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THE MANIFESTATION OF GOD

FIRST LESSON: 1ST JOHN 2: 10

He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling.

SECOND LESSON: 1ST JOHN 4: 16

And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understand as a child, I thought as a child but with an I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face; now I know in part; but their shall I know even as also I am known

THE SALVATION DIN:

Beloved, the Kingdom of God is love; and everything in it is love. The kingdom requires only love, so you are to dwell here in love; for God is love.

In the Kingdom of God, everybody has equal opportunity of seeing God; so there is no need asking another person to pray or direct you in whatever you desire to embark on. Also, in this Kingdom, singing, clapping of hands, praying, etc., is carried out by God with love; we dwell in the house of love. This is not a time for man to seek for God; for He is everywhere, since He is love. In this kingdom, there is no shedding of tears, lamentation, quarrelling, fighting, mourning, lack or famine. None of these

experiences, apart from love, is found in the Kingdom. The Kingdom is therefore the salvation point for the entire world. When everybody shall have come here, then would everything be vividly seen; and not even the tiniest truth would be hidden. Re-examine the first lesson.

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LOVE IS GREATEST:

Love is the greatest virtue in the Kingdom of God. Love cannot be confined to a house, and cannot be carried about unless it is possessed by the person; for love is God. For this reason, you are enjoined to exhibit love for one another because wherever love is found, there would certainly be no sickness, hatred, fighting, lamentation, war, lack and famine, but everything remains in peace and harmony. Where love is found, nobody needs to be advised; for everything is known by everybody. Everything is done through the directives of love in the Kingdom. Read the second lesson again.

SECOND LESSON: 1ST JOHN 4: 16

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THE MAGNIFICENT VIRTUE:

The above excerpt explains the necessity for love. Having had the understanding that God is love and whoever possesses love dwells in God, and God in him, everybody should abide in love; for love has come to lead and direct. Love does not need vision, gospel and admonitions. Love is the greatest and is the bedrock of every good thing that constitutes God.

No other thing besides Love is entertained in the Kingdom. Your knowledge, foolishness, advice, qualification and other carnal ideas are not needed in this Kingdom. All we need is love. In this wise, we are implored to continue in love so that we may please God, since we now see clearly, face to face. The scripture quoted for the golden text is neither a vision nor a parable but the true words of God.

Some people profess to be indigenes of the Kingdom yet do not posses Love. That is self-deception. They are not in the Kingdom of God because herein, only love and peace dwell. You are wasting in sin. The fact is that only those who possess love and peace would abide in the Kingdom because it is a virtuous kingdom. Any attitude that is contrasting to the injunction of love is against the Kingdom.

SPIRITUAL CHORUS: I have seen Him face to face.

Beloved, since you have now seen Him face to face, you are enjoined to reconcile with your brother and refrain from all manners of sinfulness. Do not complain of being bewitched, afflicted, convicted or persecuted by the evil one; for such beliefs are not entertained in this Kingdom. This gospel is self-explanatory. You had always claimed to have seen a ghost, mermaid, witch and fall victims of other delusions. But through this gospel and spiritual chorus, you have today seen God, His supremacy, power, kindness and rulership and having seen Him face to face, there is no need to indulge in argument about anything; because every work has been accomplished.

Beloved, a stroke of a cane is enough for the wise. Let he who have ears hear what the Holy Spirit has imparted to the entire world. May God bless His holy word. Amen.

THE UNKNOWN TRUTH REVEALED

GOLDEN TEXT: MATTHEW 11: 27

And all things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the son, but the Father, neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.

THE DIVINE PANACEA:

Beloved, has the above text not revealed what this Kingdom entails? The gospel as put before you, is self-explanatory. Undoubtedly, this gospel is delivered today because of the immense love of God. It is a gospel, panacea to your entire problems. Therefore, henceforth, no longer regard anybody as the course of your problems; because your difficulties are the resultant effect of your refusal to hearken to the words of God. You cannot accomplish any task if the Father does not give you the ability to do so. And so you can only successfully abide by His words and put them into practice when He gives you the ability.

A REPEAT OF HISTORY:

We are conversant with the details about the mass exodus of the children of Israel from Egypt, and the hectic journey experienced in order to magnify the word of God. Those who have been to Israel can approximately estimate the long distance between Egypt and Canaan.

However, the Israelites viewed it as an unaviodable task, and accomplished it within a period of forty years. Often times, you tend to blame the Israelites for not being faithful or not worshipping God. What is the case today, that He is found in your midst; do you accept Him or abide by His injunctions? Do you possess love and express it for one another? It should be realised that, hatred, backbiting, death and other evil practices will cease to be, once you possess love.

You will now agree that what happened among the Israelites is exactly what is happening today in your midst. Do people not still expect Him to crash land from the sky even after several years of His manifestation? In the time of the Israelites, the prophecy by the prophets about our Lord Jesus Christ manifested with exactness. John who was Elijah incallate, care fore our Lord Jesus Christ, yet the people inches Him; let alone abiding by His words. Is the difference? It is certain that there would have been peace and stability everywhere if the entire world had accepted the love of God.

GOD: SUM-TOTAL OF EXISTENCE:

Clearly stated, there is no juju, witch, mermaid, man and angel, but only God exists. Also, there is no such thing like sin, mistake and lamentation, for the sum total of existence is the handiwork of God. Therefore, do not bother yourself about any occurrence, for everything unfolds according to the divine directives of God. On this account, it is stated that, no one knows the Father except the Son; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and to whomsoever the son may reveal Him. This confirms the fact that, the Father is the Sole doer of everything. It further confirms the aphorism that only the King knows the Secret of His kingdom.

Brethren, it is unnecessary to force anybody to serve God, for He has manifested to serve Himself and establish His rulership. Let all your sufferings be attributed to Him, and do not give the glory meant for God to anybody. Rejoice, for He has come to reign with you till eternity.

SPIRITUAL CHORUS:

'IF THE LORD DOES NOT GIVE APPROVAL, NO STRAND OF HAIR WOULD FALL OFF HIS CHILDREN'S HEAD.'

GOD: THE CAUSE AND EFFECT

God does His things as it pleases Him. So, do not attribute any happening to ghost, mermaid or juju. The bible clearly

states; 'to whom much is given, much is expected'.

Henceforth, believe that every occurrence receives due authority or approval from God.

SPIRITUAL CHORUS:

`DO NOT LAUGH AT ANYONE WHO IS BESIEGED BY A MISFORTUNE'

Do not mock at or laugh at somebody when misfortune befalls him. Do not condemn anybody. Be humble, for God has come, not to depart anymore, but to rule with us eternally. Therefore, at all times, allow God to reflect in your works, services and plans. Allow Him to direct and control your activities so that it may be well with you. Furthermore, you should be satisfied that He has come for us, and is righly found in us. Finally, sincerely believe that God is the cause and effect of everything.

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BROTHERHOOD:

Who would have believed that Brotherhood would survive till date, since its physical establishment on earth between 1966-1968? This period, you may recall, was the time when Nigeria was in complete confusion. But God, in His infinite mercy, having viewed the situation, decided to reconstruct Nigeria by bringing Brotherhood into existence. Therefore, be humble, give up thoughts about yourself and allow God to take proper control of you, for there is no benefit in any of the carnal things.

Believe only in God, for He is the absolute hope for all. Do not hate, persecute, begrudge anybody or exhibit any destructive acts against anybody.

No other thing apart from brotherly love is required, because that is what I have come with, to give to you.

Beloved, a stroke of cane is sufficient for the wise. Let he who have ears hear what the Holy Spirit has imparted to the entire world. May God bless His holy word - Amen.

THE SPIRIT, LIFE GENERATOR

FIRST LESSON: ROMANS 8: 13

For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if you through the spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

SECOND LESSON: JOHN 15: 26

But when the Comforter is come whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me.

GOLDEN TEXT: GALATIANS 5: 24

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

HASTEN UP TO THE TRUTH:

Brethren, the above excerpts constitute the last bus stop of this age. Take note of the scripture quoted for the golden text, that those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its affections and lusts. Christ Himself had nothing to do with the flesh at all. He did not hate anybody. He did not gossip neither did He keep anything for Himself. All His concern was joy for His brethren, at all times, and this same joy is what is heeded in the Kingdom of God. Here, there is nothing like frowning of face, crying, quarrelling, and division. These things are abhored by the Holy Spirit of God. There must be, as a rule, only one joy among the brethren in the kingdom of God, at all times.

MORTIFY THE FLESH:

Brethren, the gospel of today is so designed to fit the will of the Father. Paul queried what would separate him from the love of our Lord Jesus Christ; is it sickness, quarrel, nakedness or death? He affirmed that nothing can separate him from the love of God. It is time for you to realise that involvement in all the material things of this world is death. And in such death, you cannot resurrect.

Of a truth, all are living in the spirit of God and so, if any of you should live without the spirit of God, then you are not at all useful, either to yourself or God. Now reason it this way, if the spirit dies, can anyone live? But if you successfully mortify the flesh, you will surely have everlasting life.

I want to ask you these simple questions concerning the claim that you have been here in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star for thirty to forty years and so on. If so, have you ever seen the Leader frowning His face? Have you ever seen Him murmured or cursed anyone? He knows nothing about molestation. In fact, all those camal things lead you to death. But all those who, through the Holy Spirit mortify the flesh, will live eternally.

SONG: 'Only joy dwells in the throne of God'

Have you ever come across any book that records that the Lord Jesus Christ lamented, cursed God, frowned His face? When did He feel terribly bad to the extent of speaking anything evil against God? Right from the day He was baptised and received the Holy Spirit, He conquered everything on earth.

The scriptures at Matthew 5: 11 - 12, Ephesians 4: 4, and Romans 14: 17 state:

Blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute you and shall say all manners of evil against you falsely for my sake.

Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad: for great is your reward in heaven for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.''There is one body and one spirit even as ye are called in one hope of your calling.'

'For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink: but righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost.'

Brethren, have you ever heard the Holy Father complaining that somebody had stolen His property? Even when any of my brethren pass on, do you hear me cry? Since the inception of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, nobody

seems to know its intricacies. You only come in here to play and dance and commit all sorts of atrocious acts. And for that deviation your spirit has to die. Consequently, you know nothing about yourself. But when the spirit of God is in you, certainly you must live forever. That is why our Lord Jesus Christ lives forever although many people erroneously claim that He had died. He is not dead, He lives in the spirit and will continue to live till eternity.

DECIDE NOW:

One servant cannot serve two masters at the same time. Similarly, you cannot love both the spirit and the flesh successfully at the same time. If you love the flesh, certainly you will hate the spirit and vice versa.

Doubt not that this is our last bus stop. Here in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, we do not cry, no lamentation, gossiping, begging, hatred, etc. If unfortunately you happen to do any of these things, your spirit must surely die. Can you not see that the Father Himself is life? Likewise our Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit and all the angels. Here we experience no problems because we are walking in the spirit and He alone does His work. With the Spirit, no more sadness, weeping etc. Only joy exists in the Kingdom of God.

WHY DOES MAN HATE THE TRUTH?

Brethren, you can recall when our Lord Jesus Christ caused Lazarus to resurrect. The news spread to all the people. Consequently, the Chief Priest and Pharisees gathered at council over the issue. Then Caiaphas, the high priest at that time advised that it was better for one man to die than for the whole nation to perish! By this, they thought that when they kill Him in the flesh, His wonderful works would automatically end. That is the reasoning of the carnal minded people, but little did they know that when they kill the flesh, the spirit would still exist, even forever. Eventually, after His death, on the third day, our Lord Jesus Christ resurrected and became more powerful than when He was in the flesh. Now the news of His great works is spreading everywhere than ever. That is exactly what I am trying to hammer into he

minds of everybody.

When someone is transferred to another world, you carelessly say that he or she is dead. Such a one is still alive. In the same way, when the worldly people shout that Leader Olumba Olumba Obu is dead, do not worry, because they do not know who the Father is. I am always functionally here and at the same time in America, London, and all the places of this world. I am using the spirit to conquer the flesh and I want you all to master the same principles. Read the first lesson again.

FIRST LESSON: ROMANS 8: 13

For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if you through the spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

A SAD SITUATION INDEED:

Brethren, if you live after the flesh, which signifies hatred, anger, segregation, stealing, weeping, lamentation, gossiping etc. you will be totally damned. But if you purposefully use the spirit to defeat the flesh, nothing will cause you to panic. Then of course, you will be filled with the spirit of God.

SONG:

'WHERE IS JOY FOUND? JOY IS FOUND IN HEAVEN, IN THE MIDST OF THE ANGELS.' 'WHERE IS SORROW FOUND? IT IS FOUND HERE ON EARTH

IN THE MIDST OF THOSE WHO ARE CARNALLY MINDED'.

The flesh encourages fighting, quarrelling, gossiping etc. And so if you find yourself doing these things, you should instantly realise that the spirit of God is not in you, that you are carnally minded, hence, you are a slave to the flesh. And consequently, you are totally damned.

Brethren, this gospel reveals that you are not practising the word of God. Thus, you are carnally minded. Many of you are still cursing people, committing fornication, fighting, gossipping, doing all sorts of atrocious acts, even at a worse level than you were before you came in here. Therefore, you still belong to the flesh.

WHY DIE IN THE BUD:

Consider a yam tuber; if it does not germinate before planting, it will remain under the earth without germinating and finally die in there. But if it germinates before it is planted, it will quickly shoot out and produce a good yield. In the same way, if someone is carnally minded, he or she will not live long, because he or she is already dead under this process and cannot resurrect any longer. But whoever lives according to the spirit, when he dies, will resurrect and live forever.

A lot of people ask why your Father is not willing to help you? When you hear that, you become disturbed and angry. I am telling you that such a question is propounded by only the people who are in the flesh and undoubtedly, their reward is eternal condemnation. I have nothing with anything carnal but I am ever joyous. The promised comforter is here to lead you to the accurate knowledge of truth. Read the second lesson again.

SECOND LESSON: JOHN 15: 26

But when the Comforter is come whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me.

