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# DEDICATION

I dedicate this book solely to The Lord Jesus Christ, who by The Holy Spirit granted unto me access into certain spiritual truths and mysteries in the prophetic which I know were beyond my normal range of sight to be able to understand, comprehend and document for the benefit and edification of all. I also want to dedicate this book to everyone that so desire to function in the prophetic, and to those that care so much to have an understanding of how the prophetic functions and influence the earth from the heavens. To Encounter God have never been exclusive, preserved for a few elites, it is a realm that is open to all by God. The prophetic and vision is a manifestation that all are called into in God. May you not be excluded from the manifestation and functioning of the prophetic in our day and time!

Blessings to you all!  
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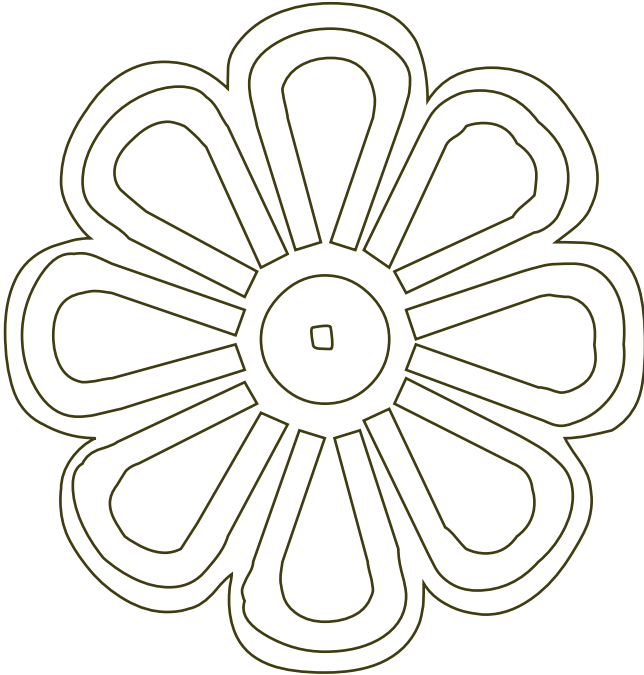
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# ENCOUNTERING GOD







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**I** will say a lot depends upon encounters; your dealings with God is mostly wrapped in an encounter with Him on a daily basis. Whether you like it or not, you cannot achieve anything in God unless you have a life changing encounter with Him. People seem to achieve nothing until they get to encounter God. Common and normal people are changed drastically the day they encounter God.

Encountering God is the best thing that can ever happen to anybody. A man that has not yet encountered God has never started living and the life he lives now is just but a façade. God is the only source of life for living! God is the source of the life that illuminates the path of everything living on earth. If you must be relevant on earth, then your path must be illuminated by God.

*For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.*

*Psalms 36:9*

*All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.*

*John 1:3 -5*

*And God said, Let there be light: and there was light and God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.*

*Genesis 1:3-4*

These scriptures give us an understanding and reveals to us that Jesus Christ is that same light that lights up the whole wide world under God. That light of which we are contained in is the zoe life of Christ Jesus. We are all from that same life and we must relate with it daily to reveal to us who we truly are. It is impossible for anyone to go to heaven and have eternal life without the person of Jesus Christ. The life of God that is eternal is put in Jesus Christ and He distributes it to us by faith when He came and died on the earth.

When you believe in His death, burial and resurrection, you partake of that life and become one with Him. This is a spiritual truth and your mind cannot understand it, save yourself the agony of calculating it with your mind. The same way you cannot imagine with your mind the possibility of the trinity being three and yet one, so also is the mystery of the incarnation of Jesus Christ who is the word of God who became flesh to live with us here on earth. He died and resurrected to become alive both in heaven and on earth, dwelling within us as The Holy Spirit creates a connection between us and the father.

Some spiritual truths and realities cannot be calculated with the mind; they are to be believed by the help of The Holy Spirit. The mind is so finite to comprehend such a truth in God. God is not a man and

He cannot be explained by human wisdom. What has the capacity to explain God is His word and what can only reveal Him is Jesus Christ The Son of God. Jesus Christ is the word of God that exists in the heaven, but now on earth as The Holy Spirit. God wants to be comprehended by man and He gave His word of truth by sending His only Son who has the ability to reveal Him. The Son came and as many that believe in Him, He gave them the ability to see The Father and come out of darkness, but as many that fail to believe will continually dwell in darkness and ignorance. These people are doomed for eternal damnation and indignation.

