

# The 6th day experience

From eternal past, nothingness of nothing prevailed. Space between space but nothing separates them. No light, nor darkness, no mass, no space, no energy, nor time. Nothing was in space and space was in nothing. Timelessness was denominated in eternity. Then the Ageless God framed the first world from nothing but by Himself as presented in the first verse of the bible (Genesis 1:1). This was the story of the first creation. It is pertinent to note that the first thing God communicated about Himself was the fact that He is a creator.

The chronicles of subsequent events in Genesis Chapter 1:2-25, was not the story of the first creation. It was actually a story of the makeover of what was left of the earlier creation that culminated in the emergence of this present world. Yet again, God created everything except man, from nothing. He said, "Let there be light" and there was light. He called forth so many things and it was. This is a testimony that it is custom for God to make things out of nothing.

This discourse about creation will not be fully reflective without getting to know who God is. There are many ways you can get to know about a person. One way is to listen to the person talk about Himself. In Exodus 3:16, when God was asked to introduce Himself, He said, "I am that I am". "I am that I am" is an indication of ABSOLUTENESS. To be absolute in a particular dimension is to be indescribable inexhaustible. It is to be incomprehensibly infinite, beyond our mind and imagination.

So if we say, God has power, it is a limitation of our words because He does not have power, but, He is ABSOLUTE POWER. It is like an English man saying "the city is a big house". That must be an idiomatic expression of some sort because it is simpler to qualify a house with a city than describing a city with a house. Hence, when we say, "God is holy". It is an understatement because through and through, end-to-end, infinitely He is Holy. Similarly, it is a limitation of our language that makes us use words such as GREAT, MERCIFUL, KIND, GRACIOUS etc. to describe God.

Another way you can get to know a person is to know the person's name, especially when such name qualify an attribute about them. For instance, if you call someone "Shorty", you can infer from the name that the person is short. In Ghana, some names indicate the day the person named, was born. For instance, someone born on a Thursday will be called "Yaw".

We call God by many names but let us briefly consider three of such names that are fundamental to His person. The first is YAHWEH which means, God is "self-existent", He was not created. God is ELOHIM, meaning "the strong one", "the sovereign one", His will is supreme. The third one is ADONAI which means, "Lord and Master". Others names are El-Shaddai, the Almighty God; El-Elyon, the Most High God.

From the foregoing, we need to know that God is absolute in all that He is. You may wonder that when it comes to hell, how would a merciful God allow people to stay in hell forever at judgement. It is because God will also be absolute in judgement.

Let us return back to the creation story. Sequel to the first five days of creation, the creation of man came on the agenda on the sixth day. In Genesis 1:26, man was the first creature whose purpose was declared before its creation. Man was created by God with a slot of destiny in mind. Notably, God declared after the creation of man that what He has created is very good.

Gen 1:27 says "*So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, "Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth."*

This verse presents five levels of blessing. The least level is fruitfulness, which to increase and to be productive. The second level is multiplication, that is replicative blessings in geometric progression. The next level is the level of replenishment. This is the level where you are able to make full when a cup is empty. For example, the Israelites turned the desert into a choice garden. For instance, in a situation where you are blessed and someone requests for food from you and you end up providing added things such as a job, a house or a car. That is the replenish level.

The next level is subdue. It refers to a situation where you start breaking frontiers and taking territories. Because you are taking on new territories, you are enforcing your authority and putting controls in place so that your resources is not infiltrated. The dominion level refers to the situation whereby your blessing is accepted and celebrated by all. Even the devil will acknowledge you are bless. An example is the story of Job; the devil acknowledged to God that he was blessed.

The account of creation provide in Genesis Chapter 1 is a succinct and concise presentation of what happened at creation and subsequent recreation. A more detailed account of what happened on the sixth day was provided in Genesis 2 verse 7: "*And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. (Genesis 2:7 KJV)*".

The Message translation stated that "God formed Man out of dirt from the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life. The Man came alive-a living soul!" (Genesis 2:7 MSG). Man was made from "dirt" which could be called "Humus". The Humus-man from which is derived, human. Dirt is worthless, dirt is valueless and inglorious. If you compare and contrast what man was made from and what man is today, you will be amazed.

