

GOD'S HIDDEN AGENDA EXPOSED

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GOLDEN TEXT: MATTHEW 11 : 11

Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

THE MYSTERIOUS GOD: INTRODUCTORY CHORUSES:

1. He has come, He has come, He has come to rule the world.
2. He has come in a hidden way yet the world is looking for him.
3. It is the only the King who knows the secret of His kingdom.

Beloved, the texts and spiritual choruses form the theme of our lesson.

The scripture has made it clear that, the people of the world would look but would not see, they would listen but would not hear because their hearts are hardened. They are those who have no share in the kingdom of God. The presence of the kingdom of God on earth is something the whole world should remain in total submission to the Creator of heaven and earth. The world cannot behold the glory of this kingdom, none in the flesh can listen or even understand the teachings of this kingdom. There is no mind or heart that can perceive the things in this kingdom. This is because here in the kingdom of God, it is only His wisdom, love, power, patience and all the virtues that reign supreme. Exalted position in the world, materialism or stature has no place at all. If you like, fast for many days as you may please, weep and lament you cannot

witness the kingdom except you are called. No matter how fervent you may pray and shout at the top of your voice, you cannot behold or feel the impact of this kingdom. At the same time, it is there in earnest. No matter how effective you argue and cause trouble, and no matter how convincing your argument may be, you cannot ordinarily see or observe this kingdom. No matter the extent of vigorous campaign you may wish to engage in against the kingdom of God and its existence, it is all in vain. After all, so did your fathers and forefathers and finally they all perished. But the truth has continued to live and grow since then.

Whatever is happening today has already been destined to come to pass. It is said that, only the king that knows the secret of His kingdom.

THE PAST GENERATIONS WERE IGNORANT OF THIS KINGDOM

Zachariah and his wife, Mary, Joseph, John and even Jesus Christ had no knowledge of this kingdom. It is only the Father who knows and understands the events in the world and He alone can reveal the secrets of His kingdom to whoever He pleases.

YOU ARE A TOOL IN GOD'S HAND:

God can use you to fulfill His divine will without your notice. What is most surprising is man's ignorance of God's ability, wisdom and power. At any time God uses a man or group of people to fulfill His divine purpose none would be aware of the actual source of the event. None would know that, it is God who is responsible for what is happening. In spite of human ignorance over God's affairs and kingdom yet He continue to exist and His kingdom continues to grow. This explains why He is called the mysterious God. Everything about Him is wonderful and mysterious. Even with His words, as read in the texts, there is none who can give the correct interpretations and meanings. Right from the time of Adam till now, there is none that knows himself or understands the events around Him. None is aware of the kingdom of God. None can also understand the meanings of his actions and utterances. Man can be compared to the grass in the field that is swayed to and fro by the wind. You claim to go the church yet you do not even know the meaning of church. Nobody knows His right from left. Sometimes we get confused of the Being who we are serving, whether it is God or Satan. If He were not so enigmatic then He would not be a wonderful God. Should any one be able to predict Him, He would cease to be God. In order words, if it were possible for man to know Him easily then He would not be God. I can mention names right from Adam to the time of Christ and describe then one after the other to prove to you that none of them knew God. God alone is the beginning and the end.

This is why we are enjoined to honour and fear Him for He is a wonderful God. But how can you honour and fear one you do not actually know? He is forever the only one who honours and worship Himself. It is only Him that also glorifies Himself.

Man is enjoined to reverence God and praise His name. How can we do that? Man on his own alone is like a robot. He is senseless, deaf, blind and incapable of doing anything. How then can such a creature reverence or praise his creator? There is a particular group of people who do not believe in God. They believe God should be killed if at all He exists, that He should be rejected, disgrace, dispraised and dishonoured. Is it possible to do such thing to a person one does not know and see? How can you reject, dishonour, disgrace and dispise the being you do not know?

It is really hard for one to believe that Brotherhood of the Cross and Star is the kingdom of God. Part of the reason is that the attitude of some members leaves much to be desired. They make a noise while in the gathering to worship God, they quarrel, fight and cause all sorts of trouble thus making it hard to believe that the fold is the kingdom of God. In spite of that, it is still the kingdom of God. On the other hands, there are those who openly confess to others that Brotherhood is the kingdom of Satan. But if you come in so as to confirm what you have been told you would discover that there is nothing satanic here at all

It was for this same false accusation that made the people to doubt and reject John the Baptist and Jesus Christ.

A MYSTERIOUS FATHER:

They did so because they know them not. Even John himself who heralded the arrival of our Lord Jesus Christ later doubted Him when he (JOHN) was clamped into prison. There in prison he sent a message to Christ to confirm from Him whether He was really the Saviour or not. This proves the fact that it is the Father alone that can reveal Himself and bear eloquent testimony about Himself. Christ Himself while on the Cross shouted, 'my God, my God, why have thou forsaken me.' That proves to you that even Christ doubted the Father. This also shows to you that it is not an easy thing to understand God or serve Him. It is quite true that, the more you look and attempt to behold God, the less you would see Him. Elijah who was assured that he would not taste of death, once shouted and called upon God that the enemies had destroyed all His prophets and temple that he was the only one left. He prayed God to send down fire to consume the people. God, in His reply told him that He had reserved 7,000 disciples for Himself who had never worshipped Baal.

Therefore, man is incapable of doing anything. We are blind, deaf, lame, foolish and none existent. People all over the world claim to worship God through various methods and means. There are others still who believe that God does not exist at all. All these conflict of options notwithstanding God continues to carry out His divine will steadily and to manifest His kingdom.

Preaching the gospel, perse, does not change any man. On the other hand, failure to preach the gospel is not enough ground to condemn any person. Whether or not you

pray, clap or sing cannot alter God's arrangements. Whether or not human beings believe in Him, God continues to be God and to be ever true. Man himself and his actions remain and cannot move anything. Whatever God has planted must stand and nothing that is planted by man can stand.

Zachariah was a highpriest who served God diligently day and night. In spite of his position yet he had cause to doubt God on the fateful day that the news of his begetting a child in his life got to him. He doubted the possibility because himself and Elizabeth his wife were advanced in age. You cannot realise the reason why I pity the world. Each time I look at the whole world, particularly human beings, I laugh at them. This is the kingdom of God.

The disciples of John reported to him that the man who was baptised by him and had been with him was going about on his own and his disciples baptising people also. John replied them saying, No man can have anything except such is given to him from above. But in the world, the people erroneously think and believe that whatever a man does is purely of his own making. For instance, if one goes to school or embark on any other venture is out of his own accord.

Therefore, brethren, this is to bring to your understanding that heaven and earth will pass away but not a jot or little of the word of God shall pass away until all be fulfilled. Whether you believe in the existence of God or not does not matter. He had existed and shall continue to exist. Our beliefs and utterances have no effect over His existence. This explains the reason why He said in the scripture that the kingdom is not meant for one who runs a race or him that seeks for it but out of God's own grace. It was because of this fact that God himself exalted Pharaoh in order that He may use him to manifest His will and to glorify Himself. Moreover, He also said that He is merciful upon whom He pleases and hardens His heart against whom He so feels. The question is where does nab stand? Does he exist at all?

Paul himself who greatly propagated the gospel of Christ, cried to God for good 3 times to depart from him so that he might die. He prayed God to take away his soul. Instead, God told him that His grace was sufficient to him always. Paul prayed for death but instead, God granted him life.

Read the first lesson again.

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WHEN THE LORD SPEAKS:

Brethren, the above text proves the fact that no prophecy of God shall fail to be fulfilled. God does not execute His plans in order to be praised, or thanked or recognised by man. He does his things according to His will and glory; irrespective of whether man believes in Him or not.

Nobody believed or took serious the prophecy spoken by Jeremiah while he lived and even thereafter. But whether the world believed in Him or not, the prophecy as revealed to Jeremiah by God has all come to pass. He is the truth and His word is true. God honour His words and does not joke with His statements. It is, therefore necessary that you should not toy with the word of God. Your level of believe in Him is not considered because man hardly believes in God or in His words. You could be told in a revelation that a particular thing will happen, but before it comes into effect you had forgotten about it because you doubted its occurrence outrightly. It is for this reason that it is often said when all hopes have failed the redeemer appears.

HE IS EVER FAITHFUL AND EVER SURE:

The manifestation of the kingdom of God in our midst is not an indication of man's worthiness or righteousness but the fulfillment of God's promise. His real name is EVERTRUE and EVERSURE. Right from Genesis to Revelation of John there is no single prophecy that will fail to be fulfilled. He does not do anything for the sake of our worthiness or persistent prayer but because it please Him to do so for His glory. He does not take any angel or man into reckoning as He implements His will. In other words, God is not influenced by the opinions and attitudes of men, the angels or other creatures. Therefore if it pleases Him for you to thank and praise Him you will definitely do so. If it pleases Him that you should not hear, see and understand His kingdom, nothing you can do to change the order.

The world had since lost hope of existence and the coming of the Saviour. It was at the point which man had completely forgotten Him that He quietly arrived. He did this to fulfill His promises that a virgin would bear a child whose name would be Emmanuel, the saviour of mankind. Therefore, what is left of all His words and prophecies are to be fulfilled. Whether we stand firm or not it is to His glory. All those who are arrogant, those that weep, lament, or laugh to scorn are fools.

Brethren, have you not observed that the glory and kingdom of God have eluded the whole world? The birth of John the Baptist and that of Christ has so confused and troubled the world. Herod went all out to destroy John at birth. When he failed to capture John, he sent his soldiers to go and behead Zachariah in the temple. That is exactly the situation in the world. Did that event prevent God's will from being manifested? It is therefore out of foolishness any man to think that the word of God will not spread or be fulfilled if fails to practise and preach it. The word of God had already been preached and had been fulfilled too.

God has not empowered or granted wisdom to either man or angel to alter His divine will.

THE CAUSE AND EFFECT OF ALL THINGS:

Power and wisdom remain in God's hands. We should therefore honour God, fear Him, glorify Him and praise His name. We are those that have been destined to worship Him in spirit and in truth. It is only the true worshippers who know that He is the beginning and the end, the author and finisher of our faith, the cause and effect of everything.

We are not the Sadducees, Pharisees, the Publicans nor the heathens. We are the true children of God and the kingdom of God. We follow Him sheepishly because it was written that those chosen shall follow Him in that manner.

When the world was not, this kingdom had been, it has continued to exist since then and shall ever exist.

Read the second lesson again.

SECOND LESSON: LUKE 1 : 10 - 13

And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at time of incense. And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And when Zachariah saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zachariah: for thy prayer is heard, and thy wife Elizabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shall call his name John.

