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On January 28, 2012 it was my privilege to address the THANKSGIVING Breakfast of "The Ministry of Defense and The Uganda People's Defense Forces." This was a rather straightforward assignment, namely, to lead in heartfelt thanksgiving to Almighty God for Uganda's Present in the light of the all too familiar and heartbreaking events of Uganda's Past! Speaking in terms of the Psalm that was consigned to me as the Theme of this Breakfast, "When the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion we were like them that dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with joyful singing. Then they said (even) among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them'" (Ps. 126:1-2). How profoundly true this was and still is! Who would have been able to dream in the "nightmare" of the 1970's and 80's when the country was groaning under an intolerable burden of seeming hopelessness, which made people cry out to God, that a band of 27 men without arms would be able to succeed in their noble mission in the face of a well-trained and well-equipped army, and that today's Progressive Uganda with its remarkable achievements ever would, in fact, ever could arise from a virtual ash heap? Having been present in your country for nearly thirty years, such dream would have appeared utterly preposterous at that time! In January, 2012, there was common consent that only one conclusion was possible. Today's Uganda is not a product of man. It is a gift of God. People in their homesteads, as well as

soldiers in the “trenches,” prayed incessantly for it in reliance upon the One who has all the authority in heaven and on earth, and their prayers were answered in an utterly amazing fashion, even if an array of societal areas continue to stand in need of improvement and therefore must be addressed. Even “the surrounding nations” acknowledged it. This is demonstrated by the very fact that today’s occasion is graced by the presence of some of you as the talented and accomplished representatives of these nations!

However, today’s PRAYER Breakfast, taking place in this Military College, has a different focus, if not cutting edge. Now the present is not to be viewed as the remarkable result of a seemingly impossible past, but rather as the launching pad of a future that is not only full of beckoning promises, but also of potential pitfalls. Therefore it is imperative that continuing prayers be sent up to Almighty God, especially in order for a political as well as military leadership to be in place that is thoroughly prepared UNDER GOD to meet the challenges that characterize even the best of times.

Frankly, a time of a remarkable progress can easily catch one off guard. His Excellency, the President of Uganda is fond of making reference to the Scriptures of the Old as well as Testament in virtually every speech of his, to drive home the points that he wishes to make. So let me follow suit. The reign of Israel’s King Uzziah covered well over 50 years. When he was enthroned at the age of 16 years, and sought the Lord his God as a young man, to serve him with his whole heart, he prospered. He built an elite army of 300,000 men with a trained officers’ Corps of well over 2500, and a full complement of at that time modern weapons, that were defensive as well as offensive in nature. Furthermore, he erected fortresses, won a number of wars decisively, gained a reputation of being virtually “invincible,” and saw his fame spread widely at home and abroad. Finally, with his borders secure and a profound “love for the soil,” he turned his apparently notable skills to food production for his nation. He greatly developed the agricultural sector, even cultivated the desert by means of irrigation systems, dotted the landscape with vineyards, and was blessed annually with abundant crops. He also saw the nation’s life stock increase exponentially (2 Chron. 26:1-15). In all this he seemed to anticipate and

be a biblical model for present day Uganda. In the February, 2012, issue of the People's Army Magazine General Pecos Kutesa, the UPDF Chief of Doctrine, and an accomplished author, observes that the UPDF has succeeded in "overcoming enemy defenses and repelling enemy attacks." As a result its borders are secure. But now it must turn to implement "Article 209, section 7 (d) of the 1995 Constitution of Uganda," which calls for the "UPDF to engage in production activities for the development of Uganda." Presently "tanks" have accomplished their task. Now "tractors" should take over! That same February, 2012, issue carries an interview of Dr. Johnson Byabashaija, Commissioner General of Uganda Prison Services, and Proprietor of Jeni Farms Ltd. Guided by his motto, "Dream Big, Start Small, and End Big," he started a poultry farm in 1987 with 100 chicks in a garage, now has 10,000 Breeders, imported from France and Holland, on a farm land of 3.6 acres, and at its height exported 12,000 one-day chicks to Rwanda per month. This prompted General Aronda, Commander of the UPDF, in January to declare him a model that the UPDF should duplicate. Clearly Uganda's aspirations today were Uzziah's accomplishments then. He appeared to have "fully arrived."

