

## ENLARGING YOUR COAST

Pastor Solomon

The theme of this convention is enlarging your coast and there is a sub heading that says God wants you to prosper in what you are doing.

Job 8:7

There is nothing wrong in little beginnings but our little beginning in God's own eyes should be a thing of the past at a given time. It is wrong for you to remain small all your life. God is a God of development; he can turn nothing into something. He can make something that is very small to be big. That is why he said in Job 8:7, that though your beginning was small, your later end will greatly increase. This is because God would prove Himself by making your small to increase. God is not a failure; there is what we call God's time principles. When you are following God, the first thing you have to note in your life is to get to know the kind of God you are following. By the time you have the principles of God and you start applying them to your business, to your career... it is then you will know the Creator (that He is a Creator).

If you look at the lives of many Christians today, you would see that they are failing, at times I hear some of them saying: Anything that I put my hands on does not work. But the only thing I have put my hands on is working and prospering and I can tell you that God is not a God of failure. The secret of prospering is not to join a secret cult but the secret of sustaining success is in the Lord and in the Lord alone. I want to tell you something, crisis will come, shakings will come but you are on your way to success. Amen.

Paul said there was a great door that was opened unto him but that there were many adversaries. Which simply means that when God starts prospering you enemies will begin to come and this is where some of you are not wise because when God starts prospering you, you then become loose and forget that you have an enemy. When God created Adam and Eve, they had a coast and God told them what to do and what not to do, but the devil came and made them to lose their coast and not only that, he made them slaves also. Though my business, education, ministry starts in a small way but the focus is that I would not remain small but increase. And you would ask me why? This is it, the first thing is that you have to have a coast, before your coast can increase.

Genesis 2:7-18, 1:26-

When God created man, he gave him a coast and gave him divine principles (that is what he should do and what he shouldn't) God has a coast for every one of us. What is a coast? A coast is what God has given you to do, it may be that you are in the ministry, a pastor, lawyer, farmer etc. But if you have no coast, it means that God will not have anything to bless or enlarge. That is, you must have something doing. But how many of you have something you are doing? Some of you are idle (not doing anything) yet you are praying to God to bless you. You must have something that you are doing. When God created man, he gave him something to do. And God told man to have dominion (i.e. You). Because God made us like Himself and because he has dominion over everything, we are to have dominion like Him.

God has not made you a failure. Failure is not in your blood. The reason why the devil is succeeding in your life is ignorance. So I want to tell you, put that burden and fear aside and get up to succeed. God can turn failure to success. I was a failure when God met me. The mistake man made was that when man lost his coast, they began to worship the creature rather than the creator. Can you imagine, Alligator was made for you to eat, but you are worshipping it, and it has now become your god. God forbid. Brethren, until you come out of ignorance, you will not succeed and when the devil knows that you are no longer ignorant, he begins to fear and respect you.

God has put something in your hands to prosper you. But some of you have allowed the devil to steal it. And after this convention, those of you that have lost it, God is going to help you to regain it, and those of you that never had it, God is going to give it to you, also those of you that have it and are pursuing it with lack of commitment, God will begin to help you to run at a speed. From the beginning, God never cursed us, His intention was to bless and after He made man and woman, the first thing He did was to bless.

When God created you, he told you what to do and what not to do. This is what God did to

Adam and Eve, he gave them everything and blessed them, but He told them that there is a tree of which they are not to eat, but they ate of it. And that is what is happening today that is making many Christians not to succeed. Ask yourself if there is a tree in your coast/garden that you are not supposed to eat but have eaten from. Some people spend their time questioning God, why did you allow that tree to be there, or why did you create the devil when you know that he would disobey you? You will keep asking questions that will not be answered but for me I will keep to all that God has commanded me.

God told Adam, everything is yours except one. Let me give you a key, God said I will bless you but the only thing I need is your tithe (10%). He gave you 100 and wants you to take 90 and give Him only 10, but what are you saying? Or you have 100 yams and God says, give 10 and take 90, but you will tell God, let me take all the yams this time, later I will not only give you 10 but even 30. Look at you, you are not talking about the present but you are talking about the future. What if the Lord comes back immediately? What would you have to say? But you were blaming Adam, not considering that what you are doing is equivalent to what he did. Brethren judge yourself.

Prosperity/ Success : Joshua 1:5

If you look at Joshua 1:1-8, you would discover that God wants us to prosper and to have good success. So you don't have to belong to a prosperity church for you to prosper. God has laws and rules governing what He does. He said that he is going to give us prosperity and success but you have to do what He wants.

