



*Sunday, October 11, 2009*

**NEWBIRTH**

Dear Family:

We are embarking upon a fourth quarter journey in which God is imploring us to come up higher. As I mentioned, God is taking up residence in your house and He is going to bless your house for the next three months!

Plan to finish strong because when we enter into the new year, we will not be dreading the year that we just came out of. We will be excited about what God has done, and we will be very focused on what he is going to do.

My heart is very heavy for many of you as you have faced life challenges in 2009 that you never imagined you would face. God has not forgotten nor forsaken you. He is positioning you for your greatest testimony. Plant your feet, stand up strong in your spirit and reach your faith to the high heavens where God can meet you. God wants you to come up higher!

This is not the season to miss service. I urge you to study the scriptures and listen to the messages weekly so we can grow together.

In dealing with our past, each day in this month, I want you to pray the Prayer of Jabez found in I Chronicles 4:10

***“And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, “Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!” So God granted him what he requested.”***

The prayer is composed of four parts. First, Jabez asks God to bless him. Second, he asks God to enlarge his territory or increase his responsibility. Third, he prays that God will be with him and stay close. Lastly, Jabez asks that God keeps him from harm so that he will be free from pain.

I love you and thank you for your prayers as we go higher in Christ!

Amazed By His Grace,

Bishop Eddie L. Long  
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*Revelations 4:1 – New King James Version*

*After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, “Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this.”*

- God is calling us to a high place.

\*\*\*When boarding an airplane, you are told as they close the doors, to turn off your cell phone and all electronic devices. (*Just as John was caught up in the spirit, he closed the doors to the present and got caught up*). Operating these devices may interfere with the airplane’s instruments and take us off course of our destination.

\*\*\*In essence, the command here is to disconnect or turn off our earthly day to day conversation.

\*\*\*For the Lord is in His **“Holy Temple”** and let all the earth keep silent before Him.

\*\*\*After which, you hear a voice that rings through the cabin that says “this is your Captain speaking,” and he gives you information about the flight (i.e., we will be flying at 41,000 feet and how long we will be up in the air).

\*\*\*He is saying, “let me tell you things to come as we journey to our destination.”\*\*\*

Please note: When the captain (on our flight in life it is God) begins talking, nobody else is in charge of the plane, but Him.

\*\*\*You are no longer in charge until he lands us....And when he lands us, he expects us to rule.

\*\*\*Which means we would have to operate in a higher level of conversation.

- We will have to eat the word from a greater dimension, because God wants to give us revelation so we can get back to Adam
- Adam operated by revelation, not information (*five senses*)

**Matthew 16: 13-18 – New King James Version**

***13) When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, “Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?”***

***14) So they said, “Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”***

***15) He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”***

***16) Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”***

***17) Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.***

***18) And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.***

- Simon did not operate off of information from his five senses, ***but revelation which comes directly from God***

\*\*\*Once you get a revelation, you're like a rock unmovable and cannot be shaken till the point that the very gates of hell cannot stop you from moving to the next level.

- This is important because of I Corinthians 16:9

**I Corinthians 16:9 – New King James Version**

***For a great and effective door has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.***

- We have a door standing open, ***but we have great adversaries trying to keep us out.***
- Only through a revelation will you be able to stand.
- For what God is speaking today, it takes God to believe.

**I Chronicles 13:14 – NEW KING JAMES VERSION**

***The ark of God remained with the family of Obed-Edom in his house three months. And the LORD blessed the house of Obed-Edom and all that he had.***

\*\*\*For the next three months, God has come to live and dwell in our house

- You are blessed
- Your family is blessed
- Your children are blessed
- For God has come to dwell with us

\*\*\*For October, he is helping us heal our past, November, the focus will be on our present, and December our future.

**Philippians 3:13 – New King James**

***Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead***