



THEME:

# DIVINE ACCELERATION

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Text: 1 SAMUEL 2: 7-9

**But today, we are talking about something very Interesting - They call it: "Accelerated Promotion".**

**1** Samuel 2: 7-9. 7. The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up. 8. He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among Princes, and to make them inherit the Throne of Glory: for the Pillars of the Earth are the Lord's, and he hath set the world upon them. 9. He will keep the feet of his Saints, and the Wicked shall be silent in Darkness; for by Strength shall no man Prevail. What you become on Earth does not depend on your Efforts. The Elders has a saying: Struggling does not make you rich. To work like a Slave doesn't mean anything. If I put this in Yoruba - Kirakita o dola, ka sise bi eru ko da nkan; Olorun ni pe ko ye ni meaning Running helter-skelter don't translate into Wealth. Even one might work like a Slave, it is only God that makes one to Prosper. And if you think that is not true - Go to Wharf and you will see hefty men - Strong with Great Muscles, Offloading Cements or rice from the shop from Morning till Night Sweating. At the end of the day, how much are they Paid. How many of the Labourers you found over there whoever bought a car? All lifelong, they Struggled. Some of them are even rejoicing - Hey, I can carry two (2) bags of cements on my left hand and another two (2) bags on my righthand. I'm a Strong Man. And yet, there is Somebody sitting in an Office - Air conditioned, sipping tea. At the end of the day, he just Sign some Papers and his Allowance alone is more than ten year of the man's Salary who has been Sweating. In the Name of the One who sent me - You will no longer Labour in vain. The Bible Passage we read says that: God can Pick Up a Beggar from the dunghill and lift him up until he begins to sit among Princes. I know the meaning of that - For the first 18 years of my Life, I had no Pair of shoes. My father was so Poor that Poor call him Poor. Because he was living among Poor People, but they look at him

and say everybody is talking about building a house and you too? And yet by the Special Grace of God, I have visited Head of State - I was supposed to spend 15 Minutes and 5 Hours later, he was still saying Please don't go. In the Name of my God - The God who Promoted me: You shall be Promoted (Amen). There are two (2) words there that we are asked to speak on:

1. Promotion. 2. Accelerated.

1. PROMOTION. Well, we know what Promotion all is about. It simply means: Lifting Up. You are in one Place today; you are somewhere tomorrow.... Somebody moved you up. And according to Ecclesiastes 9:11 - The Bible made it clear: I. The race is not for the Swift - That you can run doesn't mean that you will win. II. The Battle is not to the Strong - That you are Strong doesn't mean that you will defeat the enemy. III. The Bible made it clear that even the Bread is not for the Wise - The fact that you are Intelligent does not mean that you will have Bread to eat. IV. It says that Riches are not to Men of Understanding - It is not your Degrees that will determine how Wealthy you will become. I remembered years ago when I was still a Lecturer at the University. Anytime that they want to raise Funds for something anywhere, they say: Don't invite a Professor. Why? He has no money to give now. God will have Mercy on we Academicians - Amen. In a way that men cannot understand, God will Promote you - Amen!

2. But the crucial word here is the word "Accelerated". What is the meaning of the word Accelerated? I will put it in the Language that every Market Women can Understand - Accelerated simply means: Rapid, Rapid. If you put this in a Mathematical Language, you will say: "Rapid Squared". Or "Fast Squared" - Fast, Fast. Scientifically, if I begin to tell you what it is; I will lose you. This tells us straightaway that Promotion can be in Categories:

1. STEADY PROMOTION. That means Nothing goes wrong and you are working very hard in your Place of work and after so many years, you will move up to the next Stage. After another set of

Years, you will move on to the Next Stage. ... That is Steady - You go on Steadily! And a very Good Example of Steady Promotion is the one you find in the case of Isaac in Genesis 26: 1-14. There was Famine in the Land - Things were hard, and everybody is groaning. But this boy listened to God, he obeyed God and the Bible says that in that same time of Famine, he sowed in the Land. In that first Year, because God got involved, we heard that he has a hundredfold Return - That is Promotion. But he didn't stop there - He sowed more. And so, he was Great, and he didn't stop as he kept on sowing and kept going forward until he became "Very Great" - That is Steady! 2. When we talk about "Rapid Promotion" - It means that we are not talking about "Steady". It is Steady alright but Steady at a Speed. A Good Example will be David.