We all have equal rights in God through Christ Jesus, but we need faith to relate with God because without faith, it is impossible to please God since God is Spirit and for you to relate with His Spirit you must first believe that His Spirit exists and is willing to relate and reward your walking with Him overtime. Without that understanding, you cannot see or perceive His Spirit who can only be seen through the eye of faith. You need faith to walk with God on a daily basis not your mind.

The spiritual realm is not the realm that is governed by our natural senses, we need to use the eye of faith to see and the hearing of faith to hear as well as the intuition and perception of faith to feel the movement of God. Abraham the first man of faith believed God that he had not seen, but have only spoken to him in his heart and that was counted to him as righteousness. God saw his obedience and taught him His precepts knowing fully well that he will teach his descendants to follow suit. Your obedience and believe in God may be accounted to you as righteousness and that little obedience in love has its own exclusive reward.

Our life is basically governed by faith. I once asked, what is the confidence we have that when we sleep at night we will wake up the next morning? Well, the answer given was that of faith. Every day we live and walk by faith. It is obvious that even he who has no believe in faith still walks and live by faith of what tomorrow holds. The basic foundation of all we do in life must be based on faith in Christ Jesus, and until your faith in Christ Jesus is sure and steadfast, then your

eternal life is yet to be determined.

We all are like people on pilgrimage on the earth and a day comes when we have to leave this realm of reality to another that exists in God. Don't you realize that life doesn't really begin when you are born, but it has a root in eternal past before it found expression on the earth? We came from a different realm of existence and are given a time to function on the earth to fulfil a divine purpose and mandate. Children are not just a product of a sperm and an egg from parents, but a life given in disguise through a physical biological process.

We are here on an assignment and we must do our best to accomplish it. We came from a divine realm, but are given the right of choice in the natural which affects our whole life. We need to make daily decisions that bring heaven on earth. Our choices also have penalties that accompany them. Jesus is the door and if you must exist in this realm, you will have to do that through Christ Jesus Himself. We are given by God to our parent as a blessing, but He expects our parent to be a blessing to us by training us in the ways of The Lord.

We are to fulfil purpose, then return through Christ Jesus to our eternal place of rest. It is an inevitable thing that destruction awaits those that refuse to become one with Christ Jesus at the close of the age. If you are born into this realm you must have a day that you will surely die, there is no man born of a woman that will live forever only eternity has no end. We were in God's holy presence before the earth was created and God expects us to remain as such. When Christ Jesus will come, those that are found worthy shall be clothed to share in the glory eternal.

*According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will.*

*Ephesians 1:4-5*

God has a better understanding of who we are in Him in times past and He also knows what we will be in time to come that is why it is so paramount that we stick to Him so that He can reveal to us every facet

of our life on earth. We were holy even before the foundation of the earth and we were with God as spiritual beings and entities until He chose to send us to function on earth. God knows who we are, we are the ones that are yet to have that proper understanding of who we are in the light of Christ Jesus.

Your life will never take the path of purpose if you are not born again in Christ Jesus. If you so desire to walk in purpose, then ask The Lord Jesus to be your personal Lord and Saviour before you begin to dare anything in faith. Your act of faith will have no texture and relevance until you get born again by confessing your sins and believing in your heart that Jesus Christ died for your sin so that you can become a new creature saved and washed in His blood forever. I believe that The Holy Spirit will be with you and guide you into the path of righteousness. As you continue in the path of righteousness, not only will the prophetic and visions be open for you, but you will be among the overcomers that will welcome the bride on the last day. It will be a surprise to many how they will never miss hell because the day they fall in love with heaven they will suddenly realize that they can't miss hell, it will be automatically updated for them. There still remains a sure way which is salvation through Christ Jesus. I urge you all to remain in faith and continually check yourself to see if you are still in faith.

God has promised us a place of rest and sent us Christ Jesus to reassure us that there is such a place in heaven for eternal rest. We all need to rest one day and where God dwells is the best place to rest forever. What is prophecy without eternal life? We don't have to deceive ourselves and be cast away on the last day, let our walk with God be genuine and worthy of eternal rest. Even if you were once strong in God and backslidden, you can return to God because the end determines the result in our walk with God. Always return to God in repentance asking Him to forgive you and love you again for God's mercy will always speak for us as far as Jesus Christ is concerned.

