

Exhortation by Bro Segun. - Zion - *Psalm 87*

In order to know where we are going, we need to know where we are coming from. Zion speaks of a solid foundation, the Lord Jesus. *1 Corinthians 3:11*. If one's foundation is weak, when the wind blows, there is a shaken, but when you know you are on Mount Zion, you will not fear, *Isaiah 28:16*. *Romans 14:31* says anything that is not done in faith is sin. People look at the law and they may say I have kept the law up until now, but why am I trying to justify my new creation identity? Anything not done in faith is sin. We are at war and we need to be convinced of the solid foundation to be able to stand. You can only have boldness when you are standing on a sure foundation. You must know that Zion is your heritage. You are actually born in Zion. The presence of God dwells inside the city of God. You are in the presence of God. You belong to the elite of elites in the history of elites, this should make you excited and cause you to hold your head high. *Isaiah 40:9*

*Hebrews 12:18-24* shows us this reality. We are not just in mount Zion alone, the Lord keeps us here and as a good Father, He feeds us. *Isaiah 2:2-5* shows us the goal; mount Zion becoming the joy of the whole earth. We will reign with Him over the nations of the earth. Hence, He tells us we were buried with Christ in death and now we have been raised up in Him. These are the glorious things spoken of us.

**How does the Lord teach us His ways and cause us to walk in His path?** *Isaiah 25:6*. The Bible says the entrance of His word gives light, *Psalm 119:130*. *2 Corinthians 3:18* shows that as we behold the word of the Lord everyday, He is changing us into this same image that we see in the word of God. He looks at us and beholds Himself. As we nourish in the presence of the Lord, what happens? God makes a move and we are expected to respond. We believe and confess with our mouth and we are saved. *Romans 10:10*. We are to speak of the things we have made touching the King, *Psalm 45:1-2*. Our tongue is to be as the pen of a ready writer and with boldness, we are to proclaim the things of the Lord. A lot of people believe that there is no response needed from us, since the Spirit helps our infirmities and makes intercessions for us, *Romans 8:26*. However, we need to ask ourselves, how does the Lord make intercession for us? Do we have any work to do? *1 Corinthians 2:6-16*. The Lord intercedes for us through our mouth. This is a spiritual law. He searches the heart of God to speak it to us, comparing spiritual things with Spiritual. How do these words that the Holy Ghost speak through us come out? He speaks the word and we confess it over our lives. There are other times we have a problem and we do not know how to pray. In such times, we speak in tongues; this brings a refreshing. We have faith that though we do not understand the words coming out of our mouths, we know this is the Wisdom of God because we have the Spirit of God. *1 Corinthians 14:2*. When we speak in tongues, we speak mysteries back to the Lord; we give the Lord back His words. There are times also that we know what to say; *Hebrews 13:5-6*, shows us the pattern: He speaks that we may boldly say. Any thing that He has said, we must speak boldly. Speak in tongues. Speak His word with confidence.

Sis Blessing. *Psalm 104:1-4*

**THE STARS IN THEIR COURSES**

*Judges 5:1-18* shows stars who stood in their courses. Each of the sons of Jacob have specific meanings, which will be considered in a later meditation. Today, we will consider who stars are and what courses are.

**Who are Stars?** Stars are leaders in the church. *Revelations 1:20*. In every local assembly, these are the people who are dwelling in the third heavens. The sons of God are stars. *Job 38:7*. Stars are Abrahams seeds, *Genesis 22:17*. The seed of Abraham are in two categories: the stars in the heaven and the sand of the sea shore. We are to aspire to be the stars in the heaven, wherein we can execute judgement on enemies. Stars are also men who have willingly sold themselves to the enemy. *Mark 13:25* says the stars of the heavens shall fall. Physically

speaking, one star is bigger than the earth, so we know this scripture is not speaking of literal stars falling. A believer who backslide is a fallen star. *Jude 1:3-13*. Unfortunately, there are a lot of these in what we call the church today, *Isaiah 4:1-4*, however, the Lord is making a bride for Himself who will be pure. These falling stars are clouds without water (water is the Word of God), they are wondering stars, but we are stars in the right hand of the Lord. We are clouds full of water, rooted in Christ.

**What are Courses?** Standing in your course means to stand in your priestly order. He has made us Kings and priests, *Revelation 1:6*. When we walk in righteousness, we walk in our course. *Luke 1:5-10* shows a man, Zechariah, who stood in his course and how God rewarded him. You want God to answer your prayers? Stand in your course. *2 chronicles 29:11*. The Lord wants us to stand before Him and minister to Him and burn incense (offer prayers). *Nehemiah 3* shows us what it means to stand in your course. There are persons who are responsible for certain things in the house, find your place in the body. *Ephesians 2:20-22*. When we become born again, we are sitted with Christ in heavenly places, *Ephesians 2:6*, *Ephesians 1:3*. However, it is our duty to find and work in the lot assigned us by the Lord.

