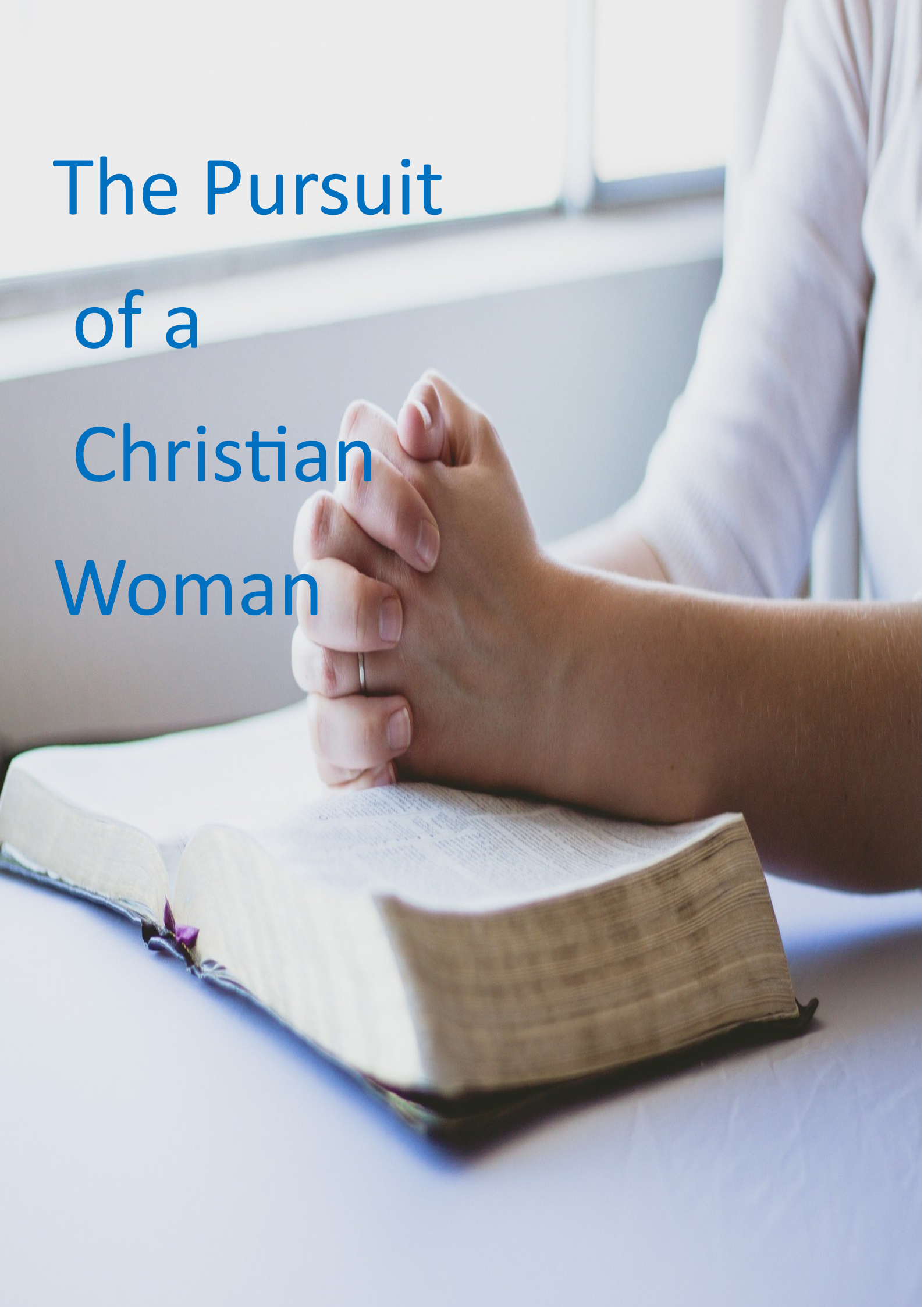


# The Pursuit of a Christian Woman



## THE PURSUIT OF A CHRISTIAN WOMAN

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## THE PURSUIT OF A CHRISTIAN WOMAN

Resources: *Bible, Dictionary, Concordance, Vine's complete expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament, Various Bible translations.*

At 2022 MLR, the Lord challenged us on the matter of pursuing to overtake and recover all. It became clear again that we need to pursue Him. It is based on this that I want to focus my heart in this afternoon's meditation on pursuit.

