



## Prisoners of Hope – Soul Food

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### PRAYER OF SALVATION

The Bible says if you believe that Jesus Christ died for your sins and was raised from the dead; your soul shall be saved. Your decision to accept Jesus as your Savior is the most important decision you can make in your life. It's a decision that gives you assurance that your soul will find rest, when your body is buried.

If you can believe, please give your soul an assurance of rest and say this prayer from your mouth:

*Dear Lord, I come to you now, just and I am. Thank you for dying on the cross for my sins. You know my life. You know how I've lived. Forgive me Lord. I repent of my sins. Lord Jesus, come into my heart and make me the person you want me to be. Live your life in me and through me from now on. I receive Jesus Christ as my new Lord and Savior. From this day forward, I belong to you. Thank you Lord, in Jesus Name. Amen!*

If you said this prayer for the first time, I personally welcome you to the family of God. I would like to give you some information and pray with you to assist you in your new life.

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## THE WORD SPEAKS BEYOND THE GRAVE!

*“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, you are little to be among the clans of Judah; yet out of you shall One (Jesus) come forth for Me Who is to be Ruler in Israel...”*

**Micah 5:2**

Allow me to speak to someone who's been holding-on for some time now; to the point where it seems as if your situation will never change. You go through life, doing the same things you've been doing for the past years, hoping that something new will come your way. You don't see any progress, no new doors are opening and to make matters worse; everyone around you is getting blessed, but you. You've been sick for some time; and you've been from one doctor to the other, but your situation hasn't changed. Every morning, you drag yourself to be at work or at school.

Pastors and Prophets have prophesied over your life, but your situation remains the same. You've been told your life will turn for good in the next 12 months; but instead it's going from bad to worse. You've been to all crusades in town hoping to receive a 'new word' from God! You've read almost all motivational books available in the market. You've been confessing biblical scriptures from morning, noon and night hoping for a change. I know someone out-there knows what I'm talking about. When you're going through a dull phase; it's easy to feel insignificant, hopeless, discouraged, etc.

When you study the book of prophet Micah in the old testament of the bible, he prophesied (*foretold*) that Bethlehem, a small village just south of Jerusalem, would be the birthplace of the Messiah (Jesus). *“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, you are little to be among the clans of Judah; yet out of you shall One (Jesus) come forth for Me Who is to be Ruler in Israel...”* (**Micah 5:2**). Mind you, he didn't prophecy that the Messiah will be born somewhere around Judea; but he was specific (*in Bethlehem*). This prophecy eliminated all other cities and towns in the world as places in which the Messiah could be born.

Fast forward more than 700 years later in a small town of Galilee, we find a young woman named Mary almost 9 months pregnant and about to give birth to the Messiah. But the problem was that, she and Joseph were staying in Galilee not Bethlehem. Now if it happens that she gives birth in Galilee, it would nullify Micah's prophecy about the Messiah being born in Bethlehem. Now, it happened that Caesar Augustus who was the Roman Emperor at that time, passed a new law that the whole Roman Empire should be registered for tax purposes; which meant all the people were going to be registered, each at their home town or city (**Luke 2:1**).

Now, Joseph was originally from Judea in a small village called Bethlehem; which meant they were to be registered in Bethlehem and Mary ended up giving birth in Bethlehem! Was it a coincidence for Caesar Augustus to pass a new law that the whole Roman Empire should be registered? No! You see, even though Micah was dead at that time, his prophecy spoke beyond the grave. It doesn't matter who said it, as long as they spoke it in faith, it shall surely come to pass. God watches over His word to perform it (**Jeremiah 1:12**), which simply means He'll complete whatever He spoke about you.

I know it might have taken longer for you to see it come to pass, but the scripture says *“Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm (confess), for God can be trusted to keep His promise”* (**Hebrews 10:23**). I'm just here to encourage you: never stop believing, and never stop confessing. It might look like nothing is happening on the outside but God will keep His promise. Remember, the word speaks beyond the grave. Expect God to show up early this week! Enjoy a fresh new beginning today, have a very Blessed week and **Continue to be a Prisoner of Hope.**