THE UNSHAKEABLE FAITH IN GOD:

The above text has proved that Zacharias who was a high priest of God was not only afraid but also disbelieved the prophecy because of ignorance. The disbelief and faithlessness arose from the fact that he had done everything humanly possible to raise a child through Elizabeth but could not. When the message of hope finally came, Zacharias had lost hope and resigned to fate. One of our spiritual songs asks, who will receive God's grace and who will not? The response to this is that the children of God will receive the grace of God while Satan will go empty-handed. Since Zacharias and his wife did not relent nor stop serving God day and night He rewarded them with a child which they had lost hope. God gave them a child that was greater than millions of children. You will therefore realise that the thoughts and deeds of God are quite different from those of human beings. His wisdom, power and ways are different from those of men.

DO NOT ASK GOD FOR ANYTHING:

Do not ask God for wisdom for Solomon did so and finally lived a foolish and abominable life, and consequently got perished. Solomon was the cause of the fall of

Babylon. Do not pray God for power for the people of old had asked for it and misused it to victimise and destroy God's creation. Do not also ask God for love, for the people of old and even those of the present generation have misused the love given to them. Man has turned the love of God for his fellow human to material things. This has caused man's fall. It is for this reason that you are advised not to keep your treasure or precious thing before the swins or dogs otherwise they will trample upon it and destroy it.

He is all sufficient to everyone. He cares for all of us, He loves us and sustains us at all times. Therefore, we are one with Him. He is our representative and we too are His representatives. Let us continue to recognise Him as the only head, teacher and saviour.

When the Father declared that He would establish His kingdom in the world and that His name shall be praised in all the four corners of the world, many doubted the possibility. Some in their ignorance world wonder when He will begin this. The whole world is now busy gazing into the sky expecting Christ to descend to the earth. The question is, if He descends as expected by the world, what would be the reaction of His enemies? Would they allow Him to touch the ground? At what particular spot would He land?.

Now that He has taken the world by surprise, when all people have lost all hopes of His coming are His enemies aware of this development? He has come as a thief, as the son of man, as the son of God and as God Himself. He has come as the Holy Spirit. But how many people know Him?

All the children of God right from the time of Adam till this present time of the Holy Spirit have all reincarnated to reign with their Father. All the angels and all the past Patriarchs are here on earth. The Father, the son and the Holy Spirit are also here. Do people believe in Him? Or, has man's disbelief prevented His existence or to fulfill His divine will? Nobody ever knew nor believed in Christ just as the world did not believe in John the Baptist. It is for this reason that you are advised not to seek after money and other material things. Do not come to the Father for the purpose of getting wealth for God knows that you desire it.

The Gentiles desired for all these things, and missed the glory of God. All that you are to do is to surrender yourself to Him and His will. Except He sends you on an errand you cannot go and except he effects a particular thing none can do it. If He does not seek for you, you cannot follow Him, and if He does not reveal Himself to you, you cannot know Him. Apart from God, none can save you.

The times of foolishness had since passed and gone forever. Such time that people relied on the success of human inventions through scientific and technological discoveries as means of salvation has ceased. The government, money, your parents

and material acquisition cannot save you. The only source of salvation is in God. If you cast your mind back to the times of Adam, Nebuchadnezzar, Pharaoh, Herod and the rest of kings that reigned in the past and then ask yourself of their whereabouts and how they ended up, you would be in a better position to reorder your priorities in this generation.

Read the golden text again.

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HEAVEN NOW ON EARTH:

The above text reveal the nature of the gift of God. Do not expect any human being to glorify you. Do not seek for anything from a human being. Whatever comes from God is the best, the truth is lasting for ever. Everything that is not of God is shaky and shall be uprooted at the appropriate time. In spite of the power and principalities existed in the world and their various kingdom, none of them was as great and powerful and prominent as John the Baptist not to talk of our Lord Jesus Christ. Man has invented and initiated into various cults and have stopped at nothing to amass wealth at the expense of his fellow man in order to gain fame.

John did one of these things yet he was the greatest amongst men. He neither married nor gave in marriage. He never indulged in anything mundane. It was as a result of his godly life that he was exalted far above other man on earth except the least person in heaven.

JOHN THE BAPTIST AND CELIBACY:

Therefore, our point of concern is about holiness and celibacy. John did not put on shoes, clothes, nor own a house. He completely dissociated himself from the worldly pleasures. He abandon his parents for the sake of God. Who is like John in the whole world? Can you mention just one person who resembles John right from his age to this present generation? In your own case, your preoccupation is money. You think about how to build a house, marry own a car, beautiful dresses, chain of business ventures and other material things. John was able to live above the whole world. Is anybody sued to court for not eating meat and fish? Neither a father nor a mother can surrender his or her life for the child. In the same token, a husband cannot lay down his life for his wife nor his wife able to do it. But Christ came and gave up His precious life for a ransom for all. Christ represents love while John stands for faith. It is through faith that we are changed from the lust for mundane things to spiritual gifts in order to fit with the Holy Spirit. If you cannot resemble John the Baptist, how can you gain the kingdom of God? In the kingdom of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star who is like John? And in the whole world, who is like John? Faith and Patience represent God.

Apart from our Lord Jesus Christ, John the Baptist is the greatest of all born of a woman and he is greatest in the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Christ is the greatest because He gave life as ransom for many.

A man may love his wife and the wife may love her husband, parents may love their children and vice versa, yet none of them would give up his or her life for the sake of others. Christ did this for our salvation. He was humble, kind, merciful and tolerant. Christ is love, and He is the author of love and all virtues. John the Baptist is faith and preached about repentance so that we would be able to acquire love.

This explains the reason why Christ said that, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he will not inherit the kingdom of God. Except you copy John the Baptist and denounce every mundane thing you will not "take His yoke upon you and learn of Him' Even here in Brotherhood, who is like John? Who is this in the world that has forsaken materialism?

Our target therefore is to completely refrain from the things of this world. That also is the kingdom of God and the qualification into it. It is repentance that can lead you into love. Apart from God sending down His only begotten son, there is none who would have been able to accomplish this task of bringing salvation to mankind. You should remember that beautiful women had existed in those days, so also were handsome men, expensive apparels and beautiful houses. Of all these things, John the Baptist did not have interest in any. This is why you are enjoined to refrain from the lust for materialism and surrender yourself to God so that you may inherit the kingdom of God. How would you be able to serve God diligently if you fail to refrain yourself from the things of this world? If you fail to surrender yourself to God, love one another, be merciful, humble yourself, truthful and be kind, how would you be able to inherit the kingdom of God? Ever since the world was created, Christ is the only one who gave up His life as a ransom for the salvation of all. He is the first and only person who sought for the good of others. John the Baptist put to naught the things of this world and demonstrated complete denial of materialism. Christ then came with a lot of goodies to seek for the salvation of others. Therefore, this kingdom of God is made up of these virtues.

Whether you are a president, a millionaire, a professor or scientist, it is meaningless. Whatever your status in the world, it amounts to nothing here in the kingdom of God. What is uppermost is total abstinence from the things of this world. You must seek for the good of others. It is only when you graduate from John's teachings that you will get into Christ's

The ability to do these come from no one else apart from God Himself. He is the only one to fulfill His promise, that is the hidden agenda and the acceptable order of things for us. In this kingdom. In short, this is exactly what we should aim at to accomplish.

Brethren, it is said a stroke of cane is sufficient for a wise.

May the Lord bless His Holy words. Amen.

A NEW WORLD ORDER

FIRST LESSON: HEBREWS 12 : 28

Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptable with reverence and godly fear:

SECOND LESSON: REVELATION 21 : 22 - 23

And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

GOLDEN TEXT: REVELATION 11 : 15

And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever.

INTRODUCTORY CHORUS:

The kingdom of this world, has become the throne of God, Olumba and His Christ shall reign and reign for ever, Olumba and His Christ shall reign and reign for ever.

THE KINGDOM OF GOD:

Brethren, the above texts and introductory chorus form the theme of our gospel. You have been told repeatedly that Brotherhood is neither a healing home nor a prayer house.

It is not a church denomination nor a conventional academic institution i rather it is the kingdom of God. It is a kingdom that cannot be shaken by anything. Therefore, we are indebted to God the Father. Our duty is mainly to praise Him in humility, obedience, love, mercy, and truth. This is the very kingdom which king Nebuchadnezzar dreamt of and rightly interpreted by Prophet Daniel. Many kingdoms have come and gone; but this is the only one that has come to swallow up all other and to reign for ever.

It is said that, though Christ was known in the flesh, but now we are not known in the flesh but in spirit. Therefore, if you are of Christ, you are entirely a new creation. Old things have passed away, giving way to a new order in your life.

When a Yam seedling is planted, it must first of all decay before it germinates and sprouts out tendrils. Afterward a new tuber is developed gradually till the time of harvest.

Now, the question is, is it possible for people in another community where yam is not produced to eat the new yam before the real producers taste of it? With a new yam available in the market, the old stock is done away with.

In the same way, the old world with its system has passed and gone forever. This is the time for a new world order, a new kingdom where everything is perfect.

This is the only place where people gather at 5.00 a.m. for morning devotion that lasts till 10.00 a.m., and from then morning service takes over and continues till the hours of evening services. Where else will you find a multitude of people speaking in one tongue, wearing the same garment and walking barefoot, not minding their individual status in life.

It is only here in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star that you will find much peaceful co-existence, humility and oneness. Here people do not behave according to their wishes but are controlled by love. There is no room in this kingdom for falsehood, hatred, violence and rancor. Here in the kingdom, there is no distinction between an orphan and a fatherly person; there is no free-born nor bond.

There is no discrimination in class, race, sex, age, colour nor in language. Our brother John said:

And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

*And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.
(Revelation 21 : 22 - 23).*

You can now realise that human knowledge, power or experience has no place in this kingdom. The Holy Spirit is all in all. It is Jehovah God and His Christ that rule in this kingdom. The kingdom is ruled through the instruments of love, peace, mercy, truth, longsuffering and every other virtues.

The situation in the world is rather different. The people of the world use the instruments of coercion, torture and various forms of punishment to rule over their subjects. Prison custodies and courts are established to convict and to condemn. In this kingdom there is no jealousy, not covetousness, no lamentation, no sickness nor death. The only thing that is in existence here is joy.