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### The Pursuit of a Christian woman

#### Pursuit

Webster's 1828 American dictionary defines Pursuit as the act of following with a view to overtake, or a following with haste, either for sport or in hostility; as the *pursuit* of game; the *pursuit* of an enemy. It also defines it as a following with a view to reach, accomplish or obtain.

For this study of mine, I will stay on the "following with a view to reach, accomplish or obtain."

Every living person is in pursuit of something. My life is used to daily pursue something, maybe a pleasure, a goal, a friendship etc. But a life lived to pursue all kinds of pursuits and not the actual thing such a life ought to pursue will be a life wasted.

Genesis 1:26-27 portrays to me the pursuit of the Maker of the universe. He pursued the making of man in His image. And He also made know what they are to pursue as they pursue Him, which is to have dominion.

Acts 17:26-27 also shows that God made people from one blood (Adam) and He also determined the times of each person before they came to earth, and determined their boundaries. And the purpose of this is so that human beings can seek God, that is so that human beings can pursue God. And this God we are to pursue is not far from us. Unfortunately, we pursue things that are far from us and leave God unpursued.

Revelation 4:11 that I am created for God's pleasure, I am to live in pursuit of God and His glory. That is my pursuit must be anything that will bring Him glory.

Psalm 8:4 Shows that I am nothing, yet God chose to pursue me. I am seeing that the pursuit of God is a response to the pursuit of me by God.

Daniel 4:1-3 reveal to me that this God that pursued me whom I am to pursue is the same one whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and His dominion is from generation to generation. So, I am privileged to pursue the One who is non-ending.

Yet, it is rather sad, that humanity pursues that which fades away while God who is eternal is offering Himself to me.

Ephesians 3:15 tells me that the whole family in heaven and earth is named by this Maker of the universe.

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Following to my yesterday's study, I cannot talk about a woman's pursuit without first touching on my Maker and why He made me.

Revelation 4: 11 and Acts 17:26 capped it all for me. He created me to be His pleasure, He wants to take glory in my life, and He wants my life to give Him glory. So, I am to pursue God's glory and not man's glory. He created me in His Own image so that I can feel after Him. He put me in my locality and determined my life span so that I can feel or seek after Him.

### **Prayer**

- Lord, help me to get my life priority right.
- Give me the grace to seek after You. Amen.

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### **What women pursue - Friendship**

The fall in Genesis 3 changed what women pursue and how they pursue it. One of the things women pursue is friendship.

Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words defines friend as philo, denoting loved, dear, or friend. It is also defined as hetairos which means comrade, companion, or partner.

Genesis 3:1-6

Women are naturally friend inclined. We love relationships. And the woman was brought in to enhance a relationship. There was already one that was like her, her counterpart, the one she was made from.

The first woman had Adam to talk and reason with. But in that same environment, I see her pursue another relationship which is unsafe for her.

Why would she have pursued this relationship with the Serpent?

Perhaps the serpent pursued her, and she fell for him. Or perhaps her husband, Adam had become busy and carried away with looking after the garden to the point that she felt neglected; therefore, she was quick to respond to the friendship of the serpent.

Or could it be that Adam her friend and husband were not outspoken like the serpent while she would like to gist and know of the latest news, and the serpent saw that opportunity and he took advantage of that?

Whatever it was, women crave friendship. And unfortunately, many women have been led away from the Lord and their marriages as a result of wrong friendships. Women have become seek and depressed as a result of not having friends or not having the kind of friends they thought they wanted or felt excluded from a friendship.

Even young girls have been victimized and bullied online as they sought friendship. Some are spending an enormous time on social media in order to keep u with friends. What this world values, is enmity against God.

