

## Introduction

Each of us has a Divine appointment with destiny. What is God's Destiny for you? It is time for you to awake, open your eyes and see yourself today not as man sees you but as God sees you.

Jeremiah 29:11-13 - *For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Then shall ye call upon Me, and ye shall go and pray unto Me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek Me, and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with all your heart.*

God is a God of purpose, plan, design and objectivity. You will not be able to see the spiritual destiny God has planned for your life fulfilled until you walk by faith and not by sight.

## The Principle Of Destiny - Knowing God Personally.

When Jesus preached His first sermon, He found His destiny in life as stated in Isaiah 61. Throughout His Ministry, Jesus discovered and fulfilled His destiny through

revelation of the Scriptures. Our Destiny is fulfilled in Him.

Romans 8:3-4 - *For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh. That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit.*

## We Discover Our Destiny In Christ through Prayer

By using the prayer of surrender - the Gethsemane Prayer of Jesus, "not My will but Thine be done."

Prayer brings power, peace and rest. God's providence rules over every one of our lives. He even brings good out of the bad things which happens to us. The urgent call is to surrender to the current of God's destiny for you. Stop swimming against the fast current. Just float with the current. Jesus spent much time in prayer, and on one occasion when He finished praying, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray as John taught His disciples" - Luke 11:1.

In the prayer that is often called The Lord's Prayer, Jesus gave instructions to His disciples on how to pray effectively. In this prayer model, there are 3 vital elements: Communion, Petition and Intercession.

First, we must establish Communion with our Father. We are then encouraged to bring our Petitions. We must also remember to Pray for Others.

Awake To Effective And Fervent Prayer - (James 5:16). When we pray, we should not only talk to God, but we should let him talk to us.

## We Discover Our Destiny Through The Study Of God's Word

*His delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law doth He meditate day and night* - Psalm 1:2.

You need to do something more than just hold the sacred scriptures in reverence. You need to study God's Word day by day and nourish your spiritual growth (1 Peter 2:1-2).

God's Word provides:

- **Promises to Cherish,**
- **Commands to Obey,**
- **Examples to Follow,**
- **Sins to Avoid,**
- **Solutions to your problems.**

The psalmist said, *I have laid up Thy word in my heart that I might not sin against Thee* - Psalms 119:11.

We can only deposit God's Word in our heart by studying it. We should study it for the good of our spiritual life, as regularly as we eat food for the good of our physical life.

Awake to the Word - let the Word of God have a greater place in your life.

### Conclusion

It is God that chooses us, *According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will* - Ephesians 1:4-5.

He has honored us with the freedom to choose where we spend eternity.

God has given us the freedom to our destiny. David said in Psalm 119:30, *I have chosen the way of truth; I have obeyed your Laws.*

As stated in Matthew 7:13-14, we can choose:

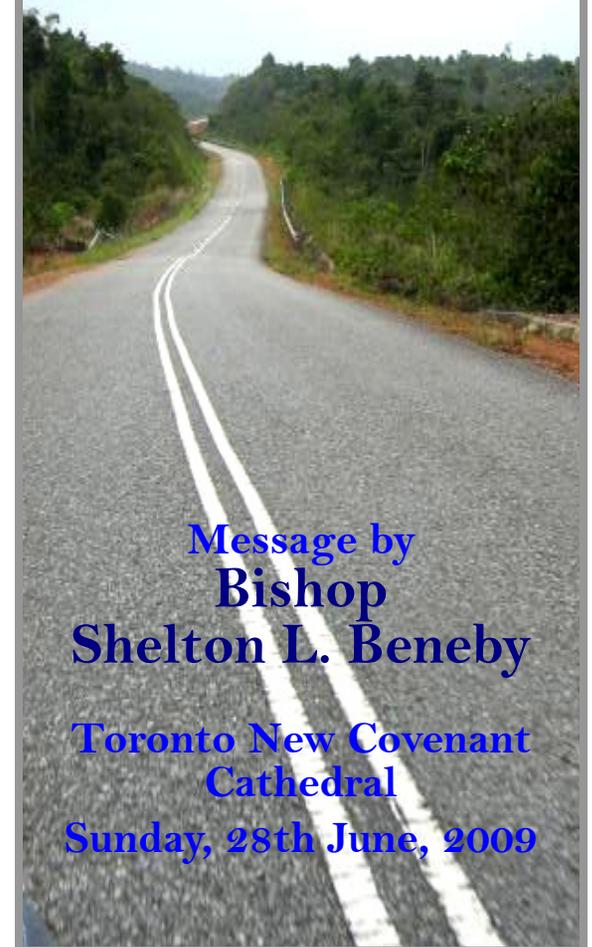
- **A narrow gate or wide gate,**
- **A narrow road or wide road,**
- **A big crowd or small crowd.**

We can choose:

- **To build on rock or sand.**  
- Matthew 7:24-27
- **To serve God or riches.**  
- Matthew 6:24
- **To be numbered among the sheep or the goat.**  
- Matthew 25:32
- **Our final destination...  
Heaven or Hell.**

God gives us choices, and these choices have eternal consequences. You have the power to choose your destiny. Romans 10:9-10, *But if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.* \*

# "God's Destiny For You"



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