

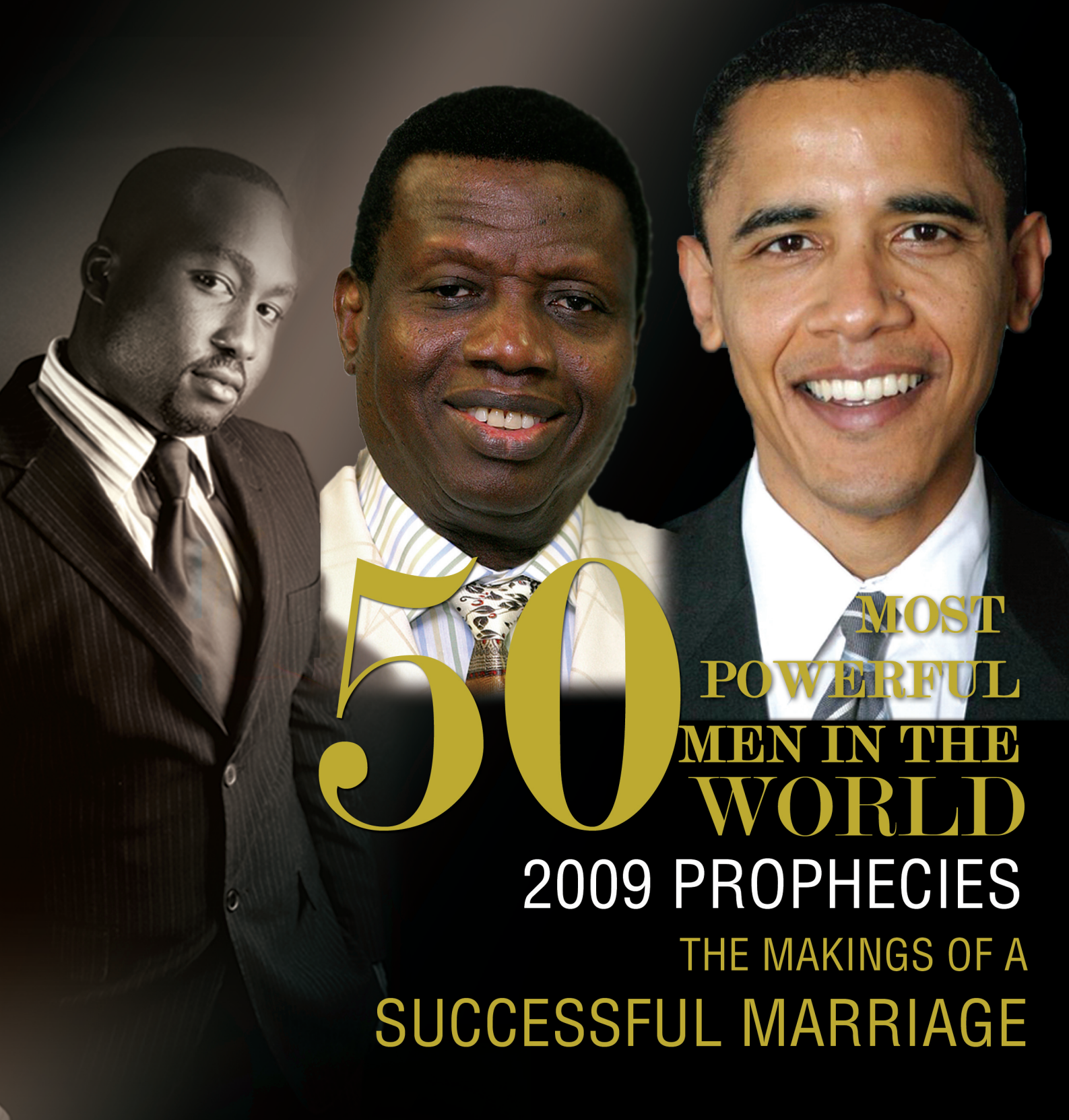


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WORLD**

2009 PROPHECIES

**THE MAKINGS OF A
SUCCESSFUL MARRIAGE**

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As we enter this era of our existence, we feel that God is saying it is time to break through every limitation that has made us forfeit

instead of fulfilling our destinies, everything that has confined us from becoming all God has called us to be, fulfilling His great commission and bringing in the end-time harvest.

