

CHAPTER 1

SERMON DELIVERED BY LEADER OLUMBA OLUMBA OBU THE SOLE SPIRITUAL HEAD OF THE UNIVERSE:

SUPREMACY OF CELESTIAL ARMAMENT:

FIRST LESSON: ST. LUKE 17:20—21

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SECOND LESSON: ST. LUKE 18:7—8

“And shall not God . . . avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?”

GOLDEN TEXT: ST. JOHN 20:28—29

“And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.

Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed”.

Introductory Songs:

1. “He has come in a secret manner but the world is looking for Him”.
2. “The weapon of war which I hold is not a carnal weapon”.
3. “I have come by myself sending no one, and I will reveal myself to the world. I come to die no more, as people guess; my people, sing and rejoice, for I, the Lord has come to reign”.

THE FAILURE OF HUMAN INVENTIONS:

These spiritual choruses serve as an introduction to this sermon. I always look at you, and indeed, all the inhabitants of the world with great pity. This is because, human knowledge is only limited to his environment and in sharp contrast to God's designed purpose for his (man's) existence.

If man can design a particular equipment for his use and modernise it in future for better results, how much more God? Before the invention of guns, bombs and other implements of war, you could recall that at any time men found it necessary to go to war, they did so with crude implements such as sticks and stones. Even when man intended to use fire, he had to strike two stones together to get what he wanted.

During the first world war, guns and other dangerous weapons were developed and used.

The inhabitants of the world thought they had advanced in the invention of these destructive weapons. However, they soon realised the crudeness of these weapons and thought of mechanizing their military might to acceptable standard. So, jet bombers and fighters, machine guns, improved rifles, tanks and many other mass destructive weapons were developed. As if these were not enough, they went further to invent missiles of varied distances and purposes. They now have surface and air missiles, among others.

MAN'S SELF DESTRUCTIVE INVENTION:

Further researches were carried out by the leading industrialized nations notably America, Russia (USSR), Britain and France to change the nature of their various war machines from manually operated ones to electronic. Today, they have almost reached the peak of their destructive inventions. They now boast of electronic warfare highly computerized, some with nuclear warheads. They also have in their arsenals, such mass destructive weapons of chemical and biological nature. With all these armaments at their disposal, they only need to stay somewhere to press some buttons and the result is catastrophic. If human beings can develop such high technological weapons, what do you think about God?

CUSTOMARY REJECTION OF GOD'S REPRESENTATIVES:

If you recall from times immemorial till date, the world has never

accepted God's representatives on earth. They are often tortured and disgraced. Some of them faced stoning, beheading, crucifixion or public execution. You must have heard about samson with enormous power. He was subjected to all forms of persecutions. His wife muddled him up. She later exposed the secret of his power to his enemies. Consequently, he was killed. God has the capability to dismantle this obnoxious custom. In this advent, this custom stands revoked.

Having realised man's tendencies to capitalize on God's love for his selfish end, God has therefore, reordered the situation of things far beyond human comprehension. Hence, He has come in a big way. The **manifestation of His glory** is so amazing. The kingdom has suddenly **sprung up unnoticed** to the inhabitants of the earth. This kingdom is **still at its infancy** because, your faith is not yet developed to the level of Christhood. He has set the 'ball rolling.' He has clandestinely **appeared in the world**. He is in the seas, sky, earth, beneath the earth, **water beneath** and everywhere. The Holy Spirit has taken complete dominion over all planes of manifest.

HE HAS COME:

Our Organist (Brother E. B. Eyo) in his book: *The Truth Has Come*, asks for explanation from Christian churches and other religious groups who have been expecting Christ to descend from the blues, to tell him how and where Christ would successfully land bearing in mind the numerous enemies around waiting for Him? You could recall what was done to the prophets of old. You should also recall the treatment meted to John the Baptist, Peter, Christ and many others. Do you think that God would come again to face such humiliation from man? Now, He has personally come to reign for ever. Like in the past, the present generation has disdainfully refused to acknowledge His presence.

Our Lord Jesus Christ bore elequent testimony of this glory. This is a kingdom that has never been experienced by any generation. This generation therefore, is the luckiest of all. Those who have embraced the kingdom do so not of their own volition but everything has been predestinated. In other words, nobody comes here on his or her own accord but according to the will of the Holy Spirit. For instance, in a city where more than three quarter of its entire residents are hardened criminals, but one man decides to effect a change, think of the obstacles he would face and the kind of initial problems involved. So

long as the man is completely against the tradition (crime) of the people, he would be looked upon as insane and an undesirable element.

MAN HAS NO REVERENCE FOR GOD:

The coming of our Lord Jesus Christ was a little test given to the inhabitants of the world, especially when He declared His deity as the son of God. See citation to buttress this point:

“Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the son of God?” (John 10:36)

The real motive for such declaration was to reassure the world of the presence of the expected Messiah in their midst. To their chagrin they seized Him and crucified Him. In their ignorance, they praised themselves for killing our Lord Jesus Christ. They claimed that He had blasphemed. They never bothered to believe in His name nor trust in Him. Till date, man does not believe in Him. Some members of this kingdom do exhibit similar behaviour. This is so because, in His second advent, they still doubt Him. Your problem is that of faithlessness. His presence on earth is incomprehensible to the people of the world. He is the one who carries out all spiritual activities. He prays, sings, heals and protects you all.

A FUTILE EFFORT:

You have seen what goes on in the world today. During the days of Noah, he was told to make an Ark which he did. At that time, there were no ships as it is the case today. But now, there are ocean-going vessels and very big ships that can accommodate several tones of cargo and thousands of passengers. Some are even provided with recreational facilities and gardens. With these types of ships, people can remain on board so long as they wish, provided they have made adequate provision for their feeding. This is done to guide against a repeat of what happened in the days of Noah. However, God has His confidential and incomprehensible plans. So, it is absolute nonsense for man to device means of avoiding impending doom. The only advanced plans anybody who loves his or her life should do now is to turn away from evil. Otherwise, your chance is sealed.

What happened to Sodom and Gomorrah should serve as a warning to some of you who think that God is a toy subject to be manipulated. During this period, ships had already been manufactured but they

were destroyed by fire. No single soul was saved out of these two cities. That is the wisdom of God.