But then something happened to him to which everyone seems to be prone. King Uzziah had a tragic lapse of memory. He forgot to fear his God as the Source of his accomplishments and forgot to keep his Commandments as the Way to his accomplishments. The outcome was grievous! He died a lonely man, stricken by God with a contagious disease (leprosy) that turned him into a pariah in his own society. Already in the early OT God warned Israel against this dual kind of moral forgetfulness! When you arrive in your new country, and experience riches, houses, wells, and crops, do not forget ME in your pride, nor forget my LAW in the coldness of your heart. Do not conclude that it was your own effort that got you all this. It was MY grace and MY grace ALONE. And do not think that you can retain my blessings when you ignore my Commandments. Corrupt and corrupting disobedience is self-destructive and seals anybody's doom. Uzziah's historiographer makes it crystal clear. He emphatically writes, "GOD helped him." He, who is the HOLY One of Israel! Clearly Uzziah owed his "prosperity" not to his military strategy, nor to his

operational skill, nor to his tactical prowess, which according to a War Manual of the American Marine Corps are necessary in that order for successful wars, successful campaigns and successful battles, but rather to his GOD! Not so incidentally, Uganda's National Anthem echoes this heartfelt conviction IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS!!!

But Uzziah forgot all this, as multitudes of others have done in world history, even a man such as Solomon, ostensibly the "wisest" man who ever lived! The sacred writer states, "After GOD helped Uzziah to become strong, his heart was so proud that he acted corruptly and he was unfaithful to the Lord his God" (2 Chron. 26:16).

All this does, and MUST, set the stage AND the tone of the Prayer Breakfast today. Frankly, why I "found favor" in the eyes of both General Aronda, the Commander of the UPDF, and General Gowa, the Commandant of the Senior Command and Staff College, Kimaka, and why I was awarded the privilege to address first the National Thanksgiving Breakfast of the Ministry of Defense and the Uganda People's Defense Force in January, and now this Prayer Breakfast today, I canNOT explain apart from our God. It is HE who directed and directs our paths so that we stood shoulder to shoulder in United *Thanksgiving* for Uganda's Present in January, 2012, and now stand shoulder to shoulder again in United *Prayer* for Uganda's Future in May of the same year. For this reason I must and will honor HIM above all by seeking to identify and convey the blueprint that HE holds out as the ONLY road to achieve, experience, and display prosperity. My prayer and trust is that you will bear with me and give it your thoughtful consideration.

Clearly, the *starting point* of such prayer must be heartfelt and unreserved DEPENDENCE upon the continuing presence of our God and a heartfelt commitment to walk in his footsteps! The *quality* of such prayer must be one of heartfelt and unreserved SURRENDER to Him. After all, "unless GOD builds the house, the laborers WILL work in vain (Ps. 127:1). And the *focus* of such prayer must be a heartfelt and unreserved PLEA for godly wisdom to pursue a godly conduct. It is THIS wisdom that I specifically wish to address. This wisdom,

which is indispensable to obtain promises and to avoid pitfalls, is threefold. It calls for a mindset, an ideology, a philosophy, that is biblical and visionary. This mind set, in turn, is determinative for a conduct that is beyond reproach, and is ultimately rooted in a heart that fears God, in short, in a heart from God through God and unto God. Allow me to unpack all three in short order!

The call, and therefore today's prayer, for a properly functioning as well as properly rooted mindset or ideology under God should not come as a surprise. His Excellency, the President of Uganda, has recognized all along not only that "thinking without disciplined acting is sterile," but also that "acting without disciplined thinking is chaotic." Hence he called a decade ago in a Jinja address for the development of an ideology for his Nation that would be both simple and profound and as such would give both cohesiveness and direction to ALL societal activity, whether political, economic, educational or otherwise. In fact, he greatly lamented fact that such ideology was both largely missing and sorely needed. Just last week he repeated the call for such ideology in his Opening Address of the Africa Land Forces Summit. It was a breath of fresh air to hear him emphasize again and again that only a proper ideology could guarantee a prosperous future.

