

**display their power as they pleased and do many other things But within a twinkle of an eye He descends into his world and scattered all things and rendered everything powerless and useless. And finally takes dominion. Let us do according to what Apostle. V. E. Ekpenyong has imply.**

Those who have ears to hear let them hear. I do not intend to take you further. One stroke of the cane is sufficient for the wise. May God bless His Holy words. A m e n.

**THANK YOU FATHER**

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## **ADMISSION INTO HEAVEN DOES NOT DEPEND ON THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN ONE POSSESSES**

*1st Lesson: St. Luke 23:29*

*2nd Lesson: Matthew 4:19*

*Golden Text: 1 Tim. 2:15*

Brethren, the text constitute what we intend to reveal to you this morning. You are apt to think the same way the Ethiopian Eunuch did when he answered Philip, how can I know when I am not taught? When the Ethiopian Eunuch was reading a portion from Isaiah chapter 53 that Philip went to him and asked whether he understood what he was reading? He answered saying, "How can I, except some man should guide me?" It is because of your need to understand that we have chosen these three lessons today to reveal to the four corners of the world.

### **CHILDLENESS IS NOT A CURSE:**

We want to disprove the thinking of the world that bearing children is doing the work of God. And that whoever does not bear children is not doing the work of God. It is because of this belief that many women lament over their plight if they are childless. And I ask you, what has child-bearing to do in this kingdom? If you have children what has that to do with this kingdom? If you are childless, what has that to do with this kingdom?

I am going to prove this point to you like one proves the theorems in algebra and geometry as I am going to use a live tortoise in consulting any oracle. Because many women have no children, they steal, tell lies, indulge in the preparation of concoctions and live every abominable kind of life. Have you heard the texts read to you? Also you may find a married woman who is kind, respectful to her husband and does not tell lies, nor steal nor fornicate. But because she has no issue, her husband engages another woman who brings forth a brood of vipers. When you argue that the house should belong to the woman who has given birth to children, how can that house belong to her? This gospel is not meant to console the barren nor is it meant to grief those with children. It is the plain truth. A great number of women claim that since they have given births to children, they are free to do whatever they like. They have no thought about God anymore. They do not see any need for attending church

as long as all their children remain alive. Have you heard what is read to you? Others rather complain of insufficient or the complete lack of children. They complain of having miscarriage and other forms of disorder that affects pregnancy. With these happenings they conclude that they are not loved by God, Have you heard what is read to you this morning?

### **CHILDLESSNESS DOES NOT GUARANTEE PROSTITUTION:**

If you perish in your barrenness it is not because you have not given birth but rather because you have consulted native doctors and soothsayers and indulged in every form of diabolology in order to have children. In the same token if any woman that gives such and brings up children is saved, it is because she has brought forth children that she is saved. It is rather because she has faith and love.

When it is said, "Sing O barren, thou that didst not bear: break forth into singing, and cry loud, thou that didst not travail with child". you find some women who are barren and those that have not married jumping from pillar to post fornicating, because they are childless. It is not your type who is meant in that passage. You may also begin to feel elated because it is said that women will be saved through child-bearing. Child-bearing is not the end of it. Unless you have in addition love, faith, righteousness and reverence for God, it will be incompleated. Many men also decide not to marry that they may share in the blessedness of the barren. Even at this, such women still fornicate, tell lies and commit all forms of evil. That blessedness does not extend to them. For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision nor uncircumcision availeth anything, but faith which worketh in love. I am telling you this so that you may be cleared in your conscience that this kingdom does not depend on children or on wife or money or beauty. Do not continue to deceive yourself into believing that because you have reared up children you have thereby accomplished a great service before God. There is no service of God in child-bearing except it is accompanied with faith, love and every good deed.

### **OBEDIENCE, NOT MARRIAGE WORKS SALVATION:**

Another group of persons when they hear that those that shall be accounted worthy to inherit the kingdom of heaven neither marry nor are they given in marriage, conclude that they are perished because they have already married and brought up children. This lesson has

made it clear to you that you shall be saved if you have faith and keep the commandments of God. The word of God is two-edge sword. Some, on hearing of marriage they claim it is a carnal thing. Who told you that there is any carnality in this kingdom? It is compared to the gospel which says that it is very difficult for the rich to enter into the kingdom of God. When the poor hear this they begin to dance that the kingdom is their exclusive domain. We do not mean that kind of poverty. If I do not reveal the word of God to you, you will never understand its meaning. You can compare this to two portions of the Bible which says "woe to them that give such in those days" and another which says 'blessed are the wombs that never gave suck' The word of God is a one-way traffic. Whether you are a man or a woman is immaterial. Once you have done what God wants you to do, you are free. We should not mix the worldly things with things of this kingdom.

### **THE LOGIC OR REWARD FOR SELFLESS SERVICE:**

You will remember that while Our Lord Jesus Christ was watching the people put money into the treasury, a widow put in a mint, an equivalent of two farthings. Our Lord Jesus Christ commented that she had put more than all of them. Till today people do not understand the meaning of that statement.

What is meant by that statement can be compared to the riddle which says there are one hundred birds on a tree when one is shot, how many will remain? The foolish will reply that ninety-nine birds will remain; whereas you know that the rest will fly away at the instance of the gun shot. You cannot use human reasoning in understanding God. You may continue to read this bible for 100 years but if the Father does not reveal it to you, you will not understand. You are just floating. How do you understand this situation where people to donate millions but a woman puts a mint, two of which are farthing, is said to donate the highest. How does she donate more? With your human reasoning you will never understand nor be convinced that the person who has given the farthing has put more than the rest. I am going to show you that the wisdom of God is truth and there is no lie in it. It is said that men looks at the appearance but God looks into the heart.

Now, somebody has one million naira and gives out half a million. He is still left with another half million naira. Another person has half a million and gives a quarter of a million. He is still left with

another quarter. This woman had a mint, which was two farthings and it was all that she had. This was all her hope and sustenance but she put all into the treasury. Do not see that in giving all, she has given the most? The other person is left half a million. But this woman is left with nothing. That is why she has given the most. She has given the most because she gave all, while the others gave some. Did you ever come to this understanding?

### **THE LUST FOR CHILDREN LEADS TO SIN:**

In the same vein, a woman who separates herself from marriage in order to serve God, and does so with all her heart, is better than the one who marries and brings up children. The other woman who brings up children is to be pitied. Because of bearing children, she has consulted native doctors. She has been injected with all sorts of concoctions. Do you not realize how pitiful she is? In the first instance, when she does not bear a child, she will go to the soothsayer, she has to perform various sacrifices so as to have a child, She is very pitiful indeed. Also, because she does not have a child, she forsakes her husband to marry another. Some even go for D and C. What kind of child will you bear which has led you into all these things for? Is he going to take you into the kingdom of God?

How many men or women can truly boast that they had their children in the normal way? You have never been to the soothsayer but because of child you are there. You have never committed adultery. Very many things that you would never have done but now you have done them in order to have a child.

Will you and this child enter together into this kingdom? Even though you have not done anything to have a child, strictly speaking, your child will not take you into the kingdom of God. Your lack of child will not remove you from the kingdom of heaven eather.

### **WHO MADE YOU A PROVIDER OF CHILDREN TO THE CHILDLESS:**

That is why when "One of the company said to him, Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me." Our Lord said unto him: "Man who made me a judge or a divider over you? And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth."

