

The Kingdom Life

Understanding God's Government and Your Place in it

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Forward

The message you are about to read did not come from a classroom. It did not come from a theological seminary or a Bible college. It came from the fires of experience, from years of pressing into God, and from the laboratory of spiritual warfare.

Apostle Arome Osayi is not a motivational speaker. He is not a prosperity preacher. He is not a religious entertainer. He is a messenger of the Kingdom of God. And what he carries cannot be learned from books alone.

I have watched him minister in crusades where the power of God broke yokes. I have seen him stand before kings and speak with an authority that made the room tremble. I have heard him teach the Scriptures with a clarity that only comes from years of intimate fellowship with the Holy Spirit.

But more than any of these, I have seen him live the kingdom life. Not just preach it. Not just teach it. Live it.

This book is a compilation of his teachings on the Kingdom of God. It is not a collection of theories. It is a manual for living under Heaven's government. It is a call to move from being merely saved to being fully surrendered. It is an invitation to trade powerless religion for dynamic kingdom living.

The chapters you are about to read will challenge you. They will confront comfortable Christianity. They will expose the difference between the kingdom of God and the kingdom of Heaven. They will call you to a higher standard.

But they will also equip you. You will learn about power and authority. You will discover the tools of the Kingdom. You will understand what it means to have oil in your vessel, not just in your lamp.

My prayer is that as you read this book, the Holy Spirit will stir your heart. May you be provoked to press deeper. May you be empowered to walk higher. May you be equipped to build what matters to Heaven.

The Kingdom of God is not a distant hope. It is a present reality. And you have a place in it.

Do not settle for less.

Do not waste your life.

Live the kingdom life.

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To my family and those who supported me during the compilation of this work—thank you for your patience and encouragement.

And to you, the reader. Thank you for opening this book. Thank you for being willing to learn. May the Kingdom of God become more real to you than the air you breathe. May Heaven's government rule your soul. And may you finish your assignment well.

To God Be The Glory.

Introduction

Why Jesus Spoke About the Kingdom

If you were given only forty days left on earth, what would you teach?

Would you talk about money? Would you talk about success? Would you talk about healing, deliverance, or breakthrough?

Jesus had forty days between His resurrection and His ascension into heaven. He had forty days to prepare His disciples for the most important assignment in human history. Forty days to equip them to change the world.

And what did He teach?

*The Bible says He spoke to them about "**the things pertaining to the kingdom of God**" (Acts 1:3).*

Not prosperity. Not breakthrough. Not success principles. The kingdom of God.

This was not a new message. From the beginning of His ministry, Jesus preached the same thing. "**Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand**" (Matthew 4:17). That was His opening statement. That was His closing statement. That was His everything.

Why was the kingdom so important to Jesus? Because the kingdom is the only context in which man has meaning.

The Missing Message

Walk into most churches today and you will hear many things. You will hear about financial breakthrough. You will hear about marital restoration. You will hear about healing and deliverance. You will hear about purpose and destiny.

These are not bad things. But they are not the main thing.

The main thing is the kingdom of God. Everything else is a branch connected to that trunk. When you make the branch the main thing, you will eventually fall into error. But when you preach the kingdom, everything else falls into its proper place.

Apostle Arome Osayi puts it this way:

"The Bible is not a book of prosperity. It is not a book of holiness. It is not a book of faith. The Bible is a kingdom manual. Yes, prosperity is in the Bible. Holiness is in the Bible. Faith is in the Bible. But these are not the main subject. They are branches connected to the central trunk. That trunk is the kingdom of God."

This is the missing message in much of modern Christianity. We have reduced the gospel to what God can do for us. We have made ourselves the center of the story. We have forgotten that the story is about God's kingdom, not our comfort.

What This Book Will Teach You

This book is a compilation of Apostle Arome Osayi's teachings on the kingdom of God. It is not a theological textbook. It is a practical manual for living under Heaven's government.

You will learn the difference between the kingdom of God and the kingdom of Heaven. You will discover why some believers

are foolish and others are wise. You will understand the utensils of power and authority. You will see what it means to be governed by Heaven.

You will also be confronted. These teachings will challenge comfortable Christianity. They will expose areas where you have settled for less. They will call you to a higher standard.

But do not be afraid. The goal is not to condemn you. The goal is to lift you. To take you from being merely saved to being fully surrendered. From being a resident of the kingdom to being a representative of the kingdom. From having oil in your lamp to having oil in your vessel.

Who This Book Is For

This book is not for casual Christians. It is not for those who want a weekly dose of inspiration without transformation. It is not for those who are satisfied with a Christianity that costs them nothing.

This book is for the hungry. For those who know there is more. For those who are tired of powerless religion. For those who are willing to pay the price to walk in Heaven's authority.

If that is you, then keep reading. The kingdom of Heaven is at hand. And you have a place in it.

A Warning and an Invitation

Let me warn you. These pages will not leave you unchanged. You will be challenged. You will be confronted. You will be stretched.

But you will also be equipped. You will learn how to heal the sick. You will learn how to cast out demons. You will learn how to walk in power and authority. You will learn how to build what matters to Heaven.

This is the kingdom life. This is what you were created for. This is your invitation.

Do not settle for less.

Chapter One: The Message

Jesus Could Not Leave Behind

After Jesus rose from the dead, He had only forty days left before returning to heaven.

You would think He would use that time to perform more miracles, heal more sick people, or raise more dead. But He did something else entirely.

He held a seminar.

For forty days, Jesus gathered His disciples and taught them one subject. The Bible says He spoke to them about "**the things pertaining to the kingdom of God**" (Acts 1:3).

Not prosperity. Not breakthrough. Not success principles.

The kingdom of God.

Why the Kingdom?

Jesus knew something that many preachers today have forgotten. The Bible is not a book of prosperity. It is not a book of holiness. It is not even a book of faith.

The Bible is a kingdom manual.

Yes, prosperity appears in the Bible. Holiness appears. Faith appears. But these are not the main subject. They are branches connected to a central trunk. That trunk is the kingdom of God.

Apostle Arome Osayi explains it this way:

"If you make prosperity your main message, you will eventually fall into error. If you make holiness your main message, you will drift into human tradition. But if you preach the kingdom, everything else falls into its proper place."

Why? Because the kingdom contains everything. The kingdom produces holiness. The kingdom releases prosperity. The kingdom activates faith.

Jesus understood this. That is why He spent His final forty days on earth teaching about nothing else.

What the Apostles Learned

Before that seminar, the disciples did not understand the kingdom at all. After forty days of listening to Jesus, they still asked Him a political question: **"Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"** (Acts 1:6).

They were thinking about earthly power, self-rule, and political freedom. Jesus was teaching them about Heavenly government, divine authority, and spiritual dominion.

The difference was huge.

But after the seminar, everything changed. The book of Acts is the product of that forty-day training. Every miracle, every sermon, every apostolic decision came from what Jesus taught them in those days.

The Central Message of Jesus

If you study the Gospels, you will find that Jesus preached the kingdom constantly. "**Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand**" (Matthew 4:17). That was His opening message. That was His closing message.

Even after His resurrection, He did not change the subject.

Why was the kingdom so important to Jesus? Because the kingdom is the only context in which man has meaning. Outside of God's government, man is a wanderer with no purpose. Inside God's government, man becomes a carrier of Heaven's authority.

The Invitation

Jesus is still looking for people who understand this message. He is still searching for men and women who will sit at His feet and learn about the kingdom.

The seminar is free, but it is not for everyone. It is only for those who are willing to receive His commandments. It is only for those who will obey what He says. It is only for those who will let Heaven rule their lives.

Are you one of those people?

If you are, then keep reading. The following chapters will take you deeper into the kingdom of God. You will learn the difference between the kingdom of God and the kingdom of Heaven. You will discover the two kinds of believers. And you will find your place in God's government.

This is not a message for casual Christians. This is a call to kingdom living.

Chapter Two: The Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of Heaven

Most Christians use the phrases "**Kingdom of God**" and "**Kingdom of Heaven**" as if they mean the same thing.

They do not.

Jesus never used them interchangeably. The apostle Matthew, writing to a Jewish audience, used "**Kingdom of Heaven**" thirty-three times. Luke and Mark, writing to Gentile audiences, used "**Kingdom of God.**" This is not a coincidence. There is a deliberate distinction.

Understanding this difference will change how you walk with God.

The Kingdom of God: God's Eternal Reign

The Kingdom of God has two definitions. The first is simple. It is God's reign from eternity past to eternity future. He has always ruled. He always will. Nothing changes that. His throne is forever and ever.

The second definition comes from John chapter 3. Jesus told Nicodemus, "**Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God**" (John 3:3). Why? Because the kingdom of God is also the sphere of divine life. Anywhere the life of God exists, the kingdom of God exists.

Apostle Arome explains it this way:

"When you give your life to Christ, the Holy Spirit comes to live inside your spirit. That means the kingdom of God now dwells in you. You can perceive God's will. You can sense His voice. You have entered the sphere of divine life."

But here is the critical point. Entering the kingdom of God does not automatically mean you operate under Heaven's government. Many believers stop here. They are born again. They have the life of God in their spirits. But they live however they please.

That is not the full picture of kingdom living.

The Kingdom of Heaven: Heaven's Government on Earth

The kingdom of Heaven is different. It refers to the rule of God coming from the third heaven into the earth.

Psalm 115:16 gives us the key. **"The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's, but the earth has He given to the children of men."**

God operates from heaven. He has limited Himself to the spirit realm by His own royal decree. But He needs human vessels to extend His government into the earth.

This is where you come in.

When you perceive what God wants and you choose to obey, you enter the kingdom of Heaven. You are no longer just a citizen of the kingdom of God. You become a representative of Heaven's government operating on earth.

Apostle Arame puts it this way:

"Perception is not enough. The moment you perceive what the will of God is, you are in a moment of crisis. The crisis is, do I want to do God's will or do I want to disobey? It is your readiness to consistently choose what the Spirit of God is choosing that makes you a member of the kingdom of Heaven."

Two Kinds of Believers

This brings us to one of the most important distinctions in Scripture.

The first kind of believer has the life of God in his spirit. He is born again. He will go to heaven if he dies. But Heaven does not govern his daily decisions. He perceives God's will but often ignores it. He chooses his own comfort, his own plans, and his own desires.

The second kind of believer has chosen to surrender his soul. He not only hears God's voice. He obeys it. Heaven rules his emotions, his will, and his mind. His life becomes an expression of what Heaven wants on earth.

The first believer operates from the kingdom of God. The second operates from the kingdom of Heaven.

Jesus made this crystal clear in Matthew 7:21. **"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of Heaven."**

Notice what He did not say. He did not say they would not be saved. He said they would not enter the kingdom of Heaven. These are people who called Him Lord but never did the will of His Father.

They had the life of God. They did not have the government of Heaven.

The Example of the Wise and Foolish Virgins

Jesus told a story in Matthew 25 that illustrates this perfectly. Ten virgins went out to meet the bridegroom. Five were wise. Five were foolish. They all had lamps. They all went out to meet him. They looked the same from the outside.

But the wise virgins had oil in their lamps and extra oil in their vessels. The foolish virgins had oil only in their lamps.

Apostle Arome explains the meaning:

"The lamp represents the spirit. The vessel represents the soul. The foolish virgins were born again. The Holy Spirit lived in their spirits. But Heaven did not rule their souls. The wise virgins had the Holy Spirit in their spirit, but they also allowed the Holy Spirit to saturate their soul."

When the bridegroom came, the foolish ones ran out of oil. They scrambled to find more, but it was too late. The door closed.

The difference was not salvation. The difference was surrender.

The Proof of Your Surrender

How do you know which category you fall into? Look at your response to God's commandments.

When God speaks to you about a relationship, do you obey?
When He speaks about your finances, do you comply? When He asks you to apologize, to give, to move, to wait, do you do it?

Your level of obedience reveals your level of surrender.

Apostle Arome says it bluntly:

"Many of you have gone into relationships that God did not approve. It was not Heaven that authorized those relationships. It was your own emotion that is unstable. It means your emotion has authority over your life—much more authority than God. Such a person is not profitable to God."

