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CHAPTER ONE

THE SONSHIP OF GOD THE QUALIFICATION OF A CRUSADER

1st Lesson: Galatians 5: 24

2nd Lesson: Luke 14:33

Golden Text: Romans 8: 16

Brethren, that is the revelation of Our Lesson. This is the key note for opening the Crusaders' Week today. It serves as the opening address.

POSITIONS IN THE CHURCH ARE MERE NAMES

So many people do not understand the meaning of the Word Crusade. So many think that the Pastor is the greatest. Some think that the most important thing is Vision. Some people rank the Pope as the most important. But I want to reveal to you that the position of the children of God is the highest in this kingdom. The position of a child of God is greater than that of Pope, it is more important than that of Apostle, greater than that of Reverend and than that of Prophet.

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All the names enumerated above are names used by people for their self aggrandizement. The real name for you to bear is that of a child of God. You are all witnesses that Our Lord Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He trained Apostles, had Prophets, and Pastors, but He was greater than them 11. He was the only begotten Son of God. That is the reason it is said that, whoever does not forsake all that he has cannot be His disciple. It is very easy to be a child of God, but if we do not forsake everything, we cannot become the children of God. The children of God have no relationship with the mundane things of this world. All those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh and its passions and lusts. So many people say they want to serve God. Yes, all come with the intention to serve God. You profess to be a child of God yes it is true you are.

YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN

But have you heard that if you are not born again you cannot be His disciple. If you do not crucify the flesh and its lusts and passions, how can you be a true child of God?

The people of this world think desire and pray ofor carnal things. But the children of God think of heavenly things. To be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is eternal life and peace in Christ Jesus. This is why it is necessary to forsake the passions, lusts, desires, and gossiping of this world. You come out and openly declare for God and wish that He should use you in his service but how can He use you to accomplish His task when you are lying, fornicating, indulging in the preparations of concoction and charms, and consulting oracles. It is only satan that uses a liar, a thief and a fornicator in his vineyard. All soothsayers, fortune tellers, psalmists, necromancers, are students of satan. The rogue, fighters and angry people are tools in the hand of satan.

THE CHILDREN OF GOD MUST ABSTAIN FROM ALL APPEARANCES OF EVIL

All the disciples of Christ, the real children of God must forsake worldly pleasures and lusts. They do not desire the glory of the world but of God.

Do you remember what Our Lord Jesus Christ said when He was accused of healing on sabbath day, that he was not of God. He declared. My Father worketh hitherto and I work. A child can do nothing of himself but what he sees the father do for whatsoever he does these also the son does. The vineyard is wide and the harvest is ready but the workers are really needed. Right from here to all parts of the world and even, to the uttermost part of the world is the vineyard of God. But how can God use you as His messanger when you are still stealing, lying, fornicating and cossiping. When people accused the Christ of using the influence of beelzebub to drive away demons, He retorted saying "If I by beelzebub drive away devils by whom do your children cast away?" It is said every kingdom that is divided against itself cannot stand. In this way, if satan drives away satan, he is divided against himself how then can his kingdom stand? You are telling other people to forsake stealing, fornication, adultery, backbitting when you are

neck-deep in sin, what are you preaching? You are looking for wealth, power, position, wife, children and money. Others are looking for identical things yet you pick a Bible for preaching, as you are going what will you tell them?

WHOEVER DOES NOT FORSAKE WHAT HE HAS CANNOT BE HIS DISCIPLE

This is why he said whoever wants to follow the Christ must forsake the world and its contents. If you forsake fornicating, concoction and charms and carnal things, you will be able to preach boldly against these evils before the people and they will realise that you have forsaken these evils. They will also see you as a man who does not steal, fornicate, gossip. That is where you can be used by God. When I tell others not to drink and fornicate but secretly you indulge in drinking and fornication do you realize yourselves as a disciple of satan, and a liar? God is prepared to use a man who has forsaken sins, to accomplish His task. But as long as you do not forsake the mundane things and declare you intention to serve God you are a deceiver.

The twelve Apostles denied themselves of everything in this world, their royal positions, their wealth, good things of life and followed Our Lord Jesus Christ. That is why they served Him successfully. Saul could not do anything though he was a lawyer. But when Our Lord Jesus Christ revealed Himself to him on his way to Damascus he did not go back to worldy things, he severed his connections with the world except to serve Our Lord Jesus Christ. Paul did not drink, fornicate, eat meat and fish. So beloved brethren, do you not see that if we do not mortify the flesh and its lusts we are not worthy of this kingdom?

MORTIFY THE FLESH

Do not deceive yourself that your ability to speak eloquent English will qualify you for this kingdom, Do not consider that your ability to give vision has anything to do with this kingdom. Do not also believe that mere gospel ministry and offering prayers to people can transform any person. But your behaviour or pattern of life counts much, and win people to God,

when they realise that you do not drink, prepare charms, fornicate, and tell lies, A good ohild must resemble his father. You are witnesses that the Christ did not take drug or injection. He d did not fornicate or steal or gossip. He was never exasperated and quarrelsome. He did no t work for any carnal things. To be His children we must emulate Him. You cannot follow after Our Lord Jesus Christ in his service as long as you bury your heart in money, and continue to indulge in the acts of stealing, fornicating, lying, and back-bitting, and other carnal things. Do not ever make an attempt to go because you will not be capable.

ABDICATE YOUR WORLDLY POSITION AND ACCEPT GOD

If you are carnally minded you cannot succeed. If your thoughts direct you to regard yourself as a millionaire, or a doctor, or scientist, or a chief you cannot succeed. Do not struggle. If you were called when you were a chief, you are no more a chief, but a child of a chief. If you were called as a rich man when you came, you are no more a rich man.

If you were called when you were poor and wretched you are no longer poor. The call extended to us requires that we should repent and forsake and neglect the things of this world and seek after God alone. You remember when Our Lord Jesus Christ said "But for the elects of God no soul would have been saved" from the tribulation of that day. There is no other hope apart from the children of God. What then is your qualification as a child of God if you do not forsake all carnal things. The world does not take note of good deeds but admires bad examples. If you preach a gospel and turn around to snuff, they will not comply with the gospel but will copy the snuffing. YIELD NOT TO TEMPTATION

If after your vision, later on you turn round to fornicate they will forget the vision and take after fornication. So the primary thing that we have to do is to crucify the flesh its affections and lusts. Do not think that you can please God as long as you do not crucify the flesh and its lust and affections on the cross.

Remember that when the Christ was baptised, the Holy Spirit descended upon Him and there-after the Spirit led Him into the wilderness. There satan tempted Him after he had fasted for 40 days and 40 nights. He did not yield. He was given beautiful girls and fine clothes but he rejected. He was given everything including the glory of this world, but he refused. He was offered the wisdom of this world but he refused. All the magnificent houses in this world in which he should live were presented to him, still he refused. The most palatable food was offered but he refused. Remember that after fasting for 40 days and 40 nights he was hungry, and satan came and tempted him saying, if you are the son of God transform this stone into bread. He told him, it is written man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God. After all these temptations, devil deserted him a n d angels came and ministered unto him. You realize that despite your open declaration to serve God, if you are still stealing, bribing, robbing and fornicating, God will reject you as His instrument. 9

WHAT IS YOUR CALLING AS A CRUSADER?

Some people came to Brotherhood, or join Crusader's Fellowship, so that they may get money, if that is your aims, you have failed woefully. If you came into Brotherhood so that you have a motor car you have equally failed. Come to Brotherhood to glorify the kingship of Jehovah God and His Christ. Remember the final prayers offered by Our Lord Jesus Christ: "I have glorified thee on earth, I have finished the duties assigned to Me. And now O Father glorify thou Me, with Thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was." So we have to glorify God, witness for Him in the whole-wide world and thereafter share in His glory. If you claim you have seen God, and the Christ but you are given to anger, fornication, falsehood and impersonation, how would people believe your testimony? If you continue to fight and quarrel and yet declare that you have seen God face to face does it mean that the God you have is pugnacious? Beloved brethren, let our 1st lesson be read to us.

1st Lesson: Galatians 5:24

"And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts."

PRACTICE IS BETTER THAN PRECEPT

Brethren, have you heard that? What you have heard are the first and last assignments you must accomplished for yourself before you are qualified for entry into this kingdom. The only certificate, testimonial, and credential that will offer you admission into this kingdom is the killing of the flesh and its lusts and desires. You do not have to look for anything. You have to reject and condemn all the worldly things. A servant cannot serve two masters. If he does he will serve one and despise the other, or love one and hate the other. You cannot love God and carnal things as well. You cannot serve God and mammon simultaneously. This is what stagnates and hinders the progress of work of God in the whole world.

Why Christ and His disciples conquered was because of practicing the gospel which is given to you now. They killed the flesh, its lusts and affections, and did not want any carnal thing. You remember when the Christ said "I sanctify myself that they aslo might be sanctified through the truth." If you surrender yourself to God and refrain from drinking, adultery, stealing, fornication, gossiping, and the glory of this earth, then the Father will use you to accomplish this work. Brethren, it is not preaching or being generous with food that can transform anybody. It is your behavioural pattern manifested in your total abstinence from drinking, fornication, stealing bribery and corruption, fighting, quarrelling that are the correct instruments of transformation. This is why Brotherhood of the Cross and Star is called Christ Universal Spiritual School of Practical Christianity. A place where theory and practice of the gospel are given the same emphasis. It is not mere preaching alone but allowing people to see God in you by your practical demonstration of these injunctions.

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Do not have interest in this confused world, do not seek after wealth, or children, or power, or position, or knowledge and wisdom of this world. People who see you will really know that you are a real child of God and will baptize and join you to glorify Him. You should be surprised to know that upon the number of churches in the world none of the members is able to kill the flesh and its lusts and because of this they are short of the grace of God.

TO BE SPIRITUALLY MINDED IS LIFE AND PEACE

Christ came all alone, because He killed the flesh and its lusts. He had twelve disciples. These twelve disciples rejected every worldly possessions, glory, lust, and desires, mother, father, the pleasures of this world, and today can you observe how the Gospel spreads. The espread of the gospel of God can be attributed to them. Here in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star we have more than 500 Apostles, Pastors, Deaconess why can they not crucify the flesh and forsake the things of the world? You pray that you should not be the worst off and your last days humiliated.

If God is not seen in you, He is not seen elsewhere. Christ has advised that if you are told that Christ can be seen in the desert or in the inner chamber, you should not go for as the lighting passes from one part of the sky to the other so is the coming of the Son of man. It is further said "And now are we the sons of God but it is not yet revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He shall appear we shall be like Him for we shall see him as He is. You say you have seen G face to face, let the people see Him now in you. So all those who hope in Him purify themselves even as He is pure. He emphatically said, "follow peace with all men and holiness without which no person shall see the Lord." The Father, Son, Holy Ghost and all the children of God are here but if we do not separate ourselves from the things of this world we cannot reign with Him in glory.

