

## Lessons from the Early Church

### **The God of the Ancient—Prophet Dr. Owuor**

We have seen the extreme importance of the Holy Spirit in the church at this hour and that translates into the need for the Pastors to focus their messages on the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the Father of all creation. Now I already read from Ezekiel 37 verse 9 in which the Lord commanded Ezekiel to prophesy to the breath; the breath and He said to come from the four winds of the earth to restore life unto these slain.

The true meaning of revival is that there was a deathly situation. There was a dead situation and now being revived; being resurrected; being brought to life. And so in this context the Lord was speaking about the army of Israel that lay in the valley having being slain. And the command for the prophet Ezekiel to prophesy to the breath was essentially meant to speak life back to that which was dead.

Now if you look to the current state of the church, the church is dead. What do I define by dead? Because without holiness no one will see the Lord; and if you don't see the Lord that means you go to hell; you're going to hell. That's why the Lord in the Bible defines eternity as life; life eternal. And for me that is very, very humbling that the God of Heaven who knows every requirement of the church to see eternity; He can have patience with the church even to awaken her, revive her from a deathly situation to when she will life and full of life.

Why do I say that the church today in many, many nations presents a dead church? Because the wages of sin is death and anytime a church walks in sin, then that church has no life. That church only has death. So anytime there is a fall in the church the sin with which that church walks in fact loudly pronounces death. And so we see very clearly that when the Lord spoke about the church with *oil and wine*, He essentially implied the church that had the breath of God. That means life. In the Beginning God created man and then He gave Him breath. By His breath the man lived; man lives. And so that to me is a wonderful thing. That means the revival church of Revelation chapter 6 is a church full of life and indeed life eternal.

You see in Israel when Ezekiel prophesied to the dead bones at the valley, bones were complaining they were saying, "Look, we are too dry," from there came forth an entire army of Israel. And now that the oil and the wine are the physical representation of the visitation of the breath of God, then you can see very clearly the Lord is saying that the church that walks the roadmap of Revelation chapter 6 that church, that church has the breathe of God Almighty.

And that church has eternal life because everything to do with death has been taken away from that church and she had been revived and in essence resurrected. Another Scripture to make you understand even better the requirement of the Lord at this hour is the Book of Jeremiah chapter 2 verse 13 "*My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of Living Water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.*" The Lord speaks very clearly here that He is the reservoir of the Spirit of the Lord; He is the reservoir of the Holy Spirit.

And He says at every moment when the church will forsake Him; then they are doomed; then they are destined to destruction because He says that whatever cisterns that you develop apart from that, who is God, they are broken and they are temporary cisterns. But what is more surprising here in this Scripture of Jeremiah 2:13 He explains the factor that will cause the Holy Spirit not to visit. And He

says when the church forsakes God Almighty in Heaven then that church actually will now not benefit from the waters, what he calls the spring of Living Water; that is, *the oil and the wine*—that is the Holy Spirit. And that clearly tells you that the church that walks within the roadmap of Revelation chapter 6 is the church that respects the covenant between herself and Jehovah.

If you respect the covenant, then you have not forsaken the Lord. And then the Lord will release into that church the river of life. And it is the river of life that brings life into the church. I like when He says springs of Living Water; springs of Living Water the way He says it; I like when He says springs of Living Waters.

In the Book of Psalm 36 verse 9 to finish up with this before we move to the next part, the next level, Psalm 36 verse 9, and this is what He says. He says, *“For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.”* So we see very clearly now the connection between reverence unto the Lord, the respecting of the covenant with Jehovah and the ability to walk this roadmap set by the Lord in Revelation 6 because the Lord comes out very boldly and says He is the fountain of water, of the springs of water, of Living Waters; and He says the fountain of life because it is that water, symbolic of the Holy Spirit that speaks life; that pours life into the church. And it is the flow of the Living Water in the church that is symbolized by the oil which is the flow of the Anointing of the Holy Spirit in the church.

And the wine therein is indeed the strength of that Anointing. And now He says here in Psalm 36 verse 9, *“For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.”* No wonder in the beginning I told you that the church that walks with *oil and wine* that church emits the light of the world. And the light of the world is indeed the mirror image of Christ in the church. In fact, Christ is the Light in the church. He is the Light with which Christians walk. And I think that’s very incredible especially when the church is going to witness. To witness means I know the person, I can speak for that person, I’m like that person in the nature so speak, I can represent that person in speaking.