Your Place in God's Government

Jesus is not looking for residents. He is looking for representatives. He already has millions of people who are saved but not surrendered. He needs people who will let Heaven govern their souls.

The door is still open. The bridegroom has not yet come. You still have time to fill your vessel.

Do not settle for only the kingdom of God. Press into the kingdom of Heaven. Let Heaven govern your thoughts, your choices, and your life. Let the Holy Spirit rule your mind, your will, and your emotions.

That is where true kingdom living begins.

That is the difference between being saved and being surrendered. That is the difference between the foolish virgins and the wise. And that is the difference between a believer who attends church and a believer who carries Heaven's authority on earth.

Chapter Three: Two Kinds of Believers

Not every believer is the same.

This may sound strange, but it is true. The Bible reveals two distinct categories of people who are both genuinely saved. They both have the life of God. They both have the Holy Spirit. They will both go to heaven if they die.

But they do not walk in the same level of authority. They do not experience the same closeness with God. And they are not equally useful to the Kingdom.

Jesus made this clear in the parable of the ten virgins. He made it clear again in Matthew chapter seven. And the apostle Paul hinted at it when he talked about carnal Christians versus spiritual Christians.

Understanding the difference between these two kinds of believers may be the most important revelation you receive from this book.

The Foolish Virgins: Saved But Empty

In Matthew 25, Jesus told a story about ten virgins who went out to meet the bridegroom. Five were wise. Five were foolish.

Notice that all ten were virgins. In biblical terms, a virgin represents someone who is set apart for God. All ten were believers. All ten had lamps. All ten went out to meet the bridegroom. From the outside, they looked exactly the same.

The difference was internal.

The foolish virgins took their lamps but took no extra oil with them. The wise virgins took oil in their lamps and extra oil in their vessels.

Apostle Arome explains the symbolism:

"The Bible says the spirit of man is the lamp of God. The lamp represents your spirit. When you get born again, the Holy Spirit comes to live in your spirit. That is the oil in the lamp. Every believer has this."

"But the vessel represents your soul—your mind, your will, and your emotions. The wise virgins had oil in their vessels. That means the Holy Spirit had influence over their souls. They did not just hear God's voice. They submitted to it."

The foolish virgins had oil only in their lamps. They were born again. The Holy Spirit lived in their spirits. But Heaven did not rule their souls. They perceived God's will but chose their own way.

Apostle Arome puts it bluntly:

"The believer that has oil in his spirit alone is foolish. The believer that doesn't have oil affecting his soul—that the Holy Ghost is in his spirit but is not authoritative enough to affect his soul—that believer is foolish."

This is a strong statement. But it comes directly from Jesus' own lips.

The Wise Virgins: Saved and Surrendered

The wise virgins had something the foolish ones did not. They had oil not only in their lamps but also in their vessels.

This means they allowed the Holy Spirit to move beyond their spirits and into their souls. Their minds began to think like Heaven thinks. Their wills began to choose what Heaven chooses. Their emotions began to feel what Heaven feels.

Apostle Arome describes it this way:

"When he sees the perspective of Heaven, he is willing to submit his will so that Heaven can have its way. He doesn't just perceive. He obeys."

The wise virgins were not perfect. They slept when the bridegroom tarried, just like the foolish ones. But when the cry came at midnight, they were ready. They had made a decision long before that moment. They had decided that Heaven would rule their souls.

The Same Church, Different Realities

Here is what makes this so important. Both groups looked the same. They attended the same meetings. They sang the same songs. They wore the same religious clothing. The difference was internal.

Apostle Arome observes:

"Their situation was not obvious. They were all flocking together. You could not even know the difference. They were all attending Bible study. They were all praying together. It was not obvious until a time came when the midnight cry was chosen as the time for check."

This is still true today. In any church, on any Sunday, both kinds of believers sit side by side. Both raise their hands in worship. Both say "**amen**" to the sermon. But one group is carrying extra oil. The other is running on empty.

Only the crisis reveals the difference.

What the Crisis Reveals

When the bridegroom delayed, all ten virgins slept. That sleep represents death. The Bible says that at the last trumpet, the dead in Christ will rise. That cry went out, and in the land of the dead, both foolish and wise rose together.

It was only then that the foolish virgins recognized their condition.

Apostle Arome explains:

"They did not discover their lack until the afterlife. Then they announced, 'Oh, we don't have oil.' The wise ones said, 'Not so. It's not done here.' There is a recommendation. 'Go to them that sell.' That means in the afterlife, some of you will pay a price to buy oil."

Think about that. Even after death, there is a process for those who wasted their lives. God's reign is from eternity past to eternity future. He will still meet you in the future. But you have already wasted one era of your life.

The Second Kind of Believer in Matthew 7

Jesus gave another example of this same truth in Matthew chapter seven.

He said, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of Heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 7:21).

Notice that these people call Jesus "**Lord.**" That means they are believers. In fact, Romans 10:9 says that if you confess with your

mouth the Lord Jesus, you will be saved. So these people are saved.

But Jesus says they will not enter the kingdom of Heaven.

Apostle Arome explains:

"Entry into the kingdom of God is by regeneration. But entry into the kingdom of Heaven is by a choice to do the will of God. It will affect your soul. If you are going to function in the kingdom of Heaven, your soul will come under that pressure to do God's will, to choose God's choices."

This is a higher level. This is not about salvation. This is about surrender.

These people in Matthew seven even did ministry. They prophesied. They cast out devils. They performed wonders. But Jesus calls them "**workers of iniquity.**"

Why? Because they did unauthorized things. They took off like tornadoes, but Heaven did not send them.

Apostle Arome says:

"Their crime was unauthorized initiatives. They were doing things without Heaven's backing. Even though they had said 'Lord, Lord,' they never submitted to Heaven's government over their lives."

Which One Are You?

Here is the question you must answer. Are you only in the kingdom of God? Or are you also operating from the kingdom of Heaven?

Perception is not enough. Activity is not enough. Even miracles are not enough.

God is not looking for people who can hear His voice. He is looking for people who will obey it. He is not looking for people who can do impressive things. He is looking for people who will submit to His government.

Apostle Arame concludes:

"The proof that you are born again is that your receptacle is active. Your perception of spiritual things is active. But having perceived what God wants, you still have a choice to obey the Holy Ghost or to disobey Him."

"Those who choose to obey are the ones operating from the kingdom of Heaven. Those who do not are only in the kingdom of God."

Do not be a foolish believer. Do not settle for only the kingdom of God. Press into the kingdom of Heaven. Let Heaven govern your thoughts, your choices, and your life.

The door is still open. The bridegroom has not yet come. You still have time to fill your vessel.

Chapter Four: The Battle for the Soul

Every believer faces a war. It is not against demons. It is not against other people. It is not against circumstances or situations.

It is an internal war for control of your soul.

Your spirit is already saved. The moment you gave your life to Christ, the Holy Spirit moved in. He regenerated your spirit. He made you alive to God. That part is settled. It is non-negotiable. No demon can touch your spirit because the Holy Spirit lives there.

But your soul is another matter entirely.

Your soul—your mind, your will, and your emotions—does not automatically submit to God. It has years of habit built up from living in a fallen world. It has strong opinions formed by culture, family, and personal experience. It has desires that often conflict with Heaven's will.

And until your soul surrenders, Heaven cannot fully govern your life.

This is the battle. This is the war that every serious believer must fight and win.

The Three Battlefields

Your soul has three main departments. Each one is a battlefield. Each one must be conquered by the Holy Spirit before you can walk fully in the kingdom of Heaven.

The Mind.

Your mind thinks. It analyzes. It forms opinions. It processes information and draws conclusions. But your mind does not naturally think like God thinks. It is wired for survival, not for surrender. It leans toward logic, not faith.

The apostle Paul wrote, "**Be transformed by the renewing of your mind**" (Romans 12:2). The word "**transformed**" means to change form. It is the same word used for metamorphosis. A caterpillar becomes a butterfly. That is transformation.

Your mind must transform. It must learn to think Heaven's thoughts instead of earth's thoughts. It must learn to value what Heaven values. It must learn to see what Heaven sees.

Apostle Arome explains:

"Your mind can be brought into the economy of inspiration. The Holy Spirit wants to bring your thoughts into alignment with Heaven's thoughts. He wants to replace your reasoning with His wisdom. But you must cooperate. You must choose to think on what He says."

The Will.

Your will chooses. It decides direction. It says yes or no. It determines what you will do and what you will not do. But your will is stubborn. It wants its own way. It resists outside control—even control from God.

Jesus modeled the surrendered will in the Garden of Gethsemane. He prayed, "**Not My will, but Yours be done**" (Luke 22:42). This was not easy for Him. He sweat drops of blood. But He chose surrender.

Your will must learn the same choice.

Apostle Arome says:

"The Holy Spirit wants to bring your will into submission to the Father's will. He wants you to choose what Heaven chooses. But your will will fight. It will argue. It will rationalize. You must decide, again and again, to say 'not my will, but Yours.'"

The Emotions.

Your emotions feel. They react. They get excited, afraid, angry, or discouraged. Emotions are not evil. God created them. But emotions are unreliable. They shift with circumstances. They can lead you astray if they are not governed by the Spirit.

Apostle Arome warns:

"Many of you have gone into relationships that God did not approve. It was not Heaven that authorized those relationships. It was your own emotion that is unstable. It means your emotion has authority over your life—much more authority than God."

The Holy Spirit wants to stabilize your emotions. He wants you to feel what Heaven feels. He wants your joy to come from His presence, not from your circumstances. He wants your peace to remain even when everything around you is shaking.

When these three departments—mind, will, and emotions—fully surrender to God, your soul becomes a vessel for the Holy Spirit.

That is when Heaven begins to rule your life. That is when you become truly dangerous to the kingdom of darkness.

Why Heaven Presses for Surrender

God does not want your attendance. He wants your allegiance.

Many believers give God their Sundays but keep their souls for themselves. They sing worship songs but think whatever they want. They pray prayers but do whatever they please. They feel spiritual during service but live like the world the rest of the week.

This is not surrender. This is compartmentalization. And it does not produce Kingdom power.

Apostle Arome explains why Heaven presses so hard for surrender:

"Heaven presses for surrender because surrendered souls become conduits for God's power. When your mind thinks Heaven's thoughts, you speak Heaven's words. When your will chooses Heaven's choices, you move in Heaven's authority. When your emotions feel Heaven's heart, you become an instrument of His compassion."

An unsaved soul cannot be used by God. A saved but unsundered soul is limited in what God can do through it. But a surrendered soul becomes a channel for the full expression of Heaven's power on earth.

This is why the enemy fights so hard to keep your soul. He does not care about your spirit—he cannot touch it. He cares about your soul because your soul is the battlefield. If he can keep your soul from surrendering, he can keep you from operating in Kingdom authority.

The Pathway to Maturity

Spiritual maturity is not measured by how many Bible verses you have memorized. It is not measured by how many years you have attended church. It is not measured by how many people you have preached to or how many titles you carry.

Spiritual maturity is measured by how much of your soul has been surrendered to the Holy Spirit.

Apostle Arome puts it plainly:

"The description of a life of a new convert is many activities, little obedience. The description of a life of a mature believer is plenty obedience, little activity."

The new convert runs around doing things for God. The mature believer sits quietly and obeys whatever God says. The new convert measures success by activity. The mature believer measures success by alignment.

This is why the pathway to maturity is not more programs or more platforms. The pathway to maturity is surrender. It is the slow, daily process of giving God more of your mind, more of your will, and more of your emotions.

The Role of Prayer and the Word

How does this surrender happen? Through two primary means: prayer and the Word.

Prayer is not just asking God for things. Prayer is positioning your soul before God so He can work on it. When you pray, you open

your mind to His thoughts. You open your will to His direction. You open your emotions to His peace.

The Word of God is the tool the Holy Spirit uses to renew your mind. As you read Scripture, the Spirit takes the words and uses them to reshape your thinking. Old thought patterns break. New thought patterns form. Slowly, your mind begins to think like Heaven thinks.

Apostle Arome says:

"The Holy Spirit renews your mind through the Word. He strengthens your will through obedience. He stabilizes your emotions through trust. But you must cooperate. Surrender is not passive. It is active. You must choose to submit when your mind wants to rebel. You must choose to obey when your will wants its own way. You must choose to trust when your emotions want to panic."