THE SPIRITUAL WEALTH IS OUR JOY:

Brethren, the only thing we are proud of here, is joy. Right now, I want to use earthly situation to illustrate a heavenly event. Once there was a certain young man who was working in a bank. His initial salary was 25 pounds monthly. He served in the bank for twenty five years then resigned from the job. After a few months, his retirement benefits were paid and with these, he bought three lorries. He decided thereafter to return home with all his wealth.

Along the way as he journeyed home, armed robbers

snatched his two lorries which went ahead of him and finally waited for the third lorry with which the man with his family was travelling. When the family got to the robber's check point, the lorry was equally snatched and the man was asked if he were annoyed. He said he was not annoyed since they had not collected what belonged to him. The armed robbers then told him that his other two lorries with wealth were earlier ceased by them. The man re-affirmed that they had not taken away what actually belonged to him. The robbers became offended and ordered him to remove his shoes, clothes and everything on him. Yet the young man maintained his stance of not being offended. The armed robbers then pushed him aside, considering him foolish and mad. The man was completely unruffled but was filled with joy. He finally walked home to his family house.

Before his arrival, the news had spread throughout the whole village. And then, the villagers went out enmass to console him for what had happened to him. But surprisingly to them, the young man told them that nothing had happened to him, that what really belonged to him was not taken away from him. They then asked him; 'what really belonged to you'? And he happily answered, 'Jesus belongs to me.'

After few days, people started sending gifts to him until he became very wealthy, even wealthier than he was. That is the work of the Holy Spirit. Once you have the Holy Spirit, you can conquer everything in the world.

A TRUE OCCURRENCE:

Brethren, the story you have just read above is what had really happened in this world. It is a natural fact that if you have the Holy Spirit, you will not have problems. A certain brother, an Ethiopian was thrown into the river. He swam until he reached a certain area from where he noticed smoke in the air which suggested that fire was burning there and the place must be a village. He landed on that shore and moved into the village. From there, nobody knows how he managed to get to 34 Ambo Street, Calabar in Nigeria. There was no money in his pocket. He did not sleep in somebody's house

either he was sleeping anywhere available. People kindly provided food for him but he refused to eat, and he did not bath either.

While very many of you are seriously seeking the things of this world, others are steadfastly running away from them. I have been telling you that, since 1948 I have not planned anything for myself. Since 1942, I have not been interested in any carnal thing of this world, otherwise, I would kill the Holy Spirit in me.

From the above illustration, you can see that the Holy Spirit conquers and rules over the fishes in the water, controls the air, heaven, earth etc.

AN IDEAL EXAMPLE:

Brethren, many people often believe that I sometimes board aeroplanes, but you know that I do not board any aeroplane, car, ship, etc. I do not eat any flesh. But I demonstrate my kind of life in order to show you what the spirit likes. It is not bought in the market, hence I have been teaching you how to mortify the flesh and excel in the spirit.

The first and only time I put on tie was on 25th December, 1944 at Biakpan. And ever since I left Biakapn, I have not gone back there. Therefore, if you enjoy carnal mindedness, you cannot be used by the spirit of God and you cannot excel in whatever you do. I need not describe where I lived for if you saw it then, you would have pitied yourself. It was an old dejected hut and if one looked closely, one would have thought that the hut would soon fall down. But the people who were inside that room were more than twenty in number. Besides, the particular place where the Father was sleeping, was mercilessly leaking during the rainy season, but I was very comfortable there. I had not experienced any problem whatever.

Brethren, if you constantly walk in the spirit of God and are able to mortify the flesh, you will have no problems whatsoever, anywhere you may be and at any particular time.

I have never contested an election to become a chairman or hold any post in this kingdom. I am just a free man and I enjoy my natural life. Therefore, I want everybody to come and enjoy this kingdom with me and be willing to use the power of the spirit to mortify the flesh. This is how you will rejoice this kingdom with me. Above all, you will no longer have problems.

B.C.S: PROBLEMS-FREE ENTITY:

Many people claim to be in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, yet complain of one problem or the other. I tell you, that you are not truly a Brotherhood. As far as you are a member of this kingdom, if you live in the spirit, you will not have problem at all. No sickness, no lack, no sorrows will ever come your way. The spirit of God will be leading you, and it will always be with you to drive all problems away from you. But immediately you fight, quarrel, fornicate, get offended and commit other vices, you will quickly kill the spirit in you.

Brethren, when you overcome the carnal things of this world, nothing will stop you from living forever. Again like that brother from Ethiopia who shunned the flesh, you will have no problems. The Ethiopian is my true witness in the entire world

Right now, do not go to any part of the world physically, but I know all what is going on throughout the world. How do I manage to know these things when I have never gone into the bush, or forest? I am always here as you know. The truth is that if you walk in the spirit, allowing the spirit of God to lead you and you mortify the flesh, you will realise then that you are on top of the world. At such times, you will have no problems whatsoever for, everything will be afraid of you. Read the golden text again.

GOLDEN TEXT: GALATIANS 5: 24

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

SOLUTION TO YOUR PROBLEMS:

Brethren, there is no need bothering yourself with fasting

everyday or going on a repeated ministry work, etc. The only solution to your problems is to endeavour to mortify the flesh on the Cross. Immediately you do this, the spirit of God will dwell richly in you and you will then be able to overcome the world. He will also use you limitlessly in manifesting His glory. That is why it is said that a new wine has to be put in a new bottle.

The scripture instructs that the world is not a good dwelling place. Hence, He instructs that we should do away with the things of this world, so that our hearts may be clean enough for the Spirit to make use of, in the manifestation of His glory. This explains the scripture that new wine has to be put in a new wine skin

When you purify yourself, then you will have no problem; you will rather be on top of the world and the spirit of God will use you.

THE OVERWHELMING FORCE:

The children of God have clearly sang in one of their songs, that the Father has come and the flesh has been amended. Consequently, the spirit has taken total control of everything. Moreover, if you are a child of God, whenever you come here, you have to remain peacefully. If you are not peaceful, then get out of here because, if you come in here to fight, quarrel, disturb and indulge in other evil acts, then you do not belong here, for such things are not allowed here. This is simply, a place of joy, peace, and all the virtues. These are the only things which there here.

In Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, we are always in the spirit. We do not have anything to do with evil. Therefore, it is only peace and joy that reign here. We are also given to serving God as well as the destitutes. All virtues are prominently displayed here and I want this to continue so that you may rejoice in this new kingdom of God as I am.

Beloved, it is said that a stroke of cane is enough for the wise. Let he who have ears hear what the Holy Spirit has imparted to the world. May God bless His holy word Amen.

Thank You Father.

SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS

TEXT: LUKE 5: 1 - END

MAN IS EMPTY AND VOID:

Beloved brethren, there is a very important point in this bible class lecture which I want you to take particular note of. As long as you are still struggling for money, wealth and other mundane things, you remain spiritually blind. This is because as you refuse to walk in the path of rectitude, you are in the utter-most darkness. If you commit fornication, adultery, idolatry and other immoral acts, you are a blind person.

Our Lord Jesus Christ used earthly events to demonstrate heavenly situation. He caused the blind to see, the lame to walk and the leper to be cleaned, the dead to rise and soothed the broken-hearted. In like manner today, the Holy Spirit has come to give sight to those who are spiritually blind, and to heal the dumb, lame and bring the dead to life. He has come to change mankind from evil to righteousness and to restore prosperity where there was poverty. Therefore, your persistent quest for materialism should be dropped forthwith and instead, tune your mind to the word of God.

Is there anybody in the whole world who is aware of the fact that he or she is spiritually sick and blind? Were you aware of the fact that you are leprous, lame, dumb, even dead? Who has ever known that man is dead and void? Do you know that you are more wretched than a church rat? Have you any idea that none has anything worthy, including health? How can you believe that the blind is seeing, when in the real sense he is blind? You should realise that as far as you continue to indulge in sinful acts, you are spiritually blind and dead.

Whenever you sin, you are spiritually made wretched and impoverished. In spite of the fact that I teach you daily, you fail to emulate me. Are you prepared to change? Have you cultivated the spirit of love, humility, peace, patience, benevolence, joy, and other virtues which you witness in me?

Have you gone out to preach the gospel as you are taught here? Have you done good works to people? Peter originally was a fisherman but eventually became fisher of men, converting many souls to God. If you have considered yourself a blind person, you would have been made to see by now. If you have accepted that you are a sinner, you would have repented. If you have known that you are already dead, then you would have risen from death to life. For you would have abstained from those acts that caused your death.

In the entire world, who has really seen this kingdom of God? And who knows where and how to find it? From January to December every year, the gospel is preached here daily, yet none has changed. With the adamant attitude shown, are people not still spiritually blind, lame, dead, dumb and wretched? In spite of my advice, that you should seek for spiritual things always, you pray for children, money, houses, cars, and other mundane possessions. Where do you think these things will lead you to? Do you think these are the things you really lack? If you were to realise your real position, you would have known that you are blind, deaf, dumb, lame and indeed, a mere moving corpse.

When our Lord Jesus Christ spoke about the blind, deaf, lame, dumb and even dead, He did not refer to the physical illness suffered by people but the spiritual state. A sinner is spiritually dumb, deaf, blind, lame and dead. Everyday, you continue to confess of telling lies, stealing and fornicating, yet you fail to change in any way. Why then do you continue to come to Brotherhood of the Cross and Star? It is only righteousness that is preached and practised here. Do you know that a sinner has no share in this kingdom? You commit sin every moment in your life. Do.you not know that whoever commits sin is spiritually dead? These are the type of people referred to in the scripture. See 1 John 3: 14 - 15.

FREEDOM FROM SIN IS OUR GOAL:

Are you now aware of your pathetic situation? Once you forsake sin, it will leave you. Our problems emanate from the sins we commit. Our Lord Jesus Christ came, suffered and

died for those who are spiritually incapacitated. So if you know that you are spiritually weak, you have to forsake all forms of evil so that His death may have an effect in your life. Now that you still begrudge your brother, commit fornication, idolatry, adultery and other forms of immoral acts, are you not already dead?

Our sicknesses are not of the physical body but of the spiritual body. If you backbite, gossip, cause confusion, trouble or disgrace people, then you are a dead person. If you keep millions of pounds or naira for yourself alone, you are dead spiritually; for such is used to pay for your life. Read Luke 3:7-10.

If any person abides by the teachings of the Father, he would have much to gain. Here, you are taught to be kind and benevolent, yet you are so selfish that you do not mind what happens to other people. Do you not know that this causes your death? Anybody who does not abide by the teachings of the Holy Spirit as taught here is already dead. Such a person is blind, dead and dumb.

You who claim to be a member of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star and that you are not blind and deaf spiritually like the worldly people and the churches, does your behaviour portray someone who sees, hears and moves spiritually? How can you say you are liberated and spiritually healthy when you are neither benevolent, merciful, loving, humble nor peaceful? You do not practise the words of God, yet you claim to be better than other people. Do you not know that it is only when you practise the words of God that you can rightly claim to be better than others? Read John 9: 38 - 41.

Have you realised your weak point? You claim to be in the kingdom of God, yet you are still cantankerous and curse people. You are still wallowing in sin, which means you have not seen the truth. A local adage has it that unless a tree is fallen, the axe cannot be put to rest. If you have grasped this truth, I would have stopped preaching. And even as I am preaching, if you abide by my words, the better for you.

I have told you to refrain from material pursuit, yet you reject the advice. The Ethiopian who recently visited this place knows more than any other person. Read 1 John 3:2-3.

EMULATE THE TEACHER:

I am the Supernatural Teacher. Now I tell you not to commit fornication, adultery, idolatry and other immoral acts. I also advise you not to tell lies, acquire diabolical substances, drink, neither should you eat fish or meat. However, you have refused to adhere to these words of advice. You go on committing these vices. What do you think of yourself?

A local adage advises that if you visit the toads' family, and you see the mother and father toads as well as all the children squatting, you also have to squat. I am not struggling for material things of this world but in the contrary, you are struggling for a spouse, children, money, cars, houses, palatable food and all pleasures of the world. I do not go after shoes and gorgeous wears, but these are what you die for. That Ethiopian who knows me so well had started emulating me. Refer to II Timothy 2:22.

I have taught you but you do not want to adhere to these practical teachings. I would know if you have practised my teachings. You do not practise these pieces of advice because you are blind. If you were not blind, nothing would have stopped you from practising my teachings. You do not practise these pieces of advice because you are blind. If you were not blind, nothing would have stopped you from practising them. Do not think that the elementary teachings of the bible can save you.

PRACTISE LOVE:

It is said that anyone who believes in the name of Jesus shall be saved. Now you can shout one million times that you believe in His name yet you will not be saved, if you reject His teachings. You can shout that our Lord Jesus Christ is the Son of God but that cannot save you. You may call on His name as many times as possible, yet salvation will not come

your way. The only way out is love. You have to posses and practise universal love.

Love that neither discriminates nor segregates is unconditional. You may call yourself a child of God, yet you are a liar, dupe and trouble maker. The name you answer cannot save you; for you cannot be revealed as a true child of God, worthy of salvation if you are still committing sins.

The reference text above has summarised this gospel I have preached so much to you and I am short of words, yet you still hate, bear malice and indulge in falsehood. All the things I asked you not to do are the very things you enjoy doing most. What do you gain from being recalcitrant? What do you gain from carnality and being materialistic? Read I Peter 3: 8 - 12.

Is the above excerpt a parable? Have you realised now that you are wrong when you say that God loves you; even in your multitude of sins and injquities? God does not love evil thought; He may say that all is well whereas all is never well with evil practices. That God forgives sin does not mean that He loves evil. If God, the Father forgives your sins and you put your finger into a burning flame, would your finger not be burnt? Certainly it will and who would be blamed? Similarly, anyone who commits sin, puts his hand into burning flame. If we had judged ourselves, God would not have judged us. So do not be lustful over material things but be contented with what you have.

It is said in the Lord's prayer that He should give us our daily bread. Why then do you continue to amass wealth for yourself? Remember that it is only my decision that matters here. God is not a respecter of persons. I know the truth and the same is what I tell you but you would not abide by it. If I, who is on the top of a palm tree say that the fruits are not ripe, why do you claim that they are ready for harvest?