THE MORE YOU LOOK, THE LESS YOU SEE:

When man realised that God had devised another means of destroying the earth by the use of fire, he designs fire fighting equipment. Consequently, fire services Brigade is established all over the world. Their duty is to put off fire of any magnitude and control such occurrences. God on His part has never relented on devising other ways to beat human imagination at any given time. Even with the present level of the fire fighting techniques, how easy is it to put off some fire incidents?. For instance, there have been several cases of fire incidents in Nigeria; such as the Watt Market fire disaster, Aba market and very many others. The government had been setting up probe panel in each case, but what is the result of their findings? Who is held responsible?

When man least expected His coming, He quietly takes His place ready for action. His presence is felt all over the world even though some people claim ignorance. He is the one shaking the world. He is fire, water, rain, wind, snow, war and peace. He is in everything you can imagine. Just as we are told by the scriptures:

“And of the angels he saith, who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.” (Hebrews 1:7).

The more you look at Him, the less you see Him.

MAN'S FOLLY:

The whites are uncertain and afraid of what will come up next, because they are not sure of themselves. In a few years back, it was widely reported that a powerful hurricane swept across London and other parts of Britain. People were killed; houses and many other properties destroyed. The surprising thing is that, it was not possible for their meteorologists to forecast its coming. After its devastating effect, people only suggested that it came from Africa. The government on its part blamed it on the meteorological department for its failure to predict what was happening. Researches and investigations have failed: Nobody knows what will happen next. So, the entire world is in a state of confusion.

DO NOT RESIST GOD:

You must have read in the scriptures about God's regret in creating

man. This was sequel to Enoch's report to Him. I am emphatically telling you that amongst the inhabitants of the earth today, none is aware of God. If you had known Him, you would have treated Him with all amount of reverence. When you see me walk silently, it is because of the reverence I have for Him. But in your own case, you fight and cause strife. In your prayers, you shout at the top of your tone calling on the name of Jesus. You do this because, you are spiritually blind.

YOU ARE SAVED BY GRACE:

It is stated in the scripture that:

"The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom".
(Psalm 111:10)

If you were to reverence God, you would not even kill an ant nor to think of evil. But for God's pronouncement that you are saved by grace, none of you would have been called into this kingdom because, Christ would not have come to shed His precious blood.

If our Lord Jesus Christ were to visit the earth again just in the same manner He came in the first advent, for how long would He have stayed on earth? Even in His first advent, His disciples tried as much as possible to keep Him off the crowd. Once He accomplished a spiritual feat, He often warned the person healed not to tell anybody that He did it. He did not want much publicity because, such could lead to His untimely death. Man is the most stubborn creature on earth. If man were to be given an opportunity to have physical combat with God, he would have used all available weapons to destroy Him. If it were possible to claim the world and everything therein, man would have done it. Governments all over the world do not know God. They rely on their military might. They even claim the world to be theirs.

If you are faced with one type of problem or the other, the worldly people would mock at you and ask you to call on Jesus to rescue you. If you call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, they equally mock at you. Anything you request in the name of Christ is regarded as a mirage. They believe in what they see. They regard the Government but hold God in great contempt. It is only in this kingdom that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ is pronounced and upheld.

PREACH ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT:

Your preaching should be centred on the glory of the Holy Spirit

here on earth. This is because, the era of the Holy Spirit had been foretold hundreds of years back. What we are witnessing today is a manifestation of these prophecies. Watch carefully and see what the Holy Spirit will do in this world in the nearest future. Everything that was written about this present age must surely come to pass.

THE HOLY SPIRIT AND HIS MYSTERY:

I have told you times without number not to preach about me. I am a human being like you. Do not even mention my name but preach about the Holy Spirit. When your eyes are opened spiritually, you will be in line with the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit has taken possession of all things and all available spaces. He is in your heart, in my heart, in the hearts of animals, in plants and in everything. That is the reason why your discussions are often brought before Him. He chairs every meeting held by men and spirits.

Whatever you claim to do either publicly or secretly is known to Him. He does not need anybody to report any situation to Him because before any event occurs, He has known the cause and effect of such event.

It was as a result of His omnipotency that Christ said:

“All things are delivered unto me of my Father; and no man knoweth the son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father save the Son, and he to whomsoever the son will reveal him.” (Matthew 11:27).

You should also note the experience of one Assussu Inyang Ibom. When his child was healed through the power of God, he turned round to plot all possible ways to destroy the very person through whom his child was saved. His motive stemmed from the fact that, he would lose much money as a famous occultist, if this New Powerful man is allowed to exist. This is so because, most of his clients would turn away from him. This is a person who had tried all available means to save the life of his child, but failed. Instead of showing a thankful mind to God, he rather went to plan for the destruction of the same Being. Many of you who come into the fold of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star are purely for the acquisition of power and not for the salvation of your soul. Once you leave the precinct of 34 Ambo Street, Calabar to your various stations, you boast of being with the Father and that He has now empowered you to do 'this' or 'that'.

BEWARE OF YOUR UTTERANCES AND ACTIONS:

Just as I normally say when I am talking, that, 'I am making the declarations from the highest plane', some members when talking to non-members would claim to also speak from the highest plane, so as to have a stamp of authority. Most people on hearing this would readily accept to do whatever their bidding. Some of you even threaten to spit fire on such a person until your demand is met. This is because, the inhabitants of the Earth are afraid of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. Therefore, some of you misuse the exalted position of the fold to exploit the helpless people you come in contact with.

DO NOT TEMPT GOD:

It is a common practice these days that many women lord over their husband. Some openly abuse their husbands and challenge them on many occasions. Children are left uncared for and their behaviours are often very ruthless. Even some members of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star are not exempted from this appalling situation. You find some of them assuming an air of authority wherever they are, so pompous and contemptuous. You have heard the accusations levelled by the world against Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. It was through false accusations that John the Baptist, Stephen, Christ and others were killed.

If not that Brotherhood of the Cross and Star is indestructible, by now, people would have forgotten about its existence. The whites, the blacks and others have carried out series of investigations about the kingdom. So many people have also lost their lives on the course of investigating about the foundation of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. Some of them sent by their fellow members could not return to report back their findings. Others disappeared in the water. If not for the love of God, the world would have witnessed catastrophe for tempting God.

