

RESURRECTION OF THE SONS OF GOD

Ps. 82:6 "I said, 'You are "gods"; you are all sons of the Most High.'

Ps. 82:7 But you will die like mere men; you will fall like every other ruler."

Up till now, sons of God have been dying like mere human beings. The time has come for the sons of God to no longer fall into death, but rather grow in divine life (resurrection) and rise up into the heavens.

Is. 60:1 Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.

Is. 60:2 See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you.

Is. 60:1 talks about the resurrection of the sons of God. How will this come about?

Ez. 36:25 I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols.

Ez. 36:26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

Ez. 36:27 And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.

In Ez. 36:25-27, I can see three activities that must precede the resurrection of the sons of God: cleansing from all impurities, cleansing from all idols and getting a new heart.

Cleansing from all impurities

Ep. 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her

Ep. 5:26 to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word,

Ep. 5:27 and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

The number one requirement for the resurrection of the sons of God is that they must be cleansed from all impurities (sins). This cleansing is done by washing with living water (Holy Spirit of God) through the word. A lot of people make the mistake of thinking that the word is the water that cleanses. The Holy Spirit is the water. The word serves as the mirror that enables a son of God to know whether he needs cleansing and the kind of uncleanness he has.

Ja. 1:23 Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror

Ja. 1:24 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.

2Ti. 2:20 In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for noble purposes and some for ignoble.

2Ti. 2:21 If a man cleanses himself from the latter, he will be an instrument for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.

2Ti. 2:21 makes it clear that a man has to cleanse himself from all ignoble. Today's doctrine of grace assigns a passive role to the Christian, with the belief that Jesus has done all the work already. A man cleanses himself from all impurities and idols by washing with water (Holy Spirit) through the word. How? It is by invoking the Holy Spirit through word of faith (Ro. 8:8). Invoking the Spirit through word of faith is well explained here: www.nairaland.com/3940590. Let me illustrate with an example.

God's word: *Mt. 5:48 Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.*

Word of faith: *In the mighty name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I shall always be holy as my Father in heaven is holy, through the Holy Spirit of God that is in me.*

Holy Spirit of God in me, move me to always obey God's commandments and keep all His laws, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Cleansing from all idols

1Kg. 19:19 So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was ploughing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him.

1Kg. 19:20 Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. "Let me kiss my father and mother good-bye," he said, "and then I will come with you." "Go back," Elijah replied. "What have I done to you?"

1Kg. 19:21 So Elisha left him and went back. He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the ploughing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his attendant.

The number two requirement for the resurrection of the sons of God is that they must be cleansed from all idols. "Idols" here refer to fleshly and worldly obsessions. In order to rise to become Elijah's replacement, Elisha completely destroyed his agricultural business by killing all his oxen and burning the ploughing equipment to cook the meat; he gave the meat to his village people and they ate.

Lk. 18:18 A certain ruler asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Lk. 18:19 "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No-one is good — except God alone.

Lk. 18:20 You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, do not murder, do not steal, do not give false testimony, honour your father and mother.'

Lk. 18:21 "All these I have kept since I was a boy," he said.

Lk. 18:22 When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

*Lk. 18:23 When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was a man of great wealth.
Lk. 18:24 Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!
Lk. 18:25 Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."*

Jesus told the rich young ruler to do something similar to what Elisha did, in order for him to become great in the kingdom of God, but the rich young ruler valued his wealth more than the kingdom. Notice that the first thing Jesus told the rich young ruler to do is to keep the commandments of God, which is cleansing from all impurities. The rich young ruler said that he had been keeping the commandments since he was a boy; Jesus loved him for the fact that he made effort to be holy. Jesus then told the rich young ruler that one thing remained, and that one thing is cleansing from all idols. It is there that the rich young ruler failed.

In order for a son of God to resurrect and rise into the heavens, he must give up this world. Remember Lots' wife! (Lk. 17:32) The son of God must deemphasize worldly possessions and worldly achievements; he should emphasize spiritual progress.

Col. 3:2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

Mt. 6:24 "No-one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.

Mt. 6:25 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes?"

1Ti. 6:6 But godliness with contentment is great gain.

1Ti. 6:7 For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it.

1Ti. 6:8 But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.

1Ti. 6:9 People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction.

Getting a new heart

Mt. 12:43 When an evil spirit comes out of a man, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it.

Mt. 12:44 Then it says, 'I will return to the house I left.' When it arrives, it finds the house unoccupied, swept clean and put in order.

As the son of God is cleansed from all impurity and idols, impurity should be replaced with purity and idols should be replaced with service of God. Attempting to cleanse impurity and idols and then create a vacuum will lead to disastrous result. Boredom and discouragement will set in and push the son of God out of the faith.