The first thing he wants you to have is the word (the word of God). I see a lot of people going to the house of God without carrying their bibles along, some don't read theirs when others are reading, neither do they study it. How many of you in the university still follow God's word? God says: don't turn from my word, but many people do, because they lack courage. When you turn away from God and you are failing, you come for prayer, no amount of prayer that is done on your behalf will be answered by God. The bible says: thou shall not forsake the assembly of yourselves together, but some of you don't come to fellowship regularly yet you say you want to prosper. You need the word to prosper, move away from everything that is taking you away from God and His word. The Bible says in the book of Joshua, that we should not neglect any part of God's word and by obeying this, we would become prosperous. I am made for success and for prosperity. I will walk with the father, I will obey Him, I will remain in that garden He has given me. Always meditate on the word and confess it with your mouth. But many believers do not speak the word. You need to hear what they say. How many of you have spoken the word for the past 7 days? How many of you speak the word when you think about your situation in life? Some of you are always negative in your speech. Speak the word, meditate on it in your heart and God will confirm it, never be tired, refire in the name of Jesus because the God that you serve will never forsake nor fail you because He said to Joshua, I will never leave you nor forsake you. So I will apply His word, I will stay in His word, because His word is powerful, I need to abide by His word and until you begin to do this, you will keep struggling, If you take the word of the Lord and put it aside, you run a risk because you are running the race without the word of God.

Morning session

2<sup>nd</sup> Day – Saturday, 15/12/07

God wants to reveal a lot to His people but He wants us to understand all that he has for us, so that we can utilise it. God wants a situation whereby you begin to make use of what He has given you. God wants to bless his people, so we should position ourselves so that we will be able to utilize that which God has blessed us with. He has made us governors to govern that which he has given unto us. He gave us authority.

Deuteronomy 28:1 to the end

God does not want you to have only for a while but he wants us to have and to continue to have. The reason why some people's life is so full of failure is because they don't obey the voice of the Lord. That is why you need the Holy Spirit to guide you to all truth, so you have to go deeper in your relationship with God because God has not made anybody to fail. He is the God of yesterday,

today and forever. Do you listen to the spoken word of God? The bible says, do not lean on your own understanding because the way of man leads to destruction. The wisdom of man is what God looks on as foolishness. If you are a plantain seller and after you have gathered plantain and want to go to the market and God says "Don't go!", how many of you will obey that? You might say that the plantain would get spoilt and God tells you to sell it to your villagers. Then you say that they will buy it cheap and you kick God's spoken word out of your life.

God is a God of opportunities. God says in Deuteronomy that if you obey His voice that he would pour His blessings upon you and that the blessings shall overtake you. When people are complaining of enemies, I just laugh because it is when you are not obeying God that your enemies can defeat you. When you are obeying God, you would no longer be complaining of your enemies but they would be complaining of you. I am surrounded by God and His host, don't let the enemies put fear in your heart, put fear in their mind. I meditate on what the Lord is saying, not on the ideas of men because at the end of it all, He would confirm His word and not the ideas of men, but when you push God's word away, he would have nothing to confirm and it would mean that you have pushed God Himself away because God and His word are inseparable. Pray that God will put in your hand what belongs to you. The bible says that when you obey Him, if your enemies come one way, they would go/flee in seven ways. For this reason I would stay with the Lord. These are things that I meditate on day and night. The reason why they would flee in seven ways is because they saw in you what is bigger than themselves. When soldiers came to the house of Elisha to arrest him, Gehazi saw them; he was afraid and ran to tell Elisha, but Elisha replied by saying that they that are with them (Elisha and Gehazi) are more than they that are with those soldiers, and Elisha asked God to open Gehazi's eyes and Gehazi saw chariots of fire and horses. Elisha came out and commanded all of them to become blind and it was so, but instead of killing them, he gave them food to eat. When you don't listen to God and you don't obey His word, you would become a shame but when you obey God, your enemies would be smitten before you.

Some of you value what the devil has more than what you have, but as for me, I value what I have. Because you obey God, he would command His blessings on what you are doing, and upon your land that is; your coast that He has given you. Some of you are only working for blessings but you don't want to be holy. For as much as God wants you to prosper, He also wants you to be holy. The Lord wants to establish you unto Himself: a holy people. Your wealth is not going to come through planting of morocco but it will come through your faithfulness to God. What do people around you see in you? Do they recognise God in you, do they see that you are holy and covered by the word and power of the Lord?