THE HOLY SPIRIT CAN CHANGE TO ANYTHING:

You are quite aware of the fact that, man has greatly advanced in terms of science and technology. It does not take people many years of research to copy and even become so perfect in the technology originally developed by others. Most products now are copied from the original manufacturers. Similarly, people who believe in charms and talisman do also find it easy to copy it from their fellow men. If Brotherhood of the Cross and Star were to come from man, do you

not think that, by now, some other persons somewhere would have started a similar kingdom? Brotherhood of the Cross and Star is one and indivisible. It is also non-transferable. That is the reason why I have been telling you to go out and publicise the works of the Holy Spirit. Do not preach about Olumba Olumba Obu, but emphasize on the Holy Spirit and His works on earth.

The people of the world want to see before believing. It is said that, blessed is he who does not see but yet believes. This is what remains to be done by those in the world. Till eternity, it is a blessing to those who believe without seeing. The Holy Spirit is here but you cannot see Him, can you refute this? He can change to water, air, bird, snake, tiger, young or aged woman. If you are told that a tiger or python you saw is the Holy Spirit, would you agree? Would you also believe that, that aged woman who begged for alms is the Holy Spirit? The lightning you see in the sky is the Holy Spirit. Do you believe that you are a tool in the hands of the Holy Spirit? Everything is a medium through which He rules over Heaven and earth. No matter how hard you pray, you cannot see anything. He is all in all, king of kings and Lord of lords. Repeat the first Bible lesson.

FIRST LESSON: ST. LUKE 17: 20 — 21

“And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come he answered them and said, the kingdom of God cometh not with observation: neither shall they say lo, here’ or lo there’ for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you”.

GOD IS SHAKING THE WORLD:

What did our Lord Jesus Christ refer to in the portion above? He was testifying about the things you are now witnessing. In the testimony of our Lord Jesus Christ, He did not talk about a prophet who will come, but was rather testifying about the Holy Spirit. He said:

“But the comforter, which is the Holy Ghost whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance whatsoever I have said unto you” (John 14:26)

It is on the basis of this that we are told, blessed is he who does not see, yet believes.

COME AND SEE GOD'S KINGDOM:

The kingdom of God is not a thing which someone can point at. It is within you. In other words, the Holy Spirit is in you. He teaches you all what you have to do. He watches whatever you are doing. The wind is His angel; fire, animals, fishes are all His angels. All human beings are prophets of God. He passes through every person to do His work. If somebody tells you that, he saw you set him free in the dream, let such a person realise that, the work was done by God and not you. Endeavour to convince him that you do not know anything about what he claims. That, it is the Holy Spirit who rescues him and not you. That is how He does His work.

The present turbulence witnessed throughout the world is caused by Him. No other person does it. He has no deputy. Brethren, you should know that the long expected kingdom of God has manifested today. God's promise always came to manifestation according to the time fixed. In this kingdom, there is no distinction between blacks and whites, men and women, children and adults. He rules over His creation through love. But the people of the world have refused to bow down to the Holy Spirit in their midst. However, this cannot stop God's plans to manifest. I have said it repeatedly that, every other thing emanates from Him. There is nothing which is difficult before Him.

Recall when Zachariah was praying in the temple and Angel Gabriel appeared before him. The angel told him:

“...I am Angel Gabriel standing before the throne of the Most High God.....”

Even though Zachariah saw the angel, but he did not see God. Similarly, when Philip told Christ,

“Show us the Father and it suffieth us”.

Christ answered and said :

“Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? He that hath seen me hath seen the the Father; and how sayeth thou then, shew us the Father (John 14:10).

Then in Christ, Peter did not see the Father, but he beheld Christ. This further explains why He said:

“believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works sake”. (John 4:11).

Are these the types of work which could be accomplished by evil power or by flesh and blood? Has any man in this world ever done

this type of work?. Whether you believe it or not, He is the doer of these works in heaven and on earth. He is the creator of heaven and earth.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS INVISIBLE:

The people of the world challenge you greatly that, no one can see God and they are right. It is quite true that nobody can see God with the carnal eyes. But you keep on declaring that Olumba Olumba Obu is God. Are you proclaiming a man (flesh and blood) like you to be God? I have told you several times that, I am not God. But God is here: the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit are here. The prophets of God and all the children of God are here. But when you go out, you ignorantly declare that Olumba Olumba Obu is God or the Holy Spirit. I want to ask you whether the Holy Spirit has bones, arms, legs etc? Since you came here, have you seen the Holy Spirit? You who call yourself a visioner, have you seen the Holy Spirit?

Do you think Prof. Assassu Inyang Ibom did what he did with good intentions? A local adage has it that "there are many ways to catch a rat without cutting the tail". None can teach God what to do. For instance, if Leader Olumba Olumba Obu were to be declared Christ right from the outset, the whole world would have united with their principalities and powers to fight Him. But God, in His infinite wisdom and love, does not want a repeat of the past.

What happens here is like delivering somebody into the lion to be devoured. If the Holy Spirit did not come by Himself, would you not have sold me out? Your actions and speeches have caused all the inhabitants of the world to rise in concert and declare war against Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. Some have gone into the water, some have gone into the earth beneath, others have gone into space, all in a bid to destroy Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. They now resort to blasphemy against the fold. Many of them openly converse the extent of suffering they have experienced because of their attitude to Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. The numerous names you hear people calling Brotherhood of the Cross and Star are the result of their secret war waged against the kingdom. Some now say, Olumba Olumba Obu would take away the exalted positions in the government and other fields from them, Right from the outset, I have told you repeatedly that I am not God.

Our Lord Jesus Christ faced the same situation, which prompted Him to ask His disciples:

They informed Him of the various names people gave Him, such as Elijah, Herimaiah, John the Baptist or one of the Prophets. He further asked what they themselves called Him. It was at this point in time that God revealed Him to the world through Peter.

“And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou are the Christ, the Son of the living God”. (Matthew 16:16).

After this revelation, did Christ not charge His disciples to keep it secret till it was the appointed time? If the disciples had disobeyed their master and spread the news, what do you think would have happened? He would have been prematurely killed and salvation would have eluded mankind.

THE FATHER IS OMNIPRESENT:

The works done here are neither done by man, angel nor money. All what you witness happening in heaven and on earth are done by the Holy Spirit. If He so desires that from today you should be a millionaire, no matter what, you must surely become one. He has the power to do that even right now. The whole world is just like a toy in His hand. He can easily manipulate events to suit His divine plans. His authority is unchallengeable. I am telling you as a supernatural teacher that, I have no power, I have never seen it, I only hear it from you. I have no wisdom of any dimension, I do not know what is called wisdom. The works here are not mine. The words you are hearing are not mine. All things are done by the Holy Spirit. Your problem is that you are faithless: you refuse to believe in God. (Incomprehensible pronouncements of Leader Olumba Olumba Obu).