**Our Lord Jesus Christ first asked him, who made me a judge or a divider over you? That is the question we should ask ourselves. When you claim that one woman is saved and the other is perished; who has made you a judge or divider among men? When a woman is in her house you flock in large numbers asking her whether she would not want to have a child? You claim that you can do what will help her to have a child. Who has made you a judge and a divider among men? Who are you? Where do you come from? Again when someone bears children, you will ask her whether she does not want to enter into the kingdom of God. Does it mean that if you bear children you will not enter into the kingdom of God? Brethren, God is one and monothestic. Whether you are a jew or Greek, a male or female, once you do what pleases God, you must enter into the kingdom of Heaven. Whether or not you give birth, does not take you into the kingdom of God. Whether or not you have children will not remove you from the kingdom of God.**

**If you fail to enter into this kingdom, it is not because of your childlessness nor is it because you have children. It is rather because you have failed to abide by the instructions of God. If you do not have a child but continue to practise righteousness, it means you have entered into the kingdom of God.**

**Also, if you have a child but do what pleases God without putting the child before you, it means you will enter into the kingdom of God. If you have twenty children, you should understand that it is carnal and is never a factor in obtaining this kingdom. Also, if you have no child, that has no bearing with entering into this kingdom. If you keep to the instructions of God, you will enter into this kingdom. Heaven and earth shall pass away but the words of God shall never pass away forever.**

**If we are to receive and believe in this gospel of today; none of us would have any troubled mind. It is said, what shall it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his soul? It is said that it is better to enter into the kingdom of heaven with one eye than to be cast into hell with two eyes. We should not disturb ourselves about having children or not having children. Your child does not take you into this kingdom. Rather, if we have faith and continue in good deeds, we shall inherit this kingdom.**

## 1st Lesson: Luke 23: 29

*“For, behold, the days are coming, in which they shall say, blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave such.”*

### MAN HATES WHAT GOD LIKES:

Brethren, have you heard that passage? It is a very easy thing for the women who have not given birth to enter into this kingdom of God. But it is not easy with mothers. You see how the wisdom of God is higher than man's. Today very many women who have not given birth complain that God does not love them. I am saying that you are the one who hates God. It has been read to you that “The children of this world marry, and are given in marriage; but they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage; neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels, and are the children of God, being children of the resurrection.” Who deceived you that if you do not give birth you are perished? Open a verse in the Bible which says that you will not gain salvation because you are childless.

At all times, whatever is loved by the people of the world is hated by God and what God hates are the things the world delight in. Today no matter how beautiful your wife is, no matter how good and obedient she is, you continue to beat her and treat her as a slave, may be for the sole reason that she has not given birth to a child. Upon your wife's education and good manners, you abandon her and pick a thief so that she may bear you children. When your wife gives birth, you will say that the house belongs to her. Do you not see how foolish the two of you are? You that continue to blame God for not giving you a child, and complain that God does not love you, have you not heard what is said? It is said that the time is coming when it shall be said “blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck.” Why do you not rejoice in this statement? why do you continue to mourn?

Agreed, you are a Brotherhood, but until you have a child will I know that you are serving God? Are you told that a child is the passport to God's kingdom? Know you not that you can only enter into the kingdom of God through righteousness? It is similar to what

the Bible says that Solomon built a house for God, but the Most High does not live in houses made by human hands. What kind of house can you build for God when He Himself created everything? If he needed a house, would He not have built it for Himself? What kind of a child do you want to give unto God of which He has not? Is He not the creator of all men and everything? Every time you continue to say that you want a child, and because of this desire you fornicate, consult juju and mermaid, and go in for D and C. What kind of a child is it? Have you not heard the scripture? Do you think you can enter the kingdom of God through child-bearing?

### **EARTHLY PLEASURES ARE TRANSITORY:**

Remember the story of Lazarus and the rich man. The same thing will happen to those who have children but fail to practise the word of God. The rich man ate to his satisfaction leaving the crumbs under his table. Lazarus fed on those crumbs. After sometime, Lazarus died and was taken to the bosom of Abraham. After sometime, the rich man also died and was taken into hell fire, "And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue, for I am tormented in this flame, but Abraham said, Son remember that thou in thy lifetime received thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things, but now he is comforted, and thou are tormented. And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot, neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence."

I am not discouraging the pregnant women and those who give suck. I am also not discouraging the barren. I have brought the truth unto the whole world. The truth is this, if you do not do what is pleasing in the sight of God, you will perish. When many women hear 'blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suchk,' they abort when they get pregnant. Do you think that you will enter into this kingdom of God? As it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of the needle than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God, so shall it be with those who give suck and those that are pregnant in those days.

When you take a look at the happenings in the world, would you say that it is a convenient time for bearing children? Is this the time to beget children? I want an answer from you because every-



thing is laid bare before you. You that question God and ask why you have no child. You who claim that God does not love the other woman because she has no child, do you now realize why God does these things? It is because He does not want you to perish. Whomsoever He has chosen, He has chosen and does not want them to perish.

If He gives you one child, rejoice in that. If He does not give you any child rejoice. This is the time for everyone to serve Him. What we can do in order to enter into this kingdom, let us do. Do not rejoice because you have a child and do not rejoice because you have no child.

How many children had John the Baptist? Our Lord Jesus Christ had how many children? Are all the inhabitants of the world not the children of Christ? When you argue that if you do not deliver children the population will not multiply, you should realise that the population has long been multiplied and increased ever before you came. Right from when God said, "Go ye and multiply" it was accomplished. Whether you have children or not, since God had made the pronouncement, it is as good as accomplished. Therefore, do not rejoice that you have children nor should you rejoice that you have no children. Rather, rejoice because you have practised the word of God. It is the only passport into this kingdom.

A great many women rejoice in having children. They will want them to become all that is desired by proud parents. They will send them to universities and to overseas. When people see this they will exclaim that this woman loves her children very much. They will say that the woman is very wise in her actions. I am telling you now that there is no wisdom in what she is doing. Do you not remember that story I gave you about the widow?

### **ILLUSTRATION – THE WIDOW WHO DERERRED GOD’S CALL:**

There was a widow who had four children and since God wanted to save her, He called her husband so that she may use the remaining part of her life in serving God. She refused God’s call. God spoke to her saying, I did not call you to bear children but to serve me. She replied that Gos should exercise patience until she would complete educating her children.

Do you not know that bearing children can be with the antelope’s concept of bearing children? The antelope bears children so that they may feed her, and save her the trouble of walking in the

**snow. When the young antelopes came, the mother antelope realized that she still had to go under the snow in order to find food for the family.**

It is exactly the same situation when you have children. You want to bring up children so that they may serve you. You are bringing another burden unto yourself. What time will you have left at your disposed to serve God? • When do you work out your own salvation.

## **RIGHTEOUSNESS IS THE PREREQUISITE TO GOD'S KINGDOM**

Any person who seeks for this kingdom should understand that this kingdom does not consist on money nor beauty nor husband nor wife nor child nor food. This kingdom consists in righteousness. You pray for a husband so that you may be able to serve God very well. You do not understand what you need. You pray God to give you money so that you may use it in serving Him. I say you are not ready to serve God. What did he tell that rich man: He said "Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven; and come, and follow Me" You who prays for children, money and so forth, have you heard what our Lord Jesus Christ said? He said "If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.