I have told you to forsake sins for the time of judgement has come. Have you heeded this timely warning? Let it be

known to you that any person who has not forsaken sins shall not enter into the kingdom of God. Do not hope on or lust after mundane things, for they lead to death. Do not claim anything in this world to be yours, for God is the owner of all things. Share all what you have at your disposal with others.

Why do you not abide by my injunctions? Do you not know that the Father has the power to make the lame walk, the blind to see, the dumb to speak, the deaf to hear and the poor to become rich? Instead of believing in this possibility, you become a stumbling block to others due to your utterances and actions.

Read Hebrews 12: 4 - 11.

DISASSOCIATE YOURSELF FROM THE WORLD:

For your own good, you have to put my words into practice. If you face any problem or difficulty now, know that such emanates from you. You have been told that there is nothing good from any worldly person. Having known this, if you are friendly with the worldly people, would you blame anybody for the problems you encounter, resulting from such friendship? Would you blame God if they cheat and dupe you? Read 1st Corinthians 5:10-11.

Why should you have any association with fornicators, adulterers, idolaters, liars, murderers, roques, tricksters and immoral persons? Why must you be associated with persons who are filled with hatred against others? I have come so that I may draw you to myself. But I do not have any association with sinners. I have no dealings with those who hate, kill, tell lies, fornicate or commit other forms of evil. For this reason, I have demonstrated all virtues of righteousness and holiness so that you may emulate me. I have practised and preached about the requirements of a child of God to you. Unfortunately, you have rejected both me and my words. For this reason, you cannot come close to me. I know that there is nothing good about any worldly person. So dissociate yourself from them; whether they are your parents, friends or children. You can see why you neither know me nor come close to me.

or claims. You may claim to be a member of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star who comes from Biakpan and that you are a black man. That has nothing to do with me. You may even claim to be O. O. O. but that does not mean anything to me. All I see are those who are ready to practise the words of God. Those who practise the teachings of the Holy Spirit are my people.

The signs of the children and people of God are love, unity and oneness. If you come here to cause confusion, segregation and discrimination, then you shall reap what you sow. There is no falsehood here, for what you plant is exactly what you will reap. Whatever you claim to be and wherever you claim to come from, if you do not believe in God, then you have no share in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star Your tricks are not admissible here, for no one can deceive God. All kingdoms and governments shall collapse but this kingdom shall exist for eternity. So you have to practise and worship the Father in Spirit and truth in order to stay with Him.

NO SEGREGATION IN GOD'S KINGDOM:

Have the whites practised the gospel recorded in Matthew 12: 47-50? So far, if one is not a white, there are positions one can not attain. Has a black man ever been a pope of the Roman Catholic Church? Can one who is not a Briton be made the Arch-Bishop of Canterbury? The whites can never allow a black man to be President of the United States of America. This proves that the whites have never practised the gospel as recorded in the above excerpt. However, in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, every person is given attention. We operate in equality and oneness amongst the people; without prejudice. Whatever God gives here is for everybody.

Anyone who possesses and practises this universal love and oneness is a free citizen of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. Once you are identified as an indigene of this kingdom, that is, once you practise righteousness, you are given free access to all that is in the kingdom. Refer to Ephesians 6: 5-8

REAPING WHAT YOU SOW:

Beloved, you can see that your work follows strictly after you. All your good works will return to you, for you will reap good thereafter, and you also reap evil from your evil practices. Do not think that you will share the resultant effect of your evil practise with others. Read Colossians 3: 22 - 25.

Anything you want to do, do it well. Do not wait to be advised but always be cautious, believing that you shall be rewarded according to your deeds. But remember never to blame any person for what comes your way.

You know that I have explained everything about this kingdom of God to you. So you have no excuse for not practising the injunctions of God. You were not called to acquire material wealth. You are not here mainly with the hope of getting money from the Father. Therefore, do not be deceived that once you come to the Father, He would give you much money. I have the word of God and I practise same. The words of God which I have are the same that I preach day and night. Where then do you expect me to get money for you? Does the United Nations produce the money they use? The member nations make financial contributions towards the upliftment and upkeep of the body. If these nations fail to remit their contributions, how do you expect the U.N.O. to carry out any financial project?

All things, institutions, nations, people and beings are here in this kingdom. The Father is taking care of all, spiritually and otherwise. It is left for you to abide by the teachings you receive here and reap good or be a friend to the world and harvest corruption, lack and death. For whatsoever you sow, the same you shall reap.

Beloved: we all know what is right to do. We are duty-bound to do good till eternity so that forever, we may reap good. In this Kingdom it is only the government of God that rules. So if you practise the teachings of the Holy Spirit and do what is good, then you will receive all that you request from the ruling government. The ball is in your court and you

have every right to keep to the rules of the game; in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let my peace and blessings abide with the entire world

now and forever more. Amen. Thank You Father.

"God is found in a place where there is no quarrelling, fighting, hatred, but in a place where love, peace, and joy reign. Such a place is the Kingdom of God. God is the Father of love, peace, patience, righteousness, mercy and orderliness. Wherever He is there is peace, patience, righteousness, iov and goodness." Leader O. O. Obu

THE CLIMATE OF GOD'S KINGDOM

FIRST LESSON: ROMANS 14: 17

For the Kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost

SECOND LESSON: ROMANS 12: 18

If it be possible, as such as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

GOLDEN TEXT: 11 TIMOTHY 2: 21

If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

INTRODUCTORY CHORUS:

"IF YOU WANT TO GO ALONG WITH ME HUMBLE YOURSELF, AS A LITTLE CHILD"

ABIDE IN PEACE:

Recall that at all times, our Lord Jesus Christ started and ended His address with peace. Even after His resurrection, His first statement to His disciples was, 'My peace I give unto you'. Whenever He appeared to someone, He made the same statement. He taught peace and practised peace.

A lot of people erroneously think that the kingdom of God is a place where much pleasure is found. They view it as a place where delicious food, gorgeous clothes, parties to attend, gold, diamond and other beautiful things of the mundane world are found. And these are what you are looking for. So many African youths troop to advanced and rich countries of the world to seek for greener pastures. Once they get there they do not think of coming back to their under-developed countries anymore. They always feel they have arrived heaven and have no need to come back to hell.

Let it be known to you that the Kingdom of God is not food and drink. The Kingdom of God is peace, joy and righteousness in the Holy Spirit. The Kingdom of God is when you are in a state of perfect peace with yourself and all people. God is found in a place where there is no quarrelling, fighting, hatred, but in a place where love, peace, and joy reign. Such a place is the Kingdom of God. God is the Father of love, peace, patience, righteousness, mercy and orderliness. Wherever He is, there is peace, patience, righteousness, joy and goodness.

Those who cannot fast should know that the Kingdom of God is neither eating nor drinking. Do not be deceived that you are in the Kingdom of God because you have wealth, wisdom, position or other forms of mundane possessions. You may have the ability to organise daily parties for people, but that does not depict the Kingdom of God.

The Kingdom of God is peace, joy, love and righteousness in the Holy Spirit. You have to be in peace with all people, love everybody and always bear fruits of righteousness. You must be merciful unto one another. So, stop seeking for the Kingdom of God in mundane acquisitions. The path leading to the Kingdom is not found in money, cars, houses, clothes, food or drinks. The Kingdom is within you. Do not go about searching for the Kingdom of God; rather, demonstrate peace, love, joy and humility in the Holy Spirit towards all people. It is then that you would know the Kingdom of God.

Recall the story of a king who was not satisfied with his abundant wealth yet wanted happiness. So he was taken to where he would be happy; for that alone was his problem. The same is the problem of the entire world today. A place where there is great joy is the Kingdom of God. All the kings, queens, and rich people of this world are seeking for the Kingdom of God, but they have not seen it. People of old sought and never found it. Nebuchadnezzar sought for it, yet he never found it.

There is no amount of wealth that can satisfy man if he has not found God's Kingdom. That is why you see people with great wealth, yet they remain not contented. They continue to search blindly for the Kingdom of God without knowing what they are after; whereas all the they are searching for is peace and joy.

When the Jews and Pharisees asked our Lord Jesus Christ when the kingdom of God would come, He told them that the Kingdom of God would not come in the manner to be understood by man. But that the Kingdom is within them. See Luke 17: 20 -21. The Kingdom of God is not what can be physically seen. When rich people complain of having an unstable mind, realise that they lack peace which is the Kingdom of God. For that reason, you are always advised not to hate, quarrel or fight so that you may always have peace. By so doing, God would always dwell in you and you would behold the Kingdom of God.

GOD'S KINGDOM IS VIRTUOUS:

The Kingdorn of God is the Holy Spirit. It however does not advertise itself. It is the Holy Spirit that bestows virtues such as good manners, kindness, peace, humility are others, and they lead to real joy.

A lot of people have built beautiful houses, yet they cannot live in them because there is neither peace, joy nor righteousness in such places of abode. Since they do not have the Holy Spirit, it is impossible for them to have these virtues. Many have acquired degrees from different universities, yet have no iota of righteousness. They do not have peace and joy. There are many who boast of seeing the Kingdom of God but you would marvel, should you draw close to them and hear stories of their activities. A group of people may be singing and dancing together but a closer study of them would reveal the absence of peace in their midst. And since there is no peace, there is also no joy or the Holy Spirit in their midst. So the Kingdom of God is not seen with the naked eyes. It is peace, joy and righteousness which are in the Holy Spirit.

The Apostles of Christ knew what the Kingdom is: Consequently, when they were arrested and each given twenty-nine strokes of the cane, they sang, dance and praised God. The Kingdom of God was within them and they were filled with joy and peace in the Holy Spirit.

If you see anyone who does not see, think, speak or practise evil but lives perpetually in peace and love with all people, such a person dwells in the Kingdom of God. Such a person hardly experiences hunger, thirst or poverty; he does not even know what these mean. He has not the spirit of discrimination and segregation. He does not know the difference between fire and water, beauty and ugly, because he does not experience any. He is constantly happy in the Holy Spirit. Nothing evil comes from such a person.

Read the first lesson again.

FIRST LESSON: ROMANS 14: 17

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THE BEST SPIRITUAL WEAPON:

Search yourself whether or not you have peace within you. Do you have righteousness and joy which come from the Holy Spirit? What I mean here is the inner joy of God. This is what makes up the Kingdom of God. It is said, 'blessed are the poor in spirit for they shall inherit the Kingdom of God.'

Inner joy, righteousness, love and peace in the Holy Spirit constitute the Kingdom of God. It is not what you can see or feel, and only those who are in the Kingdom of God know it. The entire world is looking for the Kingdom of God.

You have no business with God's kingdom if you are seeking for wife, husband, children and wealth. But if you seek for joy, peace, and righteousness which come from the Holy Spirit, you are actually looking for the Kingdom of God

Nobody, except God can give you the Kingdom of God. And He only gives it to you if you practise love, peace, righteousness and all His teachings. It has been said that a man who sanctifies himself would be used by the Master as a vessel of honour. The moment you have peace, love, joy and righteousness which come from the Holy Spirit, it follows that you have the best spiritual weapon. If you purify yourself and have these virtues, you would no longer desire anything from the world, and the entire world would be converted to God through you.

You who pray that God should use you in His vineyard, do you have peace, love, righteousness and joy in the Holy Spirit? How do you then expect the Holy Spirit to use you when you are unclean? In just one second, the Holy Spirit can change the entire world. So, all He requires from us is peace, righteousness, love and joy in Him. For this reason, I will tell you this story.

ILLUSTRATION ON PEACE:

A certain man had three sons. He assembled three things; children, wealth and patience, and called the eldest son to choose from any of those things. He added that he would have abundantly whichever thing he chose, but warned that he must choose only one out of the three. The first son chose wealth, because he believed that anyone who has wealth is held in high esteem in the world.

The man invited the second son and presented the offer, that he should choose one out of the three; wealth, patience and children. In response, the second son reasoned that money and clothes are insignificant, that man is the highest among all. Consequently, he chose children and had a lot of them. And finally it was the turn of the third son. When he appeared, their father presented the offer, and the third son picked patience, believing that patience is golden; indeed, life.

The first Son had so much wealth that he did not know what to do with it. The second son had so many children that he

had not enough food for them. So, the first and second sons started having problems with the things they had chosen. The first son directed his money into instituting court cases and imprisoning people. As a result of his riches, he attracted a lot of enemies to himself, and thus had no peace. Also, the second son was so disturbed by his children, that he virtually had no peace in his life.

One day, the first son decided to hand-over all his riches to the third son who had both patience and peace. He invited his third brother and made his decision known to him. The second son also took the same decision, to hand-over himself and all his children to the third son who had much peace. Both the first and second sons handed over their possessions to the third son. They accepted his leadership and supremacy and from that time, peace and harmony reigned lavishly in the entire family.

If you have peace, you can manage any situation without problems. Wherever peace, joy, and righteousness exist, war, quarrelling and hatred do not flourish there. The Kingdom or God is found in a place where peace, joy, love and righteousness in the Holy Spirit exist. Read the second lesson below

SECOND LESSON: ROMANS 12:18

If it be possible, as such as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

Do you know how important peace is to mankind? You are enjoined to do everything within your ability to be in peace with all people. You can see that even in your family, you cannot have sound sleep and mental calmness, if you have no peace. As long as there is no righteousness in the world, there can be no joy and peace.

How can you claim to be seeking for the Kingdom of God, when you are still fornicating, killing one another, telling lies, acquiring charms and worshipping idols? Such claims are false because you are still indulging in the act of selfishness, hatred, pronouncing curses and practising cannibalism. How

can you find the Kingdom of God when you are still quarrelling, creating division and segregation? How many people in the entire world are actually seeking for the Kingdom of God? You claim to search for Jesus, but do you know Him, and how would you recognise Him in case you happen to come across Him?

Many people claim to have seen God face to face. Are they sure of this assertion? The question is, if they have seen God, why have peace and joy eluded them? You profess to be looking for the kingdom of God, yes, nobody doubts, that, but which of the routes lead to the kingdom of God? How does the kingdom of God look like? You have no peace within you, neither are you at peace with one another. How possible then can you enter into the kingdom where peace, joy and righteousness reign? You elope with somebody's wife or husband yet you claim to be seeking for the kingdom of God. You indulge in the stealing of people's property and disgracing others, yet you deceive yourself that you are seeking for the kingdom of God. With your wealth and craftiness you confiscate people's belongings; is this an acceptable way of seeking for God's Kingdom?