We believe that as we cooperate with Him, God will help us breakthrough every barrier, spiritual, financial, physical, psychological, cultural etc; that has kept us from fulfilling destiny to give us joy unspeakable.

We would like to know What you plan on achieving in 2009, what you would like to see God do for you in 2009, your New year resolutions and comments about this new magazine.



Please write us by emailing basethings@yahoo.com.

Join us as we breakthrough into great joy this year.

Enjoy.

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Our General Overseer: Pastor E. A Adeboye makes Newsweek top 50 Global Elite List



Pastor E. A. Adeboye, the General Overseer of the Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG) has been listed in the first 50 Global Elite listing of U.S. and international news magazine, Newsweek, emerging as the only African on the list now making the waves in the world.

Other publications, including Charisma magazine, have been commenting on the inclusion of the only African person on the list, which was tagged by the Newsweek magazine as the Top 50 Global Elite.

Newsweek magazine is one of the two most prestigious and leading news magazines in the U.S. and in the world, and it debuted its list of the most powerful people in the world in its current January 5, 2009, edition now circulating world-wide.

Pastor Adeboye was named the 49th most powerful person in the world by the magazine, describing him as being extraordinarily successful and above the fray of financial misdeeds commonly associated with "other Pentecostal pastors."

According to Newsweek: "Behind his extraordinary success is his reputation for honesty. While other Pentecostal pastors (including some Nigerians) have been accused of financial misdeeds or faking supernatural powers, Adeboye remains above the fray."

Other prominent world leaders and eminent names on the list include U.S. President-elect Barack Obama, who

topped the list, China's president, Hu Jintao, who came second with his French counterpart, Nicolas Sarkozy, coming third.

There is also British Prime Minister, Gordon Brown, German Chancellor, Angela Merkel, Vladimir Putin of Russia, Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud of Saudi Arabia and Ayatollah Ali Khamenei of Iran. Others are Kim Jong II of North Korea, Bill and Hillary Clinton, American billionaire Warren Buffet, U.S. Speaker of the House of Representatives, Nancy Pelosi; New York billionaire Mayor Michael Bloomberg, and Pope Benedict who came 37th.

Pastor Adeboye and the Pope are the only Christian leaders featured in the list.

Commenting, a U.S.-based Pentecostal historian, Vinson Synan, was quoted by another U.S. magazine, Charisma, supporting Adeboye's selection.

"I certainly agree with Newsweek on this," the Pentecostal historian said adding that "I have visited (Adeboye's) campground and preached in one of his large churches in Lagos. In terms of masses of followers and influence in Nigeria, as well as other nations, he is a dominating person with tremendous power."

Another U.S.-based Christian leader, Peter Wagner, was reported by Charisma magazine as lauding Adeboye's inclusion on the list.

According to him: "If I were to name the top 10 apostles in the world, Adeboye would have to be there on the top of the list," said Wagner, who is the president of Global Harvest Ministries and leader of the International Coalition of Apostles. He is also the editor of Out of Africa, which chronicles the growth of the charismatic movement in Nigeria.

Wagner recalled: "I attended his all-night prayer meeting the first Friday of the month, and the leaders apologised to me for the low attendance," Wagner said. "They had only 300,000 the whole night long. Usually, they have 500,000."

He added that Pastor Adeboye represents the new centre of gravity for Christianity. According to Newsweek,

"You may never have heard of E.A.

Adeboye, but the pastor of The Redeemed Christian Church of God is one of the most successful preachers in the world."

he is a Pentecostal preacher from Nigeria who "has made big plans to save your soul."

Continuing the U.S. and international magazine reported thus: "You may never have heard of E.A. Adeboye, but the pastor of The Redeemed Christian Church of God is one of the most successful preachers in the world."

The report on Adeboye details the growth of the RCCG worldwide disclosing that the church now has outposts in 110 countries, and 14,000 branches in Nigeria. According to Newsweek, the RCCG has 360 parishes in Britain and about the same number in the U.S. Indeed in the New York and Boston regions of the U.S. alone, the RCCG has over 50 parishes.