Brethren, if God has extended this call to you, be absolutely satisfied with the position he has kept you. Do not ask questions so that what befell that widow will not befall you. If you have two or three children do not put your hope on them, because the children will not save you. Service to God is the only source of your salvation.

Also, if you have no child, that does not constitute any problem to you. Do not seek for it rather go and practise what God wants, namely; love, self-control, truthfulness and righteousness. These virtues alone will admit you into the kingdom of God. For it is said: "Today when you hear his voice do not harden your hearts."

You are very fortunate in that you were already married but at the fulness of His time He took away the husband. Maybe He also took the wife and children aside and said to you, it is time to serve God. Why do you still worry yourself looking again for the carnal things? It is said that everyone will carry his own burden. You are carrying your own burden. Even a child is carrying his own burden.

**This Kingdom of God demands individual sacrifice. Let us read our second lesson. Listen attentively, those of you who boast and rejoice in your children. It is all vanity and does not take you to anywhere. No good thing comes out of this claim but rather perdition if you hang your hope in that and do not practise what God wants.**

## **2nd Lesson: Matthew 24:19**

*“And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days.”*

### **GOD PUNISHES THE DISOBEDIENT:**

Brethren, have you heard what the scripture says? He said, do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever makes himself a friend of the world is making himself an enemy of God. Very many people will not enter into this kingdom for what reason? Those that are with children in those days and those that give suck. If you perish and fail to enter into this kingdom, it is because of child, it is because you have become pregnant, it is because you have given suck. now the glorious thing has been turned into a shameful thing and the shameful thing into a thing of joy, since you mock the barren woman and praise the one who gives suck.

Tell me why you should boast in children. You say that God loves you and has blessed you. On your child you call, and introduce them saying, ‘Okon, come here’, ‘This one is a lawyer, the other one is a doctor.. I ask, where does it take you to’ That story about the widow continued till the widow finished educating her four children. They all graduated and got married. Was that all? But what befell the four of them? God told the widow that it was not a child or children that brought her into this world. Rather, she was told, she had come to serve God. She was advised to leave those things and serve God. She begged God, ‘O please, wait a little longer, let me continue my humble prostitution and bring up these children’. She finished building her house. She also completed their education and consummated their marriages. What happened in the end? She entered into the world and started enjoying life. She drove in expensive cars and visited night clubs.

She did not remember to do what God sent her. One day, after returning from a party, she dropped dead. In the world beyond, she

was put into a concave. Since she was obstinate and failed to serve God and engaged herself in a worthless venture, she was to remain in that suffocation. Within a short time, the four children died and all of them were put into the same place with the mother. They were all in hell, under torment, but in the worldly arrangement you will praise this woman for her discretion. My question is, what was her reward? You always say that money is nothing, clothing is nothing and that a child is everything. What is a child before God? God alone has the glory.

## **RIGHTEOUSNESS IS THE KEY TO HEAVEN:**

It is said, Today when you hear his voice harden not your heart. If you want to enter into this kingdom, practise the word of God. Whatever he has instructed you to do, do just that. Even if you are a millionaire, that name does not save you if you fail to do what God wants you to do, which is righteousness. Whether you are a governor or minister or president, no matter what position you are holding, this will not save you unless you do that which is pleasing to God. He has made known to us that this kingdom is not inherited with money but through faith and righteousness.

Those that have children have their joy and hope in their children and so cannot please God. Those that have money put their love and joy and faith in their money and cannot do that which is pleasing to God. Those who have husband or wife put their love and hope in them and thereby constitute themselves enemies of God. To have a wife is good. It is also a good thing to have a husband. To have money is equally good because everything is yours. But be careful that you do not allow anything to debar you from serving God in the right way. For it is written, "Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy." No matter how rich a person is, his life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses. His life is in the hands of God. That is why Paul said "but what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord."

## **FLEE LUST:**

Do not let a child constitute your fall from this kingdom of God. Do not, because of a husband, derail from the path of God. Do not, because of a wife, fall from the kingdom of God. Do not,

because of sickness, forsake the way of God. Do not, because of what to eat and what to wear you fall from grace. Because we shall not be saved by any of these things but shall be saved only if we do that which is pleasing in the sight of God.

Now that we are celebrating the 1985 Holy Queen Mother's birth, after all, she is not the only one that gave birth. Rather, we are celebrating this week in honour of her virtues – love, righteousness, kindness, patience which she had. Till eternity God only loves good and hates evil. At no time has God encouraged evil. He does not take bribe and He is not respecter of persons. Let us listen to His instruction by loving and serving Him so that we may be saved.

## **BACK UP YOUR CLAIMS WITH GODLY VIRTUES**

Do not ever think that there is anything which you can do to save yourself. Is it only our Lord Jesus Christ who was crucified on the cross? There were three people on the cross that day. Why could the blood of the others be used in saving the world? Do you think that if Jesus had retaliated when he was spat or slapped that His blood would be used in saving us? You have heard that because he humbled himself unto death, that is why His name has been exalted above every other name. Did He not say that not all those who say unto me Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you, depart from me ye that work iniquity. Forget about building a house for God and filling it with money because if you do not do that which is pleasing in the sight of God, your money will perish with you. That is why he said, "And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not love, it profiteth me nothing." In this new kingdom we have only one way. We all should look at this one light in order to gain salvation. Let our Golden Text be read so that you who continue to think that you can get in through the window may understand that you will never enter. It is a one-way traffic.

## Golden Text: 1 Timothy 2:15

*“Notwithstanding she shall be saved in child bearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.”*

### YOUR CONSOLATION SHOULD BE IN THE GOSPEL:

Have you now realized the chain that links the gospels? It is said that woman shall be saved in proposition; “if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.” It is just like what he said to the rich man: “Go and sell all that you have and distribute to the poor and come, follow me.” He did not say that he will be saved only by selling and distributing his wealth. He also added, “Come, follow me”: That is where the knot is tied. It also means that though you bestow all your goods to feed the poor and give your body to be burned but you do not come and follow him, it means nothing. If you consolation had been that since you have given birth to children you are saved, you are deceiving yourself. If you do not have the love of God, if you do not do that which is pleasing to God, you are not going to anywhere.

This word is for me and you and the entire world. If two of us remain in love, bear each other, love one another, tell the truth, be humble, and continue to worship God in reverence and godly fear, we shall be saged. When the politicians of the word of God want to disgrace a barren woman they will refer her to this passage which says that the woman shall be saved through child-bearing and so when the woman sees this she will exclaim that she is lost, now, Mr. Politician open to Luke 23:29 and also read to her blessings that are pronounced on the barren and the paps of which ever gave suck.

Brethren, you will realise that no word means anything in itself unless you investigate it to its end. A great many people believe that if you believe and are baptised, you are saved. That is not the end to your salvation. What, if you do not practise the word of God? You will not enter. “Nor they are not all Israel, which are Israel: Neither, because they are the seed of abraham, are they all children but, Isaac thy seed be called. This are, they which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but children of promise are counted for the seed.”