Extensive research, based on voluminous data, indicates that any organization cannot count on a dominant and impressive permanence simply by means of a strong and proven leader, a brilliant and successful idea, a remarkable and captivating insight, or a powerful and unmistakable track record. All leaders die, all ideas become obsolete, all landscapes change, and all accomplishments pale in the face of new challenges. Extensive studies also reveal that historically only well-structured and powerful organizations are perennial, remain on top, and prove to be impervious to the wear and tear of time, even if there are temporary ups and downs. It is no coincidence that for organizations to be well-structured and powerful they display two indispensable characteristics.

First, they possess and cherish a core ideology, consisting of core values that guide and inspire the organization and a core purpose that captivates and mobilizes it. Deviation from the core ideology invariably puts organizations in

(grave) danger. It produces fragmentation, segmentation, tentativeness, slow-downs, if not mire-downs, blame-shifting, at times infighting, usually unpredictability, and often chaos. Therefore, organizations, whether political, military, or otherwise, must (1) constantly remind themselves of their ideology, (2) immerse new-comers in it, (3) insist on total commitment to it, and (4) carefully select, nurture and groom sold-out and talented members for future executive positions. Identifying such leadership, such as in the Senior Command and Staff College of the UPDF, is indispensably necessary to ensure continuity, consistency, stability, in fact, an enduring, long-term, well-understood, and enthusiastically embraced, corporate bonding and organizational culture. The core ideology should be carefully and pointedly formulated. The objective is not simply to wordsmith a statement. Any statement is lifeless, empty, useless and ineffective, unless it is the embodiment of an existing and vibrant organizational culture, put in paper form for identifying pedagogical and promotional purposes.

Second, although a core ideology is indispensable, all by itself it can never ensure a powerful and dominating permanence of any organization. It must be complemented by a drive under a dedicated and creative leadership with a vividly envisioned and described future that has a wide open horizon, always seeks new fields to conquer, and therefore “never arrives.” Such leadership pursues “pragmatic idealism” that facilitates innovative processes, searching strategies, and stimulating practices, and aims at imaginative development, purposeful progress and measurable growth. All brilliant statesmen and generals in world history display such unforgettable leadership. It embraces the entrepreneurial freedom of the existing “labor force” on all levels, gives it plenty of room, is always open to suggestions, allows for small steps, is willing to accept mistakes, and aims to find out what “truly works.” Because the entrepreneurial freedom is “enslaved” to the core ideology it can only stimulate long term progress, even if there may be from time to time a short term slow-down.

This just described second characteristic complements the first one just as any superstructure complements a foundation. Both need each other to survive and to succeed. The first characteristic, the timeless principles of a core ideology must ever be preserved and never allows for change. It is set in concrete. “If it ain’t broke, *don’t* fix it.” To seek to reinvent one’s moorings constantly is to limp along at best. “Speed is the essence of success, and that not only in war” (Sun Tzu). In short, to compromise here is to fail, sooner or later. The second one, the timely stimulation of continuing progress must ever be in evidence. “If it ain’t broke, *do* fix it.” Not to reinvent the practical application of one’s core ideology in constantly changing situations is just as suicidal. In short, not to adapt is equally to fail, sooner or later. It is no coincidence that the President’s speech of last week touches upon BOTH ideological substance and its practical application!

