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- Isaiah 52:11

**PASTORS AND MINISTERS CONFERENCE 2013**

**LEVEL GROUND**

**JANUARY 15 TO 18, 2013**

**(TUESDAY TO FRIDAY)**

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**LEVEL GROUND**  
**Day One Conference Notes**  
**January 15, 2013**



# What is “Level Ground” ?

So many of us servants of God, although we began well, over time, have become cold, tolerant to personal sin, callous to the conviction of the Holy Spirit in our own lives. Many continue to do ministry while still living bound to pride, jealousies, competitiveness, self-promotion, deceit, corruption, greed, pilfering, personal indiscipline, addictions, sexual immorality, extra-marital affairs, etc.

This conference on "Level Ground" is a call to all servants of God to come to the foot of the Cross, to receive His mercy and grace to deal with the sin in our lives. It is time for us to receive the help we need and find deliverance, restoration, reviving, healing and realigning in our lives.

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Our God releases abundant mercy and grace that empowers us to overcome. But if we do not repent and change, we are no longer qualified to remain in our position of spiritual leadership. We must either change or step down.

# Why “Level Ground”?

**James 3:1**

**My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment.**

**2 John 1:8**

**Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but that we may receive a full reward.**

All that we preach to others – holiness, purity, godly standards, the Cross of Christ, the grace of God, etc. – is available for us – and indeed, must be at work in our own lives, for it to be imparted into the lives of those who hear us.

As ministers, we must set the standard.

**1 Corinthians 11:1**

**Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.**

**Philippians 3:17**

**Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern.**

**1 Corinthians 9:27**

**But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.**

## Program:

		Jan 15 (Tue)	Jan 16 (Wed)	Jan 17 (Thu)	Jan 18 (Fri)
	Theme:	Cleansing sins of the flesh	Cleansing sins of the soul	Raising godly standards	Manifesting His glory
09:30am-10:00am	Worship	Worship	Worship	Worship	Worship
10:00am-11:00am	Session 1	The Call to Holiness	Deadly Deceptions	Personal Life & Family	A House filled with His Glory
11:00am-11:15am	Tea break				
11:15am-12:15pm	Session 2	A living Sacrifice	Regain Your Soul	People, Conduct & Preaching	The Price for the Miracle Working Power of God
12:15pm-12:30pm	Tea break				
12:30pm-01:30pm	Session 3	The Power to live Holy	Breaking Soul Ties	Anointing, Results & Fellowship	The Anointing of His Spirit
01:30pm-01:45pm	Tea break				
01:45pm-02:45pm	Session 4	Renouncing Impurities	Receiving Deliverance	Money, Women & Fame	Ministry time
3pm	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch

We dismiss after lunch.

## **One : The Call to Holiness**

### **Vessels of Honor**

2 Timothy 2:19-21

### **The Anointing Oil And The Incense**

Exodus 30:22-38

#### ***The anointing oil***

Anything used in the service of God, must be anointed by God.

Anything anointed by God becomes consecrated to God.

God will not anoint what is of the flesh.

An imitation of the anointing will not have the life and power of God in it.

#### ***The holy incense***

Anything offered to God must be holy and pure.

What I offer to God, I must not offer to anyone or anything else.

My encounters with God take place in the midst of holiness.

### **The Nature of God**

1 Peter 1:13-17

God desires who He is, to be reproduced in who we are.

### **The Beauty of Holiness**

1 Chronicles 16:29, Psalm 29:2, Psalm 96:9    Worship Him in the beauty of holiness

Malachi 3:3    Offer to Him in righteousness

Isaiah 66:20    Offering brought in a clean vessel

### **An Expression of Intimacy**

Matthew 5:8, Hebrews 12:14

### **A Work of Grace**

Hebrews 12:10,11,15,28    God works in us imparting His grace that we may share in (be partakers of) His holiness.

## **Two : A Living Sacrifice**

Romans 12:1,2

### **Present Your Bodies**

Romans 12:1 I offer my body to God – everything that comprises my body – my appetites, my strength, my energies, etc.