In the world those who are highly regarded are the wicked, thieves, murderers and the mischievous. In the world, one who does not drink wine, snuff, smoke or indulge in one form of vice or the other is seen as an odd fellow. The people of the world steal, commit fornication and adultery. While they indulge in idolatry and other vices they

claim to be enjoying life. But in this kingdom, we abhor all vices in which the world takes delight in doing. Whoever drinks, steals, tells lies and indulges in any form of vices has no place in this kingdom. It is only love that reigns in this kingdom.

It is said that, since we have a kingdom that cannot be shaken, we should show appreciation by being charitable, kind, humble, merciful, truthful and obedient.

Christ made it abundantly clear that, if the world hates you, you should realise that He (Christ) was also hated because you are not of the world. If you were of the world you would have been loved. The world hates you because I have elected you into this kingdom.

Peter, James, John and the rest of the disciples waited patiently for this kingdom and were even killed for the sake of the kingdom, It is that piece of yam that was planted many years back that has now germinated, yielding many tubers.

THOSE REDEEMED:

He said:

He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. (Revelation 3 : 5)

Furthermore, it was asked:

And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, what are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. (Revelation 7 : 13 - 14)

All those who were persecuted in the service of God and for the sake of the gospel have now arisen to rule with Him. Those who served God in humility, supplication and diligent are here to rule with Him. The people of the world deserves to be pitied, for they have eyes but cannot see, have ears but cannot hear, have the mind but cannot think. This is according to the divine will of God. People often erroneously believe that, once a person is dead, he is gone. Suppose you ask them, where he goes to, they would quickly say, "to the Hades".

The question is, where is the hades located? Has He not advised us that:

Let not your hearts be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. (John 14 : 1 - 3).

He promised to come down personally to take us to the new place so that wherever He may be, we would be there also.

For those of you who dispute the fact that, there is life after death and reincarnation, what explanation would you give to the statement of Christ that, He would go away to come back to receive you to Himself, so that where He is, you too will be there? There is no any other means through which any human soul can come back into this earth plane apart from reincarnation. Whether Christ will descend from the sky or emerge from the clouds, the point remains that, He had once existed and later departed. He came back a second time.

Elijah did come and go, yet it was said that he would come before the messiah. It was stated that he would not taste of death and so was taken up in his physical form. He was meant to be the messiah's forerunner. The Jews are still expecting the coming of Elijah to herald the coming of the messiah.

The wisdom of God confounds human reasoning. Majority of those who claim to be Christians do not believe in reincarnation. Who was John the Baptist? Was he not the said Elijah who had heralded the coming of the Lord? Many did not know this fact. It is for this reason that, it is said, though Christ was known in the flesh, now we do not know anybody again in the flesh but in spirit.

Who is the one who shall baptise with fire and Holy Spirit? Is He not Christ? John said.

I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: (Matthew 3 : 11)

The same Jesus you are gazing into the sky, expecting to descend therefrom, is the one doing every work in this kingdom. If not the power of the Holy Spirit, which other power has ever conquered the world? Can you now realise how and why the kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of Jehovah God and His Christ? We therefore have to show appreciation by refraining from all vices and surrendering ourselves completely to His divine rulership.

PRAYER OF FAITH:

John taught his disciples how to pray and the disciples of Christ also went to their Master requesting Him to teach them how to pray. Christ taught His disciples how to pray saying, "Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven..." Is this not that very kingdom prayed for? There is no discrimination of any sort in this kingdom. There is but one kingdom, one love and one people. It was for this reason that the Jews asked Christ for explanation about a woman who had married different husband, but each of them

died one after the other. In the resurrection, whose wife would she belong to. He told them that, they did not understand the situation of things. That, only the people of this world marry and are given in marriage. But they that are accounted worthy to inherit this kingdom neither marry nor are given in marriage for they are the children of resurrection and are the same as the angels. Such people have nothing to do with the world.

It is a long time since then, He had promised that this generation shall not pass away until all the words of God be fulfilled. If you watch the way things are done in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, you will realise that love has taken control of everybody and everything in the world.

Can you now realise why we have every cause to rejoice? We have a kingdom that is beyond destruction. The entire people of the world, the powers and principalities put together had vowed to exterminate Brotherhood of the Cross and Star from the face of the earth.

The church denominations, secret societies, business concerns, juju priests, seers and various other people had waged relentless war against Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. But they have all been vanquished. At the same time we (Brotherhood) do not use any war implement like sword, spear or gun at all.

If Brotherhood were to be a worldly organization, with the multitude of people that flock in here (34 Ambo) it would need quite a number of Police men to maintain peace and order on a daily basis. But since we are the elects of God, we do not need such a service. We are led by the Holy Spirit.

AT THE FULLNESS OF TIME:

At the fullness of time the past shall draw to the present and all the old Prophets and patriarchs shall be seen face to face. There are many in our midst today who had been with the Lord in His advent. Have you ever seen a place where people are fed, clothed and sheltered free? You cannot find such magnanimity anywhere else, apart from here in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star.

Let reference be made to our first lesson:

FIRST LESSON: HEBREWS 12: 28

Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

THE WORLD HAS FAILED:

Ever since the people of the world had been waging a relentless war against B.C.S. what actually has it achieved now? We have continued to greet "Peace" and to go

about our normal business unperturbed. In spite of their evil tendencies, they turn round to accuse Brotherhood of being a vampire organization.

Our work therefore, is that of expressing impeccable love, honesty, kindness, mercy and all the virtues. Nothing is done here according to one's desire but according to the divine will of God. He is the great Teacher, Saviour, Ruler and King. This is the reason He warned us not to call any a teacher, for He alone is a teacher, but that, we are all brethren. Christ is the only true Teacher, Father, Lover and Saviour.

A CARING FATHER:

He is the Father of love, peace, patience, kindness and grace. He is the one who overcomes every problem and tribulation for you. Therefore, He will never allow you to hunger, thirst, or cry, for you have a Father, indeed, a caring and loving one. If you compare a member of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star to the people of the world, you will notice a remarkable difference.

The children of Brotherhood look good and fresh always and are well-fed even more than those in the world that farm, trade and occupy exalted positions. Those who claim to be in positions of authority get afflicted with certain deadly illnesses and pestilence's.

We are the luckiest set because the lamb of God is in our midst; He is our Saviour and Father. The world is in serious trouble, arising from diseases, draught, famine, wars and earthquakes and other natural disasters. But here in Brotherhood, you are free; you are free; you do not have to think of how to protect yourself because fortress is there. Your concern is to sing, dance and enjoy the love of God. We have every cause to rejoice, for Jehovah God has provided us with a marvelous shield. We should therefore reciprocate this by praising His name and glorifying Him. At times you even lack words to express the cause of your joy. The worldly people watching you would normally wonder the source of your joy when in actual sense you have no car, no house, nothing. It is the manifestation of the grace of God which surpasses all other things. Our joy is not derived from money, wife, children, academic knowledge or from anything mundane. Rather, our joy, is derived from this unshakeable kingdom. There is nothing a person can do to you. This is the kingdom which the people of old had toiled and starved for but could not witness.

The sun, moon, rain, thunder, lightning or gun cannot harm you. As the world continues to plot against you, they inturn fall victim to their evil plans. When they realise how resilient you are, they resort to calling you names. In spite of all the campaigns of calumny carried against Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, yet the people of the world resort to this kingdom for salvation when haunted by principalities and powers of this world. All elementary forces submit to Holy Spirit.

We are the children of God and as such we live in Spirit. But the people of the world are the children of the evil and the children of perdition.

THE REAL CHILDREN OF GOD:

By virtues of being the children of God, we are also the children of this kingdom. The scripture has made it clear that, not all Israelites are true descendants of Israel and not all the descendants of Abraham are the true children of Abraham. We are the only ones who have the right of sonship to the kingdom.

We are members of the kingdom of God spoken by our Lord Jesus Christ that, except a man be born anew, he cannot inherit. We are lucky to be in the kingdom whereas the world is still wondering about.

Christ did say:

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).

Things are done in this kingdom strictly according to the divine will of God. Except He calls a person, none can come to Him. We are made to understand that once a person had died, the second death has no power over him again. Except one is born anew and mortifies the flesh he cannot enter this kingdom.

This is exactly what Christ told Nicodemus, and added that except he was born of water and Holy Spirit he would not enter into the kingdom of God. Your position in any church or organization cannot grant you an entrance into the kingdom of God except you are born again. You must be baptized of the holy spirit. Whoever continues to indulge in sin, whether it is your wife, husband, brother, sister, father or mother has already decided his or her fate with regards to this kingdom.

If you continue to sue people to court, fight, and retaliate for every wrong deed, it therefore means that you have no share in this kingdom. Those of us who have been called into the kingdom have nothing to do with evil, just as the kingdom does not admit any evil.

Let reference be made to our second lesson.

SECOND LESSON: REVELATION 21:22-23

And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

BROTHERHOOD AND THE WORLD:

The world pays regard to the church but we (Brotherhood) talk about the kingdom of God. The ultimate thing before us is the kingdom and for that reason, we surrender ourselves completely to the Father. Our joy has no end. Many who had tried to help themselves finally failed but, others who changed their mind and returned to God have since got salvation.

We do not believe in erecting temple, we do not light candle, nor have anything to do with evil. There are many in the fold who are illiterate but teach professors, lawyers, worldly knowledge, power or anything that is mundane. He is the only one that rules and reigns. He has no deputy nor assistant. He is all and in all. He teaches you about health-care delivery, inventions and all sorts of occupation. He is the one that foretells the future through you.

When Christ taught the people many things in their synagogue they doubted the source of His wisdom. He told them that if they should practise His words they would discover whether His wisdom were from Him or from His Father.

Many of us do not possess high academic qualification, some are even illiterate but teach medical doctors and highly learned people about the recondite teaching of the Father. That alone should let you know that you are directly under the control of the Holy Spirit. You are no more your former self but an image of the Holy Ghost and an instrument of God's work.

Any person who boasts of being renowned in any trade, say in music, healing, or in any other gift will finally discover that he is a fake, once he comes into this kingdom. There is no problem at all which the Holy Father cannot solve. Whether you are suffering from illness, ignorance, poverty, insecurity or faithlessness, the Holy Spirit is able to solve all problems.

we had listened to the word of our Lord Jesus Christ concerning the kingdom of God, we would not have derailed. He warned us not to follow those who would tell

** Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be. For wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gather together. (Matthew 24:26-28).*

is for this reason that a great multitude from all the nooks and crannies of the world gather here in Brotherhood to fulfill the words of the scripture.

BAPTISM FOR REPENTANCE:

Our Lord Jesus Christ had existed for twenty nine (29) years in this world without a single disciple. That was so because He was not yet endowed with the Holy Spirit. It was only when He got baptized and was endowed with the Holy Spirit that He started to gather His disciples.