The Fruit of a Surrendered Soul

When your soul surrenders to Heaven, everything changes.

You stop fighting God and start flowing with Him. You stop asking "**What do I want?**" and start asking "**What does He want?**" You stop being tossed by circumstances and start standing on His Word.

Your prayers become more accurate because your mind is aligned with His thoughts. Your decisions become wiser because your will is aligned with His choices. Your life becomes a display of Heaven's government on earth because your emotions are aligned with His heart.

Apostle Arome describes it this way:

"When you begin to grow in God, you begin to find out that the description of the life of a mature believer is plenty obedience, little activity. Your life becomes an expression of what Heaven wants, not what you want."

This is not a one-time event. It is a daily choice. Every morning you wake up, the battle resumes. Your soul will try to reclaim control. Old thought patterns will return. Stubborn willfulness will rise up. Emotional reactions will flare.

You must surrender again. And again. And again.

But over time, surrender becomes easier. Your soul learns the rhythm of obedience. The Holy Spirit gains more ground. Heaven rules more of your life.

And you begin to look less like the world and more like your King.

A Word of Encouragement

Do not be discouraged if your soul still fights. Every believer battles. Even the apostle Paul cried out, **"I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep doing"** (Romans 7:19).

The difference between a mature believer and an immature believer is that one stops fighting and the other one keeps fighting.

Keep surrendering. Keep yielding. Keep choosing Heaven over yourself. The Holy Spirit is patient. He will complete the work He started in your soul.

One day, you will wake up and realize you think differently. You choose differently. You feel differently. That is the fruit of the battle. That is the evidence of a surrendered soul.

And that is the foundation of kingdom living.

Chapter 5: The Culture of Obedience

Two men stand at the head of two different lines. One is Adam. The other is Jesus.

Adam pioneered rebellion. Jesus pioneered obedience.

These are the only two operating systems available to humanity. You either live like Adam—independent, self-ruling, rebellious—or you live like Jesus—submitted, obedient, and under authority. There is no third option. There is no neutral ground.

Many believers think they can serve God without obeying Him. They attend church. They give offerings. They speak in tongues. They do all the religious activities. But when God commands something inconvenient, something uncomfortable, something that disrupts their plans—they ignore Him.

That is not Christianity. That is rebellion with religious decoration. And God sees the difference.

Jesus Modeled the Path

Jesus had thirty years of obedience before He had three years of public ministry. He spent three decades learning to submit to His Father before He ever preached a sermon, healed a sick person, or cast out a demon.

This is not a coincidence. This is a pattern.

The Bible says Jesus "**learned obedience by the things He suffered**" (Hebrews 5:8). Think about that. The Son of God, the second person of the Trinity, had to learn obedience. If Jesus needed to learn it, how much more do you?

Jesus did nothing on His own. He said, "**I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge**" (John 5:30). He only spoke what the Father told Him to speak. He only did what the Father showed Him to do. He only went where the Father directed Him to go.

His entire life was a display of perfect submission to authority.

Apostle Arome explains:

"Jesus modeled the principle of obedience as the culture of men that walked the path of the kingdom of Heaven. He showed us that the default mode of the new creation is obedience under the mighty hand of God."

And because Jesus obeyed perfectly, the Father backed Him completely. Every word He spoke carried authority. Every action He took released power. The Father trusted the Son because the Son never acted independently.

This is the model. This is the culture. This is what kingdom living looks like.

The Danger of Self-Rule

Adam's sin was not eating fruit. Adam's sin was independence.

God gave Adam one command. One simple instruction. "**Do not eat from that tree.**" Adam ate anyway. He chose his own judgment over God's command. He decided to rule himself. He declared independence from Heaven's government.

That decision unleashed death into the human race.

Apostle Arome explains the gravity of what happened:

"What Adam lost was not prosperity. What Adam lost was the possibility of God ruling over him and him being an under-shepherd that is supposed to express God. That was no longer in view on the strength of the choice he made."

Every human born after Adam inherited this rebellion. You did not learn to rebel. You were born rebelling. Independence comes naturally to fallen humanity. Submission feels strange. Obedience feels like a loss of freedom.

This is why obedience must be learned. It does not come naturally. Your flesh resists it. Your mind questions it. Your emotions fight it. Your flesh will scream for autonomy. Your mind will rationalize disobedience. Your emotions will cry out against restriction.

But if you do not learn obedience, you cannot be trusted with Kingdom authority.

What Obedience Actually Looks Like

Obedience is not complicated. It is not mysterious. It is simply doing what God says.

God says forgive. You forgive. God says give. You give. God says go. You go. God says wait. You wait. God says speak. You speak. God says be silent. You be silent.

No negotiation. No delay. No excuse. No rationalization. No compromise.

Apostle Arome says:

"The problem is not understanding God's will. The problem is doing it. Most believers know what God wants. They just do not want to pay the price."

Obedience always costs something. It costs your comfort. It costs your reputation. It costs your plans. It costs your money. It costs your time. It costs your pride.

But disobedience costs even more. It costs your usefulness to God. It costs your authority in the Spirit. It costs the fulfillment of your destiny.

The Test of Small Commands

God often tests you with small commands before He gives you large ones.

He asks you to apologize to someone you offended. He asks you to give a small amount of money. He asks you to wake up earlier to pray. He asks you to forgive a minor offense. He asks you to be kind to someone who irritates you.

How you respond to these small tests determines whether God can trust you with bigger assignments.

Apostle Arome explains:

"If you cannot obey in the small things, you will not obey in the great things. If you ignore His quiet whispers, you will not follow His loud commands."

Jesus said, "**He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much**" (Luke 16:10). Faithfulness is proven in the small

moments of daily obedience. The little decisions add up. The small surrenders accumulate.

Do not despise the day of small obedience. Those small acts of submission are building character. They are training your soul. They are preparing you for greater responsibility.

The Blessing of Obedience

Obedience is not burdensome. It is protective.

When you obey God, you stay within the boundaries of His protection. You avoid the traps the enemy sets. You walk in the path that leads to life. You position yourself under the covering of His authority.

David understood this. He said, "**Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path**" (Psalm 119:105). The Word did not restrict David. It guided him. It protected him. It showed him where to walk and where not to walk.

Obedience also positions you for promotion. God promotes those who obey. He trusts those who have proven faithful. He gives more authority to those who have submitted to His authority.

The centurion in Matthew 8 understood this principle perfectly. He said to Jesus, "**I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes**" (Matthew 8:9).

Notice his logic. He understood that authority comes from being under authority. His authority over soldiers was not his own. It

was delegated from above. Because he submitted to his superiors, he could command those under him.

Apostle Arome draws the lesson:

"If you want to command, you must first obey. If you want to have authority, you must first be under authority. This is the culture of the Kingdom. There is no shortcut."

The Test of Waiting

One of the hardest forms of obedience is waiting.

Many believers can obey when God says "**go**." Few can obey when God says "**wait**." Waiting requires patience. Waiting requires trust. Waiting requires surrendering your own timeline.

Apostle Arome shares his own experience:

"I was in the oil industry for sixteen years. I had a good salary. But God told me not to buy a car. Use the yellow buses. I used them for seven years. He wanted me to understand that the quality of a man's life does not depend on his possessions."

That is obedience. Not just to the big commands, but to the small ones. Not just to the exciting commands, but to the humbling ones.

Apostle Arome waited seven years to buy a car. Many believers would have rebelled after seven months. But he learned obedience in the waiting. And that waiting prepared him for greater things.

A Daily Decision

Obedience is not a one-time decision. It is a daily choice.

Every morning, you wake up and decide. Will I do what I want? Or will I do what He says? Will I follow my own plans? Or will I follow His direction?

Your flesh will argue. Your mind will rationalize. Your emotions will resist. The enemy will whisper lies. People around you will give contrary advice.

But your spirit knows the truth. Obedience leads to life. Disobedience leads to death.

Apostle Arome concludes:

"Choose obedience today. Start with the small things. Listen for His voice. Do what He says. Do it quickly. Do it completely. This is the culture of the Kingdom. This is the way of Jesus. And this is the path to walking in Heaven's authority on earth."

Do not be like Adam, who chose independence and brought death. Be like Jesus, who chose obedience and brought life.

Learn obedience. Practice obedience. Grow in obedience.

This is the culture of the Kingdom. This is the path to power. This is the way of the wise.

Chapter 6: When Heaven Governs a Man

What does it look like when Heaven truly governs a person's life?

This is not a theoretical question. It is a practical one. The Bible gives us examples. Jesus is the perfect example. But there are others—men and women who so yielded to Heaven's government that God could trust them with His power, His authority, and His secrets.

When Heaven governs a man, he no longer lives for himself. His own ambitions fade. His own plans become secondary. His own comfort becomes irrelevant. He lives for one purpose: to express the will of the Father on earth.

This is not fanaticism. This is normal Christianity. This is what you were created for.

The Government of Heaven on a Human Life

Heaven's government is not a distant concept. It is meant to be experienced. It is meant to be lived.

When Heaven governs a man, his mind begins to think differently. He no longer processes decisions based only on natural logic. He factors in the voice of the Spirit. He considers what Heaven wants, not just what makes sense.

When Heaven governs a man, his will begins to choose differently. He no longer fights for his own way. He surrenders

quickly. He yields to the Spirit's leading even when it contradicts his own desires.

When Heaven governs a man, his emotions begin to feel differently. He is not tossed by every wave of circumstance. His peace does not depend on his situation. His joy comes from a deeper source.

Apostle Arome describes it this way:

"When Heaven governs a man, his life is an expression of the will of God that is sustained in the third heavens. His reference is no longer anything upon the face of the earth. His reference is the throne."

This is not something you achieve overnight. It is the result of years of surrender, years of obedience, years of choosing Heaven over self.

Divine Authority and Human Surrender

Here is the key connection. Authority flows from surrender.

The more you surrender to Heaven's government, the more authority Heaven entrusts to you. This is not because God plays favorites. It is because authority requires responsibility. God will not give His authority to someone who cannot handle it.

This is the principle Jesus demonstrated. He was subject to the Father. Therefore, He could exercise the Father's authority. The centurion understood this. He was subject to Rome's authority. Therefore, he could exercise authority over his soldiers.

If you want to command, you must first obey. If you want to rule, you must first be ruled.

How God Manages Resources Through Surrendered Vessels

One of the most practical ways Heaven's government manifests is in the management of resources.

When Heaven governs a man, his money is no longer his own. His time is no longer his own. His talents are no longer his own. Everything becomes a tool for the Kingdom.

Apostle Arome shares his own experience:

"When resources begin to flow into your life—finances, grace, intelligence, beauty—Heaven will manage them. Heaven will manage the use of those resources. It's in keeping with that which will bring profit to the kingdom of God."

This is why many believers never see an increase in resources. God cannot trust them. If He gave them more money, they would spend it on themselves. If He gave them more influence, they would use it for their own glory.

But when Heaven governs a man, resources flow through him, not to him. He becomes a channel, not a reservoir. Money passes through his hands on its way to Kingdom purposes. Influence passes through his life on its way to advancing God's agenda.

The Proof of Heaven's Government

How do you know when Heaven is truly governing a life? There are proofs.

1. Such a man is spiritually sensitive. He perceives things that others miss. He hears the Spirit's voice clearly. He

knows when to speak and when to be silent. He knows when to move and when to wait.

2. Such a man has Kingdom priorities. His schedule is not ruled by urgency but by importance. He does what matters to Heaven, not just what screams for attention. He invests his life in things that will last, not things that will fade.
3. Such a man lives under Heaven's influence. His decisions are not driven by fear, peer pressure, or cultural trends. He is influenced by one thing alone: the will of God.

Apostle Arome says:

"A man that is operating under the government of God becomes the legs that God has in a generation to go to places. He becomes the hands that God has to cast devils out at will. Because God has found a vessel that He can possess."

This is the goal. This is what it means to be governed by Heaven. Not just to believe in God, but to be possessed by Him. Not just to serve Him occasionally, but to be His hands and feet in the earth.