### **“Therefore”**

In view of Chapter 11, the goodness and severity of God (Romans 11:22), present your bodies

### ***The Severity of God***

TIME Revelation 2:21

TRANSFER

NOT TERMINAL Romans 11:29

### **A Living Sacrifice**

1 Kings 18:38 Fire falls on sacrifice

### **Holy And Pleasing**

Ephesians 5:1-2 Our sacrifice to God, is a sweet smelling aroma – a holy incense we offer to God.

### **Reasonable Act of Worship**

The offering up of my body is an act of worship to God.

Present our bodies holy and pleasing to God in our conduct and in our sexuality.

### **In Our Conduct**

Ephesians 4:17 – 5:11 Colossians 3:5 Romans 12:4-21

### **In Our sexuality**

1 Thessalonians 4:1-7

God has Given Guidelines to master and manage our sexuality

### ***Sexual Attractions And Lustful Thoughts***

Matthew 5:27–30 Philippians 4:8 2 Corinthians 10:4,5 Job 31:1

***Indirect Gratification And Pornography***

1 Thessalonians 5:22   Proverbs 6:25,26   Proverbs 31:3

***Women And Attire***

1 Peter 3:1–6   1 Timothy 3:11   Titus 2:3–5

***Masturbation***

1 Corinthians 6:12   1 Corinthians 9:27   1 Corinthians 10:23

***Adultery / Physical Involvement***

1 Corinthians 6:18   Hebrews 13:4   Proverbs 6:32,33   Proverbs 5:15–23

***Homosexuality***

Romans 1:26–32

**Sins That Rob Our Inheritance**

1 Corinthians 10:1–14   The people of Israel

Sexual immorality was one of the sins that kept the people of Israel out of their land of promise.

Hebrews 12:16,17   Jacob and Esau

Esau traded the immediate gratification of bodily appetites at the expense of spiritual inheritance.

## Three : The Power to Live Holy

### #1, Power of The Cross

In God's Kingdom, God completes something in the spirit (i.e. spiritual realm) and then causes it to unfold in the natural realm.

Similarly, there are spiritual realities God has already made true for us as believers. These are already completed for us. But in the natural we draw out of what has been completed in the spirit (i.e. spiritual realm) and walk in it in the natural realm.

So as believers we walk from **Realities** in the spirit to **Experience** in the natural. We walk from **Completion** in the spirit, to **Achievement** in the natural.

God first makes us new creation beings, and tell us to put on the new man.  
God declares us righteous and then tell us to live in righteousness out of that.  
God declares us sanctified and then tell us to live sanctified lives as an expression of who we are.  
God grants us the victory through Christ's triumph on the Cross, and tells us to walk in victory.  
God declares us that we were healed, and then tells us to walk in divine healing and health.

As believers we are not working for these things, but living from these realities.  
We are not trying to achieve these by our work, but our works flow out of these realities.

My personal struggle.

Romans 6

- Crucified with Christ—The body (power) of sin was destroyed.
- Buried with Christ—Separated from the past life.
- Made alive from the dead with Christ—Given new life.
- Raised up into the heavens with Christ—Separated from the present age/world.
- Seated with Christ—Positioned to rule and reign.

Three Keywords in Romans 6 have been used:

- "Know"—know the truth. You have been crucified, buried, raised.
- "Reckon"—accept the truth. Accept it as a fact.
- "Yield"—give yourself to the Lord.

### #2, Power of Consecration

1 Corinthians 6:9–11

In Christ we have been sanctified.

Sanctification (set apart, made holy) is what God has already done for me in Christ.



Consecration is what I do to sanctify myself so that I can walk in the natural, what has already been completed in the spirit.

God respects our will. He will not override our will. (e.g. Adam and Eve)

My will is involved. I align my will to God's will.

Just like your physical muscle, your will is your "emotional" muscle. You can strengthen your will, the same way you can strengthen your physical muscle. Your will to resist something can be strengthened by the Word, the strength of the Spirit, through prayer, through declaration and through constant practice.