According to Newsweek, "Adeboye says he has sent missionaries to China and such Islamic countries as Pakistan and Malaysia. His aspirations are outsize. He wants to save souls, and he wants to do so by planting churches the way Starbucks used to build coffee shops: everywhere."

We congratulate, Pastor Adeboye "our father in the Lord, ...for this recognition on the world platform. After a careful study of this list, especially in relation to Christian circles, the word that comes to mind is "whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted, according to Matt 23:12."

step in my direction

Welcome to the year 2009! Without a shadow of doubt, this year will be full of happiness and joy provided we follow God's leading. The humble He guides in justice and the humble He teaches His ways. The criterion is something we like to claim we have. It is hard to exhibit but it is the only way we must operate this year. God will only lead those humble enough to follow His voice. So, you must follow before He leads.

It is admirable how Ruth defied every sensible fibre in her being and decided to follow her mother-in-law who was hopeless, (Ruth 1:13) widowed and childless. Ruth had also lost her husband, so realistically, there was nothing she could get from Naomi. She decided to follow Naomi with every intention to serve her (Ruth 1:16). It would have been easier for her to stay back at Moab, not bothering to do the long journey to Bethlehem with Naomi. Not to talk of being a foreigner in the land of Israel. It would have been easier for her to make a life for herself in her own land, maybe even get married again, but, she clung to Naomi out of love and respect of her position as her mother-in-law. Ruth was humble enough to listen to Naomi and follow instructions on how to conduct herself by Boaz. Boaz became her kinsman-redeemer and married her to continue the family line. And didn't she get more than a bargain! She was honoured, privileged and elevated to the position of the forerunner of the lineage of Christ. She became the grandmother of David. It just goes to show that anyone who follows the rules can receive divine leading and direction. If Ruth didn't have to be an Israelite to get a reward, then you too don't have to.

Esther was an orphan who was taken care of by her older cousin, Mordecai. He was instrumental in her becoming Queen of Persia by putting her forward for consideration when king Xerxes was searching for a Queen to take the place of Vashti. As Queen would have had a lot of privileges but she did not let that make her lose sight of whom she was and where she was coming from. She was still faithful and kept in touch with her cousin, Mordecai. How many of us allow our little positions (office manager, team leader and head of department) to get to our



heads that we disregard and are rude to people we feel are no longer on our level? Well, Esther still listened to her cousin and when she was alerted that a certain man name Haman was on a mission to destroy all the Israelites, she swung into action. She did not feel so secured that she had arrives, and that the planned destruction could not reach her as Queen. Esther fasted and prayed for there days before she went unannounced into king Xerxes' presence. She was humble enough to still listen to her cousin, humble enough to take the first step by going to meet Xerxes. She took the lead (Esther 4:15,16).

DO YOU WANT GOD'S DIRECTIONS? IF YES ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS:

ARE YOU HUMBLE ENOUGH?

We have seen the examples of Ruth and Esther. Will you allow your 'big head' to get in way of God's vision for you? We always seem to know it all until we fail miserably and then we cry back to God, saying why me?!

DO YOU HAVE FAITH?

Abraham answered the call of God to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. He took the first step, took Isaac to the designated spot and took out his knife to kill him just because God said so. God rewarded him by making him father of many nations. Moses, a prince in Egypt, heard and answered the call of God. Imagine the shame some of us would have felt if we had to go back to Egypt in shepherd clothing where we used to wear Armani suits! His faith was bigger because he understood that God's ways

are not man's ways...he understood that he could not operate on what he saw alone but had to depend on what he did not see (Hebrews 11:26). Faith is a belief so it follows that we cannot believe in God if we do not have faith.

DO YOU REALLY TRUST GOD?

Proverbs 3:5 says, 'Trust in the Lord with all your heart...and He will direct your paths.... Trust is intertwined with faith. It is the firm reliance on the integrity, ability, or character of a person or thing. As trust is essential in a marriage, it is also essential in our walk with God. We may find it difficult to trust God if we believe we can do it all on our own strength. Sometimes, it is difficult to trust God when nothing seems to be happening. That is where patience comes in!