It was thereafter that His name began to spread to many parts of the world. It was there and then that He became one with His Father as He confirmed, I and my Father are one (John 10:30). Except you are guided by the holy spirit, you cannot achieve anything. Your ability to remain here with the Father hours unend without feeling weak is from Him.

Many church denominations and organisations have one time or the other sued Brotherhood of the Cross and Star to court, for depopulating their organisations. They fail to realise that it is the Holy Spirit who is at work because this is an era of redemption. Therefore, those members who are the children of God are daily being gathered from worldly organisations.

These churches have not been born of water and the Holy Spirit and for this reason, they continue to lose their members. Anybody, who claims to be responsible for the work done in this kingdom is a liar. It is our Lord Jesus Christ who is at work.

THE CITY OF GOD:

Brotherhood is the city which John the Baptist spoke of. Our Lord Jesus Christ is the light that illuminates the city. Therefore brethren, do not plan for yourself. In the first place, who are you to plan for yourself? He is a perfect planner and executor of all events. The entire people of the world are at their wits' end and therefore should submit to the Holy Spirit. There is no other place in the world where one can find peace, joy, power and prosperity apart from this kingdom of God.

We are only witnesses over His wonderful works. There is nobody who is wise enough or grateful to inform the world of the magnificence and glory of this kingdom. Do not quarrel with a person who has offended you.

He is the only one that can discipline an offender and reward obedient servant. Do not impute sins at your fellow man, for by so doing, you have made yourself a judge, and invariably condemning yourself.

AN ERA OF LOVE:

The reign of man, of money and of every material thing has since passed away. This is the era of love, tolerance and peace. What is most gratifying is the fact that, the kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of God and His Christ. There is no single sheep of this kingdom that will perish, except a child of perdition.

GOLDEN TEXT: REVELATION 11: 15

And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, the kingdom of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever.

THE KINGDOM OF GOD:

Our Lord Jesus Christ compared the kingdom of God to a mustard seed which is so tiny in size but which grows into a gigantic tree when it germinates and provides shelter for the birds of the air. That illustration shows that there is nothing which is impossible before God; whatever is regarded as impossibility by man is possible with God.

In short, there is nothing God cannot do. The science of the world, earthly power and knowledge have all been rendered useless by the overpowering force of the Holy Spirit now sweeping across the face of the earth. His will alone prevails.

✱The era of vice, sorcery, oracles, principalities and powers is over. This is the era of the Holy Spirit and nothing can flap its ugly wings again.

Many people who take the trouble of writing to India, America and the rest of the world, requesting for power have been referred to Brotherhood of the Cross and Star at 34 Ambo Street, Calabar, Cross River State, Nigeria. We have cause to rejoice because we have grown beyond hunger, pains, sickness and even death.

✱The reign of the Holy Spirit is not like that of the world which is founded on torture, coercion and death. His rule is with peace, love, mercy, longsuffering and all the virtues. Our pride is in Him, except He calls a person, none can come to Him. If he does not change you and pronounce you perfect, none can change himself or make himself fit. If He does not grant you anything, you cannot get it and whatever He grants, none can take it from you.

THE LORD OF DESTINY:

He does not behave like human beings, for His way confounds man. Everything happens according to the time kept for it. If it is not yet time for you to propagate the glory of God, whatever effort you will be futile.

Everything works according to the time for it. He is the only one who is capable of changing anything to His divine will. He sent His only begotten Son to shed His precious blood for the salvation of mankind. He is the doer of the work and our only duty is to testify over His wonderful work and His glory. Fornication, idolatry, stealing, smoking, killing and other vices will eventually cease in this world, not through the power of anybody but according to His divine plan.

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THE BLIND WORLD:

FIRST LESSON: MATTHEW 7:6

Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.

GOLDEN TEXT: HEBREWS 12 : 14

Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.

AN EVIL GENERATION:

God is truth and whatever He says is nothing but the truth. You have been advised not to give that which is holy to the dogs, and that you should not cast your pearl before the swines: lest they trample upon it. This is exactly what is happening in the world today. The whole world does not accept Brotherhood. The people do not realise the need to get into the Ark which is now open. They fail to know that their salvation lies in the teachings derivable from Brotherhood. Instead, they resort to vilifying against the kingdom and its leadership. But in spite of that their salvation is derived here. The blinds are made to see, deafs made to hear, the dumbs speak and the lames walk. These and many more are made possible by the Holy Spirit. Yet none receives Him nor ready to listen and practise His teachings. In spite of the free services rendered by this fold yet none recognises Him. Instead it is the robbers, fornicators, adulterers, idolaters, dupes liars, murderers that are regarded as saviours of this world. Sinners are regarded as righteous people while Brotherhood is referred to as Beelzebub, vampire and demon.

This is exactly what they did to our Lord Jesus Christ. He raised the dead, healed the sick, restored sight to the blind, cleanse the leper, and cast out demon, yet He was accused of causing confusion in the world. This is why you are warned not to cast your pearls before the swines else they trample on it and turn against you.

If you inform a person about what Brotherhood has done in the world to restore peace to mankind he will not believe you. Instead he will contest the fact that any man can also perform that. But as soon as you speak ill against Brotherhood all will support you. The world hates anyone who is truthful, merciful, humble, and righteous. The people do not even want to see such a person. They like evil person and are ready to accept him with open hands. You should recall what happened during the trial of our Lord Jesus Christ. A notorious robber, Barrabas, was rather asked to be released while Lord Jesus Christ should be executed. Imagine the attitude of the people in accepting the Messiah openly but accepting a murderer. Off course, it is a confirmation of the scripture that you should not put your treasure before the swines for they know its value. You should also recall how our Lord Jesus Christ was tortured and

finally nailed to the cross like a heinous criminal. He was spat upon and vilified against.

The same treatment has been extended to the elects of God in this generation while the wicked, the sinners are favoured and treat with honour. The people of the world did not kill for the sake of fulfilling what was written about Him about the salvation of man, rather He was killed as a murderer, a robber, and an insurrectionist. He was condemned as one that has committed the worst crime. Crucifixion was a capital punishment that went with a capital offence. It could be likened to facing firing squad or hanging as a result of committing high treason or armed robbery. That was how our Lord Jesus Christ was treated. Imagine our only source of glory, salvation and life being treated in that manner. The world is in a very pitiable condition.

The world rejoices and accepts murderers, idolaters, fornicators and railers but despises the righteous.

When you were a drunkard, a fornicator, a murderer, and a liar people regarded you as God. But having seen the light thus forsaking those things and living a just and Godly life they now despise you. They no more see anything good in you. Do not be despondent but you should always be guided because the advise that you should avoid throwing your treasure to the swines for they will trample upon it and turns against you.

If you were to go to a herbalist or necromancer where candles are lit, incense burnt, perfume spread, and animals sacrificed would you not obey the rules and regulations of his shrine? Here in the kingdom of God such things are not done at all. It is because of this freedom that many of you do not observe the commandments in this kingdom. You have trampled on the treasure set before you. You fight, struggle and make a noise even when the Father is right in your midst physically.

If you are in out-station, say Abasi Oburi bethel you cannot put up the type of behaviour you demonstrate here in the headquarters. This is because the moment you deviate from the set rules and regulations, you are made to face instant sanction. But here the Headquarter (34 Ambo Street), you feel it is owned by nobody, hence you behave unruly even in the presence of the Father. You always believe that the Father cannot punish you at all.

The question is, why is it that you do not behave in that way at home, schools, offices and clubs?

HUMBLE YOURSELF:

Have you now realised that you do not deserve to be presented with anything treasureble? Many reasonable people shed tears whenever they come here and see you

behave so unseemingly in my presence. You fight, fornicate, discriminate and plot evil against one another even here in the premises not minding my presence. Even the angels shed tears when you put up such rough behaviours before the Holy Father.

If you go to the worldly court, you are warned not to make a noise. If you dare miss, you are instantly charged for contempt. But here in the throne of God you do not humble yourself nor reverence God. What ever is forbidden in the world is what you practised in the kingdom of God. If you were not a troublesome person in the world, as soon as you get baptised into the fold, you feel cheated to continue to be humble. You cause trouble and show disrespectful attitude. The truth is that, you cannot do what you practise here in a secular setting.

The word of God is true as God Himself is truth. Would you believe that the Almighty God condescends to personally come to stay with man yet none treat Him with reverence. You despise and trample on Him.

Of all the insults you mete to Him, has He reacted in self defense?

GIVE REVERENCE TO GOD:

Today you have been advised to live in peace and righteousness with all men without which none can see the Lord. Except you forsake all manners of sin. You cannot possess love nor God and without these, you cannot see Him. It is a condition that for you to forsake sin you must obey your creator. You should recall your former situation before you came into this fold, you had said all sorts of evil things against the Father. You swore over your dead body you would never put on the white sauterne not to talk of bowing down to worship Him. But eventually you were called. Have you not done all the things you swore never to do? Have you not seen a remarkable change in your life? You were calling Brotherhood all names, such as vampire, blood sucker, demon, mermaid and Beelzebub. But now you have been called into the fold. Do you not now shed tears on hearing people say evil against Brotherhood?

The world is indeed swines, the people prefer rubbish to treasure. They prefer murderers, robbers, fornicators, revelers and idolater to a righteous man. They hate God whom their lives and salvation depend. They love evil but despise God.

GOD IS MERCIFUL:

In spite of God's mercy and love for mankind yet none is ready to listen to Him. Man exalts Satan but despises God The original owner of the house, the landlord is ejected while a foreign body, the evil is invited and accommodated. You should always pay attention to the word of God.

Whenever you are given the opportunity to hear. Then after the gospel if you get to your house ponder over it and take to the advice in your interest. Even though your parents, relations and friends are not Brotherhood yet they are saved and catered for by this same Brotherhood. Your village and Country and even the entire world are saved by Him alone yet none wants to hear of His name.

Take the case of Ukwa Ibom, Achara, Ibe etc. into consideration. without timely intervention of the Holy Spirit, would there have lived any human being into those Communities by now? Yet they despise Him and say all evil things against Him. They rather wish He should die.

BE STEADFAST TO YOUR CREATOR:

Today they have all gone back to worship their idols which they had abandoned in times of hardship and stress.

This is the reason you have been told not to cast your pearl before the swines, lest they trample on it. These communities are few examples, there are others too that have taken the same lines.

