

SERMON TITLE: THE IMPOTENCY OF HUMAN DEVICES AGAINST GOD'S COUNSEL

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Hallelujah!

In the name of the Almighty God, I welcome every one of you today into His presence and the joy of His resurrection. I pray that the Lord God, who manifested His power over the setting of man, will manifest His power in your lives. I do not know what devices your enemies may be using against you, but by the power of resurrection, you shall be exonerated in Jesus' name.

On behalf of my family, and in the name of the Almighty God, I sincerely appreciate every member of this great parish, both home and abroad. I thank you especially because you have shown that you are ready to serve God according to His will, through constant teaching and continuous learning. I pray that as you diligently seek Him, God in His dignity and honor will answer your prayers.

I want to thank our fathers in the altar, the Council of Elders, our mothers, and the seven elders. I also extend my appreciation to the Parish Council, every department in the church, the Choir — although, Choir, I feel today the arrangement of your instrumentation lacked cohesion. I pray you work on this, for the glory of God.

I appreciate the Prophets and Prophetesses, the Sidesmen and Ladies, the Youth Fellowship, the Evangelism Team, the Welfare Team, the Juvenile Harvest Committee, and every other department — you are all doing a great job. May the Lord God of Hosts bless you all abundantly.

Finally, I want to thank the workers — those who have laid down everything for the ministry. I pray for you: the Lord God who appointed you for this purpose will never depart from you. **Amen.**

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Before we go into the main message, I would like to break a little protocol to allow the Chairman of the Moriah Crusade Committee to come forward and address us. Ordinarily, all extra announcements are taken after collections, but because this crusade is crucial and fast approaching, I have permitted him to create awareness today.

Brethren, this crusade is part of what the Lord has sent us to do. I appeal to everyone to pray and prepare for that day, because the Lord God who commissioned us for this purpose will meet you at the point of your need in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

MESSAGE: THE IMPOTENCY OF HUMAN DEVICES AGAINST GOD'S COUNSEL

Today, as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, which perfected His mission here on earth, I will be speaking on *“The Impotency of Human Devices Against God’s Counsel.”*

We must understand that God's counsel is like a coin — it has two sides.

The first side is a **check against political maneuverings and evil imaginations** of those who think they can manipulate destinies. God’s counsel checks and restrains them because there is a God in heaven who laughs over them.

I don't know which power or principality is politically or spiritually playing with your destiny this year, but the God of heaven shall laugh at them in Jesus' name.

They may have succeeded elsewhere or in the past, but henceforth, every political maneuvering against the purpose of your life shall be put to public shame.

That is the **first side** of the coin of God’s counsel.

The **second side** is a **comfort to God's people**. No matter what warfare or challenges arise, God’s good and perfect plans for us shall be accomplished in due time. The vision is for an appointed time.

Habakkuk 2:2-3 says: *“For the vision is yet for an appointed time; but at the end, it shall speak, and not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.”*

Turn to your neighbor and say, **“My destiny will speak!”** Say it with confidence — **“My destiny will speak!”**

I speak prophetically into your life today — whatever good thing has been delayed by human schemes, by the power of resurrection, it shall come to you in the name of Jesus Christ.

Proverbs 19:21 is our memory verse: *“There are many devices in a man’s heart; nevertheless, the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand.”*

Say it again — **“Nevertheless, the counsel of the LORD shall stand!”**

No matter what man devises, God’s counsel shall prevail. I declare to every delayed promise in your life — the Lord God of resurrection shall accelerate it for you.

Human beings, by our natural inclination, design things according to personal interests. That is how the world is now, full of self-centered intentions. But no matter how people plan, as long as you carry God’s glory, their plots will amount to nothing. God will override it.

If you believe, shout **Amen!**

PSALM 2: WHY DO THE HEATHEN RAGE?

David in **Psalm 2:1-2** said: *"Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against His anointed, saying..."*

Why are they conspiring? The moment you begin to rise, your enemies will begin to fall. The rising of your glory means a decrease for your enemies, whether they like it or not.

Verse 4 says: *"He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision."*

When God has decided to glorify you, no power can stop it. Even if enemies gather, they shall be scattered.

I declare, if anyone after today attempts to compete with your lifting, the Lord God of resurrection shall disgrace them publicly in the name of Jesus Christ.