BE HOLY EVEN ALSO AS I AM HOLY

He is the owner of the vineyard, the Christ and all of you present here are branches of the vine.

Do you know th t a branch cannot bear fruits on its own except it is attached to the main trunk. As long as you are not with him by forsaking all manners of sin, you cannot produce any good fruits. The first assignment that the Father has to do is to remould and transform us into His glorious body. To own a car which is as large as this city does not make you a child of God. To build a house everywhere in the world does not qualify you as a child of God. Remember that David himself wanted to erect a building for God, but God advised him against it. Why He said so was that His hands were soiled with blood. He told Him his son would undertake the assignment. Truely, David's son, Solomon built a house for God. He also built a house for baal at the instance of His Assyrian wife and also worshipped the baal. It was because of this, his kingdom collapsed. God did not mind the fact that He had crected a mighty building for him. He values you more than the earthly house. This sort of house is not useful to him. He wants you. You tell lies to get money.

You want many wives and husbands because you are looking for children also. You prepare concoctions, charms and jujus and take to medication for your health. Remember, Paul suffered from hernia, but despite the existence of hospital he restrained himself from having a surgical operation for the sake of this kingdom. Whoever surrenders himself completely to God has no business with his body. Whosoever will save his life shall lose it, but whosoever will lose his life for the sake of the gospel, the same shall save it. Let us look for God's glory and cast aside everything else on which we place high premium. This is the time of God's glory and the glory of theKingdom of this world is now defunct.

WE ARE GOD'S INSTRUMENTS

Each and every one of us is His instruments. God is using us in the same way a writer uses pen or ball-pen to write on paper. But if we do not forsake sins God cannot use us and we on our own cannot do any good thing.

Somebody may boast that he has done much for God, but know that no individual serves God, but God Himself does everything. Take the motor car for instance, a man manufactures, drives and repairs it. Without a man it cannot move or accelerate. The same thing applies to aeroplane. It is manufactured by man. Man also undertake piloting and repairs. Without man it does not fly. In the same vein man is created by God, if God does not use him, he cannot do anything. Do not worry yourself that you want to serve God, for you cannot do anything. But you must give up sins and surrender yourself completely to God and He will use you. When God created Adam and Eve He told them not to eat the fruit of the tree of good and evil. If they did not eat as instructed, trouble would not have come into the world. When they disobeyed and ate the fruits God forsook them. This is why the world is drifting into oblivion. Because God is the Father of love and mercy, sets aside another day and instructs saying: "Today when you will hear my voice harden not your hearts." 17

He tells you today that if you do not forsake all the worldly pleasures and desires you will not follow Him as his disciples. Forsake stealing, forsake lying, forsake greediness, forsake fornication, forget completely about all the secret societies you have initiated yourself into and and the charms you have prepared, forsake the royal positions of this world, forsake exasperation, forsake taking court action to seek a redress; forsake all other sins. God is not interested in your position, or wealth, or possessions. Bu t when you forsake all sins, He is interested in you. Many people complain that if they were blessed with money, they would do mighty works for God, now I tell you, money is no problem in God's service. Many others weep, that if they were educated nobody would have excelled them in rendering services to God. Be educated, but it is not essential here. Others claim they are children, childhood is no barrier in this Kingdom. Samuel was a child when he completely surrendered himself to God and God reveal Himself to Him. Eli had two elderly sons who did not believe God.

He was also a High Priest but he did not bring them up in the nurture of God. This is to show to you that God is no respecter of persons and whoever forsakes the world and surrenders himself to him, He will use him as His instrument. Since Samuel surrendered himself to God, at last God revealed himself to him. One day God called him and he ran to his master and inquired whether he had calledhim. The master said no. God called on him the second time, he ran the second time to his master and asked whether hehad called him. Eli realised that it must have been God calling him and so Eli instructed him that when he would be called again he should say "Lord speak, for Thy servant heareth." Samuel went back and lied down in his place. And the Lord came andstood and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel, then Samuel answered: Lord speak for thy servant heareth." It was there and then that God revealed everything that would happen to Eli and his children to him.

Why did God not reveal Himself to the two prominent children of Eli? He did not reveal to them because they sought after the glory of the world. Why did He reveal himself to Samuel? It was because Samuel surrendered himself to God. Why people cannot see God and why they cannot believe in Him is attributable to the things of this world. You are thinking of your wife and husband, children, money, your family and your life as well as the things of this world. What time do you have at your disposal to think about God?

As a result of the things of this world, you murmur against God, you become exasperated, you usell lies, you take injection, you take drugs and indulge in the preparations of concoction, tell me how God will use you in his service. Even if you make your bed as near as possible to the altar, in as long as you are still entangled with mundane things, God will not use you as an instrument in His service. Whosoever wants to serve God, or whosoever wishes to be used by God in His service should forsake all earthly things: malice craftiness, falsehood, atrocious life, become a simpleton and God will use him in His service.

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Our Lord Jesus Christ has make it quite clear that any one who regards himself as a wise man, let him become stupid so that he may be wise. You have to forsake everything, your PHD. degree, your earthly possessions, your high position in life, experience in life, and God will use you in His vine-yerd. The wisdom of this world is but foolishness before God. While I do not want to take you further than that, the second lesson will now be read.

2nd Lesson Luke 14: 33

"So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple."

FORSAKE THE WORLD AND ITS WEALTH, AND GOD WILL ACCEPT YOU

Brethren, have you heard that? You intend to be a crusader but you are a millionaire and ask what specific position will be given you as a millionaire, you have failed, you may intend to so be a Crusader but that you have a PHD. degree and/

imagine what position will be given to you inspite of your high education, you fail. You profess to be a Reverend gentleman in one church denomination and that you have established twenty branches of the church you founded and if you enrolled as a Crusader whether an important position will be carved out for you, you have also failed. You may argue that you are a muslim and that you have undertaken several pilgrimages to Mecca and has performed several "Hajj" since you will be relegated to an inferior position if you withdraw from the Moslem religion, you would want to be compensated if you enrolled as a Crusader. You have also failed. You profess to be a big man and that you have many prominent children some of whom are lawyers, Judges, doctors, and so you want to know what position will be given to you before you enrol as a Crusader, you have also failed. The moment you begin to murse any idea of self assertion, you arenot worthy at all. The Scripture says any person who does not forsake all that he has cannot be his disciple. Whatever you position in life, a lawayer, a doctor, a scientist, man, a woman, a wealthy a

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person, whatever is your disposition and station in life, forsake such a position, go naked and become a simpleton and God will surely use you in his vine yeard.

ALL EVIL DOERS ARE EMPLOYEES OF SATAN

The field is very extensive but harvesters are not many. A great many people go with the jaundiced idea that they are serving God but in the real sense, they are serving satan. Whose employee is a liar? Whose employee is a fornicator? Who is the wise man and endowed with knowledge among you; let him show out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter envyings and strife in your hearts, glory not and ie not against the truth.

THERE IS LIBERTY WHEREVER THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS

When you quarrel and fight and fornicate, never say God has done it, It is erroneous. It is the work of satan. For where strife and envying, and pomposity, and falsehood, and division exist there is confusion and every evil work. Wherever there is fighting, division quarreling and confusion, satan is at work, that is the flesh.

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Where you find people quarrelling as to who started, as to who is the leading figure, or without them nothing can be delibrated upon, better take your exit: from there because God is not at work but satan. The Lord is the Spirit, wherever the Spirit is, there is liberty, and every person will be in a state of equilibrium. If each of us forsakes pride and arrogance, the glory of the world will be over shadowed by the light of God, and every body will become like unto small children, and there will not prevail, quarrelling, fighting, malice, deceit, and other evils, and we all shall live in peace and concord.

WHEN YOU LIBERATE A MAN, DO NOT FALL SHORT OF GOD'S EXPECTATION

Some people argue that they would die for the sake of Brotherhood, but if you quarrel and fight, you do so not for the sake of Brotherhood but because of your "old grudge." Our Lord Jesus Christ has said through Paul that if you bestow all your goods to feed the poor and give your body to be burnt but have no love, it does not profit you anything. From first January to the thirty-first December every year you

have been enjoined to refrain from falsehood, theft, exasperation, fornication, preparation of concoction, pomposity and arrogance, craftiness, and malice. How will you address yourself as a man of God, a Crusader, a servant of God the soldier of God but when you get to the war front somebody entrusts his house into your care that you are there to liberate his house but surprisingly you loot his property and run away? Do you know that, what goes on now is a spiritual warfare? The evil spirits have taken hold of some people and do not allow them to come out and worship God. You should go out to liberate and save them. But after saving them, you seduce the wife and elope with the man's daughter. What type of behaviour is that?

One of the greatest problems besetting people is that you are a female Crusader and you go to a certain house to liberate a certain man. After the man has been successfully liberated, he seduces the Crusader with the pretext that his wife is a very bad woman, a witch and that it had been revealed that he should marry a Crusader, and She now becomes his wife.

What regard will people have of you vis-a-vis his wife. That is why it is said if you do not for-sake all the things you have, you cannot follow him and Our Lord Jesus Christ cannot employ you for any duties.

CAN YOU PRESENT GOATS BEFORE LEOPARD?

Eventhough you are so stupid, if a goat contracts to watch over your yams without charging for the service, would you accept such a contract? Or rather, if you pack all your goats into a building and leopard comes to request that he wants to serve God and that you allow him to stay in the building and watch over your goats gratis. Would you offer him such an employment? So it is in this Kingdom. Whosoever does not forsake all that he has, Our Lord Jesus Christ will not allow him to take care of even one sheep. Know ye not that Our Lord Jesus Christ is the only way. Whosoever does not enter by the door into the sheepfold but climbs up through some other way, the same is a thief and robber. But he that enters in the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the porter will open and the sheep hear his voice and he calls his own sheep and they will follow Him and He leads them. 26

that they have, the thoughts of this life, the craftiness of life, and the evil lives they are leading, no matter what you preach no person will listen to you neither will any person follow you.

ONLY THE FATHER IS TRUE

Unless you come to see the Leader, you cannot see Brotherhood in its proper perspective and t this is why people who are only connected with the out stations cannot understand Brotherhood. This is so because at the out station the behavioural pattern of members lives much to be desired and betrays the correct image of Brotherhood. You all have many testimonies to give about the trickish way people use the white soutane to propagate evil under the pretext of being a crusader or Brotherhood with white soutane but deceive you and swindle money out of your hands, seduce your daughter, carry away your household property or elope with your husband.

