

low-life seeking a place in the palace must consciously spite his or her poor background and front favour. This was the attitude adopted by Esther to become the first lady of a vast empire where she was brought in as a slave girl. Through the guidance of her cousin, Mordecai, she overcame her understandable inferiority complex to join a pageantry in which she won the heart of King Xerxes.

Esther 2:7 introduces us to this paragon of beauty burdened with a rough background. She was an orphan whose older cousin was kind enough to adopt. As if things weren't bad enough, Mordecai and Esther were taken into captivity when King Nebuchadnezzar invaded Jerusalem where they live. Mordecai became a slave in a foreign land which made Esther the adopted younger cousin of a slave.

But verse 8 tells us about the advert announcing the king's search for a wife. Beautiful ladies were requested to participate in a pageantry for this purpose. Esther 2:8b says, *Esther also was taken to the king's palace and entrusted to Hegai, who had charge of the harem.* This suggested that Esther, despite her beauty, did not consider herself good enough for this competition for the king's attention but had to be *taken* to the palace by her guardian, who was a gateman, in the palace.

Mordecai kept telling her to apply as she's got what it takes. You must be wary of defeatist mentality. Never confess that you are not able. Philippians 4:13 which says I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me? As a born again, you can do all things with the exception of none. If you are from a disadvantaged background, all you need to do is to apply the wisdom in Esther 2:10, *Esther had not revealed her nationality and family background, because Mordecai had forbidden her to do so.* 

Her wise uncle advised her not to reveal that she is an alien but to let the king marry her before she reveals where she hails from. Never start a relationship by telling your suitor everything about your past for you risk chasing him away. It is like making presentation to a prospect and you did not start from your strongest point. The shocker is that the person you are confessing your ugly past to has a worst background.

You should only open up to the person you are dating only when you trust him enough with your life. Don't negotiate from a weak point; start from a strong point instead. When you confess your limitations so soon, you shut down opportunities even though you've got what it takes for the role. A child of God should not have inferiority complex for no one is better than you. You have the mind of Christ which makes you able and super intelligent. Never talk down on yourself.

The moment Hegai saw Esther, the eunuch was pleased with her and decided to favour her. Verse 9 continues, *immediately he* 

provided her with her beauty treatments and special food. Her assigned to her seven female attendants selected for the king's palace and moved her and her attendants into the best place in the harem [NIV]. He already saw her as the wife material for his king.

Esther wouldn't have got all these privileges if she had disclosed her identity. If she did, she wouldn't even have made it to the harem. Another lesson from this is that you must talk less. Since she was not asked of her nationality and background, she did not reveal that aspect out of inferiority complex or to play the sympathy card. Hegai could not have settled for Esther out of empathy for her plight. He only did because she carried herself with self-worth and confidence.

Proverbs 23:7 warns that, as *a man thinketh in his heart, so is he.* You cannot fail in life until you've seen yourself as failure in the mind. Your low upbringing is nothing compared to the glorious future ahead of you as a child of God. Spite your background today so that your back won't remain on the ground.

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#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

DATE	BIBLE TEXTS	DATE	BIBLE TEXTS
June 6	Ephesians 1:15-23. 2:1-10 & Isaiah 13-14	June 10	Ephesians 4:17-32. 5:1-2 & Isaiah 25-26
June 7	Ephesians 2:11-22 & Isaiah 15-18	June 11	Ephesians 5:3-21 & Isaiah 27-28
June 8	Ephesians 3:1-21 & Isaiah 19-22	June 12	Ephesians 5:22-33. 6:1-9 & Isaiah 29-30
June 9	Ephesians 4:1-16 & Isaiah 23-24		