It is very painful that there are many ministers that once converted many into Christ and proclaimed this gospel of peace are living heavily in sin now, maybe they were deceived by the devil and were tempted

into darkness. God is no respecter of persons and can't take side with iniquity and evil, if they don't repent, they will receive the same verdict of a sinner. It is written:

*For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.*

*Hebrews 6:4-6*

Still on this, I still believe that God is good and not wicked to forget our labour of love. His sole purpose was never to condemn them that walk with Him and were once called sons. God will always want us to repent when we are wrong because His grace is always sufficient for us and strength will be supplied to us in times of weakness. We only need to ask for His mercy and grace and He will reach out to us as the prodigal father reached out to His son in love again.

If you have given your life to Christ, but still live heavily in sin, then, you can still say the sinner's prayer asking for mercy and grace from the one true source of eternal life, Christ Jesus. When you ask with an open sincere heart and spirit, God will come to heal you. You can say this prayer from your heart by faith believing in the ability and capacity of Christ Jesus to save you again.

Almighty God, Author of life, giver of every good gift, I come to you in faith and ask of your mercy over my life. I ask that the blood of Jesus Christ your holy Son wash me from my sins and make me whole again. Release your grace upon me and grant that I never return back to my sins. I repent of all my wrongdoings and I vow to serve you for the rest of my life. So help me God. Amen.

If you have said this simple prayer, I believe God has forgiven you and it is now left for you to ask The Holy Spirit to infill you again. Take time to study and pray often asking for grace, mercy and favour. It is my desire that we all will be present as overcomers on the last day. As you study and pray, may God reveal to you His mysteries and let the prophetic realm of His manifestation become a reality in your life.

I pray that the light of God will permeate into your spirit and cause strange supernatural manifestation of The Holy Spirit to occur in your life and you will become an agent of change and transformation in your society in His time. Amen.

Shalom!!!





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**P**hilip Cephas is a seasoned apostolic and prophetic teacher of the gospel. He is a man of love, wisdom, revelation and prayer. He is centered on effective balancing of Kingdom principles, doctrine and revelations to equip the Body of Christ apostolically and prophetically into its full manifestation of Christ. His love for the Body of Christ is endless. This drive has led him to evangelize and conduct outreach programs in different cities and villages so as to reach the lost souls and administer the gospel of Christ within those environments. He is interested in raising and mentoring youths in prayer, leadership, influence, anointing and investment. He is also a prolific writer. He has authored many books such as *Pathway to The Anointing*, *The Vision of a Great People*, *Roadmap for a Weary Sojourner* and many others. He has been an instrument in the revival movement within Nigeria. He is resident in Lafia, Nasarawa State.

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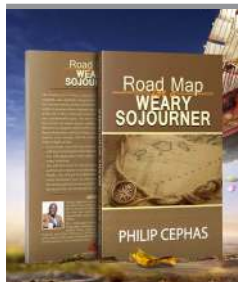
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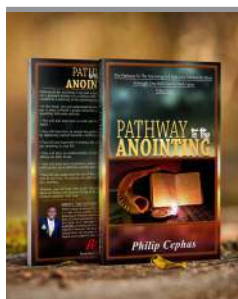


This manuscript is likened to a compass employed by a spiritual sojourner to journey to the desire destination without being weary and tired, lacking the strength, passion, zeal, courage, and the understanding to press further into the realm of light and life.

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### PATHWAY TO THE ANOINTING

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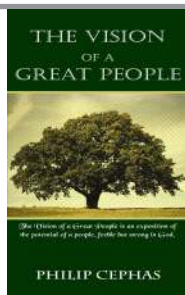


Pathway to the anointing is not just a product of a research done in the flesh, but a personal dealing of walking with The Holy Spirit over time which has resulted to a smearing of the anointing upon my life by God.

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### VISION OF A GREAT PEOPLE

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The vision of a great people is a lile story and a fiction of a family who has been helped by God and still being helped by Him. Among many systems of God expansion upon the face of the earth, a man is pivotal.

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*My heart bursts its banks, spilling beauty and goodness. I pour it out in a poem to the king, shaping the river into words:*

*Ps 45:1 MSG*

*The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it.*

*Ps 68:11 KJV*

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