If there is a woman who does what is pleasing in the sight of God, no child will save her. Your being a woman does not save you. Your being a husband does not save you. Whatever you are is in vain and does not save you except you do what is pleasing to God. You have heard of the ten virgins who went to marriage feast. Five of them had oil in their lamps; the other five had not. About midnight the bridegroom came. The five who had oil went with him. The other five requested oil from the five who had but were advised to go and buy theirs since the little they had was not going to be sufficient for both of them. As they went to buy oil the door was locked before they came back. Do you think that they had no children? Do you suppose that one gets into this kingdom with a child? Do you think you can walk into this kingdom with your brother? Do you think you will walk with your husband into it?

### **DO NOT DEFER GOD'S WORK:**

Whom do the five with oil represent? They are those who have faith in God. They have love and practise righteousness. That is why our Lord Jesus Christ said, I must work the works of him that sent me because the night is coming when no good thing can be done. I am always surprised when I hear people say they have to care for their mothers or put their houses in order before they go on ministry work. Remember, time and tide waits no one. You heard that young man who told our Lord Jesus Christ that he would first go and bid his family farewell. Do you ever hear any more of him? He is perished. His Father is perished. He himself is perished, but Jesus is still reigning.

There is nothing that we can compare with the kingdom of God. I have carried a tin of oil, I have also carried a tin of water. I know the weight of both. What is life in the world? It is a loss. What did you bring with you and what will you take back? Why should we not run the race as those that want a prize? . I think that our Lord Jesus Christ is the one who understands more than all the heavens and all men. Paul saw this kingdom faintly. Christ had likened the kingdom of God unto treasure hid in a field, which when a man had found, he hideth, for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

### **REACH FORWARD TO THE CROWN:**

Paul was a lawyer and a Pharisee but when he saw this kingdom afar off he forsook his profession. He abstained from marriage,

separated himself from the world that he may obtain this kingdom, When you come here you pray God to give you a child and husband and money. Where do these things lead you to? They lead you to perdition. It is said: "Are you called in uncircumcision? do not seek circumcision. Were you called in circumcision? Seek not for uncircumcision. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love." If you were called when you did not marry a husband, do not now seek for one. Rather use this opportunity in serving God. If you are called when you had no child, do not now seek for a child. Use the opportunity in serving your soul. If you were called when you had many children, do not drive them away. Use the opportunity to serve God. Let every person remain in the state wherein he was called by God. Your position in this world does not save you unless you answer to this call and serve God with faith, love and obedience to his words.

God does not call any person at the time such a person is perfect. He does not call you at the time you believe in Him. He calls you when you do not yet believe. He does it this way so that you too should be merciful to those who do not believe in Him. Because He called you when you did not believe, now that He has extended this call unto us, we should forget all that we left behind and reach forward to the crown. We should reach forth to practising his words, his love and other virtues. We should strive in loving Him and doing those things that are pleasing to Him.

### **WHY THE HOLY QUEEN MOTHER'S WEEK IS CELEBRATED:**

The Holy Queen Mother is not celebrated because she gave birth. It is rather celebrated because she had faith, love and righteousness. That is the reason salvation has reached us. If each of us will have implicit faith in God and love Him, if we love each other and serve God, salvation will be extended to us. This is the only way. Even if you are a child, and you love God and have faith in Him, you are saved. If you are an old man but you practise righteousness and have faith in God, you will be saved. God does not save us unto this kingdom because of any other thing apart from faith working through love. You complain saying, people are troubling me, there is no employment, no money, no food. These are not the concerns of God. If you abide by the instructions of God, that is all you need in order to enter into the kingdom of God. If we put on the Lord Jesus Christ, since he suffered in the flesh, we shall also suffer in the flesh.



**Any person who suffers in the flesh has refrained from sin and so we shall refrain from all sins. All that he wants is for us to refrain from sin and separate ourselves unto this kingdom.**

**Brethren, I will not take you further. A stroke of the cane is sufficient unto the wise. Those who have ears to hear, let them hear. May the Lord bless His holy words, Amen.**

## **WE ARE GOD'S TOOLS**

*1st Lesson: 1 Cor. 3:9*

*2nd Lesson: II Timothy 2:21*

*Golden Text: 1 Cor. 6:20*

### **WE ARE GOD'S TOOLS:**

Brethren, the text read to you constitute the theme of our lesson tonight. It is very clear that God cannot achieve His will and purpose or accomplish His work without man. Has that recondite wisdom been exposed to you? Just as you will not go to work in your farm without tools such as matchets, hoes, and so forth, so can God not do it alone without using man. Similarly, if you go to school you must have pen, books, rulers and other materials which will make learning easier.

We are God's tools which He, as the husbandman, uses. But it is pathetic that man does not realize this very important role he is playing in God's divine works. This explains why man continually defiles himself with reckless abandon. He is always in conflict with the will of God. That is why many people have built up a wrong concept that God does not exist. And to this end, His work is also made purposeless.

But man has forgotten that God is God of power, capability, and Omnipotence. Those who base their hopes on the mundane things such as money, marriage, education, position shall not only fail but shall be woefully disappointed. Those who continued to defile themselves saying, let me eat, drink, sleep or fornicate and to do other abominable things, are only postponing the evil days. Some say what sort of God is that who will not give man a breathing space to enjoy himself? That is why when God comes to you, He will either meet you fornicating, fighting, quarrelling, beating your wife or children or doing one carnal thing or the other. Sometimes God will come to see you drinking, or preparing juju-concoction. And in what circumstance, what do you want Him to do?

### **THE WORK OF GOD IS AT ITS LOWEST EBB:**

God used our Lord Jesus Christ so willingly and readily because He surrendered Himself fully to the Father as a holy instrument of

honour. The disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ were used because they had fully surrendered themselves to God. As soon as they were called, they never got themselves associated with carnal things. They sold all their possessions and pooled their resources together for their common good. But as soon as carnal pursuits such as engaging in commerce and other mundane things reared their ugly faces, the work started to dwindle, and finally went into oblivion. Because where treasure is, there also is your heart. In this materialistic world where everybody is looking for mundate things or promoting the affairs of the flesh, the work of God is at its lowest ebb. But I want to remind the entire mankind that, man is the dependable and the indispensable tool for the service of God. It is man that God must use and nothing else. There is one spiritual song which goes thus: "Since it had been the wish of providence that man must be the Field Marshall to lead, he must have to lead." In the era of Moses, he was used by God to perform wonders, and later on Joshua was also used. God at all times uses man to reveal His power and glory. God equally used Eli until when he fell from grace to the grave.

God has never used trees, animals, birds or stones. And that is why He teaches us, changes us, saying that whether we like it or not, we must change to conform with the very essence of His glory and honour.

## **MAN THE MOST PRECIOUS THING CREATED BY GOD:**

Man is the most precious thing that God had ever made, right from the smallest child to the greatest person. Man is more usually and usefully employed than even the angel Gabriel himself. And the poser is:- Which of the angels has ever proclaimed that He has begotten other than man? That is why when man goes to the tree to worship it becomes pathetic. It is the height of ignorance to ever go to worship any created thing instead of the Creator. That is why whoever says he worship God, must also worship man because man is the house which God dwells as well as His city. No wonder then why our Lord Jesus the Christ said, "whoever accepts or worships me, does not accept or worship me, but the Father who sent me. Therefore all the glory you profess to give to Leader Olumba Olumba Obu is not solely for Him, it is purely for the Father. When you say that you see Leader Obu here and there, it is not Him that you see it is the Father Almighty that you see. It is God who is revealing Himself to you. you will recall that even angel Gabriel declared

that he is the messenger of God. Brethren, as I am not going to take you further, let the first lesson be read.