# The Prophetic From OPERHION ESTHER

- From now on, your enemies will move from one trouble to the other on account of you.
- Those planning to kill you will be the ones to announce your testimony
- Your enemies will be disgraced and sing your victory song
- They will force good things on you
- No more death in my family
- Untimely death is not your portion, you will live Long
- As you days are so shall your strength be
- This year, there will be no mourning in your home
- You will command wealth
- You will prosper with ease
- No member of Highland Church will suffer a setback
- For the rest of this year, you shall see no shame nor sickness
- You will supernaturally pay any debt you owe in this first half of the year
- I am a palace material, Competition bow to me
- My appearance will mark the end of competition
- You'll excel in life, I see new opportunities
- You're favour loaded; wherever you appear, favour will appear.
- Your file shall be treated with favour
- You'll be introduced to your world in grand style.
- Gatekeepers in high places will start speaking for you.
- Delayed blessings are released now
- Those occupying your throne will be dethroned
- You have moved from low life to the high life.

- Your destiny will move from glory to glory
- Honour will be your portion; God will give you a place of your own
- No more affliction or suppression
- This Operation marks the end of slavery and begging in your life
- A feast of fat things is coming your way
- Whatever is standing between you and your next level is removed right now in the name of Jesus
- Anywhere you want to go in the world, no one can stop you
- You will walk on red carpet and step on honour
- You won't die before your time
- You shall no longer shed tears of sorrow
- The kings of this world will call for you and it's going to be a call for honour and glory
- Kings will want to do business with you
- They will offer you contract and tell you where to buy and to sell. You will prosper with ease.
- Expect royal call that will change your life
- The spirit of error won't possess you in Jesus name
- You won't be once upon a time.
- The crown that belongs to you won't be given to another.
- Your celebration has started; it's big and continuous
- The top is where I belong, only good things are okay for me
- In my own palace, there is no vacancy

# **Prayers** for the Week

- I command a reversal of every evil planned for me in the name of Jesus
  - Oh God, grant me the grace to receive help when I need it.
- Every evil handwriting against my life, I command you to catch fire in the name of Jesus
  - Every veil of covering over my life, catch fire in the name of Jesus





# Serving God Pays! HLC Worker Wins Top-rated ICAN Prize

**Sister Mary Bukola Omodunbi,** an usher in Highland Church, has qualified from the November 2019 ICAN Diet topping her class as the Best Student, Corporate Reporting in West Africa. While sharing her testimony, Sister Bukola attributed this accomplishment to God, adding that, "I really was not expecting any prize this diet. In fact, I was thinking I was going to fail a particular course (SFM) because on the day of exam my calculator stopped working in the hall. I was disorganised I forgot all I read. I just went to the rest room to say a short prayer and I went back to my seat and God took over. During that diet, Pastor Joseph gave us a scripture - Psalms 44:3 - I kept on meditating on it even after all the drama that happened in the hall".

The first class Economics graduate said she did not see the prize coming but had only wished to pass her my papers at one sitting. "What I know is that you can't be about God's business and He will leave you stranded," the diligent Highland Church usher said.

# 9-year Pledge Fulfilled through Grace in Highland Church

Pastor Joseph had prophesied in our former location that we will get a favourable phone call and that good things will be forced on us. Prophecies don't expire so I kept believing that those words will find expression in my life. Last April, I got a call from a friend who told me he will be relocating to the UK. I congratulated him and prayed with him. He then asked if I had any pressing need, I told him of a training I wish to attend in May which will cost N350,000. He transferred N550,000 to me and I was able to attend the three-day training. Secondly, I promised my wife when we were about getting married in 2012 that I was going to buy her a car after our wedding. I have been believing God to fulfil this pledge, even as we keep using the family car. In this month of strange favour during one of the hours of grace services, I told God that I wish to get the car this month and the Holy Spirit prodded me to do something for the Lord. On three occasions, the Spirit of the Lord kept asking me to do something. This I keep doing even though my savings for the car kept going down. The next week, I started receiving multiple credit alerts, people kept blessing me from all quarters. To the glory of God, I've now been able to fulfil my promise by getting my wife a Toyota Camry car and she is very happy about the gift

#### Bro David Oluwaseun

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#### Esther Comes Alive during Operation in Highland Church

