

as it ever occurred to you that the testimony or blessing you are basking in may be outdated as far as Heaven is concerned? It is possible that the breakthrough which makes you feel like you have arrived may have been released 15 years ago whereas God's more recent blessings are still hanging. It is like driving a 2007 model car when you should own the 2022 model. God always prepares new things for his people; 1 Corinthians 2:9 said, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

This, my friend, is the reason why you shouldn't be comfortable with Rehoboth; there is Shebah (which in Hebrew means "seven times more") ahead of you as we shall see shortly. Isaac's stay in Gerar is well documented in Genesis 26. He obeyed the voice of God not to go down to Egypt when it was fashionable to do so in view of the famine in the land. When Isaac engaged the land where God asked him to dwell, he 13 became rich, and his wealth continued to grow until he became very wealthy. 14 He had so many flocks and herds and servants that the Philistines envied him.

When the Philistines and their king could not stand the stupendous success of Isaac, they asked him to leave, noting that he has become too mighty for them. That God asked you to dwell in a place does not mean there won't be hostilities there. The prosperity which comes with being in the center of the will of God can make the people around you envious and aggressive. But this should not make the children of God go out of the divine agenda for their lives. Isaac, when sacked from the community he inhabited, moved his tent to the valley which is still in Gerar. There he re-opened wells previously dug by his father, yet the hostile inhabitants filled them up.

The bible records that Isaac dug another one where he

discovered freshwater but the people of Gerar came and claimed ownership of it, causing him to name that well Esek. He went on to dig another one and the people came again for contention, making him name the well Sitnah. Undeterred, Isaac 22 moved on from there and dug another well, and no one quarreled over it. He named it Rehoboth, saying, "Now the Lord has given us room and we will flourish in the land". Given the previous opposition he faced, Rehoboth should ordinarily be a place of contentment for Isaac. In our days, it can be likened to finally securing that dream job or getting to live in one's property of choice.

Rehoboth is a place of comfort which tends towards relaxation. It comes with the tendency to stop seeking better options and opportunities but not Isaac. He was not satisfied with the room to flourish in the land but like Apostle Paul pressed for what is ahead. When you've come to a place of comfort and bliss, it does not mean that that is the most God can bless you with. We serve the God of infinite resources which are our heritage. Regardless of what we have attained, there is greater prosperity for us once we are in God's will for our lives. Isaac and his servants overlooked Rehoboth in their quest for Shibah. 32 That day Isaac's servants came and told him about the well they had dug. They said, "We've found water!" 33 He called it Shebah, and to this day the name of the town has been Beersheba. This came about because Isaac purposed in his heart not to stop at the level of Rehoboth. Let this inspire you to leave your Rehoboth for Shebah. There, you will make seven times more than what you earn at the moment. Don't be comfortable by your current testimony. It is what Heaven has released long ago. Position yourself to get what God is releasing unto you momentarily.

Improving on yesterday's successes was how Apostle Paul could write two-thirds of the New Testament. Like Isaac, he did not relax at Rehoboth. In Philippians 3:13, he declared, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before. He continued pressing for what was higher. You must labour not just spiritually but in your career and business. Keep improving on yourself and what you have to offer. Never be satisfied with your current accomplishments. You may be enjoying your current state, but is that Heaven's current provision for you? Don't be celebrating outdated blessings when there are fresher provisions for you in the storehouse of God.

Significant progress doesn't come by accident but is a product of personal responsibility. You must take your destiny in your hands just as Joshua 1:8 makes the point that it is in your place to make your ways prosperous. When you take personal responsibility to find Shebah (seven times more), Psalm 1:3, which says whatsoever you do shall prosper, becomes your experience.

Challenges should not stand in the way of your progress in life. By exerting yourself, you can gain access to things seven times better than what you currently have. You can record a seven hundred per cent increase in sales or get a job that pays you 700 per cent of your current earnings. That, my friend, will be you moving from Rehoboth to Shebah. Being diligent makes this possible!

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#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

DATE	BIBLE TEXTS	DATE	BIBLE TEXTS
March 20	Acts 11:1-18 & Ezra 9-10	March 24	Acts 13:13-52 & Nehemiah 9:10
March 21	Acts 11:19-30 & Nehemiah 1-3	March 25	Acts 14:1-28 & Nehemiah 11-13
March 22	Acts 12:1-25 & Nehemiah 4-6	March 26	Acts 15:1-21 & Esther 1-4
March 23	Acts 13:1-12 & Nehemiah 7-8		



## **FIRSTFRUIT WORKS!**

I'm here to return all the glory to God for His goodness and mercies upon my life, family, and destiny. I had entered for this grant nomination last November. I did not really give it a thought afterwards because I submitted our company profile about three hours to the closing time when hundreds of applications would have been submitted, which would have significantly reduced our chances of being selected. During Highland Church's Firstfruit Service in February, I really struggled to give a befitting offering, because the business' total income was so low that I had to round it up to make \$1,000. However, I trusted God that He

would never fail. I had keyed into the prophecy of the Senior Pastor that February 15 was going to be a special day of good news, but God made it such that a week later I received an email that our company was selected as one of the Top 150 small businesses in Canada with a grant of \$20,000. I want to give God all the glory for His faithfulness and blessings of First Fruits.

