

OLJC is the Kingdom
of God.

THE CONDITION FOR ETERNAL LIFE

1st Lesson: Romans 8:17

2nd Lesson: 1st Peter 4:

Golden Text: John 3:36

Brethren, what is read to you summarises the theme of our revelation, which serves as the opening address to the Leader's Representative Meeting. Many regard it lightly when mention is made about the Leader's Representative.

Ignorant of the full meaning of the term "Leader's Representative, many begin to struggle for the post. To represent somebody does not require personal wisdom, or understanding or educational attainment or worldly position or wealth. To represent only means to stand in for the person concerned in his absence.

Walk in the footsteps of the Christ

You have heard it read to you that he who believeth in the Son has everlasting life; but he who believes not in Him suffers eternal damnation. His punishment has neither the beginning nor an end. Who are those who believe in Him? They are those who walk according to His footsteps, doing what He instructs. If he is a truthful person, if he is humble, all his representatives all over the world, must be humble. As a representative of another, you ought not to do anything according to the dictate of your mind or according to your thought, neither should you capitalise on the influence of your position. Rather, you should follow the footsteps of the person you represent.

It is said that whoever speaks of himself, seeks for personal glory, but he who does the will of the one who sends him is true and there is no deceit in him. That is why He said, of my own I can do nothing but as I hear, I judge and my judgement is just because I do not seek for my will but the will of Him who sent me.

Always Seek To Do The Will Of Him Who Sent You

The whole Brotherhood of the Cross and Star is Christ's representatives. As a representative, you must live exactly as He instructs. You should not quarrel with any person. You should not get exasperated. You should not beat up any person. You should not commit any act of sin. He did not preach about any church nor did He preach about any prayer house. He preached and practised love. He discriminated against no person. He treated liars, thieves and every other person equally. He did nothing to please Himself but was satisfied in doing the will of Him who sent Him. What is really meant by representative is to do the will of Him who sent you and to finish His work. You have no right to exercise your own wisdom or thought or power or to introduce your own words. Since you have got the right or inheritance as a child in this Kingdom, when you suffer with Him, you will also rejoice with Him.

All Children Of God Are God's Representatives

Yesterday you were told that we are the children of God. As children, **you are** representatives and as representatives, you are expected to walk in the footsteps of your Father. Our Lord Jesus Christ is the first Son and you are the second or the third and so on following as children, consecutively behind Him. As children, you must have a share in suffering and torture. The Scriptures say that he who suffers tribulations in the flesh is separated from sin. It behoves us to put on the armour of our Lord Jesus Christ. We should clothe ourselves with the thought of His sufferings. It is not the place of any Christ representative to shout on any other person or to criticize or tell lies or act according to one's thoughts. When you do this, whom do you represent?

All the inhabitants of the world are Christ's representatives. He had said that He had left an example that you should walk according to His footsteps. As the Father sent me, so do I send you to all the world. The whole Christendom is Christ's representatives. The whole Moslem world is Christ's representatives. The inhabitants of the four corners of the world are God's representatives.

A Good Child Must Resemble His Father

As a representative of God we must resemble Him, walk in His footsteps, according to His peace, love, humility, good manners, patience, and meekness. He is my Father, your Father and the Father of all the inhabitants of the world. A good child must resemble his father. Our Lord Jesus Christ had come and had left a pattern of life that we must follow. He left for use what the Father approved. He was the true

Representative of God, and of the Son and of every other thing. For this reason He suffered persecutions and tribulations without any fuss. That was the life-pattern He handed over to all the children of God.

Brethren, I do not be mistaken any longer to do anything as directed by your thought, or educational knowledge, your position. We all must walk according to the footsteps of the Son of God.

All Inhabitants And Institutions Are God's Representatives

All governments are God's representatives. All chiefs and kings of this world are Christ's representatives. All church denominations, both great and small are Christ's representatives. All mothers and fathers are Christ's representatives. All companies, factories and firms are Christ's representatives. We must not therefore, act according to the dictates of our spirit. Since we are representing a higher Being than us, we have to follow His promptings.

He teaches us to love one another even as He loves us. Anyone who abides by this instruction has everlasting life. But whoever does not abide, has everlasting punishment. Brethren, I do not want to take you far, the first lesson will now be read.

1st Lesson: Romans 8:17

"And if children, then heirs, heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together."

The Qualities Of A Representative

Do you realize then the kind of representatives you are? You represent Him in suffering, persecutions, disgrace and torment to do good to a person you know not, to love everybody even those who hate you, to be patient when you are abused. These are the characteristic traits you are supposed to possess as representatives.

Eventhough some found churches which are called church of Christ, church of Jesus Christ, but our Lord Jesus founded neither church nor prayer house. He taught and practised love throughout all the world. He taught us to live peacefully with one another and to live in unity. There is no church denomination that any person in the world can say our Lord Jesus Christ had founded. No person can also claim that our Lord Jesus Christ loves a particular church or hates the other. He did not found church denominations but taught and practised love and sent out every person to represent Him. He did not teach discrimination, nor

quarrelling, nor warfare. Rather, He commanded that "As I love you, so love ye one another. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations."

As the Christ laid down His life for us we ought to lay our lives for others

That assignment is what we are carrying out now. It is the work He is doing up till today. As you start off or as I start off, we are representing Him. Both male and female must have hands on deck. To make the whole world one, is a task that all of us must do. It was for this purpose that He came, and suffered torments, death but finally resurrected. He has never spoken good or evil of any church denomination. He rather preached against such practice as killing, falsehood, and theft. He encourages everybody to have love. He does not bear testimony about church denominations or prayer houses, or any human being. He bears testimony about the Father.

That is why He says, "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them who despitefully use you, and persecute you, that you may be the children of your father which is in heaven; for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust." As He had laid His life for you and I, it is our bounden duty as His representatives to do same for our brethren. Go and preach to thieves to forsake stealing. Go and preach to fornicators, juju men, and churches and every person that they should forsake discrimination, quarrelling and pugnacious tendencies. Let us follow the footprints of our Lord Jesus Christ because we are not doing our personal job.

You will recall when John reported to Him that he saw one casting out demons and they rebuked him because he was not one of them. What reply did He give? He said, he should not be rebuked because, "He that is not against us is for us."

Anybody who has the Spirit of God in him does not speak evil against our Lord Jesus Christ. And nobody can say that our Lord Jesus Christ is King except he is God by the power of the Holy Spirit. You should not, therefore, condemn any church denomination or prayer house, or government or any person at all. Because you are witnessing for the truth. You have to preach the Christ.

God Comes As A Thief In The Night

The Father is here on earth; the Son is here and the Holy Spirit is here. The kingdoms of this world have become the Kingdoms of Jehovah God and His Christ and He shall reign for ever. This knowledge is what has

eluded the entire world and that is why they suffer like thieves, murderers because whoever does not believe in the Son has no everlasting life. There is a spiritual song which says, the angels say it is time, the children of God say it is time but satan says that there is still time. The time that is purported to remain is what brings untold hardship to the world.

He had said that He will come like a thief in the night. Right now has He not come like a thief in the night in your midst? This wisdom is hidden to scientists, to learned men, to experts, to necromancers, to professors and, infact, to all inhabitants of the world. Since we are children, we are heirs and joint-heirs with Christ, we have a share as joint heirs.

Condition For the Children Of God

It is one thing to kill an elephant but the most important thing is how to carry the carcass home. Stones are very expensive but the weight makes the profitability very disheartening. You rejoice whenever you are told that you are children of God. The share of the children of God is suffering, disgrace, imprisonment, false accusation, sleeplessness. Do not think that to become a child of God is a child's play? You do not have to testify about yourself, but you preach about Jehovah God and His Christ.

Believe In God And His Son Jesus Christ

Remember that our Lord Jesus Christ had said, He who believes in me believes not in me but in him who sent me. Whoever does not obey my word, is not mine but it is the Word of God that he disobeys. Whoever accepts me, accepts Him who sent me. That is why it is said a messenger does not speak in parables. Why do you, as a messenger, speak in parables? Why do you hit back at somebody who hits at you on hearing your preaching. Why do you refuse going to a place assigned to you, claiming that those there are satanic. You will also recall how Ananias resisted attending to Saul of Tarsus, saying, I have heard such much this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem. But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me." Remember also that on the occasion of His saying "Rise, Peter; kill and eat." Peter resisted saying "not so, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean." And the voice spake unto him again the second time, "What God had cleansed, that call not thou common." When he entertained doubts about whether or not to go with them thrice, he was asked to go down for he was sent.

Brethren, it pleases God to see us suffer for doing good. For that purpose were we called because He had led His life and had left an example for us. We must, as Christ's representatives, walk according to His footsteps.

You Are Received As A Representative Of Him Who Sent You

Do you now realise what is expected of us representatives which we are supposed to be? When a finger is pointing at you, it is not to you, but to the one you are representing. Any person who abuses you, does not abuse you per se but He whom you represent. You do not even have anything to do with what is said to you because you have not spoken in parables. If you are slapped, it is He who is slapped. Any person who rejects you, rejects that person whom you represent; because you have not gone on your own. Any person who accepts you does not accept you but He who sent you. If you are received, do not puff up because you are not the one received. When one receives from you in an extortionate way, he does not receive from you but from Him who sent you.

When God sent Moses to Pharaoh to tell him to release the children of Israel, He also said that He would harden Pharaoh's heart. That did not stop Moses from going. Moses spoke to Pharaoh but Pharaoh refused. Moses then acted according to the instructions of God and wonderful things happened. When the wonders were performed, Pharaoh sent to him to find out if he could stop those things from happening he would also release the Israelites. As a messenger does not speak in parables, he caused those things to end. He went back to Pharaoh and instead of Pharaoh redeeming his promise, turned it down.

Procrastination Is The Thief Of Time

One thing we should know is that obedience is better than sacrifice. If He sends you with words to a person, in order that the person may repent but instead he deals slaps on you, you are a mere messenger, and should not wage war but to go your way with joy. If He sends you back, do not argue that you were slapped the first time. Go back there for your Master knows why. If He sends you to a place you had neither known nor heard of, nor known the location, it is not your place to argue. All you have to do as a messenger is to find your way to the place. Whether it requires diving under the water to that place, do so. You cannot argue that there is no time or that you defer to some other period. Whom should He wait for. As a representative you must carry out the order. There is no procrastination.

An Unforgotten Gospel

For all this while, have you not known that the children's share is suffering? As children of God, suffering is in wait for you. No. 20 Ebito Choir has one song, if they were here, I would wish them to render that song. You deny Him by saying that you are not Jesus and cannot suffer in the manner you do. When you do this, you have failed. It is said those who do not believe in Him, suffering, afflictions and everlasting punishment await them.

I do not think that the gospel of this night shall ever be forgotten by you. Because whoever says he is a child of God must have a share in this suffering and affliction. If you suffer as a result of your involvements in politics, diabolology, or in the things of this world which are without benefits, how much more your suffering in God's service as a child of God to obtain eternal life. Before the invention of aeroplane one cannot recount how many lives and how much money were lost in the attempt, and the progressive development of the invention. Before the discovery of electricity, lives, money, and times lost cannot be recounted.

No Cross No Crown

Learn from the suffering encountered by our Lord Jesus Christ before establishing Christianity, and before Brotherhood assumed the shape it exists today. Reflect on the souls lost, the suffering of people, money spent and the years lost. Count the number of souls lost right from the time of Abel till the advent of our Lord Jesus Christ. Realise how many people were killed, imprisoned, burnt, stoned, beaten up and tied to stakes because of this gospel and because of the name of God. Do you not hear that Lucifer had promised and betted that nobody would hear the name of God. He then embarked upon false propaganda throughout the world. That is why you notice him dominating and God dwelling in sorrow.