For example :

I pray and say 'God I consecrate my mind, my emotions, my desires, my sexual appetites, all to you'

I make a declaration stating that my mind, my emotions, my desires, my sexual appetites, are all consecrated to God.

Consecration in daily life:

1 Peter 5:8, Matthew 5:27-30

*A, Stay away* – if you don't take the first bite, you won't want another one.

Fasting will shut down your bodily appetites for a few days. But living the fasted life, keeps ungodly desires continuously shut down.

*B, Self-defense strategy* – set some boundaries to protect yourself.

*C, Amputation* – if something sinful is on, deal with it severely. It may be painful for a time, but the wound will heal.

*Be extra cautious in moments of vulnerability* – in moments of great crisis, or great triumph, in moments of depression, loneliness, pain, hurt, of great need, etc. you are vulnerable. Your reasoning is warped. What was once wrong, suddenly seems alright. Your will is at its weakest. So be on double guard during such moments.

Know when you are weak and (a) refuse to make any important decisions during such moments and (b) do not expose yourself. Satan's deceptions are strongest during such moments. It is easy for a lie to appear as truth in such moments. (2 Samuel 11:1)

### **#3, Power of The Word**

Psalm 17:4 Psalm 119:9

The Word is like fire – it purifies.  
The Word is like a hammer – it breaks the hard and difficult parts of me.  
The Word is like water – it washes and cleanses me.  
...and much more...

Application:

Using scriptures to guard your mind. Defend your mind against evil thoughts.

Mind Philippians 4:8, etc.

Women Matthew 5:27-30, Proverbs 6:25, etc.

I meditate in the Word concerning the area of my struggle.

I confess the Word.

## **#4, Power of The Spirit**

Galatians 5:22,23 (self-control) 2 Timothy 1:7 (self-control or discipline)

The Holy Spirit empowers me to have self-control or discipline, self-governing ability.

He gives me all the strength I need to master and manage my body.

Romans 8:1-13,26

Romans 8:26

The Holy Spirit takes a hold of together with us against the works of the flesh.

Galatians 5:16,24,25

Walk – regulate your entire life – yielded to the Spirit of God.

A small prayer that I have prayed many times: “Holy Spirit, please help me.”

Stay calm at all times. This is important to stay yielded to the Spirit of God.

The Spirit of God is like fire – His presence burns up the uncleanness in me. So I ask for more of the fire of the Spirit to burn in me. Matthew 3:11, Malachi 3:2-4

Don’t quench the Spirit.

Don’t grieve the Holy Spirit.

The anointing breaks the yoke and removes burdens. You are set free in an instant – but you must continue to walk in these spiritual realities to stay free.

## **#5, Power of Prayer**

Prayer aligns your will to God's will

Hebrews 5:7-9 Matthew 26:38,39,42

As with Jesus, so also in our lives, very often, we may enter into a time of prayer where our will is not totally given to doing His will. And as we go through a time of prayer in the Father's presence, very often we emerge, having our will perfectly aligned to His will. We come from our time of prayer saying "your will be done". Prayer helps align our will to the Father's will, so that we are ready to carry out His purposes on the earth.

Romans 8:26,27

Through the deep intercessions of the Spirit, the Holy Spirit takes a hold of together with us against the works of the flesh.

## **#6, Power of Declaration**

Revelation 12:11

James 3:3-6 Understand the power of the tongue. The tongue is like a ship's rudder, or a horse's bridle.

Speak the desired outcome of holiness and purity.

Speak to your body declaring it as sanctified and holy. Speak over your emotions, your sexual appetites, bodily desires declaring them to be sanctified and holy unto God.

## **#7, Power of Positive Influence**

1 Corinthians 15:33

The words you hear, the reasoning's of those around you, their standards, behavior and choices – also influence you.

Have as role models those who are way ahead of you. Have as role models those who will challenge you to be better than what you are.

## **Four : Renouncing Impurities**

### **The Mercy & Grace of God**

His Mercies Are Great. God's Mercy That Saved Us Will Also Keep Us! As believers we owe it all to the mercy of God on our lives.