The Cost of Heaven's Government

Let no one think this comes without cost.

When Heaven governs a man, he loses the right to himself. He cannot do what he wants when he wants. He cannot spend his money on his own pleasures. He cannot use his time for his own entertainment.

He is no longer his own. He has been bought with a price.

The mature believer has learned that activity without obedience is wasted. He has learned that busyness without surrender is vanity. He has learned that the only thing that matters is doing what the Father says.

This is costly. It means saying no to good things so you can say yes to God's things. It means disappointing people so you can please Heaven. It means missing out on earthly opportunities so you can seize eternal ones.

But the reward is greater than the cost.

Becoming an Expression of Heaven on Earth

This is your calling. This is your destiny.

You were not created to live for yourself. You were created to be an expression of Heaven on earth. You were designed to carry God's presence, God's power, and God's authority into every place you go.

Apostle Arome puts it simply:

"God cannot achieve His purpose except He wields His authority. And He cannot wield His authority except through a surrendered vessel."

You are that vessel. Your life is meant to be the conduit through which Heaven's government flows into the earth.

Do not settle for less. Do not be content with a Christianity that is only about your blessings, your breakthrough, and your comfort. That is not the Kingdom. That is not what you were made for.

You were made to be governed by Heaven. You were made to carry Heaven's authority. You were made to be an expression of God's will on earth.

This is the kingdom life. This is what it looks like when Heaven governs a man.

Chapter 7: Power and Authority – The Two Utensils of the Kingdom

Jesus said something astonishing just before He ascended to heaven. He told His disciples, "**You shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost has come upon you**" (Acts 1:8).

He did not say they would receive a theology degree. He did not say they would receive a title. He did not say they would receive a building or a congregation.

He said they would receive power.

Why? Because the business of the Kingdom cannot be done without power. You can have good intentions. You can have an accurate doctrine. You can have eloquent speech. But without power, you cannot extend the frontiers of God's Kingdom on earth.

Power is not optional. It is essential.

But power alone is not enough. You also need authority.

The crowd in the synagogue witnessed this when Jesus taught. A demon cried out, "**Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth?**" Jesus did not pray. He did not lay hands on the man. He simply said, "**Hold your peace, and come out of him.**" The demon obeyed.

The crowd was amazed. They asked each other, "**What word is this? For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out**" (Luke 4:36).

Notice what they noticed. Not just the power. Not just the authority. Both. Together. Operating in harmony.

This is the secret of Jesus' ministry. And it must become your secret.

Power Is a Gift

The first thing you must understand about power is that it is a gift. You do not earn it. You do not work for it. You do not qualify for it by your good behavior.

Jesus said, "**Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy**" (Luke 10:19). The word "**give**" is important. He gives power. It is not something you achieve. It is something you receive.

Apostle Arome explains:

"Power is gift-based. You don't do anything to qualify for it. Jesus made it available because He knew that we need power to prosecute normal life."

Think about that. Jesus did not give you power so you could feel spiritual. He did not give you power so you could impress your friends. He gave you power because you need it. You cannot live the Christian life without it. You cannot fulfill your calling without it. You cannot overcome the enemy without it.

This is why every believer who has received the Holy Spirit has access to power. It is not reserved for a special class of Christians.

It is not only for apostles and prophets. It is for every son and daughter of God.

Power Is God's Conquering Principle

Power is not just for show. Power is for conquest.

When God wants to take territory from the kingdom of darkness, He uses power. When He wants to break strongholds, He uses power. When He wants to set captives free, He uses power.

The Bible says, "**Through the greatness of Your power, Your enemies shall submit themselves unto You**" (Psalm 66:3). Power compels submission. Power breaks resistance. Power conquers what cannot be conquered by words alone.

Apostle Arome states it plainly:

"If there is a stronghold of the enemy that is operating, if God wants to infiltrate that stronghold, He uses power to conquer. Power is the instrument that God uses to conquer territory."

This means that the power of God is not just for Sunday morning emotional experiences. It is for warfare. It is for breaking yokes. It is for liberating captives. It is for establishing the Kingdom of God in places where darkness has reigned for generations.

The Source of Power

Where does this power come from? The Holy Spirit.

Jesus said, "**You shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost has come upon you**" (Acts 1:8). The Holy Spirit is the source.

He is the dispenser. He is the one who releases power into your life.

But here is what many believers miss. The Holy Spirit does not give you power so you can feel powerful. He gives you power so you can be a witness. The same verse says, "**And you shall be witnesses unto Me.**"

Apostle Arome explains the meaning of "**witness**" in this context:

"It's not talking about evangelism. It's talking about a situation where Jesus is in court and needs witnesses to support His case. Our generation doesn't believe that the claims of Jesus are valid. So an accurate functionary that is adequately galvanized by the grace of God will need to come upon the scene to legitimize the claims of Jesus."

Your life is supposed to be evidence. Your power is supposed to be proof. When you heal the sick, you are witnessing that Jesus is alive. When you cast out demons, you are witnessing that Jesus is Lord. When you operate in power, you are providing evidence for the case that Jesus rose from the dead.

Power Is a Complex Mixture

The Greek word for power in Acts 1:8 is "**dunamis**." It is the word from which we get "**dynamite**." But dunamis has a deeper meaning. It means inherent ability. It also means potential energy.

Think of crude oil. Crude oil is a complex mixture of hydrocarbons. It contains gasoline, kerosene, diesel, and many other products. But in its crude state, it is not useful. It must go through a refinery. Heat must be applied. Pressure must be increased. Only then do the valuable products come out.

Apostle Arome uses this analogy to explain the Holy Spirit:

"Dunamis is a complex mixture. Power can come out of it, just like kerosene, diesel, bitumen, asphalt. One product, many fractions. That's how the Holy Ghost is. If you generate enough temperature, generate enough pressure, it will produce power. If you generate enough temperature, generate enough pressure, it will produce wisdom. If you generate enough temperature, generate enough pressure, it will produce another product."

This is crucial to understand. Having the Holy Spirit does not automatically mean you are walking in power. The Holy Spirit is the crude oil. Power is one of the products that can come out of Him. But you must apply heat. You must apply pressure. You must spend time in prayer. You must exercise your spirit.

The refinery is your prayer life. The heat is your persistence. The pressure is your pressing into God.

Authority Is Relationship-Based

Power is a gift. Authority is earned. This distinction is crucial.

Many believers want power. They want to heal the sick. They want to cast out demons. They want to operate in the miraculous. But they do not want to pay the price for authority.

Here is the truth. Power can be given. Authority must be developed. Power comes from the Holy Spirit as a gift. Authority comes from intimacy with Jesus.

And without authority, your power will eventually fail.

Authority flows from relationship. It is not something you can buy. It is not something you can fake. It is not something you can learn from a textbook. Authority is the result of being with Jesus.

Mark 3:14 reveals this clearly. It says Jesus **"ordained twelve that they should be with Him, and that He might send them forth to preach."**

Notice the order. First, they were with Him. Then, He sent them. Their being with Him was the foundation. Their being sent was the result. They could not represent Him until they had spent time with Him.

Apostle Arome explains:

"If you see a man that has genuine authority, he has something with Jesus. The reason why he can be sent to represent Him in the first place is because he shared the rare privilege of being around Him."

This is why you cannot rush authority. It cannot be accelerated. It cannot be shortcut. Authority is the natural byproduct of time spent in the presence of Jesus. The more you are with Him, the more His authority rubs off on you.

The Difference Between Power and Authority

Power and authority are not the same thing. You can have power without authority. Satan has power. The Bible acknowledges that the enemy has power. But Satan does not have authority.

Apostle Arome draws the distinction:

"Power is gift-based. Authority is relationship-based. It is possible for you to have power and not have authority. It is possible for you to be

possessed with the utensil of power, and because of a lack of intimacy with God, your life does not command commensurate authority."

Think of it this way. Power is the ability to do something. Authority is the right to do something. A thief may have the power to break into a house. He does not have the authority to do so. A police officer may have less physical strength than the thief, but he has authority. And authority always wins over raw power.

This is why Jesus could speak to a demon with a simple command and the demon had to obey. Jesus had authority. The demon had only power. Authority overpowered power every time.

Authority Comes from Being Under Authority

Here is the paradox. To have authority, you must first be under authority.

Jesus understood this. He said, "**I can of Myself do nothing**" (John 5:30). He operated completely under the Father's authority. That is why He could exercise authority over demons, disease, and death.

The centurion understood this principle. He told Jesus, "**I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes**" (Matthew 8:9). His logic was simple. Because he was under authority, he could exercise authority.

Apostle Arome applies this principle:

"If you want to command, you must first obey. If you want to have authority, you must first be under authority. The one who is subject to authority can exercise authority."

Many believers want to skip this step. They want to command without being commanded. They want to rule without being ruled. They want authority without submission.

It does not work that way. Authority is delegated. You cannot delegate what you have not first received. And you cannot receive what you have not first submitted to.

How Authority Functions

Authority is judicial in nature. It does not need to be noisy. It does not need to be dramatic. Authority simply commands, and things obey.

In Luke 13, Jesus encountered a woman who had been bent over for eighteen years. She could not straighten herself. He did not pray for her. He did not lay hands on her. He simply said, **"Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity"** (Luke 13:12). Immediately, she was made straight.

Apostle Arome explains it this way:

"Jesus was operating as a law enforcement agent. He was enforcing the position of the justice system of heaven. The utensil that He used to enforce the position of the justice system of heaven was authority."

This woman was a daughter of Abraham. Satan did not have the right to bind her. But he had found a reason to bind her. Jesus came as a law enforcement agent to correct the illegality. He spoke one command. The authority of Heaven backed that command. The woman was set free.

This is how authority works. It does not beg. It does not plead. It does not negotiate. Authority commands. And creation obeys.

Power Is Noisy; Authority Is Judicial

Power gets attention. Power creates a spectacle. Power disrupts order.

When Philip went to Samaria, the Bible says the people "**gave heed unto those things which Philip spoke, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did**" (Acts 8:6). Notice the two elements. Hearing and seeing. Audio and video. Sight and sound.

Apostle Arome describes it this way:

"Power is noisy. Power is boisterous. Power is a marketing tool. It's a means of getting attention. When power comes into the crucible, it has a way of disorienting the decorum, disorienting the delicate balance of excellence."

This does not mean you should manufacture noise or create hype. But it does mean you should not be surprised when the power of God disrupts your orderly service. Demons may manifest. People may fall. The atmosphere may change. This is not disorder. This is the Kingdom arriving.

While power is noisy, authority is judicial. Authority does not need to shout. Authority does not need drama. Authority simply speaks, and things obey. Why? Because authority carries the weight of the court of heaven.

In the book of Acts, the apostles did not apologize for the noise. They understood that power gets attention, and attention creates opportunity to preach the Kingdom.

Power and Authority Working Together

In Jesus' ministry, power and authority worked together seamlessly.

The power demonstrated that the Kingdom had arrived. The authority demonstrated that the King had spoken. The power got attention. The authority commanded results.

Apostle Arome explains:

"What made the ministry of Jesus different was that He had power and He had authority. These are the two tools that God gives a functionary of His kingdom that is operating under the authority of the head of the church."

Power comes from the spirit realm into the physical to effect changes, break yokes, and bring deliverance. Authority, when released, goes from the physical realm to the spirit realm to effect changes. One brings the Kingdom. The other commands the Kingdom.

The people did not leave talking about Jesus' sermon outline. They left talking about what happened. The power and authority created a testimony that spread throughout the region.

This is what your life and ministry should produce. Not compliments on your preaching or singing. But testimonies of changed lives, healed bodies, and delivered souls.

The Cost of Authority

Authority is not cheap. It costs time. It costs intimacy. It costs obedience.

Jesus spent thirty years in obscurity before His three years of public ministry. He spent forty days in the wilderness before His temptation. He spent nights in prayer before major decisions. He invested in relationship with the Father. That investment produced authority.

Apostle Arome shares his own journey:

"It took me seventeen years of pressing before Jesus came and said, 'Because you have a little strength, and you have not denied My name, I give you the keys of the kingdom.' That was the day He came to give me authority to take His presence and His power to the peoples of the world."