There is nothing wrong with having friends, but the kind of friends I am to keep is such that helps me to pursue the right thing. I am not to pursue friendship that leads me to the world. Such friendship that leads to the world will make me an enemy of God just as James 4:4 says that *“Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.”*

Luke 15: 9 shows me what I can pursue friends with others for. *And when she has found it, she calls her friends and neighbors together, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I lost!’* Luke 15:9

The woman with the lost coin pursued friendship to share the faithfulness of God in finding that which she had lost. Therefore, friendship for her was a means to share testimonies of God’s goodness.

### **Prayer**

- Thank You for the gift of friends
- Help me to pursue friendships in the light of Your Kingdom
- Let my friendship with others be used as an avenue to testify to Your goodness.

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### **What women pursue - Wisdom, Glamour, beauty, fashion**

#### **a. Glamour**

Miriam Webster dictionary defines Glamour as an exciting and often illusory and romantic attractiveness. While Collins dictionary defines Glamour as the quality of being more attractive, exciting, or interesting than ordinary people or things.

Women love being attractive, and there is nothing wrong with being attractive, but often women want to look attractive to the opposite gender and in competition with a fellow sister. This is not the right thing to pursue.

Women have gone into all kinds of things in order to be attractive and also in order to be exciting. Some have resorted to alcohol as a means of excitement, and as they have pursued alcohol for the excitement they don’t have in their marriage, they have now become addicted.

Some seek excitement in food and in watching all kinds of Television shows, while others find excitement on different social media networks. They may find fulfilment, but it is for a brief moment, and the effect of this source of excitement leads to death. Such is not what to pursue. *There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death Proverbs 14:12*

Yet, there is excitement in Christ as we pursue the Person of Christ. True excitement is in Christ. The hope we are redeemed into is a living hope, that is an exciting hope. It keeps us excited in pursuing God till we see Christ in glory. *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3*

### **b. Beauty and fashion**

I can't talk about how much women have spent on beauty. The beauty industry has reaped women of their hard-earned money. This is not the pursuit God is expecting to pour my life into.

1 Peter 3:1-5 talks to me about beauty. Verse 3 tells me not to let my own adorning be that outward. While it is not saying I shouldn't look after my outward person, but it is saying I should not be consumed with the care of my outward body. The outward body is adorned by hairdo like the verse says adorning or plaiting the hair. Huge hours have been wasted in the salon. Some change their hairstyle weekly while some in a matter of days. So, their hairstyle becomes their pursuit.

That verse three went on to say that another way of caring for the outward body is the wearing of gold and putting on of clothing. Again, this verse is not saying I shouldn't wear gold nor that I shouldn't wear clothes. Instead, it is saying that my life pursuit must not be a constant shopping for gold and for clothes at the detriment of my spirituality. This is not what to use the one life God has given me to do.

Verse four then tells me what to pursue instead of beauty and fashion. I am to pursue the hidden man of the heart, which is not corruptible. Gold and clothing are corruptible, but my inner man, which is my spirit man is worth taking care of as that is one that lasts forever. Therefore, I am asked to pursue the edifying of that.

My inner man can be beautified as I pursue the wearing of the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.

*Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. Proverbs 31:30 KJV*

### **c. Wisdom**

Many are seeking wisdom. The first woman, Eve, was told by the serpent that the forbidden fruit will make her wise. And unfortunately, many are women who are still seeking wisdom here and there. Some have lost their homes as a result of the worldly wisdom they found.

It is not wrong to seek wisdom, I am doing this afternoon meditation as I want wisdom as to what to pursue. But where do I go to in order to get this wisdom is the problem. And also, why do I need this wisdom? Is it to glorify God or to glorify me?

There are two sources of wisdom, namely wisdom from above and wisdom from the world. Worldly wisdom originated from the devil, and it leads to destruction, but the wisdom from above is peace-loving, considerate, full of mercy and with no partiality.

Jesus Christ is the wisdom of God, and the scriptures says that the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom. Therefore, to find true wisdom, I must pursue Christ, who is the wisdom of God.

*But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. James 3:17 KJV*

*But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. James 3:17 NIV*

## Prayer

- Lord, I have seen what my fellow women pursue, but help me to pursue You.
- I pray for women folk, particularly those in the church, that You will deliver us from whatever we have excited ourselves with outside You and cause us to find excitement in the living hope that we have in You.
- Help me to pursue You Jesus, who is the wisdom of God. Amen.