In spite of this, others still come here whenever they have problems. Some backslide after being rescued from one form of trouble or the other. Take for instance a place like Aguagunne; in spite of the fact that the entire community was rescued by Brotherhood, the only Bethel in the place has been abandoned. All the baptised members have all backslided and taken to idolatry. Still, Brotherhood does not relent in giving succour to those that are in need.

The people of the world do not appreciate God's benevolence in any way. Rather, they delight in disgracing Him and His elects. Even when you have time to share the word of God with them they revile and threaten your life.

The sinners of the world are referred to as Jesus while the Holy Spirit is seen as the Leader of Satan in Nigeria. But when the unexpected happens, they run to Him for help. And there are always quick at referring people to Brotherhood for solutions to their problems.

The world has no regards for God upon all He has done for man. This is informed by the fact that the people are likened to the Biblical swines and dogs.

They are too blind to see the light which God has brought to the world. They desire darkness and as such opt for it.

THE WORLD OPPOSES GOD:

The angels came from heaven to celebrate the birth of Christ on earth. Instead of man to follow suit he takes up arms in readiness for battle against Him. King Herod on

hearing of the birth of Christ was not happy. He inquired to know His birth place so that He might send His soldiers to Him. While the angels rejoiced in His birth right from the day He was born, man thought of nothing but how to do away with His life. The world does not want God.

GOD LOVES MAN:

A local adage has it that, what a man loves most is what suffers him most. Man is what God loves most of His creation. And ironically, man is the one who hates God most and shows disrespect to Him. It was because of God's love to man that accounted for His sending His only begotten son to come and die so that man could be saved. In spite of this wonderful and unquantified love, man continues to hate and disrespect God. Other creation of God such as fish, birds, animals etc., always give praises to God and cherish His works. But man has never praised God and cherished Him wholeheartedly. Rather, man is prepared to blaspheme against God at the slightest disappointment. This is so because no one needs God, instead, it is God who needs man. What man needs is death, theft, falsehood, deceit, ghost, mermaid, idols and the like. That is why he said;

Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you. (Matthew 7 : 6).

That is why it is also said that;

No man also having drunk old wine straightway desireth new: for he saith, the old is better. (Luke 5 : 39)

The world prefers the evil doers and sinners to the righteous ones. This explains the reason why the world condones a depraved people, flesh eaters, murderers, drunkards, liars, thieves, but righteous people at arm's length. That is the more reason why it appears as if the servants of God are the most hated set of people in the world. And because of this ugly situation, it is common to see many people who were once devoted to the work of God backslide just to avoid being hated. The fact that the Father has come by Himself with good tidings to the world, the people of the world are incapacitated to attack Him apart from vilification. If it were not the Father who came by Himself, He would have been destroyed and thrown away long ago by the people of the world. The Father cannot be attacked by the people of the world in any aspect. That is why a local adage has it that, whenever a warfare is too tough, the commander goes by Himself.

FATHER ALONE IS ABLE:

When you hear about cross, it does not mean a piece of wood, it neither means imprisonment nor to be hospitalised. The word "Cross" means imparting the good tidings of God to people who would despise you. Cross also means advising people on what would fetch them long and peaceful life, but these people would despise you

There is no one on earth other than the Father who could endure the world. It was because of ungratefulness and apathy towards the words of God that necessitated our Lord Jesus Christ to curse the people of the world as it is recorded at the gospel according to St. Luke 10 ; 13)

Woe unto thee, Chorazin! for if the mighty works had been, done in Tyre and Sidon, which have been done in you, they had a great while ago repented, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.

Our Lord Jesus had to curse this set of people as a result of annoyance. Christ could not accommodate the people's short comings. This is to prove a point that Jesus the son of God, would not have been able to tolerate the people of this present sinful world. So it is correct to deduce that, apart from the Father, no one else could accommodate this present world. Let the first lesson be read again.

FIRST LESSON: MATTHEW 7 : 6

Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.

WAR AGAINST SINS:

The governments of the world are waging a wholesome war against in discipline while Brotherhood of the Cross and Star is waging war against sins. It is imperative that Brotherhood of the Cross and Star wages this war because the world problems are caused by sinful acts. And man cannot listen to God as a result of sins. It is sins that have hinder man from beholding the light of God and thereby making him not to see the holy things and the pearls presented to him. Any moment man has a turning from sins, he would be able to see the precious things which God presents to him. Anybody who beheld the light and these good things would vouch to the fact that God does exist.

Right from the inception of the earth, there has never existed a pearl like this before. Therefore anyone who sees it has cause to rejoice. The whites would feel bad when they are made to see these pearls. And there is no point to stress the fact that the whites crave for precious and valuable things.

It is as a result of the precious nature of this kingdom that informs the reason why you are advised to refrain from every sinful act. Because the only conditionality to behold the pearls is to be pure. It is said;

Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. (Titus 1 : 15).

From the above biblical excerpt, it is very correct to deduce that, the

defiled people do not regard anything good and pure because they are not pure. The wonderful pearls you behold here in what many people are groping in the dark to see.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Moses, Abraham, Melchizedeck etc. waited to see what you are seeing today, but they were not oppertuned to behold it. The very thing which these great patriaches craved for is being toyed with by this generation. Man would always live to regret his action. It was after the Israelites might have killed our Lord Jesus Christ that they came to their senses that, really He was the son of God. They were engulfed by darkness during this period and after their heinous act the scales cleared from their eyes, but it was too late for them. And if not that the Father has come by Himself, nobody knows what would have happened to the entire world. That is why our Lord Jesus Christ told His disciples a parable about the wicked tenants as recorded in Matthew 21 : 33 - 39.

After the parable, our Lord Jesus Christ asked the disciples;

When the Lord therefore of the vineyard cometh what will he do unto those husband men? (Matthew 21 : 40).

And they replied thus:

They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard unto other husband men, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons. (Matthew 21 : 41).

Then Jesus again said to them;

Therefore say I unto you, the kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof. (Matthew 21 : 43).

BEAR GOOD FRUITS:

From the last biblical excerpt, we are made to understand the kingdom of God will be taken away from us and given to a nation producing the fruits of it. Therefore anyone who wishes to inherit this kingdom of God should bear the fruits of righteousness and abide by the injunctions of the Father. The foundation of this kingdom is firm as such, it cannot be moved nor shaken. This kingdom is mainly for those who deserve it, race, age, and place of birth notwithstanding.

The members of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star who practise the Father's words are gentle and humble. Whereas those who do not abide by the word of God are arrogant and proud. And their presence spoils others because one bad apple spoils the bunch. Those who do not abide by the words of God in the kingdom could be regarded as defiled. Because they are those who struggle for feast and other material things. So therefore, that is why it is said;

Follow peace with all men and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: (Hebrews 12 : 14).

To forsake sins is the most rational thing anyone should do. If one can try to shun sins one would then behold the will of God in Him. One can only see the glory of God by purging himself of sins.

The fact is, to abstain from fornication, drunkenness, idolatry and the like cannot give you material things. One would behold God and appreciate the pearls presented to him if he refrains from sins. To underscore the God's dislike for worshipping idols the bible warns:

Thou shall not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the father's upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me: (Exodus 21 : 5).

There was a man who took ill and vowed that instead of him to be taken to Brotherhood of the Cross and Star for healing he was ready to die. Finally, he died off. And when the children grew up, they did exactly what their father did. This story is a real life situation. The children of this man, were infact worse than their Father as far as their attitude to Brotherhood of the Cross and Star was concerned.

The teachings imparted to us by the Father are meant to bring eternal life to those who practise them. And every member is aware of the fact that eternal life can only be obtained if one abides by the teachings of the Father. But unfortunately, members scoff at these teachings. The question is, what does it cost one to abide by the teachings of the Father which would fetch him life eternal? As long as one refuses to accept to abide by the injunctions of the Father he would not be saved along side with His offerings. I would love to know the benefits derivable from wallowing in sinful acts.

If the parents of the children of God (virgins) in this kingdom were not devoted members they would not have spared their children to serve the Father as the children of God. For instance, there was an Hausa girl who was interested to serve the Father as a child of God but her wish was obstructed by her parents. This was so because, the parents were not devoted but dogs. It is not an easy thing for the child of an unrighteous parents to be enlisted as a virgin. Because the sins of the parents would not let them permit the child. That is why it is uncommon to see a cow giving birth to a goat, and a goat giving birth to a hen.

PERFECTION IS AN HALLMARK:

To repent and be righteous is very good and beneficiary to the world, angels and God too. There are many children who would have loved to serve God as virgins but their

wishes are dashed by their parents who would not accept such situation. Many parents want their children to finish schooling before they could become virgins. This is because they (parents) are not righteous people.

They are oblivious of what the gospel says at second Peter 2 : 9.

The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished

If you accept to serve God, you would have peace and the entire world at large would also have peace for that singular act. But so long as you do not accept to serve God you would continue to suffer and get perished at last. The suffering is not limited to you alone, but it includes your lineage race.

We have gone to a stage called 'the forbidden ground' and as such, we need to refrain from sins, so that we would be perfect and to be worthy to live there. Because perfection is our hallmark. If you should forsake all sins, you would see the joy, glory, life and peace that would prevail at this end of time. This would not be the work of men but God. The Father has bestowed His glory, mercy, peace, love, wealth among other on His children lavishly. There is no other kingdom of God in the entire world apart from the one found here within us. But those who are blinded with sins do not behold it. For it is only the children of God who have seen and perceive it.

The children of God have been revealed to the entire world. Therefore whosoever loves, care and respect these children of God is free. What brought about the downfall of Lucifer in heaven? It was disobedience. When God commanded that all the angels should bow down and worship His only begotten son, he refused, just as some of you do today. When I ordered that everybody should kneel down while the children of God go on blessings, for those children, you ask, many people fume, and demand to know the reason behind this order. Some ask if these children are better than they are or whether they have done more than what they have done in this kingdom. But I am still glad because at least, some few members have received them. Therefore, as many as have received these children, are given the right to be sons of God. Right from the beginning of Brotherhood, it is the 1992, August Pentecostal Assembly that has recorded the greatest event. I am referring to the glory of the children of God. The lyrics of their songs are very significant. They are very loving, merciful, and generally melodious. Their songs have done a lot of works in the entire universe.