Brotherhood Is The Kingdom of God

You have heard the testimony given by one of my children here that all the churches in the world are under their governance. He has also made it known that the only place they cannot exercise their control. is the Brotherhood, which is the kingdom of God. He speaks of how they feed fat on the various church denominations. When attempts are made for any incursion into Brotherhood, they are lashed out. If you were present then to hear what he said, you would have been astonished. He spoke of how arrangements were underway to wage war with Brotherhood using three thousand, five hundred angels. Today is the

first time of hearing such a story. He went on to say that those of you here are unaware of the fact that this premises is guarded by over four thousand angels. This number does not include the angels outside. On their arrival here, he disclosed, only three angels from here, defeated more than three thousand.

Brotherhood, The Ark of Salvation

Have you heard that? If I had told you this, you would have thought that I am trying to please you. Those calibre of people are coming from various places to remit such messages to you, whether you will be convinced.

You are in the Kingdom of God. You have to glorify God. You have to serve Him day and night. You are the representatives of God. Go to thieves and plead with them, not bothering even when you are beaten up. Go to a necromancer and tell him that the era of diabolology has passed, that he should come and follow God into the ark and be saved. Go to a murderer, or to any person, plead with him, give him tea, sing and give him vision, do all you can to entice him. Whether you are beaten up or abused, accept the situation.

All the false allegations you suffer are perpetrated by Lucifer and his followers. It is in fulfilment of what was said that false prophets will come. He has however, completed his job and is now under imprisonment. Brethren, let the second lesson be read because I do not intend to overload you.

2nd Lesson: 1 Peter 4:13

“But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ’s suffering; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad with exceeding joy.”

Brethren, what do you lose? If we partake in His suffering and also have a share in His glory what do we lose? But if we deny Him and He denies us, and we end up in everlasting fire, what will it profit us? Because in those days, which ever city went He to, He sent out His disciples in twos to preach to the people. Right now it is meant for us to enter into all parts of this world to testify about His glory.

If you suffer with Christ, you will be glorified with Him

You will recall that on a certain Sabbath day when the disciples were hungry, they went into the corn field and plucked and ate the corns from

the fields. Also, there are places you will enter and you are attacked by mosquitoes and sand flies or suffer hunger, do not be worried about such things. Be consoled that when you share in His own suffering, you shall be glorified with Him. Remember how the white missionaries left their parades to this dark continent to live with infectious mosquitoes. Such names as Mary Slessor will readily come to mind. They trooped down here to Africa because of this glory. Some even died on their way.

Greater Love Has No Man Than This That A Man Should Lay Down His Life For His Friends

The whites were living like beasts. The blacks were living like beasts. Did one know his left from right? Because of those who went about to evangelise, sacrificing their lives for this cause, they were killed on their ways, some died in canoes, some in aeroplanes, some because of hunger, some were devoured by beasts. All these happened for the sake of this glory. When He will be revealed, they too will be revealed.

Peter was imprisoned. Paul was imprisoned. James was killed. Some were cooked and burnt. Some were burnt at stake. Some were matcheted. Some were crucified. While others were stoned. These are the expectations of the children of God, the joint-heirs. It is said, "No cross, no crown." The revelation of the glory of Jehovah God and His Christ preceded with difficult encounters. It is no easy thing. A delicious meal costs money.

Truth Is As Bitter As It Is Objectionable

Now is the time. All Nigerians are God's representatives. Let us rise, listen to Him and do His work, day and night. Whatever suffering besets us, let us realise that if we suffer with Him, we shall be glorified with Him.

You are witnesses that Peter and other disciples were killed for professing that Jesus was the Christ of God, but finally He was truly revealed as the Christ. As it now comes to be accepted that our Lord Jesus Christ died and on the third day was resurrected it was not easy to be accepted. Firstly, many were bribed not to say so. Later on, others were killed for professing that our Lord Jesus Christ died and resurrected. Many were beheaded because of this. But today, all the world is fully aware of the fact that He died and on the third day, God rose Him up. It is not an easy thing for the truth to come out clear. You are hereby charged to take up action.

Do Not Fear Any Situation

Our Lord Jesus Christ was not killed for making the lame to walk, the blind to see, the deaf to hear or the dead to rise. He was killed for professing that He is the Son of God. And this type of proclamation is strongly detested by satan. The disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ like Peter were killed, some beheaded, some crucified, because of saying that Jesus is the King and the Christ of God and that He resurrected on the third day. That was the main reason behind their persecutions and not because they healed the lame. Stephen was stoned to death because of this glory. Our Lord Jesus Christ was taken before the courts of men and killed because of the glory. As Christ's representatives, you need not fear anything. There is no cause for alarm.

Because the Father is here, the Son is here, the Holy Spirit is here, all the children of God are here, all the angels are here, all the prophets are here. We have no difficulties whatsoever. When you are setting out to any place you are accompanied by millions of angels. My only duty and yours too is to testify about the glory of God.

But if we are able to suffer with Him, we will be able to share in His joy when He shall be revealed. As our brother Paul rightly said, I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. Now, the whole West Indies are anxiously waiting for us. Russia, India, Great Britain, infact the whole world waits for you. What really are you doing here?

Go To The World And Make The Whole World My Disciples

Around here and the environs, all nooks and corners, schools, hotels, governmental circles, necromancers, are inviting you to tell them of this glory. At times when you waste time, they turn round to tell you. What else do you wait for. Under rain or sun, fear nothing at all because when He shall be revealed you will be revealed with Him.

Brethren, that our brother also testified saying that while he was at home, four young men visited him. Brethren, if they had not gone to him, would he not have perished? They went to him at the exact time he had made up his mind to commit suicide. You are all representatives of God. Go to streets and wards, to villages and towns. Please do not be weary, do not lag, do not sleep because there is no more time to sleep.

The time to seek for vain-glory is past, the time to behave according to the dictates of one's spirit is past. You have to behave according to the instructions of the Father.

Brethren I do not intend to take you further, let our golden text be read to you.

Golden Text: John 3:36

“He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.”

Belief In The Christ Subsumes Eternal Life

Very shortly, no person will challenge you. You have heard what is read to you that whosoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but he who does not believe in the Son shall not see life but the wrath of God shall abide with him. The situation subsumes eternal damnation. And **that is why** when our Lord Jesus Christ sent forth His disciples on ministry, He warned them saying, whatsoever town or city you enter into, enquire who is worthy, and there abide till you go there. And when you come into a house, salute it and if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you; and whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words when you depart shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them. For say I unto you that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city.

Those Who Believe In God And Those Who Do Not Believe

You have heard what is read to you that whosoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but he who does not believe in the Son will be visited with eternal wrath of God which means eternal damnation. He has also said whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed before my Father and before the angels. He also says whosoever denies me, I shall also deny him. He advises that we should trust in Him and in the Son but should not trust in ourselves, nor in any other person. Who are those who believe in Him? They are those who walk according to His footsteps, those who accept to bear the marks of persecution with Him and to suffer torment, disgrace, false calumny, and imprisonment and other uncomplimentary remarks with pleasure. Who are those who do not believe in Him? They are those who feign shy for everything, who are afraid of disgrace, imprisonment, torment, and punishment. Any person who wants to belong to Brotherhood can belong, whoever does not want to belong can stay off, because they confess that they are easily irritated and exasperated and that they are human.

Who are those who neither trust nor believe in Him? They are those who preach the gospel of retaliation: ‘an eye for an eye, a tooth for a

tooth', they are those who will return fire for fire, if they are abused, they will abuse back, they will set Brotherhood aside in order to revenge. Who are those who do not believe in Him? They are those who do not discuss Brotherhood in their offices, those who do not put on white apparel that they may not be challenged, disgraced and persecuted and so they always keep quiet and only pretend. If they are asked whether they are Brotherhood, they will murmur unintelligible answers.

Be not ashamed in disclosing your identity

A great many of you who are Brotherhood always come from Uyo to participate in Brotherhood activities in Calabar after which you remove your soutane into your suit cases and return on plain dresses, but there is Brotherhood in your neighbourhood at Uyo, but you feign shy to attend. Some from Aba who wish to participate in any Brotherhood activity would go to join others in another town after which they will go back to Aba and hide their identity. They are many who pretend not to know anything about Brotherhood.

You can also find a couple in the house, the wife is a Brotherhood but does not tell the husband. The husband is a Brotherhood but fails to tell the wife. Two of them always attend Brotherhood separately but one does not know the other. Each of them behaves that way because he does not want any conflict, or disgrace or false allegations against him that he is a vampire, cannibalistic or an infidel. Some only practise Brotherhood in Calabar, but when they go back to their communities they will hide their identity because their parents are members of another church denominations. They will not worship in their community, neither will they feel free to greet any Brotherhood member, but down in Calabar, they are seen as very important personalities. the fact is that when once it is known that they are Brotherhood, the community will be thrown into confusion and commotion. They will be challenged by the citizens that they cannot operate their "beelzebub" in the community.

So brethren, let us believe in the Son. All what happened to our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of lords and King of kings are still indelible in your minds, if we share in His tribulation and affliction and believe in Him, we shall have eternal life. That is why we should go to our children who stay alone, those who are Brotherhood in remote places, we should go there to comfort and encourage them, because they are being shaken even in places where people do not see the light. Those who only hear about Brotherhood, we should go to them by day and by night.

Trust In God And Do The Right

Do not trust in any man. Do not believe in any angel because we are Christ's Ambassadors. Take up His words, His injunction, His instruction and His glory and reveal to all inhabitants of the world in the directions of the wind. For if we believe in Him, we shall have eternal life. If we accept to be afflicted with suffering as He accepted disgrace, allegations against Him and other punishment, we shall have everlasting life. When you go; do not preach about church denominations or any other thing, but preach the Holy Spirit, because He is a thorn in the flesh in the world. When you tell people about the Holy Spirit, they want to kill themselves, and rend their clothes.

Those Who Do Not Believe In The Holy Spirit

There is no other topic or theme of the gospel which is as disturbing as that of the Holy Spirit especially the Reception of the Holy Spirit, the impact of which is much more disturbing throughout the world. You are true witnesses to the fact that the whole world argues that the power of the Holy Spirit ended on the day of Pentecost, and that since then, the Holy Spirit is no more in existence. The sect of Jehovah's Witnesses believe in Jehovah but do not believe in the Holy Spirit. The Church of Christ believes in the Christ but does not believe in the Holy Spirit. Many of the orthodox churches believe in both Moses and the Christ but they do not believe in the Holy Spirit. The so-called established churches reject vehemently, the idea of any one purported to be caught up by the Spirit. Once they see somebody shaking or speaking with a strange tongue as he is caught with the Spirit, they will drive him out that he is mentally derainged and that he is possessed of the demon. This is an indication that if they were to know our Lord Jesus Christ during His advent, they would have been the first set of persons to arrest and cast Him into prison. Because He was led by the Spirit into the desert. Even the very brothers of His regarded Him as a demented fellow till He was crucified, and so they were all the time bent on chaining and taking Him into the prisons. It is therefore, conclusive that whosoever believes in Him has eternal life.