THE RESURRECTION STORY (MATTHEW 27:63-66, MATTHEW 28:2-4)

In **Matthew 27:63-64**, the chief priests and Pharisees remembered that Jesus had said He would rise again in three days. So, they went to Pilate and said: *"Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' Command, therefore, that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day."*

They plotted to stop the resurrection. They sealed the tomb and placed guards there.

But **Matthew 28:2-4** says: *"And behold, there was a great earthquake; for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow. And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men."*

Hallelujah! The power of resurrection caused those sentinels to fall like dead men.

I pray for you today: every demonic delegate assigned to stop your rising shall become as dead men in Jesus' name!

Not only did the angel roll away the stone, but he sat on it — meaning that obstacle would never be effective again.

You will pray:

"Almighty God, every set barricade against my moving forward, by the power of resurrection, roll it away and sit on it, in the name of Jesus!"

Whatever constitutes a blockage to your success is rolled away and bound forever by the power of resurrection.

WHY SEEK THE LIVING AMONG THE DEAD?

When the women came to the tomb, the angels asked them: *"Why seek ye the living among the dead?"*

Your position is not among the dead — your glory is rising. I declare to you: **"I'm going higher today!"** Hallelujah!

Whatever identity of failure or stagnation still clinging to you is broken now by the power of resurrection. From today, your identity changes.

Wherever your message and destiny have been diverted, by the power of resurrection, you will get there in Jesus' name.

TAKE-HOME WORD: "IF HE WAS SEEN..."

In our second lesson, the phrase repeats:

"He was seen... He was seen..."

If Jesus was seen in glory after resurrection, I also must be seen in glory.

Let this be your watchword this year:

"If He was seen, I must also be seen in glory."

As you celebrate yourself, know that your glory must manifest, because God has set it, and no one can override it.

NATION AND LEADERSHIP PRAYER

We now pray for our nation, Nigeria, and our President, Bola Ahmed Tinubu. The Bible says no one receives anything unless it is given from above.

May the Spirit of the Lord guide him. May wisdom and knowledge to lead this nation into lasting peace be bestowed upon him, and may Nigeria prosper under divine grace.

In Jesus' mighty name we pray — **Amen.**

KEY POINTS

Yes Sir — here's a clear and organized list of the **Key Points and Highlights** from the sermon **"The Impotency of Human Devices Against God's Counsel"**:

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Opening Prayers and Appreciation

- Welcoming the congregation into the joy of resurrection.
 - Expressing gratitude to the parish members, church elders, departments, and workers.
 - Special appeal for participation in the upcoming **Moriah Crusade**.
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Main Sermon Theme:

“The Impotency of Human Devices Against God’s Counsel”

Text:

- **Proverbs 19:21**
"There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless, the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand."
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Major Sermon Highlights

1. God’s Counsel is Like a Two-Sided Coin:

- **Side One:**
A check against political and spiritual manipulations. God laughs at the enemies’ plots.
 - **Psalm 2:1-2, 4**
“Why do the heathen rage... He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh.”
 - **Side Two:**
A comfort and assurance that God’s perfect plans for His people will stand, despite challenges.
 - **Habakkuk 2:2-3**
“The vision is yet for an appointed time... it shall surely come.”
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2. Human Devices Cannot Stop Divine Plans:

- People plot for personal interests, but God's counsel overrides.
 - Whatever good has been delayed will be accelerated by the **power of resurrection**.
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3. The Resurrection Example — Matthew 27:63–66, 28:2-4

- Despite sealing the tomb and placing guards, the resurrection could not be stopped.

- The angel rolled away the stone and sat on it — finalizing that obstacle’s defeat.
 - The guards became like dead men before God’s power.
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4. **Prophetic Declarations:**

- Every demonic or human delegate set against your rising shall become like dead men.
 - Every set barricade is rolled away and permanently disabled.
 - **New identity** replaces stagnation — “*Why seek the living among the dead?*”
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5. **Take-Home Word:**

- “*If He was seen in glory, I must also be seen in glory.*”
 - This year’s watchword: **Your glory will manifest visibly.**
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6. **Prayers for Nigeria and Its Leadership:**

- Special intercession for President Bola Ahmed Tinubu.
 - Prayer for wisdom, divine guidance, and peace for the nation.
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