

Key Scripture: 1 Corinthians 3:16-17 KJV

2 Corinthians 3:17 KJV

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One of the key Identities of Jesus, as much as He is the saviour of the World and the Messiah, is that He is King. As much as we get to see the Love aspect in Him, we get to draw from His Character, there is also an aspect that guarantees His influence, this is His Lordship.

In previous meditations, we considered the day of the Lord's power and His people's response with willingness. *Psalm 110:1-3*.

When we begin to speak of the Lordship of Christ, two things come into mind. One is the deliverance of mankind from the hold of any other spirit that demands or commands service, so we can serve the living God. The second is the empowerment for service. To serve God, you are not allowed to use your own strength. It is the Lord that provides the material for service.

The two major things we will focus on in this meditation is service to God and the impartation for service. In the day of the Power of the Lord, when men align with His divine call and make covenant with Him, He releases diverse portions of Himself. As a result, weak men begin to show attributes of God. We are focusing on service, impartation for service and loosing anything that keeps us from serving the living God, because you cannot serve two masters.

In *Psalm 110*, a discussion between two Lords were taking place. The verse says the Lord shall send the rod of His strength. We see that from the book of acts, this Rod is the Spirit of God.

The First factor in the aspect of the Lordship of Christ is consecration.

1. Consecration:

What is consecration. In African culture, there are a couple of deities that people worship. These are demon spirits. The earth has been given to men, *Psalm 115:16*, so for a spirit to have influence,

a demon has to get permission from men. A spirit cannot find expression through you unless you separate yourself to the god. This is giving the spirit a legal right. Just as God can work in you to love, a spirit can work in a free willing vessel to do divination. There are also spirits that find an expression as a result of wrong action. An example is defiling the marriage bed, it creates a bondage often times to the spirit of adultery or another spirit. However, the Lord is saying that in the day of His power, His people will be free will offerings.

Consecration is separation from the world, separation from sin and unto the purposes of God. In the day of God's power, His people will offer themselves. Hence, they are servants. It is important to note that your identity as a son does not in anyway affect your identity as a bride or a servant. As a servant, you are saying that your body, your life, your character, etc. will serve the purposes of God.

Psalm 50:5 KJV

Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.

We are all saints by the reason of sanctification by the blood. A call is made to a specific kind of saint, those who have made a covenant with God by sacrifice. *Romans 12:1* shows the sacrifice and reasonable service required. You can know Jesus as saviour, but the expectation is that you know Him also as Lord. Until you come into the realm of His Lordship, service is not recognized. You were saved for service, *Exodus 8:1*. You are meant to respond to the sacrificial work of God by offering yourself. The Lord knew that He will not be able to force any man to love Him, hence He piled up reasons for us to love Him at Calvary. Hence it is said, that we love Him because He first loved us, *1 John 4:19*. Consecration is the first reasonable act of the believer. God does not love you more because you accepted Jesus or consecrate yourself, He loved you before you were saved. Consecration is a sacrifice, but this sacrifice is a living sacrifice; this is your reasonable service. Seeing that Jesus died for you, do you live for yourself or seek the Lord for help to be separated unto Him? We are to live for His purposes and separate ourselves from sin, because the sacrifice is meant to be holy and acceptable. *2 Corinthians 5:14-15*.

2. **Obedience and Submission.**

Matthew 6:24 KJV

No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

The reference above is to mammon, but the principle is the same. Hence, Joshua after deliverance from Egypt, asked the Israelites to choose who they will serve. Anything that has a compelling influence over you is a master. Any kind of Lordship that comes over your life is tied to your appetite. The first thing that Lordship brings to view in your life is your appetite. Their appetite was what caused the Israelites to go into Egypt and what caused them not to go into the promised land, *Number 11:5*. Hence, Jesus said you cannot serve two masters. The relationship between the servant and a master is not one of love, but it is one of submission. It is not cordial, it is professional and a servant serves his master because it is something he was purchased to do. While the masters of darkness come and place a demand on you, the Lord Spirit, is one that can be loved. You can have a relationship that is based on love with the Lord. You can actually trust in the Lord. He does not compel us or lay a toll on us. He says in the day of His power people will be volunteers.

Psalms 89:20-22 KJV

I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him: [21] With whom my hand shall be established: mine arm also shall strengthen him. [22] The enemy shall not exact upon him; nor the son of wickedness afflict him.

The concept of the yoke and the oxen is shown in the verse above. The Lord gives us something that allows us to serve Him beyond our capability. The anointing yokes you to the Lord, but it also breaks the yoke of anything that holds you down. As a result of this holy oil, it is illegal to afflict you or exert authority over you. *Romans 14:4* says who are thou to judge another mans servant. *Isaiah 10:27* says the burden shall be taken away from the shoulder and the yoke from off the neck as a result of the anointing. How does the Lord do this? The anointing is sensitive to any form of oppression. This is because oppression is a form of dominion. *Act 10:38*. The anointing was given for one purpose, to rule, *Psalms 110:3*.

Which yoke should you bear? *Matthew 11:28-30*. The Lord replaces oppressive yoke with His yoke that allows you to learn of Him and serve Him.

The Principle of Separation.

1. **Confession:** You can choose with your words and detach yourself of anything that speaks of a foreign nature, *James 3:4-5, Psalm 107:1, Matthew 12:37*.
2. **The Affirmation of the Blood of Jesus.** *1 Peter 1:18-19, Zechariah 9:11-12*.
3. **Actions.** *Joshua 24:13-15, Exodus 32:26, Ephesians 4:27*.

Ephesians 4:27 says give satan no place. Some have found themselves in oppression because of open doors, actions that we took. With our actions we can also vote the Lord as King in our lives.

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The Grace of the Lord Jesus be with Your Spirit