The Reign Of The Holy Spirit

Quench not the Spirit. A great many of you here always try to quench the Spirit, because when the Spirit catches up with you, you try to sum up courage, and comport yourself and pretend in order to maintain your position as a gentleman, so that people will not laugh at you. To many others, the Holy Spirit reveals certain things to them but they are not

prepared to comply, because they argue that they do not want to be disgraced. The Scripture maintains that whosoever believes in the Son has eternal life but whosoever does not believe in Him shall not see life but the wrath of God abides in him, along with eternal damnation. One should, therefore, be extra careful doing those things as He directs us to do, and refraining from what He forbids us. We should not do anything out of our own volition. We should not seek after our own glory any more, not look for our own good, nor the goodness of our ward, nor our family or our community, but we should always seek to establish His own goodness and to project His glory and the glorification of the name of Jehovah God and His Christ. This is the era of His glory and the time for the manifestation of His glory on earth to the realization of the inhabitants of the world

This Is The Era Of The Holy Spirit, Resist Him Not

The Father had accomplished His duties, the Son had also completed His duties, but this is the era of the Holy Spirit who has assumed His rulership. Preach to the government about the Holy Spirit, preach to the church denominations, preach to the necromancers, preach to the thieves, preach to women, preach to the whole world that this is the reign of the Holy Spirit. Our Lord Jesus Christ preached about the Holy Spirit when He testified that when the Comforter comes He would lead you to the accurate wisdom of the truth. Whosoever, therefore, shall blaspheme against the Son of man will be forgiven but whosoever will blaspheme against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven whether in this generation or in the generation to come.

Brethren, it is said one stroke of the cane is sufficient for the wise, I do not wish to be tedious unto you. Those who have ears, let them hear. May God bless His Holy Words, Amen.

THEM THAT SIN, REBUKE BEFORE ALL.

1st Lesson: 1 Timothy 5:20

2nd Lesson: John 7:7

Golden Text: Galatians 2:14

Brotherhood of the Cross and Star is graded in stages. That is my happiness. You have heard it read out to you that, "Them that sin rebuke before all." That is the method I am going to from now henceforth. If you commit any act of sin, I will rebuke you openly before all. All the sins you commit; telling of lies and fornication will cause me to openly drive you away from this place.

Open Rebuke For Sin

You have been taught everything about Brotherhood. The indwelling love here is made manifest to you. We do not indulge in diabolism, we do not fornicate, take to any form of medication, hate other people, disgrace any person or live abominable life. If you do not practise the injunctions, I have to rebuke you. As that brother mentioned during his testimony in the morning how some Christ's Students manhandled him, if I am made to know such Christ's Students, I will certainly drive them away not only from studentship but from Brotherhood. I will no longer want to set my eyes on them around here in 34 Ambo Street.

As at now, whether you are a Pastor or a Prophet or whatever you are, if you commit any act of sin, I will rebuke you. To rebuke you will mean dismissing you from here. Some of you are here for fifteen years, some for twenty years and you have been consistently instructed day in, day out not to steal, or fornicate. My work is to rebuke all the world. That is why people dislike Brotherhood. This is the New Kingdom of God. Here, it is not expected that anyone should quarrel, or steal, or fornicate, or take any form of medication, or drink any form of liquor. I have

THE SYMBOLISM OF THE MANIFESTATION OF THE CHILDREN OF GOD

1st Lesson: Matthew 2:18

2nd Lesson: John 8:47

Golden-Text: John 10:27

Why the August Pentecostal?

Brethren, what is read to you is the sermon which marks the commencement of this Pentecostal Assembly. Everybody keeps asking you the significance of this knowledge of the December Pentecostal, symbolising the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. They refer to April as symbolising His death and resurrection. They insist on knowing what the August Pentecostal stands for since they are always at sea about it. Many of you in Brotherhood refer to this Assembly as “convention” or whatever else you feel appropriate. Some of you say that it is done to commemorate the occasion of the movement from No. 8, Eton Street. This is totally wrong.

Only the Children of God attend the Assembly

You have heard the context of the first lesson, second lesson, and the golden text. Do you know why we always start the Pentecostal Assemblies with the Spirited Children’s meeting? It is always with this meeting that all Pentecostal Assemblies are opened because spirited children are the children of God. You will notice that some people come from London, some from America but somebody can live in this premises or its suburbs and will not be able to attend because he is not a child of God.

The Spiritured Children Meeting is the root of all Meetings

This is not the meeting of the people of the world but that of the children of God. You can be a millionaire or a thousandnaire, a king or super-power but if you are not a child of God, you will not even remember today's meeting because other things will occupy your mind. Many are Pastors, Apostles, Evangelists and what have you in Brotherhood, but they never partake in this meeting. Be it known to you that all the things done in this kingdom have roots from this meeting, because another man's child cannot touch your back down to the waist.

Only the Children of God hear the words of God

Many have come here because of earthly lust to deceive people and collect their money in an extortionate manner. Some come to fight, steal, cause trouble and do all kinds of abomination. But this Meeting which is referred to as the meeting of the "sons of the soil", they are the real children of God.

This goes on to explaining why our Lord Jesus Christ had said that "not all those who call me Lord, Lord, will enter into the kingdom of God but all those who do the will of my Father." He also made it a point of duty to perfect His discourses with the words: "Those who have ears to hear, let them hear." Who are those who have ears to hear apart from the children of God? They alone have ears. The people of the world have no ears.

The Christ was revealed in August

Neither be surprised when you find everybody going about with a Bible nor at the spread of many churches in the world. The pertinent question is, how many church denominations do practise the gospel of God? Name just one. How many churches hearken to the instructions of our Lord Jesus Christ? How many church denominations does God know? Because it is said, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me."

That is the pivot on which everything revolves. If you, as a follower, do not know the significance of August Pentecostal Assembly, listen attentively and hear now. It is during this August Pentecostal that many wonderful things happen. December is set aside for the remembrance of

the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. April is kept in commemoration of the passion, His death and resurrection. What prompts Him to be remembered as the child of God? What prompted Him to be killed as the child of God? From where did all these emanate? Because when the reason is forgotten, the cause becomes angered. This is to show to you that August is the most important of all the Pentecostal Assemblies because it was during this month that our Lord Jesus Christ was revealed. God revealed Him through baptism saying: "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased, hear ye him." It was in the month of August He was revealed.

This is my beloved Son hear Him

Brethren, the joy about this month is greater than any other because His revelation as the Son of God is a thing of great joy. He was baptised this same month, August. After coming out of the water of baptism, the Father revealed Him. That was why John the Baptist testified saying, "Behold the Lamb of God which takes away the sins of the world." The gospel of today has, in like manner, revealed you as the true children of God. You will then see clearly why He says in Revelation, "Thou has a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy." This is an indication to you that Brotherhood existed before creation, but the 8th of August 1958, marked the first time the children of God were clad in white garments. It was at the time that He revealed our Lord Jesus Christ to the world saying: "This is my beloved Son", showing Him to the world as the Son of God because the whole world waits anxiously and expectantly for the manifestation of the children of God. On the 8th of August, 1958, the children of God, and in the Christ were revealed throughout the world.

John revealed the Christ

This does not imply that He the Christ had not been in existence before then. He was in existence. You are a witness to the fact that when our Lord Jesus Christ was born, no one knew Him to be the Son of God. He sojourned in Galilee, Nazareth, Bethlehem and the environs till He was up to twenty, even to twenty eight and nobody knew Him. But on His thirteenth year, by the month of August, He went to John for baptism,

and John baptised Him, because, it was previously revealed to John, that he should baptise with water but the person whom the Spirit would descend upon, is the One who will baptise with Spirit and with fire. John bore witness to this confirming that He is the Son of God.

A Reflection on His Birth and Death

Brethren, ponder over it, why was He not revealed in January? Why did John not reveal Him in either February, or March or April, or June or July? But it was in August that John revealed Him to the entire world that they should recognize Him as the Son of God. This revelation came first. The eyes of the world became wide open on hearing the pronouncement. "This is my beloved Son, hear ye Him." That incident form the basis on which men reflected on His birth and took cognizance of His death. It was for that purpose that John the Baptist came. He did not come to trade, nor do any other thing. He came to reveal Him to the entire world at the fullness of time.

Children of God revealed in August

August is a month of joy to all the children of God, the world over. Do you not witness how people are holidaying during this period? You have no reason not to rejoice in Him. It is our position to sing and dance and feast and do many great things because this is a wonderful month. If one asks why there is a holiday period in December, April and August, they can explain that of December and April. What about the one in August? It beats their understanding. Why is it clear to the children of God? It is because as children of God, they are with the Father.

The manifestation of the Christ gives joy in August

About ninety-nine per cent of the total population of members here in Brotherhood do not even know what the August Pentecostal stands for. Some say that it is an anniversary celebrated to commemorate the departure from No. 8 Eton Street. It is not that. It is the month the children of God were revealed. Remember that before then Brotherhood had existed even when the world was void and without form. But we are doing this in remembrance of the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ by John. It was when Brotherhood was revealed. If you are asked the

significance of this August Pentecostal, your answer should be that this was when John revealed our Lord Jesus Christ to the entire world as the beloved Son of God. The joy we have this month is still in the commemoration of the same Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Consummation of His Birth And Death

This glory is neither for me nor for you nor for any person for that matter but for our Lord Jesus Christ. If one asks you about the April Pentecostal, it is for the remembrance of His torture, death and resurrection. All that we do is to give Him glory. When you are asked about the December Pentecostal, tell them it is for the remembrance of His birth, it is for the joy of His birth. When you are asked about that of August, explain that August is in remembrance of the time He was revealed to the entire world that He is Christ, the Son of God.

It is for this reason that in all cases, the meeting of the Spirited Children must come first. As He was revealed, all the children of God were revealed with Him.

Forget about the day we put on the white garment. Forget about the day we moved from 8 Eton Street to 26 Mbukpa. We are not celebrating that movement, but we are celebrating the joy appertaining to August because this is the month our Lord Jesus Christ was revealed. All that we are doing is to rejoice about this month that He was revealed. Do you not hear that word "August"? It means a great veneral flock of sheep which cannot be numbered.

The Move From Eton Was In Commemoration Of The Manifestation of The Christ

It is, therefore, worth while for you to sing and dance and rejoice because this is hidden from the world. We are to rejoice because He was revealed. All the things that were hidden were revealed. Now the Holy Spirit has revealed the children of God. It was in that 1958, after we had marched from Eton Street that an Efik brother who came from Port Harcourt, testified exactly that it was in August that John baptised Christ and revealed Him to all the world.

Take note, therefore, of the fact that all the things done in Brotherhood is for the glory of Jehovah God and His Christ. It is neither for my glory, nor for your glory, nor for the glory of the world, nor of an angel but for the glory of Jehovah God and His reign. Because He had said, "Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall

hear, that shall He speak: and He will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for He shall receive of mine, and shall shew you things to come." This glory is neither for me nor for you nor for Nigeria nor Africa. It is the glory of Jehovah God and His Christ which He first spoke about and you knew not. This is the glory.

Cost Benefit Analysis In Serving God

When Peter said unto Him, "Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore? And Jesus said unto them, verily I say unto you, that ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man shall sit in the Throne of His glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, sisters, or fathers, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, shall receive a hundred fold, and shall inherit everlasting life." There are three basic things here worthy of note: sitting upon twelve thrones, receiving an hundred-fold and inheriting everlasting life. This is the promise that is meant for the children of God. If we rejoice in His glory and reveal His glory, we will be revealed with Him. If His glory is not revealed, who will reveal you? If He does not reign, how will you reign? If He does not own every thing, how will you possess anything? If He does not live forever, from where will you have everlasting life.