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## What to pursue as a Christian Woman

As I have known that Pursuit is the act of following with a view to overtake, or a following with haste, either for sport or in hostility, and that it also means a following with a view to reach, accomplish or obtain. I am seeing that I am going to see what I must be pursuing since everyone human being pursues something. I am to be a Christian woman that pursues:  
God Himself

This is why I am created; I am to pursue God in His entirety. He is the best Friend I can ever pursue. He is the Big Friend in Luke 11:5-7.

Revelation 4:11b *For thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.*

Acts 17: 26-27 *He created all the people of the world from one man, Adam,<sup>[a]</sup> and scattered the nations across the face of the earth. He decided beforehand which should rise and fall, and when. He determined their boundaries. "His purpose in all of this is that they should seek after God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him—though he is not far from any one of us.*

God's primary purpose for me is that in all of life, I should seek after Him. I should pursue Him. I have to be deliberate for this to happen as many things are seeking my attention also. And If I am not deliberate, these other things will stop me from pursuing God. A woman who is not pursuing God is actually a woman that is living a life lower than what God intended her to live.

It reminds me of my session with Esther today when we saw that when God made us, He made us to bring Him glory, and that wasn't a selfish thing, for if we are not bringing God glory, we will be bringing glory to lesser things. It is a high privilege to be made to pursue God. No other creature has this prestige privilege than humans.

James 2:23 says "*And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, 'Abraham believed God, and it was [a]accounted to him for righteousness.' And he was called the friend of God.*"

The above scripture shows me that Abraham was a human like me, he pursued a righteous living with God and thereby became a friend of God.

And if I chose to pursue Him, He will respond to me.

### **Prayer**

- for grace to live a life that pursues You in season and out of season. Amen.

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### **Recovery of His Kingdom** (the Church or the body of Christ)

The Word recovery is defined as a return to a normal state of health, mind, or strength. It is the action or process of regaining possession or control of something stolen or lost.

So, while I am here on earth, I see what God desire me to pursue with my life. I am to pursue the return of His Kingdom to individuals, marriages and so on. I am to pursue the regaining of the control of this earth.

Many of the nations were built on Biblical principles, but the enemy has hijacked these nations.

Jesus prayed in the Lord's prayer in Matthew 6:10 that God's Kingdom come. This is what it means to pursue His Kingdom.

Romans 14:17 says *For God's Kingdom is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of the righteousness, peace, and joy which the Holy Spirit gives.*

This means that God's kingdom is righteousness, peace and joy that the Holy Spirit gives.

Many lives and families are void of these three key elements of the kingdom. Righteous living is departing or is getting lost in many of our nations. And when there is no righteousness, there can be no peace, and where there is no peace there can be no joy. All these three are linked together.

Our governments are seeking how to stabilise the nations, but I see that unless God's Kingdom is established there can be no stability for any nation. The way you measure stability in a person,

family or nation is by checking all these three elements. Is there right living? Is there peace? Is there joy? Unless we pursue right living, we can't find peace, and neither can we find joy.

Thank You Lord for showing me this today that without right living, there is no peace nor joy. And all these three are what God's Kingdom is.

*These are the things the pagans are always concerned about.) Your Father in heaven knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup> Instead, be concerned above everything else with the Kingdom of God and with what he requires of you, and he will provide you with all these other things. <sup>34</sup> So do not worry about tomorrow; it will have enough worries of its own. There is no need to add to the troubles each day brings. Matthew 6:32-34 GNB*

Matthew 6:32-34 now tells me not to concern myself with what to eat, what to wear, instead, I should concern myself with God's Kingdom, and this is what I should pursue. If I pursue God's Kingdom, all other things shall be added to me.

## **Conclusion**

As I seek to labour over people, I must seek the establishment of the Kingdom of God in their lives, and these are righteous living, peace and joy which comes through the Holy Spirit.

Just like I learnt the other day that women are pursuing glamour, which is excitement, and they get this excitement through alcohol, media and other means, but the Kingdom of God comes with excitement which the Lord's Holy Spirit gives.

