

Cutting- Edge Researchers: God's Battle Axe

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Introduction

I praise the Lord for another set of God's battle axe are set to take the battle to the gates of the enemy, and they are ready to be launched and shot forth. Your trajectory is being prepared and the range of these projectiles are being set by God as He has also prepared the path for you to walk into all the works He has prepared for you to walk in them. We have come to this convocation with the deep sense of divine responsibility to pray and set you apart for the work unto which He has called you.

God has kept you here in the past two years, in an intensive incubation, as it were in the cave of 'Adullam'. You have been so stretched, as to develop and increase the elasticity of your capacity to conceive, conceptualise, concretise, contextualise and create things out of nothing to solve perennial problems in the community and in the larger society for the kingdom and glory of God.

Our first strategy as it is the priority of heaven is to see you walk out of the human nature (the self-life) which is corrupt through and through, and to have the new creation life, even Christ, living in you. It is Christ living in you, Christ at work in you and Christ flowing through you into all the branches of His work on earth that is the hope, the basis and the rationale of the glory that shall break forth in your lives, and by your hands in all you do henceforth.

We have responded to the Lord in setting up this Research and Innovation centre, to raise ambassadors for Christ, who He can take to the gates and with them rule in the midst of His enemies- be it at the gate of Medicine, Engineering, Power and Energy, Research and Academics or ICT business. We are doing all these, so that the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ may be established on the earth, and that through these researches and innovation, you might bring excellence to bear upon the scientific and technological exploits that God has kept in store for those who love Him. It is for you to stand tall at the gates, ruling for Him in the midst of His enemies.

In my charge to the first set, I reflected that...

Great researchers would not leave the pit of their mines or the laboratories of their inventions to get ordinary appointments. They want to remain in the brain box of things. Their joy is to see the result of their researches bring blessings to men and solve real problems on the earth. Their joy is more valuable to them than their salaries. We send you forth as a missionary into this avenue of kingdom service, not just for money. No one must devalue, despise, demean,

disregard and discredit you, as to buy you cheaply off your ground. The kingdom of God must find expression through the things that God has created with clear intentional purposes and we must subdue the earth and make His enemies His footstool even in areas of science, technology and creative arts. For this, have you been raised! This is why you were in PRICE to win the PRIZE for His glory.

And this is still the fulcrum of my charge to you today also. You were brought into PRICE without any price being charged on you, so that you can be focused on winning the Prize... There is a prize, the prize of His high calling, you must run to win. Though worldly goods would be cast at your feet, when the world sees the value you are bringing, their goods is not the prize to win... You are raised for God to do exploits and to set the kingdom of his enemy on fire as the three hundred foxes of Samson did to the field of the Philistines; and as the three hundred men of the Gideon's army dislodged the Midianites in their multitude. You are raised as the young David who with a smooth stone in a catapult brought down the head of Goliath, the giant of Gath and proclaimed victory for the hosts of Israel. You have been trained to use local materials to create innovations through scientific research, to bring verifiable and veritable solutions to human challenges all around us. This is the prize you been raised and launched out to go and bring home to the Kingdom of God.

Hear the word of the Lord concerning you particularly since you came into our hands and for this we have prayed continually for you...

You are my battle axe and weapons of war”,

“Thou art my battle axe and weapons of war: for with thee will I break in pieces the nations, and with thee will I destroy kingdoms; and with thee will I break in pieces the horse and his rider; and with thee will I break in pieces the chariot and his rider; with thee also will I break in pieces man and woman; and with thee will I break in pieces old and young; and with thee will I break in pieces the young man and the maid; I will also break in pieces with thee the shepherd and his flock; and with thee will I break in pieces the husbandman and his yoke of oxen; and with thee will I break in pieces captains and rulers.”

Jeremiah 51:20-23 KJV

“You are my battle axe and weapons of war”, says the Lord... He is the Mighty Warrior, great in battle. Jehovah is His name. What a privilege it is for Him to pick you as His battle axe and with you in His hand, He goes into battle at the gates against His enemies.

I want you to pay very close attention to the tenor of His word to you in this passage. The worker, the warrior and the one who breaks in pieces is the Lord, and you hear Him say repeatedly, “I will break in pieces...”; “I will destroy kingdoms”; “I will break in pieces...”. He is able and abundantly so, to bring down, and throw down, all that has stood for years as mountains and obstacles to His purpose on earth. He has all it takes to execute His counsel, no matter the cost and no matter who is involved. He is the

great God and the whole earth is but His mere footstool. Nothing is difficult for Him to do or bring forth.

But what is amazing is this repeated word, “With you, I will...”; “ With you, I will...”. And this is why you have been recruited for this intensive training. This is the purpose that has been purposed in God’s heart while you were being formed in your mother’s womb. You were formed to be His weapon of war in this end time. You were being prepared to be His battle axe, and the gates in which He intends to use you to dislodge His enemy has to do with your professional skills.