We Are All Brethren

In like manner, as He is the Lord, all those who are the children of God must be lords. As He owns everything, the children of God own everything. As He lives forever, all the children of God will have everlasting life. It is not for any person to seek for self-glory. That has been your problem. You should not seek for self-glory, or for personal wealth. When His glory is revealed, it is the only one glory through which you also will be revealed.

I had told you that whatever name you are called, Prophet or Pastor or Bishop or Deaconess or Prophetess or Chorister or Christ's Servant, or whatever, is not as important as being called a child of God. Just a little while, you will not want to be designated, Pastor or Prophet or Reverend. You will prefer to be called, brother. I am brother Obu. If you like call me brother Olumba. Do not attach any title to my name. I do not want to be called an Elder or any other name. Such are names used in seeking for what to eat. The real name of the Son of God is brother.

Our senior brother is our Lord Jesus Christ, our Father is God and all

of us are brethren. In what vein will one speak for you to understand? Have you not heard about the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit? Are you not the Holy Spirit? The situation can be likened to that of a chemical compound whose elements are not resolvable. Your problem is that you will want to separate one element from another. When you attempt this, you will fail. You want to seek for your personal glory. If you do this you have failed. You have no glory of your own. That one glory is sufficient unto all.

This August Pentecostal Assembly is very gratifying to the Father. The power in it, the wealth in it, the progress, and the revelation in it is great. **Brethren**, let the first lesson be read.

1st Lesson: Mathew 23:8

“But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren.”

Brethren, is His word not fulfilled? It is said, when He shall appear, you shall be as He is. Go home with what you are told. Do not call any person Lord or teacher or Father or anything whatever because you are a brother and I am a brother. You are my sister and I am your sister. All over the world, we are brothers and sisters.

Call no one a master, we are brothers

Apostle is no brother; Bishop is no brother, Reverend is no brother, Deaconess is no sister, prophet is no Brother; Elder is no brother; Chorister is not known. What is known is “brother”. This meeting is for brothers. Remember when after His resurrection He told Mary “Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father, and your Father, to my God and your God.” This makes it explicit that your senior brother and my senior brother is our Lord Jesus Christ. Your Father and His Father is God. Whether God is black or white or coloured or the wind, He owns all of us.

This is the period we should commemorate His revelation. Nothing is little in this Kingdom. This August meeting is what would have attracted all the planes of manifest. I want to open up the understanding of all the ignorant. All those who have never dreamt nor see visions, will experience a remarkable development in them. The whole world is

stimulated. The different blessings which are usually bestowed in August such as prosperity, peace, gladness and joy, power, grace and glory, are really very great. The joy of His birth in December and that of His death in April is not full. This is the full joy. This is when He is revealed to confirm your knowledge of Him as the Son of God, and the Son of Man.

The Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world

When He was born as a little child in the manger, who knew Him? No one knew Him. he was regarded as a good-for-nothing. When He died, the disciples ran away. They did no other thing than to lament. But think of the day He went to John for baptism amidst the great crowd and behold it was declared, "This is my beloved Son, hear ye Him." Imagine how great the joy was.

It is against the law for any person to arrogate to himself the position of the Son of God. That was why He was killed. If He had been called a prophet, He would not have been killed, they would not have even disturbed themselves. If He had been called Elder Jesus, no Jew could have bothered. If they had said, Apostle Jesus, they would have gone their way. But for Him to be called the Son of God, they started to imagine whether God had a son. That was what killed Him. Their garments were rent in pieces. They thought it incredible that such a thing should happen. When He proclaimed "I and the Father are one," the Jews brought out sticks, matchets and spears. And Jesus answered them, "Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of these works do ye stone me? The Jews answered him, saying, for a good work we stone thee not, but for blasphemy; and because thou, being man, makes thyself God." That was why Jesus was killed. When He was passing through trials, no wrong was found in Him but they continued to say that He had violated their law by the claim of the sonship of God because God has no son. There was no other case than that. If he were to be a prophet they would have had no problem with Him.

From the beginning of the world, till today, the whole world had been desirous to see when the children of God will be revealed as you are now being revealed. you can recall when the Apostles/Evangelists and the Crusaders went to America. A certain woman told them of their being revealed as the children of God. In London they were equally revealed. Before their arrival, it was revealed that the children of God were on

their way. Why do you not rejoice in this August visit. Anyone who calls you an Apostle has failed. It is a blasphemous statement. If you are called a Prophet or a Reverend, do not answer. When you are called brother, it is the highest name in heaven and on earth.

The Christs of God

Our Lord Jesus Christ came, suffered, died, resurrected, and lived for the sake of this Brotherhood. All Prophets, Apostles, Evangelists, Elders are under angels. But all angels are under brother. Why I am saying that is because a slave cannot sell a slave like him. You are all messengers. But brother is the overall under whose feet everything is subjected. They should give out instructions. That is why no one wants to hear about the name, 'Son of God'. If you call yourself a son of God, you will face stiff opposition. Some people talk about how much they admire Brotherhood but for the one thing they do, by arrogating to man, the position of God. That till his death, he cannot come to Brotherhood. This is history repeating itself. But they do not listen to hear that you have been revealed as the children of God. You are the Christs of God. For as many as have been baptised have put on the Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, male nor female, slave nor freeborn.

Do you love to be a man of God?

That is why people complain that it is difficult to refrain from drinking, fornication, lying, preparing of concoction, as demanded by Brotherhood. It is difficult for a child of the world to do. If you are not a child of God, you cannot do it. It is said, the dry meat of a dog is very delicious, but what will one eat waiting for it to dry. A spiritual song says, 'I will love to answer that name, man of God'. You will love to answer but is it easy? If it is not difficult to urinate, let the hen do it.

Anybody begotten of God does not commit sin

Our Lord Jesus Christ said, if you do not believe in Me, believe in my works. Upon the number of church denominations, prayer houses and the number of people filling the world, who has been able to practise one gospel of God? Do you not say that the Gospel of God is too difficult to be practised? It is said, love ye one another even as I love you. Do not fornicate, do not kill, but love every person. Have no other God before

me. Be thou perfect even as your Father who is in heaven is perfect. Brethren who is he that fits in?

We are not waiting for prophets or Apostles. There are many of them around. If you now claim to be a child of God but continue telling lies, you end up disproving your claim. When you say you are a child of God, why do you hate another man? Does God hate? Who can boldly say that he is a child of God, let him indicate. Because God is a spirit and the fruits of the Spirit are love, truth, faith, patience, temperance, meekness, peace, mercy, humility, good manners, joy, and gladness. These are the virtues which reveal you as a child of God. It is a very simple thing for one to copy the answers of mathematical problems and present to you. But when the teacher demands of a prove of how you arrived at the answer, the story will change.

The elects of God hear the words of God and keep them

In like manner, it is very easy for any person to claim that he is a child of God. Where is the prove? Do you not hear that many are called, few are chosen? Not all the children of Israel are Israelites. It is not all the children of Abraham that are the real children of Abraham. But the elects are the real children. Who are these elects? They are the children of God. Who are the children of God? They are those who hear the word of God and put it into practice.

Many people come here for fish and bread. They keep pestering your life about when the feast will be done. They will hurry up from home in order to meet up with dinner. All the children will be gathered to the Bethel. Now that the gospel is on, he is either asleep or moving about outside. He comes around on hearing the feast song. Very early in the morning, he will be around. But he does not hear nor practise any one gospel. He will remain here and steal, quarrel, beat up people and cause confusion, while sermon is going on. He will not fail to be here everyday.

He will separate the good from the evil

That is why it is said, before Him shall be gathered all the nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left." What is it that is used in separating them? Is it sword or gun or stick or hand? How are the children of God differentiated from those

who are not when all of us are putting on white. How will we know the church that is of our Lord Jesus Christ and that which is not? Every street and wherever you go to, people shout upon the name of Jesus. I am shouting and you are shouting. But which of them is a sincere shout?

The Russians do not call on him. The Moslems do not call on him, they do not even recognize him. So many people do not call on him but He still feeds them.

Only those who do the will of God will enter into His kingdom

Why do they not call upon him. Why do people and many church denominations call upon him and do not practise any gospel of God? Why are all the people here in white garments not really in white. Not all the Pastors, ordained ones, the Christ's Students, Christ's Servants, Preachers and Elders are Brotherhood. There are many choristers but not all are true choristers. It is not all Brotherhood that are Brotherhood. There are true Brotherhood. this goes to confirm that which He said not all those who call me Lord, Lord, will enter into the kingdom of God but those who do the will of my Father.

Let the second lesson be read. That will serve as an eye-opener to all of you.

2nd Lesson: John 8:47

“He that is of God heareth God’s words: ye therefore hear them not because ye are not of God.”

Man disobeys God

Can you realise what has been posing a problem to you culminating in your self examination why you have been incapacitated to practise the word of God? You wonder why you continue to commit fornication. The answer lies in what has been read to you. Nobody is taught how to steal nor how to fornicate, nor how to tell lies, nor how to be exasperated, nor how to commit any act of sinfulness. The man of the world is born with these traits. Parents often complain that somebody has spoilt their children. That is erroneous. Your children had already been bad long before that time. A husband will stake claim that a certain person has led his wife astray. The truth remains that your wife had derailed from the

path of rectitude before her advent to this world.

The children of God are born. They come into the world with the virtues of God. Nobody teaches them to exhibit such behavioural patterns. Do God not say, "of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shall not eat of it?" Did Adam and Eve not eat of the forbidden tree?

The Children of Perdition are born with evil

That was the reason Adam begot Cain and Abel, the former being a child of perdition and the latter a child of promise. In the same token, you may have three children. And one of them is a child of God, while the other two are children of perdition. They are born with these qualities. Notwithstanding the good things you may minister unto the child of perdition, all will tantamount to vanity. All that you might render unto him are your heart's desire but he will stop at nothing to pursue his evil path.

This realism is what has eluded all of you. You are not hated because you are an evil doer. You are not loved because of your righteousness. The children of God are born. And they have no relationship with anything which is evil. They also hear the words of God and put same into practice.

Only the Children of God listen and hear the words of God

The Holy Scripture says, "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning". *Ab initio*, satan has never done any good thing and will never accomplish that which is good. That is why it is said, "He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God". Which day has it been preached here that you should commit fornication? When have you been instructed to go and engage in the preparation of concoction? Which day have you been taught to go and kill somebody? But from January to December each year, you are taught to have love, to be humble, to forsake doing that which is evil. On going outside, what do you practise? You continue in your evil ways because you are not a child of God. For it is only the children of God who lend ears to the words of God.

It is not now that they have come into Brotherhood that cause them to show such a behavioural pattern. They were born into the world with the

knowledge of God. They follow the footsteps of God and no stumbling block comes their way. No matter how one preaches the word of God to the children of perdition, they will remain indifferent and continue pursuing their evil course. It is Pentecostal periods like this that offer the ripe time for them to go about deceiving people in local communities.

Faith without work is dead

There are people who have been in Brotherhood for twenty years but have never shown faces here in Calabar. They claim that those who go to Calabar are people of little or no faith, that the Father is everywhere and is with them. But a critical diagnosis will reveal that their way of life does not show that the Father is with them. It is said that faith without work is dead. You profess that there is only God in existence. This is true. But what school of thought does Satan hold in this light? The devil claims that there is also one God in existence. Even though he knows this truth, he is still stealing, killing and committing other atrocities. He will feverishly plead that you should not report him to the Father but he has not stopped perpetuating his demonic tendencies. In such a circumstance, what useful purpose does it serve? Has his belief yielded any good fruits?