Our Lord Jesus Christ has advised you as he advised his twelve disciples when he sent them out: Behold I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves, be you therefore wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

Do you not know that when you go to deliver the gospel of God to the people in the world, they will be watching you, they will throw naira currency notes and if you abandon your preaching to collect money, they will know at once that you are a hungry fellow. You have failed. Sometimes immediately you begin to preach, they will push a very beautiful girl to you and if you are enticed by the girl that you cannot continue with your sermon, you have failed. Whenever you go to preach temptation about the things of this world will befall you. Somebody will tell you he has contracts to award you, if you will not execute the contract in order to have enough money; and you set your preaching assignment aside and begin the contracts work while you thank God for His magnanimity so that you can use the proceeds derived there-from to serve him. You have fallen in his trap.

COUNT EVERY CARNAL THING BUT LOSS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE EXCELLENCY OF THE GRACE OF THE CHRIST

This work is done neither by you nor by me, the only safe way is to sacrifice yourself a n d f o r s a k e e v e r y t h i n g a n d God

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will use you to perform wonderful work which will make the worldly people flabbegasted. If you read the records kept for the apostles, you will discover that Paul was not numbered among the twelve apostles, but he was the most hardworking of all of them. Why was he the most hardworking? The reason is that he forsook every worldly things, he forgot that he was a learned lawyer, his Roman citizenship, his good birth, he did not marry, he did not fornicate nor did he drink nor gave drink to his neighbour, nor eat meat nor fish, nor did he keep a concubine. He surrendered himself completely into the services fofGod. He said what things were gain to me, those I counted them but loss. He counted everything but loss in order to obtain the excellency of theknowledge of Christ Our Lord. That is why he says I count not myself to have apprehended but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind are reaching forth unto those things which are before How will God use you in His service, when you regard yourself, among others, as a very important personality, an educated man,

a money magnet and handsome and strong? If you intend to serve God with such infatuation, it will be impossible that you can serve him successfully. God is looking for people to render services to Him, and you are also lookingfor people to serve you, who will serve the other? A great many of you are looking for somebody to serve you, somebody to be kind and benevolent to you, or somebody who will make certain gifts to you, or somebody who will respect and honour you, or admire you or take care of you, or love you but God Himself is searching everywhere for somebody to minister unto him, or somebody He could use as His vessel of evangelisation.

IT IS BETTER TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE

In as long as you claim to be the doer of certain things, how will you glorify your God? Because it is very common in Brotherhood, when God has wrought. His wonderful work, that some people claim they have done it and demand certain things from you and also collect money from others thereby despising the glory of God.

How will God Himself be glorified? What has forged the progress of the Crusaders is that a great many Crusaders all the time seek after the glory of God and not the glory of man. If you call at samebody's compound to preach and pray at the end, he gives you twenty Naira, but you reject telling him you are not interested in money but that you went there to show kindness and generousity and to distribute unto the necessity of the poor and needy. That alone will convince the man that you are rendering a great service to God and that you are worshipping the true God.

WHAT IS HIGHLY ESTEEMED AMONG MEN IS ABOMINABLE EFORE GOD

Partant than money, than high education and even human beings but people place no premium on those things. What is abominable amongst man in highly esteemed before God. If you did not come into Protherhood infatuated with the pride that you had been a true Methodist, or big man in the Roman Catholic Church or that you wedded in the Presby-ferian Church and with high sense,

by this time you would have understood everything and God would have used you to wrought wonderful feats.

It is always a pathetic situation to listen to you regret all what you have done for God. What have you done for God? What can a human being do for God? If God does not call you, you cannot come in. If He does not choose you, you are not worthy. If He does not do anything, no person can do anything. All what we do as human beings are but conterfeit and abominable. What can man do than stealing, fornicating, indulging in the preparations of concoction, fighting, telling lies, and uttering evil words. This explains why man cannot achieve or accomplish anything. And that is why our Lord Jesus Christ says except a man be born of water and of the Holy Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God. So if you intend to be a Crusader, a Brotherhood or a worker in the vineyard of God, whatever you intend to be, mortify the flesh with its lusts and affections and desires on the cross.

DISENTANGLE YOURSELF WITH CARNAL THING

Forsake all carnal things because they are all transitory and perishable. When you complain that you have no peace, it is true because there is something carnal that you still hold on to, that is why you cannot have peace. You complain that you are easily irritated, this is so because there is something carnal that you still cling on to. You also complain that you are always on highly inflamed, that you cannot control yourself, it is so because you still become entangled with something carnal. You profess that you are always fond of taking court action against any person who offend you, this is so because you love carnal things, and there is something you still cling to. You do not want to forsake it. If, from this moment you are listening to this gospel, you re-arrange your thinking and forsake all the carnal things surrendering them to the worldly people, you will never be angry and you will be devoid of all problems and encumbrances.

MY KINGDOM IS NOT OF THIS WORLD

Remember when our Lord Jesus Christ was arrainged before Pilate, and Pilate ask him, Are you the King of the Jews? The Christ answered: Do you say this thing out of your own volition or were you told by others? Pilate asked him *Am I a Jew" Your own nation and the chief priests delivered you unto me, what have you done? "Our Lord Jesus Christ answered" "My Kingdom is not of this world, if my kingdom were to be of this world, then would my servant fight that I should not be delivered to the Jews, but now ismy kingdom not from hence. You have been called Beelzebub, are you beelzebub? You are referred to as a dracula, one who drinks blood. Do you drink blood? Why do you not go your own way? Whatever name is given you, whether thief or rogue, go your way because you are not connected with the glory of this world.

IF YOU WERE OF THE WORLD. THE WORLD WOULD HAVE LOVED ITS OWN

Why is it that after you had separated your-self from the world you again entangle yourself by listerning to them?

Why do you pray that God should not allow people to say, when something happens, where is your God? The world which will inquire about your God, you had seen, why did you not remain in it? If y o u had separated yourself from it, why do you go back to it? You pray to God not to allow your enemies laugh at you. Who are your enemies? If it is that you have forsaken everything who then is your enemy? If you were of the world, the world would have loved you but now that our Lord Jesus Christ has elected you from the world, it stands to reason that they have to hate you. He says if the world hates you, you should know that it hated me before it hated you. If all of us were to leave every person to himself all would have been well with us. You should have no hope on man, have no faith on man, do not rely on man's love but seek after God's faith, serve God and enslave yourself unto Him, listen to him, obey his instructions and comply with His exhortations, will not have any problems. The golden text will again be read.

Golden Text: Romans 8:16

"The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God."

Brethren, hear what is read unto you. It is said: The spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we all the children of God. You crusaders, therefore, are the children of God. Do not be flummoxed about who is a crusader. The personality of a crusader admits of no enquiry, a crusader is born not made. All the children of God, found throughout the world, are all crusaders. Whoever does not wish to be a crusader, leave him alone, do not compel somebody to become a crusader, because all children of God are crusaders.

IT IS NOT OF HIM WHO WILLS BUT GOD WHO HAS MERCY

All those who come to God asking Him to give them children, husbands, wives or money cannot become crusaders.

No worldly man can be a crusader. That was why our Lord Jesus Christ told the people: "You do not believe in me because you are not of my sheep. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them by names and they follow me." Crusaders all over the world are the children of God. It is why is said: "It is not of him who wills nor of him who runs a race but of God who shows mercy. Our Lord Jesus Christ is the head of all the crusaders. Matthew, a Tax Assessment authority and a millionmire was a crusader, because the Father had already elected him. Remember also Saul who was named Paul, was also a crusader because God had elected him from the beginning as somebody who would forsake everything. It is said that the multitude of them that believe were of one heart and of one soul they did not sow the seed of di division, there was no rancour, but shared all things in common.

YOU ARE THE CHILDREN OF GOD

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Brethren, you have to know today what hitherto you did not know that you are the children of God. God himself has, today, borne witness that you all are the children of God.

Whenever any fellowship meeting is opened, I have to give members certain guidelines. What the crusaders have to hold on to as a photograph is the promise manifested. If somebody ask you the reason of your hope, simply tell him that the espirit itself bears witness with your spirit that the crusaders are the children of God. That was why our Lord Jesus Christ wanted to die? The sake of churches because it was the zeal of his Father's house which consumed Him.

CRUSADES OUGHT TO BE CONSUMED WITH THE ZEAL OF GOD

You are aware that Our Lord Jesus Christ went from house to house, from village to village and from country to country preaching the word of God. He went to Jerusalem, Capernaum, India, Asia to preach the word of God. He has therefore commissioned the crusaders saying: "Go you into the world and make all nations my disciples baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." Can you observe the work of the crusaders? For all they receive, they neither add nor subtract but

impart exactly as they have received throughout all parts of the world, to project the image of this new kingdom of God. For this reason, the Father has revealed Himself to all the Crusaders. There is no crusader who does not realsie that he is a true child of God.

THE CRUSADERS HAVE TO PROJECT THE IMAGE OF GOD

The crusaders have forsaken all want they have. They sell all their wealth and surrender the proceeds in cash or kind, they are not appointed to do this by any person, neither are they compelled to do it. They do this work in love with great joy, to disseminate the gospel of salvation to those who connot physically receive from the horse's mouth. Their main aim is to propagate the gospel of the new kingdom. They also know that except a person forsakes all carnal things, he cannot undertake the work, and resemble the Father at the same time.

A CRUSADE IS A SOLDIER OF GOD

These guidelines are given to you new comers and those who will come in future and those who had already been crusaders. 30

The concept of Crusade is not new. It refers to the soldiers of God, it is an old institution. A local adage has it that another person's child cannot rub your back to the waist. If you behold those who are the true children of God, you will realise that they are not exasperated, are not quarrelsome, are not pugnacious and cantankerous, they do not fornicate nor tell lies nor indulge in the preparations of concoction nor cause any commotion or confusion.

What other name is so invigorating, so inspiring, so satisfying, so consoling and so assuring as the name of the child of Gcd, because God himself bears witness with our Spirit that we are the children of God. But you claim to hail from Calabar, or America or Asia or Africa. That erroneous. All of you are the children of God. Crusaders have no chang, they have no families they have no towns or villages. They are the workers of the Father, the instruments through which the Father reveals his glory in the f o u r commers of the world. They are not carnal but the true children of God, the children of Abraham and Spirited children. 40

Not all the children of Israel are the Israelites. As the children of God, heirs to this inheritance, you have the right also to bear this name throughout the whole world. You should not first seek your own glory, or man's glory or your own daily bread but you should seek after the glory of him who sent you. When you come across a real child of God, you will discover that he has the real zeal of God in his heart. He is always preoccupied with projecting the image of the Father and of His Kingdom. You will come across certain persons who profess to be Brotherhood only here but as soon as they are outside their behaviours will portray them as satans, those who have inot known anything about God. This is a sure indication that they are not the children of God. It has been said that false prophets would rise and they will be known by their work.

THERE IS NO FALSE CHILD OF GOD.