The enemy has occupied those territories unchallenged for so long, to the extent that we have been made to think it is not for the Church, men and women from Zion to venture. And those who even went in had to veil their identity as if Christ is not the Lord over that space. They seemed to have set up their kingdoms and placed therein principalities who boast night and day, *“This has been delivered to my hands and I give to whosoever I will. To have a bite here, you must bow the knee”*. Though we are the salt of the earth and the light of the world, we have accepted to be the salt in the ‘sachet’ and the light under the ‘bushel’. It is time to tear the sachets for the salt to be sprinkled into the decaying earth. It is time to break the pitchers and the bushels for your light to shine and dispel the darkness that is engrossing that area of your calling. It is time to go to the gates to take over and recover all the enemy sits upon.

The three men in David’s army broke through the garrison of the Philistines in Bethlehem to fetch the water from the well at great jeopardy to their lives. They came back victorious! Our King is thirsty to receive your exploits. He is waiting for you to overthrow and bring forth something fresh to quench His thirsts. God has declared war against His enemies, but you are His battle axe and weapons of war. It is with you, He will break all that must broken and shattered in pieces at the gates.

All we have sought God to do in all your training here is for you to become a vessel in His hand. God does not use anyone who has not come voluntarily and willingly into His hands in concerted discipleship. Only the arrows in His quiver is useful and can be used in the day of battle. Your intentional and intensive discipleship exposure in the past two years is to situate you perpetually in His hand and for you to cease being a truant and a free ranger with potentials wasted. We watched you develop your personal devotions, prayer life and ability to call on the Lord for on-the-spot inspiration in the middle of a laboratory process or project design and construction. It is time to engage and call them forth as take your journey from here.

The development of your research capacity, entrepreneurial exposures and the projects you were challenged with is to train your hands for war and your fingers to fight. *“Blessed be the Lord my Rock, Who trains my hands for war, And my fingers for battle—”*
Psalms 144:1 NKJV

You were trained to leap over a wall that could have been hurdles unto you and to see

living by faith as the way by which the righteous live and overcome the world and its systems. Faith in Christ and in His word will make you overcomers in research and innovations. Faith in Christ and total reliance on the Spirit will open doors into mysteries unto you and you will be head only and not tails, you will be above only and not beneath. We trained you not to be a servant of mammon and its appetite. You learned to live above money and you have seen God meet your personal needs and the corporate needs for your training and your feeding and projects in these two years. This is not to be left as you drive out of this camp. It must become your life-approach to every situation that comes your way.

Look at the testimony of another battle axe in God's hands and from there, do take your bearing:

"It is God who arms me with strength, And makes my way perfect. He makes my feet like the feet of deer, And sets me on my high places. He teaches my hands to make war, So that my arms can bend a bow of bronze. You have also given me the shield of Your salvation; Your right hand has held me up, Your gentleness has made me great. You enlarged my path under me, So my feet did not slip. I have pursued my enemies and overtaken them; Neither did I turn back again till they were destroyed. I have wounded them, So that they could not rise; They have fallen under my feet. For You have armed me with strength for the battle; You have subdued under me those who rose up against me. You have also given me the necks of my enemies, So that I destroyed those who hated me. " Psalms 18:32-40 NKJV

Let me put the issues as bullet points for you. I know this will be your own testimonies as well in times to come. It is Him at work in you that is the secret of all the exploits you will record as you take your journey into life from here.

The preparation, equipping and training

- *It is God who arms me with strength, And makes my way perfect.*
- *He makes my feet like the feet of deer, And sets me on my high places.*
- *He teaches my hands to make war, So that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.*
- *You have also given me the shield of Your salvation; Your right hand has held me up, Your gentleness has made me great.*
- *You enlarged my path under me, So my feet did not slip.*

The Pursuit and Result

- *I have pursued my enemies and overtaken them; Neither did I turn back again till they were destroyed.*
- *I have wounded them, So that they could not rise; They have fallen under my feet.*
- *For You have armed me with strength for the battle;*
- *You have subdued under me those who rose up against me.*
- *You have also given me the necks of my enemies, So that I destroyed those who hated me."*

So shall it be unto each one of you. Through the Lord God, our Father, you shall do valiantly in Jesus name. You are a man or a woman commissioned unto a divine assignment. You cannot be distracted with the civilian affairs all around you. Keep a single eye on the Lord and on your assignment. Your consignment is commensurate with your assignment and your allocation will meet you at the location of your posting. Blow His trumpet everywhere you go. Charge the everlasting doors, ancient gates to lift up their heads as the King of glory comes in riding on your back. Lift up prayer uproars against the gates...

“Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory?

The Lord strong and mighty, The Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory?

The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory. Selah”
Psalms 24:7-10 NKJV

Finally,

Keep on your knees at His feet long enough regularly, so you can stand strong and long on feet. Keep the fire burning, pack out burnt ashes, to keep your fire fresh. Keep a single eye on your goals, so your entire body will be full of light, having no part dark. Keep your spirit fervent, gaining fresh momentum every step of the way. Keep in fellowship with the PRICE family as you are growing to be a band of His soldiers in the coming days, taking positions in different parts on the planet Earth. Keep your ears attuned to the final trumpet if He comes before we see you again. Plan to meet up with us in the air. God bless you.