**1 Lesson: 1 Cor. 3:9**

*"For we are labourers together with God, ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building."*

**REALISE THIS VITAL LINK  
AND SO REMAIN PURE AND ARTICULATE:**

Brethren, do you know that you move with God wherever you go to? Do you know that you are His house, city, and vine-yard? Now that you defile yourself, where do you want Him to stay? Why do you put your hands in things which are at variance to His will and purpose? It is unthinkable to allow the mundane things to entice you and to cause you to derail from the path of rectitude. It is a common-place matter to note that nobody in the world would like to be used by God, and that is why they turn round to say that God does not exist. God created man as His city, house or vineyard and it is on this note that the entire humanity should realize this vital link and so remain pure and articulate. God uses man to speak, sing, dance, preach and to do everything. That is why God though not seen, but is better identified in human beings you are very familiar with. Whoever does not disassociate himself from evil communication shall have himself to blame.

Those who were fornicators, thieves, necromancers, juju-doctors felons, right now, they should keep off from all these unwholesome acts. Right now you are told not to eat fish, meat so that He may use you to do His mighty works. Keep yourself holy, and avoid inordinate ambition for money, clothings, wife, husband, children and other worldly possessions so that God can use you to perform His works. We are to be perfect even as He is perfect. You have to get into the vine-yard because you are His church, and His instrument of operation. God cannot use trees, animals, birds or stones to do His works, but man. If this wisdom did not reach you, start right now to do His work in the vine-yard and you will see the immeasurable blessing that will be bestowed on you. You will really realize the beauty of the goodness and the benevolence of God.

## **PURIFY YOURSELVES FOR MIGHTY WORKS:**

I would like to remind you about the story of the king who invited the dignitaries of the land to attend his son's marriage ceremony. But they never attended giving one lame excuse or the other to exonerate them from blame. He sent his servants to go and call them informing them that the wedding feast was ready. The first boasted that he had bought a land and he wanted to go and inspect his farm. The other said that he wanted to go and see about his merchandise and his businesses. One said he would not come because he was enjoying his honey-moon with his newly wedded wife. And further more, the rest even added insult to injury by treating the king's servants disdainfully. The king became angry and eventually sent his servants to go into the streets and call the down-trodden, the destitutes, the out-cast, the poor and the widows to come and fill the place. Consequently the blind, the lame, the untutored, and the rest of them came and enjoyed the marriage feast. The rich, the educated, the pastors, the lawyers, administrators, etc. have all been called, but they refused to come. The king was able to celebrate his function with these rejected people.

## **A BIG MAN TALKING TO A BIG MAN:**

The first to be called were the pastors, the popes, the Apostles, the rich and the educated, but they refused to come. They think themselves too important and indispensable. Whenever they see the servants of God, they would advise their wives to give them one naira to go and buy food and eat. They were sent away in ignominy. That was why God whose wisdom is greater than that of man caught Paul who was a man of substance, a lawyer of great repute and a community leader of the first order. He was one of the best educated and well placed in the society. God used him to liberate the Jews, and principally the Gentiles. With his education he brought a lot of innovations, and single-handedly wrote fourteen out of the 26 books of the New Testament. His ingenuity surpassed the rest of the Apostles such as Peter who had little or no education. It is often said that "a big man talks to a big man". And infact, but for Paul the work of God would have suffered much set back. And that is why you are told to purge yourself of all the things of this world so that you might be worthy to be used by God for His purpose. May the second lesson be read once again.

## 2nd Lesson: II 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."*

### **NO SINNER CAN BE USED BY GOD:**

That is why we have to refrain from sin and sanctify yourself so that you are used, and do not get lost in the affairs of the world. Why did Lot's wife perish? It was because she refused to heed the instruction of the angels that once they get out of the ill-fated land of Sodom and Gomorrah, nobody should even look back to it. But Lot's wife was disturbed about her golden ear-rings, bangles and costly articles of clothings. She went back to take her property but unfortunately she became a stone of salt till date. And that is why we are fully commissioned to go into the four corners of the world to inform them that the long expected Kingdom has arrived. All should purge themselves of all evil acts, vices and all things which cause them to resist the will of God. The labourer is worthy of his hire. But right now when you proceed on ministry work, you go with shoes, bags or trunk-boxes contrary to the divine instruction given to you. That is what has paralysed the work thereby bringing poverty and wretchedness to the inhabitants of the world. Those who go with these earthly things are heavier and they are unworthy. Anything that is done with carnal consideration is already dead. It is spiritual - mindedness which is life eternal.

If you want God to use you, keep off from all evil tendencies, from family, wife, husband, children, money and all other mundane things. Doing the work of God is different from cultivating the land and planting crops. It is equally different from engaging in commercial things. And to this end, all should refrain from theft, fornication, drunkenness, murder and idolatry. However, it is only the king who knows the secret of His kingdom, therefore to take advantage of His blessings, all must refrain from sins. God can only use you when you fully purge yourself of sins. No sinner can be used by God. This is the recondite wisdom of God which has been given to you this early morning. It is a wrong idea to say that until you have money, erect houses for God, or buy things then shall you begin to do the work of God. Refraining from sins in the first instance, is just a good start in doing the work of God because when you leave sins, God will fully use you to do His works.

Christ's student, Affiong has testified that the Holy Father is seen on white horse going to one sister in Ghana. This was done on a daily basis so that people living on the opposite in white short knikah and short-sleeves shirt visiting the woman on white horse daily at the same time. The Father often opened the door, and had a talk with the sister and after a while, He would disappear into the thin air. Also testified is another wonderful testimony from London, where it is said that a Catholic member disclosed that the Holy Father used to conduct Bible Class lectures for them in the seminary. That story was exposed when the Catholic member identified the Father's photograph from a Brotherhood member. But the greatest thing a person can offer to the Father is to refrain from sins, and to serve Him with a pure heart. Whoever does not hate his life, wife, husband, parents, children, is not worthy of this kingdom.

That was why our Lord Jesus the Christ left His carpentry work as soon as He was baptized by John the Baptist. All the disciples left their various occupations to follow Him from house to house, city to city and from one sea port to the other for evangelical ministry. They surrendered all things to Him and started to pool their material possessions for their common good. Even in the Apostles' era when there was confusion about the sharing of love-feast, they only ensured that the division and partiality which set in, were stopped immediately. The Apostles continued in their evangelical duties, but appointed seven brethren of good repute to oversee the work of sharing the food equitably. But now you do not seem to be serious, you are joking. God has nothing to do with evil doers, for all juju-doctors, fornicators, angry people or idolatrous people are just like a luxuriant fig tree with green leaves but with no fruits.

God uses His children in Brotherhood to do spectacular spiritual works in the universe. You are seen in water, in the air, India, U.S.A., Europe and in various planes of manifest. As you are here, the Father is using you to perform His duties in different parts of the world. You are being used to release people who are being detained in mystical prisons, in water, India. It is therefore unthinkable to argue that you have no money to go on Ministry work. God uses you to liberate your family and community. That is why many people are saying that God is now on earth. He is using you to do great works. Do not say that you have no money to build house for God, simply surrender yourself to God by refraining from sins. All that God needs is to use you to achieve His objective. He alone knows what really He can use you for and the purpose. Brethren, can you read the Golden Text again?