If you go about all places collecting money, goats, wine, and other things and yet you profess to have power, while you call names not connected with God and make certain

incantations, can you not see yourself as a false prophet? It is not raising the dead andmaking the blind to see but to project the image of God. He who created you, cause people see Him in you, through your behaviour, your words, thoughts and deeds, to let people know that you are not the doer. This is what is before us. We should know really that the spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God. God had already revealed it to the Crusaders. The Crusaders song was first sung at Ikeja Air Port. If you do not crucify the flesh with its lusts and desires how will you assume your position as a child of God. If you do not forsake all what you have, tell me how you will be rated as the real child of God.

You always hear of false prophets, and false apostles but have you heard of false son of God? That is why you are advised to forsake everything so that the Father can use you to serve Him in His vineyard. Eventhough you may become a son of God but if you do not forsake all the thing you have, God cannot use you in His service.

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

CHAPTER TWO

ABSTAIN FROM F O R N I C A T I O N

1st Lesson: 1 Corinthians 10: 8

2nd Lesson: 1 Corinthians 6:18

Golden Text: 1 Corinthians 3:16-18

Brethren, that is the theme of our revelation this night. It seems to me that you have listened attentively to this vision and prophecy. If we had examined ourselves, we would not have been judged by God. But when He judges us, He chastises us so that we may not be condemned with the world. God had never tempted us because man cannot be tempted of God. But every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his lust and enticed. It is said that a child who walks circumspectly will subdue what destroyed his father but a child who walks carelessly will be killed by what had killed his father. You are very much aware of the cause of Adam's death. It is that same thing which killed Adam and Eve, our first father and mother that is causing great confusion and commotion in the whole world today.

FORNICATION IS A DEADLY SIN

Even the children of Israel were subdued and killed by this dreadful sin on their way Egypt to the promised land. You have been told in the Scriptures that a total of 600,000 Israelites of 21 years old and above were delivered and brought out of Egypt excluding women and children, but only two persons finally reached the promised land. Why? This sad situation was caused by fornication. You have been told that a total of 23, 000 people died in ony day because of fornication. They died not because of lies, stealing or any other sin but because of the sin of fornication. All these things happened unto them for ensample and they are written for our admonition, upon when the ends of the world are come so that we may not indulge in the sin of fornication, a n d suffer death. If you like pray, but prayer cannot prompt God to change this situation. If Adam and Eve, our first parents were driven away from the Garden of Eden and they subsequently died because of the sin of fornication, what do you think of yourself? 45

All the difficulties we are experiencing today and through which the world will continue to suffer, are not caused by any other sin but fornication. Luckily for the world, I have come to realize that they do not regard fornication as anything, sinful. Even as I am delivering this gospel, most people are conversing, some are sleeping while others are singing. Nobody considers fornication a dreadful sin. Neither women nor men count it sinful to commit fornication. You want God to give you life, money, husband, wife but entirely forgetting about asking God to destroy the instinct of promiscuity and fornication in you completely so that you may live a righteous and p u r e life unto Him.

THE TERBANACLE OF GOD IS WITH MAN

God has no other house except the human body. The terbanacle of God is with men. God does not dwell in any other thing but man is the home of God. If Adam and Eve did not fornicate, troubles and afflictions would not have come upon the eworld. As you heard in the morning, God is a spirit and He has come to lead. He has come to teach and to direct.

He is the Lord of lords and King of kings. The pertinent question is: Where does He dwell? He dwells in the heart of men. Another significant question is: Can a fornication dwell with Him, or can the Almighty God dwell in the heart of a fornicator? The answer is No! Anybody, who through the sin of fornication, defiles God's Temple, him will God destroy. If you commit fornication, you have disappointed God and that house automatically is useless and stands condemned. This is so because fornication amounts to urinating, and passing faeces in God's temple, and His great hope of dwelling in man is defeated consequently the house has to be condemned and destroyed since it is not fit for habitation. Beloved brethren, if we had known that whatever sin we commit is without the body but when we fornicate we defile the temple of God, we would have forsaken earthly lusts and abstain completely from fornication. The most dreadful dilema about fornication is that people of all ages, races, creed and religious are involved. If you scan through the entire population of the world right from children to the adult, no one is free from committing fornication.

Men and women of diverse backgrounds, whether a chief, a king, a president, a governor, and academician, a poor man, and a robber are all neck deep in fornication. Preachers, soothsayers, doctors, traders, women have turn round to practice and patronise it nicely. Some people would stand up and declare how committed they are in the service of the Almighty God when they are fornicating seriously, and I ask: Is fornicating synonymous with serving God?

FLEE FORNICATION

Whoever commits fornication has no fellowship with Our Lord Jesus Christ and has got no share in this K_1 ngdom. He does not gather with Our Lord Jesus Christ but scatters abroad. There is no other sin more painful to God than fornication. To God the shame alone is debilitating. It has been revealed to us especially in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star that God does not dwell in man-made buildings, in cars, ships, or in any other thing but He lives inside the human body which is your body. It is, therefore, your onerous duty to keep this house clean in order to make it habitable for the Most High God, its builder.

Even if you fill this room with money, God is totally uninterested. If you line a bevy of girls who are immoral and defiled, take them away for God is not interested in them. If you pack a million or more handsome young men who have defiled themselves and hand them over to God to use in His vineyard, He will not use them because they are useless. But before God, only one person who maintains His purity and sanctity is greater than a million defiled people. God does not want any thing from you except that you should flee fornication.

GOD WHO DWELLS IN YOU IS A SPIRIT AND INVISIBLE

Who is the person who keeps himself pure? He is the person who flees fornication. Even as your caller is holy you also must he holy in all your undertakings. It is written you must be holy because I am Holy. What God requires of you, is complete abstinence from fornication. God does not require your children, house, position, book knowledge, money and motor car. He wants you r body and its purity. It is a mistake and even ignorance for somebody to think of building a house for God.

Never you make such a statement again. It amounts to showing disgrace to the Almighty God. It is equally erroneous for anybody to say he wants to erect a very big catheral to God because of His kindness to him. It is a big disgrace. Do you not realize that you are God's temple and that He dwells in your hearts? You had been told in the morning that God is a Spirit, and that the wind blows wherever it choses but nobody knows where it comes from or where it goes. If your body is dissected, that Spirit cannot be found but He is dwelling in you. He is invisible. We are H i s husbandry, the building of God, the city He h a s built. He walks about in us, and does all H i s things. It is said that whoever defiles this building, him will God destroy.

Adam and Eve did not commit murder, theft, prepare charms and juju but were indulging in the act of fornication. Then God was annoyed with them. That is why they were driven out of the Garden of Eden by God. All the problems and affilictions besetting the whole world are attributable to the sin of fornication.

All the toothgnashing, death, lack, diseases are due to fornication. The disappointment wrought on God is unbearable. The Comforter Himself has descended, but where is He going to dwell? The first houses, He built as Adam and Eve, where are they? They have been destroyed. It was a very sorrowful situation when God went out one day only to come back and find defiled and dilapidated buildings. That is why He cursed and drove them immediately away from His presence.

MAN IS THE CITY OF GOD, DO NOT KEEP IT UNKEMPT

After sometimes, He came back and offered Himself as a Supreme Sacrifice, using His precious Blood to wash us clean and then instructed man not to fornicate again. On His next advent, He discovers that Adam and Eve have again, in defiance of His instruction, defiled their buildings completely. I implore you to ponder over this issue. If you were the one who comes back to find this situation, how would you feel? Where then do you want Him to dwell? Because He has come to dwell with men, to live inside our bodies, to live in our hearts, to move about in our bodies as His husbandry and His City.

If you have defiled this building where do you expect Him to live? You are blaming the situation on on apparition, jujus, witchcrafts, and man. Stop blaming these none-existent things but ask yourself this pertinent question? Have you not defiled the temple of the Most High God? Do you not demolish the temple of the Most High God? Have you not eaten the forbidden fruits which your first parents, in disobedience to God command, ate and died? Did God not openly tell him that he would die, any day he would taste of that fruits because it is the fruit of the tree of good evil?

CRUSADERS DO NOT FORNICATE

You publicly profess to be Crusaders. Are you a Crusader? Why do you continue to fornicate? You also profess to be a member of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. Yes you are, there is no question about it, but why do you continue to fornia cate? You claim to be a real child of God, if you truely are, why do you commit and patronise fornication? Brethren, can you realize the cause of your condemnation?

This is why God has chosen this week and named it "World Wide Crusaders' Week." He does not require your money or any other thing of yours but He singularly want you to shun fornicating, to keep your body undefiled, to maintain your sanctity and purity, and He will return to His house and mamifest His glory at will because the human - house belongs to Him.

FORNICATION IS A GREAT WICKEDNESS AGAINST GOD

Do you not remember what happened to Joseph? If Joseph had yielded to the seduction of Potiphars' wife and had canal knowledge of her the children of Israel would have perished completely. To indicate to you that the children of God are always born not made, when Joseph was tempted by his master's wife, he yielded not and asked her "How can I do this great wickedness and sin against God"? Joseph was only a slave but look at a governor's wife in her exalted position condescending so low to ask Joseph for sexual intimacy. Can you see how satan behaves? But Joseph said, there is nobody who is greater than myself in this house. 53

my master has entrusted everything in the house to me and put them under my care, but as for you, he has not given you to me, you are his wife. I cannot commit this hideous crime. Can you see what has happened? Potiphar has entrusted everything in the house to Joseph. So that you may know that, nothing is as painful to God even to a man as fornication and adultery. Portiphar without even investigation into the allegation by his wife that Joseph wanted to know her canally, immediately cast Joseph into prison. This fornication which you are joking with, is the most painful offence a person can commit against God. Even if you can sing like a nightingale day in day out, if you do not forsake fornication, know it from me that you have not yet started, you have not shown your preparedness even if you dryfast for a whole year, you do not eat food, drink water or take bath but continue to fornicate, your effort isin vain and indeed a waste of time. Some of you are testifying that you do not eat meat, fish, or drink wine or do any other thing contrary to God's command, but what about "the king of crimes" Fornication?

Have you refrained from it? Some people are generous with their wealth, undertake house to house gospel ministry, but what about this sin of fornication? Have you refrained from it? This heinous sin is what has held back the world and has spelt on its inhabitants afflictions, poverty, murder, theft, robbery, bribery, corruption, wretchedness, swindling and lamentations, and none of the above is as painful to God as fornication. As I do not want to overload you let our first lesson be read.

1st Lesson: 1 Corinthians 10:8

"Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand."

FORNICATION IS AN INSTRUMENT OF DEATH

Have you seen death you are fearing? You are inviting death unto yourself as long as you continue to fornicate your fear of death not-withstanding. You are always over come with evil because you continue to fornicate.

You pray that God should take away sickness, temptation, penury, and enmity but you are fornicating. Do you not realize that fornication is the
cause of sickness, temptation, penury, enmity,
death and all your problems? We have a spiritual
song which says "When the Lord is with me, w h o
can fight against me." Except the Lord keeps the
city, the watchmen wakes but in vain. Except the
Lord builds a house, they labour in vain who build
it. If we do not allow God to live in our hearts
and we in Him, what can we do?