The human body is one of the most comprehensive organism that God ever created. The human body is made up of 60 trillion cells and every second, about 100,000 different chemical

reactions take place in your brain. Do you know that the blood vessels in your body, if laid down, is up to 60,000 miles and your heart pumps blood throughout all these miles? That is what we have in the human body. That is how awesome the human body is. This is what God made out of "dirt". If scientists were to create a robot, with all the capabilities and functionalities of a man, how much do you think it would cost and how many years would it take for it to be made?

At creation, God took dirt or dust and I imagine that He laid it down and put all the various body parts where they are supposed to be. Up till now, nobody has ever challenged the design of the human body. Have you ever wished that any part of your body should have been placed anywhere else? God is a perfect God. God is the master designer, the painter of the sky. He displayed His sovereignty in the way you were born. To this moment, how we are born and who gave birth to us are all determined by God. A clear demonstration of His Sovereign will and power.

At this stage, it is important to note that the body was inglorious. It had no glory. It had no life. Then moment of impact came, God breathed into man. He breathed into Humus-man and man became a living soul. Can you imagine the first time Adam became a living soul and opened his eyes and took the first step in the midst of divinity? He had a glorious body, he had a glorious spirit. A spirit that is not defiled, a spirit that knew no sin, a spirit that looked exactly like the spirit of God.

1 John 3 verse 2 stated that "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." (1 John 3:2 KJV). Don't think that if you go to hell, you will go with the level of your body like you have now. The body that will go to hell is the inglorious body. The inglorious body has no residue of God's glory. If any man finds himself in hell, he will be an inglorious body but for heaven bound souls, it shall be a glorious body.

In that moment of impact with God's breath, what was hitherto worthless; the next moment, it was valuable. In one moment, it was bound, the next moment it was free. In one moment, it was dead, the next moment it was alive. When God does things, he does it in a moment. That is how God works. He does not do it in a step-by-step progression like man. That is why man does not understand how God works. God cannot be explained by logic. When God took David, he took him from being a shepherd boy to the palace. How will you explain such a promotion? God's style of lifting is in a moments. God is able to exist in our past, present and future equally. He is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.

What are the implications of this breath of God on man? Let us consider five of them with emphasis on the fourth and fifth implications. The first is that man became a living soul. Man was able to take the first step; he was able to come into motion. Second implication, man became a replication of the trinity. Man became spirit with a soul and a body. The third implication of that breath was that man became veiled with glory. The else-while inglorious body of "dirt" became a glorious being.

The fourth implication of this breath was that man became what God had declared that man will be. In Gen 1:26, God determined the purpose of man before he created man. There is a slot made for man to dominate before man was created. There is a divine slot for you before you were even born. You are who God says you are. I am what God says I am. You can substitute God with "I am" and say, *I am who "I am that I am" says I am or I am what "I am" says I am.*

What you are does not depend on what you are struggling with. It is not determined by the devil, nor by your environment or your circumstances. It is determined by the Almighty God. You are what GOD says you are. You are not defined by "I feel" but rather by the great I AM. The Bible in 1 Corinthians 5 verse 17, 1 Peter 2 verse 9 and Revelation 1 verse 6 says you are a "new creature", "a priest and a king", "a holy nation", a "peculiar person" and "a royalty". And It does not matter what you are struggling with now. When you see an eaglet struggling to fly, you need not pray or do anything about it. The eaglet will surely fly because it is a flier. Naturally it will fly. What God says you are, you will definitely be. You are what God says you are.

When you declare that you are what God says you are, it is a confession of faith. Romans 10 verse 17 says "Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God". The first hearing is your confession through your mouth to yourself. The second level is what you confess through your heart to your spirit. We often say one thing with our mouth and another thing with our heart to ourself. The question is what are you speaking to yourself?

You must know who you are in Christ. You must have that consciousness. It must be in you. It must be exhibited and concurrent with all your thinking. Besides, knowing who you are will determine the level of impact you can create.