The Kingdom of God (Righteousness, Peace and Joy) is lost in our world, and that is what I am to pursue for my own life, and for the life of those the Lord brings my way.

## **Prayer**

- Father, Thank You for the lesson You have taught me today.
- Help me to pursue right living, peace and joy.
- I pray that You will bring our world to the place of right living as You revive us again.  
Amen.

4<sup>th</sup> March 2023

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## **Recovery of His Kingship**

Today, I am again looking at what am I to use my life to pursue. I am to pursue the recovery of God's kingship. Yesterday, I saw that the word recovery means a return to a normal state of health, mind, or strength. It is the action or process of regaining possession or control of something stolen or lost.

The Kingship or the dignity of Christ is lost in many of our nations and even in our churches, and sadly in many individual lives. So, for my own life first, I am to pursue the kingship of Christ and pursue the same for my generation.

The 1828 Webster's Dictionary defines Kingship as the state or office or dignity of a king.

So, God desires this to be my pursuit; pursuing the state of the office of the King Eternal in my generation.

1 Timothy 1:17 NIV which says *“Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory forever and ever. Amen.”* Shows me why I ought to pursue the kingship of Christ.

First, He is the King Eternal, all earthly kings come and go, they are perishable, and they last but for a moment, the rulership of God is none ending. This again reminds me of what Nebuchadnezzar taught me when I started this study from Daniel 4, that God’s reign is from generation to generation. He is the King eternal; therefore, it is His kingship I ought to see in my nation and generation.

Secondly, He is immortal, that is, He never dies, and all rulers of the world die. Queen Elizabeth the second passed away last year, but this God whose kingship I am to pursue is such that never dies. He sees the past and the future, He is called the Alpha and the Omega.

Lastly, He is the only wise God. Many rulers of nations have acted foolishly again and again, but this King whose kingship I am to pursue remains the only wise Ruler, in Him all rulers of the world tap wisdom.

The dignity of this Immortal, Eternal and only wise King needs to be pursued in my life, home and in my generation.

The scriptures in Luke 19 pushed this further for me.

*While they were listening to this, he went on to tell them a parable, because he was near Jerusalem and the people thought that the kingdom of God was going to appear at once. He said: “A man of noble birth went to a distant country to have himself appointed king and then to return. “But his subjects hated him and sent a delegation after him to say, ‘We don’t want this man to be our king. ‘He was made king, however, and returned home. Then he sent for the servants to whom he had given the money, in order to find out what they had gained with it. Luke 19:11-12, 14-15a NIV*

The people of this world would not want the King Eternal to rule over them, but He will still rule anyway.

As he opens little doors to old and young, I am to push for the dignity of His to be made known to them. See how the dignity of marriage is being pulled down. See how the dignity of gender is being pulled down, and how the dignity of God’s idea of family is being trampled down. I am to be a woman who pursues the dignity of God’s idea of marriage, gender and family life. This is a noble cause to pursue.

Romans 8:19 talks of the earnest expectation of creation waits eagerly for the manifestation of God’s sons. The world needs to see God’s kingship through my life. What I pursue will be evident for others to see.

## **Prayer**

- Lord, help me to pursue the dignity of rule in my life.
- Help me that my life will not deprive my generation of seeing Your dignity through my life.
- Give me the grace to see to it that my involvement with old or young, black or white will be for the dignity of Your Person being established.

- Help me Lord, that my life will not deprive You of Your honour as King.
- Let the dignity of You the King, be recovered back through my life. Amen.

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## **Recovery of the value of His Name**

The Dictionary defines the word name as a word or set of words by which a person or thing is known, addressed, or referred to.

Websters 1828 Dictionary defines name as that by which a thing is called; the sound or combination of sounds used to express an idea, or any material substance, quality or act; an appellation attached to a thing by customary use, by which it may be vocally distinguished from other things. A person.

Therefore, the name of God is His Person and an expression of who God is. The name of the Lord seemed to be lost in the heart and the lips of many. People in the church seemed to have lost the value of the name of the Lord.

Women in church prefer a big preacher's name than the name of God. We seldom pray in the name of a preacher's God, and no longer in the name of God Himself.

