GOD ELECTS BASE THINGS OF THE WORLD

1st Lesson: 1st Corinthians 1:27–28 2nd Lesson: Matthew 13:54–55 Golden Text: John 7:15–17

I believe that the three lessons read to you have opened your eyes and understanding. History has repeated itself. The lessons constitute the statement of defence. The unwary world insinuate that your Leader is not educated. But the educated professors and academicians deny the existence of God. They argue that life came into existence by evolution and not by creation. A child who is mindful will destroy what killed his father, but if not, he will suffer a similar fate. It is a pity to note presently that the ghost of their fathers' nemesis is hunting them.

REPETITION OF HISTORY:

People confess that if they had been in the world during the time of Christ, they would have followed Him. Such statement is false because thev are those who killed Him. They also wonder why the Jews did not believe in Him. It is a truism that no Christian believes in Christ. As they rejected Him and regarded Him as the carpenter's son, so it is till today. It should be noted that what the Father shuts, nobody can open and what He opens, no one closes. In the past people were inquisitive to knowing what Brotherhood of the Cross and Star is. But today, no such questions will be raised again because all universities, professors, scientists and learned men of the world know it. This gospel will be printed and circulated throughout the world. Now people claim that they know the Leader who was selling cloth, and that He is their brother. This compares with the allusion made against Christ to illustrate that God's thought is different from that of man.

Secular education enables the recepient to know how to read and write. Our Lord Jesus Christ did not speak English language, French, Germany etc. except His mother-tongue, the Hebrew language. Though God sent Christ to the world, but which language does He (God) speak? Is He a Jew, Greek, French, English or German? You glory in the ability to speak fluent English language. Is Christ from England? Even Scotland has her own language which when spoken, you may not understand. The English language is derivative from other languages. If you go to а French territory with only the knowledge of English language, it will not be beneficial because the professors, scientists and people there do not understand English. They use French for their daily activities. The same thing is applicable to India, Germany, Russia etc. Their local language is for

production. This asserts that God teaches people irrespective of language. It is only here in Nigeria that English language is lingua franca because of accident of colonization. If you go to the Frenchspeaking West African countries with your degrees, they will not accept them because they have nothing to do with English language.

GOD CHOOSES FOOLISH THINGS:

It is God who teaches because worldly education is very limited. If you had believed the prophetic writings, you could have known that Christ would not be born in a king's house or in an urban town, because God uses base things to confound the mighty. The prophecy is not new because prophets like Jeremiah, Isaiah and Ezekiel had enunciated it, but no one believed. God always passes through man in mysterious ways to do wonders on earth. Man judges outward appearance while God reads the inward mind. That was why Christ was born to Joseph, a carpenter, to Mary, a humble damsel in Nazareth, a lowly country-side which had never produced a prophet. Those who came from Nazareth were regarded as outcasts. Although the prophetic writings revealing the will of God had been laminated in the Scriptures, people do not believe in their materialisation. But God is faithful and true and sees that His words are fulfilled. Pilate, Herod, Caesar Caiaphas, the kings and high priests thought that Christ would be born to them,

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but they forgot that God chooses foolish things to confound the wise. For, as the heavens are higher than the earth, so is the wisdom of God higher than that of men. God honours His word because He is the Word. Therefore, whatever occurence you see is according to His predestination. Nothing happens according to the will of man.

Whether man believes in God or not, He is God forever. The Jews and the entire Israelites rejected Christ because of the lesson of today.

PREDESTINATION:

A careful examination of the house of Judah, the tribe from where Christ came conforms to the requirement of God's election of despised things. Jacob, the Patriach had twelve sons, representing the twelve tribes of Israel., the twelve Calendar months of the year and the twelve Zodiac. The star or destiny of anyone is determined by the month and family one is born. Before the death of Jacob, he summoned his children and prophesied what would befall them in the last days.

He called Reuben who was the first born, the beginning of his strength and the excellency of his dignity and power, and told him that because he defiled his father's bed, he would be unstable as water and would not excel. All the poor people in the world are from Reuben's family. Even if such people are given all the money in the international banks, they will squander them in riotous living. This confirms the statement that the first born does not prosper. This situation emanates from the curse of Reuben, the first born of Jacob.

What you are required to know from this lesson is that you should not commit fornication, because if Reuben did not fornicate with his father's wife, he would not have been cursed. Secondly, you should not be easily provoked, because it was anger which induced Jacob to pronounce the curse. Thirdly, do not allow evil communication to proceed out of your mouth as Jacob did. If Jacob were to be present today, he would have wept because of the predicament he had brought into the world. However, his words had already fallen to the ground and had broken mighty stones to accomplish its mission. Why do you pronounce woe on people when you realise the devastation of the world by Jacob's curse. Due to provocation, Jacob pronounced the curse, and whoever is born into the family, inherits its effect. Notwithstanding it is only the Father alone who can revoke the curse.

