

## **CHAPTER ONE**

### **THE EXPECTED MESSIAH**

#### **FIRST LESSON: JOHN 5 : 31 - 33**

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I receive not honour from men. But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in ycu. I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not; if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.

#### **GOLDEN TEXT: JOHN 1 : 10 - 12**

He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own receive him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

#### **BEWARE OF IMPOSTORS:**

Beloved brethren, what I want to reveal to you is the actual word of God that has manifested today in the world. The Israelites are still expecting their Messiah. They believed that He has not come yet. Even now, if you dare mention the name of Jesus before them, they would turn against you and seek all means to kill you. This is because, they believe that, the one who come in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ was only an impersonator.

Now, in some foreign countries many have arisen claiming that, they are the Messiah, and being that the people have been anxiously waiting for them, they rejoiced and received them warmly and offered all good things to them, but, at the end, they

found out that, they were impersonators and fakes.

Considering the United States of America for example, which is well known to most of you here, about three people have emerged claiming to be Christ, the people gave them red carpet reception and presented them with assorted gifts items which should have been given to God. The people worshipped them, paid homage to them, built houses for them and many other things, but at the end they discovered that they were impostors. Such instances are numerous in the world. Also in China, there were certain people who impersonated Our Lord Jesus Christ; if you go to India the same thing happened, and at the end, the people found out the truth, but they are still believing that, the real Christ has not yet come.

### **GOD'S WAY CONFOUNDS MAN:**

I have already told you that, in the United States of America, the people have built a certain mansion specifically for Our Lord Jesus Christ, that when He shall come back, He would dwell in the mansion and would not think of going to reside in another house in the U.S.A., or any other country. As such, the Americans have kept so much wealth, prepared everything in readiness for Him. They are still waiting for him believing that, Christ has not yet come.

The ways of God always confounds the wisdom of man. Go to Israel, you would see that, all the beautiful buildings are built by the Americans they have resolved to develop that place all in search of Our Lord Jesus Christ so that Christ would be pleased to go to them if He should come again. But the truth is, they do not know that He is even the person accomplishing all the things in the whole world. Now the question is, who is the creator of heaven and earth and all the beautiful things we see in the world today? He is in the world today doing all manner of things but, the world does not recognise Him.

### **THE SEARCH CONTINUES:**

Brethren, in Europe, Germany and even Yugoslavia all are waiting and searching anxiously for the arrival of the Messiah.

For all had agreed that, before the year 2000, He would be here in the world to do His work. Now, the year 2000 is almost around the corner. We would enter into that wonderful year, but the search is still on. Therefore, you can now see that, the people of the world are tired of gazing at the sky waiting for Him to crashland. Their belief is that He shall crashland from the sky, as such, they watch and search the skies seriously to know where and when He shall come. Some years ago, those in China sold all their belongings, buildings and everything they had in life and took a trip to see God, that surely, 'He has arrived, that, this is the right time to see Him', but they did not know where to locate him, so all their efforts were in vain. Besides, people are still looking for our Lord Jesus Christ, not knowing that He is here with us doing his marvellous works day and night in all ways spiritually. The ways of God always confound the wisdom of man and people have not actually appreciated His presence.

### **THE WORLD IS BLIND:**

I want you to understand that, this is the same God people are persecuting. The people of the churches are saying that, our Lord Jesus Christ had died and they conduct services in His memory. They even think that everything about Him is a forgotten issue, that He is no more in the world, as such, nobody sees Him. They erroneously infer that if Christ were to be on earth, most of the things happening in the world would not have happened. They fail to know that He is actually in the world today accomplishing everything by Himself. They therefore continue to search for Him.

Let our first lesson be read.

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## **CHRIST IS THE TRUTH:**

Brethren, I want you to understand that, the word of God is nothing but the truth, all times; it is the truth and nothing but the truth. Brethren, recall the story of that Samaritan Woman: when she had gone out in search of water in the city, on her way back, she met Our Lord Jesus Christ who demanded that she should give him some water to drink. The woman remembering how hard it was for her to fetch that water, refused giving water to Our Lord Jesus Christ under the pretext that she was a Samaritan and Our Lord Jesus Christ was a Jew, as such they had nothing in common, and that it was not possible for Christ to fetch the water because the well was very deep and she found it hard to fetch it.