CAN YOU PATIENTLY WAIT?

In Acts 1, the disciples were told by Jesus to wait in Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit to come upon them before they went out to preach. How hard that must be. For those of us who have a long to-do list and accomplishing everything on it in one day is impossible but we will swear we can do it. Waiting is so not on our agenda!!! We would rather run around 'helter skelter' like headless chickens to get it all done, meanwhile we are going around in zigzags! To wait is to be still and know that He is God. It does not mean being idle and twiddling your thumbs. More often than not, there must be something we can do exercising faith while we wait for God. This is imperative in order for us to walk in His direction (Romans 8:25).

FINALLY, WILL YOU WILLINGLY OBEY?

We may be waiting for the heavens to part open and God himself to come down and speak to us before we obey. Romans 6:17. One truth I will leave you with this – all that God ever has to say to man is written in His word.... everything else is a bonus. A wise woman once said, 'The Bible is complete!' if we can follow His word, not taking some and leaving some, we will find ourselves on the path he has predestined for us, individually, as a family, and as a church.

Happy New Year

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2008 *in Review*



Soaring LIKE an Eagle



August - Month of New Beginnings



September - Month of Decision

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24th - 25th Sep '08



Pastor Felix

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Black History Month



October - Month of Possibilities

November

My Month of
Taking
Inheritance



GO FORWARD
to 2009



HISTORY IN THE MAKING

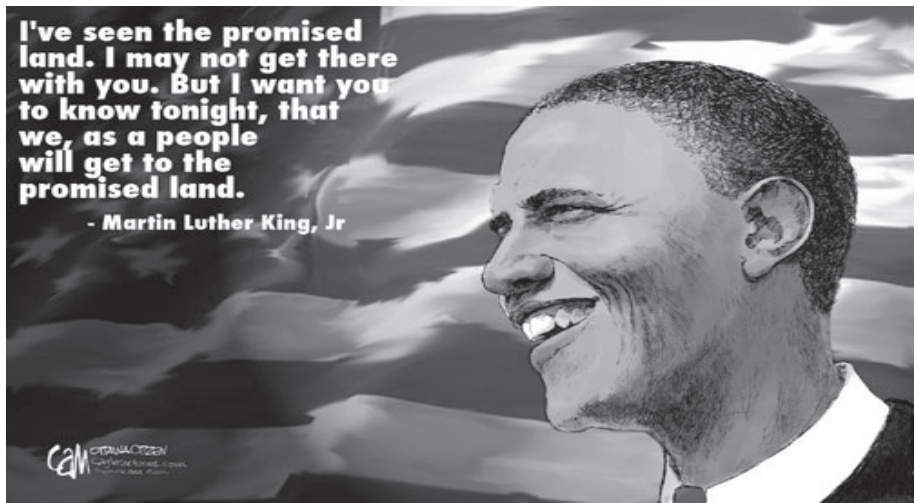
The 4th of November 2008, will forever go down as a pivotal moment in modern history, one will undoubtedly be talking about for countless years to come; the day a man called Barack Hussein Obama was elected President of the United States of America. For the better part of two years the world has been glued to the political show that America has laid out and it has proved to be unquestionably the most followed presidential election in history. And at the core of the story is the incredible journey of a man who was barely known outside the American political arena just a year ago.

Keen political observers would have first noticed him at the 2004 Democratic convention for John Kerry's failed presidential campaign, where he gave a rousing keynote speech, but to most it was merely an announcement on the political scene of a bright young Illinois senator entering his first term. Those who had the foresight to view him as a future presidential candidate had him down for a 2016 campaign, with the baton for the Democratic Party resting firmly in the hands of Hillary Clinton. It is this which probably makes his victory all the more astonishing. The manner in which he prevailed against the dominant Democrat brand for the last sixteen years (Bill and Hillary) in the primaries was quite unbelievable. This was clearly a man walking on a path to his destiny, contrary to the opinions of political