Proverbs 18:10 tells me that God's name is a strong tower. This means that it is not just a tower, but a strong one. The value attached to God's name in this verse is that God's name is not just a tower, but a strong one.

And if I value God's name as a strong tower, I will run to His name and find safety. Therefore, value one is that God's name is STRONG TOWER.

In the Song of Songs 1:3, I see that God's name is like perfume. Attached to the name of God is a sweet-smelling fragrance. Each time I call His name, there is a beautiful odour that oozes out. God's name has value, and this value is that of a sweet smell, fragrance or ointment.

And if I value His name as sweet smelling, I will love His name as His woman. Does His name smell nice to me?

Therefore, value two is that God's name is SWEET SMELL or FRAGRANT, or PERFUME. Don't I love perfume and fragrant in my home?

Philippians 2:9-11 tells me that the only exalted name is the name of Jesus. This name of Jesus is exalted by God to the highest place. Therefore, no other name can withstand the name of the Lord Jesus. It is the only name above every other name.

For at His name, every knee bows both in heaven, earth and under the earth. And every tongue acknowledges that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father because His name is highly exalted. Do I turn to any other name? Do I revere any other name above His? Do I fear any other name above the name of Jesus? If I value His name, I will subject every other name under the name of Jesus, for that is the right other. No other name must I put above Jesus.

Therefore, value three is that God's name is HIGHLY EXALTED above all other names.

John 17:12a shows me that Jesus kept his disciples in the name of God. So, I see that God's name is sufficient to keep to the end. Therefore, value four is that God's name KEEPS.

All these values of God's name and many more are what women in the church haven't discovered, and I am to rediscover them and recover them for others. I must point people to the name of God. As a family, we are looking at the names of God, and last Saturday, I saw Him as the El-Nekhuma – the God of all comfort.

His name is who He is. If he is El- Nekhuma, the God of all comfort, that means He gives comfort. And if He is a Strong Tower that means He keeps safe. His name is His personality. As His name is, so is He.

Zechariah 10:12 reveals that if I am to pursue the recovery of the value of God's name, then I am to walk in the name of the Lord. This means consciously meditating and reflecting on His name, and putting the meaning of His name ahead all that is before me. This also means that I will live a life that is God-glorifying if I am walking in the name of God, for His name is Holy.

### **Prayer**

- Lord, help me to revere Your name.
- Help me to help people rediscover Your name.
- Give me the grace to pursue the recovery of Your name. Amen

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### **The pursuit of the Word of God**

Psalm 119

Women are generally busy, and sometimes we have no time for God's Word. This happens as women refused or fail to prioritise the Word of God and pursue other lesser things which may seem better and reasonable.

The Word of God is God Himself. Any opportunity to sit at His Word is an opportunity to lay hold on God. It is that which is settled in heaven. Psalm 119:89

In Psalm 119, the Word of God is referred to as testimony, precept, law, decree, Commandment, judgement and statute. Every verse in Psalm 119 has the word of God in various formats referred to except for verse 132.

According to verse 10, I am to pursue the Word of God with my whole heart. The KJV used the word sought. What do I seek for? A Christian woman that pursues God, seeks His Word. I must not wander from His commandments.

Verse 32 shows me that God enlarges my heart when I run the way of His commandments.

Verse 35 shows me that when I pursue His Word, I will delight in it, and He will make me go on the path of His commandments. What is my delight?

Verse 40 shows that pursuing the Word of God means that I will long after His precepts, and He will then quicken me in His righteousness

Verse 45 shows that pursuing the Word of God means seeking His precepts, and I will thereby walk in liberty.

Liberty is another word for freedom. Are women not bound, or imprisoned by life situations? Women are in bondage with what they pursue, and I am seeing that when I pursue God, what I will find is freedom.

Verses 47 and 127 show that if I love the Lord I will delight in His commandments. If I am not pursuing His Word, then I need to check what I love. I am to love the Word of God above gold and fine gold.

Verse 59 says *"I turn my feet unto Thy testimonies."* For me, that is pursuing the Word of God. What do I turn to? DO I turn to google, social media, friends, and programs in times of trouble and joy? I am to turn to the Word of God.