1. In 1 Samuel 16: 11-13 - David was in the bush when God sent for him and Anointed him. He said: Hey, you are my New King. But that was among his Brothers as Nobody was there except his Relatives. But at least, you can say that he has been Promoted - He used to be a Shepherd Boy but now he is a "Potential King". II. Because it took another 13 years before he moved from being King among his Brothers to becoming King of Judah - 2 Samuel 2: 1-4. At the beginning, he became "Tomorrow King" But then, He moved on and became King of Judah. It looks as if the Promise is not coming to Past but at long last it did. III. Now, it didn't take another 13 years before he became King over the whole Israel - 2 Samuel 5: 1-5. That means that you become like a Chairman of a Local Government Area and then after some time, you become the Governor of a State. And then after being Governor for a Term, you become a President.... That's Rapid Promotion. 3. But that is not the one they asked me to talk about. They asked us to talk about "Accelerated Promotion" - The one which is "Rapid, Rapid". And there are many Examples in the Bible: I. Let's talk about Joshua in Joshua 1: 1-9. Joshua was what the Bible calls a "Minister". But a Minister in those days is not a Federal Government Minister as we have today. A Minister is the Fellow who will wash

your Clothes and iron them. You know in those days, when a Big Man wants to Sleep, they have a Pot they put in the bedroom where he urinates at Night. The Minister is the one who will take the Pot with all the Smelling things, go and empty it and wash it clean. ... That's the meaning of a Minister in those days - They are not the one coming today, and they close the road. So, one day, God spoke and said: Joshua, my Servant Moses is dead. The one who had been Head of State for 40 years is dead. And you "The Carrier" of Chamber Pot will now become the Head of State. Read the Passage very well - Joshua began to shake. What! You want to move me from Messenger to Head of State? He was badly shaken, and God had to say it three times - Be Strong and of Good Courage. I am the One talking to you. Because the Promotion was so sudden and so Great! The kind of Promotion that will frighten you; get ready for it in Jesus Name - Amen! II. Or we consider Solomon in 1 Kings 1: 1-44. The Bible tells us that David was old, but he wasn't dead yet. And then one of his sons said: This Man doesn't want to die. I think I am going to become King if he is not going to die. I will just take the Kingdom. So, he Staged a Coup. And then the mother of Solomon was told that this is what is going on - You better go to your husband, tell him that something is about to happen. If you don't move fast; a New King will wipe you out with your children (DMC NOTES: It was Prophet Nathan that revealed this to Solomon's mother called Bathsheda, the former wife of Uriah the Hittite). So, the mother of Solomon went into the King and said: Hey darling husband; you Promised me that my son will reign in your Stead (And I have searched the Scriptures and yet to find where David Promised Solomon's mother that) - Anyway, the Story went on and on. Before you know it, Solomon became a King. Solomon didn't even know what was going on - He was a "Spoilt Boy". He doesn't even know the difference between his right and left. That was why when he had a Dream and God said: What do you want? He said Wisdom now! I am a Dullard. To take somebody who himself doesn't even know much about his right from his left and suddenly make him King - That is Accelerated Promotion. The kind of Promotion that you don't Qualified for; when the Almighty God gives it to you, suddenly that is called "Accelerated Promotion". III. But maybe the one that you will understand without much Explanation is found in Genesis 41: 1-44 - It is about a boy called Joseph. He had Dreams - God had showed him Dreams but the Dream almost got him killed because he didn't keep his mouth shut as he told his brothers about it.

And the brothers said - So, you will reign over us? We will kill you and then we will see what will become of your Dreams. They threw him to a Pit but God said No, the Pit must be dry as you are not