## **Golden Test: 1 Cor. 6:20**

*"For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify  
God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."*

### **THE WHITES CAME TO SEE GOD:**

Brethren, have you heard that? Have you used your body to glorify God? You are still saying that you are of the flesh and blood and that you are a human being. And in view of this, you become an addict to vices. This is the height of ignorance you can ever dabble yourself in. Do not use ornaments such as ear-rings, bangles and dresses which make you look morally bankrupt. You have no moral right to misrepresent, for God is seen in you in actions, utterances and behaviours. All the artificial things you put on make you look strange. You should remember that God lives within you, otherwise you render His works futile. Bishop James Ellerbe told the American brethren that God is physically identified in Africa. The Americans never came here for any business transactions such as trading, farming and so on, but just to come and behold the face of the Father. Their delegates included Bishops, Pastors with good education and their enormous material substance. They do not come here because of court cases, sickness or any problems at all. They came here to see God. And it is gratifying to announce that Bishop Hill is now the Leader's Representative in the United States of America. For 17 years, we had no Leader's Representative in U.S.A. but now God has given us one. It will not be long, another plane load of Americans will arrive here just for the purpose of seeing the Father.

### **GO TO LEADER OBU FOR POWER:**

The Leader's Representative, Bishop Hill has intimated that next Sunday, the activities of their visit to Nigeria shall be broad-cast in the United States for millions of viewers to know and hear about the Holy Father. Bishop Hill has a personal Television Station. The event shall also be released in Nigeria in the Cross River Radio Programme. What have they seen here that could have lured them to Africa and Nigeria, one of the developing countries of the world?



That is why you are advised to allow yourself to be used to glorify God. If you do not pollute yourself with anger, fornication, eating meat and fish, you will see Him as He is. One gentle-man was reported to have rebuked Elder Bassey that he was worshipping a man. He swore that he would do everything within his power to investigate the power of Leader Obu. Consequently, he wrote to a mystical organisation in the United States of America to assist him. He too needed power for protection. The American body wrote back to him to inform him that if he wanted power he should go to Leader Obu at 34 Ambo Street, Calabar. The letter was wrongly addressed to Elder Bassey who opened the letter and saw the content without which his friend would have hidden it away. But very fortunately for Bassey's friend; who is a university don, he accepted baptism into the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. He had since come to see the Holy Father. That is why you are told to respect yourselves, refrain from sinfulness especially fornication which is the most stubborn sin, then you are free. It is ridiculous to say that you cannot serve God on the pretext that you have no money, car, wife, husband or children. You should purge yourself of all manners of sins, and once you do that fully, God can use you.

### **HOPES ON THE WORD OF GOD NOT EPHEMERAL THINGS:**

God does not pass through a tree or stone or animal to do anything. He uses man to achieve His aim. He has right from the inception of the world, used man to superintend His creations for Him. And God will continue to use man to lead. Therefore, man should purge himself of anything that can separate him from his creator. That was why Peter asked our Lord Jesus the Christ how many times his brethren should offend him before he could retaliate. And our Lord Jesus Christ said that it should be after seventy times seventy times. Nobody should put his hopes on carnal things such as food, clothings, cars, charms or riches. For these are purely carnal things which are ephemeral. You should put your hopes on what shall not perish, which is the word of God.

Brethren, it is said that a stroke of the can is enough for the wise, I shall not take you much further. Let those who have ears to hear, let them hear and may God bless His words – Amen.

Thank You Father

28th May, 1989

**Theme: HUMILITY PRECEDEES GLORY**

*First Lesson: James 4:10*

*Second Lesson: Matthew 23:12*

*Golden Text: Phillipians 2:8-9*

Brethren the text read out to you constitute our spiritual food this morning. This explains why I often say that I am desirous to be with you every second, every minute, because there are many nuts to tighten. Recall when the Ethiopian Eunuch was on his chariot reading, and Phillip asked him: understandest thou what thou readest? And he said unto Phillip: how will I understand when there is no one to teach me? It is a veritable truth that if one is not taught, you cannot understand. And that is why it is written in the Laws and the prophets, that God shall teach man all things. And all those who receive his teachings will follow him. How will you follow our Lord Jesus Christ when you are not taught of God?

## **THE SPIRIT OF THE WORLD TEACHES THE THINGS OF THE WORLD**

How will you become knowledgeable if God does not teach you? The moment Adam and Eve ate of the forbidden fruit they were driven out of the Garden of Eden, and from that time they had no teacher. That is why you find the world in a state that it is today. Because God had earlier instructed him not to ask anybody for anything that he (God) will teach him all things. There is no angel who can teach us. There is no man nor any University that can teach you anything. The spirit that dwells in man knows the nature of man. But the spirit of God knows the nature of God. And so if you look round you see that what is now obtaining is the spirit of the world that is teaching and whatever happens in the world is done by the spirit of the world. And the spirit of the world teaches you how to eat, how to cook, how to farm, how to steal, how to do all kinds of things that will provide a source of living to you.

**That is why our Lord Jesus Christ passed through the mouth of Paul to say that we did not receive the spirit of this earth. But we receive the spirit of God which teaches us the secret of the kingdom of God. Now look at the little gospel that I intend to give you this morning. I want all of you to open your eyes, your ears, broaden your intellects, widen your understanding, keep your minds in a state good enough to receive all the things that I want to give to you today.**

## **WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU CAN DO FOR GOD**

**We are told: humble yourself before the Lord and he will lift you up. Many people are arguing that they have no money, that if they had money they would have served God, that if they had children they would have served God, that if they were knowledgeable they would have served God. I tell you that these are not the things required by God. Heaven and earth belong to God, the earth and its fulness belong to God. What do you intend to give to him? What do you intend to do for God? When you know fully well that God owns you, he owns life, he owns death, he owns the tree, he owns the sea, the fishes, he owns hades, he owns the birds and everything you find. He is the one who commands the wind to blow and it blows. And if he tells the wind not to blow, the wind will not blow. What do you think you can do for God? You request everything from the hands of God. You ask God to give you power and he gives. You ask God to give you children and he gives. You ask God for everything you lack and he gives to you. What then do you think you can do for God?**

**Remember that God sent Isaiah to go and inform King Hezekiah to get ready that he will soon die. And King Hezekiah facing the wall wept bitterly, and ask God: remember what I had done for you during my youth and save me. At that instance God sent Isaiah to inform King Hezekiah that his days were increased by fifteen (15) years. For that reason Hezekiah lived fifteen years more. And this goes to prove to you that it is God who does everything. God gives life, God takes away life, God exalts, God abases, God provides, and God removes, God does virtually everything. What is it that you think you as a person can do?**