That is the reason why our overseas brethren always claim that you do not behold the power of God in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. If you really want to feel the impact of the power of the Holy Spirit, do not remain here at the Headquarters, but go to places like India, America, Japan, Spain, Russia, China and what have you.

I have never in my life initiated into any secret society. I have nothing to do with charm nor any diabolical activity.

I do not project myself into any form. How comes then that, I am seen in India, Russia, America etc? What kind of interpretation do you think people will give when you say all these things? They will conclude that, if he is resident here at Calabar but seen all over the places, it means there is some kind of society He had initiated into, or he must be a wizard who turns himself to whatever form he

wishes at anytime. Against this background the scriptures inform us that:

“If a man therefore purge himself from these he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master’s use, and prepared unto every good work” (II Timothy 2:21).

When it was revealed that members of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star are seen in the moon, you felt so proud. Realise that, it is not you per se that is seen in the moon as claimed. Rather, the Holy Spirit in you manifests such works. Suprisingly, some of you bluff when informed of this. If somebody tells you that you rescued her from witchery attacks, would you attribute that to your spiritual feat? Instead of giving thanks to God, you would rather ask the person to reward you materially. The person would go out in search of money believing that you actually saved her. Are you really the person who saved her? In actual sense, you do not even know what she is talking about. You did not even dream about the woman. That is how you go about extorting money from people.

The Father had known the type of generation He was coming to face. That is why He warned us not to be deceived by people who would tell you to follow them for the sake of the kingdom, because the kingdom is in you. Right now, the Holy Spirit is doing the work in you, in your family, community, village; He does His works in water and all parts of the globe. Repeat the second lesson.

SECOND LESSON: ST. LUKE 18 : 7 — 8:

“And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?

I tell you that he will avenge them speedily, Nevertheless, when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?”.

THE WORLD IS BLIND:

The above portion tells us clearly about the type of things to expect. It is a direct reference to this kingdom. Many prophets were sent but the world did not believe that they came from God. Our Lord Jesus Christ came and told them that He was the Son of God but nobody believed Him. Rather, they abused Him, claiming to know His mother Mary and father Joseph the carpenter. They held the view that when their Messiah would come, none would know his father and mother. The world has never believed in the name of those sent

by God.

When David was a young man and a shepherd, he became an instrument in the hands of God to perform feats. When his flock were attacked by a lion, he fought and killed it. After the defeat of the philistines as a result of the death of their much acclaimed warrior — Goliath by David, the women of Israel sang in praise of David. Saul became infuriated and started to plot against the young man. But for God's intervention, would the enemies of Israel not have completely destroyed them? Where was king Saul when Goliath stood out in the battle field boasting and challenging the Israelites to come out from their hide outs?

Whatever you find happening in our midst is done by the Holy Spirit. It is not for you to go out and shout that Olumba Olumba Obu is God or that you have seen Him in the sun or in the star. When you say so, what reaction do you expect from people?

FAITH WORKS WONDERS:

Do not behave like Thomas who wanted to see before believing? If you go about boasting of your closeness with the Holy Spirit, of what benefit is that to you? What is needed of you is to develop your faith in Him. In the first advent of Christ, those who saw Him without having faith in Him were not saved. Seeing Him and being so familiar to Him cannot save you. It is only those who believe in His name that shall be saved.

With God, 'seeing is believing' is an act of faithlessness. If you want to see God before you believe in Him, it means you have no faith. The disciples preached that whosoever believes in His name shall be healed. Your sickness and problems are not unsurmountable before God. Many people, as you must have read in the Bible, did not receive prayers but believed in the name for the solution to their various problems. When Christ went to His land of birth, He neither prayed for them nor did anything. And so no sickness was healed in His city because the people did not believe in Him.

You should bear in mind that, faithlessness is a bane of your life. Those who will inherit this kingdom are such persons who do not see but yet believe. When you declare that you went and ate with the Father; or that you went to see Him to lay hands on your head, put holy oil into your eyes, have you not failed? If you put up such actions, you will surely go empty handed. This has been the cause of your problems and also the reason why the glory in this kingdom eludes you.

When our Lord Jesus Christ was going with His disciples everywhere, He was always referring to the Father.

Christ called on the Father so often that Philip was anxious to see Him. That was the reason he (Philip) asked Christ to show them the Father. He thought that by such request, Christ would respond and miraculously produce the Father before them. It all depends on the level of faith you possess. You do not need to see Him, you just have to believe in Him and whatever problem you have is over. Even as you are sitting down there, He is with you. Prophet Mohammed bore testimony that the next person to come to this earth will be the Holy Spirit. Our Lord Jesus Christ did not bear testimony of any other prophet, except the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the one who prays, heals, and does everything. Do not deceive yourself that it is out of your prayer that your problems are solved and sickness healed, He cares for you and thinks about you than you think about yourself. He gives you faith; He calls every person to Himself and rules over heaven and earth.

GOD IS ALWAYS WITH YOU:

Christ said:

“He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him”. (John 14:21)

There is no need going to see Him. When it was announced that the Holy Father would no longer receive people in the vestry again, people became apprehensive of their protection. Many made frantic effort for last minute blessing before the order become effective. Even after the last minute blessing, according to some of you, people were still not satisfied because of faithlessness. Some of you thought of an alternative source of protection. Since then, how many members of B.C. have died as a result of their lack physical contact with the Father? The thing is that, I want you to develop your faith in God and believe that it is the Holy Spirit doing His work.

Wherever you are, even in your houses, He still lays His hands on you; He is praying for you and doing all that you need for your Spiritual well-being. What about those in America, Russia and other parts of the world? Is He not equally taking care of them? All those who come to Brotherhood of the Cross and Star with such intentions that the Father may see them, place His hands on their heads, or make

certain pronouncements for immediate solution to their seeming chronic problems are Thomases. But those who believe without seeing are faithful to God and have no difficulty in life. By now, your faith in God should be unshakable. You have been taught on how to develop and sustain your faith in the Holy Spirit. Therefore, you have no excuse to give for your fluctuating faith. Your life, problem and welfare are His. Father has never forsaken His children at any given time. But it is because of your faithlessness that prompts you to think so. He is responsible for every situation in the world. In each case, He has a divine purpose to accomplish at the end.