THE SPIRIT IS A SILENT GUEST

He is a Spirit. He is invisible but dwells in us. That is why we are advised not to commit fornication. He does not live in house built by man. He dwells in our hearts. He lives inside our bodies. If a child is able to abstain from fornication, that child is the dwelling place of God. When you pray to God to give you money to enable you go on ministry work or give alms to the poor, I ask you, do you think God does not go on ministry work?

you are aware that when the battle is tough, the king is always the Commander-in-Chief of the army, and He says you should give Him chance; you should keep your body undefiled, and that you should maintain your sanctify and purity. He sent angels, and they could not perform these duties. He sent His prophets, they had no ability to undertake these assignment. At last He sent His only begotten Son, and man hard - heartedly crucified Him. Now, who do you want him to send that you will not kill? Since you want to rob shoulders with God, when angels are sent down, you will send beautiful woman with plaited hair and make-up to them and the angels will fall. He also sent down His great prophets, and you produced beautiful women, with hairs all over their bodies, with European accent, to them and they, unable to resist the temptation, yielded. Dear brethren, whenever you come across a community where a man from above is found, people would produce beatiful women and the m a n would fall. When you see such a community r u n away from it.

Brethren, what has God done unto you? Is this the time that somebody has done to you a good thing, and you pay him back with a bad coin?

REFRAIN FROM FORNICATION

What particular sin has God committed by creating man in His own image and regarding him as His house, vineyard, city and husbandry where-in He may come and live in order to maintain H i s glory and honour. But you deceive yourself that you are Crusaders, you put on your white robes, you claim to be a Brotherhood, an Elder, a Chorister, a Pastor, but fornication has eaten deep into your fabric. You are no more recognised. It has submerged you. Give me a chance in your heart, Shun fornication completely. Let men and women refrain from fornication. Wait and see, in a very short moment you will see what God will use you to accomplish. Since 1960, I started announce ing that I am looking for a virgin, you pay deaf ears and instead start to laugh. I want neither you nor your wealth, but virgins who have not defiled themselves. 58

roday, God has brought the Crusaders who are the real children of God and children with the fear of God in them, then from now on, fornication has been stamped out from among you. Do you always come to God confessing that you have violated the Ten Commandments. Forget about that side. Just forsake fornication. The Father will come in and live in you. Do you remember one of the commandments which provides: Remember the Sabbath day to keep it Holy. What is the Sabbath? It is your heart. Our Lord Jesus Christ at one occasion asserted 'I am the Lord of the Sabbath.' If therefore you keep yourself undefiled, He will pass in and dwell therein because His dwelling place in habitable.

BROTHERHOOD DOES NOT FORNICATE

The Father deliberately invited the Crusaders so that the big log in your eyes might be removed. If you profess to be a child of God but you do not refrain from fornication, you are a deceiver. If you claim to be a Brotherhood but you persist in fornication you are a deceiver.

Any person who has resolved to serve God but does not refrain from fornication is a deceitful person. From the moment in time that God elected Paul he had no relationship with any woman throughout his life. That is why he is adjudged the most hardworking of all the Apostles. For O u r Lord Jesus Christ had declared that "He is a chosen vessel unto Me to bear My name before the gentiles, and kings and the children of Israel." And so the Christ dwelt in him and Peter was not able to undertake the type of work he did, n o r was any other person able to do it. Because he was not the one who did it by his own ability but the Christ who dwelt in him. If, therefore, you refrain from fornication now, He will pass into your body and so everything. He works in such a way that you are confounded. No person can claim to do anything because he is not capable. The Christ is the only worker, the only provision is that you should surrender yourself to him and fornicate no more, be you a man or woman refrain completely from fornication and let Him pass into His house and you will be bamboozled at what He h a d done. 60

MEN_AND_WOMEN_SHOULD_LEAVE_EACH_OTHER_ALONE

He does not require that we should do anything. What can we do? We are blind, lame, deaf, dumb and are dead as the door nail. However all is not lost but abstain whole heartedly from fornication, men should leave women along and women should leave men alone. That is why it is said, if you bestow all your goods to feed the poor and give your body to be burnt but you do not surrencer yourself by abstaining from fornication, you have not done anything worthy of praise.

Those who have refrained from fornication, those whose spirit of fornication is a mpletely dead in them, have the right to knock their heads and thank their God. Every person whether man or woman who abstrains from fornication has the right to thank his God because he has a share in this tree of life. Because it is that woman prostitute who is pinning you down. A great many of you here are lamenting and praying that the Father should deaden your sex organ,

some contemplating whether they should cut off that part of the body. For as this sermon is going on if you see a woman, you, will be burning in your lust for her, if you see a man, you stick your neck on him despite the gospel denouncing fornication.

SEX INFLUENCE IS POWERFULL

Brethren, the sex influence is very weighty. Some complain that it is the woman who has charmed him or vice versa, it is no charm at all, but it is the sexual influence which is mos to powerful. It destroys great kings and learned men, it demolishes wealthy persons, the government, the church and every other thing and so condemns the whole world. Now many people are crying and lamenting because of the sin of fornication and its punishment?

IF YOU DO NOT WISH THAT THE CHRIST SHOULD RULE OVER YOU. YOU WILL BE ELIMINATED

I am making this proclamation from High heaven to the whole world. Go and tell it to your church denomination, to millionaire, to your government, to the scientist,

to kings and principalities, to philosophers, to astronomers and to astrologers that total abstinence from fornication is required because it is the sin which has brought unttold suffering to the inhabitant of the world. Because the Father alienated the flesh to Himself to rule, He has appointed Our Lord Jesus Christ to control all flesh, but if you refuse that He should rule over you then destruction sets in. Ass you sit down or stand, nothing can have domirnion over you. It is only God who has domin on over you. Whoever does not wish that He should rule over him will be annihilated. This is the last world, there will be no other. If you like He will rule over you, but if you reject Him, you will be eliminated. Have you heard what He has staid? But those mine enemies, who would not that I should reign over them, bring hither and slay them before me. Who are those who do not wish that He should rule over They are those who do, not want to forsake them? fornication, this means that; you do not wish that Our Lord Jesus Christ should! reign over your body.

A great many people when they listen to a gospel such as this, will become so petrified with fear but as soon as they go back, they again become entangled in it head-long. This means that yo u have demolished the house and do not wish that Our Lord Jesus Christ should reign over you, you are, therefore, declared a wanted person.

This gospel must be given to any person who wants to become a Crusader or enrol in flesh as a Brotherhood. Give it to men of all stations in life, the governor, the president, Archwishop, millionaire, professor and scientist. The gospel should be disseminated to all parts of the world, and in water for the water Spirits.

NEW HEAVENS AND NEW EARTH

This is the vision which John had when he said I saw that the first heaven and the first earth were passed away and a new heaven and new earth appeared and he continued to say I saw the Holy City, New Jerusalem coming down from God out of heaven prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

pehold the tabernacle of God is with men and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God will wipe away all tears from their eyes and there shall be no more death neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be a n y more pain for the former things are passed away. Give Him the chance in your heart that He may come and dwell there in. Have you given Him the chance in your heart?

Now God, the Son and the Holy Spirit have come down according to His promise to dwell in His house but unfortunately this house is defiled. When He dwells in your heart, you will not die again, will never be sick and will never be poor a n d will not do any type of work again, you will now be in heaven. The trouble and problem afflicting the world is attributable to the fact that people do not give Him the chance to enter into His house.

Know ye, therefore, that the Father has opened your ears because Our Lord Jesus Christ used to conclude His discourses by the Words "Those who have ears let them hear" God has today opened all the human ears in the world and you will hear the Word of God. The Father's farewell address of January 1983 had enjoined that all members whether they like it or not, it is incumbent upon them to hear the Word of God from this year, all must also practise the Word of God. The farewell addresses for January, April and August will be compiled into one book and every body should have it in his libray. From nowtill eternity it is incumbent upon all children of God to practise the gospel. The second lesson will now be read. Listen attentively, of course I have given all t h e inhabitants of the world and angels also t h e ears to listen to and assmilate these words.

2nd Lesson: 1 Corinthians 6: 18.

"Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body."

Brethren, have you heard that? An adage has it that what is delicious in the mouth of a sick person, he will continue to eat that until he dies. Can you not realise that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Those who continue to fornicate have sinned against their own body, and have sinned against God.

FORNICATION DEFILES THE BODY

If you have been in Brotherhood for twenty years but you do not yet refrain from fornication, your twenty years are but nothing. If you have just come to Brotherhood today and you refrain rom fornication, you are better than somebody who has been here for a million years but still persists in fornication. If you are in the world or in any of the church denomination but do not fornicate, you are better than somebody who professes to be Brotherhood and puts on the white raiment, a hundred times. These are they who will inherit this glory, they are found in the different church denominations and in different communities, they have seen this glory but they have not yet been manifested in the flesh, they rejoice in the glory.

A fornicator has not yet seen this glory. And so brethren, know that every sin you commit is without your body but whosoever commits fornication sins against his own body. It was the sin of fornication which killed Adam and Eve. God is calling upon all the inhabitants of the world to flee fornication both men and women, government and church alike, spiritual churches, necromancers, soothsayers, men of all stations in life both big and small to run away from the sin of fornication. Tell the millionaires, the kings and emperors and principalities, the governors and presidents, the church dignitaries to run away from fornication.

What Adam would have done in the beginning, he rather asked in the end, When God told him not to eat of the forbidden fruit, if he had not eaten, he wouldnot have been disgraced. But at the end he asked God to remove the sex urge from him, and God indeed removed the sex urge, that was why he could live for a further 930 years. Brethren, you cannot do that out of your own volition but ask Him.

po not ask Him formoney and health but ask a n d plead with Him to take away from you that sex urge.

FORNICATION IS INTERNAL CANKER-WORM

canker-worm which eats into the fabric of your body which no person can control because it is not your pleasure to continue with the hideous sin. You may be sitting doing some other thing but the urge begins to burn in you and you are pressurised to commit fornication, after the act you will realise yourself but it will be too late because you will be too helpless.

Do you know from where it comes? It is here-ditary and you inherit it from your great grand father, it is latent and it is not easy to suppress it by force, if you do it by force you harm your-self. It is from the blood of your great grand father. He committed fornication, even your first father Adam committed fornication, This sin is hereditary from Adam and Eve. It is said I will visit the iniquities of the fathers upon the children onto the third and forth generation of them that hate me.