### **What are our roles as Stars?**

- **Ministering unto the Lord.** There was a dream a brother had. He went to heaven and saw a mansion. In this mansion, there were many doors: prosperity, healing, etc. and their carpets were worn out, because a lot of people used these doors. However, that which ministered to the Lord was clean because a few people used it. Our role is to minister to the Lord. *Ezekiel 44:11-16* speaks of those who cannot minister to the Lord. Our first assignment is to minister unto God, then He will give you what you need to minister unto His Children.
- **Warfare, Jeremiah 51:20.** We are God's battle axes, for executing judgement. *Micah 4:13*. As you spend time in His presence, He makes your horn iron and your hoofs brass. We are not to be like Ephraim who have weapons and flee, but we will be as those who take the battle to the gates. *Isaiah 28:6*
- **Ministering to the Body of Christ.** *1 Corinthians 12:28*, *Ephesians 4:11*, *1 Corinthians 12:9-11*. We are stars for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry. We must minister to the brethren. As you do this, the Lord builds you a house.

### **Characteristics of Stars who stand in their courses.**

- **A star who stands in his course work in faith, love and hope.** *1 Corinthians 13*. Stars in their courses have love. May the Lord put His Love in us, that we may love with no strings attached.
- **A star in His course makes the Valley of Baca a well.** *Psalms 84:4*. Baca speaks of a place of weeping. In our Christian walk, there will be times of challenges and weeping, but a star who stands in his course does not break down. He makes it a well, a pool of water for men to drink. *Psalms 30:5*. Surely Joy will come in the morning. *Psalms 34:19*. It is a good thing when our faith is tried, because it works patience. *James 1:4*. No one lays hands on you to confer patience, it is worked into you through the things that you suffer.
- **A star in his course does not entangle himself in the things of this world.** *Galatians 5:1*, *2 timothy 2:3-5*. It is a narrow road. If you want to be part of the sand on the sea shore, you may compromise, but if you want to be a star in the heavens, you will give up many things, counting it all dung, *Philippians 3:8*. A star in his course is focused.

- **A star in his course is a warrior.** In *Ephesians 6:10-18*, we are asked to put on, meaning it is something we are meant to do. We must pray always in the Spirit and watch. A star in His course is a watchman.
- **A star in His course is merciful,** *Colossians 3:12-15*. We are to shower lots of mercies to our brethren. Give them the benefit of the doubt. Go the extra mile. *Ephesians 4:32*. He does not seek to please himself, he does not seek to promote himself.
- **He is a light that cannot be hidden.** *Matthew 5:14-16*. A light must shine in the candlestick, bring it to the candlesticks. That is, do not hide the graces God has given to you, they are meant to edify the church.
- **A star in his course is an influence in their neighbourhood.** Be an influence in your office, your family, etc. Evil should not happen under your watch, especially since you have the ability to change it. In *Job 38:31*, God asked Job if he could bind the sweet influences of the Pleiades (meaning 7 Stars)? We can because we have the Holy Spirit; because Jesus died. We are to have the sweet influences of the 7 Spirits of God around us and bind bands of Orion (evil or foolishness). Can we bring forth Mazzaroth, meaning fruitfulness? He asked him, can he guide Arcturus, the great bear, speaking of warfare. We have been given dominion and we have the mind of Christ.
- **A star in His course is a repairer of breaches.** They are peacemakers, rebuilding broken hearts. *Isaiah 58:12*.
- **A star in His course walks in obedience,** *Romans 5:19, Romans 6:16, 2 Corinthians 10:6, Philemon 1:21, Hebrews 5:8*. A star who stands in its course, listens to the Father, watches for His commands and does them. A lot of times, the reason we do not do the Father's will is because we do not listen for His voice. The Lord will help us to hear His voice and do it.
- **A star in his course does not break his rank.** *1 Chronicles 12:25-33*. He stands in his place and is not jealous of another person's ministry. Rather than being jealous, he goes to the Lord to ask for his own inheritance because every joint should supply. *Joel 2:1-7* shows a people that do not break their ranks. Before the enemy, they are much pain, but before their brethren, they are peace. They fall on each others' swords and are not hurt.

**Blessings of Standing in your course.** *Numbers 23:8-12, 19-24*.

When your ways please the Lord, He will cause your enemies to be at peace with you. Initially there may be agitations and persecutions but stand your ground and you see that your enemies will make peace with you. Live in righteousness and the enemy cannot intimidate you.

*Matthew 5:14-15 KJV*

*Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.*

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.*