GOD'S WAYS CONFOUND THE WORLD:

You should also realise that, whatever you regard as wisdom is often considered as foolishness before God and things you consider foolish are highly esteemed by God. So, the ways of the Most High are very incomprehensible to mankind. Sometimes, He is seen as an aged man or woman, a young lady or a little girl. In each case, there is spiritual mission to be accomplished. You are therefore advised to follow Him sheepishly without question and see the outcome of your action. The Father had finished His work, the Son had finished His assignment, and now is the fulness of time. The Holy Spirit is the Omega. He has come down Himself because, when the battle is fierce, the king takes over the command. He has come to rule over all creation of God and not to be stationary. He has the whole world together under His divine leadership. His reign is unshakable. He is faith, patience, love, wealth, life and every good thing you can think of. He is the one to provide you any of these things if you are in lack. Do not bother yourself any longer because, He is in your house and in every other place. Whether or not you believe in Him, He cares for you free of charge. Whether or not the world believes in Him, He reigns over humanity. Imagine this, He is in the world doing His work, yet the world continues to doubt His presence. Whether or not the world doubts Him does not bother Him, because you are not the one to work for Him.

GOD REMAINS IMMUTABLE FOR EVER:

He calls and uses you to do His work. He does the same thing with trees and other creatures. He has no problem whatsoever. There is no need to recommend or announce to any person that God or Christ or the Prophet of God has come. Do not involve yourself in such activities because they are the works of darkness. This is in support of

the scripture that:

“For that is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying know the Lord: For all shall know me, from the least to the greatest”.
(Hebrews 8:10—11).

Therefore, you should not trouble yourself any longer because everything has been predestinated. There is time to plant and time to reap. The Holy Spirit does not need a deputy nor assistance, yet He does not rest on His Oars, He is never sick nor can He ever die. He never experiences any lack and His government is for ever.

GOD IS IMMORTAL:

Whatever is done to uplift the glory of God should not be attributed to Olumba Olumba Obu, but to the Holy Spirit. The words spoken, miracles performed and every divine duty are carried out by Him. When our Lord Jesus Christ ascended to Heaven, who continued to do the work? Caiaphas and his people thought that when our Lord Jesus Christ was taken away from the disciples, His work would stop. But to their greatest surprise, the Gospel spread and even got into the hearts of those perpetrators like Paul (Saul).

They connived and thought that once He was crucified, His works would cease. They were all wrong. After His crucifixion, they had no peace because His works spread to far and near. Caiaphas later agreed that it was not the works of man but that of God. This shows that God is immortal.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS IN CONTROL:

After Moses must have disappeared, the Israelites kept mourning and mourned him for thirty days, claiming that their God was dead. After their mourning, did the Holy Spirit not get into Joshua? Did Joshua not do greater works than Moses? Therefore, would you say that Moses was the one leading them? You have to realise the person leading now. Nobody leads apart from the Holy Spirit. Whether or not you believe, it is the Holy Spirit who leads man.

When the angels took Elijah up, it is said that he left his outer garment for Elisha. Did Elisha not perform greater feats than Elijah? Elijah was taken up but that did not hinder the work of God. But this is the fullness of time, you have to call a spade a spade. This is the time to reveal the Holy Spirit. In your preaching, de-emphasize on Olumba Olumba Obu. Leave man, money, car, Nigeria and other things of this world alone, but preach about the Holy Spirit. Reveal to people that, the Holy Spirit is the one doing the work. If you fail to do that, you will not have peace. 'The resistance of a billy-goat does not stop it from being sold' says a local adage. If you do not want to preach about the Holy Spirit, what are you going to preach now? What type of prayer do you want to offer? What indeed do you want to do? He protects us. He changes, heals, counsels, advices, teachers and open our eyes. He does virtually everything.

THE END OF TIME:

This is the last age. What remains is for us to reveal Him to the world that He has come. He has not come with a motive of going back but to dwell with man for ever. He is the source of all power, wisdom, knowledge and all things. He exists everywhere. If you steal or kill, you should realise that He has seen you, and you shall be punished accordingly. At times, a little child tells you to get up; the child, through vision, tells you what you did when he was not yet born. He tells you everything about your past, present and future life. Does that alone not convince you that the Father is the doer of the work? When you go and seek for prayers from somebody, claiming that the prophet, Deaconess, President of a fellowship or a preacher has enormous power, from where has he or she got this power? Repeat the Golden Text.

GOLDEN TEXT: ST. JOHN 20:28—29

“And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.

Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou has believed: blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed”.

DEVELOP YOUR FAITH IN GOD:

Many of you openly declare your stand that: 'seeing is believing' and that until you see, you would not believe. Can you see your

relative positions as Thomases? What is your benefit when you say that, 'look, I argue a lot, until I see with my eyes, I will not believe'. Have you heard what the Bible says about such people who claim to be Thomases?

*"...Blessed is he who does not see but yet believed".
(John 20:29).*

A lot of people have borne eloquent testimonies to the fact that, many mighty works have been accomplished by the Father the world over, since He discontinued receiving visitors in the vestry. Many have testified to this fact and the inhabitants of the world have now developed their faith in Him. Members have now had faith in the Father. From the time the flesh was crucified, everything concerning the flesh was also crucified. Hence forth, the Holy Spirit has been at work and shall remain thus till eternity.

THE DAWN OF A NEW AGE:

If you recall the preamble of this sermon, you would notice the technological progression of the whites. They engaged in the manufacture of different kinds of weapons for the first and second world wars and other wars. Now, they have developed sophisticated weapons. The same thing happens with God. That was why our Lord Jesus Christ said:

"Nevertheless I tell you the truth: It is expedient for you that I go away: for If I go not away. The Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you." (John 16:7).

The Holy Spirit has come by Himself to carry out His operational strategies that completely outwit human knowledge.

And the scripture says that God has come with His host of angels to judge those who do not fear nor have reverence for Him. Those who keep complaining, those who doubt His presence and those who continue to disregard Him in one way or the other are to face His wrath. Was it not the same God who destroyed the world with deluge? When He destroyed the two cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, was He not the same God? Now that He has allowed us to trample upon the earth freely, He is the same God. When God destroyed the world, did

people raise any objection? Now that He has allowed man an ample freedom, there are complaints left and right. People are now asking whether there is anything at all called God. The reason is that, human beings do not know what is good for them. Anything that is detrimental to human existence is highly cherished by human beings. That is the reason why you continue to stick to evil ways, in spite of the glaring truth and love in the kingdom.