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In a stretch of three days, Highlanders and worshippers were treated to an animation of the fine details of the book of Esther in a programme tagged Banquet of Favour. Hidden lessons from the text were exposed in the course of the meetings. There were a lot to learn, prophesy, confess and pray about. Attendees were charged enough to be involved in all of these. As Word of favour flowed from the altar, they were prophetically imparted on the very compliant worshippers. The Word also exorcised any spirit of error, the type that possessed Vashti and Haman. Operation Esther, as this banquet was called, also sharpened the sensibilities of participants to critical gatekeepers like Memukan, the king's personal attendants, Hegai and Harbona who exist in various forms in our world today. The height of the Operation happened on Sunday when the baby was clinically delivered. In his ministration, the Senior Pastor, Joseph Aborowa combined drama with intense prayers to lead the tongue-talking congregation before the Throne of Grace. He demonstrated the honour which King Xerxes ordered Haman to do unto Mordecai, whom he had arranged to hang. From this Operation, the king has extended the golden sceptre to Highlanders. They are in for big and continued celebrations.

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#### This Sunday in Highland Church...

There shall be fire services in Highland Church come June 6, 2021 in what the Senior Pastor has called Empowerment Sunday. Aside the Monthly Thanksgiving that is slated for every first Sunday of the month, this service promises to satisfy the hunger of all who needs some fire in their prayer and spiritual life. There shall be two services billed for 8:30am and 10am. Before then, the doors of the Goshen shall be flung open on Thursday to welcome worshippers for the Hour of Grace and Communion Service. These are meetings not to be missed. You can also live-stream our services online, please log on @ hlchurchng on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and Mixlr for the live feeds.

#### June Edition of BFC

This is a class prepared to lay the basic foundation of our Christian journey for every new member of Highland Church. It is also the platform from which you get into the training that will make you a worker in this Commission. This month's edition of the BFC will be coming up on the 13th and 20th of June 2021. In case you missed any of the classes in the previous editions, take advantage of this June edition to participate in that class you missed. To join the Believers' Foundation Class, contact Pastor Andrew or Bro. Fashola.

#### Seminar on Corporate World Strategies & Etiquettes Holds June 12

The Highland Business School invites you to a training session with the theme: Strategies to Excel in the Corporate World 2.0. This training, slated for June 12, 2021, focuses on etiquettes and soft skills needed by professionals for advancement in their careers. Resource persons in specialized areas are already warming up to impart knowledge on participants. If you want to learn new skills that will make you more efficient, then this training is just for you. Watch out for more information about this. At Highland Church, we believe that as much as we are alive as a result of Christ's resurrection, every part of our lives must exhibit this God-given life. This life does not exclude our professional and business life, hence our highly impactful business school.

#### <u>Highland's Small Group Meeting Unveils</u> <u>Your Glory</u>

The Highland Cell Meeting, which is our small group fellowship, holds this Saturday for you to be sharpened by other believers and have your glory unveiled. Prepare to fellowship with innumerable company of angels in the cell centre nearest to you. Your breakthrough won't happen in isolation but will be facilitated when you don't neglect the gathering of the brethren. There is always something new to learn every time our cells meet. You also stand to be clarified of any preaching from the pulpit which you don't understand. It's a one-hourfifteen minute fellowship that holds every Saturday between 4pm to 6:15pm depending on the most convenient time for the members.







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#### **Operation Save Them Enters Day 10**

Operation Save Them returns to 7am this Saturday. Take advantage of this edition to win souls for Christ. God has a present to deliver to participants on this 10th day of the Operation but you have a covenant role to play by bringing souls into His kingdom. Be in Goshen by 7am this Saturday so we can go a-fishing, the harvest is plentiful!

#### Highland Church Youth Connect Loading

Are you within the ages of 20 to 35? Do you love to connect with other vibrant, great, super young minds on different levels?