The rich young ruler expected Jesus to give him the formula of resurrection, so that he could be applying the formula while he continues to live in affluence. The formula Jesus gave him involved the rich young ruler giving up his wealth. Life after giving up wealth would have been too horrible for the rich young ruler; but Jesus included in the formula the rich young ruler joining him in his ministry. Can you imagine what would have become of Elisha if after destroying his agricultural business he had remained in his village? Elisha escaped the disastrous consequences by joining Elijah in his ministry. Therefore, a son of God that is being cleansed from all impurity and idol should busy himself with evangelism.

How long?

How long does the cleansing from impurity and idols have to last? Jesus spent forty days in the desert before God anointed him with power. I think that should be the minimum time the cleansing could last before resurrection can take place. However, notice that Jesus fasted throughout those forty days. Hence, cleansing for just 40 days is very intense.

Re. 12:1 A great and wondrous sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head.

Re. 12:2 She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth.

It has been scientifically established that the sign of Re. 12:1-2 will appear in the sky on September 23 2017. The sign of Re. 12:1-2 is a sign for the adoption or resurrection of the sons of God. Re. 12:2 implies that by September 23 the resurrection of the sons of God is very near.

Computer simulation (Stellarium) shows that Jupiter (the fetus in the sign of Re. 12:1-2) will exit star constellation Virgo (the woman in the sign of Re. 12:1-2) on November 13. It also shows that the star of Bethlehem will appear on November 13, as Jupiter is exiting Virgo. Re. 12:5 says that shortly after the resurrection of the sons of God, they are snatched up to God and to his throne—the rapture. The coincidence of the star of Bethlehem with Jupiter's exit of Virgo on November 13 seems to suggest that it is a very important day. Is it the resurrection of the sons of God that will place on that day or is it the rapture? If it is the resurrection, then the latest time to begin cleansing of all impurity and idols should be forty days before November 13, which is October 5—beginning of the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles. However, if November 13 is the day of rapture, then forty days to resurrection will be well before October 5. Apart from the fact that not many people can fast for forty days, and so will need much more than forty days for cleansing, there is also this indication that just as Jesus stayed on earth for forty days after his resurrection before his ascension, the resurrected sons of God will also stay on earth for forty days before the rapture. If we take this factor into account, it means that cleansing from all impurity and idols must begin more than

eighty days before November 13. This implies that cleansing must begin well before August 26. Cleansing with forty days of fasting can begin on August 26.

Mt. 25:6 "At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!'"

Mt. 25:7 "Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps."

Mt. 25:8 The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.'

Mt. 25:9 "No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.'

Mt. 25:10 "But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut."

The wise virgins will cleanse themselves of all ignoble (2Tim. 2:21) and God will fill them with oil (Ez. 36:27) well in time. The foolish virgins will wait until the nick of time (may be the last forty days) before they realize the need to get the oil of God. By the time the foolish virgin finish the cleansing and get the oil, the adoption of the sons of God has completed.

Be wise!

Jesus Last word to End-time Christians

Re. 3:17 You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realise that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and Unclad.

Re. 3:18 I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so that you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so that you can cover your shameful uncladness; and salve to put on your eyes, so that you can see.

Re. 3:19 Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent.

Re. 3:20 Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.

Re. 3:21 To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne.

Re. 3:22 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

Today's generation of Christians are represented by the church in Laodicea. They are proud of their spiritual knowledge and material prosperity. But Jesus says that they do not realize that they are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and Unclad. Yet you hear them saying that if rapture occurs this moment, they are qualified to go. They forget the Parable of the Wedding Banquet.

Mt. 22:11 "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes.

Mt. 22:12 'Friend,' he asked, 'how did you get in here without wedding clothes?' The man was speechless.

Mt. 22:13 "Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Mt. 22:14 "For many are invited, but few are chosen."

The king got a person wearing improper dress thrown out; how much more a Unclad person. As a remedy for this situation, Jesus counsels today's Christians, who are about to witness the rapture, to buy from him gold refined in the fire (divine power), white clothes (holiness) and salve (spiritual knowledge). What is the price we must pay to get these things? Re. 3:20 gives us a clue on the price. He is at the door knocking. If anyone hears his voice and opens the door, he will come in and eat with the person, and the person with him. This immediately connects with Jn. 14:23.

Jn. 14:23 Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

The price to pay for gold refined in the fire (divine power), white clothes (holiness) and salve (spiritual knowledge) in Re. 3:18 is obedience of the teachings of Jesus. Jesus used the rich young ruler to teach us the price to pay for resurrection.