For that reason many have cried and lamented that God should kill them but He has not killed them. When men see women they begin to fidget and become lowsy sticking their necks, when women see men they also burn with urge for sex even if you want to shoot them down, they are not bothered, because they are swallowed up in their desires. FORNICATION INFECTS ALL PARTS OF YOUR BODY

You have heard that lesson, it says every sin that a man commits is without the body but whoever commits fornicationhas sinned against his own body, It permeats into your flesh, bones, blood stream, joints and marrow and ligaments and will infect and contaminate all parts of your body, rendering them useless. If you take any drug, you will urinate it out, if you drink any type of wine you will also urinate out, if you rub anything on your body, you will wash it off, but when you fornicate, the element will forever remain in you body. That is why the Bible confirms that we were shapen in of iniquity and born in sin, because that blood fornication is over-whelming in you.

your first sexual intimacy is with a female prostitute, and it was a male prostitute who broke your virginity, that is why you carry about with you the mark of fornication.

You find in this world people gallivanting the streets like he-goats, full fledged men with cars packed by road sides lamenting and begging in a women's house and if moral persuation is not applicable they use combat by committing forceful rapes against a girl or a boy. It is because of that permeating promiscuous blood. So brethren, I am shedding tears for you Crusaders and the inhabitants of the whole Brotherhood world that yo u should forget about what had transpired in the past and refrain completely from fornication. Because it is a pathetic and sorrowful situation for God to fail fulfilling His own will in the world. Since He had promised to fulfill His will, it is impossible that he will deviate from it.

ONLY THE BLOOD OF THE CHRIST CAN CLEANSE YOU

See to it that the precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ will not be made of none effect. Who ever plants coco-yam expects the multiplication of the specie seen and whoever marries expects children from the marriage. Our Lord Jesus Christ shedded His Blood to redeem our souls unto the Father. The blood of a goat or cow cannot cleanse you, the blood of any man, a thief, a murderer or any son of man cannot cleanse and redeem man but the precious Blood of God alone cleanses the sin of fornication from your body which Adam and Eve initiated action.

The reason that God has left man with utter abandon and allows him to suffer under the angel is for this sin of fornication, because every sin that a man commits is without his body but any person who commits fornication sins against his own body. It means that when man commits fornication the house of God is defiled and rendered uninhabitable and so God cannot dwell in it. This explains why they are afflicted. If God dwells in you and you in Him what can harm you? Death will have no dominion over you, neither man, nor/

nor any other thing can rear its ugly head against you or flap: its wings.

FORNICATION SEPARATES MAN FROM GOD

Do not be deceived into believing that there is any secret thing in Brotherhood. The only secret thing is that when you refrain from fornication, God the Father and the Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit will dwell in you and have dominion over you and control you.

Whenever you commit fornication you become like an orange whose juice has completely been sucked out and the fibre is thrown away. When you fornicate, you become like a woman who has reached the end of her child bearing age, and can bear no children any longer, she must be left alone. When you commit fornication you are like a plantain stem which after the ripe bunch has been cut off becomes useless. The only hope of God is to dwell in yourbody and when you defile the house, you render yourself useless, and uninhabitable. Let us have our golden text.

Golden Text: 1 Corinthians 3:16-18

"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is Holy, which temple ye are.

Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in t h i s world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise."

Brethren, have you heard what is read to you? The Scriptures warn that you should not fornicate as some of them committed and died 23,000 in one day. It is said know ye not that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you and if any person defiles the temple of God him will God destroy. Can you observe the high incidences of death in the world in the morning, in the afternoon an in the evening, in the night and at every moment of time taking toll of both young and old, small or great, of lawyers, judges, millionaries, kings, queens, presidents, governors. Why? It is only that you have renderd yourself useless.

FORNICATION BRINGS ABOUT DEATH

what has brought about death? It is fornication. God has come to dwell in His building which is your body so that He may be glorified because He has come to assume His reign both in heaven and on earth. If He does not reign, no other phenomenon can rule. This is the reign of God. So whosoever does not accept His rule must be eliminated. Those who accept Him will reign with Him and be glorified with Him. This is not the time to plead with any person, this marks the final epoch.

Do not disturb yourself building a church, there is nothing like church, man is God's building and He is a Spirit and dwells in you. He does not live in another place apart from your body. You notice Him within yourself. He is talking to you and indwelling/you and for this reason nothing has dominion over you. You neither suffer under the rain from the scorging heat, nor from death nor sickness.

A Samaritan woman told Our Lord Jesus Christ 'you say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship, but our fore fathers worshipped in this mountain.' But Our Lord Jesus Christ told her 'woman believe Me the hour is coming when you will neither worship the Father in this mountain nor yet in Jerusalem.' For you worship what you do not know but we worship what we know for salvation is of the Jews. And He said but 'the hour is coming and how is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in Spirit and in truth, for the Father seeks such to worship Him. 'He then concluded, 'God is a Spirit, and they who worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth. YOU ARE THE TEMPLE WHICH SHINES

John the Divine also bore testimony when he said "I saw no temple therein for the L_{0} rd God Almighty and the Lamb are the Temple in it, and the city had no need of the light of the sun neither of the moon to shine in it for the glory of God did lighten it and the Lamb is the light thereof." What is the significance of this?

It signifies that you are the temple, the Lamb, and the Father shines in you and you are the light, and your body is an embodiment of all wisdom, all power, all wealth, all glory; you are the city of God, the city of the King and the Kingdom of God.

From the beginning of the world no person has pleased the Father. Solomon built a temple a n d others went to the mountain. These were erroneous. This is the appropriate time, the fulness of time that was predicted God would dwell in man. Since I am making this declaration from High heaven every inhabitants of the world is listening to this gospel, all spirit and angels are also listening to this gospel. Water, hades, heavens have all received this gospel. Do not worry yourself any longer to look for money with which to serve God or to build a house for God where you can worship but refrain from fornication. Behold there is a stranger at the door knocking and waiting for you to open. Open the gate of your heart and He will enter. Purify yourself, deny and denounce fornication.

IF YOU DEFY YOUR BODY GOD WILL DESTROY YOU

From this moment you listen to this Gospel. refrain from fornication and comply with the contents of this gospel because the Scriptures have advised: "Today when you will hear My voice harden not your heart!" If the one who spoke to them from the earth and they hearken not and were not saved how much less him who speaks to them from High heaven, how do you hope to be saved. Man is neither God, nor the Christ, nor the Spirit, nor Jehovah, but you are God's building, and God's husbandry, flee fornication and when He passes into your body, He will be glorified and you with Him. Tell it to traditional rulers, to wise men, to wealthy men, to the church that if they defy the temple of God, them will God destroy.

Those who marry hundred women should call a halt to their venture; those who indulge in plurality of husbands should abstain. There is time for everything, and this is the era of God, the owner of the vineyard has come into His vineyard, let Him pass through.

There is one spectacular sign in the world. 111 matrimonial homes have now gone to the rocks. The position is that either the wife or the husband abandons the house for the other, there is trouble every where. Husband, Wife and children are always at daggers-drawn, what does this indicate? It is an indication that the owner of the building, the owner of the vineyard has arrived to live in His City. Tell every body that whoever defiles the temple of God him will God destroy. A sinner is always indebted to death, a fornicator is indebted to death. Enrol as a member in all prayer houses and in all secret societies, pray, fast, indulge in mysticism and hypnotism, h a v e plenty of money but if you are a fornicator, God will destroy you. He created you but have become a defiled man. He came back using His precious Blood as a redemptive measure for every person in order to cleanse you, cleanse me and cleanse all but you have licked back your vomits. Now has come to reign in His house, His city, His Vineyard; and therefore, whoever will defile the temple of the Almighty God him will God destroy.

Disseminate this gospel to every body everywhere, so that no one would argue that he did not hear, All women in the Association of prostitutes should be advised to withdraw forthwith, for the job is destructive and killing. All those who go about prostituting, jumping from pillar to post in search of a woman or man, should be advised to stop immediately.

Both men and women, should advise themselves on this issue of fornication because the destruction and calamity that will befall fornicators is dreadful and incomprehensible. They will be dying and perishing in millions. What you witness in the world today is that the wrath of God is visited on people. They have ears but bluntly refuse to listen to the Word of God. God is not poor. He is never in lack therefore, your demand to come and minister unto Him is uncalled for He has come to serve and also to be served. He has to rule over you in love, joy, peace and humility, and to have dominion over all His creations.

Heaven and earth belongs to God, the world a n d the fullness thereof belongs to Him and we are also His property. Do not choose a house for Him for you are His house, His city, His vineyard, surrender yourself completely to Him. If you accept Him, keep yourself undefiled and surrender yourself to Him, you will reap the fruits of the earth. But if you are disobedient and defy the house of God, He will destroy you.

Take this gospel to the president by hand, to the governors, to the Prime minister, Kings a n d Queens, Emperors and Traditional rulers, sent it to the Government and other institutions, send it to intellectuals, the Queen of England and men of all stations in life. Advise them to refrain from fornication.

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

Most people in the world are afflicted under the fear and torment of evil spirit and mermaid. They spend millions of naira to banish the fear and live a free life but cannot have salvation. If you go to preach to them the Kingdom of God, they will be liberated. Like the just condluded general election some people had spent millions of naira during campaigns, if you had gone to educate them by imparting the Word of God to them they would not have spent that much.

TESTIFY ABOUT THIS KINGDOM

Go out and give your testimonies. Write them and circulate to people who are still ignorant about this Kingdom. Can you light a candle and cover it with a bushel?

Brethren, I do not intend to be tedious unto you, one stroke of the cane is sufficient for the wise, those who have ears, let them hear. May God bless His words. Amen.

CHAPTER FOUR

SUFFICIENT UNTO THE DAY IS THE EVIL THEREOF

1st Lesson Matthew 16:34 Golden Text Matthew 10:29

Brethren, what is read to you is the summary of our revelation. Are not two sparrows sold for a far-thing? And one of them shall not fall on the ground without the knowledge of your Father. Our Lord Jesus Christ has compared the parable of the two sparrows and the farthing with man and inquires whether man is not more precious than the birds. If God knows about two sparrows, their food, their fall, how much more does He know about man. I do not know why many people profess to be Brotherhood but when a little temptation befalls them, they stumble and shy away from further professing of their faith,

GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT TOMORROW

You have heard the first lesson that you should not trouble yourself about tomorrow, for tomorrow will take thoughts about the things of itself, sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. That is the warning God has given us about tomorrow and about this life.

It forms the instruction of God about tomorrow. That is the vision about your life. If you were to focus your attention steadfastly on this statement, nobody would have asked question why certain things happen. Do not trouble your heart about tomorrow because tomorrow will contain its own state of confusion of the heart, a day's trouble is sufficient for the day. Whatever happens in a day had been destined for that day. God, the Father had pre-ordained that it should happen before the foundations of the world were laid, and so it has to be fulfilled.

DESTINY

There is nothing which has ever taken God by accident and there is nothing in this wide world which God does not know about. But those which are obscured from us are clear to God. You are His beloved children, that is why He has given you this instruction that whatever you see in a day, you should be satisfied because that is enough for that day. He warns that we should not be surprised at whatever we see or hear or notice because everything works according to the instruction of God.