In your quest for quick revenge, you feel God is too slow and inactive to pay back your adversaries in their own coins. So, you take upon yourself to avenge on whatever wrong they did to you. But it is said in the scripture:

“Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, vengeance is mine: I will repay, saith the Lord.” (Rom. 12:19).

He has said that He would never leave us comfortless. He has come to save us and the entire world. Do not try to convert anybody into the fold of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. Do not also tell anybody to follow you so as to direct him to where God is found. What is important is freedom from evil ways through His name. Go and practise the word of God. Believe that He is present everywhere; bow down your heads in your bedroom, on the mountain, while in the water and wherever you find yourself. Call on His name in times of trouble and joy, He is ever ready to answer you. Discuss your problems with Him with all amount of reverence and humility.

REVERENCE TO GOD:

If He did not come, the world would have perished: because human beings lack love, patience, faith, peace and truth. He has come to change every adverse situation in the world. Thus, where there is no peace, He steps in to make peace, where is hunger and thirst, he goes in to provide food and water. He provides hope for the hopeless, build houses for the homeless and gives succour to those in the prison and those suffering from ravages of war and human degradation. He changes us, heals, feeds protects, clothes and does everything for us. So, it is purely out of ignorance for anybody to revere flesh and blood. Reverence is for God alone. If you (members of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star) had put into practice what I have taught you over the years, by now, I would have stopped

preaching. So, from this time forth, do not repeat the mistake of giving honour and glory to man. You should glorify God, thank Him and adore Him.

GOD CALLS ONLY THOSE HE WANTS:

Somebody will tell you, 'If my illness is over, I will believe in this God and Him alone'. Is that true? The right to belong to God's fold is purely His prerogative. It is stated in the scripture that:

“Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and them he justified, them he also glorified. (Romans 8:30).

However, you should note that, once you have been chosen by God, whether or not you like it, you must surely belong to Him. It is not a matter of choice. This is the reason why some members who came here with their problems go away once their problems are solved but, others continue to worship God eventhough their problems persist. The kingdom of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star is greater than that of the world. The Holy Spirit is your Father, Mother, Husband, Wife, Children and everything to man. Your memory verse once again is:

“... Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed”. (John 20:29).

May God bless His words. Amen'.

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**SERMON DELIVERED BY THE SOLE SPIRITUAL HEAD
LEADER OLUMBA OLUMBA OBU****THE SUBJUGATION OF POWERS AND PRINCIPALITIES****FIRST LESSON: MATTHEW 28:18**

“And Jesus came and speak unto them saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth”.

SECOND LESSON: LUKE 24:48—49

“And ye are witnesses of these things. And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high”.

GOLDEN TEXT: HEBREWS 2:8—9

“Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him.

But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowns with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man”.

THE INCOMPREHENSIBLE POWER OF CHRIST:

The texts read to you highlight the problems of the entire world. They also point at one fact hidden to everyone. Some of you seek for power in roots, leaves, in rivers and inside the soil. Is power found in these things? Our Lord Jesus Christ is the source of power because, everypower in heaven and on earth has been given unto Him. He is the Christ of God. Christ is just one and in perfect control of this power. Other persons who call themselves. ‘the Christ’ are liars and fake. These persons are susceptible to all human frailties and vicissitudes such as lies, cunningness, disobedience, greed, deceit, fighting,

sickness, death, among others. Our Lord Jesus Christ is above all such human factors.

If you claim to be the Christ, therefore, have you any power? God Himself is power and it is for that reason that He has been able to bestow all power unto Jesus the Christ, His only begotten. This is underscored by the scripture below:

For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power”.
(1st Corinthians 4:20).

This generation is indeed a lucky one. The prophets of old, like Elijah, used to go to the top of mountains, cemetery and various other places to obtain power. They also undertook rigorous fasting and prayer in order to receive power. All these were fruitless exercises. Man takes delight in seeking for power where it is not available. Many who have initiated themselves into different secret societies for the purpose of obtaining power wither away like dry leaves.

Many persons and even church denominations do declare satan and indeed, certain individuals as being very powerful. If satan or man could be so powerful, how much more our Lord Jesus Christ who all power have been given? What about God himself who is the fountain of power? Some people declare a certain witch doctor to be very powerful. If juju is so powerful, what about Our Lord Jesus Christ and God? It becomes even very astonishing when it is believed and peddled that a certain pastor or preacher who died in the church was killed by mermaid, ghost or witchcraft. Do all these things really exist? And if they do exist, are they really powerful as people think them to be?

THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

Brotherhood of the Cross and Star does not believe that any other power is in existence other than that of God. It is the Father Himself who does every work here. That explains why the world has continued to be confounded over the magnitude of power in this kingdom. Many people, out of ignorance, go ahead to allege that the power here is demonic. Power-seekers who have written to India and the rest of the acclaimed powerful countries have been referred to Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, 34 Ambo Street, Calabar — Nigeria. What do you think you stand to gain by vaccinating some black powder into your body for spiritual protection or going to the grave yard, river bank for invocations?

I now charge you to pray fervently so that God will reveal the

kingdom and Brotherhood of the Cross and Star to you. That should be your major request and prayer. When you request for money, husband, wife, children and other mundane things, what do you intend to do with them and where would they lead you to?

Here is God with you, but do you recognise Him? Some people ask for money, husband, wife etc. to enable them do His work. Is the work of God done with these things? Do they enhance one's ability to serve God? Have they anything to do with righteousness? These things that you request for are ephemeral and unprofitable. If you ask for knowledge, what do you think would become of your knowledge if it ceases to be?

Take the case of Iraq which boasted of unlimited military might, for example. This was because of her armament stock-piled. When Saddam Hussein, the Iraqi president and his men met a tougher power which they could not withstand, they surrendered.

During the Nigeria civil war also, it was the plan of the Federal troops to bomb 26 Mbukpa Road. At the fulness of time the Father pronounced the word and they could not execute their plans. This, therefore, brings to naught the popular saying that 'position passes power'. It is power that surpasses every position. This further explains why Our Lord Jesus Christ was able to conquer the entire world. He had what the world lack — power. The world has money, position and the whole lot of material things but not power. Can you now see why the entire world is afraid of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star? Even if the entire world gathers together with all their weapons, a little child in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star clad in his or her white robe is capable of sending fear right into their spines. Do you think the world fears Brotherhood of the Cross and Star for nothing? They know that, there is invisible power here in the fold. It is only you members of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star who are ignorant of the power that is inherent in you.