The danger of all organizations is to be victimized by a one-sided, and sure to fail “either-or” straightjacket. It makes them either mire down in a stifling ideological dogmatism or has them founder in a senseless and equally counter-productive pragmatic adventurism. For organizations to be both powerful and perennial they ought to be propelled by the two-sided, sure to succeed, “both-and” engine. For them there is no clash between the principled and the practical. Quite the opposite! The constant and transparent foundational core ideology captivates, engenders stability, and instills confidence. The changing superstructure liberates to envision the future, and allows for the continuing and discerning type of self-criticism that is necessary for forward mobility. Core ideology never stifles the entrepreneurial spirit. At same time entrepreneurs invariably display the core ideology in “living color.” When General Elly Tumwine heard that I would be in your midst, he urged me to bind on your heart that “intensive thinking” and “extensive action,” while to be distinguished, can NEVER be separated. They do and must go together! True unity of thinking (indicating “order”) and true freedom of action (indicating “active dominion taking”) form a harmonious tandem, in which both poles must seek each other out and stimulate each other in order to be successful. Incidentally, they also limit and check each other, something on which I cannot

enlarge at length in this context, other than this reminder. Unity of all sorts must ever be on guard not to become oppressive, and freedom of all sorts must ever be on guard not to become licentious. This requires continuous self-denial, (sacrifice and submission) prompted by the ever present bond of love and marked by an unflinching purity of incorruptibility. Incidentally, the practical application process will undoubtedly produce shortcomings and failures as well as success and progress. Those responsible for shortcomings and failures must by all means acknowledge them, accept responsibility, express regrets and provide assurance of non-repetition. When they do, they usually emerge stronger than ever! However, when they refuse to do so, they are liable to stare certain defeat in the face.

In short, when the indispensable nature of a core ideology is recognized as the blueprint for lasting success, all sectors of society, such as the political, military, commercial, agricultural, educational, etc. establishments, will seek to institute their own think-tanks to develop such ideology in depth, persuade the world of its practical wisdom, and capture the hearts and lives of the intended “clients” that they seek to serve!” Concretely, if in the political arena a party succeeds in this, it will never lose an election again. Once the electorate is wedded to a transparent and superior ideology, its leaders may come and go, but this will not adversely affect the appreciation of the populace. Its basic commitment is not to the temporary party leader, but to the permanent party ideology!

Of course, this is clearly not the place or time to develop individual ideologies for individual establishments, however indispensable they may be for them to be fully and effectively operational. Nevertheless, in a properly functioning society the question MUST be asked, “What is the core value and what is the core purpose of marriage, the family, the state, the army, the church, the business, the educational institution, etc., and how do these values and purposes have a practical pay-off? After all, “thinking without disciplined acting (theory without application) is sterile.” But “acting without disciplined thinking (application without a theoretical model) is chaotic.” Incidentally, when I mentioned this to General Elly Tumwine a decade or so ago, he smiled, and not

soon thereafter we proceeded with a week-long think-tank to study the intricacies of Uganda's core Movement Ideology of the State as a "Minister of God" (Rom. 13:4) that is assigned the "Ministry of Justice," hand in hand with the Armed Forces as a "Ministry of Defense," and complementing Marriage as a "Ministry of Intimacy," the Family as a "Ministry of Propagation," the Religious Establishment as a "Ministry of Salvation," and the Business as a "Ministry of Enrichment" with all that this entails. The term "Ministry" is carefully chosen, frankly by God himself. It is designed to eradicate any notion of selfishness in self-serving motivation, conduct or objective. The State proves to be a "Minister of Justice" in a six-fold manner. It dispenses "contributive justice" by enacting godly principles into law for the common good, "distributive justice" by implementing the legal agenda passed by Parliament, "retributive justice" by punishing perpetrators of evil and commending productive citizens, "facilitating justice" by safeguarding private and entrepreneurial freedom in a secure and peaceful environment, "structural justice" by promoting a harmonious relationship among the various establishments or jurisdictions of society, and, last but not least, "participatory justice" by cooperating with the various jurisdictions in jointly pursuing overlapping interests or jointly sponsoring common projects, specifically in infra-structural development.

Still, as I stated, this is not the time or place to determine the core ideologies of the various jurisdictions, such as marriage, etc., at length. But there are ideological features UNDER GOD which bind all sectors of society together, secure their coherence, give them direction, ensure their progress, make them prosper, and must be the object of our prayers to function properly and successfully. Let me focus on these features in the last section of this address!