Think deeply about this issue of hatred, quarrelling and fighting with one another; does that depict the presence and glory of God? How can someone who is quarrelsome claim to be seeking for the kingdom of God? From this revelation, it can be seen that the entire world is looking for the kingdom of God where it cannot be found. Man's effort is thus in vain. Can the kingdom of God exist where cheating, falsehood, insecurity and commotion prevail? You eliminate wealthy people, seek to usurp posts from the better placed in the society. Do all these actions portray you as one who truly seeks for the kingdom of God? Have you not read the scripture as commanded by God, that as much as is possible within you, you should be in peace with all people?

You are expected to love all people, exhibiting truthfulness towards all; so you have to make peace with your parents, children, wife and husband. Moreso, you have to make peace with your friends, enemies and all classes of

people. Do you still claim to be seeking after God's kingdom when you do not adhere to His injunctions? Can you be in the kingdom of God when you have no peace? Refer to Hebrews 12: 14.

How many people in the entire world are truly in need of peace? How can you see God when you neither have peace nor holiness? Who is that person in the entire world who is seeking for real joy? You constitute a source of difficulty to others, usurp other's position and possessions, yet you claim to be seeking after the Kingdom of God. So long as you continue in evil practices, you will be deceiving yourself, that you are seeking for the Kingdom of God. Again, would you claim to be seeking for the kingdom of God when you are planning to revenge over a little mistake made by somebody? Have you not read the admonition of the master of the Kingdom that you should not resist an evil doer; that if someone slaps you on the right cheek, you should turn the left cheek likewise? Refer to Matthew 5: 39. You must always overcome evil with good, and do good always if you want the Kingdom of God.

Those who do not know God always boast that but for their toughness, they would not have lived to this time. Such claims do not give glory to God, for God is the only promoter and protector. Once you are in the kingdom of God, you have no problem with anything. If you go about oppressing and marginalizing others, these show that you are not in the Kingdom of God. You cannot see or enter the Kingdom of God if you waste all your time praying for money, children and other mundane things. He, who desires admission into the kingdom of God is the one who knows that he is indebted to God, and considers himself worthless. Such a person would always think of what he can do to promote the work of God.

A WORTHY PERSON FOR GOD'S KINGDOM:

You can know the person who is in the Kingdom of God by his contentment. He is contented with whatever God gives him and wherever he is placed. Such a person is happy for the fact that God made him a man, which of course places him higher than the angels.

Moreso, he is exceedingly glad that he is privileged to be a child of God. He is always thankful to God for all that He has done for him and others. Such a person is he who is in the Kingdom of God.

Abraham was a friend of God because he had faith in God and was always thankful to Him. So he was and is still in the Kingdom of God. You are a child of God if you have faith in Him. As a result, you would always humble yourself before God and obey His instructions. You would always be satisfied with what God has done: and by so doing, you would be a child and friend of God just like Abraham. This is the type of person God requires.

There was a certain Biakpan man who happened to be a town-crier. He attended the Presbyterian church established in the community, and was known to be a good farmer. One day, he discovered that thieves had stolen most of his yam tubers and fruits from the farm. And on a particular Sunday, he took one shilling to the church for thanksgiving. At the church, he expressed gladness that although he appeared so insignificant, but God made it possible for him to have a big farm, large enough to feed his family and others. He thanked God for making him a rich man. This is what can rightly be regarded as possessing a thankful heart to God.

If all the people of this era had such thankful hearts, they would have enjoyed the Kingdom of God. But unfortunately, many people are not thankful though they are given cities. Instead of being thankful, they still want more, which shows their ingratitude. The Kingdom of God is not food and drink but peace, joy and righteousness in the Holy Spirit, so we should always seek for peace, joy, love and righteousness. Re-examine the golden text.

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It is true that through our Lord Jesus Christ, the entire world is saved. God saved the world through His humility, peace, love, joy, endurance, and other virtues. When He was cursed, He blessed and endured all humiliation and torture. All His actions and utterances magnified the glory of God. Recall when he told Peter to put back his sword into its sheath, for all those who carry the sword shall die by it. He even restored the ear that was cut off by Peter. We would have prospered, if we had emulated His humility, long suffering, love, forgiveness and endurance. Also we would have forgiven and forgotten the evil done us by other people.

THE MOST EXALTED NAME:

There is a name meant to lead and protect us.

SPIRITUAL SONG:

'NO MATTER HOW DIFFICULT A PROBLEM IS, IT IS SOLVED IN THE NAME OF OLUMBA'

Why is it that in the just concluded song, when I used Jesus, you echoed Olumba? Do you not know that it was our Lord Jesus Christ who humbled Himself unto death: and for that reason, was glorified and exalted by God? Today, His name alone is reigning everywhere.

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worship the great name. No power or being would bow in worship when your name, Abraham and other old prophets are mentioned. So, God would exalt you if you humble yourself. If you, without complains, allow people to exploit, persecute and cheat you for the sake of God, you would be exalted and glorified by God. God would exalt you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, if you hold fast to peace, love, joy, kindness, generosity and patience.

Recall that our Lord Jesus Christ pleaded with His Father to sanctify His disciples through the truth; for He was sanctified through the truth. Refer to John 17: 17-19. You can realise that it is impossible to save oneself. Your parents cannot save you neither can the government save you. There is nothing you can do for yourself or another person. However, if you surrender yourself to the will of God, He can bear all your problems; because He can provide solution to them without seeking your assistance.

Remember that Paul was so faithful that even his girdle was used to heal the sick. He believe in and used the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to perform miracles. Some vagabond Jews who thought they could successfully imitate what Paul did in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, accosted a demonic man and ventured to command the unclean spirits to come out of him, using the name of Jesus. In response, the demonic spirits told the vagabond Jews that, they knew Paul and Jesus but did not know them. The afflicted man leapt, pounced on them and they were over-powered. They all ran away, thoroughly beaten.

Refer to Acts 19: 11 - 16.

If you humble yourself, God would exalt and use you to save your family, community and the entire world. God would empower you to rule even the angels as well as the entire manking if you abide by His words. God would do the unexpected if you humble and surrender yourself to Him. God does not want those who are boastful, arrogant and recalcitrant

Recall when king Hezekiah of Israel was challenged by the king of Assyria. Hezekiah took the letter from Assyria to the altar and pleaded with God to come to his help. He confessed his powerlessness to withstand the Assyrian king whose military prowess had brought down many other kings under his control. He prayed God to consider how a mere man whom he created could challenge Him (God) to battle. So God promptly sent prophet Isaiah to inform Hezekiah that for the sake of His servant, David, He would save Israel. God fulfilled His promise to Hezekiah.

You can see how God saved those who humble themselves and trust in Him. Was it not only our Lord Jesus-Christ who accepted all forms of humility? The issue of humility has nothing to do with worldly possession or positions. It does not entail bragging in public places but it has to do with total surrendering to the will and leadership of the Holy Spirit.

God can use you as He did our Lord Jesus Christ to save the world, only if you adhere to His injunctions.

Mankind is in a pathetic state, and nobody would have been saved but for the love and grace of God. This divine intervention confirms the scripture which states that, if God had not shortened the days of suffering, none would have received salvation. We are assured that for the sake of His elect, God has made the days short. Refer to Matthew 24: 21 - 22. Now, He has fulfilled His promise to the Gentiles; for what He did to the Israelites, has also been done for the Gentiles.

You have to humble yourself and do not complain or reciprocate evils for evil. If you adhere to this injunction, He would glorify you at the end. Do not continue in fornication, adultery, idolatry, murder, immorality, division and discrimination. You are to be a true child of God in thoughts, words, and actions.

A stroke of cane is enough for the wise. Let he who have ears hear what the Holy Spirit has imparted to the world. May God bless His holy word - Amen.

THE GREAT WAGES

SPIRITUAL FOOD: LUKE 3: 12 - 13

Then came also publicans to be baptised, and said unto him, Master, what shall we do? And he said unto them, Exact not more than that which is appointed you.

ABHOR FALSEHOOD:

Brethren, take note of the above message. Assuming you were given an article worth ten naira (N10.00) to sell; and you are able to sell it at fifteen naira (N15.00), of what benefit would it be to you if you decide to keep back the surplus five naira (N5.00)? You may also grumble when given the sum of twenty naira (N20.00) to take care of a project because you feel the amount would not be sufficient for such a task. I believe you have understood the statement, "exact not more than that which is appointed you." Therefore, whoever-receives more than is apportioned him, does not belong to this kingdom. You are implored to act as you are directed. Do not go beyond the limit set for you. Otherwise, it will lead to your fall.

THE INEVITABLE WAGE:

Again, if it was agreed that you would be given twenty naira (N20.00) for taking a stranger to a place he has not been before, after accomplishing the task, if you decide to charge the stranger more than it was agreed, would this behaviour portray you as a man of God? Who has taught you such dubious ways?

Once a certain sister came from abroad to see the Father. And at the airport, somebody offered to take her to 34 Ambo Street at the sum of twenty thousand naira (N20,000.00). The shocking aspect of the incidence was that, the said person, after collecting the money, ran away leaving the woman stranded at the airport; such a wicked act was done by somebody who claims to be wise. There are similar cases where people demand, say Ten thousand naira (N10,000.00) from other people and refuse to carry out a certain agreed

assignment.

These hideous activities do not constitute the divine teachings I have always been imparting to you

You are advised to make sure that any article given to you by somebody is sold at the stipulated price. Moreso, you are encouraged to accept the salary offered you by your employer, provided it is a bit reasonable. You should not demand for a wage that does not commensurate the labour provided. Do you know that it is evil if you pretentiously accept to be paid a meagre salary of forty naira (N40.00) by your employer; but before the end of the month, you manifest your hidden plans by embezzling the sum of fifty thousand naira (N50,000.00)? Meanwhile, you boast and fan yourself for successfully carrying out the act. You should be informed that this is undisguised stealing; and you will surely reap the reward, for the wages of sin is death.

CONTENTMENT, MARK OF PIETY:

Since we receive everything free of charge from God, we should, with maximum consideration also give these things free of charge to people. Always bear in mind that this is the New Kingdom of God, where everything is equally new. There is no bribery and corruption in the Kingdom because these vices which were known are now non-existent. Let your works or services be truthful and sincere. Do not go beyond that which is required.

Greed has been identified to be responsible for your lack of satisfaction in all what is available. It is greed that often attracts death to man. Always realise that this is the Kingdom of God, as such, all operations in the Kingdom must be according to the new and acceptable order.

If we exhibit truthfulness in the little responsibilities entrusted to us; it follows that we will also exhibit truthfulness when entrusted with greater responsibilities in future. Therefore, the entire Brotherhood children are implored to display the new life-style anywhere they are employed or

called upon to act as representatives. You are also entreated to imbibe the new life-style found in the Kingdom; and allow the New teachings to be reflected in all your services and actions. It is expected that you should, at all times, express love, mercy, truth and patience to everybody throughout the whole world.

Furthermore, you should engage in sublime acts of righteousness so that you may receive the blessing of God. In conclusion, we should work as directed, because, before now we had lived in utter darkness, when we did not know our right from our left. And the notion we had was that we were sole owners of ourselves. As a result of this misconception, we had indulged in whatever we felt was our heart desires. However, henceforth, you have been liberated from dungeons of darkness to plains of absolute knowledge of the truth. Considering this divine act, we have now realised we have a Father who is fully conscious that we are His children. Therefore, it is wise to adhere to His injunctions and strictly abide by every word that proceeds from His mouth.

Beloved, a stroke of cane is sufficient to the wise. Let he who have ears hear what the Holy Spirit has imparted to the entire world. May God bless His holy word. Amen.

Thank You Father.

"Some of you have been engaged in one problem or the other with your brother without trying to make peace. You should know that peace-making is the most important thing in the life of a child of God." Leader O. O. Obu

WHY YOUR PRAYERS ARE NOT ANSWERED

FIRST LESSON: MATTHEW 5: 23 - 24

Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there remeberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

SECOND LESSON: I JOHN 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

GOLDEN TEXT: 11 PETER 1: 5 - 9

And besides this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

THERE'S NEED FOR CONSIDERATION:

Beloved, the three texts above form the basis of this sermon. All the problems that befall you come from your inability to practise the scriptures highlighted above. It is said that charity begins at home, therefore if you do not know how to arrange your house, you are bound to have problem. A good student normally studies or does his revision at home so that when he gets to the school, he easily recollect what he had studied and as quickly put them into use. But a bad student is in the habit of dumping his books carelessly at

home. He would then involve himself in non-academic activities. By doing this, he will surely fail his examinations in the end, because he had failed to practise what he was taught. That is the reason why those who claim to be wise are often termed as fools, for they are generally proud and boastful. They are always taking everything for granted. But anybody who humbled himself would study hard, giving regards to everything and at the end, he benefits from the experience; thus having a good result. Hence it is said that when you take good care of a tree, it will yield good fruits.

GUARD AGAINST EVIL ACTS:

Many of you in the past had engaged yourselves in one evil act or the other, but when you come here, you tried and changed for the better. But the question now is who do you think the person whose property you had stolen will regard you when he or she sees you now? There are still a lot of things for you to learn in this kingdom which you did not know. This is so because I am teaching you gradually, knowing that you are beginners else, you become confused and run way.

It is stated in the scripture that whatsoever sin a person had committed shall one day find him out. Are you with the sense that any sin you had committed, even at the age of three, if you do not confess it properly before God, it shall one day find you out? All those sins you have committed right from childhood are still there with you, you are to carefully send them away by confessing them. This explains the import of the scripture quoted for the first lesson. How many of you had had such a knowledge? It is stated in St. Matthew 7: 5 that one must first remove what is in his eyes before seeking to remove what is in his brother's eyes. Therefore brethren, it is a very pleasant thing to be called a man of God. But realise that it is only when you take good care of the soil that your yam seedlings will produce sizeable tubers.