Our Lord Jesus Christ told her, "if you knew the gift of God and who is He that is saying to you 'Give me a drink', you would have asked him and He would have given you living water". (John 4: 10). The woman shouted and pleaded with Christ to give her the living water, that she may not need to go to the well to draw again. At that point, Our Lord Jesus Christ told her to go and fetch her husband, and she said that, she had no husband, then Christ told her "you are right in saying, "I have no husband" for you have married five husbands and he whom you have now is not your husband, this you said truly" (John 4: 17 - 18). The woman was so surprised that somebody could tell her all what had happened in the past. As such, she ran into the village and called the villagers to come and see somebody who never knew her but was able to say all that had happened about her.

## **CONDUCT OF THE TRUE WORSHIPPERS:**

The woman also told Christ that, their fathers had been worshipped in a certain mountain in their city. She queried why the people should worship God. Christ told her that a time would come when God will be worshipped neither on the mountain nor in Jerusalem, but the real worshippers of God shall worship Him in spirit and in truth. Christ also told her that, they worshipped what they did not know but He worshipped what he knew, the true God: for salvation was from the Jews.

## **HE WHO TESTIFIES OF HIMSELF IS FAKE**

Brethren, while they were still walking, the woman told Our Lord Jesus Christ that, she really did not know Him. She pleaded with Christ that when He shall come, He should reveal everything unto them. They were anxious to know so many things and only Our Lord Jesus Christ could reveal these things to them. And as she was still talking, she never knew that, she was walking with the Christ. Christ had said that he could not testify about himself except others do and bear witness to him. "If I bear witness to myself, my testimony is not true, there is another who bears witness to me, and I know that the testimony which he bears to me is true" (John 5: 31).

## **THE WORLD DISBELIEVES THE TRUTH**

Our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to reveal Himself to the woman that He was the Lord Jesus Christ, but the woman did not believe, so as to confirm that biblical portion that, it is some other person that would bear witness about another. If you like, go round the streets, go to any country you like to inform people that you are Christ or God or you can do this and that. You can use microphones, talking drums, or any medium to announce to the people, but they will not heed your words except some other person bear witness of testifies of the good works you have done.

### **FIRST WITNESS: JOHN 4: 25 - 27**

The woman saith unto him, I know that Messiahs cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. Jesus said unto her, I that speak unto thee am He. And upon this came his disciples, and marvelled that he talked with the woman: yet no man said, what seekest thou? or why talkest thou with her?

### **CHRIST DWELLS WITH US:**

Brethren, can you see the ways of God? That Samaritan woman was walking with Our Lord Jesus Christ and even when Christ

revealed Himself unto her, she still did not believe. Today, many people are still waiting for Our Lord Jesus Christ. They always conclude their prayers with "Until Christ comes back". The question is, where had Our Lord Jesus Christ been to? Some people say that, He was killed through crucifixion on the tree, that He was buried and now lives in the sky. If it is true that He is still remaining in the sky, who is responsible for all the things we see today in the world? Who is the creator of man? who makes all the important discoveries and inventions such as the aeroplanes and buildings? Who is the one giving lives and many others to man? who does all these? If He had gone, what would happen to His children that are scattered throughout the world today?

Who is responsible for all these things seen today? Is it not Christ? Christ is here on earth, but the world does not know Him. They call Him several names, like vampire, beelzebub and all sorts of names. They stoned Him, mocked at and spat on Him. But the impostors are accepted and worshipped. The world believes that they (impostors) are the Christ, the owners of heavens and earth thus showered them with gifts.

God Himself is here doing everything by Himself, yet the world is still waiting and searching for Him. Brethren, all these things happens so that one may understand that this kingdom is not gotten as a result of personal efforts through, him that willeth or runneth but by God who showeth mercy (Romans 9: 16).

### **GOD: THE ALL IN ALL:**

If God does not reveal Himself unto you, no matter how hard you try to know Him you will not succeed. God is like a chameleon, which, wherever it finds itself, tries to adapt to the colour of the place. Similarly, if God is passing by or works through somebody who is wearing a white garment, His colour would be white. If He is working through somebody who is wearing a green dress or through grasses, His colour would be given. God can also come in multifarious forms, shades, times

God is like that, no one can know His ways. Even His disciples whom He lived and walked with were not able to comprehend Him. When He resurrected, He saw them discussing their fate and the fate of their master who had been crucified and was no more with them. Christ asked them, what they were discussing about, but they were annoyed and started questioning Him saying, "Are you the only visitor in Jerusalem, who has not know what had happened to us? A certain man came and served us in everything, and He was killed, but, we understand that, He has resurrected, are you the only person that has not heard of this story? The disciples were so much annoyed. But this was the same man who had been walking with them for quite some time, yet He was with them and they knew him not. This is how God operates.