He knows about everything and any event that occurs in a day. He has already known about. Brethren, there is nothing that happens either in this world or in another world which had already not been fixed by Him. All what happened to Our Lord Jesus Christ had been written and kept. If you read the old Testament from Genesis you will come across all the events recorded which occured to Our Lord Jesus Christ during His life time. All what happened to Job had been written in the scriptures and kept forhim before He came into the world. All the things that happened to Moses ever before He came into the world, had already been destined for him. Whatever happened to each and everyone of us had already been pre-arranged by the Father, they had been pre-ordained to happen

to us during our life time. We should, therefore, not ask question or entertain any doubt about anything that happens. No person should
fear or engage in useless arguments about a n y
events.

THERE IS TIME FOR EVERYTHING

The book of Ecclesiates chapter three has spelt out in clear terms all the exhortations and instructions of God.

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It is said, there is time for everything under the sun; when a man is born and when a man is dead; when he is healthy and when he is sick; when he is wealthy and when he is in lack, when he is loved and when he is hated by everybody. He has enumerated everything that will come to pass during the life-cycle of a human being. Year of peace, year of war, when somebody is filled and when heis starved. Anybody who reads the Bible throughly will have no time to question what he sees every day. He would rather give glory and thanks to God. All those who are beset with problems and afflictions and who seek solutions from prayer house, charms, and concoction and herbs portray their unbelief in God and His word is the Bible. Your constant attendance at church services and prayer meetings means nothing to you, if you fail to belief in the word of God.

EVERYTHING WORKS TOGETHER FOR GOOD

Since God, has scheduled time for everything, nothing can change this order, and there is nothing which is absolutely new on earth. There is nothing thing absolutely old.

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There is nothing that is evil. All what we see from day to day are good. The children of God should entertain no fear whatever and should not ask question. Whoever asks questions, and feigns weak whenever something happens, is not a child of God, because he does not believe in the word of God. It is said that no person should boast in man for everything belongs to God whether Paul or Appolos whether life or death, whether it is good health or it is sickness, for everything belongs to us and we belong to Our Lord Jeus Christ, and Our Lord Jesus Christ belongs to God. It does not serve any useful purpose to pray to God to set aside anything or to bring anything new to your life. All respect belongs to us, all disgrace belongs to us, all children are ours, all weeping are ours, therefore seek not after these things for in their appointed time each and everyone of them will come to pass in your life time. This is why the children of God are always ever ready, TEMPTATION IS AN EXAMINATION OF FAITH

It is said blessed is the man who endures tempetation for when he is tried he shall receive the crown of life.

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There is nothing that happens in this world does not bring one form of benefit or the other to the person who experiences it. You may regard it as evil but it is good and whether you regard it as good, it is still good. Since it is the Father who controls everything and when He says everything is good, it is so. You have received teachings and lessons in this Kingdom to such an extent that no person should fail to take stock of himself. No temptation comes upon any person except that which he can bear and in the midst of any form of temptation, God will provided an immediate way of escape so that he may not be overcome by the temptation. That is the reason he advises that we should rejoice no matter the form of temptation because all are to His own glory. Temptations are meant to test out faith. It is just like somebody going to school and from time to time there will be examinations to test how much he has assimilated in the school. And so in the school you have weekly, monthly, terminal and sessional examinations to understudy the level of your comprehensiveness of lessons given to you.

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Without such temptations we swould not be able to measure our faith in God.

JOHN THE BAPTIST DOUBTS THE PERSONALITY OF THE CHRIST

You remember what happened to John the Baptist. John bore eloquent testimonies about Our L o r d Jesus Christ. But when John was caught and imprisoned, his thought was that since Our Lord Jesus Christ had come, he would set him free. Because he knew that he committed no crime before he was cast into prison and those who were imprisoned for no just cause would be freed. He remembered what he read about Our Lord Jesus Christ that He would come and set at liberty those who were unjustly treated. But when he discovered that He was not forth-coming, he sent his disciples to go and enquire from Him, if He was really the Messiah that was prophesied would come, or should they look for another, Why? Because he thought that when He would come all the oppressed would be relieved but now that He did not go to liberate Him, it means he must have made a mistake to regard him as the Messiah.

The same thing happened to Peter. Because it was written that Christ will not taste of Death. With this knowledge in his mind, when Our Lord Jesus Christ informed the disciples that he was going up to Jerusalem and there he would be arrested and tortured and at the end the poeple would kill him, but God would cause him to rise up on the third day. Peter abruptly retorted, far be from you it that such a thing should happen to you. Our Lord Jesus Christ told him, go behind Me satan because you do not wish that the will of God should be fulfilled. Peter answered carnally. His mind was still agitating on what the Christ said. In his mental torture he said if it will be possible to arrest and kill him then he was following the wrong person. In the same token when your illness is not quickly healed, you will argue that it is said that God has come down to earth and when He comes no person will be sick, no person will die, no temptation will befall any person but now that you are sick, and temptation has befallen me, does it mean that God does not exist again? When you contemplate in that way, do you not want the will of God to be fulfilled?

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TAKE THIS CUP FROM ME NOT AS I WILL BUT AS YOU WILL

Our text has reminded you that we should not take stock of tomorrow for tomorrow will take stock of itself and a day's trouble is sufficient for the day. Remember that when Lazarus died Our Lord Jesus Christ went there and said solemnly, Oh! Father, I know you always listen to my prayers but for the sake of the crowd of people here and instantly called on Lazarus: "Lazarus, My friend come out" and immediately Lazarus came out and He was happy that God had answered His prayers. But on that great and eventful day, when He was crucified He offered the similar prayers, did God listen to Him? He continued to offer the same type of prayers intermittently and in particular mo ments: "Oh! Father if thou will, take this cup away from Me nevertheless not as I will but as thou will." And receiving no reply He repeated it again but since a day's trouble is sufficient for the day and it was pre-ordained that He should drink of that cup on that particular day, God did not take away the cup. 145

But in the eyes of man it seems that after the death of Our $L_{\rm O}$ rd Jesus Christ, the whole world was going to perish but in the eyes of the Almighty God it was a blessing in disguise because without the shedding of the precious Blood there would be no salvation.

SUFFICIENT UNTO THE DAY IS THE EVIL THEREOF

And so brethren, what we see from day to day, if such things had not taken place, worse things would have happened. That should be the conviction of the children of God on the Father, because He had never done anything which is evil, but He continues to take care and protects his children and whatever He does, seeks to bring glory a n d redemption to them. He has taken stock of the hairs on our heads. Our lives are in His hands, Our times are in His hands also. All our flesh, blood, sorrows and joys are in His hands. He watches over our souls during the day, in the night, morning, evening, in darkness, every second, minute and hour, week, month and the year, for He

made a promise that He will never forsake us. But man when faced with temptation declares that God has deserted him especially when he is without kobo in his hand. The truth is that God has never forsaken anybody at anytime. When a person is penniless he feels God has departed from him. No, God is there. When anything happens to a man, he feels that God has deserted him. He has not, what you have seen is for your own benefit. It is a very good thing and you should be filled with happiness that it has happened.

THE WILL OF GOD IS UNPREDICTABLE

It is not an easy thing for any person who does not believe in God to be happy with God when faced with a difficult situation, except the real children of God. It is exactly the joy that Our Lord Jesus Christ has kept for you when he said: My peace I give unto you not as the world gives that I give because I go to the Father, and if you had known, you would be happy. If you were to know the will of God, whether it is life or death, whether it is sickness or health, whether

it is poverty or wealth or whatever problems or condition, we should laugh, jump and rejoice. If God had given the opportunity for man to behave as he likes, the whole world would have perished. Have you heard what the Scriptures say, if we live according to the dictates of the flesh We must die but if we use the spirit to eliminate the flesh we will live. If God had listened to the prayers offered by Our Lord Jesus Christ,"if thou will let this cup pass away from Me" then the whole world would have perished. That is why it is said God is no respecter of persons. Who has ever predicted the will of God? He will continue to be God and God forever. Brethren, I do n o t want to take you further, let our first lesson be read.

1st Lesson: Matthew 6:34

"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."

WHAT SHALL SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF THE CHIRST?

Brethren, have you heard what is read unto you? It is said wherever evil abounds, there will grace abound the more, and where good is found, evil thrives there too. Everthing works together for good to those who love God. From this we see that in God there is nothing evil. Whoever argues that there is an evil thing it means, that person does not believe in God. That is why Our Jesus Christ says, blessed are ye when men shall revile you and shall persecute you and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for My sake. He says, rejoice and be exceedinly glad for great is your reward in heaven. This is why Paul who understands this predicament declares: W h o shall separate me from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to

come, nor heights, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate me from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus Our Lord.

SUFFER FOR YOUR WELLDOING NOT AS A THIEF

It is said rejoice inasmuch as you are partakers of Christ's sufferings: that when H i s glory shall be revealed, you may be glad also with exceeding joy to be revealed with Him. But you are warned that you should not suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evil doer, or as a busybody in other men's matters. But if you suffer for Christ's sake blessed are you.

Let your heart not be troubled no matter what happens even if a person dies, or is sick, or is imprisoned, or is hungry, or is poor, or is unemployed. Rejoice at all circumstances knowing that God cares always for you. But when you commit adultery, fornication, murder you should cry and mourn. If death comes when you are doing good, be happy and tell him to take you away.

If it is imprisonment which wants to take you away do not argue, just tell it to depart with you immediately. Do not run away from any type of temptation because the glory of God is going to be revealed in you sooner or later. The only thing is that we should be very sad and sorrowful when we commit sin because at that particular point in time our souls are sorrowful.

FOR WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE CHASTENS

But whenever difficulties beset you in this life, do not be sad, do not ask question, do not frown andinvolve yourself in any misgivings, do not cry, wail and morn, because they are for your own benefits. The Scriptures say: You have forgotten the exhortation which speak to you as unto children, my son depise not the chastening of the Lord nor faint when you are rebuked of him. For whom the Lord Loves he chastens and scourges every son whom he receives. If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons, for what son is, he whom the father does not chasten. But if you are not chastened where of all are partakers then are you bastands, and not sons.

Again we have fathers of the flesh who correct us and we reverence them, shall we not be in subjection to the Father of Spirits and true? For now no chastening for the present seems joyous but grievous never-theless afterwards it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to them who are exercised thereby. Brethren, there is nothing that happens which does not bring great profits to the entire world. Pharoah dreamt. He saw seven fat cows and seven lean cows. At the end, did that dream not bring something beneficial to the entire world?

GOD SETS THE POOR AMONG PRINCESS AND MAKES THEM INHERIT THE THRONE OF GLORY

To indicate to you that a day's trouble is sufficient for the day, he had that dream but did not know the interpretation. What will come to pass in 14 years period was what was revealed to him. Prayers did not take it away. Fasting did not remove it, weeping and mourning did not take it away since God had signed it and ordained it as a fountain of salvation to the entire world.