All of society consists of "one-and-many spheres," such as marriage, the family, the church, the state, including the army, and the business. In these spheres the "institution" and its "membership" are co-essential. Remove the "institution" and the "members" are gone as well. At the same time, remove the "members" and the "institution" disappears. Without an army there are no "soldiers," and without "soldiers" there is no "army." Furthermore, all these "one-and-many spheres" also function as "authority relationships." The husband is in authority

over his wife, the parents over the children, etc. This is no historical fluke. But where does all this come from? Frankly, it is a CREATED given. Both the created one-and-many spheres and authority relationships structurally mirror the uncreated and original One-and-Many Sphere and Authority Relationship in God, one in Essence AND three in Persons. They are ubiquitous and cover human society as well as the animate and inanimate world. As such they are inescapable, just as the galaxies are bound to the universe, solar systems to the galaxies, the earth to the solar system, and the fish to water. The deep truth is that the way the Trinitarian God is and functions determines the being and functioning of all of his creation. He is the Master-Artist who puts the signature of HIS Being and Functioning upon his Art-Work. I trust that we all agree that Creation is a majestic and astounding reality in its macro-cosmic tapestry as well as in its micro-cosmic intricacy.

In the light of all this it makes eminent sense to heed the instruction of the Creator (the authoritative and permanent core ideology) and to mirror his conduct (the superlative and practical application in ever changing situations). The core ideology in the one-and-many spheres, both in the independent and originating Triune Creator and in created and dependent mankind, comes down, amazingly, to “self-denial” in mutual love and incorruptible holiness. In the authority relationships this “self-denial” translates into “sacrifice” on the part of those in authority and “submission” on the part of those under authority, once again in the bond of love and the purity of incorruptibility. After all, it meant “self-denial” for God the Father to send his Son to the Cross, literally to die for sinners and so to save them. It meant heartfelt “submission” for God the Son to obey the Father and to shoulder that Cross, and it meant the agony of “sacrifice” for him to make a ransom without which the road to God would be permanently blocked. It goes without saying that without God’s breathtaking love as the spirit of the Cross and his utter holiness as the foundation of the Cross His saving activity could never have run its course. He would have given up on this bankrupt world long ago. Instead he decided upon a cosmic “bail-out.” That this requires and deserves our undying worship stands to eminent and unwavering reason.

Several things now must be crystal clear. First, by God's mandate the divine core ideology of self-denial, sacrifice, and submission is incumbent upon mankind by definition in all sectors of society. He takes the lead. We must follow. If we embrace this ideology, we prosper. If we refuse to do so, we self-destruct sooner or later. Even the physical world reflects this. Only in and through death will a seed release its life-giving force. Second, without the presence of genuine love, which is a desire to be united with an object, a delight when this union is achieved, and an unshakable determination to pay any price to attain and retain it, "self-denial" and its offshoots, "sacrifice" and "submission," can never materialize. Genuine love always makes "deposits" that enrich, in all one-and-many spheres and all authority relationships, and never resorts to "withdrawals" that makes others foot the bill and inflict pain. Third, without the nobility of incorruptible "holiness" "self-denial," "sacrifice" and "submission" cannot exist. Without this even their mention would already be preposterous. Authentic holiness meets obligations, absorbs bills and pays the price. Fourth, the core ideology of self-denial, sacrifice and submission in the bond of love and the purity of integrity that I have just identified, be in broad strokes, was woven in the warp and woof of all the so-called "historicals," the brave men and women who under the leadership of President Museveni set out to rescue their country and their heritage in the early 1980's. As I stated in January, out of love for their country and their fellow citizens they were willing to make their wives widows and their children orphans. In fact, many of them did just that, as they surrendered their lives! Their integrity was also beyond question. They fought for a just cause with just means in a just manner. The contours and essence of this core ideology is unmistakable to those who read up on the literature that covered the last thirty years, such as the autobiography of President Museveni, *Sowing the Mustard Seed*, the autobiography of General Pecos Kutesa, *Uganda's Revolution: 1979-1986: How I saw it*, and volumes, such as the late Maj. Ondoga ori Amaza's, *Museveni's Long March from Guerilla to Statesman*, which appropriately starts and concludes with a reference to God and his Word.

