I. That's very true
- II. That's never true
- III. That's neither 'true' nor 'false'

(16.)

"To worship God, therefore, is to recognize Him for being who He is, and to recognize ourselves for what we are."

- I. True
- II. False
- III. None of the above

(17.)

“Legacy we leave is not just in our possessions, but in the quality of our lives. The greatest waste in all of our earth, which cannot be recycled or reclaimed, is our waste of the time that God has given us each day.”

I. YES

II. NO

(18.)

“Do all the good you can, By all the means you can, In all the places you can, At all the times you can, To all the people you can, As long as ever you can. ‘Our Father and our God, You have made each of us unique and special. Show me how You want me to use the special talent You have given me to glorify You, Lord. Help me to hear and march to heavenly drumbeat of Your Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ my Lord, Amen.”

I. YES

II. NO

(19.)

“Jesus did not die on the cross for people’s sin so that we would believe in Heaven – but that we would believe in Him. Heaven does not save souls...It collects them. But the good news there is there is nothing we can do that is bad enough to keep us out of Heaven; the bad news is there is nothing we can do good enough to get us into Heaven.”

I. YES

II. NO

(20.)

“God’s Kingdom is not built on the profit motive. The world’s favorite verb is ‘get’. The verb of the Christian is given. Self-interest is basic in the modern society. Everyone asks, “What’s in it for me?” In a world founded on materialism, this is natural and normal. But in God’s Kingdom Self-interest is not basic – Selflessness Is. The founder, Jesus Christ, was rich, and yet He became poor that we “through his poverty might be rich” (2Corinthians 5:9).

I. YES

II. NO

(21.)

“In myself, nothing. In Christ, everything.”

I. YES

II. NO

(21.)

“It’s time for us to rise up, get off the rut and routine, and began to take our Christian faith seriously. (The End.)

I. YES

II. NO