Simeon and Levi were brethren from the same father and mother. When Jacob sojourned in Shalem, the prince of that land fell in love with Dinah, Jacob's daughter and defiled her. After accepting Jacob's condition of circumcision, marriage was contracted. But Jacob's children were displeased because of the defilement of their sister and did not accept the terms of the marriage contract. And in the night, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brethren, took up sword and slew all the males in the city. Because of that murderous act Jacob cursed that instrument of cruelty would remain in their habitations, and that his soul should not abide with them. The murderers in the world today emanate from that family.

To Judah, he said: "Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise; thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies, thy father's children shall born down before thee. The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a law given between his feet, until Shitoh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be."

It should be noted that our Lord Jesus Christ came from the tribe of Judah. When the other brethren decided to kill Joseph and sprinkle the blood of a calf on his cloth to deceive their father, Judah argued that he should rather be sold for money which would be more profitable to them. Therefore, Judah loved money. Invariably, all those who come from that family are money mongers. Those who love money like to give and receive bribes. They also like stealing, lying and swindling. Acham who stole a garment, gold and silver from Jericho and hid them under his tent, and brought woeful defeat to the Israelites was from Judah's family. These incidents made the Israelites to believe that Judah's family was a condemned one.

Furthermore, Judah had two sons. The firstborn married a wife but died without an issue. The second son was requested to take up the wife and raise seed on behalf of his late brother as was their custom. He accepted to be intimate with the woman but refused to impregnate her by withdrawing ejaculation. Recall the gospel about abortion being murder. If a woman is pregnant but aborts, she commits murder. Likewise if a man is intimate with a woman but withdraws ejaculation, he commits murder. The second son died because of such act. Therefore, the woman remained a widow. However, God did not forget his promise that the sceptre would not depart from Judah's house. How would the promise materialise when there was no offspring in the family and Judah himself was old? One day as Judah was walking along the street. he saw a beautiful woman and he fell in love with her without knowing that she was the late son's wife. The woman demanded the sceptre instead of money before yielding. Afterwards, Judah heard that his late son's widow was pregnant. According to their custom, she should be killed. So Judah went to investigate who was responsible for the pregnancy. He was surprised to see the woman producing the sceptre to signify that Judah himself was responsible for the pregnancy. This is the mystery of God which is beyond comprehension. From that pregnancy, the family started to grow. This illustrates that everything is done by God without any mistake. Let our first lesson be read.

"But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God has chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things that are mighty:

And base things of the world, and things that are despised, hath God chosen, year, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are."

You are hereby warned not to despise anybody again for such delinquency is the cause of the troubles in the world. During the time a Messiah was expected in Israel, there were such important personalities like Herod; there were renowned high priests like Caiphas and big temples and synagogues with their attendant officers who served God day and night. They expected Christ to be born to them. But contrary to their expectation, he went to Joseph, a carpenter, and to Mary, a virgin girl and to Nazareth, a town which had never produced a prophet and in the house of Judah, a family which Moses said nothing about concerning priesthood. There is no smoke without fire. Everything happens according to the will of God. Zacharias was from a priestly family of people who served God, and his wife Elizabeth was from the house of Aaron. Therefore, it was not an accident for John to be born to them. That was why people upheld him as Christ. They also sent priests and

Levites from Jerusalem to ask him whether he was the Christ. But he answered them that he was not. They further asked whether he was Elijah or the prophet, and he said, no. They wondered why He baptised in water if he was not the Christ or Elijah or the prophet. But John told them that he baptised with water, but there was one in their midst whose shoe's latchet he was not worthy to unloose, he would baptise with Spirit and fire.

CHANGE IN PRIESTHOOD

The wonderful thing was that as everybody went to John for baptism, Christ also joined the queue. In the process, John revealed Christ to Israel as the expected Messiah and Son of God. But the Israelites rejected the testimony and argued that they knew John, for Jesus was a commoner and a son of a carpenter. That was why when Philip found Nathaniel and told him that he had found the one whom Moses in the law and the prophets wrote about, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph, Nathaniel asked him whether any good thing could come out of Nazareth. Philip asked him to come and see. People did not recognise Christ because He came from a bad and mean city. They thought he was demented.

The office of priesthood was hereditary. How could Jesus be a priest when he was not born into a priestly family? That compounded the problem of identity. Joseph and Mary had never served God.

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Therefore, to hear that their child was a Son of God was repugnant to the Jews. Consider this issue carefully yourself. You accuse Adam and Eve for disobeying God and claim that if you were in the Garden of Eden, you would not have disobeyed. But till today you are committing the same offence by eating the forbidden fruit. Imagine a man whose father had never been a priest, and son had never attended any seminary or theological college. Will you as a priest recognise or listen to such a person? This is the dilemma confronting the world today.

When Christ was twelve years old He went into the temple and disputed with the lawyers and Scribes. He answered all questions passed by them but they could not answer Him. Who taught Him all these things? The worldly institutions, seminaries and theological colleges teach their students carnal ways of worship by invocation, incantation, diverse washings and sacrifice. If you read Hebrews, chapter 9, you will see what form of worship was practised by the priests as is done in orthodox churches today. Did Christ adopt such mode of worship? The second lesson is exactly what people are saying today that they know Leader Obu, that He did not go to school, and that you are worshipping a man.