Seventeen years. Not seventeen days. Not seventeen months. Seventeen years of faithfulness in obscurity. Seventeen years of obedience when no one was watching. Seventeen years of staying when everything screamed leave.

That is the cost of authority.

The Danger of Power Without Authority

Here is a sobering warning. You can have power without authority. And if you do, you are dangerous—to yourself and to others.

Power without authority is illegitimate. It may produce results, but those results are not from God. They may impress crowds, but they will not build the Kingdom.

Apostle Arome warns:

"If you don't have authority, these demon spirits believe they have something to do with you. It was when authority came that the demons confessed, 'What have we to do with you?' Without authority, they will have business with you."

People who are demonized may sit in your services, sing your songs, and give their offerings. And they will ensure that your church never reaches its full potential. Why? Because you lack authority. You have not paid the price. You have not spent the time. You have not built the relationship.

This is why some ministries start with great fanfare and then crash. They had power, but no authority. They could perform, but they could not stand. When the test came, they failed.

How to Grow in Both

You need both power and authority. How do you grow in each?

Power grows through prayer. The more time you spend in the Holy Spirit's presence, the more power flows through your life. The refinery of prayer produces the product of power.

Authority grows through obedience. The more you obey God's commands, the more He trusts you with His authority. Consistency in obedience leads to greater authority.

Apostle Arome gives practical advice:

"Cultivate your relationship with Jesus. Cultivate your intimacy with Jesus. And you will begin to see that one of the things Jesus will put on your life to beautify your life and to prove that you have been with Him is that He will put His authority on your life."

Do not rush this process. Do not try to manufacture authority. Do not pretend to have what you have not yet received. Simply be with Jesus. Spend time in His presence. Listen to His voice. Obey His commands. Submit to His government.

In time, authority will come. It will rest on you naturally, like a garment. And when you speak, demons will listen. When you command, sickness will flee. When you decree, things will shift.

Not because of who you are. But because of whose you are. And because you have been with Him.

Summary: Power vs. Authority

Aspect	Power	Authority
Source	Gift from the Holy Spirit	Earned through relationship with Jesus
Basis	Gift-based (you receive it)	Relationship-based (you develop it)
Nature	Noisy, explosive, disruptive	Judicial, quiet, commanding
Direction	Comes from spirit realm to physical realm	Goes from physical realm to spirit realm
Function	Conquers territory, breaks strongholds	Commands and enforces Heaven's will
Example	Healing the sick, casting out demons	Speaking a command that demons obey
How to Grow	Prayer, pressing into the Spirit	Obedience, intimacy, time with Jesus
Without It	You cannot demonstrate the Kingdom	Your power lacks legitimacy and endurance

A Final Word

Power without authority is noise without results. Authority without power is position without demonstration.

You need both. The Kingdom needs both. And both are available to you if you will pay the price.

Seek power in the place of prayer. Develop authority through years of obedience. And your life and ministry will look like Jesus' life and ministry—marked by both authority and power.

Do not settle for a powerless Christianity. Do not be content with words without demonstration. Do not believe the lie that power and authority were only for the apostles.

The same Jesus who said "**you shall receive power**" is speaking to you today. The gift is still available. The Holy Spirit is still pouring out. And the power and authority are still needed.

Ask for them. Press for them. Do not stop until you have them.

Because without power and authority, you cannot do the works of the Kingdom. And without the works, the world will not believe that the Father sent the Son.

Chapter 8: Kingdom Tools in Action

Theory is not enough. Understanding the difference between power and authority is important, but knowledge alone changes nothing.

The Kingdom of God is not in word. It is in power.

This means you cannot merely talk about the Kingdom. You must demonstrate it. You must use the tools Heaven has given you. You must put power and authority into action.

This chapter is about practical application. How do you actually use these Kingdom tools? How do you heal the sick? How do you cast out demons? How do you displace territorial spirits?

Let us move from theory to practice.

Healing the Sick by Authority

Most believers pray for the sick. They ask God to heal. They beg God to heal. They plead with God to heal.

Jesus never did that.

Jesus commanded healing. He spoke to the sickness. He spoke to the demon behind the sickness. He did not ask the Father to heal. He healed.

This is the difference between power and authority in action. Power prays. Authority commands.

Apostle Arome explains:

"When you are dealing with someone that has a healing impediment, you are displacing a demon. That's not difficult. If you have ever done deliverance before and the demons were responding to authority, it means you can heal."

Notice the connection. Healing and deliverance are connected. Many sicknesses have demonic roots. Jesus understood this. When He healed, He often cast out the demon first. Then the healing manifested.

This does not mean every sickness is demonic. But many are. And if you can displace demons by authority, you can heal the sick.

Here is how to put this into practice. When you encounter someone who is sick, do not just pray a general prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the root. If there is a demonic spirit behind the condition, bind it. Command it to leave. Then speak to the body. Command it to be healed.

Apostle Arome demonstrates this:

"I bind the spirit of deafness. I command the spirit of deafness, be bound. Now that you are bound, I command you come out of the ears. I speak to the ear: hear, hear, hear, hear, hear."

Notice the directness. There is no begging. There is no pleading. There is command. Authority speaks. Creation obeys.

Casting Out Demons by Authority

Demons are real. They are not just psychological conditions. They are not just bad habits. They are spiritual entities with intelligence, will, and emotion.

And they must be cast out, not counseled out.

Jesus never counseled a demon. He never negotiated with a demon. He never prayed for a demon to leave. He commanded them. And they obeyed.

You can do the same.

Apostle Arome gives practical instruction:

"In order for you to heal the deaf, you will have to displace the spirit of deafness. That's how the deaf is healed. Every time Jesus had healing meetings, He always cast out devils because demons are behind sicknesses."

When you encounter someone who is demonized, do not be afraid. Do not panic. Do not draw attention to the demon. Simply command it to leave in the name of Jesus. Speak with authority. Do not argue. Do not entertain conversation. Command and move on.

If the demon does not leave immediately, do not give up. Sometimes demons resist. Sometimes they require persistent command. But do not beg. Do not plead. Continue to command with authority until the demon obeys.

Apostle Arome shares an example:

"There was a demon that refused to go. After struggling for a long time, the Holy Spirit told me, 'The demon in this person came from the water. If you do not have authority over the darkness in the water, you cannot cast out the spirit.' So I addressed the spirit. 'You spirit from the water, I bind every reinforcement you are receiving from the water, and I weaken you, and I cast you out.' Instantly, it left."

This is authority in action. Not just commanding the demon, but cutting off its supply line. Addressing the source of its power. Using the authority of Heaven to override the authority of darkness.

Displacing Territorial Spirits

Some demons are not inside people. They are rooted in territories. They are assigned to regions, cities, neighborhoods, and even families.

These territorial spirits must be displaced by authority.

When you move into a new area, when you plant a church, when you begin a ministry, you will encounter these spirits. They will resist you. They will oppose you. They will try to stop you.

You must confront them—not with fear, but with authority.

Apostle Arome shares his experience:

"There is a location somewhere in Africa. The concentration of darkness I saw in that place was intense. I finished preaching, and we went to sleep. Demons came into our room. Their presence was so tangible that I felt literal human touches on my body. I began to pray in the Spirit. I prayed until like 5 a.m., and the intensity left."

He did not run. He did not panic. He used his authority. He prayed in the Spirit. He persisted until the enemy retreated.

This is what it means to displace territorial spirits. You do not negotiate. You do not compromise. You confront with authority and persist until the atmosphere shifts.

Practical Steps to Grow in Power and Authority

How do you grow in the practical use of these Kingdom tools?
Here are steps you can take.

1. **Build your relationship with Jesus:** Authority comes from intimacy. The more time you spend with Him, the more His authority becomes yours. Do not rush this. Do not shortcut this. There is no substitute for being with Jesus.
2. **Exercise your spirit in prayer:** Power flows from the Holy Spirit. The more you pray in the Spirit, the more power is released through your life. Do not neglect the refinery of prayer. Heat and pressure produce power.
3. **Start small and grow:** Begin by praying for headaches, minor pains, and small conditions. As you see results, your faith will grow. As your faith grows, you will attempt greater things. Do not despise small beginnings.
4. **Take risks:** You will never learn to heal the sick if you never pray for the sick. You will never learn to cast out demons if you never confront them. Step out. Take risks. Fail forward. Every great minister of power started as a beginner.
5. **Do not give up:** Not everyone will be healed. Not every demon will leave immediately. Do not let disappointment stop you. Keep praying. Keep commanding. Keep believing. Persistence is part of the path to power.

A Word of Caution

Do not seek power for power's sake. Do not chase manifestations. Do not try to build a ministry on miracles alone.

Power is a tool for the Kingdom. It is meant to demonstrate that Jesus is alive. It is meant to set captives free. It is meant to bring glory to God, not to you.

Apostle Arome warns:

"When you receive honor, do not accept it in your heart. Know that your job description is service. Greatness in the Kingdom is tantamount to your willingness to serve. Don't let anybody make you a master."

Power can corrupt. Authority can inflate pride. Guard your heart. Stay humble. Remember that you are a servant of the Most High God. The power is His. The authority is His. You are simply a channel.

Your Assignment

You have been given Kingdom tools. Power and authority are in your hands.

Do not let them sit unused. Do not be like the servant who buried his talent in the ground. Use what you have been given. Heal the sick. Cast out demons. Displace territorial spirits.

The world is waiting for demonstration, not explanation. The Kingdom advances through power, not words.

Go! Use your tools. Demonstrate that Jesus is alive.

Chapter 9: Entering the Kingdom of Heaven

As earlier stated in chapter 2, Matthew 7:21 is one of the most troubling verses in the entire Bible.

Jesus said, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven."

This verse has caused confusion and fear for many believers. Some have used it to threaten people into compliance. Others have ignored it entirely, hoping it does not mean what it says.

But Jesus meant every word. And understanding this verse is essential to kingdom living.

Saved But Not Entered

The first thing you must notice is who Jesus is talking about. He is talking about people who call Him "**Lord, Lord.**"

These are not unbelievers. These are not atheists. These are not people who reject Christ. These are people who acknowledge Jesus as Lord. They confess Him with their mouths. By the standards of Romans 10:9, they should be saved.

And they are saved. That is not the issue.

The issue is entering the kingdom of heaven.

Apostle Paul explains the distinction:

"Entry into the kingdom of God is by regeneration. But entry into the kingdom of heaven is by a choice to do the will of God. It will affect your soul. If you are going to function in the kingdom of heaven, your soul will come under that pressure to do God's will, to choose God's choices."

You can be born again and still not enter the kingdom of heaven. You can have the life of God in your spirit and still not operate under Heaven's government. You can be saved and still be foolish.

This is what Jesus was teaching. Not everyone who says "Lord, Lord" will enter the kingdom of heaven. Only those who do the Father's will.

The People Jesus Rejects

The people in this passage are not lazy Christians. They are not backsliders. They are active, busy, religious people.

Look at what they say to Jesus: "Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name? Have we not cast out demons in Your name? Have we not done many wonders in Your name?"

These people prophesied. They cast out demons. They performed wonders. By any modern standard, they would be considered powerful ministers of the gospel.

But Jesus says to them, **"I never knew you. Depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness."**

Apostle Arome explains what went wrong:

"Their crime was unauthorized initiatives. They were doing things without Heaven's backing. Even though they had said 'Lord, Lord,' they never submitted to Heaven's government over their lives."

They did the right things, but they did them without the right authorization. They prophesied, but God did not send them. They cast out demons, but Heaven did not commission them. They performed wonders, but the Spirit did not empower them.

They were workers of iniquity. Not because they did evil things. But because they did good things without God's permission.

The Will of the Father

What is the will of the Father? Jesus tells us in the same sermon.

The will of the Father is that you seek first His kingdom and His righteousness (Matthew 6:33). The will of the Father is that you love God with all your heart, soul, and mind (Matthew 22:37). The will of the Father is that you obey His commands.

But more specifically, the will of the Father is that you submit to His government. That you let Heaven rule your soul. That you do what He says, when He says it, how He says it.

The people in Matthew 7 had their own vision. They prophesied because they wanted to prophesy. They cast out demons because they wanted to cast out demons. They performed wonders because they wanted to perform wonders.