Why did these things happen? It was for the glorification of God. It was because of the promise which God made unto Joseph. If these things did not take place how do you think it would have been possible for a slave boy like Joseph to become a governor in Egypt? If such a thing did not happen how do you think he would have been taken out from the prison yard? If these things did not take place how do you think that his brothers and father would have been brought to Egypt in fulfilment of the dream when he saw eleven boundles of wood falling down to worship his own bundle. If these things did not happen what would have brought about the fulfilment of his earlier dream? PHARAOH'S DREAM INTERPRETED

And Joseph gave Pharoah the interpretation of his dream. He said that the seven healthy cows symbolised seven years of abundance of food and fruits in the land and who knew that after the seven years of abundance another seven years of starvation and deadly famine would follow? Who knew?

He interpreted further that the other seven lean and unhealthy cows signify seven years of unprecedented famine the world had never known. Who was able to set this ugly situation aside? Pharoah himself observed the uncountrolable nature of the situation and in his helplessness left everything in the hands of Joseph and told him whatever he felt would be good for the land he should do it. But for the fulfilment of the dream how do you think it would have been possible for his father, and brothers to settle in Egypt? Who would argue that these things were not brought about by God? You should not continue to doubt God for I have lectured you to such an extent that you should not be fearful of anything. Even if you are fired at, push into water, pierced with the sword you should not entertain any fear but jump, sing and dance for happiness.

THE TREE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL

God told Adam and Eve, "Eat of all fruits in this Garden, except the fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, any day you taste of it you will die. What was the evil thing in their

eating of this fruit? When they ate of the forbidden fruit, their eyes were opened and they became as wise as the Almighty God. Was there anything to regret about? If they had not eaten of this fruit, do you think that man would no t still behave as animal? Man would not have known anything, He would not have had any reasoning faculty, but after eating the forbidden fruit, man became as wise as God. Again, if they had not eaten of that forbidden fruit, they would not have died. If there was no death, the situation would have been that there would be no increase in the population of the world. Adam and Eve would have been the only people living on earth. Because it is abundantly clear that if there is no death there would be no birth. If people are not sick, people cannot be healthy. If you are not hungry, you have no wisdom. If you are not afflicted, you will never know yourself.

It was the pronouncement of God that man should go into the world and be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth, that brought death, sickness, poverty, tribulations and afflictions into the world.

People are dying in millions everyday and people are born into the world in billions. You are true witness to the fact that there has been an explosive population in the world and for this reason many countries have legalized abortion in order to equate the death rate with the birth rate or to reduce the population of the world to a manageable size, what is the evil in death?

MARRIAGE IS NOT SINFUL BUT THE COUPLE WILL BE AFFLICTED

Now it is possible to communicate with somebody in Britain through the telephone, or radio telephone or Telex. Now modern inventions have made the world smaller, Some board an aeroplane and travel to Europe or America within a few hours. This wisdom of inventing these modern ways communication can be attributable to man eating the forbidden fruits. Without eating the fruit you would not have acquired such knowledge. It is said if you marry, you have not sinned, if a virgin marries, she has not sinned. Nevertheless, she will have trouble in the flesh. Has the statement of God that a married person will i suffer 156

in the flesh deter people from marrying? People will not be able to stay without marrying because it is through marriage that children are produced. Eventhough you suffer so much in your matrimonial home, even the government does not impose such suffering on people, but people love it because whenever evils abound good things emanate from there. Your daughter or your sister who is married will be so tortured and tomented that you will stamp your feet on the ground that such marriage will end thenext day. But will you marry her? Though she has report the position to you and you make effort to revoke the marriage, your daughter or sister will sneak out and run to her man surreptitiously. An observer will think that she is being charm, it is no charm. But she prefers to go that way because she knows and realises the usefulness of a husband even if she will be beaten to death, or confined inside an air-tight house or put inside a pot.

PAINFUL DELIVERY DOES NOT DETER A WOMAN FROM SEX

God has said unto the woman "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; in sorrow you will bring forth children.

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We have heard and known this to be true. But has that statement debared a woman from being sexually intimate with a man inspite of the great travail? When a woman is pregnant, her thoughts hangs on death, she will vow that after that delivery, she will not be pregnant again. The husband will make the same promise that after that delivery he will try to aviod putting hes wife in the family way. Of course such a vow is erroneous. Immediately after delivery they will start all over again. Brethren, you can realise that God knows everything, He makes everything and he is responsible for all what happens.

Wherever you find any good thing evil things are also found there. Somebody may tell you that a certain man has a very prominent child, if you watch and trace what the child has done to the father, it will not be possible for you to tell rain stories to the fire. If you are afraid of disgrace, do not come to this plane of manifest, because if you come you will be disgraced. If you feign shy about death, do not come to this world, because if you come, you will die.

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If you fear sickness, do not come here because sickness is a native of this plane of manifest. If you are afraid of imprisonment, there are imprisonments every where and so do not come to this world. If you come all these storms of life raging will beset you.

Who would love to depart from this plane of creation? Who would accept if it is said to him "let us depart from this world?" That is why Paul has 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." From this day, whatever you see and witness, have no regard for it, because the glory which will be revealed in you is so great that it is better imagined than described.

Do not murmur against God because of sickness.

Do not murmur against God because of your childlessness. Do not murmur against God for reason
of your being jobless. Do not murmur against God
because you are an orphan without father and mother.

Do not murmur against Him because you have lost your sight. Always remembering that these light suffering of the present are not worthy to be compared with the everlasting glory which will be revealed in you. Because it is better for a man to go unto heaven with one hand than to go to hell with two hands. Instead of your going into hell with two eyes, go into heaven with one eye. That is why you see so many curious things happening and you complain such an event does not emanate from God. From whom do they emanate then? And so brethren, I do not wish to take you further, our golden text will now be read

Golden Text: Matthew 10:29

"Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father."

Brethren, have you heard what is read unto you? What has our Lord Jesus Christ told us? He says if the world hated you, you should realise that it first hated me before it hated you. Why are the children of God hated by the world?

It is Our Lord Jesus Christ who has made a charge on it. He says the world will hate you, will persecute you, will torture you and will kill you. If he has set this down, it is difficult for you to abrogate it. You will realise that what beset the children of God do not emanate from man but from God. He says it will come to pass when the people will kill you thinking they are aerving God. If He had said this and if the children of God are killed then God himself is responsible. And he says: again that a time will come when people will hate you for my sake. If people hate you for his sake, the situation cannot be attributed to man but to God himself. When you ask to know why the children of God are hated, you are not only ignorant but abominable, not knowing yourself.

Do you remember when the angels opened the seal and it was seen under the altar the souls of those who were slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they had? And they cried with a lold voice saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our

blood on them who dwell on earth? The answer was that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren who should be killed as they were, should be killed. If Our Lord Jesus Christ was killed, then the number of people who were destined to be killed, had to be killed that is why you are told that Peter, James, Paul and others were killed. God was responsible for their killing. Otherwise the word of God would not have been made manifest. GOD IS RESPONSIBLE FOR EVERY EVENT

If you have not studied the scriptures to the extent of realising that it is God who kills and makes alive, he brings down to the grave and brings up, He makes you poor and makes rich, he brings low and lifts up, that everything emanates from him, that every happening is attributable to him, you should go back to the Spiritual School to study more. If you get out from here and somebody slaps you, it is the Father who has caused it to happen. Coversely if after leaving this hall somebody gives you a bundle of carrency notes, it is the Father who has given you and not an ordinary

man.

Today both you and the inhabitants of the whole world have been given the ear and the heart to listen and hear as well as accept this gospel. Do not worry yourself anymore about your condition of life whether you will die a pauper. Do not ask God any question whether sickness will forever reside with you. Whatever happens to you is according to what was destined to happen to you.

LORD LET YOUR WILL BE DONE

Remember that the child which David had from the wife of the Soldier he seduced to be his wife was very sick. Because he loved this child more than any other thing, he was very sad, he fasted and had no consolation while he wept and lamented, to such an extent that every person noticed his action. Since he had invested so much love on this small child every person was praying that he should not die else their father would die also. Every body was fidgeting and petrified that should the child die, it would be disaster for the family, because the Father will die of heart break. But the Scriptures say, are not 163

two sparrows sold for a farthing? And not one of them can fall down from the air without the knowledge of the Father. At the end the child died. David suspected and asked the people whether the child died, and they deceived him that nothing was wrong with the child. Nevertheless, from the people's attitude, David suspected the more and further inquired whether the child was dead. The people confirmed that the child was dead. Contrary to their expectation that if the child died their Father would die, David immediately rose up and asked that he be given water to wash. He bathed and put on his royal regalia and asked the people of his household to pass food on the table for him. When the people inquired from him why he should behave like that, he told them that he was sad and sorrowful, that he prayed and fasted when the child was sick, paraventure, God would spare his life but now that the child is dead, it would not serve any useful purpose for him to be sad. That is why the Scriptures advise that we should take no thought for tomorrow for tomorrow will 1 take thought of the things of itself, sufficient on to the day is the evil thereof.

When any thing happens, do not cry, do not be fastidious, do not lament, but brighten up. If it is said that you will die tomorrow and for that reason you eat everything you have in the house, will that prevent you from dying? Or at this information, you begin dry fasting, can the dry fasting forestall death? Or do you think that when you begin to cry, mourn and lament, death will be set aside? You should kneel down and give thanks to the Father that His will should be done on you.

FROM THE BEGINNING MAN WAS DESTINED TO RULE

In this kingdom of God, there is no problem and difficulty except for the children of perdition who do not believe the scriptures. Every condition of life belongs to man whether it is lamentation or joy, poverty or prosperity, disgrace or glory, all belong to man, man belongs to Our Lord Jesus Christ who in turn belongs to God. This explains why man should rule because it had been predestined that man should rule. No other phenomenon whether, spirit or angel or any other thing can rule except man alone.

This is the fore-ordained plan of God. You have heard that God cursed Adam and Eve because of their disobedience but have you heard that God had wrested from man the position of ruling the world? If you argue that God had taken away from man the position of reign to whom did He delegate the ardous task of ruling the world? God did not wrest that position from man but He cursed man. should, therefore, not bother ourselves, we should not weep as people without hope, we should not fear and shiver, we should not lament and be sad and sorrowful and we should not behave as people who have never received the gospel of God, but rather we should present ourselves always as the true children of God. Because there is nothing which happens except with the knowledge of the Father. Everything emanate from the Father. Also in the midst of every thing we should realise that the Father is ever existing, still loving and patient with His children.

Let not your heart be troubled that a certain thing which happens does not emanate from the Father. Do not be deceived into believing such, whether it is vision, or prophecy, or angel or man. That was why Our Lord Jesus Christ told Pilate Thou would not have power to do me anything, except it is given you from above.

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