You will become a giver and not a borrower. But what are the people around you seeing in you? Do they see you doing what they do? The Lord say's "If you would obey me, I will bless your Land, cattle and your storehouses." If you are lazy, doing nothing, you would not prosper, because God say's He would bless the labour of your hands but if you don't have anything doing what will He bless? If you like enjoyment, work for it. God will never bless a lazy man. A lazy man is a complainer. God said, we should not go aside from His word. He does not love hypocrites. But if you don't obey God's word, curses shall be upon you and shall overtake you and all the blessings that would have been upon you if you had obeyed God's word would turn to uncountable curses. Psalm 1:1-

The bible says that the man, who does not walk in the counsel of the ungodly, is blessed. The man God would bless is that person that takes delight in the word of the Lord to meditate on it day and night. People who are cursed, curse others but people who are blessed bless others. Some people don't take delight in God's word because they feel that God would prevent them from what they want to do, yet they want God's blessings. There is no way someone is holy and God is not blessing him. Because if you are holy, God must prosper you, there are so many places prosperity is found in the bible, this is to tell you that just as God is a holy God, He is also a prosperous God. Grab this message, use it in your life and you would discover that God does not show favouritism. If He did it for Mr A He would also do it for Mr B. The bible says that the person that has delight in God's word would be like the tree planted by the river side, whose leaves shall not wither and whatsoever he does shall prosper. God would give you wisdom to succeed, and that is the wisdom that he gave to Joseph in Egypt to conquer famine. God has told me here that blessings are mine. I

will never wither and I will prosper in whatsoever I do.

3 John:2, Genesis 22:15

God is not against blessing. He wants to bless those who follow Him with all their heart. He told Abraham that He would bless him and multiply him because he obeyed his voice. Blessings come from God and it is by obeying God and doing what he has asked you to do. It is like partnership. You do your part, God will do his part., and you will stop begging and be giving always. This year we are entering, there is going to be a lot of things that God would do for us. As many of those that would not argue and contend with the Lord, that would stay with the word of the Lord, that would not give themselves to the devil, will prosper.

Evening Session.

Working with our hands. You have hands and God also have hands. In the book of Isaiah, it says God will uphold you with his right hand of righteousness. God created our hands for us to work with. From Genesis, we saw that even from the beginning when God gave man the garden and all the things, He told them to subdue it. And He also spoke of blessing everything we do, so we must go and look for something to do and this would not only be for us to feed ourselves but also for us to give out, to use for God's work and also to use to fulfil God's plan for our lives. If you do things just only to be able to feed yourself, it shows that your vision is small and not big and this is the reason why so many people keep struggling. You are not only created for food but to fulfil God's purpose for your life, and to create history. And when God sees that you are thinking like Him, He would want to fulfil your dreams also.

Why do you want to be rich? So many people want to be rich because they want to be equal with their mates. This is a wrong vision. The reason why so many people do not receive from God when they ask is because they ask to consume it upon their lust.

James 4:1

What is the reason why you want to be blessed? How many times have you seen people in need and be moved towards them, thinking how you can help them? People that think like this are people that God will bless. Some of you would see this kind of people and drive past them, pouring them dust, God can never bless this kind of people, they would rather join those they are despising one day. Are you going to oppress people with your wealth or you are going to uplift them with your wealth? You are not concerned with the gospel but you want to consume your wealth upon your lust. You might say pastor, I am not like that. But the little God has given you, what have you done with it?

Psalms 128:1-5, Proverbs 6:9-11

God is telling you to work so that He can bless the labour of your hand. A little sleep, a little slumber and a little folding of the hands and poverty will come upon you like a vagabond and want like an armed man. Instead of some girls to work with the hands God has given them, they prefer to prostitute while the boys engage in 419/robbing. Instead of doing this, go to God and ask Him to give you something to do and to bless you so that you can bless others.

Proverbs 20:13, 2 Thessalonians 3:10-12

God did not say you should not sleep at all; the sleep God is referring to here is laziness. Instead of you to be thinking of what to do with your hands and get God's blessings, you are thinking of selling your children into prostitution. If it is school, go to school or if not, get something doing and tell God: "This is what I am doing, this is the labour of my hands, bless it." The beginning of anything you are doing would surely be tough. The power you use in praising someone so that he can give you something, you can use it to find your coast. The bible says "he who would not work let him not eat". Lazy people should stop bothering other people with their problems and should go and work and earn their living. Most of what people are doing today is what they did not plan, plan your life with God now, don't let anybody deceive you. Pastors and leaders, if there be any of your members not doing anything, tell them "I command you, go and find something to do". Settle down, work and earn your own living. God wants you to work, eat and also give.

Isaiah 55:10, 2 Cor. 9:10

God is going to put seeds in your hand, the seed might not be money, it might be intelligence, it might be an idea. When you take a seed, that seed is pregnant with many things. You may not have everything at the beginning but God is going to put a seed in your hand and if you obey God, meditate on His word and always confess it, God will increase you. Take time, be diligent, observe and understand where you are good, plant it and watch it grow. Some of us are looking at those whose seed's are blossoming who are in the period of harvest. We are all sowers; God gives seed to the sower. People eat their seed and become wretched; they are looking for wealth from abroad and not from above. The nations that are giving donors grow in prosperity, while the nations that are receiving remain poor. This is because when the donor gives, the receiver does not use it to invest but consumes it and has nothing left. Your uncle is giving you money, that money is a seed, your education is your seed, some people feel that seeds are small and don't want to start with it, but if you eat your seed, you will never be satisfied. People are never patient with their seed.