This core ideology was behind the "hot" pursuit of their core purpose with its twin pillars: the uncompromising determination on the one hand to take on a

totalitarian and oppressive tyranny and fight for its corollary of unshackled individual and corporate freedom, of worship, of the press, of assembly, of entrepreneurial deployment, of capital producing private property, and on the other hand, equally to take on a fragmenting and debilitating sectarianism, and battle for its corollary of a full scale and flourishing unity, filled with promise. After all, “united we invariably stand,” while “divided we just as invariably fall!” This structural ideological core purpose of freedom in unity and unity in freedom, rooted in self-denying sacrifice and submission, wherever and whenever called for, in a “bond of love” and a “purity of incorruptibility” is on display in living color in the autobiography of President Museveni. It opposed a spiderlike one-party ideology that sucks the populace dry. It equally opposed a locust-like multi-party ideology that devours each other. It promoted a “one for all and all for one” beehive-like ideology that focuses on peaceful CONTRIBUTION, rather than basically “war-like” COMPROMISE. His commitment to this ideology was also the hallmark of his recent opening address of the African Land Forces Summit, to which I listened even as recently as two days ago. All those who have read his autobiography with perceptive hearts could not but applaud his most recent speech.

Frankly, all this should convince the populace that the so-called “historicals” with their vibrant and lived-out core ideology and core purpose have earned the undying gratitude of a nation and must be saluted! Such salute, however, is hollow unless those who are giving the salute follow in their footsteps by their Thanksgiving to God for what He has accomplished through them, and by their Prayer to God that He will continue to accomplish through them what he has started in others!

Such Prayer is far from superfluous and may NEVER become an empty formality. The Prophet is crystal clear in bringing out the UTTER need for prayer in characterizing the history of man as follows, “Our transgressions are multiplied before you, and our sins testify against us, for our transgressions are with us, and we know our iniquities, transgressing and denying the Lord, and turning back from following our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart lying words. Justice is turned back, and righteousness

stands afar off, for truth has stumbled in the public squares and uprightness cannot enter. Truth is lacking and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey” (Is. 59:12-15). This is not a pretty picture. But it indicates that mankind cannot save itself. We all know that this is a true picture, especially those who perceptively look at history, inclusive of African History, whether in its pre-colonial, colonial, or post-colonial period. Throughout “tyranny and revolt” is the name of the historical game, whether in Europe, Asia or elsewhere. I was born before the Second World War and experienced a tyrannical war machine that trampled everyone under foot. I set foot in Uganda three decades ago and experienced the tyrannical ravages that ripped this country apart. We all remember the bankruptcy of an “Apartheid” culture. Most recently the so-called “Arab Spring” is a grim but living proof! In the midst of all this cauldron of turmoil pride and corruption abound, especially when people become strong and accomplished, such as king Uzziah, while the vulnerable and innocent always bite the dust. In short, the Prophet emphasizes, and we are and should be fully conscious of this, that we live in a world that is rife with wickedness, whether political, economic, or otherwise. The very need for sophisticated and zonal as well as mobile Defense Forces and the intensive personal and technological training of its Officer Corps, as the President underscored even last week already testifies to this quite eloquently. But the Prophet also indicates both the REASON and the ROOT of this sorry picture. Mankind has a God-problem as well as a Heart-problem, both of which cry out for a solution!

By rebelling against God mankind plunged itself in wickedness and misery. In early history God was so provoked with this that he was sorry he made man, and drowned them all in the flood. Were it not for his grace, Noah would not have survived either. Then in Israel’s history, he sent them all in the Babylonian Exile. Were it not for a “remnant of election,” no one would have survived. Mankind clearly has a God-problem. He is of purer eyes than to behold iniquity (Hab. 1:13). He WILL judge it. But it also has a Heart-problem. It is the biblical testimony that “The problem of the heart is invariably the heart of the problem!” The human heart, man’s “mission control center,” is desperately and wickedly corrupt. Were it not for God’s restraining grace, it would erupt in one

