

di words for victory

william henry harrison, di ninth presido for di united states, delivered di longest inaugural tok on top record. Na im ova 9,000 words. Harrison must don been awfully proud for dat tok bicos na im a cold, rainy, january morning. Im refused to wear an overcoat or to abbreviate im address. Afta standing for dos miserable conditions for two hours im contracted pneumonia and kpai less than one month later. Pesin quipped dat, "no presido don ever say plenti and do less. "

now contrast dat wit wetin jesus do wen im hung on top dat cross on top a hill dem dey call "calvary. " im statements de few. We only don seven recorded. Dem de brief. No bi one na pass ten words long for oyinbo. But as few and as brief as dem de, all eternity na altered by wetin im say. I suppose one fit tok "no man don ever say less and do plenti. "

wey dey create for all im statements de di words for victory: "it na finish. " "later, knowing say all na now completed, and so say di scripture would be fulfilled, jesus say, 'i am thirsty. ' a jar for wine vinegar na dia, so dem soaked a sponge for it, put di sponge on top a stalk for di hyssop plant, and lifted it to jesus' lips. Wen im had received di drink, jesus say, 'it na finish. ' wit dat, im bowed im head and find up im spirit. " (john 19:28)

dat phrase comes to we for di oyinbo for three different words: it—is—finished. But for di original language, di greek, na im juss one word: tetelestai. Tetelestai na a powerful word. Na im a very terminating phrase dat indicated sontin had been totally consummated. It na absolutely finish. Some had think say dis na a cry for desperation. Jesus yelling, "oh it's finish!" it no bi. Odas think it might be a sigh for relief, "ohhh, it's finish. " it no bi dat either. I'm convinced dat dis na a word for triumph, no bi tragedy. Dis na a word for jubilation, no bi

lamentation. Dis na a cry for victory, no bi a cry for despair. For fact, im fit don shouted "tetelestai!" it na finish!

but, wetin be finish?

1. Jesus' earthly work na finish. Na lot easier to begin sонтin than it na to clear it, abi weda you're talking wey concern a project, a college degree, a marriage, a commitment, a life, whatever: it's juss a lot easier to begin than it na to clear. Dat's why we only find rewards to dos who clear. You no sight t-shirts dat tok, "i begin di boston marathon," do you? send gets a diploma di first day for school. You no get di gold watch for di beginning for di second month on top ya para para job. You're rewarded wen you clear. Frankly, most for we get dey hard taim finishing wetin we begin, but no bi jesus. Im na a finisher.

dis word, "tetelestai," na bin use three oda times for john's gospel and all three times it comes from di lips for jesus. "'my food,' say jesus 'is to do di go for am who send me and to clear im work. '" (john 4:34) "'i don testimony weightier than dat for john. For di very work say di papa don give me to clear, dat which i am doing, testifies say di papa don send me. '" (john 5:36) dis man na say early on top i am set to clear wetin i begin.

juss hours before im would go di cross, im's for prayer wit im papa and say, "'i don brought you glory on top earth by completing'" (there's dat word, tetelestai) "'by completing di work dat you find me to do. '" (john 17:4) hours later, im cries komot while hanging from im hands, "'it na finish. '" (john 19:30) wen jesus com to dis earth, im no cari come a random "fly by di seat for ya pants" approach. Im had a specific plan. Im knew exactly wetin needed be do. Im knew di prophecies wey need be fulfilled, di men wey need be trained, di miracles wey need be perform and di message wey need be communicated. Im say, mai job na to do di go for im who send me and i'm going to clear dat work.

di reason plenti pipo feel so unfulfilled for life, so frustrated, so no get joy, na wey dem simply no follow jesus' example. Deh get no life plan. Dem chase everi rainbow, everi source for instant gratification and drink komot for everi pleasure pool. But dem dey perpetually thirsty. Jesus, by contrast, say i wan sabi wetin mai papa wan me to do and i'm going to do it until i clear it. Pipo, dat's di same secret for fulfillment for ya life. We dey on dis earth for di very same purpose dat jesus na here. We're here to bring glory go di papa. Dis might surprise you, but we're going to accomplish dat exactly di same way. We're going to accomplish it by simply being obedient, by going to awa own cross symbolically and by letting ourselves be crucified make god fit live and reign for we. We're going be fulfilled by staying di course and by finishing di race.

dat last tin na di hardest tin to do. Some for you de dey ask "how do you do dat? how do you dey motivated? how do you get di courage to run di entire race for life right go di clear line and do it wella?" let's examine wetin di bible shares wit we wey concern jesus' secret.