The children of God do not sin

But the children of God do not steal, neither do they commit fornication, nor tell lies nor commit any act of sin. Rather, they love everybody. If you tell a child of God not to be generous to people, he will not abide by such an advice. Should you tell him to steal, he will not side you. He will laugh at you. If you instruct him to commit fornication backed with millions of naira offer, all will be to no avail. Consider the case of Joseph. The wife of Portiphar, his master's wife had said to him, "Lie with me." Did Joseph accept this love offer? Joseph left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got out.

That is why our Lord Jesus Christ always ends His preachings with the statement that those who have ears should hear the word of God. This means that the children of God have ears. But the children of perdition have ears but cannot hear. They have eyes but cannot see, and their hearts are hardened.

Action speaks louder than words

You should not be surprised that among the ordained ones, there are the children of God and the children of the world. We have Pastors of God and pastors of satan. The ordination ceremony is conducted on both the children of God and the children of the world. Because God maketh His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. The Christ's students are amalgam of the children of God and those of the devil. The same holds good of the Christ's Servants, Elders, Choristers and congregation. All over the Brotherhood world, we have the children of God and those of satan.

But it is said, "He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God." It is said that a tree is known by its fruits. Do not use the white raiment as a parameter to know whether somebody is a true Brotherhood. Rather, use his behavioural pattern as a yardstick to determine a down-to-earth Brotherhood.

In spite of the multiplicity of Churches, evil continues to wax worse

Brethren, all those who are the children of God hear the word of God. They do not fool around with it. They are begotten by the word of God. Do not be worried because somebody can buy as many copies of the Holy Bible as possible but uses them to deceive people. Look at what is happening today in our contemporary society. Everywhere there is the proliferation of church denominations. A thief has established his own church denomination. A murderer has founded his own church. A necromancer has his own church denomination. Everywhere, you have people calling on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and jingling the bell.

But you are told, "He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God." Consider the great number of church denominations, the ever increasing multitude of church members and church leaders today vis-a-vis the prevalence of hatred, theft, preparation of concoction, envy, and other vices, being the order of the day in villages, offices, governmental circles, along the streets, and everywhere. Why should such a trend exist? It is said, "Is any sick among you. let him call for the Elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick." But in your own case, you hold tenaciously that as God helps you, you have to help

yourself. That is why the Bishop tells you to go for medical treatment in a hospital, to consult a necromancer. You are taught that whoever does not **engage in the preparation of concoction** is a murderer, and is not a **man of God**. Do you not realise the underlying base of such a Bishop?

He who believes is saved

It is no shameful act to find a Bishop taking up his card and telling you that he is going to the hospital for treatment. The same holds of Pastors, Elders, Choristers, Spirited children, or any child of God. What type of a child of God are you? They are the children of satan. Our Lord Jesus Christ had said, "Verily verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also: and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." And it has been said "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover."

He who commits no sin is protected by God

If you have got these signs, where comes death, where comes sickness in you? I always hear people saying that somebody has been poisoned, or is suffering from stroke. Others contend that they are tormented by witchery, ghost, apparition or mermaid. But I say depart from the goats. The children of the world see nothing but witches and wizards. Right from their vision to their manner of offering prayers, this forms the foundation. They preach about nothing else but witchery.

The children of God must Harken to their God

But the children of God do not think or act in this way. And they have no problems at all. The vineyard is very large and there is a clear line of demarcation. As you are here, there is a boundary. Therefore Jehovah God and His Christ know those who are of His flock. And His sheep hear His voice. They do not hearken to the voices of strangers.

Therefore, it is not because of money, because of one's size, because of violence that they are identified. But those who are the children of God hear the words of God. And the words of God must always proceed

out of their mouths. What does the word of God say? It says that one man must have one wife. You must not desert your wife to marry another woman. You must not put aside your husband to contract new love with another man. You must not bear malice against anybody. You must not indulge in the preparation of concoction. You must not believe in witchery, ghost, apparition or mermaid. You must not impute sins on any person. You must regard everybody as one. That is the equality element among the children of God and they are born into this world with this sign.

Watch and Pray

As for the children of the world, should you instruct them to do so, they will vow upon their dead bodies never to adopt such a behavioural pattern. They will not comply with such a doctrine. It is a pathetic situation to have a Pastor, a Prophet, a Christ's Servant and other ranks arguing that they cannot forsake fornication, that they will refrain from it on a gradual note. They request the Father to teach them how to forsake fornication, on a gradual basis. The Scripture says that you should get prepared because you do not know when the Son of Man shall come. Keep watch in the morning, keep watch in the afternoon, keep watch in the evening, keep watch in the night because he will come as a thief in the night.

He comes like a thief in the night

Now that you contend to forsake fornication on a gradual note, what happens if He comes now? You should realise that if the good man of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through. That is why the children of God use the words of God as the underlying principles of their life. They do not lend ears to the words of the flesh. They have no dealings with anything, they proclaim nothing but the words of God.

Therefore, if you find any person in Brotherhood who does not practise the words of God, the person is not a child of God. But when you see those practising the words of God, they are the children of God. Brethren, I do not wish to overload you. Let our golden text be read.

Golden Text: John 10:27

“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.”

Brethren, have you heard that? If you instruct them not to steal, they will not steal. You enjoin them not to commit fornication, they stop it. You tell them not to drink and they forsake drinking. They are admonished not to kill, not to commit one atrocity or the other, and they comply to the instructions. Without dallying, they abide by the teachings given to them.

He who sits on the Throne protects His children

Whenever you come across somebody who contends that those who go to 26 Mbukpa have no belief in God, that God is everywhere, you should exercise patience with such a person. Because he knows what really he is. It is said, “And he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more, neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters; and God shall wipe all tears from their eyes.”

Except you are taught, you cannot know

Mention any Brotherhood member who does not come here to receive the words of God but is able to practise the word of God. Mention any person in the world who professes to know God, but who will not shed tears when he comes here to receive the words of God. Because he will realise his nakedness and that he had not yet started his journey along the road of practical Christianity. It is said that you should search the Scriptures to know whether you have eternal life.

When you are in the world, you claim to know God much. But on getting here, you will comprehend your evil ways of life. That is why as a student goes to school every school day, so he receives lessons and becomes charged with knowledge. As you stay away from school, so you are starved of knowledge, so is knowledge concealed from you. That is why the Ethiopian Eunuch answered Philip when he asked him, “Understandest thou what thou readest?” “How can I, except some man should guide me?” You can read the Holy Scripture from Genesis to Revelation without comprehending anything, unless you are taught, you will always grope in the dark about it.

Who is worthy to open the book

The Scripture says, "And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon. And I wept much, because no man was worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon. And one of the elders said unto me, weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof."

Why people ask question about Brotherhood

The seal has now been loosen and that is what you are witnessing today. People now contend that ours is no longer that of God. And I ask what it is then? These things revealed to you cause people to argue that there exist some secret doctrines in Brotherhood and that Brotherhood is a secret society perpetuating mysticism. They believe that there are other secret books in Brotherhood, that there are some underlying mysterious things in this Kingdom. They pose many questions to you: why do you go about bare footed? Why do you not drink? Why do you not indulge in committing one sin or the other? Can you realize how they are turning round to question the cause of your ways of life? What did God tell Moses? He ordered Moses to take off his shoes from his feet because that place he stood was a holy place. Does it follow that they in the world have not read that portion of the Scripture? He also said "But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the death, neither marry, nor are given in marriage: Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection."

Do not drink

God said unto Aaron: "Do not drink wine nor strong drink, thou, nor thy sons with thee, when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation lest ye die: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations." You are not to drink anything of whatever brand and that is an eternal injunction. You are instructed not to touch the dead, not to weep when

your father, mother, relations go on transfer, not to defile yourself because you had separated yourself unto God. But have the inhabitants of the world realised this truth? Instead, they continue raising questions on you concerning one issue or the other because they are not the children of God. Therefore, you should not be disturbed when the children of the world do not come here. Because all the children of God throughout the world "hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me".

I only preach about God

From January to December each year, do you hear me preach about Obu? I do not preach Olumba, I do not preach about man, I do not preach about angels. I do not preach about tree or money. But I preach about God, about the word of God. Therefore, the children of God hear and practise the words of God. They know precisely what really is the word of God and they follow Him. And He knows them by name. God knows all his children. But He has no dealings with the children of perdition. Thus, you should not struggle for position. Do not seek to be a prophet. Do not want to be an evangelist. Do not wish to be a chorister. For here is not the place to fight over positions but everything is bestowed unto you from heaven. Wherever you find yourselves, God knows about it if you are His children. But if you are not of His flock, He does not know you. In this Kingdom, we have no new or old members. Neither are there men nor women nor children but children of the world.

The rise of anti-Christ

All those who are the children of God speak nothing but the word of God, they hear the word of God. They see God, and submit themselves unto God. They also serve God in various capacities. That is why the Holy Scripture has said, "It is the last time: and as ye have heard that anti-Christ shall come, even now are there many anti-Christ; whereby we know that it is the last time. They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us; but they went out; that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us."

What will you preach to Brotherhood?

Thus, when you hear that somebody has bolted off from Brotherhood, have patience or somebody has come into Brotherhood, exercise patience with that person because nobody comes in or goes out of Brotherhood. For all are Brotherhood, all those who are the children of God. Now is the era for the unfolding of the glory of Jehovah God and His Christ. That is why when one attempts to go and preach the word of God to Brotherhood members, he will be advised to retrace his steps because it is impossible to remove a Brotherhood member from the fold, For what is he going to preach to a Brotherhood member? Immediately somebody who preaches the word of God realises that you are a Brotherhood, he will take up his Holy Bible and go home. What can you preach to a Brotherhood?

Accord honour to whom honour is due

They make one sad mistake that you are worshipping a human being. At the same time, they profess that Brotherhood members do not accord any recognition to any person not withstanding his station in life. If it holds water that you are worshipping a human being, why have you failed to worship them? Are they not human beings? Can you see how they have implicated themselves? They proclaim that even if one is a governor or highly esteemed person, Brotherhood members will not accord them any respect. But as for their Leader, they know how to worship Him. Is their Leader not a human being? Are they themselves not human beings? Why have you not worshipped them?

It is that statement by our Lord Jesus Christ which settles the dust: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me." Consider the enticements placed before you to withdraw from Brotherhood, but all to no avail. The entire family members will conglomerate and promise to offer you an aeroplane, and to do anything to you in a bid to force you to withdraw from this fold. The entire church members will come and weep over your new found faith in Brotherhood. But with no kobo, you will laugh over the issue and regard it as null and void. You will not lend ears to such overtures because you are a sheep of God and a child of God.

The world's inducements yield no fruits

They claim that the Father drinks blood, is an apparition, is a ghost, is

a juju, is not educated, is a false God. They will attempt at everything to reduce Him to nothing but all will prove abortive. They will ask you that your sickness is still not healed, you have no child, you have not got one thing or the other. And against this base, you should decamp to their church denomination in order to reverse the ugly trend. But all such tendencies will be dashed to the rocks. You are deaf unto such developments.

A man will threaten his wife that if she does not deny the Father, the marriage will stand divorced. But with immense joy, the woman will pack out her things from his house leaving him seriously flabbergasted. In the working place, if the appointment of a Brotherhood member is terminated, he is filled with joy and will give thanks to the Father for removing him from work. People around him will be bamboozled at his reaction with a possible conclusion that the Father has given him some highly powerful witchery. But their own witchery is very weak.