But they never stopped to ask, "**Is this what the Father wants? Is this what Heaven is doing right now?**"

The Danger of Unauthorized Activity

Here is the sobering truth. You can do good things and still be outside of God's will.

You can preach sermons that help people. You can pray prayers that get answered. You can give money that meets needs. And still be operating outside of Heaven's authorization.

Why? Because God is not interested in activity. He is interested in obedience.

Apostle Arome explains:

"The extent to which we will go with God in terms of fulfilling His will for us will be determined greatly by our level of compliance in the matter of obedience to God."

The people in Matthew 7 had low compliance. They did not obey. They initiated. They did not submit. They performed. They did not wait for Heaven's timing. They ran ahead.

And at the judgment seat of Christ, they were rejected. Not because they were unsaved. But because they were disobedient.

The Judgment Seat of Christ

This passage is not about the great white throne judgment. That judgment is for unbelievers. This is about the judgment seat of Christ, where believers give an account of their lives.

At the judgment seat of Christ, many believers will be shocked. They expected rewards. Instead, they receive rebuke. They expected commendation. Instead, they hear, **"I never knew you."**

Not because they were not saved. But because they were not submitted.

Apostle Arome warns:

"There are five consequences of receiving a rebuke at the judgment seat of Christ. Five consequences. And I hope you know that the judgment seat of Christ is for believers."

Do not assume you will escape. Do not assume your good works will protect you. Only obedience will stand on that day.

How to Enter the Kingdom of Heaven

How do you enter the kingdom of heaven? Not by being born again alone. You must also do the will of the Father.

This means you must learn to hear His voice. You must learn to discern His will. You must learn to obey His commands.

Apostle Arome gives practical instruction:

"You need to find out what God is doing. What is the will of the Father? When you know what He is doing, then you can align yourself with it. Then you can do it."

Stop running around doing things you think are good. Stop assuming that because something worked, God approved it. Stop measuring success by results instead of obedience.

Slow down. Seek His face. Find out what He is doing. Then do that.

A Call to Examination

Take time today to examine your life. Are you doing the Father's will? Or are you doing your own will and calling it God's?

Have you been sent? Or have you sent yourself? Are you operating under authority? Or are you running ahead on your own?

Apostle Arome concludes:

"If you cannot trace your word of the Lord that He spoke and spoke again and was willing to confirm when you were in doubt, if that is not the basis of what you are doing, then there is going to be such a scenario set up, and you will not be on the right side of justice."

Do not let this be you. Do not wait until the judgment seat to discover you were wrong. Submit to Heaven's government now. Seek the Father's will now. Obey His commands now.

Enter the kingdom of heaven. Not just by saying "**Lord, Lord.**" But by doing the will of the Father.

Chapter 10: The Price of Kingdom Living

Everyone wants the benefits of the Kingdom. Everyone wants power, authority, miracles, and breakthrough. But few want to pay the price.

There is no such thing as cheap kingdom living. Everything of value costs something. And the Kingdom of Heaven costs everything.

Jesus made this clear. He said, "**If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me**" (Luke 9:23). Deny himself. Take up his cross. Daily.

This is not a message for casual Christians. This is a call to surrender. And surrender always comes with a price.

The Cost of Surrender

What does surrender cost? It costs your right to yourself.

You no longer get to decide what you do with your life. You no longer get to choose your own path. You no longer get to pursue your own dreams.

Your life is not your own. You have been bought with a price. And the one who bought you now owns you completely.

Apostle Arome shares his own experience:

"I was in the oil industry for sixteen years. My salary for one month could buy a car. But God told me not to buy a car. Use the yellow buses. I used

them for seven years. He wanted me to understand that the quality of a man's life does not depend on his possessions."

This is the price of surrender. Not just giving up bad things, but giving up good things. Not just avoiding sin, but sacrificing comfort. Not just obeying the big commands, but obeying the small ones.

For seven years, Apostle Arome rode public transportation while his colleagues drove luxury cars. He had the money to buy a car. But God said no. And he obeyed.

This is kingdom living. Doing what God says, even when it does not make sense. Even when it costs you. Even when no one understands.

Choosing Heaven Over Self

Every day, you face a choice. Will you choose Heaven's will or your own? Will you choose what God wants or what you want? Will you choose surrender or self-rule?

This choice is not theoretical. It plays out in practical, everyday decisions.

Will you forgive when you want revenge? Will you give when you want to keep? Will you go when you want to stay? Will you wait when you want to move?

Apostle Arome explains:

"The moment you perceive what the will of God is, you are in a moment of crisis. The crisis is, do I want to do God's will or do I want to disobey?"

Most believers perceive God's will clearly. The crisis is not hearing. The crisis is choosing. And too often, they choose themselves.

They choose their comfort over His command. They choose their reputation over His direction. They choose their plans over His purpose.

And every time they choose self over Heaven, they lose a little more of their kingdom authority.

The Reward of Obedience

Why should you pay the price? Because the reward is worth it.

1. Obedience leads to intimacy. The more you obey, the closer you get to God. The closer you get, the more you hear His voice. The more you hear, the more you know His heart.
2. Obedience also leads to authority. The more you submit to God's authority, the more He delegates His authority to you. The centurion understood this. He was under authority, so he could exercise authority.
3. Obedience leads to fulfillment. There is no greater satisfaction than knowing you are exactly where God wants you, doing exactly what God wants you to do.

This is the reward. Not money. Not fame. Not comfort. But knowing God's plan. Walking in God's purpose. Fulfilling God's destiny for your life.

That is worth any price.

The Test of Delay

One of the hardest parts of kingdom living is the delay. God does not always move quickly. He does not always answer immediately. He does not always show up when you expect Him to.

And in the delay, your surrender is tested.

Apostle Arome shares his long journey:

"For seventeen years, we were on the field pressing. The economy of the land was bad. The ministry was struggling financially. I divided my salary into three parts. One part must be added to the offering so that we could run for another month. We continued like that for seventeen years."

Seventeen years of delay. Seventeen years of sacrifice. Seventeen years of wondering if God would ever show up.

Many would have quit. Many would have given up. Many would have said, "**This is not worth it.**"

And after seventeen years, God came. The breakthrough arrived. The ministry exploded. The nations opened.

But only because he stayed.

The Danger of Shortcuts

The enemy will tempt you to take shortcuts. He will offer you an easier path. He will promise you faster results.

Do not listen.

Shortcuts lead to destruction. Every time you take a shortcut around obedience, you compromise your authority. Every time you find an easier way, you lose your power.

Apostle Arome warns:

"If you become such a powerful man and we cannot trace in your story when you were in Arabia, it means that what you are manifesting as power does not have a relationship platform. You are fake."

Paul spent three and a half years in Arabia before his public ministry. Jesus spent thirty years in obscurity before His public ministry. Moses spent forty years in the wilderness before leading Israel.

There are no shortcuts in the Kingdom. The only path to power is the path of surrender. And the only path to surrender is the path of obedience.

Counting the Cost

Before you commit to kingdom living, count the cost.

You will lose some friends. You will be misunderstood by your family. You will be mocked by the world. You will face opposition from the enemy.

You will have to give up things you love. You will have to say no to good opportunities. You will have to wait when you want to move. You will have to move when you want to wait.

You will be tired. You will be tested. You will be tempted to quit.

This is not glamorous. This is not exciting. This is not the kind of Christianity that fills stadiums.

But it is the kind of Christianity that changes nations.

The Invitation

Jesus is inviting you to pay the price. He is not forcing you. He is not manipulating you. He is simply presenting the choice.

Will you settle for a cheap Christianity that costs you nothing and produces nothing? Or will you pay the price for kingdom living that costs you everything and produces eternal fruit?

This is the price. But this is also the privilege. To know Him. To be known by Him. To walk with Him. To be used by Him.

There is nothing better. There is nothing greater. There is nothing worth more.

Pay the price. Surrender your life. Choose Heaven over self.

The kingdom of Heaven is worth everything you have.

Chapter 11: Your Job and Your Work

Most believers live with a dangerous confusion. They think their job is their life. They think their career is their purpose. They think their paycheck is their proof of success.

They are wrong.

There is a difference between your job and your work. Your job pays your salary. Your work pays your reward. Your job puts food on your table. Your work builds the Kingdom of God. Your job is temporary. Your work is eternal.

Understanding this difference is essential to kingdom living.

The Difference Between Job and Work

Your job is what you do to earn a living. It may be in banking, education, healthcare, technology, or any other field. Your job provides for your natural needs. It is not evil. It is not unspiritual. It is necessary.

But your job is not your work.

Your work is what God created you to do. It is your assignment in the Kingdom. It is the specific purpose for which you were born. Your work may overlap with your job, but often it does not.

Apostle Arome explains:

"Your job pays you salary, your work pays you reward. If you are in the banking industry, and you spend most of your time in the banking industry, you must ask God why He put you into that industry. So that in addition to your job, you are doing your work."

Many believers spend forty hours a week at their jobs and zero hours on their work. They are busy making a living but not making a life. They are earning money but not storing up eternal reward.

This is not kingdom living. This is wasting your life.

Finding Your Work

How do you discover your work? You ask God.

God did not put you on this earth to simply earn a paycheck, pay bills, and die. He put you here for a purpose. He has an assignment for you. There is something only you can do.

Apostle Arome shares his own discovery:

"I remember when I finished youth service. I spent some time to pray, and then God spoke to me and said, 'Go back to Kano.' I said, 'I finished youth service.' He said, 'You finished youth service, but not My work.' I said, 'Eh, there's a difference.'"

There is a difference. Youth service was his job for that season. But his work was disciplining young men under a mango tree. That was what God sent him to do. That was his assignment. That was his work.

You must find your work. You must discover what God has called you to do. You must stop assuming that your job is your purpose.

Your Job Is a Platform

Your job is not your work, but it can be a platform for your work.

God places you in specific jobs, industries, and locations for a reason. He is not just concerned with your paycheck. He is concerned with your assignment. He put you in that office, that factory, that hospital, that school so that you could do your work.

Apostle Arome explains:

"Your certificate qualifies you to enter the platform, but you are there as a kingdom man. An evangelist in the marketplace is an evangelist. There is a work for him for which he needs to do. If you enter a platform, that is a work from Heaven's perspective. You will need to find out why you are there."

Are you in banking? You are there to be a kingdom influence in banking. Are you in healthcare? You are there to bring healing in Jesus' name. Are you in education? You are there to shape the next generation for God.

Your job is not your work. But your job is a platform for your work. Do not waste it.

When God Tells You to Leave

Sometimes, God will tell you to leave your job to focus on your work.

This is not always the case. Many are called to stay in their jobs as salt and light. But for some, the time comes when the job becomes a distraction from the work. The platform becomes a prison. The paycheck becomes a chain.

When God says leave, you must leave.

Apostle Arome shares his own difficult decision:

"On the 13th of January 2003, God told me He would give me a job. He said I should not go into full-time ministry yet. Then on the 28th of August 2020, He said the job has expired. He said, 'Come with Me. I want to take you to the nations of the world. You cannot combine that with your job.' That was how I resigned."

He was earning a good salary. He was respected in his industry. He was climbing the corporate ladder. But God said leave. And he left.

Not because he hated his job. Not because he was lazy. But because his work had expanded beyond what his job could accommodate.

Do not be surprised if God asks you to do the same.

Living with Eternal Perspective

Kingdom living requires eternal perspective. You must see your life not just in terms of decades, but in terms of eternity.

Your job will end. Your career will end. Your salary will end. But your work will last forever. The souls you reach will live forever. The disciples you make will impact eternity. The Kingdom you build will never fade.

Do not reach the end of your life and realize you only worked for things that perished. Do not stand before Jesus with empty hands.

Invest in your work. Invest in the Kingdom. Invest in what lasts forever.

Practical Steps

How do you live this out practically?

1. Ask God to show you your work. Spend time in prayer seeking His purpose for your life. Do not assume you already know. Do not settle for generic answers. Press in until you have clarity.
2. Integrate your work into your job. Look for ways to do your work while you are at your job. Share your faith. Disciple your colleagues. Pray for your coworkers. Be salt and light in your workplace.
3. Be willing to adjust. God may change your job to free you for your work. He may change your work to fit your job. He may change both. Stay flexible. Stay submitted.
4. Do not compare. Your neighbor's work may look different from yours. That is fine. Do not measure your assignment by someone else's metrics. Obey what God told you.