### **GOD: THE EVERLASTING MYSTERY:**

Brethren, the Christ Witnesses Natural Body has a special anthem which goes thus, "though God stays with you for thousands of years, if He does not reveal Himself unto you, you can never know Him". This is quite true, the song is nothing but the truth.

**FOR YOU MAY CRY AND PRAY TO GOD TO GIVE YOU A GOOD WIFE, AND EVENTUALLY, GOD WILL TRANSFORM INTO A WOMAN TO COME AND STAY WITH YOU FOR SO MANY YEARS, AND WILL BE UNTO YOU A WIFE INDEED.** But, without His revealing His identity to you, you will not know. You may also be looking for a child and He will come to you as child. He Himself will be directly staying together with you, but you will not know that, that is God staying with you except you are told. He also may come as a servant, business partner or in any way, because of the kind of demands and petitions you make before Him, and if you are not told, you would just take it for granted, as one of those things that happen in the world without knowing that, it is God Himself to you.

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you, go to anywhere, nobody will be able to know and to tell you what happening. God is such a wonderful being that, you cannot distinguish His left from right; you cannot equally know the way He does His things. All the things you dread, ranging from ghost, soccerers, mermaid to anything whatsoever you may think of that disturbs you has happened to you, is God Himself. He passes through all these forms to perform one thing or the other. I do not want to be tedious with you. Let the second lesson be read.

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### **THE EVERLASTING KING:**

Brethren, the 144,000 Virgins have sung in their anthem that, the glory in this kingdom cannot be attained in the flesh and cannot be compared with the conventional avenues of attaining glory in the world, like elections into certain positions. God did not attain His own glory through such means. If you disagree, then who voted for Him? Nobody: God's glory is natural. Nobody crowned Him a king, no nation, family, nor his father. He was just born like that, as the King, not by voting. It is for this reason that, the bible states thus: "I acknowledge that you do not have the love of God in your heart, I have come in my Father's name, yet you do not receive me, but; if any man, shall come in his own name, you shall rejoice with him". Brethren, has this thing not come to stay?

You are witnesses to the fact that, the whole world is anxiously waiting for the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ, that, He shall come from the sky, but I want to ask you, can you inform your enemy about your plans and itinerary? Many people have prepared their weapons of war that when He shall come, they will eliminate Him. If He was to come from the sky nobody would have seen His remains.

In His first advent, the three wisemen went to Herod and asked, "where is the one who is born as the King of the Jews; for we have seen the sign and have called to bow down and worship Him". When Herod heard of this thing, he called them privately, and asked them, "Where does this thing happen?" They told him, Herod commanded them, "go, when you see him, come back and inform me, so that, I will also go to worship Him". But, was that his intention, was that the truth? Since Herod had different intention, the angel of God ministered unto Joseph at that particular moment to take the child on exile to Egypt because Herod was planning to kill Him. The same angel went to the three wisemen and instructed them to take another route back home. After Herod had waited for the wise men for a long time without seeing them, he went to find the child himself. Since Christ was then a baby, he (Herod) would have succeeded in killing him.

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### **THE IMPORTANCE OF CAUTION:**

Brethren, have you now understood the nature of the world? A local adage has it that any animal that had once been trapped would always be wary of any bended stick. Whenever such an animal come across any bended stick it will run away thinking that it is a trap. Now that God is back on earth. He is well-equipped. It is therefore left for you to recognise Him.

Amongst the whites, blacks, women, men and children, He has done marvellous things, but people are still adamant, they are still refusing to recognize His presence, most people proclaim being Christ, claiming that they can heal the sick, raise the dead and perform other miraculous works; that they have come in their glory as God.

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### **THOSE WHO IMPERSONATE GOD:**

Brethren, let them continue to impersonate God for after a moment people will discover that they are liars. I want to let you understand that there will never come a time in the history of mankind that God will declare to His people that He is God or Jesus, but those who make such declarations are liars and you should be wary of them. Even here in the kingdom of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, so many people have emerged and have given themselves titles of God. Some of them are very well known to you. When they are moving about, great number of people will accompany them, and the hall will be empty.