Ephesians 2:4,5   Titus 3:3-5   1 Peter 2:9,10   1 Timothy 1:13

We can experience His Mercy Today – Afresh!

Luke 1:50   Hebrews 4:16

David knew How great His Mercy is  
Psalm 51:1   Psalm 57:10   Psalm 106:1   2 Samuel 24:12-14

His mercy flows like a river wide  
His mercy turns our mistakes into miracles  
His mercy turns out tears into joy  
His mercy turns out mourning into dancing  
His mercy gives us beauty for our ashes  
His mercy turns out tragedies into our greatest triumphs  
His mercy turns our distress into destiny  
His mercy turns our sickness into health  
His mercy turns our poverty into great wealth  
His mercy, His unmerited compassion meets our every need!

James 2:13   Mercy triumphs over judgment.

Romans 2:4   the goodness of God leads you to repentance?

### **Coming Back Strong**

#### ***When I Fall, I Will Arise***

Micah 7:7,8   Psalm 37:23,24   Proverbs 24:16   2 Corinthians 4:8,9,16-18   Psalm 121:1,2

Can you make a resolve today –  
no matter what you have gone through in life,  
no matter how low you have fallen,  
no matter how hard you have crashed,  
no matter how much you've lost,  
no matter how far you've strayed,  
no matter how big you've messed up,  
no matter how foolish your choices,

no matter how terrible your mistakes,  
no matter, no matter, no matter what....  
.....you are coming back strong!

## **The Father's Love**

No one can ever love you as much as the Lord who made you.

His love is eternal – it transcends time. Jeremiah 31:1-3

His love knows no limits – it transcends all measurements and space. Ephesians 3:14-19

His love is infinite – it transcends our capacity to comprehend. Ephesians 3:14-19

1 John 3:1

In spite of our sinfulness

In spite of situations

In spite of our waywardness

The Father's Love, portrayed through the story of the Prodigal son (Luke 15)

You are never TOO WICKED for the Father's love

You are never TOO FAR AWAY for the Father's love

You are never TOO LOST for the Father's love

You are never AWAY TOO LONG for the Father's love

Hosea 14:1-7 Jeremiah 31:1-3

Receiving the Father's Love Ephesians 3:14-19 2 Corinthians 13:14

## **Shepherd of My Soul**

1 Peter 5:4 The Chief Shepherd we serve is also the Good Shepherd (John 10:11), the Bishop and Shepherd of our souls (1 Peter 2:25)

Luke 15:1-7 He still goes after just that one lost sheep.

Psalms 23

Ezekiel 34:15,16 Hebrews 13:20,21 Jude 1:24,25

## **A Journey of A Thousand Miles Begins With One Step**

Our journey takes us through various seasons of life. And sometimes just one small step ushers us into a new season of life.

Psalms 32:8,9

Do not refuse that one small step God is calling you take. Do not let stubbornness or a desire to have your own way hold you back.

If you will take a small step in the right direction – you will see the entire season of life change.

## **The Anointing Breaks Every Yoke**

Isaiah 10:27 The Holy Spirit breaks yokes of sinful bondages, addictions, behavior patterns.

## **Laying The Ax To The Root**

Matthew 3:13 Sometimes there could be root cause for our sinful behavior patterns. Jesus came to lay the axe to the root of these.

Philippians 2:12,13 Work out your salvation

## **Wholly Sanctified**

1 Thessalonians 5:23 God works in us to sanctify us fully, wholly, completely – every part of our being – made holy unto God.

## **Prayer**

- ✓ Embrace the power of the Cross (Receive His mercy and empowering grace)
- ✓ Step into a place of total Consecration (Renounce tolerance to sin)
- ✓ Receive the cleansing power of the Word (Renounce deceptions and lies)
- ✓ Welcome the work of The Holy Spirit (He strengthens you to overcome)
- ✓ Tap into the power of Prayer (Receive and renew your strength in His presence)
- ✓ Power of Declaration (Proclaim your liberty and allegiance)
- ✓ Choose the power of Positive Influence (Renounce friendships that cripple you)