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experts who largely felt that he was running too soon. It was at the start of the Primary race in January, when he won the Iowa caucuses, that Barack Obama came to International attention, setting him on his way to a drawn

unfounded links to terrorism. Pretty early in his campaign he had to respond to questions about his character and beliefs after shocking videos of his former pastor of more than twenty years, Jeremiah Wright, were run by ma-



out and improbable victory

Amongst the biggest challenges of Obama's presidential campaign lay fears and misconception about his faith (apparently up to 10 percent of Americans still believe, incorrectly, that he is Muslim), patriotism and completely

major television networks and posted all over the internet. This led to his speech – "A more perfect union" – which tackled race relations and politics in America. In truth I consider it unfortunate that Jeremiah Wright's own legacy was sullied by the video clips, which were largely taken out of context, and subsequent comments he made during Obama's campaign (He was, after



all, a father figure to Obama and the man who led him to Christ, officiated at his wedding, and baptised his children).

These are the kind of challenges Obama has had to rise above in a well-run campaign, and in doing so he enabled Americans to rise above their prejudices, to judge the man solely on the content of his character, and not his race or name. That said, it was little surprise that hardly any mention was made of his middle name by either party once the campaign got into full swing. As a testament to his charisma, and ability to see the funny side of what could easily have been a sensitive issue if

handled incorrectly, he even joked at a recent gala dinner that whoever gave him his middle name clearly never thought that he was going to run for president, going on to say that it wasn't actually what we thought it was – 'it's Steve.' Barack Steve Obama.

What we have witnessed has truly been a historic moment but this is even more significant for the American people. Pro-Obama rallies across the nation were unprecedented in their scale and number. In the recent past Presidential candidates depended on rock stars or Tinsel town celebrities to draw crowds to their events. Obama himself was a star attraction at his rallies. He was the only draw that he needed. As time went on, the numbers continued to become part of a great moment in their country's fabled history, and many who attended did so to be able to say to their kids that they were there. In the same way, many in UK and around the world

did not sleep a wink if only to witness history in the making.

In the end, Obama received 364 electoral college votes in a landslide victory, much more than the 270 required to win the election. This was an incredible feat, especially given the fear of the dreaded "Bradley effect" – in which+ white voters, not wanting to appear racist in polls, claim that they would vote for the black candidate only to go on to do the opposite once they get into the booth. This phenomenon is named after Tom Bradley, a black candidate for the

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California governorship in 1982 who lost the race despite being well ahead in the polls. This was a victory for all America and proof that they can rise above the racial divide.

Fans of the US television series 24 will excitedly tell you that the show was prophetic in presenting the idea of an African-American US President (twice), while followers of the west wing will remind you that the writers of the show consulted David Axelrod (an Obama aide and eventually chief strategist for his campaign) and used Obama as a template for the Hispanic– American character that ran for president in the series long before Obama announced his actual candidacy. Obama then proceeded to run a campaign that had many similarities with the one that was depicted on the show. Talk about art imitating life only for life to imitate art back again! In a twist that would have been daring for any script writer, it remains a shame that Obama's grandmother, the woman who raised him, passed away the night before the elections and was unable to

witness her grandson's achievement, but it was great to see that he took time from the campaign he showed himself to be a real family man, one who will present a great example for the First Family of the United States!

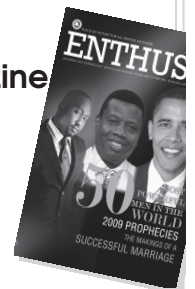
This month on January 20 2009 the United States of America and indeed the world will experience an unprecedented moment in history as Obama is inaugurated as the 44th President of the United States of America!

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2009 in Prophecy

✦ This will be the year of joy to the wise

✦ As stars at midnight, the economic gloom that is coming upon the world will produce some very bright spot .(it means that; in spite of the economic problem that the world is going to have this year, some children of God are going to have financial breakthrough)


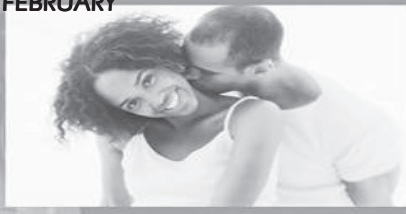




✦ Every year has its up and down, 2009 will be no exception in that regard. However for the children of God the ups will out way the down in magnitude and frequency. In other words the great day for the children of God will be greater than the gloom day.