Learn from the wise men

Hitherto, if you had entertained any trace of doubt in mind, you would know it today that, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me." They will ask you, 'of all that you have put into the services of God, what have you gained in Brotherhood?' Take the four wise men as a case in point. Of all what they did to our Lord Jesus Christ, what reciprocal gesture did He do unto them? They presented those gifts to Him because they knew and followed Him. All of them worshipped God, and they were wealthy. But on seeing the star, they came from the East and worshipped Him because they were the children of God.

It is incumbent on each and everyone of you to rejoice because you have been proved, as in geometry and algebra, that you are the real children of God. Do not doubt any longer if you had done so in the past. All Brotherhood the world over are the children of God. And they are not adopted children. They are not prophets, pastors or whatever-but the legitimate children of God, the heirs of God.

Brethren, it is said that one stroke of the cane is sufficient unto the wise. I do not wish to be tedious unto you. Those who have ears, let them hear, may God bless His holy words, Amen.

ONLY THE TRUTH CAN MAKE YOU FREE

1st Lesson: James 5:12

2nd Lesson: Matthew 5:36—37

Golden Text: Matthew 14:9

Brethren, the passages read to you are meant to remind you of your hindrances in this Kingdom. This is so because in many occasions, things we regard as little matter can hinder us from entering into the Kingdom of God.

The Law of God is eternal life

Whatever our Lord Jesus Christ instructs us not to do, requires circumspection. Such things if we persist in them, are capable of preventing us from entering into this Kingdom. That is why He Himself says, "And I know that His commandment is life everlasting: Whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, I speak." If we were to have a second thought, we would practise all the commandments of God without questioning because they are everlasting life to us. The moment you reject one commandment, you have rejected life.

Let your yea be yea and your nay, nay

Contemplate over the Gospel of this morning. You are told, "Swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath." What do you think has demolished the whole world? It is oath-taking. Watch carefully and you will discover that all those who steal console themselves that they will not be vindicated since they subjected to oath taking. Threaten to cut off a man's ear to induce him to confess that he

has stolen, he will be adamant. You and the next person are partners in crime, you will not expose him because you had sworn to an oath. The reason behind the fall of our government is oath-taking. Before you are employed, you have to swear to an oath. For this reason, whatever the government cannot be exposed. Because you had sworn that you will not reveal any of the government secrets to any person be he your father, or your mother, or your wife, or the administrator of oath. Besides oath-taking, our governments would not have found itself in such a mess.

Oath-taking has become a very important element in secular appointment of contract

At present, if you do not take an oath of office you will not be employed. In the village, before you are crowned a chief, you will be expected to take the oath of office before the villagers, without which you will not be crowned. What destroys our communities is oath-taking. You had sworn that you will not expose whatsoever transpires in your community. All these tricksters are capable of duping you because of oath. A money-doubler will persuade you into swearing on a very strong oath before discussing his business. He will charge you to swear that be it your wife, or your mother, that you will not disclose the information. He will invoke the sanction on you if you dare leak the secret. After taking the oath, he will dupe you and go his way. If your wife asks you of your whereabouts you will keep her in suspense, for fear of the sanctions of the oath. Before your people decide to kill a person for whatever reason, all those involved will all be expected to take an oath, that no person will expose the secret to others. If no oath is taken, no person will do it. After taking the oath, whatever results; come rain, sun or thunder, no person will expose it. Before contracting marriage, the two parties swear on an oath that they will not deceive each other no matter the circumstances. Today God enjoins that you should not swear.

I am telling you this so that you may know that all oaths come from the evil-one. Many Pastors, Bishops and Reverends are desirous to leave their churches but for the oath they had taken from Deuteronomy Chapter 28. After it has been invoked on you, you will carry your heart in your mouth to confirm the local adage that a man accepts to die out of shame

What makes the society secret is the oath administered

You are a witness now that there is nothing in this world done without the administration of oath. Oath is from the evil one. It is not a good administration. When you rise to the post of taking an oath in any church denomination, know that you have reached a point of no return, you will perish. No matter the manner of sin committed, nobody will be expected to voice out; they can kill, or steal, or do anything whatever, but because of the oath, nobody will say a thing. All the societies you find around are not secret as such, but members are made to keep secret, secret because of the oath members are subjected to an initiation. After taking the oath, whatever sins you commit, be it murder, it must not be told to any person. That is why your heart becomes hardened to do what you had sworn to.

Only Brotherhood does not administer oath

Observe carefully, wherever there is oath, it is satanic, it is full of deceit and there is no form of godliness in it. When you initiate into the Obon or Ekpe societies, you will swear on their oaths. In your village and everywhere, whatever evil act is to be committed, is preceded by taking an oath. This oath serves as a clearance with the assurance that it binds all the parties. When you leak out, you will face the sanctions or if you do not do what was expected, you also face the sanctions. Because of being left in a dilemma, you would choose to die.

The only place where oath is not administered on people is in Brotherhood. Right from the creation of man, the only place that one is not expected to swear on an oath is in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. This explains why it is that whatever we do here quickly spreads to America, India and all parts of the world. In other places, after taking the oath, you have no freedom to speak, without the danger of being killed. There is no secret in Brotherhood. As it concerns husband and wife, father and son, in the family, ward or village, oath is the basis of secrecy. It is darkness that envelopes the world.

Worldly organizations survive only on oath

Tell me of any organisation you find where people do not swear to an oath and that organisation will survive. Whatever is loved by man on earth is evil. For this reason, if your brother defaults, he must be killed

because you had yourself sworn to an oath that even if your brother or any other person should offend, he should be killed. Even though you still watch the happenings, you cannot say a thing because you had sworn on an oath.

Why do you call yourself a man of God and administer oaths, and swear to an oath or participate in oath-taking? These practices were carried out before the advent of our Lord Jesus Christ. Before you were made a priest, you were to be subjected to oath-taking. After swearing and performing other rites, you were bonded to follow set instructions you can also bear witness to the fact that before any country wages war against another, the citizens must swear to an oath. In a village you will find people in Ekpe shrine, or Ekpo shrine, or other shrines where every person will be expected to swear to an oath before embarking upon war, without which nobody moves out.

Taking of oath is satanic

Brethren, realise that what destroys the whole world, and the darkness that covers the entire world, can be attributed to oath-taking. Now if you attend any church, you are subjected to taking oath, thus placing certain sanctions on you. The fear of the oath will not enable you to do what God wants you to do. It is through oath-taking that all kinds of evil things are committed in the world. Immediately you take an oath, you have your legs and hands bound and you become a man of satan. I am telling you this so that you should refuse to take any oath and should not by yourself swear or administer oath to others. It is not a godly affair but satanic. When you invite somebody to deny certain acts by taking an oath, he takes the oath confidently eventhough he did that thing because oath itself is deceitful. You may invite somebody to take an oath to deny a certain act. He may take the oath on something he did falsely. A wife may administer an oath to the husband and the husband to a wife, saying they will not part. The husband may swear that he cannot leave the woman, much more to marry another woman. In the long run he marries up to twenty wives. What useful purpose does the oath serve?

Heaven is God's throne, do not swear by it

All those things are sinful. Satan is using them to deceive and cause confusion in the entire world. If somebody intends to deceive you, he

will require an oath from you to establish that he will not deceive you. He will swear by all the parts of your body that he will do a particular thing for you. When you dance to his tune, he will not be truthful. When you are made to swear by blood, do not do it. Do not drink, swear or inject into your body, anything at all. Is the hair yours? Are the legs yours? Does the head belong to you? Do the hands belong to you? What do you own? On what do you want to swear? Heaven is the throne of God and earth is His footstool. If you swear by the heaven, it belongs to God. The earth is also His own. He owns the day, the moon, the sun, the year, and the hour. Which one is yours? Do you not realise that it is sinful to swear by anything?

At times a situation may arise and you swear not to disclose it to any person. The situation may affect your own father and since you had sworn, you will neither tell your father nor any other person. The question is, who loses? Are you not the loser? Upon the numerous thieves and robbers in the world, nobody seems to know them. They are bound by an oath. Upon all the wickedness and trouble in the entire world, no person seems to see because they are protected by oath.

Concern yourself with the present, but not in the past or future

Do not of yourself vow to do anything, because neither the mouth nor the word is yours. Let your yes be yes, and no, no. Anything outside this is sinful. You who promise to do something tomorrow or the day after, do you know what tomorrow will bring forth? It is said, "Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." Why do you begin to say in your heart, I will do this tomorrow or that by the day after tomorrow? Do you know that such thoughts come from the evil one? You may tell somebody that you will give him ten naira at the end of the month, or cause him to be employed, or do many things for him. Do you know that proposal is sinful? It is a very grievous sin and comes from the evil one. At close observance, how many of such proposals have come true? This shows that it is from the evil one and it is sin.

Take no vows

A woman may vow to marry you 'for better or for worse, come weal or woe, come life or death, come peace or war.' She may not swear on

any oath but makes a simple declaration that she is all for you. But within a twinkle of an eye she calls it quit. Do you not see a broad daylight deceit? A man on the other hand may promise to marry only you no matter the circumstances and odds. He will tell you he will not be intimate with any other person excepting you. These things may not be reduced to writing. However, in the end, he abandons you. Can you not realize that it comes from the evil one?

Brethren, the various things that lead us to destruction, we cannot assess their destructive tendencies except we search the scriptures. Do you know that a man may accept to die in shame? If you declare openly before people that you will perform an act but cannot consequently do it, because of shame, not because of your love to do so, you go forth to doing what you had vowed. In order to maintain your vow you do what you should not.

Do what you can

To fulfil a promise is not easy. You will discover that even here in Brotherhood, people are incapable of redeeming their promisory notes. When you find pieces of paper filling the floor of the hall, people promising to give two hundred or one thousand, that marks the end of the story because it is from the evil one. Are you the owner of what you promise to offer or do you own yourself? Why are you not contented with your position? Let your yes be yes and your no, no. Do what you can and leave what you cannot.

You who promise to do a thing or visit a place someday, what is your life? It is like the dew. The children of God and whoever has the fear of God cannot fix any time, as the exact time to do anything. The fear of God will not allow him. Do you own yourself? Can you tell what the owner has in mind? God does not tell us to boast, because such promises are empty boasts. They are insults and grievous sins.

As the Father likes it

The Gospel is given to us today that we should no longer vow. Let us not vow to train any person or to do anything to any person because these things come from the evil one. They are sinful. How many have fulfilled their promises? When you on the other hand fulfil it, it is sinful because it is death to you. God really loves us that is why day after day,

He lays bare before us death-traps which we had hitherto, not known. He removes our infirmities and shows to us.

God sends one to school, keeps one alive and He feeds him. He owns dusk and dawn, and all things. All you have to say is 'As the Father likes.' If one asks you whether you will pay visit to him the following day, tell him you do not own yourself that if the Father permits you will but if He does not permit, you will not. That is simply, 'As the Father likes.' As we are full of empty boasts, you cannot find us capable of fulfilling anything. When we say we are going to do one thing or the other, the owner takes away the ability and you can do nothing. That will make you a very abominable person.

Do not boast

You cannot kill. You cannot keep alive. You cannot heal. You cannot cause any sickness. All things are done by the Father. Can you remember when our Lord Jesus Christ told His disciples, "This night: for it is written. I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad." Peter answered and said unto Him, "Though all men shall be offended because of Thee, yet will I never be offended." Each of the twelve disciples said, "Though I should die with Thee, yet will I not deny Thee." When He was arrested, did any one of them stand his grounds?