Many of you seem to be good only when you come in here, but outside here you are something else. Such behaviour is best regarded as politicking before God. If you

do not exhibit a good conduct in your home, how will it be possible for you to act well outside? This explains the reason why our brother Paul stated that brethren should not try to pet people to emulate him in his presence, that they should voluntarily emulate his ways of life when he is not with them.

UNHEALING SCARS:

Now brethren, there is no need for long preaching for this is the period of "change-over". I just want to elaborate on certain aspects so that we can land safely. You may offend somebody today and feel that the person will easily forget it. But surprisingly for you, one day when he or she sees you, the offence re-occurs in his memory, such events constitute the barrier for your future progress. That is why you are advised that whenever you want to give an offering to God, if you suddenly remember that you had offended your brother, you have to drop that offering there, run back home and make peace with him. Thereafter, you can go back to continue your offering. Read again the first lesson.

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A SIN IS A SIN:

Brethren, how many of you have been practising this gospel? Some of you do not even know the meaning of it. No matter how minute you think your sin is, it remains a sin forever. For this reason, you will see some people who have been steadfast with God for three years or more, suddenly becoming confused and finally back-sliding. You may not be surprised also at seeing some people who have been serving God seriously for about thirty years, automatically changing their minds, back-sliding and becoming juju men, what constitutes such people's problem is lack of practising this gospel. In fact, such people have never served God at all. They merely started it haphazardly, hence they fell apart.

You must first clear the bush before setting fire into it, other-wise, the fire will not burn. If I want to take time and really expatiate on this gospel, you will know that none of you is worthy to declare yourself as being anything. Some of you have been engaged in one problem or the other with your brother without trying to make peace. You should know that peace making is the most important thing in the life of a child of God. Therefore, since this knowledge has been imparted to you today; go then and make peace with your brothers. This gospel is brought to effect changes in you. It is to straighten whatsoever was crocked in your bodies and ways of life. Therefore start now to make peace with your brother.

SHUN SIN:

Sin is the most dreaded thing man should not indulge in. It is what keeps the entire world in this deplorable condition; hence you are advised not to commit any sin; anybody who commits sins has no peace in his life. No matter how small the sin you commit may be, it still remains a sin, nothing can change it from being a sin. Even if you fast for forty days and nights, you cannot stop it from being a sin, having committed it.

PEACE: THE FOUNDATION STONE OF GOD'S KINGDOM

Furthermore, I want you to realise that God and man are one and that whenever you see a man, you are seeing God. No matter how small a human being may be, you do not have to joke with him. If you commit an abortion, you have killed someone, no matter how insignificant the foetus would be considered.

Brethren, this is not the time to preach long gospels. Rather, it is the time to make peace with the person you have offended. This is the first and foremost thing for you to do in order to progress. Indeed, this is the foundation stone of this kingdom. Go and make peace with your brother, for this will help you move forward instead of backsliding. Whatever sin you might have committed before your baptism into this kingdom, confess it and then make peace with the person you had offended.

It is for this reason that I keep on reminding you of the importance of being remorseful over your sins. If you do not repent of your sins, you cannot do anything righteous. Also if you do not confess your sin, there is nothing righteous that can come your way.

Some of you think that when you donate fat sums of money, your sins will be forgiven. Such is fallacious thought. If you do not make peace with the person you had offended, whether or not he or she is a day old child, you are not worthy before God. I have been telling you several times, not to joke with your fallow human being, whether old or young, sick or healthy. Hitherto, you did not believe that, man is God. The moment you flog or abuse your child, you are doing it directly unto God. Hence, anytime you want to donate anything to God, whether it is a hundred million, first of all, go back and make peace with your child, brother, sister, husband, wife etc; otherwise such a donation will not be accepted by God.

EMULATE ZACCHEUS:

Recall when Christ met with Zeccheus and told him that He wanted to abide in his house; Zaccheus answered that he was not worthy enough for Christ to come into his house. Christ then told him that He came for the lost sheep of Israel. Zeacchus therefore, on hearing this, decided to go and make peace with all those he had offended. Brethren, in your own case, is this not the right time for you to reconcile with your offenders? Believe me, it is the most appropriate time for you to make peace with those you had offended. This you must do before aiming at pleasing God.

I am telling you the truth, it is not at all benefiting for anybody to commit a sin. No matter what somebody does against you, you need not retaliate, for no matter how tiny you claim your sin is, it remains a sin.

Recall what happened to Reuben when he lustfully had fun with his father's wife. When his father was about to die, he cursed him and said that although he was his first son, he would never prosper in his life time. Hence, you find these numerous poor people in the world today. They are from the

tribe of Reuben. No matter what you give them, they can never prosper, for they have defiled their father's bed. The same thing applies to Simeon and Levi who killed their supposed brother-in-law. Their father also cursed them, as he said since they had killed their brother-in-law, they must also be killed with matchets. Therefore brethren, go now and make peace with your offenders while you are yet on the course of ministering to God. Otherwise you would be wasting your time.

Brethren, do not doubt over this issue, for I know that some people will regard it as a mere saying. If Reuben, Simeon and Levi had known the resultant effect of their actions, they would have remorsely reconciled with their father? It is said that the sin which somebody had committed certainly lives after that person. Unfortunately, all those who blaspheme against the Holy Spirit shall not be forgiven. It is clearly stated that all sins shall be forgiven, but blasphemy against the Holy Spirit shall never be forgiven. And this is the right time for everybody to regret whatsoever sin he had committed. Whether you sinned against your father, mother, child, brother, sister, grand-father, grand-mother, neighbour, etc; go and reconcile with them.

Some of you committed a very great sin by planning with your wife to abort an unwanted pregnancy. Although you had not succeeded in aborting it, yet it was a great sin. Therefore this is the right time for you to call your wife and tell her that the plan was not good, that she should forgive you. Your wife should also do the same thing to you.

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This is an illustration about a certain Bishop who had died, but rose again. When he was about to be buried, his corpse was taken in a coffin to the church for the last blessing. There in the church, while the choir was singing, the members heard a certain noise inside the coffin, they then rushed and opened it and behold the Bishop had risen. When he was brought out, he told the people that in the world beyond, he was not allowed to pass in. That, as he was going, he went across two

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separate roads, to one road it was written; "pagans" and to the other road; "Christians". Then as he was about to pass through the one written Christians, the guards there told him to stop. He then turned to the one written pagans but the people there also told him to go back. It was there that they took him to a certain place where the names of those he had seriously dealt with when he was alive were written. As those names were shown to him, they ordered him to quickly return to the world and make peace with all those people he had offended

After that, the Bishop was returned to the world with the warning that he should reconcile with his offenders. He was further told that when he would return to the world beyond, the entry to the road written Christians would be free for him. When he had finished telling them this story, he managed to move from house to house, meeting those whom he had offended, pleading and making peace with them. It took him complete three weeks to accomplish this task. Therefore beloved brethren what about that person you quarrelled with yesterday, have you yet made peace with him?

SECOND LESSON: I JOHN 1:9

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THIS IS FOR YOUR OWN GOOD:

Beloved brethren, do you know the reason why God is keeping you alive up till date? The reason is that you may reconcile and confess all your sins. He is the Father of love, peace, mercy, etc; therefore you must reciprocate His love by reconciling with your offenders so that you may be forgiven and made whole by God.

Even when a cow gives birth to its young one, it lovingly uses its tongue to clean it well, that it may look nice for people to see. In this way, you as human beings must free yourselves from sins by confessing, regretting and refraining from them all.

Anytime you want to pray, do not forget about those whom you had offended. Pray for their well-being and do not forget to confess your sins. It is indeed essential that you should not ignore your offenders. Do not keep on abusing them but forgive and take them as your own, make peace with them, for this is the reason why God is sustaining you. His intention is that at the end, you inherit the everlasting glory awaiting you in this Kingdom.

A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL:

The Holy Change Over Week is the week of reconciliation, the week for peace making; the week of visitation to all the sick, needy people and all our brethren. It is the week of joy, peace, freedom, etc; for all the children of God. This is also the week to glorify God. This is the week to show the greatest appreciation to God. If you do not use this change-over week to be appreciative to God for all the things He has been doing for you, how then will it be possible for you to receive more from Him?

This is the best time for you to reconcile with those you have offended, may be by stealing their property, fighting, quarrelling, because of girl or boy friends, etc. Though you might have sworn never to exchange pleasantries for your life time, this is the right time for you to reconcile with him. God is very loving and merciful, therefore if you regret your sins, He will surely forgive you.

BE REMORSEFUL:

Do not claim to be righteous and do not inquire about others' activities, for nobody is righteous except God. Christ had even said in Luke 18: 19 that it is only the Father who is righteous. Therefore do not see yourself as being righteous. But always pray to God for the forgiveness of all your transgressions, for you are not worthy in any form. Re-examine the golden text.

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SPIRITUAL CHORUS:

"WHEN I REMEMBER WHAT GOD HAS DONE FOR ME, I WILL FOREVER FOLLOW HIM WITHOUT TURNING BACK."

What will make you, brethren, to derail henceforth, from the path of righteousness? What either will separate you from the love of God? Remember that Christ died for you, therefore if you love Him you must be loving, peaceful, tolerant, merciful, etc. to others. Try to put this gospel into practice by loving, forgiving, making peace with one another, giving food, money, clothing, etc. to the needy people. When you do these, you will become a new person entirely.

A stoke of cane is enough for the wise. Let he who have ears hear what the Holy Spirit has imparted to the world. May God bless His holy word. Amen.

Thank You Father.

LOVE IS PERFECTION

FIRST LESSON: 1 CORINTHIANS 13: 4 - 7

Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself; is not puffed up. Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil: Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

GOLDEN TEXT: 1 JOHN 2: 17

And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever.

LOVE, SUBLIMEST VIRTUE:

Beloved, the above texts constitute our gospel which is part of the teachings of the New Kingdom. Therefore, your deepest concentration is required in order that you may know the difference between these teachings and the doctrines of the world.

It has been disclosed to you that love is paramount. You are saved whenever you exhibit the qualities of love. According to the scriptures quoted above, love endures all happenings and accepts all situations. Whoever has love, must certainly be pure at heart. It is difficult to deceive a person who possesses love. A man who has abundant love would never believe he is haunted by ghost or chased after by witches. Even if you threaten that it would result to death, he would not be worried, since the spirit of love would repel these demonic entities from him.

It is an error to believe that somebody has been prevented from serving God. The issue simply is that the person does not have the urge or desire to serve God. Love is the perfection of the will of God.

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SALVATION FROM LOVE:

Beloved, you have re-examined what is contained in the above text. You have been told what constitutes love. There would no more be predicaments if everybody seeks to possess these qualities. Moreso, if everybody has love, all the inhabitants of the earth would have known and reverenced God. All those who have received this love will have everlasting life, joy and salvation. Read the golden text again.

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GOD'S PATH IS ETERNAL:

Beloved, you have re-examined the excerpt above. You are aware that the world passeth away, and the lust thereof, but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever. You are enjoined to be very mindful of your thoughts and deeds, because if you are carried away by mundane things, you shall certainly perish with them, but if you abide by the will of God, you shall live eternally.

All the pleasures and glories of this world are temporary. Soon they will cease to be. But those who abide in God shall abide till eternity.

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THE GREATEST POSSESSION

FIRST L ESSON: LUKE 12: 29 -31

And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall L added unto you.

SECOND LESSON: MATTHEW 5: 4

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

GOLDEN TEXT: ROMANS 8: 17

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

SHUN WORLDLY PLEASURES:

How many people among the inhabitants of the world have recognised Brotherhood of the Cross and Star as the Kingdom of God on earth? people only come to Brotherhood of the Cross and Star for the purpose of acquiring children, money, life, clothing, and houses. All these people seek to be made presidents, governors, chairmen. They seek to be exalted, recognised, praised, loved and be highly regarded by others. Considering all these, can one say they are seeking for the Kingdom of God?

As a baptised Brotherhood, everything is laid bare before you; it is either you accept or refuse it. Whoever knows the truth has no problem and does not regret. The Christ's Practical Students know what they are passing through. They do everything with caution, knowing fully well where they are heading to. Hence, they are not bothered, even when people cheat and or perpetrate whatever atrocities against them. The three texts quoted above constitute the r 'food.'

Our Lord Jesus Christ implored His Father to glorify Him

after accomplishing all that He (Father) assigned Him to do. The people who come to the Kingdom to urge the Father to bless and elevate them to highly esteemed positions are the people that seek to enter the Kingdom through the window. God knows our positions and indeed, everything about us. Therefore, it is very unwise for anybody to implore God to bless and exalt him of complain of one problem or the other.

The Israelites stayed in the land of Egypt for four hundred and thirty years; while there, they farmed, traded, married and raised up children; and at the fulness of time, they departed Egypt. I want you to ponder over this issue; why did the children of Israel depart the land of Egypt? Having stayed at Egypt for such a long time, the place was literally considered their home; why did they depart? Although the Israelites greatly prospered, and had dwelt there for such a long period of time, yet they decided to leave Egypt to their homeland. Obviously, the decision was not an easy one to implement by the Israelites. Why then did they have to leave Egypt? This situation gives an insight into the scriptural nomination that, whoever does not forsake all that which he has, and follow after Christ is not worthy to be His disciple.

Many people are in the habit of cautioning and blaming whoever forsakes all that he had for the sake of God. The question is, do people consider such a person ignorant of his action? These detractors actually know that he is seeking for the greatest thing which is the Kingdom of God. The Israelites would not have inherited the promised land if they had lusted after their enormous possessions left behind in the land of Egypt. And since they had hoped for what was greater than their belongings in Egypt, which was God's promise to their forefather; they exercised patience, despite the intimidation and sufferings encountered on the way.

At this moment, the entire world could be regarded to be in the land of Egypt; and it is imperative for us to depart to the land kept for us. So, we should be prepared to pass through afflictions in order to inherit the land. You are enjoined to be undisturbed, no matter the treatment meted to you, neither

the abusive language used on you; you should forge ahead and expect what is great. As earlier said, the entire would could be regarded to be in the land of Egypt; and it is now time for us to seek the 'land' which belongs to us.