According to verse 77, I am to delight in God's Word. And I also see that the Word of God has a way of bringing me into the tender mercies of God. If I fail to pursue the word of God, I am the one missing out.

Verse 81 shows that even when my soul faints, I am to find hope in the word of God. This is why I must pursue His Word.

According to verses 85 and 110, I see that it takes pride not to pursue the word of God, and when I am proud, I won't pursue God's Word, I will go about digging pits for others. Lack of pursuing God's Word will make me err and go about laying snares for others.

Verse 118 shows further the danger of not pursuing the Word of God which is erring from God and leads to being trodden underfoot by God, and such a one will go about promoting falsehood.

Verses 98-100 show me the reward or the benefits of pursuing the Word of God.

- I am made wiser than my enemies.

- I have more understanding than all my teachers
- I will understand more than the ancients.

According to verse 133, pursuing the word of God means God ordering my step into His Word. When He needs to talk to me, His Word will be His primary instrument to which He will lead me.

According to verses 141 and 143, I see that there are difficult seasons like seasons of being despised, trouble and anguish, yet, I am to hold on to the Word of God.

Verse 147-148 shows me that a woman that pursues the Word of God is willing to keep a night vigil so that she can meditate on the Word of God.

Verse 162 shows what my attitude ought to be as I pursue the Word of God; I must rejoice for the Word of God is like a spoil that I found, treasures from warfare.

Verses 164-165 show the output of a woman who pursues the Word of God, and these are:

- I will praise Him several times a day
- I will have great peace and nothing shall offend them.

According to verse 128, pursuing God's Word helps to honour the Word of God in all things.

In pursuing the Word of God, I must be reading the Bible, reflecting on the verses I read and the lessons learnt from it. I must be meditating on the Word of God, focusing my thought on it. And I must be memorizing the Word of God, keeping it in my heart. According to Psalm 119: 99, pursuing the Word of God means meditating on it.

### **Prayer**

- Give me longing for You in Your Word
- Take away anything that has replaced my hunger for Your Word.
- Help me to love Your Word above all else.
- Help me to value Your Word best in all decisions of life that I need to make. Amen

20th March 2023

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05:52 pm

### **Pursue Prayer**

Since I have known now that pursuit means to follow with a view to overtake, obtain or accomplish.

I am seeing today that as a Christian woman, I am to follow in prayer with a view to obtain or to accomplish. Prayer helps me to obtain or accomplish. If I am seeking an accomplishment, prayer is a key component of that.

To pursue prayer is explained to me from 1 Thessalonians 5:17 which says I should pray without ceasing, pray continually, pray without stopping, pray at all times and pray never stopping.

From the above verse, I see that prayer is actually to be one thing I pursue till I die.

### **How do I pray?**

I am to pray by myself in my closet according to Matthew 6:5-7. I am not to show off my prayers, but it is to be a closet thing, a secret thing that God rewards openly.

So, I see that if I am pursuing prayer, only time will tell and show openly the result of that which I have been pursuing secretly in my closet.

Even a look at the Lord's prayer in verses 9 onwards, I see that prayer is a kingdom lifestyle. The Kingdom of God is all about praying. I can't be part of the Kingdom of God and would not pursue a life of continuous prayer.

Therefore, praying the Kingdom prayer demands that I shut my door and pray in my closet.

There is also the place of corporate prayers as seen in the Lord asking the disciples to pray with Him while in Gethsemane's Garden. Matthew 26:38. So, there is a place for pursuing corporate prayers.

And also, I saw that corporate prayers do not supersede personal prayer, for the Lord Jesus continued praying by Himself even when none joined Him to pray. Therefore, I must continue pursuing prayer when none joins me.

Also, Luke 22:39-46, showed me the Lord Jesus pursuing prayer even in His dark moment.

The pursuit of prayer comes with Praise, confession, supplication, intercession etc

### **Prayer**

- Lord, help me to pursue a never-ending prayer time with You.
- Help me to continue praying even when others fail to pray.
- Please lord, let prayer become my life and rhythm. Amen

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### **Pursue His return – Rapture**

A Christian woman is to live a life in readiness for the Master's return. She pursues the coming back of the Lord.