### **VINTAGE IMPOSTORS:**

Some of them will carry certain mysterious stones and claim to be capable of healing certain sicknesses and doing wonderful works. For instance, one person at Ikom was like this, he established a Brotherhood Bethel at Ikom, called Nsofang Bethel. So many things had been happening since then, the person even said he was John the Baptist, therefore, nobody in Brotherhood had the right to baptise him that he baptised Christ, that he is God, and has come into Brotherhood to do wonderful things. Even our brother Henshaw is also in the list, that time he wore some wonderful and flamboyant dresses, telling people that, who ever Olumba cannot heal, such a person should be brought to him because he has all the powers to heal; for he is greater than Olumba, and he is even God, that Olumba is working under him.

There was another person who was the brother-in-law to this brother Henshaw, he also claimed that he was God and had acquired power greater than any other person on earth. He also said that the kind of oil he had, our Father Olumba has not. The man proclaimed that, he has wonderful oils to cure sickness and solve whatever problems mankind may have.

Brethren, so many people had come with different names claiming to be God. God Himself knows that the world does not love Him. I want to tell you that, if you know certainly that there is a certain place you are not loved, you will be so scared of such

a place, that is why God is playing cool. He wants only those people He has revealed Himself to, to know Him. As such, God Himself cannot blow His trumpet around the nooks and crannies of the world that He is God, He cannot do that. Members of Brotherhood said "this man, our Father has disgraced us because we have been telling the whole world that He is God, why should He come up with such a publication". "I am NOT GOD BUT OLUMBA OLUMBA OBU". They even threatened to tear the books, and I promised them that, if they tore those books, I would reprint them in numbers so that, it would go round the whole world.

I cannot tell the world that, I am God because, it is only the world that loves falsehood and hates the truth. It is only people who go around making false claims that are honoured.

### **GOD: THE SOURCE OF ALL POWERS:**

Certain members here in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star had been given up to four or five cars in the course of the works they have able to do through our Father. All praises and glory are given to these people, but the Father who owns all the power, who is the source, has not been recognised.

Recall when late Bishop Professor Idahosa came to Calabar, he said that, he was coming to pray for Olumba Olumba Obu; He further added that, Olumba was under him as his subordinate. Yes, he was free to say all these things. But, where is he today? It is only God who has all the power, but he claimed that, he had all the power, and that he has come to pray for Leader Olumba Olumba Obu.

Brethren, it is not he that praises himself that is worthy, but he whom God praises. God will never tell you that He is God, but, through His actions, deeds and when He has revealed Himself to you, then will you realise that, truly, He is the God of host.

Brethren, impostors abound everywhere. Another set are those who put on red garments. The Christ Witnesses' had beaten up so many of them who claimed to be God, and collected most of these garments. One of them is a secretary, Brother Umoh, from Ikono, he came dressed in red garment to worship in the

hall, and was interrogated by the children of God.

So many of them have different colours of soutanes in their homes. Many people paid homage to them, built houses for them, bought cars and render other benevolent services to them. But, they are not the true ones. The word must be fulfilled. God can pass away, but the words of God shall never pass away until all come to manifestation.

### **SECOND WITNESS: ROMANS 9: 11 - 17**

(For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth): It was said unto her, the elder shall serve the younger. As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated. What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid. For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that showeth mercy. For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might show my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth.

### **MAN'S GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT:**

Brethren, have you understood the content of that excerpt? The greatest thing in the whole world today is God revealing Himself to you. And to those God has revealed Himself to, they know Him quite well and believe also in Him. Apart from that, the rest do not believe in him. Irrespective of the extent of ministry work you may embark upon, claiming that you are Jesus or God; whether here in Brotherhood, Apostolic or any other place in the world, know that, it is not he that praises himself that is found worthy, but, he whom God praises. As such, if

anyone comes to your house, proclaiming to be Jesus or God, you can still be generous to him but know that, he is one of the false prophets parading themselves around the world today.

### **BELIEVE NOT IMPOSTORS:**

Our Lord Jesus Christ cannot come to you to say He is God Himself if He does, you will beat Him up and you will not believe in Him at all. But, the one that is God cannot tell you exactly that He is Jesus or God; it is only the false prophets that would do that. They will also say all sorts of unheard-of things. Brethren, do not believe in them because their claims are all fallacious. Behold, God Himself is conscious of the fact that, people do not love nor accept Him and that the whole world is bereft of Love. The real children of God, therefore, are those He has revealed Himself to. Brethren, let the golden text be read.