Be that kingdom man. Be that kingdom woman. Know the difference between your job and your work. And pour your life into what lasts forever.

Chapter 12: Understanding Kingdom Timelines

Have you ever prayed and felt like God did not answer? Have you ever waited for a promise and wondered if it would ever come? Have you ever been confused about why God seems silent while you are desperate for His voice?

You are not alone. Every serious believer faces this. And the answer lies in understanding Kingdom timelines.

God operates on a different clock than you do. His timing is not your timing. His seasons are not your seasons. And if you do not understand this, you will grow weary, lose heart, and possibly walk away from your destiny.

Two Words for Time

The Greek language has two words for time. Understanding them changes everything.

The first word is "**chronos**." This is chronological time. It is the time you measure on a clock. It is the time that passes while you wait. Chronos is the time between planting a seed and seeing a harvest.

The second word is "**kairos**." This is opportune time. It is the moment of harvest. It is the window of opportunity. It is the season when breakthrough is possible.

Jesus referred to both of these in Acts 1:7 when He said, "**It is not for you to know the times or the seasons which the**

Father has put in His own authority." The word "**times**" is chronos. The word "**seasons**" is kairos.

Your prayer is not denied. It is not ignored. It is simply moving through chronos toward kairos. And only the Father knows when the kairos will come.

The Purpose of Chronos

Why does God make you wait? Why does He not answer immediately? Why does He let chronos stretch on for years, even decades?

Because chronos is preparation time.

During the waiting, God is working. He is not idle. He is not absent. He is preparing you for what is coming. He is building your character. He is strengthening your faith. He is testing your obedience.

Apostle Arome shares his own long wait:

"I went back to Kano, took a teaching job, because that's the one my family will understand. 'Okay, I'm only teaching for now.' But my real work was under a mango tree without a leaf. Only kingdom men know the true story of life."

The teaching job was his chronos. The mango tree was his preparation. The years of obscurity were his training ground. And when the kairos came, he was ready.

Do not despise your chronos. Do not waste your waiting. During the delay, God is doing a deep work in your soul. Let Him finish it.

The Danger of Missing Kairos

Here is the sobering truth. You can miss your kairos.

Kairos is a window. It opens at a specific time. It stays open for a specific duration. And if you are not ready when it opens, you can miss it entirely.

You cannot miss chronos. Chronos happens whether you are ready or not. But kairos requires readiness. You must be prepared. You must be positioned. You must be paying attention.

This is why the foolish virgins missed the bridegroom. The kairos came at midnight. They were not ready. They had not prepared during the chronos. And the door closed.

Do not let this be you. Prepare during the waiting. Fill your vessel during the delay. Be ready when the kairos comes.

Demonic Attacks on Your Kairos

The enemy knows about kairos. He knows that if he can steal your kairos, he can steal your destiny.

This is why demonic attacks often intensify right before your breakthrough. The enemy is not attacking your chronos. He is attacking your kairos. He is trying to distract you, discourage you, and disqualify you right before your window opens.

Apostle Arome warns:

"Demons will not attack you during chronos. Demons will attack you during kairos time. I will restore to you the years that the locusts have eaten, the cankerworm, the caterpillar, and the palmerworm. Those are time thieves."

The locusts, cankerworms, caterpillars, and palmerworms are demonic agents assigned to eat your years. They are stationed around the corridor of your destiny to prey on your kairos.

Do not let them. Stay alert. Stay prayed up. Stay ready. When the enemy attacks, recognize it as a sign that your kairos is near.

How to Redeem Your Time

The apostle Paul gives us the solution. He says, "**Walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil**" (Ephesians 5:15-16).

The word "**time**" here is kairos. Redeem your kairos. Do not waste your windows of opportunity.

How do you do this? By being filled with the Spirit. The same passage says, "**Be filled with the Spirit**" (Ephesians 5:18). When you are filled with the Spirit, you can discern the seasons. You can recognize the kairos. You can walk through the open doors.

Apostle Arome explains:

"The way the unbeliever deals with waiting is that he gets drunk with wine. But as a believer, you should get drunk with the Spirit. We all need to be high. But the substance by which you attain height is different."

During your chronos, do not medicate with entertainment, comfort, or distraction. Do not numb yourself with television, social media, or busyness. Fill yourself with the Holy Spirit. Pray in the Spirit. Worship in the Spirit. Stay high on God.

Then, when the kairos comes, you will be ready.

Apostle Arome shares a powerful testimony of how he almost missed his kairos:

"I wanted to marry at age 30. I had a chart of how the progression of my life should be. Age 30 was assigned to marriage. Then I was cleaning my car one morning, and a voice said, 'You will not marry this year.' I abandoned the voice. But even though I was binding the voice, the voice kept talking. 'Your marriage is when you are 31.'"

He had the money to marry. He had everything ready. But God said wait. And he waited. One more year. One more chronos.

The next year, he married. Not because the timing finally worked for him. But because the timing finally worked for God.

Apostle Arome concludes:

"The only reason why it worked when it was out of season in human calendar was because we were on schedule in the divine calendar. When a time comes in God's calendar for the actualization of a particular purpose, the grace of God will begin to flow. The power of God will begin to flow."

This is the secret. Do not live by human calendars. Live by divine calendars. Do not rush according to your chronos. Wait for His kairos.

Trusting the Father's Authority

Jesus said the times and seasons are in the Father's own authority (Acts 1:7). You cannot change them. You cannot rush them. You cannot manipulate them.

You can only trust them.

God knows what He is doing. He is not late. He is not early. He is always right on time. His timing may not make sense to you. His delays may confuse you. But He sees what you cannot see. He knows what you do not know.

Trust Him. Wait on Him. Prepare during the chronos. Be ready for the kairos.

And when your window opens, walk through it. Your destiny awaits.

Chapter 13: Proofs of a Kingdom Man

How can you tell when someone is truly operating from the kingdom of Heaven? What are the visible signs that Heaven's government is at work in a person's life?

These are important questions. Not because you should judge others, but because you should examine yourself. The proof is not in titles, not in crowds, not in buildings, and not in bank accounts.

The proof is in the fruit. And the fruit reveals the root.

Spiritual Sensitivity

The first proof of a kingdom man is spiritual sensitivity. He perceives things that others miss. He senses the atmosphere. He discerns the presence of God and the presence of darkness.

This sensitivity does not come naturally. It is developed through years of walking with God. It is the result of a spirit that has been exercised and a soul that has been surrendered.

Apostle Arome explains:

"As you live on that authority of God and Heaven has authority over your soul, you become sensitive to God. Your heart will become tender. You will become sensitive. You will even know when people are hurt. You will know. Because you are not full of yourself."

The kingdom man is not puffed up. He is not arrogant. He is not full of his own opinions. He is empty of himself and full of the Spirit. And because he is empty, he can sense what God is doing.

This sensitivity also makes him compassionate. He feels what Heaven feels. He hurts where Heaven hurts. He is moved by the things that move God.

If you want to be used in healing, you must be sensitive. If you want to hear God's voice, you must be tender. If you want to walk in authority, you must be empty of yourself.

Kingdom Priorities

The second proof of a kingdom man is his priorities. He does not live for the same things the world lives for. He is not driven by money, fame, comfort, or approval.

His priorities are shaped by Heaven. He seeks first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. Everything else is secondary.

This is a kingdom priority. Not avoiding cars, but refusing to let possessions define you. Not poverty, but freedom from the love of money. Not asceticism, but surrender.

The kingdom man can have much or little. It does not matter. His identity is not in what he owns. His identity is in whose he is.

Apostle Arome testifies:

"The reason why I was doing that job was that it empowered me to be able to facilitate and fast-track what Jesus had called me to do. The meaning of it was it afforded me the resourcefulness to prosecute the will of my Father."

His job was not his life. His job was a tool for his work. His priority was the Kingdom. Everything else served that priority.

Living Under Heaven's Influence

The third proof of a kingdom man is that he lives under Heaven's influence. He is not governed by circumstances. He is not controlled by emotions. He is not driven by culture.

He is governed by the Spirit of God.

Apostle Arome describes it:

"He's been managed from the third heavens. His life is an expression of the will of God that is sustained in the third heavens."

This means his decisions come from above. His words come from above. His direction comes from above. He does not react to the world. He responds to Heaven.

This does not mean he is perfect. It does not mean he never makes mistakes. But it does mean that the overall trajectory of his life is set by Heaven, not by earth.

When you look at his life, you see a pattern. You see consistency. You see a man who is being conformed to the image of Christ. Slowly, steadily, surely.

The Fear of God

A fourth proof is the fear of God. This is not terror. It is reverence. It is awe. It is a deep, profound respect for the holiness and majesty of God.

The fear of God is the inner regulator that keeps a kingdom man on track. It is what stops him from sinning when no one is watching. It is what makes him apologize when he has wronged someone. It is what keeps him humble when he is successful.

You cannot fake the fear of God. You cannot manufacture it. It comes from encounters with the living God. The more you see His holiness, the more you fear Him. The more you fear Him, the more you obey Him. The more you obey Him, the more He trusts you.

This is the cycle of spiritual growth. And it is visible in the life of a kingdom man.

Signs and Wonders

Finally, the kingdom man is marked by signs and wonders. Not because he seeks them, but because they follow him.

When Heaven governs a man, Heaven backs him up. When he prays, things happen. When he speaks, things shift. When he commands, things obey.

The kingdom man does not need to hype people up. He does not need to manufacture an atmosphere. He simply carries the presence of God. And that presence produces results.

Healing follows him. Deliverance follows him. Breakthrough follows him. Not because he is special, but because the God he serves is special.

Self-Examination

Now it is time for self-examination. Do these proofs mark your life?

Are you spiritually sensitive? Can you perceive what God is doing? Do you feel what Heaven feels?

Are your priorities shaped by the Kingdom? Do you seek God first? Is your identity in Christ or in your possessions?

Do you live under Heaven's influence? Are your decisions made in response to the Spirit? Is your life moving in a Kingdom direction?

Do you have the fear of God? Do you reverence His holiness? Does that reverence produce obedience?

Do signs and wonders follow you? When you pray, do things change? When you speak, do things shift?

Apostle Arame challenges:

"Can you say you are wise? That everything in your life today is a little expression of that which the Spirit of God from Heaven wants to do in your vessel? Because if that is not the case, it means that foolishness has caught up with you."

Do not let foolishness catch up with you. Pursue these proofs. Cultivate sensitivity. Align your priorities. Live under Heaven's influence. Develop the fear of God. And watch as signs and wonders follow.

This is the kingdom man. This is what you were created to be.

Chapter 14: When God Shows Himself Alive

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the foundation of our faith. If Jesus did not rise, our preaching is vain and our faith is useless.

But the resurrection is not just a doctrine to believe. It is a reality to experience. The same Jesus who rose from the dead is alive today. And He still reveals Himself to those who seek Him.

This is what separates religion from relationship. Religion talks about a risen Savior. Relationship encounters Him.

The Pattern of the Apostles

After Jesus rose from the dead, He did not appear to everyone. He did not show Himself to Pilate. He did not appear to the Sanhedrin. He did not prove Himself to the skeptics.

He showed Himself to the apostles He had chosen.

Acts 1:3 says Jesus **"showed Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days."**

Notice how He showed Himself. Not by doctrine. Not by argument. Not by theological debate. He showed Himself by infallible proofs—undeniable, experiential evidence.

The apostles did not just believe in the resurrection. They experienced the resurrected Christ. They touched Him. They ate with Him. They heard His voice. They watched Him ascend into heaven.

This is why they could not be silenced. This is why they endured persecution. This is why they died as martyrs. They had encountered the living Jesus. And no one could take that encounter from them.

The Necessity of Encounter

You cannot live on borrowed revelation. You cannot survive on your pastor's encounters. You cannot endure persecution on secondhand experience.

You need your own encounter with the living Christ.