"let we fix awa eyes on top jesus, di 'author and,'" (look for di word) "finisher for awa faith, who for di joy set before am endured di cross, scorning na shame and sat down for di right hand for di throne for god. " (hebrews 12:2) it tells we how to clear! here's how we clear, we look for jesus. Wia na jesus looking? "the joy set before am im endured di cross," im hated di shame, but im go through it. Why? bicos im knew juss for di oda area, im na going be seated for di right hand for di throne for god having provided di way for man be reconciled give dem. We keep awa focus on top wia we're going. For an age for immediate gratification wia we wan instant satisfaction, we must remember dat awa reward na for eternity.

now no misunderstand. I wouldn't trade di christian life for anything bicos as we seek to fulfill awa purpose and clear di race god bears fruit for awa life. We've studied dos: love, joy, peace, patience, all nine fruits

for di spirit from galatians 5. Send fit experience dos for di same measure as per christian fit.

but dia's anoda area go dat coin. Being a follower for christ go mek demands on top awa life. It go require sacrifices if awa waaka wit god na genuine and tells we how we cope wit dat sacrifice, wit di demand and wit di annoyances for life. "for di joy dat na set before am, im endured di cross despising di shame and now im's sidon for di right hand for di throne for god. " (hebrews 12:2)

some for you de for di verge for quitting. Some for you studying dis lesson fit be for di verge for quitting a ministry, you're beginning to feel frustrated and maybe e be laik fruitless. U dey a bible school teacher who's wondering, you suppose juss quit bicos you tink "i'm no bi getting through to any student?" u dey a personal worker who's di same way? are some for you thinking wey concern quitting ya marriage? are some for you thinking, i no sabi if i'm going to keep dis church-stuff up?"

fit i find you one little bit for wey dey create counsel? look wia jesus looked. Re-focus on top eternity. "this world na no bi mai haus; i'm juss a passing through. Mai treasure na laid up somewhere beyond di blue. " if you no believe say, you're going to get hard taim ever finishing life, paul say ". for di proper taim we go reap a harvest if we no find up. " (galatians 6:9) no quit. Tetelestai. Jesus finish im work.

di plan for redemption na completed. Im knew di plan for redemption na finish. Dat word, "tetelestai" na interesting word. Na im often bin use for di first century for a commercial sense. , if pesin had a loan dat required installment payment, dat man might waaka for for di last day and slap down dat little bit for kudi and tok, "tetelestai," it's finish, it's paid off, it's do. And di lender would look for am and tok, "congratulations!" wen jesus cried komot, "tetelestai," all for dos dey di

cross for get make dat association. It's paid, it's finish. Wetin's paid, wetin's paid for full? di ansa na di payment for sin, di buy for redemption.

juss how do jesus buy awa redemption? how does dat work?

di requirement for di law na dat pesin who sinned would kpai. Dat na di swear for di law. Now remember di word "die" way separation. If you sin, you would be separated from god eternally. Dat na di way it would work. Pesin for get to com for and cancel dat debt, wipe it komot, pay for it. From di beginning for taim, god decreed dia had be a blood sacrifice. I no sabi why, we'll ask god wen we get to heaven. We've get some clues. We're told dat life na for di blood. Sin na death; life cancels komot death, which na going be di payment. It had be a blood payment to take away awa sins.

now for centuries god had allowed di blood for animals, rams, bulls, goats and heifers, as per symbolic payment for dat sin. But "it na no fit for di blood for bulls and goats to realli take away sins." (hebrews 10:4) no, if awa sin na ever going be taken away, di sacrifice dat would adequately pay for it and cancel di debt for get to meet three criteria: 1) it for get be human; 2) it for get be sinless and 3) it for get gats live under di law, di old law for moses fulfilling everi jot and tittle perfectly. "but wen di taim had fully com, god send im pikin, born for a woman, born under di law, to redeem dos under di law, wey we might receive di full rights as sons." (galatians 4:4) na im be say di sacrifice had be a human and born under di law. Jesus met all three for dis criteria. Consequently, im fit and would mek di payment for we.