## **GOD KNOWS EVERYTHING**

You argue that death comes from Satan, sickness comes from Satan. And I question: where does Satan come from? Let me illustrate to you what God looks like. Now, in the past when people from Nigeria wanted to travel to Ferrandapo, they always went there with contraband goods. They knew very well that these items were not permitted to take into Ferrandapo. But they make arrangements with those in Ferrandapo telling them what items they will bring. They know fully well that customs men in Nigeria will not allow them. But they buy all these things and take them to Ferrandapo. When they get there, they have people ready to buy the articles from them. And they at Ferrandapo they have other contraband goods that they want to buy to Nigeria. And the customs men there will inform the Nigerian customs men of what goods these people are bringing into Nigeria. Before the traders here move to Ferrandapo the customs men there will know what they are coming with. The number of cartons if it is drinks, or hot drinks and other articles, they will know everything. They will even know the description of the boat and the date they are arriving. When the Nigerians are coming from the other side the customs men here will know every details about their articles of trade. But when you begin to ask; how come that the customs men did not arrest this person, or that they arrested the other person? Didn't they know the content of what you carry? They knew before hand what you were coming with. And so the same thing applies to God. God knows everything. Everything is open before him. There is nothing he does not know. Now, you want amunitions and you know where to get your supplies. You contact a certain Country that you want to purchase amunitions. They sell to your prescription what you want. All they are interested in is that you want these amunitions to use. They know fully well what you are going to do with them. And so the moment you buy the amunitions and go away they will contact your enemy and tell them equally they had amunitions for sale. And they will tell them the specifications they have and also sell to your enemy. They are not interested what the outcome will be. All they know is that they are selling amunitions and it does not matter to whomsoever they sell.

## **ASK; AND IT SHALL BE GIVEN UNTO YOU**

When certain things happen a lot of people ask: Does it mean God is not aware of what has happened? I tell you that God sees to the minutes of what has happened. He knows the in and out of what happens. And there is no need asking yourself whether God does not know what has happened.

That is why our Lord Jesus Christ taught his disciples to pray without ceasing. You are not the only child of God. All of us are the children and everyone is asking God for one thing or the other at the same time. That is why you are told to ask and it shall be given, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be open. But where you do not knock, where you do not seek, where you do not ask, how do you expect to be given? Whereas some other person is asking, is knocking is seeking. And so his hands are full with gifts. That is why it is said that anybody in lack of wisdom let him ask and God shall provide. Whatever you lack, if it is wisdom, ask and God will provide you gratis.

And whoever does not possess the Holy Spirit of God should ask of him and he will give you gratis. You ask God to give you children and he gives. You ask him for money, he gives. Whatever you ask God he provides you with your needs. But he has also given a condition: "humble yourself before the Lord, and he will lift you up." He had also given us certain commandments; he said: thou shall not kill, thou shall not envy, etc. He made these provisions for us. The provisions notwithstanding, when you ask him of anything he gives to you. If you ask him for money he gives. You ask him for children he gives. Whatever you ask God he provides you, with the provision that you should humble yourself before the Lord. And the scripture has told us that he who enters into the path of iniquity the Lord will allow. Whatever you want to ask of God, He is ready to give you. But the provision has been made that you should humble yourself before the Lord and he will lift you up.

## **HUMBLE YOURSELF BEFORE THE LORD**

You remember when Peter cut off one of the ears of the servant of the high priest. What did our Lord Jesus Christ say? He told Peter put back your sword into its sheath for whosoever takes up the sword

shall perish by the sword. Or do you think that I cannot beg of my Father and he sent twelve legions of angels. But if this is done will the scriptures be fulfilled?

You remember the prayers that he offered on that eventful night. He could have said God take away this cup from me; and God would have taken it away. But if he had said that, and if God had taken away the cup from him, he would have failed. And he would not have accomplished what his assignment was. And that is where the truth lies. The ways of God are incomprehensible. It is very difficult to understand him. Were it not for the fact that I teach you about his ways you will find it difficult to know what to do. Because God can allow you to use Him as a hand towel, or do whatever you feel like with him, or you scold him and buffet or do whatever you like with him. But he had already made his provisions that such things you should not do. And he allows you to do them because you want to do them. And because you have done them you fail. You have not succeeded in any way. That is why you are told that you should humble yourself before the Lord, which goes to confirm that it is only those who reverence God, it is only those who humble themselves before the Lord that are doing the will of God.

## **CHRIST SHOWED UTMOST HUMILITY**

We are told that the reverence for God is the beginning of wisdom. If you reverence God you will not puff up. If you reverence God you cannot claim that you can turn the night into daylight. If you reverence God you will not lay claim to your ability to do this or that, or say bring all sick people here I can heal them within a split of a second. You will not say such things if you have the reverence for God.

Remember when Satan told our Lord Jesus Christ: if thou be the Son of God command that these stones be made bread. What reply did our Lord Jesus Christ give? If our Lord Jesus Christ had commanded the stones to become bread, God would have done it for him. But by so doing he would have failed. Because he would want to show his power. He would have been pompous, he would have puffed up. And God would not have exalted him. When our Lord Jesus Christ was face to face with death, if he had ask God: take away this death from me, it would have been done. But then he would have failed as a person. There would not have been any difference between himself and every other person. That is the situation we find ourselves today.

Because you will always ask God, give me power so that I can tell the rain not to fall and it would not fall. Give power so that I can tell the sun to cease shining and it will cease. O! give me power so that I can accomplish certain things within a split of a second. And that will be done. By so doing you are puffing up, you are trying to exalt yourself. And God will abase you. He has given the condition that we should humble ourselves.

## **GOD EXPECTS HUMILITY FROM EVERY PERSON**

And if we try to exalt ourselves, we will be abased. And the scripture tells us that whoever speaks of himself seeks for his own glory. But whoever seeks after the will of he who sent him the same is true and there is no deceit in him. Before the foundations of the world were laid God had predestinated everything. And those who reverence him, those who worship and honour Him know that it is the unfolding of what God already predestinated that they are witnessing day after day and so they don't ask God to change anything. They allow things to happen the way God had arranged them, so that the will of God may be made manifest. God does not require man because he owns everything. He is man. God does not require money. Because he owns money. God does not require anything from anybody. But he wants man to humble himself so that he will assume glory. At all times He wants you to allow His will to manifest. Humble yourself before him. Do not ask that God should change a certain thing, or that he should take this thing and keep there, that he should cause this one to happen, or he should cause that one to cease, he should create a certain situation for you. At all times God wants you to humble yourself before him, and allow his will to manifest. Why has curse been placed on the native doctors, the necromancers, the sorcerers the principalities and powers of this earth? It is because they puff up, they are proud and arrogant. They are ever resisting the will of God. And that is why God has abased them.

## **WHOEVER EXALTS HIMSELF GOD SHALL ABASE**

If you tell somebody to pray if he is sick that he will get healed. He will argue that O! he should consult his doctor. And so he receives injections, he takes tablets. This explains to you why the medical

doctors, the native doctors and others have resisted the will of God. They have prevented God's will from manifesting. And that is why you are told that those who humble themselves shall be exalted. But since they have not humble themselves and allow the will of God to manifest, they are abased. When something happens to you, or whether you are sick, you seek for medical attention. You take injections, and tablets. It means you have exalted yourself. If you turn around here you take capsules, you turn around there you take drugs, it means you are exalting yourself. You are preventing the will of God from manifesting and you shall be abased.

And the scripture tells us, cast all your burdens upon him for he careth for you. But right now you plan of what to do in five years time, or in twenty years time. Don't you see that that amounts to exalting one's self and that explains why ye should take no thought for the morrow, for the morrow shall take thoughts for things of itself sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof Who has allowed his will to be manifested?