You can now realize that all the empty boasts and voluptuousness avail nothing. These things come from the flesh. Somebody promised to do a certain thing for you, telling you not to disturb yourself. Day after day, as you go to him he keeps making the same promise. Up till today, has he done anything for you? He will not do it for ages and to the end of the world. When you are given a condition before certain things are done for you, it is untrue. Right from today do not listen to such words. They are vain words and from the evil one.

Always speak the will of Him who sent you

If you believe in the words of God, do not on your own say that you will do certain things at certain times. Because you will not fulfil any one till the end of the world. Did not all the twelve disciples scatter abroad? If God is not with you, if God does not act, who is there to do anything? That is why our Lord Jesus Christ says, "He that speaketh of himself

seeketh his own glory: But he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true." That is why we are told, "Let your communication be, yea, yea; nay, nay: for whatever is more than these cometh of evil." Brethren, I do not intend to overload you, let our first lesson be read.

1st Lesson: James 5:12

"But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation."

You came up here saying 'As from today I have forsaken sin, I will no longer commit fornication.' What is the situation as at now? Have you forsaken? Is that not deceit? Do you realise that such proclamation is from the flesh, the evil one, demon? It is not from God. You may call people around, maybe, your children, to testify how much they love you. Some will get up to express how much they love you, how they do see you in their dreams, and so on. Do not believe any. All that you are told is falsehood. What makes you invite somebody to tell you the truth whether or not he will do a certain thing for you. Why do you administer such oaths? You two are foolish. Why do you believe a person who comes to tell you of how much he is going to do for you? Do you not know that it is from the evil one? It is carnal and not from God.

Never make a promise in vain

Upon the fringe benefits the governments had promised when you were employed, how many are they still giving you? You were promised car and other allowances, how many have you received? Of all the promises your wife made, that she will do one thing or the other for you, how many has she done? How many of your husband's promises to you have been fulfilled? Does he own himself?

All those promises are false. Because it is not a person who commends himself that is accounted, but a person that God commends. I know that people dislike a person who is not flippant or loquacious. If many gather around and promise you everything, and any person who does not promise any thing will be regarded as being bad.

The one sin that fills the whole world is oath-taking. You will ask that

a sick man be brought that his sickness will be cured. Well, as for me I do not know how to heal. I cannot heal any person. Am I God, to be able to heal? Have you ever heard me calling people around and shouting, 'Heal him!, heal him?' Lord heal him!?! Far be it that I should make such utterances. It is incredible. It is sinful. It is from the evil one. Watch carefully, have you ever seen me asking that a sick person be brought to me? Why should I do it? Am I a doctor? I have never told anyone 'immediately you bring him I am going to heal him'. I cannot say it because such promises come from the evil one.

All of you who are sitting here have troubled hearts about unfulfilled promises people had made to you and the ones you made to others. You cannot fulfil even one. Who are you to fulfil them? Do you own a pin? Do you own yourself? You are a deceitful person seeking for your personal glory.

Do not administer oath on any one

God had known us. He is a jealous God. He is "He that openeth, and no one shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth." There is a spiritual song which says if you include God in your activities, you will win the war. When you get up to say something stressing and knocking the table saying that if you do not do it, certain things would happen; have you done that thing? Have you not been left in disgrace and shame? Do you not notice how shame, disgrace and deceit cover the whole earth? God has disgraced the entire world.

Do not swear. God does not want us to swear on any oath. Do not make vain utterances. Boast no longer. Do not administer oaths. Do not invite any person to swear on the Bible. If you do these things, you are evil and you are of the evil one too. When you set a price tag on fifty thousand naira, payable at the expiration of six months in case of inability to meet with the terms of agreement, are you the owner of the six months? If at the end of six months you are unable to meet the terms of agreement, the fifty thousand naira must be collected from you.

When all hopes are gone, the Saviour appears

Have you seen the consequences of oath to you and I? Anybody who demands that you should swear to an oath before showing goodness or presenting gifts to you, tell him to go away with his gifts. He is not God.

When God gives you anything, He does not administer any oath, He does so gratis. A sober reflection on your past hopes and experiences will reveal to you that disgrace and evil are wages received from where such hopes were laid. It is said, when all hopes are lost, the Saviour appears. If all hopes are not lost, the Saviour will not appear. It is said, let us not boast in man; any person who boasts should boast in the Lord. When you vow to give a piece of land to somebody, are you the owner of the land? When you bet to give your child something, and it does not come out as proposed, where do you stand?

It was because of promise Herod killed John

All those vows give birth to death, poverty, suffering, tribulations and troubles to man on earth. That is why God has admonished us not to swear "neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath. You often say that except you die, you would not fail to do a particular thing. Do not say a thing like that. It is from the evil one. You will not do it. You will die without accomplishing it. People also say that unless they are absent that certain things should happen; but cannot happen in their presence. You will also be around and that thing will come to pass.

Do you see what happens in the entire world? That all the inhabitants of the world should be called abominable lot. Because they are resisting the will of God. I want to use King Herod as an example, in order to expose the resultant consequence of oath. Because at all times I have to use a live-tortoise, and not a dead one, to consult my oracles. So that you may come to the full understanding that whatever God advises us against is for our own good, if we continue in it, it will not serve us right.

Do you think that if King Herod had not vowed publicly, he would have made bold to demand that John should be beheaded and his head taken to him? Why did he not kill John at the time John rebuked him of marrying his half brother's wife? He had the intention of killing him but was afraid of the people. He could not do so because he was not bound by the sanction of an oath. That was why he imprisoned John. His first thought was to kill him but he was afraid of the people because they upheld John as a prophet. If he did not kill John then, what prompted him to kill John when that damsel danced? Of what relationship had the dance with John? It was because he had publicly promised with an oath

to give her whatsoever she would ask

Can you now realize why our Lord Jesus Christ said, "Swear not at all; neither by heaven." Because of promising her whatsoever she would ask, she went to be instructed by her mother. Why did her mother not instruct her to request for the kingship position but instead requested for the head of the John? What benefit was she going to derive from beheading John? It was to prove the word of God that oath is sin and it comes from the evil one.

If Herod had not promised with an oath to give her whatever she would ask, brethren, he would not have had the grounds to kill John. If oath-taking were not to be sinful, our Lord Jesus Christ would not have said that we should not swear by anything at all.

Oath spells doom on man

Brethren, exonerate yourselves from oaths. Be you an adult or a child, do not participate wherever oath is administered. Do not promise. Do not swear even for another person. Stay clear from oath so that you may be free. As you are here, what oath has done to you is undescrivable. It is the words of your mouth that act as a boomerang. The fall of our government is traceable to oath. The downfall of our families is oath taking. At times you may advise that no person wherever he comes from should be allowed to touch a certain chair because it is an ancestral relic. You may go on further to inviting people to swear by an oath that even if it comes to death no person should touch it. As a result, all of you would accept to die because of a chair which price is comparably minimal, instead of replacing it with a new one. You will rather argue, "since our father had already stipulated; we will rather die instead and the chair will remain intact.

Our Lord Jesus Christ had bundled all oaths, and nailed to the Cross. The darkness engulfing the entire world and suppressing all truths is oath-taking. It is from the evil one; satan, flesh, demon. Two testimonies from two or more persons confirm a fact. Brethren, I do not intend to overload you, let our second lesson be read.

2nd Lesson: Matthew 5:36—37

"Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make

one hair white or black. But let your communication be, yea, yea; nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil."

What do you think is the cause of darkness in the world? What causes the sinfulness of the world is swearing to an oath. You will claim that if you were privileged to be the chief of a town you would have caused certain corrective measures to be implemented. But with what will you use to rectify the situation of things? Do you think that any village can accept to elect you a chief without administering an oath unto you? There will be no consensus in the village to confer a chieftaincy title on you without attaching the condition of swearing to an oath.

You will argue that if you were in a said society, you would have reorganised things in a shipshape order. What will you use to replan it? But before you ever enter into such a society, an oath will be administered unto you. You proclaim that you will reshape a church denomination if given the opportunity, but before you set your feet into it, an oath will be placed before you.

Oath is the worst enemy of society

Brethren, oath-taking has caused us a lot of damages. Your stubbornness has earned you much harm. Because the moment people swear to an oath not to reveal the activities in any organisation, do you think that, even if somebody is killed, or something is stolen or fire outbreak is caused, any person will leak the secret? You should realise then that the worst enemy of the inhabitants of this world, which sinks it into its present predicament, is oath-taking. And that is what satan uses to overcome you. For whenever he intends to enter your house, he will give you an oath to take. He will contend that you swear that the concoction he will give to you will never be given out to any other person. He will demand that you take an oath in order that he will release what he regards as an important information to you. And unless you swear by the oath, he will not say a word. He will express the fear that you will cause him to be killed, and therefore unless you swear to the oath he will not mention that person or release that top secret to you. As a truth, if you take the oath, and he mentions that person to you, will you have the right to make this known to the person?

Do not be weary in doing good

Brethren, do you realise how oath-taking has constituted a thorn in your flesh? The Scripture says, "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." (James 4:17). Many people are aware of what good things to do but due to oath-taking they shy away from their responsibility. If King Herod had known the aftermath of his taking that oath, he would not have committed himself. Now, what can he offer as a ransom for his soul? For he is damned.

It was his promise with an oath to give the daughter of Herodias whatsoever she would ask. This caused him to give unto her the head of John the Baptist in a charger as she had requested of him. And as a result, he was damned, his kingdom also fell and destruction had befallen the whole kingdom. Therefore, let us be watchful of what people come to tell us. For in so doing, we will be in a position to detect the evil persons.

Never you make any claim

Anything that somebody demands that you should swear to an oath, is an evil act, is deceitful and there is no truth in it. Any person who comes to you to promise doing one thing or the other to you, let him alone for he is an evil one. There is nothing he will ever accomplish for you. Any person who claims to be a righteous person and that he does not love thieves and other evil men, know that he himself is that evil person. God is here in our midst but no person sees Him in the world. Who knows Him? Does He claim that He is here?

The time you blaspheme against God, do you hear His voice? When you abuse Him, are you ever aware of His presence? That is why you claim that He is not in existence. But the truth remains that His is here. And He knows whatsoever we are doing at all times. That is why our Lord Jesus Christ said, "I can of mine ownself do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgement is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me." Therefore, it is not expedient for us to swear by anything. We should not administer an oath on anybody. We should not do anything which amounts to rubbing shoulders with God. We should not promise to accomplish one thing or the other for our children. For we are not God Almighty.

Man proposes but God disposes

Isaac promised to bless Esau whom he so much loved more than Jacob. So bent was he in fulfilling his promise that he told Esau, "Now therefore take, I pray thee, thy weapons, thy quiver and thy bow, and go out to the field, and take me some venison; And make me savoury meat, such as I love, and bring it to me, that I may eat; that my soul may bless thee before I die." Esau went on this mission but before he could return Isaac had already blessed Jacob. Who was to blame? Is it Esau or Isaac?

That is why we are told not to take an oath. Isaac so much loved Esau. And Esau has always been returning from his hunting expedition with animals for his father's meat. As a human being he was determined to bless him, and to hand over everything to his keeping. But he was not God.