PROBLEMS ARE ANGELS:

Whoever forsake sins is free from problems when you complain of thief's, temptation, sicknesses and other problems come as a result of sins. These confrontation are angels or ministers sent to you when you commit sins. When David, for instance, did not snatch the wife of uriah, his problems were less. However, when he disobeyed God's instruction (to forsake adultery), problems of greater magnitude occurred to him. The first two of his children committed incest (an abominable act) and disgraced

themselves. Secondly, Absalom, his son rebelled and killed one of the children, Absalom also rebelled against him and the whole of Israel rose against him. Many other calamities befall him as a result of his disobedience of taking uriah's wife into marriage. Therefore, do not be surprised when you find armed robbers, snakes, sicknesses and other problems happening to you. These are messengers of God sent as corrective measures, for God chastises the child He loves. In the era of our Lord Jesus Christ, the disciple that suffered many afflictions was Paul because he persecuted the elects of God And so, in this era, whoever wants to be free from punishment should flee fornication, stealing, and many other evil vices. Let the fear of God indwell you.

This is the dose of age hence, I have to teach unceasingly, because after this, is the judgment. My happiness lies in the fact that many people have repented and have thus, been saved. The all conquering power that rules over the nations of the world with an iron rod is now on earth. There is no one who has ever sought for God, but this is the time of his reign, there is nothing that man can do, than to succumb. All tongue shall confess of God's glory and all angels shall adore Him. Read the golden text again.

GOLDEN TEXT: HEBREWS 12 : 14

Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.

THE EYES OF THE LORD IS UPON THE RIGHTEOUS:

The above excerpt is directing us to the path of salvation. At the fullness of time, God will require from us the peace which He had handed over to the entire universe. This is the reason why He has admonished us to FOLLOW PEACE with all men. It also explains the reason why He teaches everybody to be in peace with all men, churches, governments, and communities. Whatever people may say or do should not border you. Whatever happens daily does not concern you because, sufficient unto the day is the evil therein. Your major concern is to FOLLOW PEACE with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.'

There is every truth in the spiritual song which says that 'whoever seek for me, will surely see me because I accomplish my works spiritually'. Truly, I operate more effectively in spirit and so, whoever seeks for me in the flesh does so in vain because I do not operate in the flesh. This song invariably means that whosoever indulges in fornication, stealing, telling of lies, backbiting, blasphemy, anger, quarreling and fighting cannot see God. The golden text has told us without mincing words that whoever is not Holy will not see God. What does it profit a man to stay in this fold and continue to extort money from people, steal, fight, quarrel, commit fornication and other vices? Whoever does this cannot see God till doom's day. However, the holy ones see God lavishly and they can not have any problem.

A good case of how the holy ones cannot have problem can be traced to the sister who resides at London. She testified of how she was once jobless. And as she was lamenting and praying to the Father for any work, the Father physical appeared and took her to an office where she now works. Right now, she is in a position of employing other people in the office. This is how the Father works for those who are truly holy. In another instance, a sister also testified of how thieves invaded her farm and uprooted the cassava planted. When she visited the farm and discovered the theft, she exclaimed that, it is unfortunate for the thieves that had done that. But surprisingly, the four thieves emerged out from their hide outs and told her to say her last prayer, for it is even unfortunate for her and olumba. Before she could finish her prayer, the four thieves stood erect with their matchets suspended in the air. This child of Olumba quickly left the farm and alerted the villagers but by the time the villagers got to the farm, the four thieves had died. This event took place at River State and a similar situation occurred at Ugep in Cross River State of Nigeria some years ago. These testimonies go a long way to confirm that even if one comes here, everyday, in as much as he is in the flesh, he can never see God. Those who are in the spirit at London, America, India, Russia, African, or any part of the world see the Father lavishly.

If the Father reveals Himself to you, you would cease to struggle for feast, you would not steal, tell lies, gossip, hate, curse people nor indulge in any form of unrighteousness any more. Right now, there is joy in heaven, on earth, in the waters, in the abyss, in the Atlantic, because there are a few people who are holy and they are free from problems. In the case of those who are still plunged in evil the situation is different. Such people are still complaining of one problem or the other. Though they may be in this fold, they cannot behold the glory of God because they are still in the flesh.

Do not seek for God in the flesh for you will not see Him. Seek for Him in the spirit, for He works in spirit. All the worldly personalities who desires to see the Father cannot do so because they are all in the flesh, still committing one sin or the other. However, should they forsake sin, they will be one with the Father for they will also be in spirit like the Father. If you are in spirit, no matter where you are, you will see the Father. At this junction, you may recall the testimony of Apostle Bright. He said that while he was yet to be baptised into the fold of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, once he could have been drowned but the Father physically appeared and rescued him. Then he later recognised the person (Holy Father) who saved him when he became a baptised Brotherhood. Therefore, whoever you may be, as long as you flee sin, you will always see the Holy Father, because He is with you. It is said a stroke of the cane is sufficient unto a wise man. May God bless His Holy words. Amen.

THE DISPENSATION OF LOVE.

FIRST LESSON: MATTHEW 11 : 29

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

SECOND LESSON: JOHN 15 : 9

As the Father hath loved me, so have I love you: continue ye in my love:

GOLDEN TEXT: JOHN 14 : 23

Jesus answered and said unto him, if a man loved me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with Him.

EXPRESS YOUR LOVE THROUGH PRACTISING THE WORD:

Dear brethren this is the time to practise the word of God. Nothing new is being delivered or taught to you in this kingdom. What you are expected to do now is to try to practise what has been taught to you. Through teaching, I have been reminding you what God, your Creator expects from you. Is it not awful that the orthodox churches who claim to know God do not practise His words? The texts above are the direct words of God and not that of man, angel or prophet. The practise of these words declare your obedience unto God. When you spread these words, it means God has used you to teach the world these words. If we love them, we must of necessity, practise and abide by the Divine injunctions.

Forget about churches, healing homes, Cathedrals, schools, camps, etc. and be engaged in thought and deed with practical usage of the word of God. Shun man's advice but abide by the instructions of God. The problem of humanity emanated from deviating from the path of rectitude, You should not expect anything good to come to you when you do not love God. ~~How dose one love God~~ You do this by diligently following His footsteps as revealed in the scriptures.

YOU ENSLAVE YOURSELF UNTO WHAT YOU LOVE:

If you love God, nothing will block you from practising His words. A local adage has it that, "man enslaves himself to that which he loves". So if we love God, we have to practise His words. It is because Christ loved us that He disclosed the secret to mankind that whoever loves Christ, will become His abode and that of His Father. Stop looking for God in the sky or in the sea. He is in none of these places. Rather, love Him by **enslaving** yourself in the practise of every revealed words. By so doing, you will **become the** dwelling place of Jehovah God and His Christ and the Holy Spirit. **Through** loving God, you have formed a trinity with them. Your union with the three brings to you peace, security and eternal life.

That Christ loves us is incontrovertible and that He enslaved Himself for such is beyond reasonable doubt. The proof of Christ's love is a subsumed in this statement towards the end of His earthly ministry; that it was expedient for Him to go away because if He does not, the Comforter, the spirit of truth, would not come. (see John 16 : 7).

Christ loves us and He enslaved Himself for such love by the indignity of death on the cross. "Greater love hath no man than this." This is the model which we should emulate.

You should note that before the era of the Holy Spirit, God spoke in parables. But God, the Father, communicates to us in plain language. This parabolic communication between God and man, made it difficult of people to know the nature of God. The result was that, the depraved man doubted the fact that God has a son or a child. Some went to the extent of denying the existence of God. These erroneous opinions were held because the Holy Spirit, the greatest Teacher had not arrived as the text just referred to explains.

All sufferings in the world emanate from disobeying the teachings revealed in the scripture. Peace, love and eternal life come from actual practise of the word. This is what our Lord Jesus Christ, in John chapter ten verse eight said:

All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.

ONLY HOLY SPIRIT TEACHES TRUTH:

Aside from that of the Holy Spirit, no other teaching, right from the time of Adam, would have led you to eternal life. Adam was half-educated and half education is very dangerous because it makes you have an inflated image of yourself, thus becoming arrogant. God only said He would teach Adam in the garden but Adam disobeyed God by fornicating, thereby earning rustication from the "school". The rustication made Adam half educated. In this case, what could Adam impart to others?

Who taught Abraham? who was the teacher of Melchizedek? what did Enoch know to enable him teach others? Mention other old Testament heroes and you will come to the inescapable conclusion that the only teaching worthy of practise is those by our Lord Jesus Christ. All other prophets bore witness to Christ by testifying that when He comes as the Comforter, man would be led to the perfect knowledge of the truth. This is why the teachings in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star are different from that of the old testament. For instance, in Brotherhood, the erroneous belief that God has reincarnated seven times namely Adam, Melchizedek, Noah, Moses, Elijah, Jesus Christ and Olumba Olumba Obu has long been discarded. Only the teachings of the Father which leads to the accurate knowledge of the truth are followed. You are therefore warned to disassociate yourself from the erroneous teaching in the world

because it only leads to the bottomless pit. It is instructive to heed the saying that a blind man cannot lead another blind man.

ADAM, VICTIM OF THE SPIRIT OF ERROR:

Adam disobeyed God only after listening to the spirit of error, the serpent. Adam was instructed not to eat the fruit at the centre of the garden but the serpent contradicted God by lying to Adam that disobeying that directive will not lead him to death. For disobeying, he was sent out of the garden. Then it dawned on Adam that he had derailed from the path of rectitude. To forestall the inevitable consequence of his disobedience, he cried, prayed and fasted for forgiveness. In spite of these sacrifices, he lost the Divine right to communicate directly with God. However, out of this infinite mercy, God continued to communicate with them through angels. He also promised to come to them again. And told them that His coming would be heralded by three things-Gold, myrrh and frankincense. Till now, not many people know why the three wise men presented our Lord Jesus Christ with the gifts of Gold, myrrh and frankincense.

GOLD, MYRRH, FRANKINCENSE HERALDED CHRIST'S COMING:

The three things gold, myrrh and frankincense were signs that God had again established personal contact with depraived man since the fall of Adam. Apart from the three things, another sign of God's personal intervention in the affairs of man was when He was crucified on the tree. Trace the history of man since creation and mention any birth which has attracted the gifts presented to our Lord Jesus Christ by the wise men. Have you also seen another personality clothed with the Holy Spirit other than Jesus the Christ?

Moses never collected the commandments directly from God. He received them from an angel. The angel appeared first as the flame of fire in the burning bush which Moses saw. It is therefore erroneous to attribute the personality of God to Adam, Enoch, Melchizedek, Noah, Moses or Elijah. These men were all under the influence of angels. Since angels are only messengers of God, these old testament heroes could never have been God. God therefore registered His presence physically in the affairs of man only after the symbols of His coming were revealed.