For those of you who complain that you have not benefitted from anything ever since you were baptised into Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, is it true? Has He not bestowed upon you the power He promised? The disciples of Our Lord Jesus Christ were asked to go and wait in Jerusalem for this power. However, in this era, the reverse is the case. Right now, this power is conferred on all and sundry throughout the universe. Many testimonies and stories have been told to confirm the wonderful work of God to His children through this power. What then have you done to express your joy for this

wonderful work? Are you not instead lamenting and crying for mundane things?

When people in the orthodox churches still pray for the second coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ, is it true that He had gone away from the world? He is with His children always. As He had done to the Gentiles, so has He done to His children in this generation. He remains the only saviour.

GOD'S EXISTENCE IS BEYOND IMAGINATION:

Many people imagine God to be a very mighty man with beard down to His knees and seated in a magnificent chair in His throne with a very beautiful staff. Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

“I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing”. (John 15:5).

It is hard to believe why the world is afraid of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star except you happen to witness an episode involving a Brotherhood of the Cross and Star members and the world. A local adage says that, “an ordinary mortal cannot see the youths of ghosts, except he goes to hades”.

Man, clothing or money does not constitute Christ. Christ is power, absolute power. It becomes rather very pathetic when you say that there is power in juju, witchcraft, mermaid and all that. It is meant that you should go out into the world to preach to them about this truth and power.

When John was in prison and the news about the wonderful words of Our Lord Jesus Christ reached him, he sent his disciples to enquire from Our Lord Jesus Christ whether He was the true Messiah or whether they should expect another person. In His reply, Christ had this to say:

“... Go and shew John again these things which ye do hear and see:

The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me”. (Matthew 11:4—6).

The only testimony, therefore, that you bear to the world is about this kingdom and its glory.

Many people, even within the fold of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star do not believe in this power. They think that the power is derived from Biakpan water or holy oil and so on. That is not true. The source of the power is not in the world. This is why Brotherhood of the Cross and Star has been performing wonderful feats successfully and carrying out seemingly impossible assignments. This has been the major source of mass baptism into Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. It is strictly the work of the Almighty Father. That is why I declare to you that, I am not the doer of this work. I have neither power nor wisdom to wrought such wonders. I do not even exist:

It is the power of God that controls the high seas, the wind, the earth and the whole universe. There is none other power than His, and there is no other source of salvation apart from Him.

The entire world are still expecting the Messiah to descend from the skies. They forget that He has promised to come in the night like a thief. Has He not come now like a thief? Repeat the first lesson:

FIRST LESSON: MATTHEW 28:18

“And Jesus came and spake unto them saying. All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth”

GOD IS POWER:

Is it not out of ignorance for people to attribute this power to the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star? It is only God who is powerful. He is everything in all things. If we were wise enough to know this simple truth, we would all bow and worship Him.

He stated clearly that, whoever resists and disobeys the powers that be, do so to God and consequently has to be punished for that. If He has said that, all powers in heaven and on earth have been given to Him, why then do you need to consult an oracle, a soothsayer or a juju priest for power and protection? Many people have declared themselves the Christ, some even in this kingdom. Since such persons are not the Christ, they do not survive the test of time but will wither away in a very short time. Some, who even declare themselves God, find themselves in prison or are conquered by various infirmities. Can the true God be plagued by any calamity? God, definitely, cannot seek help of any sort from man.

AN ILLUSTRATION:

There was a certain man named Epharoah. He was so powerful that

he refused to obey or respect any person except, according to him, whoever was more powerful than himself. Incidentally, two kings were fighting and when he learnt about it, he met both of them and declared that he would only obey and respect the winner. Between the two earring cities was a big river that could only be crossed with a canoe. The man decided to wait by the river bank to cross people over to either side. In crossing people to either side of the river, he only stretched out his arms with twenty five (25) persons standing on each. With only two steps, he crossed the river with fifty (50) persons on his arms. He continued like that to the amazement of all. God is nothing but power. Epharoah served as the safest ferry to passengers on both banks of the river.

One fine day, the sky suddenly changed and he heard some sound in the clouds. When he listened attentively, it was his name called: Epharoah, 'Epharoah', come and carry me over. When he closely looked, he saw the person who was calling on him approaching the river side. He was a very small young man. As the young man moved closer, Epharoah discovered a strong wind and loud sound of thunder accompanying him (the man). When the young man finally got to the bank of the river, he asked Epharoah to cross him over. With his enormous physical strength and seeing the very small stature of this young man, Epharoah objected to ferrying him alone. He said that, it would amount to a waste of time and effort since the minimum number of passengers he normally ferried was fifty (50).

The young man pleaded with Epharoah to ferry him over. He finally decided to ferry only him. As he went down to enable the young man conveniently climb the hand, Epharoah lost his balance because of the weight of the young man. As he moved close to the young man conveniently climb the hand, Epharoah lost his balance because of the weight of the young man. As he moved close to the palm tree felled. An exercise which used to take him less than a second to accomplish, Epharoah spent three hours (3 hours) to ferry the young man. When he finally crossed with much difficulties, Epharoah prevented the young man from leaving. Sweating profusely, he declared before the young man that, he was the kind of person he (Epharoah) was searching for in order to worship.

The question now is, who was that young man? He was Our Lord later called by his master, Christopher, meaning *Christ-over* for ferrying 'Christ over' the river.

GOD AND HIS ELECTS HAVE CONQUERED THE WORLD:

God finds delight in capturing and subduing the so called powerful men to Himself. Many of the members of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star did not get baptised on their own volition but during or after an encounter with members of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star or directly with the Father.

In attempt to try the Leader of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, they got convinced and baptized. That is how people like Professor Assasu Inyang Ibom and the rest of the people got baptised into Brotherhood of the Cross and Star.

If you believe strongly that this power is not consisted of holy oil or Biakpan water but in the Father Himself, you would not be led astray. Many place and various persons are declared very powerful and people troop to such places and persons for salvation and protection. You should know right now that, there is nothing any person can do to salvage you. There is no power in water, leaves, bark of trees, roots, stones or any other thing that is man-made. God is the only source and giver of power. If you therefore, believe in Him, you are saved. This is the only power in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star.

It is even recorded that:

“He that believeth and is baptised shall be saved but he that believeth not shall be damned”. (Mark 16:16).