✦ Concentrated prayers are needed to reduce the frequency and intensity of natural disaster. Flood, hurricane, earthquake, tornadoes are coming, but God say if you pray concentrated prayers their frequency and intensity will be reduce.

Pray against assassination attempt against world leaders.

Summary of these prophesies is: **JOY TO THE WISE.**

LOOKING AHEAD INTO 2009 - OUR YEAR OF BREAKING BARRIERS

<p>JANUARY</p>  <p>DIRECTION</p>	<p>FEBRUARY</p>  <p>RELATIONSHIPS</p>	<p>MARCH</p>  <p>FAITH</p>
<p>APRIL</p>  <p>SUPERNATURAL</p>	<p>MAY</p>  <p>BREAKTHROUGH</p>	<p>JUNE</p>  <p>INVASION</p>
<p>JULY</p>  <p>TRANSFORMATION</p>	<p>AUGUST</p>  <p>REVIVAL</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER</p>  <p>LEARNING</p>
<p>OCTOBER</p>  <p>FREEDOM</p>	<p>NOVEMBER</p>  <p>ENLARGEMENT</p>	<p>DECEMBER</p>  <p>EXALTATION</p>

Beyond tomorrow is Vision; being able to see the future and move into everything God has ordained; not just today or tomorrow, but for years to help towards achieving the vision of the church for the next 5 - 10 years:

Hi, welcome to the 4I small study groups at Place of Victory.

A 4I Small Group (SG) is the getting together of at least three and no more than twelve people to study a specific subject matter generally referred to as the curriculum.

Apart from the obvious primary purpose of fostering purposeful & meaningful relationships, these groups have been created to help towards achieving the church's vision/

The next Small Groups Semester starts in April 2009. **Register early to avoid disappointment.**

- If you are interested in joining a Small Group immediately please email the group you wish to join as the subject line and include the following details below in the body of the email.
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SG REGISTRATION FORM

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- Group 2 - Every woman's battle
- (ladies only)
- Group 3 - Every man's battle
- (men only)
- Group 4 - Being a contagious Christian
- Group 5 - Doing life together
- (married/couples)
- Group 6 - City keepers (call to pray)
- Group 7 - Fashion Focus
- Group 8 - The Financial Clinic
- Group 9 - No strings (Singles)

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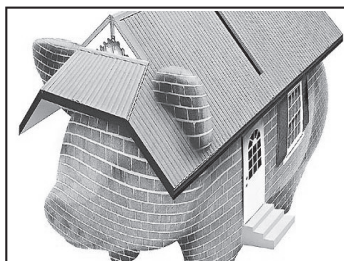
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Ignite our passion

Imagine using your gifts and creativity to fulfil God's plan for the church

Ignite



Invest in the Future

Imagine being a part of something significant that impacts future generations

Invest



Inherit the Promise

Imagine taking bold steps and achieving your heart's desires

Inherit

4 Initiatives

For further details or information of our initiatives, please email

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No Strings Attached

I HAD AN interesting conversation

with a friend recently. He wanted to know why some ladies have the mindset that when a guy says hello there has to be a motive behind it. "FOR GOD'S SAKES, I JUST WANT TO GET TO KNOW THEM FIRST." He sort of gave me the inspiration about this little piece you are about to read.

Sarah – 26 yrs old, single, saved, pretty and waiting for that knight and shining armour who will sweep her off her feet but can she allow trust again? It true love that hard to find?

Ed – 29 yrs old, fine as wine, saved, Holy Ghost-filled, very single and

Dear Diary,

Just got back from church, had a wonderful time in His presence. I saw that Ed guy today. What does he want from me for crying out loud? Always smiling and looking my way, what's up with that? I am not in anyway ready for that sort of crap. No way! Not after Chris, hmmm! Thank God that's a closed chapter. I can't believe I let that guy take me for a ride. God was not joking when He said, "the heart of man is des-

"I have definitely had my share of so called 'church guys', they certainly aren't different from those in the world."