And you also see in the Book of John chapter 4 the same expression by the Holy Spirit, again John chapter 4 from 11 to 24, and He said *“‘Sir,’ the woman said, ‘you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this Living Water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his flocks and herds?’”* Verse 13, *“Jesus answered, ‘Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.’”*

And so this is a very big revelation here because you see in every description of the Living Water at that time in Palestine, you see that the Living Water was described in terms of the depth from which it came. And today you see the same practice in place that when someone is digging a borehole, a well they dig so far until they reach to the water table. And then after they spilt open that water table, under the water table there is a very high speed moving ground water aquifer. And you know the carbon rich rocks they purify out the bacteria and the chemical impurities; their charge surfaces become chemical and biological filters. And so that’s why the water flowing underneath is pure water, it’s really moving and that’s why people digging boreholes target this.

But every time that the ground is hit, then it normally gushes out, phew with what we call the bubbles of life. And so you see very clearly when Jesus said, “Look I am the Living Water,” in verse 10 *“Jesus answered her, ‘If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.”* The Holy Spirit is the promised gift from the

Father; that's why they say gifts of the Spirit; that is the manifestation of the workings of the Holy Spirit.

But look at this, so as Jesus was talking this to the Samaritan Woman, she was understanding it in the physical context that you know this man is talking about water, because living water is that water which is running, full of life, the ground water aquifer flowing that is full of life. And so that's why she asked, "You are talking of living water when you don't even have a bucket and the well is very deep." And so what amazes me so much about this in relation to the *oil and the wine* church in Revelation chapter 6 the *oil and the wine* is indeed the product of the flow of this Water from the Throne of God. And so you quickly begin to understand that the church that the Lord defined with *oil and wine* indeed is a church that bubbles up with life and the Lord even mentions here "*welling up to eternal life.*"

Why would I say so? because the Holy Spirit brings from the Throne of God the life of God into the church. And you see the proper translation of this, that the Holy Spirit indeed launches the church very deep so she depends on very deep sources.

In the Hebrew first century connotation of the Living Waters that can only mean that the Holy Spirit gives the church capacity to be able to now partake of the Living Waters that actually are very deep in understanding, deep in the spiritual realm. And that's why you see this woman was talking about the well is deep, the bucket because therein underneath is where you get the water. And by inference it also implies that only those that can launch very deep can access the Living Waters.

So it is with the church today. It will not come from a shallow Christianity that you will access the Holy Spirit, a casual relationship with the Lord, the abusive relationship that you see characterized in the church today between the Lord and the church. But it will begin with the Church that launches very deep into the Word and then in launching deep in the Word is when the Holy Spirit will be able now to launch that church to go get her life from the deeper spiritual sources, the deeper spiritual aquifers of the Lord.

You'd say that the Word essentially centralized in the church actually prepares the church for the reception of the Holy Spirit. So, I'd put it to you that indeed the Holy Spirit in coming to reveal the person of Christ, He essentially centralizes the Word. And when the Word is centralized, "*In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God, the Word was God. The Word became flesh; the Word became light and darkness has never understood the Word.*" So we are talking about the Word; so we are talking about Him.

So when we are talking about the centrality of the Holy Spirit in the church at this hour, essentially you refer to the centrality of the Word in the church in this dispensation because the Word I can tell you defines the parameters by which the Revelation chapter 6 church should walk. And so when the Lord spoke about that *oil and wine church* at the release of the Black Horse, then now you can understand one of the basic requirements of walking in that roadmap—that the Word must be central in the life of that church.

And the Word indeed is light, is in fact light or the lamp unto their feet as they walk this path. And so the Word becomes very, very central. In fact, I would think that the most important test of a church whether she is walking right with the Lord would be how central the Word is in her life. And the other side of the coin the current fall in the church in fact is arising from the fact that the Word has not been used as the yard stick for every single practice in the church. For example, the false hood and the false prophets that are now marauding in the church; that can only come about by the fact that the Word has not been used as a standard in measuring the message that they bring forth into the church;

that when the Word would be used as the standard, the yardstick for measuring any transaction, any practice in the House then very fast you will be able to discern what is of the Lord and what is not of the Lord. And then you will be able to know what to do and what you ought not to do.