*2 Peter 1 verse 2 says, "Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord" (KJV).* Therefore, the knowledge you have will determine your level of impact. Your knowing must connect with your doing for result to be guaranteed. In motivation and management, there is something called the "Sweet Spot". The Sweet Spot is where who you are intersects with what you are doing. That is the reason why when a man locates the purpose of God for his life, knows who God says he is, understands it and starts doing it, his output and impact is maximized. We must connect our knowledge and understanding of who we are to what we do. James 2 verse 17 says "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone." (KJV).

There are two things you need to know about doing. 1 Cor. 3:6 says, "Paul plants, Apollo waters but God gives the increase". There is still planting and watering to be done despite your faith. One of the things you will learn from this verse is Partnership. Sometimes, we operate like silos and are not able to connect. It may take the foolishness of another person to ignite the wisdom in you.

You need to connect; before Paul will have a garden, Paul will plant, and that is his specialization. However, he needs Apollo to water what he had planted. If Paul says that Apollo must not water, the plant will not grow and the increase will be limited. On the other hand, if Apollo wants to have a garden, Paul must plant for him because the only thing Apollo knows how to do is to water. There must be partnership and there must also be specialization. Apollo must be grateful for the skill to water and Paul must be grateful for the skill to plant and each must stay in his calling.

The second part of the verse is even more intriguing. The Bible says, "...but God gives the increase". Despite all the things each one of them does, God still holds the system. He is a sovereign and He determines the level of increase. And God wants us to trust Him for the increase. God requires 100% trust from us. There is a management analogy. When you are boiling water and the temperature rises from 1 degree to 20 degrees onwards to 99 degrees celsius; all you have at this point is hot water. Immediately it gets to 100 degrees celsius, it starts to boils. What is boiling water capable of doing? A boiling water is capable of moving a train. The steam engine is runs on steam from boiling water. When your trust in God is not absolute, you cannot do much, your impact is limited. But when you trust becomes absolute, nothing can stop you. The devil cannot stop you.

The fifth implication of that breath of God is accountability. The breath is not yours and it does not matter whether you are a Christian, Jew, Pagan or a Muslim. It does not matter whether you believe in God or not. The life you hold is not yours. One thing is certain; that is it is appointed onto man once to die and after death, judgment (Hebrews 9 verse 27). One day, that breath will be taken from you. After that death, there is judgment and believers also are not going to be spared. Although, for believers, it will be a judgement to determine rewards.

1 Corinthians 3 verses 11-15 (Message translation) says, *"Take particular care in picking out your building materials. Eventually there is going to be an inspection. If you use cheap or inferior materials, you'll be found out. The inspection will be thorough and rigorous. You won't get by with a thing. If your work passes inspection, fine; if it does not, your part of the building will be torn out and started over. But you will not be torn out; you will survive but just barely "*

Each one of us builds upon the foundation of Christ with different kinds of materials. Some build with wood, stone and diamond etc. For those who build with wood, obviously, it is going to be consumed by the fire. Those who use low quality stones will have the value of their stones lowered after the test of fire. However, those who build

with precious materials like gold and diamond will have the value of their outcomes increased exponentially.

We are going to account for what we did with every heartbeat of the breath we received; all our idle words and actions will be considered. However, in all this, we can count on the finished work of Christ on Calvary. That is the only hope; that is the ultimate focus.

That breath that God breathed into Humus-man was the same type that blew in Ezekiel chapter 37. It was the same type of wind that came on the day of Pentecost in Acts chapter 2. I believe the ministry of the Holy Spirit now is to take us back to the *sixth day experience*. It is to recreate that very moment when we were glorious and pure; when we knew nothing and nobody but God.

For some of us, we can't be restored to the sixth day but we need to start from the first five days of creation. During the first five days of creation, God had to put things in order. You must allow the Holy Spirit in your life to restore order. Second, God turn on the light. For some of us, we need to turn on the light. We have been living in darkness for far too long and the light needs to be turned on.

Third, God separated light from darkness. There is a need for separation and distinction. Our lifestyle from Mondays through Saturdays are often too compromisingly mixed up with those of unbelievers in social and business engagements due to pressure from untamed ambitions and competition. There must, however, be a separation, day from light. We must align with God and take on His identity. May God restore to us the sixth day experience.

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