Dear Diary,

I know it's been a while since I made an entry. I have been so busy with work that I hardly have time for myself. A man has got to survive. Nothing much is going on right now except for that Eva keeps sending me nasty e-mails. What does that babe want? Can she not see that it is impossible for us to be together? Indeed, the Bible was right in asking the question – "Can two walk together, lest they agree?" Anyway I should not complain. I deserve everything Eva threw my way. After God warned me not to start that relationship, I still went ahead with it. Thank God for His mercies. Eva really made loving a woman difficult. How can a lady be so pretty yet dangerous?

prayerfully searching for that 'one' but in no hurry to get hooked up after just barely coming out alive from a disastrous relationship with Eva. Is love really pain?

Now that you have met the characters, sit back, relax and take a ride with me as we delve into the lives of two very interesting singles.



perately wicked." I am not the one to judge but wicked is an understatement in Chris' case. And he calls himself a Christian? No wonder the Bible warns to "test all spirit". You never can tell the ones with bad vibes, it doesn't show up on their faces but Chris was definitely on some sort of 'confuse pill'. I have never seen a guy so clueless about what he wants in life. I have definitely had my share of so called 'church guys', they certainly aren't different from those in the world. I am just going to be Spirit-led. Sincerely, Ed is not a bad guy. We have

I guess the mystery lies in God's hands.

Sarah is the new girl I recently met in church. We got along the very few times we spoke over the phone but why has she been acting weird in the last month. I don't mean to sound paranoid, but it's as though the babe is avoiding me. And why does she frown when I smile at her? What's up with that? I tried calling her a few minutes ago just to tell her that I got the toffees that she wanted from France. I hope she doesn't think I am coming on to her? After Eva, I would be a fool not to pray and be led by God. I only want to be friends with Sarah *at least for now*; she is someone I can really get along

Ladies – A man says hello and you immediately start thinking about your wedding dress. As weird as it may sound, some of them just want to get to know you. OK ... maybe it might develop into something later on but at least give a brother the benefit of the doubt.

Guys – If you start noticing the friendship might lead to something more concrete, make your intentions known. There is nothing as bad as leading a lady on without the mind to commit. A REAL man does not leave room for assumptions.



Happy New Year!

spoken over the phone a couple of times but I had my mind made up last month to ignore all his calls and why is he calling now? I can't afford to get it wrong again. Why would a guy *just* want to be friends? Does that really still happen? I don't think so but I must admit the brother is fine! There is definitely something about him. Sarah! FOCUS! Could he be ... I am not even going to complete that sentence. I refuse to get tied up in any emotional sheets so please kindly hit the freeway Ed. I am just going to stay put and wait for that knight in shining armour to make my dreams come true. I just want what every woman wants – Love! Is that so hard?

with. I wouldn't want to start anything until I feel the Spirit is leading. I know as a guy, we get attracted to what we see. But not anymore, I have come to learn the hard way that there is more to what you see on the outside. And that *more* is a thin line between life and death. Not that attraction isn't important, quite the contrary. Just be led by God ... as hard as that may sound, it is the only way to get it right. Can that famous rapper be right, is love rally pain? I guess it can be when you don't commit your ways to Him.

THE MAKINGS OF A SUCCESSFUL MARRIAGE - PART 1



1 COMMITMENT

This is central to everything done in a marriage. Each partner needs to be committed to stay married. Where commitment is lacking, it becomes very difficult to unite. Are you committed to serving and loving your partner in your marriage? A don't-care attitude cannot hold a marriage together.

Commitment is being able to hold out even when things are difficult; it is the understanding that the only option is to work through any issues alongside your partner. Marriage is like teamwork requiring total commitment of both partners for ultimate success of the marriage.

The highest commitment of a married person should be to their spouse. Placing any other thing first does not foster successful marriage e.g. money, career, children, parents and extended family.

2 APPRECIATE YOUR DIFFERENCES

I am amazed how two people who are very much in love can so readily overlook certain characteristics, but their response to the same traits hugely change after a few months to years in marriage.

We often find that opposites attract. A talkative person may appreciate the beauty of a quiet person and the quiet one may admire the ability to boldly express oneself in their partner. This difference can rapidly become a sore point as soon as they marry and the chores of life set in. A guy I know had to work through the huge divide in this area that was never a problem earlier on in their relationship. He often felt rejected because his wife wouldn't talk to him, he failed to see she had always been this way and was only being herself.