2 Peter 3, Titus 2:13-14

The second epistle of Paul said a lot about the second coming of the Lord.

In verse 3 of the arising of scoffers in the last days. And in verse four, he said in verse 4 some will challenge the promise of God that where is it that Jesus will come, and that the world has remained the way it is from creation.

And this is so true. If I am going to be pursuing the return of Christ it is right for me to have a God perspective of Christ's return.

He later mentioned that the delay is the result of God's mercy not wanting many to perish.

And Titus 2:13 also tells me to look forward to that blessed hope, which is the glorious appearance of my great God and Saviour Jesus Christ. Having given His life to me, I have a responsibility to live in pursuit of His return.

### **How do I pursue His return?**

Matthew 24:14 says "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

I must pursue the preaching of the Gospel of the Kingdom. It is not enough for me to be saying we are in the last days. What am I doing in these last days? God expects me to preach the Kingdom's Gospel, for there are many gospels out there in our days. A woman that pursues the coming of the Lord will labour in pushing the Kingdom Good News to individuals, families, marriages etc.

Titus 1:10 says "For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, especially they of the circumcision." As I pursue the return of Christ, I must know that there are vain talkers and deceivers around who would like to divert women's attention to pursue something else other than the Lord's return. I must beware.

Titus 2:1 also says, "But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine." Therefore, as I pursue the return of Christ, I am to speak things which become sound doctrine, that is, the whole doctrine, and that is the Gospel of the Kingdom.

1 Timothy 4 informed me what the Spirit is speaking in these last days that I pursue the return of Christ. I must be mindful that there are deceiving and seducing spirits

Therefore, in pursuing the return of Christ, I am to live a life in readiness for His coming, standing against anything that may cause me to be defiled as Christ is coming for a bride without spots and wrinkles.

### **Prayer**

- Lord, make ready for Your second coming
- I have seen that many things will want to distract me from pursuing Your return, but please keep me focused on You. Amen

## **Pursued to Pursue Him**

The essence of my creation is to pursue God. And at the fall, it was still God that was pursuing mankind. Sin drove us away from Him. Lie Adam and Eve who put on fig leaves and hid amongst trees, so also are we prone to do.

### **God pursued me first**

At the fall it was God who initiated the pursuit. He pursued mankind for a relationship.

In Genesis 3:15, God declared that he would pursue the woman to empower her to bear a seed that will bruise the head of the serpent. Though the woman misbehaved, yet God extended love towards her in giving her an upper hand, a privilege above the devil.

For God to put enmity in her heart against the Serpent, it means that God was going to deliberately pursue her in a relationship with Himself, and thereby empower her to do damage to the devil.

If God is pursuing me and I am running away from Him, then, I am doing myself evil. It is humble to know that God the Creator of the universe is pursuing me for a purpose. He had an end in mind for me.

In Jeremiah 29:11, He declared that He alone knows His plan for me. So, if He has a plan, and He is pursuing me to carry out that good plan, it will be wise of me to indeed respond to His pursuance of me.

Sometimes we waste time pursuing things that we have lost but abandon the One who is meant to be our CHIEF pursuit.

He pursued my deliverance through the death of His Son Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 1:10 tells me that it is Jesus that delivered me from the wrath to come.

Romans 5:8 tells me that it was while I was still a sinner that God demonstrated His own love for me in giving His Son Jesus Christ to die for me.

### **Prayer**

- Thank Your Father for pursuing me.
- Help me to live a life of pursuing You. Amen.

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**Why she must pursue God Himself**

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**God is the portion of my inheritance**

Psalm 16: 5 says The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot.

I must pursue God because he is the portion allotted to me. He is my inheritance, and it is in pursuing Him that I will get every other lot in life.

This brings Matthew 6:33 to mind that I should seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and every other thing shall be added unto me.

### **To continually be made God's righteousness**

According to 2 Corinthians 5:21, He made Christ to be sin for me so that I can become Christ's righteousness. Therefore, I have no business pursuing any other thing than He who pursued me to save me. It is in me pursuing Him that I remain righteous continually.

2 Corinthians 3: 18 says But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Therefore, pursuing God transforms me to be more and more like Him.