Before the advent of Jesus the Christ, angels dominated the scene. It was an angel for instance, whom God send to tempt Abraham to sacrifice Isaac, his only son. Through Abraham's obedience, God realized that He is not present physically on earth, man still had faith in Him and this, decided to send His son. After two thousand years, God made good His promise and Christ came to the sinful earth through the womb of a virgin.

True to the history of redemption, the symbols gold, myrrh and frankincense materialised as gifts. Although these presents were presented by three wise men, actually they were four wise men who were sent out to visit Bethlehem but the fourth,

as God would have it, had another assignment to carry out and was therefore absent at the presentation ceremony. Contrary to the prevailing view, the four wise men do not represent the four corners of the world, North, South, East and West. The four corners of the world readily represent Heaven, earth, the abyss and the ocean. Refer to Revelation chapter 20 for details. There is therefore misinformation in the world as conventional wisdom would have us believe. The world is one - heaven, earth, abyss and oceans are habitations.

Recall what happened when our Lord Jesus Christ died. The veil of the temple was torn into two, from top to bottom; the earth quaked, the rocks were rent, graves were opened and the bodies of saints who had died, rose up.

The details are in Matthew chapter twenty seven verses 50 - 53.

Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. And behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

This is by way of digression. A two generation from the time of Moses to the time of our Lord Jesus Christ was two thousand years.

A NEW WORLD ORDER EMERGES AT CLOSE OF AGE:

Our Lord Jesus Christ did not come until after two generations. A generation is one thousand years. The time span between Adam and Moses was two thousand years and the same two thousand years elapsed from the time of Moses to the advent of our Lord Jesus Christ. Many dispute the messianic claim of our Lord Jesus Christ because His coming was not exactly two thousand years from the time of Moses. But who is man to challenge God's decision. New at the close of age. God has come down to redeem humanity unto Himself.

Two thousand years after the advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, a new world order will come into place and everything will conform to God's perfect standard. The promised Comforter by Christ, now teaches man to bring them to the accurate knowledge of the truth. This promise is recorded in John chapter fourteen verse twenty-six. Only the Holy Spirit teaches the truth because it is only the King who knows the secret of His kingdom. For instance, the bible we are reading today was compiled through the dreams, visions and activities of the people of past generations. Such people, during their time, did not know the value of such writings.

Paul never intended that his writings to different communities could be taken as the words of God but now his original intention has ceased to be the essence of the writing. Those to whom the letters were addressed also did not know the value

because they were not destined to practise it. But now the Holy Spirit, the promised Comforter teaches and reminds us about the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore you have to subject yourself to the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ. And you have to subject yourself to the teachings of the Holy Spirit, if you care about them. Let the first lesson be read.

FIRST LESSON; MATTHEW 11 : 29

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Brethren, what could be greater than God promising rest to your soul? I am a living witness to this fact. You can also be a witness if you practise His injunction. Love ye one another even as I love you. One cannot effectively love except one is lowly in heart, meek and gentle. By so doing, he has taken His yoke upon himself and learnt of Him. Do not say I have been serving God for the past years yet. things do not seem to work to my specified plan. Remember that it is not always the same day you dig a pit and fill in water that frogs do fall into it. Patience must come before joy.

Recall all the activities that took place during the life time of our Lord Jesus Christ and after. The apostles preached but could not heal until after Christ's ascension, when they were empowered by the Holy Spirit. The Church was formed after two centuries when the Roman Catholic Church was established. The Catholic teachings were adulterated when they killed Peter. Protestantism followed after Catholicism in the search for accurate knowledge of God. The era of the Protestants gave rise to many more churches being established.

Note that, it was from the time of Moses that the coming of Christ was prophesied. The prophets did not practise the words of God but were more or less involved in announcing the coming of Christ. And when eventually he came as was prophesied, He accomplished everything prophesied about Him. This made the people to realize that He was the promised one. But unfortunately, nobody now practises what our Lord Jesus Christ taught. They preach the words but refuse to practise it. But all must be reminded that the end of His Century is the end of sin. God will physically assume His rulership over the entire world. The pointer to this is the fact that governments, Countries, institutions of learning and churches have now opted for the teachings of Brotherhood. This is the work of God towards making the entire world one.

GOD HAS ALWAYS BEEN WITH MAN:

The orthodox churches still expect God from the sky but God has never left men. That Christ died on the cross does not mean that the Father was no more in existence. God has always been with man. So it is mandatory for you to practise the gospel or face eternal damnation. The entire world must be perfectly reformed before the year 2000 thousand. For instance, who amongst the Brotherhood brethren ever planned to

practise the word of God?

Nobody thought it wise to heed the instructions of God. Nobody thought it wise to practise or testify to the works wrought by God and nobody is interested in praising God with songs. But now mere pronouncing the name, Leader Olumba Olumba Obu, a large crowd is dispersed. People take to their heels on hearing the name claiming that there is no other name apart from Jesus Christ. I have been calling for testimonies, praises, adoration, and honour but no one found it pertinent to do so. This is so because everything that happens must come at an appointed time. When the time for you to praise God manifests fully, nobody will teach you what to do. You will know it and how to do it, all alone.

See Hebrews 8 : 10 - 12:

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after these days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their minds, 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. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.

THE DISCIPLES NEVER UNDERSTOOD CHRIST:

It is incumbent upon you to practise the word of God. Your salvation depends on that. Even the disciples never knew their Master. They lacked the understanding of His words and were therefore astonished at the parable of how difficult it would be for a rich man to enter into God's Kingdom. The disciples followed Christ because they hoped to be made rich and so, when they realise that the rich would not enter into the kingdom of God, they were astonished.

The question put to Jesus Christ about the issue of whether it is right to divorce a wife also show that the disciples did not understand their Master.

For details, see Matthew chapter twenty nine.

BROTHERHOOD IS IN ITS ADVANCED STAGE:

Brotherhood of the Cross and Star has undergone many stages. When Brotherhood physically manifested at Eton Street, I used to cook food, give drinks, snuff and other items to people to convert them. But it is different today because such generosity does not help man to practise the word of God. The order now is that you should not wear shoes, eat meat, or fish, fornicate, smoke, drink, snuff etc. The reason the first set of Brotherhood had the privilege to enjoy such luxuries was because, they were not baptised. Now all Brotherhood members must completely dissociate themselves from the pleasures of the flesh after baptism.

Baptism comes after repentance, and repentance is the complete denouncement and forsaking of all unholy desires. Those who recall with nostalgia how cows used to be slaughtered for feast should well remember that Brotherhood is in its advanced stage where everything is made a new. This is the time for humanity to draw nearer to God by fleeing from sins. As the saying goes, the palatability of a dish is not determined at the time of preparation but when it is tasted. By the same logical reasoning, not much is gained by hearing the gospel but not practising it.

BROTHERHOOD MEMBERS ARE THE PROMISED CHILDREN:

Brotherhood members are the children of promise that is why the gift of the Holy Spirit has been given to them. So to qualify for this kingdom, you should utilize the gift to practise the word of God. Anything I do not want to happen, I stand in the heavens and rebuke it, and whatever I want to happen, I equally cause same to come to existence. Two instances readily available to substantiate my authority was the legalisation of abortion was almost signed when I cancelled it. This is because, actually abortion is murder. Again, after God had created the requisite awareness of the Gulf war, I declared an end to the hostilities. Could this not prove to all that the Father is a personality on this earth and that all should submit to Him?

THE FATHER IS ALREADY SEATED ON THE JUDGMENT SEAT:

Why do you think people hearken to the instruction not to eat meat and fish, fornicate, steal, hate, among others? The reason is that the Father is already on His judgment seat, judging the entire universe and giving out instructions to this people.

Let the second lesson be read.

SECOND LESSON: JOHN 15:9

As the Father hath love me so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

The kingdom of God does not count on large crowds. Few who practise the word are better than thousands who do not. You are called upon to extend the love that the author of our faith, even the Lord Jesus Christ has loved us to your fellowmen. The criterion for judgment is love. If love is practised the world would be at peace and violence would be a thing of the past. Therefore stop blaming the people of old for not practising love. For they did not know what love is. In that time, the disciples of Jesus the Christ were stoned to death for merely praying or preaching to somebody. In fact, the men of old went through very severe conditions but now God has freed us from the bondage of restriction to worship. This freedom has brought to us the awareness that love is the way of salvation. Now that you are not under any restriction to worship God, what prevents you from putting into practise His words? You do this on your relationship with other men.

LOVE MEANS FREEDOM:

You are only free when you love because love means freedom. This freedom granted to us should be utilized so that we receive peace and joy to our souls. The world is now convinced that Brotherhood is love and this explains the rush now to the fold. Brotherhood is the abode of love since it is the new kingdom of God where righteousness and freedom is attained. You have to love God and all the creations of God.

Do not blaspheme but love and desire good for all men. If you love, you would find eternal rest for your soul. You stand as fellowshipped in this kingdom. If you steal, lie, fornicate, fight quarrel, or commit those wrongs which does not boast good relationships among people. Brotherhood does not desire sin and the world knows that very well. Once you count these behavioural disorders, the worker judges you and declares you not a true Brotherhood, then you should abstain from all acts of sinfulness.

BROTHERHOOD MEMBERS ARE PEACE MAKERS:

Brotherhood members are peace makers. This explains why people ask whether the Father has been consulted whenever any member takes somebody to court. They know for sure that He preaches against taking somebody to court. Whoever investigate Brotherhood of the Cross and Star reveals to the world that the fold is nothing but love. Boundary disputes which hitherto defy solutions are amicably settled whenever Brotherhood steps into them. Everything associated with love is peace and freedom. Do not panic about the origin of this work because we know that it is the work of love.

The end of time is fast approaching, when all manners of sinfulness will cease to be; fighting, fornication, hatred, lies, stealing, murder, adultery, idolatry etc. will come to an end. There will be no more discrimination, no sex difference, age grade will no more be considered, there will prevail limitless liberty. Starvation will cease and joy will reign supreme. Love will reign Supreme and peace will be the order of the day.

The year 2000 will mark the end of sinful age. Righteousness is now engulfing sins, love now rides over hatred, fighting discrimination, arrogance and pride. The light of Jehovah God is now pushing darkness out of the system and in a little while, everything will take God's designed shape. The year two thousand will make the end of mundane things as nothing evil will be heard of. That is when the kingdom of this world shall completely become the kingdom of Jehovah God and His Christ as recorded at Revelation 11:15.

We should all have a share in the kingdom of our Father provided we practise the words of God and go by His footsteps.

A stroke of the cane, it is said, is enough for the wise.
May God bless His Holy Words. Amen!