genocidal holocaust after another. In fact, it resembles a cobra (Ps. 58:5). This is not a pretty picture. But it is the truth of God's Word and can only be ignored at our peril. As a result its consequent thought processes (core-ideology) are "only evil continually" (Gen. 6:5), and its conduct (core-application) "lamentably violent" (Gen. 6:11). We may not see this at first glance when we look in a mirror. But no one with an eye for history can possibly deny or downplay this. History is not marked by extended periods of peace interspersed by an occasional war. It is a relentless string of wars with now and then a breather of peace. When the Holy Spirit of God opens our spiritual eyes, and convicts us of "sin, righteousness and judgment" it becomes a rock like conviction that the human heart is the culprit!

All this makes us understand why it precipitated the Judgment of God in the Worldwide Flood in the early history of mankind, with only one survivor, Noah and his family, and the Babylonian Exile in the history of Israel, with only a remnant of election exempt from God's displeasure.

Quite clearly mankind needs a heart transplant in order for itself, its mind (core ideology) and its conduct (core application) to be sanitized. The good news is that this is precisely the gracious prospect that God in his infinite, self-denying, and sacrificial love holds out against the backdrop of a bankrupt mankind and a bankrupt Israel. In the words of the prophet, "I will take the heart of stone out of you and give you a heart of flesh" (Ezek. 36:26). God does so by providing a Donor. This Donor is Jesus, the Son of God. There is none other! In his crucifixion and death he killed that "cobra" heart (Rom. 6:6), and in his resurrection he replaced it with his own heart (Rom. 6:11). What a genuine joy it was to hear the clear-cut and ringing testimony of General Leopold Kyanda in January during the Thanksgiving Breakfast that he was the recipient of the heart of Jesus in his rebirth! Such a heart transplant is tantamount to a new creation and as such is the launching pad for a brand new mind set (core ideology) and a brand new conduct (core application). But, frankly, there is more! God also promises to wash us of all our past filth and put the Holy Spirit within us to write his law on our mind (core ideology) and to make us godly (core application)" (Ezek. 36:25, 27). And once again God's Son, Jesus, is instrumental in providing this for us. On

his Cross he cleanses us of this “filth” (2 Cor. 5:21), and removes “our corruption” (Heb. 10:10). Then, in his Resurrection he produces a new righteousness, his own (2 Cor. 5:21b), and a new purity, his own (Eph. 2:10). In short, mankind is saddled with three universal problems that rear their ugly head throughout history, a heart that the Psalmist likens to a “cobra” (Ps. 58:4), a past that Paul likens to “dung” (Phil. 3:10) and a life that James likens to “poison” (Jam. 4:8). The awesome reality is that all friends of the Cross find their three problems exterminated and that all friends of the Resurrection find themselves re-originated with the three solutions.

Herewith I come to the conclusion of my address. I am a bond-slave of God and of his Son Jesus Christ. Hence I stated at the very beginning that I could only share with you HIS Word, that is, HIS diagnosis and HIS cure. But I can assure you that all those who look in the mirror of that Word, recognize their “predicament” though the eye-opening ministry of the Holy Spirit and “call on the Name of the Lord” (Acts 2:21) for God’s Three Solutions in Christ Jesus, will doubtlessly be graced with a godly core ideology, consisting of godly core values and a godly core purpose, that will enable them to experience and display godly self-denying sacrifice and submission in the bond of godly love and the purity of godly incorruptibility that leads to godly words and godly action which secures peace, safeguards freedom, ensures harmony, produces unity, and with it strength and prosperity under the smile of God. Without Jesus Nothing! With Jesus Everything!

So at this Breakfast it is my heartfelt Prayer that all nations represented here will aim for and experience the glory of young King Uzziah in his Humility before God and under the Smile of God, and shun like the plague the negative example of the older Uzziah in his Pride against God and under the Judgment of God. The backdrop of any Prayer Breakfast is: “We do not have when we do not ask” (Jam. 4:2). But its motto: “When we ask, we WILL receive” (Mt. 7:8). May God grace Uganda and every nation here represented with OUR Prayers and HIS Blessing!