Let the first lesson be re-examined.

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ENDURE ALL SITUATIONS:

Beloved, you are enjoined not to be bothered about what to eat, drink, wear; and should also not be doubtful, for these are the desires of the people of the world. What we are required to do is to succumb to any hard situation; mockery and defamation for the sake of Christ. We should not be bothered even if it means denying ourselves every pleasure, but should forge ahead; knowing that the future holds greater things than the past. You have to down-play the quest for material things, and unrelently seek to inherit the Kingdom of God.

Is God ignorant of your state; why then do you lament and complain of one thing or the other? This is the Kingdom of God which Christ taught His disciples to pray for. See Matthew 6: 10. The Kingdom has manifested; and you have to seek for it. Your effort to become a president would not bring salvation to you; such cannot grant you entrance into the Kingdom of God. God knows all your needs; He knows you need eternal life, power and glory but you must first seek for the Kingdom, according to His instruction in the scriptures.

The desire to seek for the Kingdom of God cannot be derived through long preaching. Those who are after the mundane things have perished, but those who have forsaken such material possessions have gained the Kingdom of God.

Read the second lesson again.

SECOND LESSON: MATTHEW 5: 4

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

SPIRITUAL CHORUS:

Cry and lament no more: for the saviour is not on his way but right in our midst

WE ARE THE CHILDREN OF GOD:

Beloved, the above lesson does not make any meaning to the people of the world; for the y are still plunged in darkness, since they are children of perdition. However, it makes a lot of meaning to the children of God. Brotherhood of the Cross and Star is the Kingdom of God. Thus only those who are spiritually enlightened really know what is going on in the Kingdom; but the people of the world are blind to the situations herein.

Remember the dialogue between our Lord Jesus Christ and His disciples as recorded in Matthew 13: 10 - 11. All that you had left behind in order to acquire the Kingdom of God will be given to you a hundred fold. What does the term, "Christ's Practical Students stand for? Most people have been pondering over the meaning in vain. Collectively, these titles; Christ's Practical Student, Christ's Servant and the children of God connote the offsprings of the Almighty God. They constitute those who aspire to inherit the Kingdom of God. A local adage maintains that, the fowl considers the things ahead greater than those of the past. For reference, see Matthew 9: 16 - 17.

"No man putteth a piece of new cloth unto an old garment, for that which is put in to fill it up taketh from the garment, and the rent is made worse. Neither do men put new wine into old bottle: else —

the bottle break, and the wine runneth out, and the bottles perish: but they put new wine into new bottles, and both are preserved."

Lot with his family was warned against carrying any possession and turning back when departing the corrupt city of Sodom and Gomorrah. But Lot's wife, whose mind was in her belongings could not control her lust, and so, violated the warning by looking back. She consequently perished.

History is repeating itself in the Kingdom. To drive home this point, there was a certain brother, an arch-bishop and founder of a church from Kenya, who forsook his entire wealth and position; and came to Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, while here, he was addressed as 'brother'. When people questioned why he chose this path, he replied that he was no longer interested in the thingsof the world. There are other such people in the Kingdom.

Many people think that people come to Brotherhood of the Cross and Star to gain salvation. Do you remember the encounter between our Lord Jesus Christ and a certain young lawyer as recorded in Luke 18:18-22? The young man was sorrowful when our Lord Jesus Christ asked him to come and follow Him; after he must have sold all that he had and equally distributed the proceed to the poor.

SPIRITUAL CHORUS:

Sell all your possession and follow the Lord

Your numerous years spent in the Kingdom would be in vain if you do not completely forsake the world. It would be of no help to you even if you claim absolute knowledge of Olumba and render songs of praises to God; inasmuch as you still cling to the desires of the world. It is completely necessary that you forsake every bit of worldly things. A lot of people do wonder why a person is asked to forsake the little he has; instead of further acquiring more wealth, vehicles, ships and raising a clan of children. The golden text below clears the doubt.

GOLDEN TEXT: ROMANS 8:17

And if children, then heirs; heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him.

that we may be also glorified together.

PARTAKERS IN GOD'S GLORY:

As a baptised Brotherhood, you are a joint-heir with Christ, you should therefore, suffer with Him for you will be glorified along side with Him; but you are to stay away if you are reluctant.

The coming of an Ethiopian to our midst is a good thing to the entire Brotherhood world. He rejected the One thousand, five hundred Naira (N1,500.00) that was given to him. Again, when he was given two plates of rice during feasting, he merely looked at the plates, laughed, then told the sharers that it would not be enough for other brethren if he alone should eat two plates. But in your case, one person would want to eat up to five plates of rice so that he would be fully satisfied. You are expected to live up to expectation as baptised Brotherhood, emulating the Ethiopian. It is most certain that if we suffer with Christ, we will also be glorified with Him.

Beloved, a stroke of cane is enough for the wise. Let he who have ears hear what the Holy Spirit has imparted to the whole world. May God bless His holy word. Amen.

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THE MEMORANDUM OF THE NEW WORLD

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INTRODUCTORY CHORUS:

"WHEN THE WORD OF GOD IS IN MY HEART, I WILL HAVE LIFE"

THE WORD IS MAN:

Brethren, my duty in the kingdom of God is to preach the word of God because the kingdom of God is nothing but the word of God which constitutes power, love, humility, peace, faith, hope, patience, self-control, among other virtues. Wherever you find these virtues, there also the kingdom of God exists. Listen to the word of God and practise it so that the entire world may behold the presence of God and accept Him.

THE WORD OF GOD IS EVERYTHING:

Brethren, the word of God does not only exist here in Calabar but throughout the entire world. Go and teach the people of the world about the word of God, lead them to the accurate knowledge of truth. The problem of the entire people of the world is that, they thought the word of God is meant for certain people. It is for all creations of God.

Brethren, you cannot claim monopoly for the spread of the word of God. It must be preached in all nooks and crannies of the world. Whenever you come to the Father, it is your place to listen attentively to the Father and comply with the divine instructions imparted to you. Instead of this, when you are before me, you pretend to be listening to the word of God but as soon as you get back to your house, you do a complete different thing from what I taught you. I want you to practise these very words; go and teach others same so that all would receive the light.

BCS IS NOT A CHURCH:

Many people claim that they are not members of Brotherhood church. Brethren, Brotherhood of the Cross and Star is not a church, it is the kingdom of God, where the word of God dwells. It is also the dwelling place of the entire creation of God, where they listen to the word of God and practise it. Wherever the word of God is received in the world, and the people practise it, peace, tranquillity and progress abide in such a place.

The word of God is not a thing anybody should reject. Whoever rejects the word of God has rejected life, good health, progress and every good thing in life. But if you receive the word of God, you receive life, and all good things; so, preach the word of God wherever you go. Your duty is to preach the word of God, because the word was in the beginning.

MAN IS GOD:

When you see man, you have seen God and in the same vein, when you see God, you have seen the word. The word was with God and when God created man, He used the word.

THE STANDARD EXPECTED OF YOU:

Do not speak evil word, do not listen to evil communication nor involve in evil at all. But let your prayer be the word of God. The word of God had existed before the foundation of the world. Therefore, when you go out to preach, do not tell people the Father said anything but tell

them that such is scripted in the Bible. As an ambassador of God, you must avoid fornication, stealing and other sinful acts. A man of God must marry one wife, the same with a woman. And the couple should abide in peace at all times.

THE SCRIPTURE IS UNIVERSAL

Brethren, the word of God was not exclusively meant for the Israelites. When our Lord Jesus Christ commissioned His_ disciples, He said to them:

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." (Matthew 28: 19-20)

Now those who had erroneously thought that the word of God is restricted to Calabar and Akwa Ibom State or the members of Brotherhood should take their correction. The word of God comes not only to a particular people or race but the whole world including those who are yet to be baptised. This is because it is the word of life. This is the memorandum of the new world. The memorandum of the new earth, the government, business circles, factories and all human organisations. Whatever you want to embark on, you must of necessity, make use of the word of God. Re-examine the first lesson.

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A MIRROR TO CHRISTENDOM:

Brethren, many think that this excerpt is mainly for the disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is for you and I and all those who are qualified to be called Christians. This is the more reason our Lord Jesus Christ said that whoever would

come after Him should deny himself and take up his own cross and follow Him.

Whether you are a village head, prime minister, governor, or hold any exalted position, if you want to follow God, it is of necessity that you go from house to house, preaching the word of God, help the destitute and not count yourself worthy. Do not brag that you are a king, prime minister, or queen and as such bring down yourself to preach the word of God. Do not stand by, while the field is ripe for harvest. You should deny yourself of certain comfort in order to evangelise the world by carrying each other's cross.

Brethren, the world is blind and incapacitated. All what we need to do is to disseminate the word of God and put same into practise so that we may in turn gain life. No matter how wealthy you are, without the word of God, you are nothing before God. But if you have the word of God, you have got everything and without it, you are perpetually under bondage.

Hebrews 12:4-7 states:

You have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin. And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him; For whom the Lord loveth he chastened, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the Father chasteneth not?

Our Lord Jesus Christ is an unshakeable foundation; so, do not submit yourself to the things of this world. You should submit yourself to the word of God, abide by His injunctions so that you could gain eternal life.

THE IMPORTANCE OF B.C.S. MEMORANDUM:

Part of the problem you have in Brotherhood today is your failure to read the memorandum of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. If you read it, you will find very useful information in it. All what is contained there is meant for you to practise. If

you practise one and leave the others, then you have failed.

Brethren, the scripture was not meant for you to read like newspaper. Rather it was written for your scriptural awareness and salvation. After reading the scriptures, you are to pass the information to others by denying yourself everything in the world and submitting yourself to face calmly any tribulation that comes to you. It is your place to carry the word of God to your house, to your people, community, and to all creations of God in order that you may gain eternal life.

A UNIVERSAL LAW:

The word of God is the only law that binds the entire creation. The present generation and generations yet unborn are under this divine law; the word of God. Through the word of God, you can receive everything you need from God. If we are not checked by the word of God, then salvation will elude the entire world.

It is generally believed that, as a civil servant, you must abide by the rules and regulations governing the civil service. In event of deviation, the person involved would have to be disciplined. In the same token, those who fail to abide by the divine instructions of God as contained in the Holy Bible are indirectly fighting against the universal government of God. The Bible is the only instrument of rulership. Therefore, in order to live a peaceful and progressive life, you must abide by the injunctions of God. If you practise His teachings, all will be well with you

Before our Lord Jesus Christ gave up the ghost while on the cross, He said, 'it is finished.' By this declaration, He meant that all evil practices have been completely destroyed and washed away. So, we are expected to be under the rulership of our Lord Jesus Christ. In another instance, He said you should not call anybody teacher or master for there is only one master and we all are brethren. The bible is the only worthy teacher to the entire world.

Brethren, if you open the bible now and carefully look into

the contents, from Genesis to Revelation, reading chapter by chapter, you would realise that the entire world is in darkness and incapacitated. So, in this kingdom our main assignment is to practise the world of God, so that we may receive life and peace. It is for this reason you are told that the world you speak are not from you and the worlds I speak are not from me but from the Holy Scripture.

It is also for this reason too, that you are advised by our Lord Jesus Christ to preach the word of God unceasingly. Whether in season or out of season, preach the word of God constantly. You are to reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and humility. So, when you come before me, you should receive the word of God, put it into practise and take it to others. If you fail to carry the gospel to the outside world, how then would the people gain eternal life?

Brethren, whatever the nationality or community of a person, you are to preach the word of God to him without any discrimination. This is because, it is the only way and life to mankind. We are no more in the world, neither do we lust after the things of the world. We are under the tradition of God. This is the message you must carry to the world. Our common law is to practise the word and abide by it.

THE REIGN OF GOD:

I have said it repeatedly that, three is a lucky number. Four is an unlucky number, two also is unlucky. In the same vein, the first and second generations have passed away and this is a new generation which the word of God reigns. You should likewise spread the good news.

Do not indulge in fetish practice nor consult necromancers. Free your self completely from the tradition of your fore-fathers because the word of God has conquered the whole world. So, you have to abide by His words. This is for the entire creation of God.

TESTIMONY:

Brethren, you may have heard a testimony by one Brother

Nkereuwem. His elder brother was a member of about sixty-eight different occult societies. But brother Nkereuwm himself was a member of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, residing in Nigeria while his brother lived at London. So he wrote and invited Nkereumen to come over to London and be initiated into those secret societies.

Nkereuwem refused, informing him that, he has his own God. When the man read the letter, he was not happy and so started to try him in many ways. At last, God through Brother Nkereuwem successfully burnt all the sixty-eight certificates and temples which his elder Brother had acquired. Frethren, have you received the word of God? If you have got it, then impart it to others. You must also free yourself from the doctrines of the world and stick to the word of God. Every instructions given to you by man, if you comply, will eventually lead to damnation. All what you need do is to abide by the word of God and teach others to do same.

The Almighty God, the Creator of heaven and earth is now on earth to establish His eternal kingdom. Therefore, we now have only one Father, one city and one destiny. It is only His divine instructions that we must practise in order to have abundant peace and blessing. Read the golden text below.

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YOUR DUTY:

any other duty to perform than what is written in that text. Now that you have received this message, it is expected of you to reprove, rebuke, inform others of what you have received here. Tell them not to quarrel but to live in peace with one another and to completely avoid svil deeds. Let the light of God dwell in them so that they may receive peace.

The love of God is sufficient to all and His peace is abundant. So, do not believe that God loves others more than He loves you; His love is equal for everybody. In the same vein, man is advised to love his wife and the wife, to honour her husband.

Have you now realised that love and honour are inseparable? The two are necessary for a peaceful co-existence. To the children, God says, "children obey your parents in all things for this is well pleasing unto the Lord." To the father, He says, 'fathers provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.' (Colossians 3: 18 - 21). From this, you should know that honour is love and love is honour. In a situation were there is mutual respect and love, there is peace and oneness. But if love and honour are from one person, then everything there is in vain.

We must love and honour each other, because through this, we receive the peace and blessing of God. This is exactly what God does. He has not kept anybody to be at the head of anything, because He Himself is the Creator of everything. His words are pieces of advice and those who fail to abide by them have themselves to blame.