2nd Lesson: Matthew 13:54-55

"And when he was come into his own country, he taught them in their synagogue, in so much that they were astonished, and said, whence hath this man this wisdom, and this mighty works?

Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren James, and Joses and Simon, and Judas?"

This gospel is given for circulation to enlighten the inquisitive and sceptic world. The downfall and desolation of Israel is that they claim to know who Christ is.

GOD IS THE TEACHER

It is written in the Prophets that God will teach them (John 6:45). It was not destined that people will be taught in schools, colleges or universities, but by God. Are you aware of this? How can a person teach you about God? It is only God who teaches people His words. All the institutions in the world teach people mundane things. They teach you how to read and write, and they also teach engineering, and science, although these things are still taught by God. In school, you are taught history, geography and hygiene. Do these subjects relate to God? If you ask a professor or vice-chancellor whether there is God, he will answer that there is none. This is so because God promised to use the foolish things to confound the wise. If a professor or scientist is brought to me now, I will confound him. If a person is sent by God and he is taught by another person and is issued with a certificate, he is not taught by God because he has his teacher. But the one sent by God does not need a teacher because no one can teach God. People erroneously think that Christ went to the university. If He had gone, He would not have been the one, and His people would have known and would not have made the statement in the above lesson.

I want to remove the scales from your eyes so that you may stop glorifying in vain things. You rejoice that your brother had gone overseas and had graduated as a professor or doctor. Then I ask, professor or doctor of what, of stones, iron and wood? There is no knowledge of God in the world. The only knowledge here is how to read and write.

The greatest mathematician in the world comes from Egypt and cannot speak English. Yet the fanatics query why your leader does not speak English. Is this a question of English Language? You should be ashamed because if I speak the real English language, you will not understand. Why does the world not appreciate a good thing? English language is derived from other languages for commercial purpose. It is polluted with synonyms so that the word 'come' can be subjected to different interpretations. For this reason, the French language is preferred in international who come to me and wonder what I would teach them. If I had attended any church before coming to found Brotherhood, it would have been an imitation.

DOCTRINE OF GOD:

People call me a man from Biakpan, a cloth seller, who had never been to school, and wonder where I get my wisdom. Their allegations are true. The teachings are not mine but His who sent me. This is a very deep mystery which if God is not with you, you will never believe. Imagine a person who has been trading in cloth when will he get time to learn theology. For this reason the unwary world hold firm to their unbelief. They allege that those who regard the Leader are a wonderful Teacher are being deceived and that they could not be deceived.

God does His thing in this way so that all glory should go to Him. Other people glory in the University education and theological degrees. But I have never been to school or church, and I have never been taught by man. I was born like this and it is the Father who does everything. I now sound a note of warning that you should stop investigating who the Leader is, but go and practise whether they are from God or from man.

My answer to the world is that I have not gone to any school or church. But go and bring any Dean of the faculty of religion, the Pope, Arch-Bishops and other clergies of any episcopal Seminary and I will confound them because they are all practising occultism.

Eli was a prophet in Israel he had two sons who were vile before God and Eli restrained them not. Therefore, God promised to judge his house by eliminating them. According to God's wisdom Hannah who was barren went to the temple to pray for a child. She vowed that if she had a child, she would surrender him to the Service of the Lord. As she was praying Eli thought she was drunk. At last after Samuel was born, he was taken to Eli to minister unto God. But Eli cared less for the child because he had two sons who would succeed him, although God thought differently. And Samuel grew up in the wisdom of God. One day, God called Samuel and he thought he was called by Eli, his master. This happened three times, and Eli knew that God wanted to speak to Samuel and advised him to say: "Speak Lord, for thy servant heareth." He also warned Samuel to tell him all that God would say. So God revealed all that would happen to Israel and Eli's house to Samuel. As a small boy where did Samuel get such wisdom? It is not the Church or school that teaches people about God. In future I will speak in Biakpan Language and it will be interpreted to you. Finally as God revealed. Eli and his two sons died and Samuel took over from him.

ERA OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

You claim to be the founder of the Roman Catholic church and the Presbyterian Church. Hold fast to your faith and watch and see what God is going to do in this last generation. Our Lord Jesus Christ told the Samaritan woman that they worshipped what they did not know. We worship what we know because salvation is from the Holv Spirit. God is a Spirit and the true worshippers worship Him in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeks such to worship Him. When you say that you do not want a Spiritual Church, you are dead. That is why the world is void. Here in Brotherhood, we do not clap hands, play ochestra, or burn candle and incense. As you come here your problems and sicknesses are taken away by the Holy Spirit.

I am seen everywhere. As I am here now, I am seen physically in Los Angeles. When you hear such testimony, you say that the Leader is a wizard that He should go away with His witchcraft, and that you are worshipping the real God. Notwithstanding you will stay with your real God and perish.

It is said that a stroke of the cane is sufficient unto the wise. Those who have ears, let them hear. May God bless His Holy Words — Amen!