

- **Be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit — Jhn 10:41/ Rom. 8:14**
- **Watch out for whether you are being fed or just being entertained — Jer. 3:15-16**
- **Such pastor must be one you believe and receive as your God-ordained shepherd — Jhn. 10:4/ Mak. 6:5**
- **Your shepherd must be one you honour in your heart and whose instructions you are delighted to follow — Mak.6:4/Jhn. 10:5**

In conclusion, if one is genuinely sincere to know his/her spiritual home, Jesus Christ the chief shepherd will lead such individual to where he/she truly belongs and as he/she chooses to abide there, he/she continues to flourish, as it is written, “Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God” — *Psa. 92:13*

My prayer is that no one misses his/her place as ordained by God in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ Amen.

Jesus is Lord

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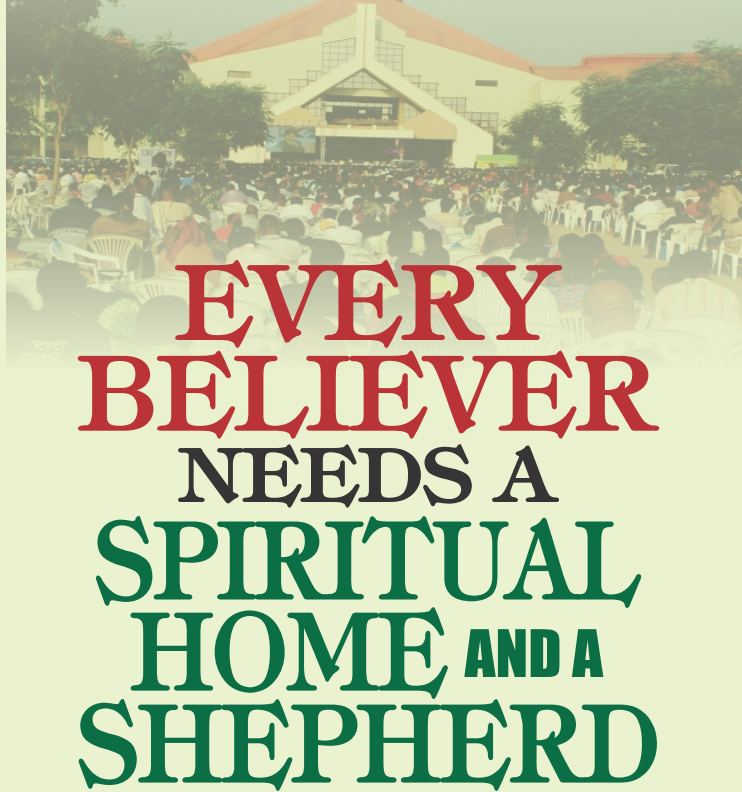
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EVERY BELIEVER NEEDS A SPIRITUAL HOME AND A SHEPHERD

Naturally, it can be most miserable to be homeless; in the same vein, spiritual homelessness can be quite an ordeal.

But as we do not choose the nation of our citizenship or the home of our nativity, in the same way, we do not choose where we worship, God does. As it is written, “Take heed to thyself that thou offer not thy burnt offerings in every place that thou seest: But in the place which the LORD shall choose in one of thy tribes, there thou shalt offer thy burnt offerings, and there thou shalt do all that I command thee” — *Deut. 12:13-14*

The local church is the spiritual home of believers, which is also recognized in Scriptures as Zion — *1Tim 3:15/Heb12:22-24*

But what is unique about the local Church?

- The Church is a spiritual city of refuge for the redeemed — *Num. 35:11-15*
- The Church is an altar of revelation that empowers the redeemed to possess our possession — *Psa. 73:17/ 2 Pet 1:3*
- The Church is a spiritual platform for both the deliverance and sanctification of the redeemed — *Obd. 17/ Jhn. 15:3/ Eph. 5:26*
- The Church is the home of supernatural blessings — *Ezk. 34:25/ Psa. 132:13-15.*
- ✓ A spiritual store house from where we draw our spiritual supplies — *Mal. 3:10*
- ✓ a place from where we go from strength to strength — *Psa. 84:7. etc.*

Furthermore, just like in the natural, no one chooses his parents; it is the creator's prerogative. In the same vein, no one chooses his pastor in the kingdom, the great shepherd does. As it is written, "I will give you pastors after my own heart, which shall feed you with wisdom and understanding and it shall come to pass,

when ye be multiplied and increased in the land, in those days....." — *Jer. 3:15-16*

In addition, every believer needs to know his God-ordained shepherd; every child of God that does not have a shepherd is a spiritual destitute and he is vulnerable to life's situations and circumstances.

Many believers never come close to fulfilling destiny because they lack a God-ordained shepherd over their lives.

But why do we need a Shepherd?

- To ensure access to spiritual food required for the race — *1 Pet. 5:1-2/ Act. 20:28/ 1 Kgs. 19:8-10/ 1 Cor. 9:24*
- For continuous protection because we live among wolves and the security of the sheep lies in having a shepherd as no sheep can defend herself against the wolves of this world — *Mat. 10:16/ Jn. 10:11-12*
- For needed spiritual care and attention — *Jhn. 10:13/ Heb. 13:17/ Ezk. 34:10*

How to know our God-ordained Place of Worship and Shepherd:

- Pray to God to show you which spiritual family you belong, because that is where your shepherd is — *Mat. 7:7-8/ Jer. 29:11/13/ Jer. 33:3.*