Do not trust any man but God

If you had known the nature of God, you would never utter a word not to talk of making plans for anything any longer. Because all ponderings tantamount to mere counterfeit. And all what we say are of no effect. I have always told you that since 1938, I have had no plans at all. Till today, the Father does everything and I do not even know my left or right. You promised to do a certain thing to somebody, But till now, you have failed to accomplish it. That person will regard you as a worthless somebody. Somebody comes to you to promise doing one thing or the other for you but fails to accomplish it. How do you regard him? You will regard him to be an abominable fellow. That person who promised doing something for you and you who had believed in his words, who is the fool? Has Christ not said, "Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils." Why should you believe what people say to you? Why should you believe someone who professes to love you, or that he will do one thing or the other to you? You are that abominable person.

The nature of man revealed by God

As I am standing here, I do not believe in any person in this world. For the Holy Spirit had told me not to believe anybody on the surface of the earth. Do you know this? For everybody is a liar. And I knew this truth when I was not five years old. He had instructed me not to confide in any

person because all human beings are liars.

You have been somebody standing here to proclaim that Olumba Olumba Obu is our Lord Jesus Christ, or that He is the real God, or that He is Jehovah God. But the next day, he blasphemes that He is a ghost, juju, Beelzebub. Are such sharp turns in the behavioural pattern of human beings not yet clear to you? Is it not the same person who claimed that Olumba Olumba Obu is the real God, He is peace and wisdom, and truth, and all the embodiment of God that also confesses that He is a demon, ghost, Beelzebub?

Keep a critical watch on those people who shout that Olumba Olumba Obu is God and you will conclude that it comes from the evil ones. It is said, "Your ways of life, your conduct should only remain in your heart." You should surrender yourself unto God. But nowadays, the trend is reversed and that is why deceit abounds everywhere. A great many people go to the market places to announce that Olumba Olumba Obu is God. But you should not follow such persons. For they are the evil ones.

Eschew vain promises

At times, they write the inscription O. O. O. on their door posts and on clothes and everywhere. Keep yourself aloof from such people because they are demons. But when a statement is made by the power of the Holy Spirit, the Father knows about it. Many of the pronouncements in this kingdom come from the Father. For the Father is the truth and His word is also true. But regarding the words of the flesh, you will know from where they come.

Somebody will profess that upon his dead body he will remain in Brotherhood. But within two weeks he is the same person who goes about confessing that Brotherhood is Beelzebub. Do you not realise the validity of that saying by our Lord Jesus Christ that such statement cometh of evil? It is said that we are slaves unto anything we surrender our hearts to whether that thing is evil which leads to death or good which is righteousness which leads to eternal life. It is not your faith that causes your downfall but you as a person because you accept to take oath.

A landlord who has a house which is vacant will come and inform you to collect the keys to it the next day. He has kept this promise in his heart

but because God has been excluded in the arrangement, you will never pack into that house. For he was after his own glory. You will realise that he has fallen sick and had been admitted into a hospital for treatment. Have you packed into that house again?

Never make a promise in vain

He tells you to come tomorrow but before you ever arrive there another person has already paid three years' rentage advance to him. You are aware that money is god on earth. He will receive that money and cook up a lie to you. On arrival, you will be flabbergasted to see another person living there. And you will be incapacitated to do anything to the landlord. That is precisely the predicament facing you because of oath taking.

It is not the landlord who is responsible for that turn of events but it is the Father who caused it? You should know that at any time you make a vow the Father will pass through to render such arrangement null and void. And you will end up as an evil one.

There is nothing which has debased man more than his making a promise but fails to live up to it? Such persons are worthless even before children. That is why our Lord Jesus Christ has said, "Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black. But let your communication be, yea, yea; nay, nay; for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil."

At all times, it is the will of God that must manifest. No human will ever come to manifestation. I want you to consider what happened to a certain king. Somebody told him that there was another king who had lots of wealth. But there was a poor man in that village who had one sheep. When that king had visitors, he sent for the only sheep of that poor man to make food for them leaving behind his many sheep. This king was so surprised why that king should have conducted himself in that manner and vowed that such an occurrence would never come to pass in his domain. He disapproved in all ramifications the conduct of the king to have left the thousands of sheep he had to take the only one of the poor man.

To this end he ordered that the law book be brought and a law was made and he signed it. It was stamped and sealed to the effect that should such an incident occur in his territory, such a person must be put to death

no matter who he is. After this, the man made it known to the king that he was the fellow. That the only sheep he had was captured and killed and that the head of the sheep was lying in the kitchen of his wife where she was to prepare the food. What could he do to exonerate himself from the legal consequences of that law? He was accordingly put to death. Can you see the aftermath of taking oath? If he had not sworn what would have happened to him even if he was the one who committed the offence?

The Conspiracy Against Daniel

Consider the case of King Nebuchadnezzar. Sequel to Daniel's interpretation of his dream, Nebuchadnezzar preferred him above the presidents and princes. But the presidents and princes were not happy over the situation. Therefore, all the presidents of the kingdom, the governors, and the princes, the counsellors, and the captains, consulted together to establish a royal stature, and to make a firm decree, that whosoever shall ask a petition of any God or man for thirty days, save of him the king, he shall be cast into the den of lions. Now, O king, establish the decree, and sign the writing, that it be not changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not. Wherefore King Darius signed the writing and the decree.

But Daniel went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he knelt upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime. then three men assembled, and found Daniel praying and making supplications before his God. Then they came near, and spake before the king concerning the king's decree. Hast thou not signed a decree, that every man that shall ask a petition of any God or man within thirty days, save of you O king, shall be cast into the den of lions?" The king was helpless because he had signed the writing and the decree. And so, he commanded that Daniel, whom he dearly treasured, be cast into the den of lions.

Only God makes a promise

That is the reason I keep on telling you that a wise man sees danger afar off and takes precaution. But the foolish one awaits until it reaches him. Should I count to you even within your families, the aftermaths of

swearing to an oath, you would realise the foolishness in it. I do not take any oath or promise anybody anything. For I am not God.

Satan is very crafty. If you are a governor, a commissioner, a permanent secretary or high esteemed person in the society, the moment you are made a chief, initiated into the Ekpe society or any secret cult, would you speak against the wrong doings of members in these societies you have been initiated into?

That is why before you go into politics you are first initiated into the Ekpe society, Obon society, Ukwa society and other secret cults in your village. When will you turn round to speak against the existence of such institutions when you have become a bona fide member? Tactically, you have been bought over. Brethren, that is why I advise each and every one of us to be cautious of himself in whatsoever we do. Let our golden text be read. Listen attentively.

Golden Text: Matthew 14:9

“And the king was sorry: nevertheless for the oath’s sake, and them which sat with him at meat, he commanded it to be given her.”

It is said that the fastidiousness of the he-goat does not prevent it from being sold. It says, “And the king was sorry: nevertheless for the oath’s sake, and them which sat with him at meat, he commanded it to be given her.” Though against his will, it was too late. And he was damned with his entire household. This is what you have been hearing that man suffers death because of shame. When you stand before people to vow that rather than a man to cause you one thing or the other, you are ready to die. Can you prove the validity of that statement by our Lord Jesus Christ? But above all things, my brethren, swear not.

Herod Betrayed by his vow

It is for your own good that you be not exasperated and your soul perish that you are advised to swear not, neither by heaven, neither by earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation.” Has Herod and his family not perished? Has his kingship not been damned? What has made him to perish? It was the oath. Because if he had not promised with an oath to

give her whatsoever she would ask, he would have dismissed her request.

Believe in churchianity

A great many people of the world are damned because of the oath they took in their church denominations never to decamp to other denominations. Whether in life or death, they are forced to remain here. You stand up and announce that your church denomination is the real church of God, that no other one resembles it, that all powers are there, and God Himself dwells in it. But suddenly, you fall sick of a serious ailment. And despite the prayers offered to you there, the sickness still persists. You will be ashamed to pitch your tent in another denomination for healing of what you had been preaching against. Instead you will prefer to die. Because to go and be healed in another church denomination will disprove your earlier claim that it is only in your church denomination that God dwells. This is what is holding on the inhabitants of the world. I have seen some Reverends, and other Clergymen who prefer to die rather than decamp into another church denomination.

As a truth, what would have prompted Reverends and other church leaders to secretly seek for prayers and holy oil but refuse to come into this fold? It is because of the oath they had taken in their former church denominations. Why does a necromancer refuse to forsake his diabolical things but will come here to receive prayers? It is due to the oath he had sworn to before he was placed in that position that he will not forsake the shrine and other diabolical things.

It is only Brotherhood that those who convert are free

But if the Holy Spirit did not come the entire world would have perished. Had the Father not come, all the inhabitants of the world would have been damned. Because the members of all these secret societies are stricken with fear of something happening to them should they withdraw their membership. That is their line of thinking due to the oath they took before joining them. But little did they know that once they come into Brotherhood, they are free. The moment you come into Brotherhood whether you were a member of many societies, you are free of any predicaments. There is no other place in the entire universe where you will not be affected by the number of oaths you took in other

societies. Whenever you come here, you are free and no oath has any effect on you.

The fear facing the people who do not believe in God is that they will be killed by the oath they had taken. And against this background, they are afraid to withdraw their membership of such organisations. Even unto death, they are ready to remain there.

What is being said is not a dream. The moment you withdraw your membership of your societies, they will come in broad day light under the cover of thieves to rob you of your belongings. They will go to launch reports at your working places to exterminate you. Even in church denominations, whenever you decamp, the members will do everything to ground you. They are prepared to do everything so that they can sit back to proclaim that God has punished you. They will come into your house and do away with your properties. Others will lobby your wife to run away and your children to refuse visiting you.

These tendencies have prevented many people from coming into this fold. Do not be exasperated with any society member who does not come here. Do not be infuriated with any member of church denominations who do not join us. Do not be annoyed with any necromancer who refuses to come into Brotherhood. But one thing stands clear, that is if you are one who had been salvaged from such slavery, it is incumbent on you to make them know that you were once in their shoes. And since you came into Brotherhood, nothing has happened to you in anyway. That is the only panacea. For with such good tidings, they will come over into Brotherhood.

Come out of the world

Look at the armed forces. The moment you take that oath, you cannot retrace your steps. That is why many of them run into the bush or seek other hiding places when the day of swearing to the oath comes to pass. Brethren, this is the reason God has shown us the path of coming out of slavery. Because the entire inhabitants of the world are slaves of sinfulness due to the oath they have taken. And the fear of the consequences of the oath hinders them from coming to know the truth. You have heard the many testimonies given by people.

In far away Ikom area, a person was threatened to be made a sacrificial lamb in his society. They asked why he should run to

Brotherhood to hide when the time is ripe for him to fulfil his oath. But he told them that he was now in Brotherhood. Those members of his former society went to him in broad day light but could do him nothing. Therefore, you should draw a lesson from King Herod. If your wife persuades you to swear to an oath to do something, do not yield to such an overture. Do not take any oath before your child. If somebody promises you something, discountenance it because it is no truth. For God alone is the truth and His word is also true.

No matter what any person tells you in this world, do not believe it because it is falsehood. But you are yet to know yourself. They will come to you with convincing stories. He will profess that he has an oath of secrecy.

That is the way your father and mother were deceived and money collected from them. And the evil doers are present here but that oath they took prevents them to be singled out. It is only in Brotherhood that you are at liberty to say anything because we are not under the law. But the Holy Spirit directs us aright.

Brethren, I do not wish to be tedious unto you. It is said, one stroke of the cane is sufficient unto the wise. Those who have ears let them hear. May God bless His holy words, Amen.