3<sup>rd</sup> DAY 16/12/07

When I have a coast and I am working, how do I improve, expand, get God's favour, get a multiplication? What should I do with the small seed that I have?

The first thing is to have a large heart and to dream big. The bible says that your beginning was small but it should grow big. The purpose why I am dreaming big is not to fulfil my pride, is not to consume it upon my lust, but for the glory of God.

James 1:27

As God is blessing your business, if you really have a dream to expand, the first thinking you are to do is found in the book of James, which wants us to visit and care for the fatherless, widows, orphans and the needy. Think about young children who have no parents and think of training them as God blesses you, this is one way you can enlarge your coast. God has a special concern for people that have no parents. Children from broken homes and children from very poor homes are like orphans too. How do you care for them? Look at the widows, how do you treat them? God wants us to care for them.

Haggai 1:1

At a particular time in Israel, people built their houses and were okay with that, but the house of the Lord was not built, it laid in ruins, the consequence of this was that the salaries of those that were working and doing business were never enough for them. They were not progressing, so God sent a prophet to them to tell them that they are putting money in bags with holes, because they left the house of God unbuilt. Some felt unconcerned, feeling that it wasn't yet time to build God's house. When you abandon God's house, you would be like this set of people in the bible.

If you build a house, for the Lord and take God's house as your own, you will progress and enlarge. Be concerned and build a house for the Lord, then you will see if God would not block all the leakages in your life.

Malachi 3:8-12, Luke 6:38

When you have a coast and you want to enlarge it, you must be able to care for the widows, orphans, the needy, you must be able to build a house for the Lord and by so doing you would enlarge your coast. So many people are robbing God by not paying their tithes and offerings. When some people pay their tithes, they monitor how the tithe is used. When you pay your tithe, remove your mind from it. How many of you are not robbing God? The secret by which you can enlarge your coast is by paying your tithes and offering. The bible says there will not be enough room for you to store your blessings when you are faithful in paying your tithes and offerings. It is not enough to work but what comes in? The bible asks us to give and when some people give, I discover they don't get anything back because they give wrongly, some of them give to people in order for them to get back from them in future. What is the motive of your giving? Why are you giving into that family? Are you eyeing a boy or a girl there? Don't bring curses upon yourself. Until you imbibed the culture of giving, you will never be rich. Faith, obedience, giving are three words to

success. It is the one key that has three mouths but the 4<sup>th</sup> is working with my hands. Be connected to above, then above will open the treasures of heaven to you.  
Luke 4:12-14. 2 Cor. 9:6-7

The bible says in Luke that when we want to give we should not only give to people who have to repay us but we should give to the poor. Learn to be a sower in giving, sow into people's lives what you will reap in life, sow good seeds on a good ground and by so doing you would have a bountiful harvest. I need a job, I want to sow my lack of job, father I am sowing this seed so that you can give me a job. Finally, be part of those that invest in the ministry, attach yourself to a ministry of someone who is fulfilling God's call and he is giving to expand that call, and invest there.  
2 King 4:8-37, 1 King 12:8-24, Romans 16:3-4, 1 Cor. 16:15-18, Luke 8:1-3

Some women and many others in the bible became part of Jesus ministry and were investing into it, attach yourself also to a ministry that is impacting God's word into your life and sow into such a ministry, by so doing, your coast would be enlarged. Paul recommended Priscilla and Aquila, he said that they were his helpers in Christ who had laid down their necks for him, they believed in Paul's ministry. How many people in this ministry can I speak of like that?

The widow at Zaraphath had only a little meal but Elijah, the man of God, commanded her to cook for him first before she can go and cook for herself and her child and God multiplied that little meal and it was sufficient to feed this widow's household and Elijah for many days. God said I should tell everyone in this convention that if you would do everything you are taught in this programme, you will never lack all your life but you would prosper. What you are doing for a man of God is being done for God. The shunammite woman built a house for Elisha so that he always had a place to rest whenever he passed there and she was also giving him food and God provided her need by giving her a son. She sowed away her barrenness with what she had.

This message was given to you in order to elevate your life. If you do this, next year by this time every one of us will have testimonies to share of the great and mighty things God did for us. By this time next year a lot of you would move into your own houses. A lot of you would be having jobs IN JESUS NAME. AMEN.