THOSE TO GOVERN THE WORLD.

SPIRITUAL FOOD: LUKE 21: 1 - END.

THE FUTURE OF THE ELECTS REVEALED:

I want you to take particular note of this gospel. Make sure you pay particular attention to what is contained in this gospel, you should try as much to commit it into your memory. Those who will really prosper, and be entrusted with the responsibility of administering all the natural resources are the children of God. They too are the only set of people to inherit the earth. The people who shall reign as kings and lords and who shall flourish abundantly are the righteous ones, they will all live in affluence. These are the people who have surrendered themselves completely to God. All those who are already rich in earthly things, those who enjoy enormous power, publicity and respect from their fellow men, those who consider themselves to be the true sons and daughters of the soil should begin now to mourn over their poverty and great fall in the nearest future. All those who acquire their wealth by hook or crook, shall in time to come be impoverished and in complete ruin.

Those who are now in the corridor of power, those who constitute themselves into political clique (oligarchy) believing to hold the destiny of the people in their hands shall be stripped of their position; and they shall remain impoverished and hopeless.

But those who are now trampled upon and cheated, shall become rulers of earth. Those who are poor and meek in the service of God shall be the source of power, wealth, love and peace for the people.

Read the following texts:

Psalm 24: 1-5 and Matthew 6:33.

THE HOPE OF THE ELECTS:

Those who shall enjoy lasting peace, prosperity, good health, popularity and general acceptance are those who are now poor and are starved and naked for the sake of righteousness. They are those who will have eternal life and enjoy the kingdom of God. All those who accept to undergo every form of tribulation now for God's sake and His righteousness will be the only ones who shall be filled and abundantly blessed.

This is not the time to seek for cars, good food, mansions to live in, good health, husband, wife, wisdom or any of such things. What you should strive at now is to practise His injunctions. Only those who obey Him and keep His commandments shall smile at last. It is said that, those who laugh last laugh best. But those who now enjoy themselves, rejecting God shall be in perpetual want, sickness and disgrace.

Such people would cultivate the land without reaping. They would trade and would record losses. Generally, such people will perpetually be plagued with ill-luck and stricken with poverty.

Whatever afflictions you are now passing through, should be received with joy and do not relent in righteousness. Even if people laugh at you, spit on your face and deride you, do not be worried but receive every treatment with joy and in good faith. The end will tell and justify the means. Only those who worship God in spirit and in truth shall inherit the earth. Read Luke 12:16-35.

THE SOURCE OF SALVATION:

This is the ultimate gospel and all those who endeavour to practise it are saved. Even if you do not come here (to 34 Ambo Street) frequently but endeavour to practise this gospel at wherever you stay you are sure to inherit the kingdom of God. But even if you have been in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star for the past 20/twenty to 40/forty years and have been attending every Bible Class, if you fail to practise this gospel your many years in this kingdom and frequent attendances at Bible Classes cannot profit you anything. But if you go out and practise the truth as it is preached to you, your reward here on earth, and in heaven will be unfathomable. But those who exalt themselves as presidents, Prime Ministers, Governors, Ministers or any political or social status shall in due season be beggars. That is when there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. This is not good time for any person to only think of what to do to please God but to strive to refrain from evil, such as stealing, hatred, telling of lies, gossiping, division, anger and fornication. I am not saying these things to dissuade you from old ways or to encourage you to continue. I am only giving you privileged information about the state of things in the days to come. Whoever does not comply with this instruction has already perished.

THE APPROACH OF JUDGMENT:

Judgment is at hand. At the end of His sermon, Christ would conclude by asking all those who have ears to hear. Therefor, this gospel is, for the whole world. Many of you shall live to see this gospel fulfilled. Those people who shall be blessed in due season will not have to struggle for the wealth of this world. It shall come to them as a reward of righteousness now. The fulfillment of this gospel is not automatic to all the poor and needy. All those who are now less-privileged but refuse to practise God's injunctions shall continue to be poor and to be in lack even till eternity. The yardstick for prosperity in due season in righteousness. I am speaking these words to you from the highest heaven.

Read Matthew 25: 14 - 30.

THE PUNISHMENT THAT AWAITS THE WORLD:

Go now and pass this information to the rich and the people in the corridor of power.

Their punishment is so great.

Read James 1 : 9 - 11.

All those who reject God and His righteousness shall face desolation. Learn a lesson from what has happened to Russia (for Soviet Union). The calamity that has befallen them is as a result of their rejection of God. Even if the Russians, once classed super-power, has been told of their impending doom they would not have believed. Today they are going cap in hand begging. The same fate awaits the remaining so-called powerful nations except they repent now. It is as a result of their deeds that the rest of the world is thrown into very serious problems and blood shed.

They trade solely on armament and would do everything to bring opposing countries at daggers-drawn so as to find market for their weapons. African countries and other under-developed countries of the world are greatest victims. When the Americans and their cohorts forment trouble between countries of the world, they would turn round to take sides and then pretend to mediate for a peace talk. They have also gone ahead to propose talks on disarmament with only hypocritical overtures.

Even the governments of other foreign countries are surreptitiously installed through the backing of their secret intelligent agencies. To be able to perpetually remain in power, such governments would establish coercive institutions and such as the army, police and paramilitary agents. They establish law courts and influence proceedings to their advantage. They extort money from the very citizens through fines and levies which proceeds are directed into private coffers. They encourage the people to go to court in order to milk the same people dry and rob them of revenue to the government. The same government incite the citizens to forment trouble so as to get them arrested and be prosecuted.

The Police, lawyers, judges, the customs and excise and all the other government agencies are established as sources of revenue for the government. The government itself is real business. This is exactly what the Americans do with their weapons and human life. But must people continue to cheat and cause others to spill blood for the sake of their selfish ends? The present wave of war sweeping across the continent of Africa is caused by the so-called super-powers just to create easy markets for their weapons. Cases of litigation's abound in the court of law caused by both judges and lawyers for the sake of the benefits derived from the acts. Various levels of courts have been created ranging from the customary court to the supreme court, all in a bid to derive revenue.

Another intention of the government in creating these various levels of court is to delay justice and so deny the people their right. Those involved in the case are so financially drained by the police, lawyers and judges that by the time the case is finally determined the litigants are left penniless. The world is devoid of truth and

man has thrown his conscience to the wind. There is cheating everywhere. For example, the materials and equipment dumped in our local markets from abroad are either refurbished ones or of low quality. Such materials can never last. It is for this reason that Africans go to abroad often to purchase spare parts for the maintenance of these refurbished equipment. Such activities are as a result of man's inhumanity to man. Read James 1:9-11.

Many who had promised to serve God suddenly change their minds to pursue material things. And the rich who finds a preacher in his doorstep simply concludes that he must be a hungry man and would cast a disdainful look at him. Some people see preachers as destitute. To this group of people money is their God and power. They would not invest their money in the service of God. Rather, they would use it to bribe government officials to get contracts and to intimidate ordinary citizens. With his money, such a person is capable of using it to obtain license to kill. This is why I am asking you to go to these rich men and preach to them to change and follow after righteousness.

THE EVIL SIDE OF MONEY:

Because of money and the things of this world you fall easy prey to Satan. Money is the source of evil. Whoever loves money is devoid of the love of God and such a person is already condemn. People join politics, religious organisations and societies for the purpose of making money Read James 5: 1 - 11.

THE WORLD IS CORRUPT:

Many preachers have turned away from God because of money. Civil servants are fraudulent, church ministers are dishonest, the soldiers too are corrupt. When one notorious armed robber, Anini, terrorised the citizens of Nigeria many people had thought him to be a superhuman and invincible. It was only after his arrest did people realise that he was enjoying the assistance and co-operation of some top police officers. Various government all over the world have been trying to eradicate drug trafficking.

On the local scene many governments past and present have also tried but in vain to stop drug trafficking. This is because some top military officers, business tycoons, both foreign and local, and even leaders of some countries are involved in the syndicate. That is why all efforts at stopping it have been unsuccessful. The mere fact that traffickers successfully pass through every security points whether it is in the airport, sea port or on international boundaries, means that there is a well co-ordinated conglomerate backed by governments from different parts of the world. It is for this reason that, it is said, no rich man shall have peace nor inherit the kingdom of God. Read James 2:5.

The people of the world are today mocking at you (members of Brotherhood) for

walking barefoot and forsaking material things. Do not relent in your righteousness for he that laughs last laughs best. Read Matthew 6: 19 - 21. The whole world has been over taken by the lust for material things, and man has been so carnally minded that none believes in the existence of the Creator of Heaven and earth. Even ministers who suppose to lead others are themselves blinded by the lust of living in beautiful houses, driving in flashy cars and amassing other material things and because of that they turn away from the path of righteousness. Such people have however lost sight of God's promise to those who are poor for the sake of serving Him, diligently. Read 1st Timothy 6: 6 - 12.

The wealthy derive pride and power from their money. They claim to fortify themselves with bullet-proof garments and cars, pay personal doctors to regularly examine and treat them. They surround themselves with touts as guards. After getting all these physical protective shields toward off any attempt to their lives, a mere headache is enough to cut short their lives and they cannot resist it. But here in this kingdom, the Father has provided you with iron garments and covers you under His mighty wings. God has made a fervent promise to those who love Him. He has never deceive any and will not. It is up to you now to denounce all the things of this world so that you would not regret the number of years you have spent in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star in vain. You are busy marrying and giving in marriage, producing children and training them in schools and colleges. You buy and sell. But you should realise that all these things are transitory.

Read 2nd Timothy 2: 22 - end.

THE NEW COVENANT:

No doubt, it is only the children of God who can receive this gospel. Nobody on earth can take it seriously of any person who preaches against fornication, stealing, hatred and falsehood. I am therefore giving you this revelation because you are the children of God. There is no other source of salvation than this. This constitutes the new covenant and the new era. The old order and old covenant have since passed.

A brother from Aba, A GOC, saw in the dream how all the wealthy people were approaching the children of God begging for food. That is exactly what will come to pass. The things of this world have been brought to naught and are of no effect. Read 1st Timothy 6: 17 - 20. I have nothing to do with the rich and ungodly people. They have no place in the share of things in the kingdom of God. The one who is important before me is the person who is humble, merciful, loving, kind and righteous. I continue to remind of the need for these divine qualities, in your own interest. Many who are rich have become poor. But those who will be blessed by God shall endure for ever. Everything that is of the world is temporary and destructive. But anything given to you by God is eternal.

For forty years the children of Israel were in the wilderness without toiling or reaping