And so I can see that the purification, the righteousness in the Revelation chapter 6 church the *oil and the wine church* is arising out of the fact that the Word has purified her ways; that the Word has guided her into righteousness; and so one can never take it for granted the Word of God. But it's all consistent with the fact that it is within the Word of God that the will of God for the church is embedded. And so you begin to understand the biggest treasure that was ever handed down, in fact the biggest blessing that was ever handed down to living mankind is the Bible, the Holy Bible, the Word that was given her because therein lies everything that defines every dimension of her livelihood and life; how to live on the earth and also how to get into the Kingdom of God.

So the Lord is calling on the church of Christ world over today to return to the centrality of the Word, to centralize the Word at the heart of the church. But when the Word is centralized in the church then you will quickly understand that the Gospel, the Gospel is the pillar of the Word, the four glorious gospels. They are the skeletal, the pillar structures supporting the Word. And the Gospel hence is the glory that emanates out of the Word—the Glory of God. And so the Lord is asking the church to anchor herself on the gospels as she reads the Word because the church He is fond of and protects in Revelation chapter 6 is the church that is anchored on the glorious gospels—the four glorious gospels.

If you want to receive any revelation on dispensational change on the Coming of the Messiah and then on Biblical prophecy you will find it in the gospels; for example, Matthew 24, the Olivet prophecy—that is the most central prophecy in the entire Bible combined. In fact the Book of Revelation chapter 6 on which today I am basing this *kesha*, this message and if you have been following very carefully you see that I have just been focusing for the whole night, I have been focusing on Revelation chapter 6 verses 5 and 6.

But anyhow that revelation on which now the Lord spoke to me by dream and then now we are seen the unveiling, that indeed is the transcript, is the translation that has been uncoded from the Olivet prophecy, that is the decoding of the Olivet prophecy which you find in Mark chapter 13 and Luke 21. And so surely the gospel is very central in the Word; that's why the so called, "Take the gospel to the nations." Nobody is trying to trivialize all the other books of the Bible. But I am telling you in the order of the ranking of the way the church should launch herself and be successful in doing exploits for the Kingdom of God. It's amazing to me that when you read the gospels then you see the wonders of God even as revealed to man.

And so by taking the gospel then I begin to understand how the Holy Spirit now in the church can help the church to witness Christ because then there will be the declaration of the signs and the wonders of God and bewilderment unto the unborn again causing them to be drawn to listen to this matter and be stunned and be given in to salvation.

Precious people I would like to move on. In the Book of Isaiah chapter 44 we see a further importance of what the Lord underscored in Revelation chapter 6 when He was on that day actually defining whom the Heavenly bride will be. I am talking about Isaiah chapter 44 and I am going to read verses 3 to 5; again Isaiah 44: 3 to 5 he says "*For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground;*" you begin to see the central importance of the Holy Spirit and why God celebrates His importance in the church; His value in church "*For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants.*"

I want to start by explaining to you what that verse 3 stands for; he says here, he talks about your offspring, descendants which means when this revival begins, it will not just touch one person, but it will be a contagious revival. And so when you are talking about the Revelation chapter 6 church that is the church whose revival is contagious to the extent that that revival can start with one person in a household and spread to even more, an entire household. We have seen it in this very ministry.

And then he further goes on to say *"I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants."* But in Daniel chapter 12 (I think Dr. Owuor meant in Revelation not Daniel) when the Lord is now defining blessings according to the heavenly definition he says write, *"Blessed are those who are invited into the Wedding Feast of the Lamb."* So I can now see very clearly that the Revelation chapter 6 church that is walking in the oil and the wine that that is the blessed church. And this is the way of now correcting, there has to be a correction here. We have to adjust the spiritual meters, the spiritual barometers by which blessings have been based in the church.

Some have said that you see that when you are having big cars, big homes, a private airplane, name it, big property, then you are blessed. And I am here to tell you that no, no, no that is a wrong notion on the blessings of God. I am here to tell you that the true blessing of God Almighty is when you have been invited into the Wedding Supper of the Lamb of God. Why do I say so? Because the Bible says, *Seek ye first the Kingdom of God Almighty and His righteousness* and yet we know that that righteousness is what gives you eternity; eternal peace with God.

Eternity is the blessing for which Jesus came; eternity is the mightiest blessing that Jesus brought when He died on the Cross at Calvary. And He says once you have sought righteousness and then now everything else becomes earthly, a bonus, just a plus, a by the way. And so when the Lord says that actually the Revelation chapter 6 is the blessed church, then He says in other words that this church will see the Wedding of Feast the Lamb; in other words will have eternal life of joy, peace and worship.