dying inside the Pit. They sold him into Slavery, God said no Problem; I am the Alpha and Omega. Let them do what they want. He became a Chief among the Slaves. And then the wife of the Chief Owner lied against him and he landed him in the Prison. He got to the Prison and became Chief Prisoner. But in a Single Day, the Almighty God moved him from the Prison to become actually the Ruler of Egypt in one Single move of God. If we are talking of Accelerated Promotion, that is a Good Example. He was in Prison, he was supposed to die there - When they send you to the King's Prison, you normally don't come out. But you are not in the Prison and so your case is better than that of Joseph. So, if it is Possible for God to move a "Condemned Criminal" and move him until he becomes a Ruler - Move him to such an extent that all knees must bow to him. You know that I have always said that if I were Joseph when that thing happened - Pharaoh said: I take off my ring wear it, this is my Chariot ride on it; wherever you arrive, People must bow. The first Place that I would have gone to is Portiphar's house - And I will Stand outside and say: Bring me Portiphar's wife and tell her that Joseph is here! I would have enjoyed Portiphar's wife bowing down to me. All those who says that you won't reach your Goal, as a result of today's Service, very soon they will come and bow before you - Amen! But I can go on and on - There are so many Examples in the Bible. IV. You can take the Example of Peter - A Fisherman. He followed Jesus Christ for a while, then Jesus left and he didn't get the Power that he thought that he will get. And he told his People - Well, if you can't move forward, at least I can go back to my Fishing job. And suddenly, because the Holy Spirit fell - The "Failed Fisherman" suddenly became a Man whose Shadow was healing the Sick.... That's Accelerated Promotion! But for you to really, really understand the meaning of Accelerated Promotion, you need to have a rough idea of the Opposite. And the Opposite of Accelerated Promotion is Accelerated Demotion! And I will only take one Example to illustrate that - Just to let you know: Thank God, at least if I'm not already Promoted; at least I'm not Demoted! And you will find that illustration in Daniel Chapter 4. Nebuchadnezzar was a Great King - He is Great among Great. So Great that he thought he should be god. I mean this man said that even my Image alone must be Worshipped, not to talk of myself. And then God gave him an Advise - Be careful, I'm the King of Kings, I Controlled everything. Humble yourself or else you will get into troubles. He heard but he didn't understand and so didn't take the Advice. So, he woke up one Morning King and he began to boast - Hey, look at my Headquarters that I built. Look at how Great my Strength has brought me and my Wisdom and my Understanding. God said: Is that so? Alright Oh King, go and join the animals for seven (7) years -

Eat with them, look like them; then you will know who is in Charge. Within a Day, the King got down from the Throne, went into the Flowerpot and began to eat Flower. He finished that, he saw Plenty of Flowers on the field, remove his dress and join the animals. ... That is what is called Accelerated Demotion. But after 7 years, because God is Merciful, his senses came back - Hey, what have I done? I kicked against the Most High - Almighty God I'm sorry. Suddenly, all his Chiefs who has been watching him walking about like a Mad Man came to him - Your Majesty, please come. They quickly covered his Nakedness, they took him to the Palace, Bath him and Dressed him again. And he was back to the Throne - Accelerated Promotion. I have seen God in Action - Believe me honestly, I love Him, and I tell you the Truth, I feared Him. I know that there are Bible Scholars and Theologians who says that you are not supposed to fear God, but you are to Reference Him. I said Thank You. One of the names of God is a Consuming Fire, show me one Example of a Mad Man who got burnt? You will never find one. If Somebody is raving Mad - All Clothes gone, walking about on the Street Naked and then you said to him, put your hand in the fire. He will tell you - My Madness has not reached that Stage. The Bible says that God is a Consuming Fire - You don't toil with Fire no matter your Anointing. Because you touch Fire, Fire will burn you. I will give you an illustration: I had a friend who is highly Qualified - I mean a Brilliant Lawyer/Judge. And we are very close, and we normally sit together to eat Pounded Yam.

And then, I was travelling to Abuja - And I saw him coming out of the Aeroplane I was going to board. Hey friend, you are Welcome. What happened? As I saw two People standing by both sides (Right and Left). He just looked at me as if: Who is this? Hello, it's me! And then one of them whispered to me - He has lost his Memory. He couldn't even remember who he was, he couldn't recognize any of the children as everything has gone! 1. You need to learn Humility. 2. You need to know that there is a God who can lift up and He can bring down. 3. You need to realised that it is not by Strength that any Man Prevails. 4. You need to know that it is not by your Ability that you are still alive today. 5. You need to know how many Enemies will not want you to wake up when you went to bed Last Night. The Bible says that it is of the Mercy of God that we are not Consumed. It is because of His Mercy was renewed over you and over me; that is why we are still here. Cooperate with God and He will give you Accelerated Promotion! Resist Him and He can give you Accelerated Demotion.