I Peter 2:7-8 states:

Unto you therefore which believe he is precious but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner. And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient; Whereunto also they were appointed.

The portion is very clear. If you do not abide by the instruction of God, then you will stumble and fall. Remember what God said to Cain and Abel. He instructed them to sacrifice before Him but Cain failed while Abel did exactly what he was instructed to do. Accordingly, he (Abel) received his full blessing. Brethren, the problem faced by the entire world is traced to our rejection of the word of God. We do not

want to put into practice His divine teachings and for that reason, we face series of problems in life.

Brethren, daily you receive the word of God and of necessity, you must acide by it. Put other things aside and carry the Bible to teach the people so that they may gain eternal life.

Beloved, it is said that a stroke of cane is sufficient unto a wise. Let he who have ears hear what the Holy Spirit has imparted to the world. May God bless His holy words, Amen.

Thank You Father.

GOD NEVER FAILS

FIRST LESSON: MATTHEW 4:3-4

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SECOND LESSON: 11 CORINTHIANS 4:17-18

For our affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us for more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

GOLDEN TEXT: JOHN 4:33-34

Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him ought to eat? Jesus said unto them, my meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and finish his work.

EVERLASTING FOOD IS THE WORD OF GOD:

Brethren, the above texts constitute the essential food for you. I know that most of you have never had this special food before and have never hoped of doing so. That is why you are still contemplating on what to cat, where to live and what to put on. All these are indications that you do not have the spirit of God in you, you neither believe in Him nor hope on Him.

Our Lord Jesus Christ told the Jews that their fathers ate manna in the wilderness and perished. He further revealed to them that He was the living bread that came down from heaven and that whoever eats of this bread shall not die but live forever. By this statement, the Lord was teaching them that the children of God do not hope on the things that are visible and temporal, but on the words of God and so, try theirbest to put them into practice. Therefore, if we can go

according to the Father's injunctions and obey His word, then we will not lack what to eat and where to live. Even though the worldly people do not believe in God, surprisingly their hopes are steadfast in Him and His words.

WHAT A CHALLENGE?

During the time of Noah, God used the flood to destroy the world, but after then, He decided never to destroy the world with flood. Since then, man has learnt his lesson. If the inhabitants of the world should believe in the words of God and also have hope on His words, why then is the hope of the children of God unsteady?

Moses was an Israelite, though born in Egypt, but he did not know the mysteries that surrounded his birth place and his contrasting nativity. But God who knows and day revealed Himself to Moses and everything, one instructed him to approach Pharoah and tell him to let the Israelites go. Moses did not have any gun or a sword with him, but he was verbally instructed by God to go and inform King Pharoah to allow the Israelites go. Moses, out of great fear and lack of God's understanding, queried God, "who am I to stand before Pharoah to make such statement?"And God asked him, "What is it you are having in your hand?" Moses replied that it was a staff. God then told him to drop the staff on the ground and he did. Surprisingly to Moses, as he did, the staff became a snake. He was asked to pick it by the tail and it became a staff again. Moses went further and told God that he was a stammerer that he would not be able to speak with ease. God replied that Aaron, his brother would speak on his behalf. Still not satisfied. Moses sought to know who the speaker was. God replied that He was the God of his fore-father, the " I am that I am." Finally, God went along with Moses and accomplished the great task.

Our thought and hopes should be highly built on the words of God. We should not depend on the things seen with the carnal eyes, because these things are quite temporal and they will soon pass away.

We should not contemplate on the things to wear or eat,

rather we should centre all our hopes on the word of God. His word is life which will live forever and will always stand fulfilled. That is why Paul steadfastly said that he did not believe in the things seen, because they are temporal. Whereas the unseen things are permanent and endure forever.

HE IS AN ALL- SATISFYING GOD:

The children of Israel spent forty years in the wilderness, they neither traded nor cultivated crops. They did not work. yet they were fed sufficiently by God throughout their forty years journey. Brethren, the word of God is what has to be considered seriously. If at this junction, you do not practise the word of God, you will find yourself wanting very soon. For it is written in the script: that, the birds of the air do not cultivate nor harvest, they neither sow nor reap but are properly fed by God. Again it is said; the lillies of the field do not go across the earth, yet they continue to biossom day after day. Same is applicable with other creations of God: like the ocean, rivers and seas which neither cultivate nor harvest, but they continue to flow actively all day long. All these are being controlled and taken care of by God. And so, in the word of Cod, everything is found. That is why our hope is forever in His words. And that is how Christ conquered the world. Therefore, all those who follow His teachings and put them into practice have also conquered the world.

WHO FED CHRIST?

We are witnesses to the tact, that our Lord Jesus Christ after baptism, received the Holy Spirit which came upon Him. Christ was in the wilderness for forty days and forty nights. He neither ate nor drank water yet He was not hungry. So, that should be a tesson for all the children of God, particularly those that have great faith in Him. The Bian Anayen Evai choir in one of their anthems, has this message, that we are like the birds of the air who neither sow nor reap but are fed by God.

Consider how the people of the world often go to the hospitals, take tablets and medicate, yet they continue to get

sick and finally die. But here, we do not go to the hospital or take tablets or any other form of medication, yet we are always healthy and fit. Ideally, most members of Brotherhood of Cross and Star do not boast of the Government even though they may be working for the government. Some of them are even employed in the factories and parastatals, yet you find that their confidence is not in their lucrative jobs but in the word of God. By doing this, you see them always strong and happy, whereas the people of the world who work in similar places cannot boast of three square meals daily, even eating once becomes a difficult thing for them.

Others are presidents in the world yet life has also not been really easy with them. They are always troubled about the state of affairs in their countries. But consider the members of the Brotherhood of the Cross Star, some do not even have occupation, yet they are feeding well and living a much better life. In terms of what to eat and health, they consider minor. Their children go through the various systems of education very easily. Some of them are graduates of the Nigerian or overseas universities. So we boast in no other thing except in the Father and His words that are fulfilling.

You are here advised not to build your hope on somebody's money or house but you should hope on the word of Jehovah God and His Christ only. He will neither leave nor forsake you. Do not even hope on your father, mother or the government but let your hope be in the Father, even the Holy Spirit who is here in our midst. Trust in Him for He will not forsake or disappoint you.

THE MOST CARING FATHER:

It is written in the scripture,

"Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be contented with such things as ye care for he hath said. I will never leave nor forsake thee" (HEBREWS 13:5)

We do not have to cry or worry about what to eat, wear and where to live. He is the one who covers our nakedness and makes us healthy and strong. This is so because we have a living Father who never leaves us comfortless. And with Him, we are sufficiently covered and well-protected. That is why Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, is ever proud and always rejoices for having a wonderful Father who freely protects and cares for her. With Him, we are free to walk about boldly, wherever we wish to go.

THE UPPER HAND IS GOD'S:

You have heard of one of our sisters in London, sister (Deaconess) Udo Ndem, she and her husband have been in London for a long time. But because she was really involved in the work of God, her husband told her one day to forget about Brotherhood of the Cross and Star or choose between Brotherhood and himself. So the sister chose Brotherhood and their marriage consequently ended. The husband quickly packed her things and drove them down Mill Hill Bethel in London and dumped there. After their divorce, things turned to her own favour. For her to choose the Father and snub all the pleasures of life in London, (even the top post, the husband was a diplomat, he lived in a luxurious house and enjoyed the government amenities), she triumphed. Now the husband is the looser. He is no more in London, he is back here in Nigeria, but Sister Udo Ndem is still in London.

Similarly, even if you are sacked in your place of work for being a Brotherhood, forget about it and see what the Father will do for you afterward. Always choose God, whenever you are being challenged and, He will not forsake or leave you comfortless. He will always be with you anywhere you may be. This too, is applicable to Brother Essien who was disowned by his father and all the members of his family, with a curse. But now is he not head of that family? That is how the Father had arranged it to be

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be the son of God, command that these stones be made bread. But he answered and said, it is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

SPIRITUAL CHORUS:

"IF I HAVE THE WORD OF GOD IN MY HEART. I WILL HAVE LIFE."

SATISFACTION IN THE HOLY SPIRIT:

Brethren, tell me, have you ever had this wisdom? The text above implies that nobody survives due to marriage, food or through anything mundane, but by the words that proceed out of the mouth of God. We are very ungrateful, for we have not been showing a thankful heart to God for all the numerous things He has been doing for us; most important is sustaining our lives here on earth. It is not the ointment or medication you take that cures your sicknesses neither are your problems solved through your effort. All your sicknesses and problems are solved and cured by the Holy Spirit. But we are very/ungrateful to God for these v/onderful works done by Him. For this generation especially, God has done tremendously well for her because He has accomplished such great things that have never been practically achieved by any man on earth. He has done wonders beyond the level of man's comprehension and for these wonderful things, He deserves honour, adoration, respect and glory. We should really believe and have a strong and unshakeable faith in Him. We should endlessly sing His praises anywhere man exists and be proud of Him.

WHEN WILL MAN SEE THE LIGHT?

Unfortunately, till now most people are still placing their hopes on human beings, money and other visible things. Some people neither believe nor have faith in Him. There is a spiritual chorus that says that we should not have faith in human beings, money and the mundane things we see, because they will one day disappoint us. Nobody can save you, it is only God that can unregretably save you. Of course, He has the priority to help and assist you in

everything. We should emulate our Lord Jesus Christ who had no hope on human beings neither did He listen to anybody except God. That is why He overcame the world and was extensively victorious. Your problems today emanate from the fact that you are hoping on the visible things of the world and by so doing, before you know it, they have deserted you.

SPIRITUAL CHORUS:

"DON'T HAVE HOPE ON MAN FOR MAN WILL DECEIVE YOU. BUT HAVE HOPE IN OLUMBA, HE WILL NOT DECEIVE YOU."

NOTHING ELSE IS TRUSTWORTHY:

The word of God is the source of all that you need in life. As it is stated in the first lesson; man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God. This confirms that we should not hope in man, for man will deceive and disappoint us. We should hope in God and He will never disappoint us. You are also told that if the word of God dwells richly in your heart, you will have life.

Believe in the word of God. Our Lord Jesus Christ steadfastly believed in God and also had a strong faith in Him. Every person who hope in God and also believe in His words can never be ashamed. From this day henceforth, do not believe in any man or anything visible but let all your hopes be in God. Paul was victorious because of this particular attribute. And from this level of steadfastness in God. Paul wrote this in one of his books.

"What is it that will separate him from the love of Christ, is it poverty, tribulation, suffering, imprisonment, persecution and accusation?"

He then concluded that none of these things can separate Him from the love of Christ, Read the second lesson again.

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weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal

MAN IS DECEITFUL:

Brethren, we have heard what happened to Job when God purposely destroyed all his wealth. His brothers, wife, friends and other relations advised him to deny God but he told them that God had never done anything wrong for He is upright and good; that he would rather die than deny or reject Him. Job said that rather than cursing God, he would curse the day he was born. That alone was an indication that Job had a strong faith in God.

THE WEALTHIER, THE WORSE:

Brethren, let this be a lesson to you today; even if you have a basket full of money, do not hope on it because it can disappoint you. If you are the president of any country of the world, do not put your hope in the position, it will not benefit or help you in anyway. No matter the favourable condition you find yourself, do not hope in it, but hope only in God, who will neither forsake nor disappoint you. Just be rest assured in the fact that He is the giver of all things and that He can deprive you of them at His own will.

Beloved brethren, let us always hope in God and in His words. Today you are charged to depend entirely on the word of God and have a strong faith in Him, because this is what gives peace, life, good health and joy. The word of God comforts the broken hearted and also consoles the desolate. If we were to know that the word of life which God has been giving to us is everlasting and permanent, we would have been joyful and very thankful to our God. For it is written in the scripture, "Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted." So, brethren do not rejoice for the things seen, but hope in the things that are not seen, which is the word of God.

The word is eternal and gives life, Do not glory in the things that are physically seen in the world, but always glory

in God, who does every thing. That is why our Lord Jesus Christ told His disciples:

"Behold, I give unto you power to tread the serpents and scorpions, and over all the powers of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

This notwithstanding, rejoice not that the spirits are subject unto you but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven'.' (ST. LUKE 10:19-20)

YOUR LIFE IS NOT IN YOUR HAND:

Do you remember the parable of a certain young man who cultivated a large garden of crops? He, of course harvested them and gathered all into a very big barn. Being satisfied that he had stored enough food to last him through his life span, said to himself; "My soul, rest and relax for you have enough to eat for a good number of years." And that night bretnren, the Lord demanded his soul from him and he could not resist it. Did he enjoy the wealth?

Re-visit the golden text below:

GOLDEN TEXT: JOHN 4:33-34

Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him ought to eat?

Jesus said unto them, my meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and finish his work.

REJOICE NOT IN VANITY:

Brethren, the scripture quoted above are the words of God. Our duty is to listen to these words of God and abide by them. When we are ready to listen to the word of God and give glory to Him, we will be consequently blessed and will be free from all kinds of problem. Our Lord Jesus Christ had pointed out that, His meat was to do the will of him that sent. Him and to finish his work. That is to say He was fully committed to seeing to the maximum glorification of His Father. All of us here too have one or two agreement which we had made with God. Equally, we had promised to do God's work. Let it be known to you that salvation, peace and all the good things you would wish to receive from God, come from the word of God. And

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unless you practise His words, nothing good can come your way. That is why all your commitment and promises should be for you to do the will of Him that had sent you and be sure you finish it. There is again a spiritual chorus what says; "It is from your work that you are saved."

When Hezekiah was very ill even to the point of death, God sent prophet Isaiah to inform him of his imminent transfer to the world beyond. Hezekiah on hearing this sad news turned his face to the wall and pleaded with God to remember his youthful days when he (Hezekiah) served God diligently. And immediately, God remembered those useful days of his and added fifteen more years to his life. In your own case,

what have you done to warrant this type of request and God's grace? Are you not aware of the fact that all the little things you have been doing here to uplift the work of God are credited to you? God uses these pieces of work to solve all your problems. This, you do not know. When you are told to work hard, you have to do so very seriously, because you are doing these things for yourself. For it is said that "The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished" (II Peter 2:9). That is why you are told to be up and doing in the activities of God.