Just do your economics; just do your mathematics or arithmetic; we don't know what the life expectancy is there are several countries with different life expectancy spans. Let's say life expectancy of 100 years; it is more profitable; it is more mathematically and economically profitable to invest those 100 years on the earth here in righteousness in preparation for eternity with God. And it's much more unprofitable, it's a loss to spend the 100, to squander those 100 years on these notions of prosperity being preached in the church.

Then you begin now to understand this deceptiveness of the devil that entered the church in the name of the gospel of earthly prosperity because essentially the churches of today that are preaching prosperity, *"Sow a seed to get blessing, to get more money; sow a seed and be healed"* or whatever; they are essentially investing in the temporary; they are investing into the perishable. And yet he that invests in righteousness like does the church God describes in Revelation chapter 6 now you can see that the church of Revelation chapter 6 is a church that invests in righteousness; that church gets eternity with God.

And let me explain this in simple terms: when 999 trillion years are over eternity has not yet began. Eternity is almost unquantifiable. It is infinite. There is no beginning, there is no end. That's why the sooner the church of Christ today will realize the demarcations set out in Revelation chapter 6 the better will be her eternity; the greater will be the wisdom resident in her practice. Then she can now spend more time preparing for eternity.

So precious people you see that when the Lord spoke with me on that August 19 the year 2008, it was an endless revelation to the church. Why? It announces the last call unto the church before the

rapture. But you realize that the underpinnings of that prophecy have eternal implications in terms of the practice of the saints and the destiny of the saints here and in Heaven. How humbling this can be.

And so you see that this church is so protected, the Revelation chapter 6 verses 5 to 6 church that walks in *new oil and new wine* and because she is walking towards Heaven the eternal Kingdom of God Almighty that church is now defined by the LORD as a blessed church. But Isaiah 44 verse 4, he says, *"They will spring up like grass in a meadow, like poplar trees by flowing streams"* verse 5 he says, *"One will say, 'I belong to the LORD'; another will call himself by the name of Jacob"* in other words Israel *"... still another will write on his hand, 'The LORD's,' and will take the name of Israel."*

So for me this now becomes the pinnacle, the climax of the definition of the church that enters Heaven that the Lord is talking about in Revelation chapter 6 with *wine and oil* because He says that that is the church that has had a complete transformation. Her identity has been transformed, has been changed. That's why he is saying here they will take on new names, one will say the Lord's; some will take, one will take the name of Israel, the name of Jacob. So that means the Revelation chapter 6 church that the Lord so celebrates is the church whose identity has been changed.

Then I will ask you, then what is the role of the Holy Spirit in a nutshell up to this place? It's to change the identity of man; that now by the power of God you may be the light of the world; and by the power of God you may be converted from children of darkness to children of light; that by the help of the Holy Spirit you may be changed, your identity may be change from children of the world to the children of God.

What an awesome, beautiful Holy Spirit that He may help the church and transform her identity from death to eternal life. The Bible says in the Book of 1 Peter that you may see the real transitioning, the critical importance of the Holy Spirit 1 Peter chapter 2 beginning with verse 4, he says, *"As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him—you also, like living stones are been built"* in other words being converted *"...been built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."*

Right from there you begin to see the central role of the Holy Spirit in the church. Now I can understand, now we can understand that it is the Holy Spirit that now can allow the church of today to offer spiritual, spiritual sacrifice can translate your worship into spiritual worship that now it may be acceptable to God Almighty through Christ Jesus.

Today the only sacrifice the LORD God Almighty receives is a spiritual sacrifice. And so in the process, now the Holy Spirit is able to transform the identity of a physical earthly church into a spiritual church that is now acceptable unto the Father.

O, precious Holy Spirit, how wonderful indeed you are to the church that in coming to reveal more about Christ, you essentially centralize the Word in the church. And in being the revelator of the Word in the church you essentially change the identity of Christian, of mankind from a people destined to death to now children of God; to a people that had not been called or deserved any mercy to the children of God and not only that even to a holy priesthood.

Isn't the Holy Spirit so precious to the church? The church today has to learn to be able to embrace the centrality of the Holy Spirit in her life. May the Lord bless you; like I told you this is non-ending. I have not even reached half way and yet we are seeing so much of the depth of the value of the Holy Spirit; the reason why God the Father proclaimed protection and safeguard on oil and wine. May the Lord bless you; thank you Holy Spirit. Shalom