It is not uncommon for people to resort to criticising their partners because they feel their difference is unacceptable. The opposite of appreciation is criticism; when you fail to appreciate your spouse, you are likely doing the opposite i.e. criticising them. Couples in successful marriages identify in their partners, things to praise rather than constantly flagging up their imperfections which we all have in different areas.

Appreciating our differences does not only mean knowing your partner, it is, also understanding yourself to a great extent. Identify well before hand and prevent situations, which act as trigger point for you and your spouse. Put plans in place to avoid them and don't fall into the trap of thinking you will change your partner. You may first need to change your attitude or how you respond to those things that irritate you. Your partner may or may not change.

3 TALK & LISTEN

Depending on your personality you will either be speaking up easily or not speaking up enough. The two extremes are those who cannot listen and those who cannot talk. It is imperative to learn how to speak in love and be quick to listen with a third ear. James 1:19 'be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry'. A renowned marriage counsellor once said that the way a couple handles disagreement is the single most important determinant of the success of their marriage. So true, seemingly little disagreements are what can grow into an irreconcilable crack within the marriage.

Regularly unburden your mind. We feel better when we have shared our heart. In a way, we are able to stand aside from the problem. If you bottle up a grievance, a seed of discord is sown, it this becomes a pattern, the seeds become trees and before long a forest of thorns is formed in the heart, it is harmful to both you and your partner. In a successful marriage, the partners learn the skill of communicating and are proactive about straightening out any differences. All these need to be crowned with undying patience, understanding, maturity and a forgiving heart.

4 SPEND TIME TOGETHER

Marriage is about sharing life together, it's about companionship. Often times

couples get swamped in day-to-day activities; work, school run, caring for a baby, paying bills, cooking, and cleaning. All these things can draw couples apart into their own worlds and the heart grows less fond of each other. While dating or early on in marriage you always want to be together, do things together, even sit very near each other. It's almost feels like creating a world where only two lovers live. Making success of marriage requires that you consciously make time to come together and spend uninterrupted moments together. This may mean eating out, taking walks in the park, arranging weekends away for yourselves or for the children. Spending time together creates a bond that leads to friendship, friendship leads to shared experiences, creates lasting memories. If you have somehow allowed these shared interests to vanish, spending time together will help you

"Marriage is like teamwork requiring total commitment of both partners for ultimate success of the marriage."

make new/discover other shared interests. A couple I spoke to told me how they like walking along the countryside. They now regularly

spend time together jogging.

5 SHARE COMMON VALUES

Have you seen a marriage where a partner believes a woman should do all manner of cooking, home keeping and care for the children? Where the woman believes she should work at a job and have her husband share these chores, there will always be disagreement. Marriage almost always requires us to temper some of the strong values we hold to accommodate our partners. The partner described earlier may have had this values imbibed in him from childhood. His commitment to the success of his marriage may make him temper his ideals.



JANUARY 2009

LOOKING AHEAD - MY MONTH OF DIRECTION

PH - 110 Pearl House; DH - Dolphin Hotel (opposite Primark); SH- 46c St. Helens Road

All Sunday services are held at the Dolphin Hotel

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1	2	3	4 "Breakthrough Mental Barriers" Pastor Felix Makanjuola Jr. @ 11.30 am
5	6	7 Light House Fellowship @ 6.00 pm (SH)	8 Intercessory Prayers @ 7.00 pm (PH)	9 Victory Night (Special prayers for students) @ 7.00 pm	10 Holy Communion @ 7.00 pm (DH)	11 "The Power to breakthrough" Pastor Felix Makanjuola Jr. @11.30 am
12	13	14 Light House Fellowship @ 6.00 pm (SH)	15	16	17	18 Break Financial Limitations Pastor Felix Makanjuola Jr. @11.30 am
19	20	21 Light House Fellowship @ 6.00 pm (SH)	22 Intercessory Prayers @7.00 pm (PH)	23	24	25 "New Year's party" @11.30 am
26	27	28 Light House Fellowship @ 6.00 pm (SH)	29	30	31	