BE A WISE HEARER:

Beloved brethren, it is written in the scripture that He that believes and is baptised shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned, (St. Mark 16:16). How can you be saved if these conditions are not fulfilled by you? It is equally said that all those that hope and have faith in Him have eternal life. And so, as many as have received Him and rejoiced in Him are given the right to be the children of God. So let today's gospel be the food for your soul and do not ever believe in any other thing except in God and His words.

I do not intend to take you further. For it is said that a stroke of a cane is sufficient unto the wise. Let those who have ears

hear what the Holy Spirit has imparted to the world. May God

bless His holy word, Amen.

Thank You Father.

THE NATURE OF A SERVANT OF GOD

FIRST LESSON: LUKE 9: 61 -62

And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go and bid them farewell, which are at home at my house. And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

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Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

GOLDEN TEXT: HEBREWS 13: 1 - 3

Let brotherly love continue. Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unaware. Remember them that are in bounds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body.

SPIRITUAL CHORUS:

I love to bear that name, man of God

WHY LOOK BACK?

Beloved brethren, have we now seen our sources of hindrance which make us unfit to be called that name? When you lament, "who is going to take care of my house? I want to visit my parents, I want to visit my children, Oh! who will be capable of caring for my children?" etc., how will you be able to serve God? Under such situation, how can you practise what I teach you? We all are the servants of God but we cannot fulfil our duties because we want to take care of our families and their problems, before honouring our pledge

to God. There is nothing, both in heaven and on earth that should hinder any one from serving God.

SPIRITUAL CHORUS:

What can separate me from the love of the Lord? nothing can separate me from the love of the lord.

There is an adage which has it that rain can only hinder farm work, but not going to market. In the same vein, nothing can hinder the progress of the service of God. Whether you are sick or in lack of food, such should not stop you from serving God. When you complain of having no child, no one to take care of your children, your position as a married woman etc. then till eternity, you will never serve God. Whoever considers serving God but uses the conjunction 'BUT' will not succeed.

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NO LIMITATION TO GOD'S WORK:

When they told our Lord Jesus Christ that He had violated the law of Sabbath by working on a Sabbath day, He retorted by calling His accusers foolish. He told them that His Father worketh hitherto and so, He had to follow suit. So, it is a sheer waste of time for you to complain that you are having a court case, your grand parents are dying and you would want to go and bury them before going out for the services of God. It is also quite incredible a situation for you as a servant of God, when being sent to, may be. Ghana or London for the Lord's assignment, you start complaining about passport and other apparently necessary things. And for the fact that these things are not yet ready, you decided to stay back and continue to sleep lazily here in the hall. What you should understand is that wherever you may be, you are qualified to carry out God's see any person that complains that service. And if you

you should not carry on with the work of God, you should understand that such a person can never serve God. He is an anti-christ, for nothing whatever should hinder the progress of the services of God.

Consider the wording of the song, "My disciples be ever ready, by day and by night." The question now is; Are you ever ready? Death, sickness, poverty, hunger etc. should not hinder you from doing the work of God, for they are banished.

Ponder over this, can the word of God be kept under lock and key? This is impossible. This explains why churches have been spreading everywhere; even within prison yards, hospitals, offices etc. you find churches functioning there. No civil service should hinder one from serving God.

THE PRIMARY ASSIGNMENT:

Even if you are a governor, your governorship comes last. Irrespective of what you may claim to be, be you a housewife, a married man, a steward; whatever may be your position in this world, must be considered secondary, God's work is the primary assignment. In fact, the work of God is number one. In whatever thing you may desire to do, consider the work of God first, else you will not succeed. Never should you try to restrict the progress of God's work. Take it as the priority work that must be finished before any other thing. Again, you do not have to over-step it, else you will encounter problems. So you should be very observant at all times, for we are at the war front. Be also alert at all times so that once you hear the signal summoning you to move, you can obey instantly.

POSITIVENESS; THE KEY TO SUCCESS:

The stomach does not tolerate complaints, once it is empty, you owe it the duty of filling it with food. It is on this note that our Lord Jesus Christ rebuked the Pharisees and the Scribes who were looking eagerly to seeing whether He would heal the man with a withered hand on a certain Sabbath day. These are the same people who are now complaining that Brotherhood does not put on shoes, drink wine, eat meat and fish, snuff etc.

To silence their inquisitiveness, Christ asked them; "who among you here would have ten sheep and one having missed on a Sahbath day, would not go out in search of it?" That question silenced them. Then he asked the man to come out and stretch forth his hand; and he was instantly healed.

What is actually wrong in one doing what is good, any day, any time, anywhere and for anyone? Man's only problem is his hatred for God. Whoever hates God will only be fixing dates and postponing them; weeks upon weeks, even years will pass, yet he or she would notgo out for God's service. But when anything happens, such a person would be ready to pay his way heavily into the Hades. As for complying to do the work of God, you will continuously complain about time, transportation fare etc. Are you not aware that the Kingdom of God suffers violence?

BE UP AND DOING:

What you should understand is that there is another world which is even larger than this one. And all the people there are also struggling for this very kingdom. When you lack food, you will see them uninvitingly, bringing food for you. So is it with anything else, you might be in need of. That is why you are always enjoined to endeavour to do whatsoever you are asked to do promptly. However, if you refuse to take up your responsibility promptly, you will be deprived of your position. If you are to assist a bereaved family, do so immediately. If it involves offering of prayers, dancing, singing or whatever might be the right thing to do, do it immediately, if not, when the people of the other world come and do all those things, you will sorrowfully miss the chance. If you are to care for the sick, you should quickly show concern, for sicknesses are normally severe when there is nobody to succour the patient. Read the second lesson again.

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THE MEDIUM OF PERFECTION:

As a child of God, whenever you see your fellow brother being overtaken in sin, you should immediately approach him and talk him out of his sinful way. For whenever something happens to someone, another thing more serious may happen, to link up with the first incident, and the person's sorrow would increase. But by quickly intervening, several people have been saved the chance of committing multiple sins.

Recall the case of Peter, when he derailed; on hearing it, Paul, in the company of Barnabas rushed down to Peter. Paul queried him before the multitude of people, why he, being a Jew, should have eaten the sacrificial meat of the mermaid, which every Jew had been warned against. Similarly, you, as a Brotherhood, anytime your fellow brother is afflicted and you see people trying to persuade him to accept that the sickness is caused by mermaid or that it is caused by man, he should take some herbal purge or drink some concoctions, go there immediately and offer peace. With this, you have saved a soul and God is glorified. That however, is not a simple task to achieve. It is similar to the situation where just one person can successfully lead a cow to the stream, but a hundred people cannot force it to drink some water thereof.

Our brother, Paul said that the Kingdom of God can be likened to somebody who had planted a farm, while he takes charge of the day, his enemy controls the night. In the day time, the owner of the farm would plant useful seeds in his farm, but at night, his enemy would stealthily go to the same farm and plant tares. Then the owner of the farm discovered to his surprise that maize and tares were growing together. On his enquiry, he discovered that the tares were the product of his enemy. In similar development, by now, no one could have been preaching the word of God for fear of the enemies. But since I am right within you, once you make any abnormal move, I quickly rebuke one and immediately the one would retrace steps. In fact, you will physically hear my

voice but on turning back, you will find nobody. Therefore, it is only a child of perdition that will miss this kingdom. But as far as I am concerned, even if it means coming into this kingdom with only one leg, that will be granted. In fact, under all costs, I must make sure I go with you into the kingdom of God.

THE HOLY SPIRIT AND HIS NEW DOCTRINE:

The law of Moses permits the killing of whosoever kills his fellow human being, as well as the retaliation against any evil act. Hence if any person tells lies or commits any other sin, such a person is permitted by Mosaic law to be killed. Due to this law, many people were mercilessly killed and there were lots of corpses lying all over the place. When Christ came, He ordered that whosoever does not practise the words of God should neither be greeted nor be allowed to associate with others. And this was seriously hearkened to. Now, the Holy Spirit has come with a new doctrine. Instead of discarding or killing defaulters, He rather goes closer to them, even as they commit the evil

The Holy Spirit may decide to come to you when you are actively stealing or fornicating. Right there, I will just descend and make you the chairman of such a crime group. Now I have seriously taken it upon myself to be monitoring your movements at all times, so that whenever you are involved in such acts, I will appear right there and chastise you. So when you find somebody in sin, do not disregard him, for when he comes here, even if he still continues with the act, after two or three days, he will be duly cleansed.

At times, you may tell somebody who has committed one sin or the other, that he should not dare come here, for the Father will be annoyed with him due to the sin he has committed. Who tells you that the Father will be annoyed? Allow the person to come so that he might be cleansed. Obviously, there is no water here which I use in washing you, but I only use the word in washing you clean.

WISDOM IS WEALTH:

There was a time when Jacob was serving his would-be father-in-law, Laban. Somewhere along the line, he and his would be in-law agreed that all the goats, cows, and sheep which were without spots belonged to him, the in-law, while all the ones that were spotted belong to Jacob. With this agreement, Jacob trickishly sprayed diverse colours into the pond which the cattle would drink. And so, when the pregnant cattle drank the coloured water, they gave birth to spotted off-springs. That continuously happened until Jacob became richer than his would be in-law. If there were one hundred sheep that reproduced at a time, all the spotted off-springs belonged to Jacob. With this device, Laban did not have many sheep again.

Now you are asked not to drink wine, in fact, if you stop drinking it, I will appoint you a president in this New Kingdom of God. This is the method with which I trap you. To make sure you forsake fornication, I often tell you that if you do not forsake it, I will desert you. Instead of forgetting about the person who may indulge more in the act, I forcefully get hold of him and change him, for I never wish to leave you comfortless, as orphans. Therefore, try as much as you can to practise the gospel quoted for the second lesson.

THE REWARD FOR SIN:

Jezebel knew that it was sinful before God for somebody to fornicate, yet she intentionally sent very beautiful ladies or prostitutes to the war front. When the Israelites used them, they died in thousands. This is exactly what is going on today in the world.

A couple may be living very happily in their matrimonial home. On seeing this, another woman will selfishly plan strategies on how to scatter the home. Any who hears of the plans would think she would use fetish means in order to be successful in her plan. In fact, she would never use any means, she will only get prepared, go out and meet the man with whom she would exhibit certain behaviours. For instance, if the man had any need for something, she would

quickly provide it in the best way possible. If the man should ask his wife for handkerchief and, the woman truthfully tells him that there was no money with which she would buy one for him yet, the other woman would immediately rush and provide a dozen handkerchiefs for the man. Because of this, the man will start to think over such a behaviour and would want to reciprocate the gesture. Consequently, the once peaceful home will start burning with quarrels. Through these cunnings. the covetous woman will succeed to put the marriage asunder.

The same thing is applicable to the men. A marriage would be happily progressing when another man approaches the woman and starts giving her in abundance, whatsoever she might have desired. After some time, she would start proving stubborn to the husband. As soon as this happens, the marriage has been already put asunder.

IMPUTE NO SIN TO ANOTHER:

Here in this kingdom, no matter how dirty you may be, once you come in here, I have some fresh water with which to wash you clean. No matter how offensive somebody may be, do not be against him, for you all are the children of God. Remember when the disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ were hungry and they went into somebody's corn field and plucked some of them and ate. It was not counted as sin against them. The same thing happened when David went into the synagogue and ate of the consecrated bread which was only meant to be eaten by the Chief priests. It was not counted against them as sin.

In the same way, no matter where somebody comes from, even if I am told that he had killed somebody, stolen something, or got involved in any mischief, I do not give an ear to such complaints, rather I will happily bless the person. This is applicable to all of you here. I do not impute sin to anybody. This makes it possible for me to have the number that is now as well as the enjoyment that abound in this kinguo.... ot so, you would not have seen any person here.

AN INSURANCE COVERAGE:

Even the angels cannot harm you without my positive command. In your own case, what you know is to continuously count sins against another person. You go even as far as telling the person not to be coming to your house any longer. You accuse somebody of being a thief. The question is; where were you going to at night, so as to see somebody who was on his robbery expedition? Were you not also going to steal? I have never for once, and will never count sins against anybody.

What the people of the world are doing is to separate those whom they consider as being good from their supposed sinners and then become very friendly with the former. That is why the same people of the world usually ask why it is only your Father who is practising the words of God but His members do not. Also, they accuse you of worshipping a man, then you turn round and reply that you are not worshipping a man but the real God. What is found here is love and nothing else. And wherever you go to, you should abide by this brotherly love.

SILENCE, A USEFUL WEAPON:

Listen now to these instructions and do not listen to any other person. Even if you are asked the reason why you go about barefooted or whatever may be the question, do not utter a word for an answer to such question. Now all the spirits eat their food here in Brotherhood. That is why, if you happen to perform sacrifices in the water, the spirits will refuse eating it. If you sacrifice for the angels, they will reject it. The love feasts you always celebrate here is not only eaten by you, they are happily enjoyed by all the spirits.

Certainly, the inhabitants of the whole world do base their hopes on the children of God. Reading through Romans 8: 19, you will see what I am telling you now. So you should not condemn any person again. The task you should earnestly take up is that of going from one place to another, meeting people; starting from your family members to the presidents, governors, chairmen, commissioners etc. and tell them not to

commit sins any longer. Tell them not to steal or maltreat their fellow brethren any more, for they are human beings just like themselves.

THE HOLY SPIRIT REIGNS:

There is no more private ownership of any kind of thing, world-wide, for God is the owner of heaven and earth and all the things therein. Fortunately, all that belong to Him belong to His children. Now the Holy Spirit has arrived finally and so, this is the time of joy. The Holy Spirit has come to reign. He is successfully reigning on earth, even right inside your heart. Therefore, you should desist from all manner of sinfulness and then inform those who are still indulging in these things to refrain from them. Those who take people captives should release them forthwith.

Brethren, it is said that a stroke of cane is sufficient unto the wise. Let he who have ears hear what the Holy Spirit has imparted to the whole world. May God bless His holy word; Amen.

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