Apostle Arome warns:

"A man that has not yet had an encounter with the living Christ—what changed the course of Saul of Tarsus was that he encountered one who was widely known to have died. He encountered Him alive."

Saul was a Pharisee. He knew the Scriptures. He was zealous for God. But he was persecuting the church. Then he met Jesus on the road to Damascus. That encounter changed everything.

The same Jesus who met Saul wants to meet you. Not just with doctrine. Not just with theology. But with encounter. With experience. With infallible proof.

What Encounter Produces

Encounter produces conviction that circumstances cannot shake.

When you have personally met the living Jesus, it does not matter what happens around you. It does not matter what people say about you. It does not matter what the enemy throws at you.

You know what you know. And what you know cannot be unknown.

Apostle Arome shares his own testimony:

"I was born stammering. I could not speak. I was next to dumb. Jesus encountered me. He gave me the ability to speak. Not just to speak, but to communicate precisely, to relate the heart of God to the heart of man. That is what convinced me that He is alive."

He carries that proof in his body every day. Every time he speaks, he remembers. The stammerer became a preacher. That is infallible proof. That is encounter.

What has Jesus done for you? What has He delivered you from? What has He changed in your life? These are your proofs. These are your encounters. Do not forget them.

The Infirmary That Became a Sign

Apostle Arome also shares about a physical infirmity he still carries:

"I was born with facial paralysis. Half of my face is paralyzed. I have gone to Him many times to heal it. He said, 'No, I will not. I am going to give you something. People will look at you, and many will not want to worship you. So I will put this mark on your face. Any time you behold the mark, let the mark speak to you. You are just a man.'"

This is profound. God did not remove the infirmity. He used the infirmity as a sign. Every time Apostle Arome looks in the mirror, he is reminded that he is just a man. The power is not from him. The power is from God.

This is infallible proof. Not the removal of the trial, but the presence of God in the trial.

How to Seek Encounter

If you want to encounter the living Jesus, you must seek Him. He does not hide from those who truly want Him. But He does not reveal Himself to the casual seeker.

You must press in. You must persist. You must refuse to settle for secondhand religion.

Apostle Arome testifies:

"It took me two hundred and sixty-four days of fasting before Jesus spoke to me. Two hundred and sixty-four days. He said, use the power of sight I have given you to deliver them from destruction. And I will open the gates of nations to you."

Two hundred and sixty-four days. Not two days. Not two weeks. Two hundred and sixty-four days of pressing, seeking, waiting, and refusing to give up.

This is the price of encounter. Are you willing to pay it?

The Proof of Your Ministry

Your ministry will only be as powerful as your encounter is real.

If you have only studied about Jesus, you will preach about Jesus. If you have only read about Jesus, you will teach about Jesus. But if you have encountered Jesus, you will demonstrate Jesus.

An Invitation to Encounter

Jesus is still alive. He is still revealing Himself. He is still giving infallible proofs.

He wants to encounter you. Not just in a church service. Not just in a conference. But in your daily life. In your prayer closet. In your quiet moments.

Do not settle for a dead faith. Do not settle for a religion about a risen Savior without experiencing the risen Savior Himself.

Seek Him. Press into Him. Wait on Him. Do not give up.

He will show Himself alive to you.

Chapter 15: Building What Matters to Heaven

Not everything you build for God matters to Heaven.

This is a hard truth. Many believers spend their lives constructing things they think are important—churches, ministries, programs, platforms. They pour out their energy, their money, and their years. They sacrifice their families, their health, and their rest.

And at the end of their lives, they discover that what they built does not count for eternity.

This is not because they were evil. It is because they were not aligned with what Heaven is actually doing.

Kingdom Impact vs. Religious Activity

There is a difference between kingdom impact and religious activity. Religious activity keeps you busy. Kingdom impact produces eternal fruit. Religious activity fills your calendar. Kingdom impact advances God's government. Religious activity impresses people. Kingdom impact pleases Heaven.

Apostle Arome draws the distinction:

"Impact is different from impression. You making an impression is not the same as you impacting a life."

Many ministries are impressive. The music is excellent. The preaching is eloquent. The buildings are beautiful. The crowds are large. But is there impact? Are lives being transformed? Is the

kingdom of darkness being pushed back? Is Heaven's government being established?

These are the questions that matter. Not how many people attend, but how many people are changed. Not how big your building is, but how strong your altar is. Not how many platforms you have, but how much authority you carry.

Raising Men, Not Gathering Members

The apostolic model is not about gathering crowds. It is about raising men.

In Acts chapter six, the apostles faced a problem. Some widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. The apostles could have handled it themselves. They had the power and the authority. But they chose a different path.

They told the congregation, "**Look out among you seven men of honest report.**"

Apostle Arame explains the significance:

"If they could do random selection in the congregation to get people to fill the gaps of administrative leadership, it means that there was a culture of leadership development that was ongoing in the house. These guys were raising men. They were not raising members."

The apostles did not just gather people. They built people. They did not just fill seats. They formed character. They did not just count converts. They created leaders.

This is kingdom impact. This is what matters to Heaven.

The Problem with Members

Members are not bad. But members are not the goal.

Members consume. Men produce. Members receive. Men give. Members attend. Men lead. Members are spectators. Men are participants.

Apostle Arome observes:

"Members always cause problems. They will always be concerned. They will always be challenges. If what you are raising are members. But if what you are raising are men, there were opportunities."

The apostles faced a problem. The members were complaining. The widows were neglected. But the apostles did not panic. They had been raising men. And those men were ready to step up and solve the problem.

This is the wisdom of the apostolic model. Prepare people before the crisis comes. Raise men before the need arises. Then, when the problem appears, you have leaders ready to handle it.

The Chain of Transmission

Kingdom impact is not just about what you do. It is about what continues after you are gone.

The apostle Paul understood this. He wrote to Timothy, "**The things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also**" (2 Timothy 2:2).

Notice the four generations. Paul taught Timothy. Timothy taught faithful men. Faithful men taught others. Four generations of transmission.

Apostle Arome explains:

"The transmission of heritage in the body of Christ as we see manifested in the ministry of Apostle Paul and other apostles was along the lines of faithful men. The emphasis was the development of men, not the amazement of members."

What are you building that will outlast you? Are you raising men who will carry on the work? Are you investing in people who will invest in others? Or are you building something that dies when you leave?

Being Useful to God's Agenda

The question is not whether you are busy. The question is whether you are useful.

You can be busy building your own kingdom and call it God's. You can be busy pursuing your own vision and assume it is from Heaven. You can be busy doing good things that are not God things.

But usefulness to God's agenda requires alignment. It requires finding out what Heaven is doing and doing that.

Apostle Arome shares his own shift:

"My prayer point changed. My prayer point became, 'What do you want to do in my city? Am I part of it? Can you give me a portion of it? I want to be relevant.' My prayer was now trained to be part of an existing agenda that was in the mind of God."

This is the secret. Do not start with what you want to do. Start with what God is doing. Find His agenda. Then align yourself with it. Then ask for your portion.

When you do this, resources appear. Grace flows. Doors open. Not because you are special, but because you are aligned.

The Danger of Building Your Own Kingdom

The tower of Babel was impressive. It was tall. It was technologically advanced. It was a marvel of human achievement.

But God destroyed it.

Why? Because it was not built for Him. It was built for human glory. It was built to make a name for the builders, not to honor the Creator.

Many ministries today are modern towers of Babel. They are impressive. They are successful by human standards. But they are built for human glory. And they will not stand.

Apostle Arome warns:

"When I hear a lot of faith preachers, the pedestal is centered on self. That's the focal point of what God is doing. You get it all wrong. Because even though salvation looks personal, what exactly was the purpose for which He died for you?"

Do not build for yourself. Build for Him. Do not seek your own name. Seek His. Do not pursue your own glory. Pursue His.

That is what matters to Heaven.

Finishing Your Assignment Well

The goal is not to start well. The goal is to finish well.

Many begin with great passion and great promise. But somewhere along the way, they lose their way. They get distracted. They get discouraged. They get disqualified.

Finishing well requires staying aligned. It requires staying submitted. It requires staying obedient. Even when it is hard. Even when it takes longer than expected. Even when no one understands.

Your Invitation

You are invited to build what matters to Heaven. Not an impressive ministry. Not a large platform. Not a famous name.

But a life of impact. A legacy of transformation. A generation of men and women raised for God.

Apostle Arome concludes:

"We need men that have altars that can peep into Heaven through the fire on their altars. Those are the men that can bring civilizations into the earth."

Build your altar. Stoke your fire. Peep into Heaven. Find out what God is doing. Align yourself with His agenda. Raise men who will carry the work.

This is kingdom impact. This is what matters to Heaven. This is your assignment.

Do not waste your life on anything less.

Conclusion: Living the Kingdom Life

You have traveled a long journey through these pages. You have learned about the kingdom of God and the kingdom of Heaven. You have discovered the difference between the foolish virgins and the wise. You have been introduced to the utensils of power and authority. You have seen what it means to be governed by Heaven.

Now the question is not what you know. The question is what you will do.

The Choice Is Yours

Jesus did not force anyone to follow Him. He did not manipulate anyone into the Kingdom. He simply presented the truth and invited people to respond.

The same invitation is extended to you.

You can choose to remain a casual Christian—saved, but not surrendered. Born again, but not obedient. Attending church, but not carrying Heaven's authority.

Or you can choose the kingdom life.

You can choose to let Heaven govern your soul. You can choose to obey whatever God commands, no matter the cost. You can choose to press into the Holy Spirit until power flows through your life. You can choose to build what matters to Heaven, not what impresses people.

The choice is yours. No one can make it for you.

The Cost and the Reward

The kingdom life is not cheap. It will cost you your comfort. It will cost you your reputation. It will cost you your plans. It will cost you your pride.

You will be misunderstood. You will be opposed. You will be tested. You will be tempted to quit.

But the reward is greater than the cost.

You will know God in ways you never imagined. You will hear His voice with clarity. You will see His power flow through your hands. You will watch as sickness flees, demons scatter, and captives are set free.

You will stand before Jesus one day and hear Him say, "**Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of your Lord.**"

That is worth everything.

A Final Word from Apostle Arome

Apostle Arome Osayi has spent decades pressing into the kingdom of Heaven. He has paid the price. He has seen the fruit. And his message to you is simple.

Do not settle for less. Do not be content with a powerless Christianity. Do not waste your life on things that do not matter.

Press into the Kingdom. Seek first God's government and His righteousness. Let Heaven rule your soul. Walk in power and authority. Build what matters to eternity.

He says:

"I don't want to be a man that walked the earth and wasted my life. I choose to live for Jesus. That is my choice. My solemn choice to live for Jesus."

Make that same choice today. Not with words alone, but with your life. Not just in this moment, but every day until you see Jesus face to face.

A Prayer for Kingdom Living

Let us pray together.

1. *Father, I choose the kingdom life. I choose to let Heaven govern my soul. I choose to obey Your voice, no matter the cost.*
2. *Forgive me for the times I have settled for less. Forgive me for the times I have been a foolish virgin. Forgive me for the times I have had oil in my lamp but not in my vessel.*
3. *Fill me afresh with Your Holy Spirit. Renew my mind. Strengthen my will. Stabilize my emotions. Let my soul be a vessel for Your presence.*
4. *Give me power to heal the sick and cast out demons. Give me authority to command and see results. Make me dangerous to the kingdom of darkness.*
5. *Show me what You are doing in my generation. Let me be part of Your agenda. Let me build what matters to Heaven.*
6. *I will not quit. I will not give up. I will press into Your Kingdom until the day I see Your face.*

In Jesus' mighty name, Amen.

Go and Live It

You now have what you need. The teaching is complete. The tools are in your hands.

Go and live the kingdom life. Let Heaven rule your soul. Walk in power and authority. Build what matters to eternity.

And one day, when you stand before the King, may He say to you, "**Well done. You lived the kingdom life.**"

Invitation

If this book has stirred your heart toward a deeper walk with God, I invite you to stay connected. Visit our ministry platform at <https://kingdombooksreview.com> for more teachings, resources, and updates on spiritual growth.

Let your life be a flame. Let your altar never go out. Let the Spirit of God set you apart for His glory and your eternal reward.