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### **PRE-REQUISITE FOR BECOMING A CHILD OF GOD:**

Brethren, have you understood the theme of our gospel today? A woman may conceive today and have the believe that she will give birth to Jesus as people prophesy, but this may not happen. Also, somebody may have a child and hope that, the child would become Jesus, but this cannot be.

An instance of this is that child from Congo (Zarie) whom people claimed his mother conceived him through the Holy Spirit. This is not true. The Father is here. He is here in the world performing all His things by Himself. The Sister was innocently living in her place and God visited her spiritually and revealed to her how these things would come to manifest. But He did not

put her in family way.

All we need to do is to believe that, He is always here with us on earth doing everything. He undertakes all tasks; farming, trading, schooling, marrying and giving in marriage and other numerous works here on earth. All these activities of the Father is the cause of our joy here on earth. If you do not rejoice with Him, how will you know him? As it is stated in the Bible "To all that receive Him, He gives them the right to become the children of God". This is why I am telling you that, it is only in Brotherhood that you can see the children of God. Go to the sea or any place at all, you cannot see the real children of God.

All who rejoice and believe in Him are His children. If you do not believe in something, you will never rejoice in it. If you do not rejoice with Him, would you be associated with Him? No! You would not. This does not happen because of their works or any activity at all. That is what I have for you. If you observe fast in other to know him, you would never succeed. If you donate money, your money will not enable you to know Him. As such, when you rejoice with Him, have faith in Him, surrender yourself to Him, you have been given that right; you are a child of God.

Have you not seen Christ's example? When He came, His brothers and Sisters did not receive Him, nor believe in Him, because of this they were not children of God.

### **GOD CANNOT BE KNOWN BY FLESH AND BLOOD:**

In the whole land of Israel, nobody received Him. You are still cursing, hating, blaspheming and perpetrating all vices against your fellow brethren. Have you not heard of this saying, that all those who received Him, are children of God? This is not the handiwork of the flesh and blood but that of the Holy Spirit. Hence, this is the theme of our sermon;

Observe now in Brotherhood, people are visiting Biakpan everyday, bathing in the Biakpan water and observing many other things. Of what importance is their action and of what importance is yours? Even here in Brotherhood, what has been their work and what have you done yourself? You testify having vehicles,

ships, houses, power and many other things, but what have you done for God, nothing! Rather, when you go out, you start claiming to be God, that you can do several works. Brethren, this is the actual fact because, action speaks louder than words. Upon all the things you do, have you seen me reacting? Realize that, it has already been stated that, to all those that receive Him, He gives them the right to become the children of God.

### **THE BLASPHEMER IS NOT OF GOD:**

Brethren, at the end of every preachment, Christ always said, "He who has ears, let him hear". I am telling you that, if anybody approaches you, and starts proclaiming to be God or Christ, realise that, he is a false prophet coming to deceive you. Anybody that believes in such a person lacks love. Whoever blasphemes against Christ, God or the Holy Spirit will not find God.

Anybody that hates the Holy Spirit, blasphemes against Him or calls Him any bad name cannot be a child of God.

### **SPIRITUAL CHORUS:**

- (1) JOY ALONE ABOUNDS IN THE THRONE OF GOD.
- (2) THERE IS JOY LIKE A RIVER IN MY HEART.

### **MAN, RECOGNISE YOUR CREATOR:**

Brethren, the central idea in this sermon is that all those that receive Him are given the right to become the children of God. He may be your co-tenant and you may be seeing him everyday, but you will not know Him. You may continue asking who is He and where is He? You can never know Him because you do not receive Him nor appreciate His presence. And unless you receive Him you cannot become His child.

Raising the dead, making the lame to walk, restoring sight to the blind or making the deaf to hear cannot qualify you as a child of God. Even here in Brotherhood, some members are still contemplating that, Jesus is this and that, but this cannot qualify them as the children of God.

All those who receive God, accept Him, and render service to

Him in one mind, are the ones He has given the right to become children of God. If your mother and father do not believe in Him, they have no share in this kingdom. Same applies to your children, your wife or your husband; if they do not believe in Him they are not children of God and have not share in the kingdom of God. All those who have faith in Him and believe in Him are all children of God.

Brethren, I do not intend to take you much further. I am also repeating the words of Christ, that He who has ears to hear, let him hear. May God bless His Holy words. Amen.

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**THANK YOU BELOVED FATHER**

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*At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.*

*Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight. 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.  
(Matt. 11:25-27).*

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