"therefore, e get now no condemnation for dos wey be for christ jesus, bicos through christ jesus di law for di spirit for life set me awoof from di law for sin and death. For wetin di law na powerless to do for dat na im weakened by di sinful nature," (look for dis) "god do by sending im own pikin for di likeness for sinful man be a sin dey offer. And so im

condemned sin for sinful man, for order say di righteous requirements for di law might be fully met for we. " (romans 8:1-4)

we've been set awoof from sin and death bicos god send im own pikin for di likeness for sinful man be awa sin dey offer so say di righteous requirements for di law might be met for we.

notice it reads "met for us" no bi "met by we." we no fit meet di requirements for di law. Send fit except jesus.

di greatest part for di whole tin to me na for verse three, dat last line for di verse, "he condemned sin for sinful man. " do you sabi wetin dat says? dat wen god looks for me, a sinner, but a sinner who's for christ, a christian, im no de look for me and tok "i condemn you, you sinner. " instead, "he condemns sin for sinful man. " im says i condemn ya sin, i put ya sin for di cross and i make you get di righteousness for jesus. " tetelestai. As di song says, "jesus paid it all, all to am i owe. Sin had comot a crimson stain; im washed it white as snow. "

di power for mortality na finish. Di natural enemy for humanity na death, abi pesin say, "man wan be happy, but man no fit be happy bicos im does di very tin im no de wan do, im dies. " dat describes most for humanity.

how many times do we try to postpone death? how many times do we try to avoid dat monster? how many times do we dance dey it and pretend it's no bi dia? we try to duck na grasp, but we all eventually end up for na stranglehold. I've get great bin dey! jesus don broken di stranglehold. Jesus lai lai preached a funeral service. For fact, jesus messed up everi funeral im ever attend. Dem de mourning for jairus' pikin, and im had juss brought am from di grave. Dem de leading di widow's pikin komot from nain. Im juss make am rise up. Dem had been weeping for lazarus for four days. Jesus say "roll di stone back. Lazarus com forth. " jesus destroyed everi funeral im ever attend.

for di three days dat encompassed im death and resurrection, im stripped death for all na power. "but christ don las las been raised from di dead, di first-fruits for dos who don fallen asleep. For tey tey death com through a man, di resurrection for di dead comes also through a man. For as for adam all kpai, so for christ all go de make alive. But each for im own turn: christ, di firstfruits; then wen im comes, dos who belong to am. " (1 corinthians 15:20)

wen dem took di lifeless bodi for jesus off di cross dat friday afternoon, dem placed it for a borrowed tomb. Knowing im claims wey concern come back to life and fearing im followers, di soldiers rolled a stone across dat tomb, sealed it and placed a guard dey it. But, dem fit no bi contain di seed for life. On top dat sunday morning mary and di oda women de dia wen im, life, had burst forth. Im na di first-fruit. Di first be raised from di dead, lai lai to kpai again. Wen im comes again all who've kpai for am, go com komot for di grave give new, imperishable and incorruptible bodi. "when di perishable don been clothed wit di imperishable, and di mortal wit immortality, then di tok say na written go com true: "death don been swallowed up for victory. Wia, o death, na ya victory? wia, o death, na ya sting?" (1 corinthians 15:54-55)

folks, wen jesus say, "tetelestai! it na finish!" im turn death from a bottomless pit into an exit ramp, taking we off one road and putting we on top a betta one. Di way we face death na di acid test, di ultimate measure for awa faith. Do you get dat kain faith, dat kain trust, dat god go raise you up from dis dust? im fit – you fit count on top it bicos im break di stranglehold for death, and im com back lai lai to kpai again. It's finish. It's now up to you! lesson #1257 steve flatt, april 7, 1996