Some people refuse to be baptized into Brotherhood of the Cross and Star because, according to them, they do not want to be baptized twice. Such people are ignorant of the fact that true baptism is the direct source to power and wisdom. From the day you are baptized, you have accepted Christ into your soul as your personal Saviour and are bestowed with tremendous power and Holy Spirit. Repeat the second lesson.

SECOND LESSON: LUKE 24:48—49

“And ye are witnesses of these things. And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high”.

THERE IS POWER IN B.C.S :

Has the above passage come to pass or not? It is true that there is something in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star — the power of God. Otherwise, what would have made its members so free, fearless and

happy? In the world, people are filled with fear, they feel insecure and are in bondage.

The kingdom of this world has now become the kingdom of Jehovah God and His Christ. Christ constitutes the power in this kingdom, our joy and pride. He is unchangeable and unshakeable. In the worldly arrangements, champions exist in various professions who reign only briefly and are beaten by new entrants. The case of Our Lord Jesus Christ is not like that, just as it is the case of this kingdom. This kingdom has come to stay, so also is the reign of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

There is therefore, no wisdom to go on pilgrimage to Mecca or Jerusalem. What do you go there to achieve that is Spiritual? There is nothing in these places that has to do with salvation and mortification of the flesh. What did Our Lord Jesus Christ tell the Samaritan woman that, the kingdom of God is like? In what form did He tell her the true worshippers of God shall worship Him?

When people allege at times that somebody wants to kill you through witchcraft, juju or any diabolical means, I just sympathize with your ignorance. There is nothing mundane that can overcome or harm you. It was for the purpose of eradicating this ignorance that He commissioned His disciples saying:

“... Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. (Mark 16:15—18).

Have all those signs not followed you this day? It is rather pathetic that members of the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star themselves do not know the power they are endowed with. That is why, instead of recognising and fully utilizing the power inherent in them, they go about consulting neromancers and native doctors for one thing or the

other. Of all the wonderful works that are done by Our Lord Jesus Christ in this era, none of you had endeavoured to go out into the world to testify. Instead of praising the Holy Spirit for His goodness and power, you rather praise and glorify human beings, stones, heavens, ghost among other inanimate things.

SYMBOLS OF POWER:

The white soutane that you put on is filled with power; the songs that you sing here are full of power, the hands you shake with a fellow human with the spiritual greeting — peace, are all full of power and you are altogether an embodiment of power. So do not fear anybody or anything in this world, but what you should fear is sin. Practise brotherly love. There is nothing any person, angel, tree or anything whatever can do to you. You are the Christ of God, and reservoir of God's power. The Holy Spirit has come in this era to subdue all principalities and powers. There were many forests, sections of streams and rivers in which human beings dreaded to go nearer, not even going into these places for fear of evil. What is the situation today? In fact, the entire inhabitants of the world were held in **bondage by various demonic forces inside the forests in the form of hippopotamus and the rest of other dangerous animals.** The arrival of the Holy Spirit has completely put an end to their nefarious activities. Many believers have used the initials O.O.O. to solve their problems.

Your major problem as I can see, is faithlessness and it is your undoing. If you were to possess the least of faith, you would not be angry when you are abused, let alone to retaliate. You would not retort when accused, you would always pray for the good of your enemies. You would not get angry over anything you are accused of falsely. Neither would you weep nor lament for anything.

This work is not done by a woman, a man, stone or any thing for that matter. It is the work of the Holy Spirit. Our Lord Jesus Christ has conquered tribulations, hunger, sickness and death. He has taken complete control and dominion in the entire world and solved all our problems. Read the golden text below.

GOLDEN TEXT: HEBREWS 2:8—9:

“Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him.

But now we see not yet all things put under him.

But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man''.

OMNIPRESENT POWER:

In your estimation, do you think this power terminates only here in Africa? Is it obtainable only in Europe? Is it found inside water, or air? It is found everywhere and engulfs everything that is created. Anybody who attempts to indulge in the preparation of charms and diabolical practices is wasting his time and energy. Whoever initiates himself into any secret society or goes to anywhere to seek for power or help, does so in vain. Our Lord Jesus Christ has taken dominion in the entire world.

It is rather pitiful that many people lament that they cannot see visions, dream dreams, offer prayers and extract charms. What do you think all these activities have to do with this kingdom as far as power is concerned?

Before Our Lord Jesus Christ, nothing is difficult. He said, you should call upon Him in times of trouble for He will answer you and that anything you shall ask in His name will be done to you. It is for that reason, we in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star pray in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, even now and for ever more. We do everything in His name. He is the nucleus and centre of all power. He also assured us that anything we ask in His name he shall intercede on our behalf and His Father will do it to us.

This power is so great and overwhelming that, it subdues the thief, the liar, the prostitute, the murderer and any form of sinner. The entire world has since been searching for the source of this power but have not been able to see.

Your problems, as members of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, are those of unbelief, disobedience, faithlessness, lies, robbery, anger, and indulgence in drinking, smoking, snuffing and diabolology. Incidentally, Christ abhors such things. His power overwhelms such characteristics. He alone takes dominion over you and all things. If you surrender yourself to Him. You will have peace, good health, prosperity, patience, food and everything. He is all in all for us all.

Is it not surprising that Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, without

any musical instrument sings most melodiously than other church denominations using instruments of orchestra? Therefore, if you are asked the source of his power refer such a person to Our Lord Jesus Christ and none other. Believe in Him and be baptized in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. You will be endowed with the Spirit of God. Repent and you will be empowered to do greater works than what Christ did. It is for that reason He has charged us all to go and make the entire world His disciples, baptising them in the name of the Father, the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, for anybody to allege that he has not got power, money, or is not learned enough to preach the gospel is untenable. It is the power of God that does all the work and not money nor any material thing. You are empowered to go into any place and preach the gospel. Think not what to eat or drink, for the Father is all sufficient and kind. The basic thing you have to thank God always is the Holy Spirit which He sent down to inhabit His children. The food He has given to you and other material things are only ephemeral and inglorious. The only thing that is paramount is the Holy Spirit. Do not boast of beautiful wife or handsome husband. Do not also boast of your children, money or any other mundane thing but let your boast be in Our Lord Jesus Christ and His power. Praise Him at all times and in everywhere and glorify His name before the people. Preach the gospel to the people and hail Christ throughout the universe.

May God bless His Holy word. Amen'.

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