Do you love God and ready to network with young, bright and spiritual people in a unique style? If your answer to the above questions is "yes", then we will like you to click here so we can share more information with you in the coming weeks.

#### Yay! Highland Teens' Church Underway

It is with great pleasure we announce that the Highland Teenagers church will commence in few weeks. A hall has been built and equipped so that our wonderful teenagers can fellowship, interact and build a solid relationship with God. This Church promises to be spirit-filled and cater to the needs of Highlanders within the age bracket of 13 to 19. Kindly spread the news and plan to participate as a teenager, you do not want to miss it. The Teens Pastor is looking forward to seeing you soon.

#### <u>God Needs Your Home in Oregun, Ikeja En-</u> <u>virons as HCM Centres</u>

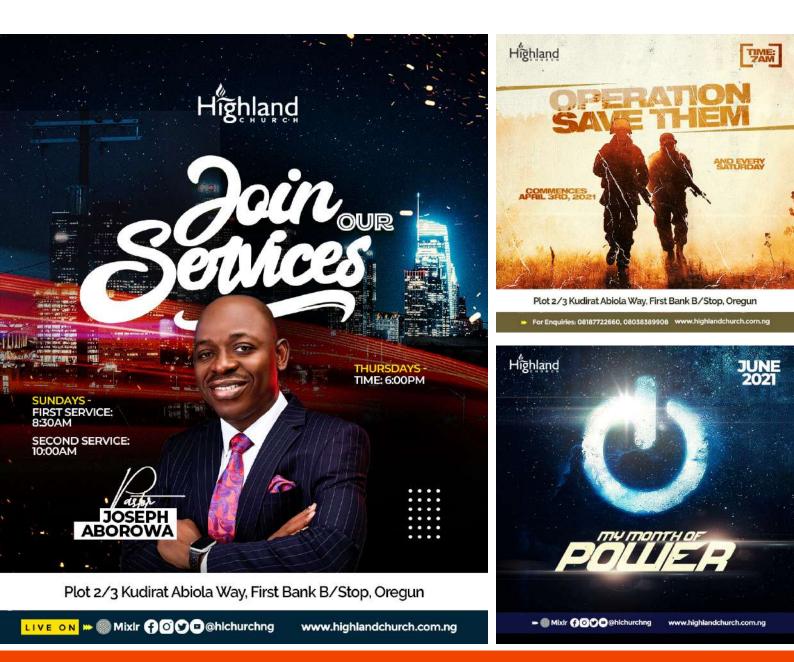
Do you live in Oregun, Olusosun, Ojota, Opebi and environs and want the ark of God to tabernacle in your house? Do you like how services go in Highland Church and you want this glory and awesomeness to be replicated in your home? Do you have space to host between 5-15 adults? If your answers to these questions are in the positive, then be a host of the Highland Cell Meeting. This is so that the brethren living around you can have a place to worship and learn under the feet of our master, Jesus, on Saturday evenings for just one hour 15 minutes. You can signify interest in making your home available for the Highland Cell Meeting by contacting Pastor Andrew or the Church admin. The kind of blessings enjoyed by Obed Edom within the three months the Ark of Covenant stayed in his house awaits you when you heed this call.

#### Be in Church, even without Transport Fare

The relocation of the Highland Church headquarters should make no one neglect the fellowship of the brethren or disconnect from the warmth at Highland services. When the Cloud of Glory was moving, 100 per cent migration was declared to ensure that no one is left behind. Free bus shuffle has since been conveying brethren from bethel to Goshen City every Sunday so that our beloved brethren who are used to the benefits of living near our former location can still make it to Church at no cost and in comfortable buses. Between 6:45am to 8am every Sunday, the buses leave 22 Oweh Street in Fadeyi to Plot 2/3 KudiratAbiola Way, Oregun. After the service, the buses will be on ground to convey worshippers back to Fadeyi which will be stopping at Palmgrove and Onipanu for those living in those areas to alight. The Transportation Unit of the Church is very pleased to be of service; let them convey you to the presence of the Lord.



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