Our testimonies are very sure ... Psalm 93:5 Praise the Lord!!!

Pastor A.S.R.

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# **BLESSINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- You will not end this year empty
- You will make major advancements all through this March
- Receive fresh ideas to remain relevant in life
   Receive the anointing for seven times more in Jesus
   name Your house will be dedicated this year
- Receive the grace to own big corporations and banks

# **CONFESSIONS FOR THE WEEK**

- I receive the grace for seven times more!
- Great things are happening to me!
- My career will go global!
- No more sickness and infirmity! Those who matter will look for me!
- I receive the grace to do more and to work hard!
- I receive the grace to stay awake on my task!

# WALKING COMES HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Walking or trekking is when you stroll around. It entails moving at a regular pace by lifting and setting down each foot in turn. Walking is a great means of improving or maintaining your overall health. Unlike some other forms of exercises, walking is free and does not require any special equipment or training to be carried out.

It can be done at any time of the day and can be performed at your own pace.

To get the health benefits of walking, try to walk for at least 30 minutes in a day. If you have any health condition however, check with your doctor before embarking on the trek.

#### Where you can walk:

- You can stroll around in your neighborhood or street.
- · You can walk up the hills.
- You can climb the staircase once in a while
- Join the ministry's evangelism team every Saturday because this involves walking.

#### **Health Benefits of Walking:**

- It is a great form of activity for people who are overweight, elderly or who haven't exercised their body in a while.
- It increases cardiovascular and pulmonary (heart and lung) fitness.
- It reduces risk of heart diseases and stroke
- It improves management of conditions such as hypertension (high blood pressure), high cholesterol, joint and muscle pain or stiffness and diabetes.
- It makes the bones strong.
- It increases muscle strength and endurance.
- It reduces body fat.

HLC Health & Safety Department.



#### WHAT RHEMA REPRESENTS

R – Recurring progress

H – High-level progress

E – Everlasting/eternal progress

M – Monumental progress

A – Abundant progress

Reading is the ability to look at and comprehend the meaning of written or printed matter. Daily study of the word of God gives you a unique identity and makes you readable by all. Studying God's word means staying in His presence and being in His presence makes His Glory rub off on you. God's glory is like a light that penetrates your life to renew your mind and make your thought align with God's plan for your life. Stay in God's presence through the study of His word as Colossians 3:16 says, Let the word of God dwell in your heart richly...

Harvest comes after sowing, profit comes after investment. Good success and prosperity come after meditating on God's word day and night. You must sow/invest your time in studying God's word. Be intentional about it, understand His promises, and make it a daily practice so that you can get your own Rhema: your customized word for each day. Hold fast unto this word and run with it. Then, you will see how your HARVEST will be

MASSIVE. Psalm 126:5-6. Joshua 1:8

Eternal income, everlasting glory, and enduring blessing come from the father of light. You can connect with Him through His Word. Psalm 119:105, Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and light unto my path.

Master of the Universe; His name is Jesus, the messiah. Make room for Him in your life, always put Him in front of all your affairs. He knows the end even from the beginning before you speak, He already knows what you have in mind, and He knows you even before you were formed in your mother's womb. He is the porter while you are the clay. Surrender all to Him, let Him take charge – make room for Him.

Align with God, acknowledge Him in all your ways and He will surely direct your path. Appreciate Him, adore Him and bow before Him always so that you won't have to bow before any man to make progress in life.

You can only appreciate the person you know his worth; Study God's word to know His worth and understand His mysteries. Ephesians 3:14-21 captures this point succinctly (please read the passage).

Happy RHEMA Week!

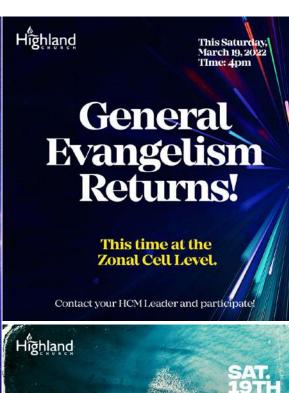
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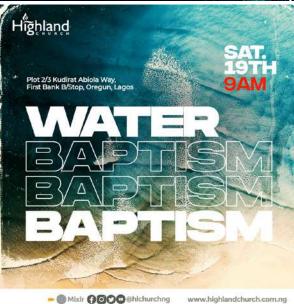
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