## **DO NOT BE POMPOUS BEFORE GOD**

The only place where you have the true teaching is here in Brotherhood o the Cross and Star. That is why you are given the kind of teachings you receive now. You are true witnesses to the fact that I have never at any point in time call on you that we should sit down together and pray so that it may not rain. I have never instructed you that while going on outing you should go with your umbrellas to prevent the rain or cover up yourself.

I have never instructed you to try anything to prevent the will of God from manifesting. The moment you do this it amounts to vain glory, this amounts to pompousity and you have failed. There is no other thing that God requires from man, there is nothing that God wants you to do except to humble yourself before him. If you pray on top of your voice, shouting, calling upon him with all force; that amounts to pompousity. If you carry money loaded in cartons and donate and pour here; and people applaud and shout, that amounts to pompousity. Because He is the owner of the money. And when you do this before him it means you are pompous.



## **IN BROTHERHOOD PEOPLE BELIEVE GOD DOES EVERYTHING**

Apart from here in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, there is no other place throughout the whole wide world you can find this kind of teaching. And the inhabitants of the world have created such confusions that you can hardly recognise what is expected of man to do. Because you see people doing things against the will of God. They try to resist, or try to prevent one thing or the other from happening. And man does not know any longer what actually is expected of him. It is only here in B.C.S., that you find people realising that here God can heal, here God can provide, here it is the will of God alone that must manifest.

## **CHRIST WEPT TO SHOW HUMILITY BEFORE THE FATHER**

Why do you think our Lord Jesus Christ went along with his twelve disciples and allow them to be so hungry that they had to pluck ears of corn and eat raw? You mean he had no power to have said: let there be food. And immediately the disciples would have found food enough to eat, was He not the same person who cause five loaves of bread and two fishes to be sufficient to feed 5,000 people? Why did he not ask food for the disciples? If he had done that he would have failed. A lot of people keep asking, why did our Lord Jesus Christ ever weep? That was a sign of humility. That marked off lowliness and humility before God. And that is exactly what God wants from each an everyone of us. He does not want our money. He does not want whatever we think we can do. He wants absolute humility from us. Many people here argued that well, they do not have to pray, what is it that they are going to ask God for? If you refuse to pray that too, amounts to vain glory and pompousity. If you do not pray it means you are rubbing shoulders with God.

Why did Phillip ask the Lord Jesus Christ: show us the Father. It was because at all times they found our Lord Jesus Christ referring to the Father. And if you all the time fall on the ground and pray calling on the Father, at all times praying to God, you create impression in the minds of people that there is another power higher than yours. That is why you are always calling upon that name, calling upon the Father. And that is the sign of humility and respect and recognised the superpower of God.

## **CHRIST REVEALED GOD THROUGH HIS HUMILITY**

All the things done by our Lord Jesus Christ were done through humility to reveal God. When they slapped him he said nothing. They spat on him but he was quiet. They did all kinds of things to him; he did not bandy words with anybody. But he remained as humble as he was, and through this God was revealed. That is what God expects from each and everyone of us. Healing the sick, making the blind to see, the lame to walk, the deaf to hear, the dead to rise and the leprous to be cleansed are done by God. And we have no hands in such things. All we have to do is to humble ourselves so that God may be revealed.

I want you to ponder over this. Our Lord Jesus Christ had said open and clearly that he was sent by the Father. And if he was sent by the Father what could he do by himself? God gave him the power. God did everything. He as a person did not exist. But He who sent him (the Father) did everything. And He also conform, I can, of my own do nothing. As I hear I judge. For I seek not my will but the will of He who sent me.

## **TO AVOID YOUR DOWNFALL ESCHEW ARROGANCE**

What God requires from us is absolute humility. Because He has the knowledge. He has the power. He does everything that we witness day after day. He creates whatever situation we find ourselves. And he does not want us to attribute anything to ourselves. But to completely humble ourselves before Him and through this will we be known as true and obedient children of God. When you ask God for money or children that is a sign of pompousity. It means you are arrogant. It means you do not humble yourself, you do not reverence God. You are today ask to allow everything the way you find them. Don't bother yourself in thinking. Don't bother yourself on what you have to do, or what you have to see because in many ways you offend. You can offend through your words of mouth, through your thinking, through your seeing, through your actions. And the only way by which man can be exalted is when you humble yourself before God.

Now if you have sufficient money and you tell maybe ten thousand people that they should no longer work that you want to feed them, or that you are able to feed them. That means you have exalted yourself. You have placed yourself in the position of God, that you as a person can feed those people. Whereas God is the owner of food, God is the owner of money, God is the owner of everything.

God owns you. But to this men have you told that you want to feed them. And everyday they cook and eat. Because you have told them not to work, not to do anything. They cook and eat. That is the source of your down fall, because it has been said that whoever exalt himself shall be abased. And since you have exalted yourself, you will be abased accordingly. The first lesson will now be read.

*First Lesson James 4:10*  
*"Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord,*  
*and he shall lift you up."*

## **THE SPIRIT OF YOUR FATHER WILL GIVE YOU WHAT TO SAY**

Have you seen it laid bare before you? His duty is to exalt us. Whoever will humble himself, before the Lord, He will lift you up. And whoever will not humble himself, that whatever happens to him, maybe he has a little pain somewhere, he ask God, God take away this pain; if you did not take away this pain you are not the true God. By so doing you have exalted yourself.

When any little thing happens you consult doctor, you seek for medications. It means you have exalted yourself. You have disgraced Him. And you have placed yourself in an equal position with God. In the morning you sit down to map out your activities for the day, what you will say and what you will do. By so doing you have exalted yourself and He will base you. Has he not told you that you will be arraigned before the rulers of the earth. But settle it not in your heart what you shall say, for at that instance the spirit of your Father will give you the ability to say what He want you to say which your enemy will not be able to gainsay or resist.

## **GOD IS THE PROVIDER OF OUR NEEDS**

A lot of people claim that our Lord Jesus Christ raised the dead. Our Lord Jesus Christ did not raise any dead. People also claim that Peter raised the dead. Peter did not raise the dead. All the things you witness are done by God. He gives us food. He gives us life. He gives us the breathe. He gives us clothings. Whatever we require in life he provides them all.

But what he wants from us is that we should humble ourselves. And as the scripture tells us: "Humble yourselves before the Lord and he will lift you up" You announce to people that you have power to do one

thing or the other. By so doing you have failed. His duty is that whoever humbles himself he will exalt. But whoever exalts himself he will abase. Your duty, my duty, and the duty of all the inhabitants of the world is to humble ourselves before him at all times. And we are told that humility precedes glory. There is no wisdom, no craftiness, nothing that man can exhibit. All we have to do is humble ourselves. And the scripture ask us: what is it that you have that you did not receive? You came to the world with nothing and you will depart with nothing. When you come into the world He gives you money and you go about boasting to people openly: O! I have money. I can do this with my money, I can do that. The moment you try that you have failed. And he will abase you. If you are a visioner, you call yourself a wonderful visioner, or a wonderful healer, a wonderful everything you can claim; He has empowered you. You have nothing of your own. And the moment you go about claiming those things you have failed, and he will abase you. I have told you that this work is not done by me, I do not exist. I do not know what is happening. But all things are done by the Father.

## **IF YOU GLORIFY YOURSELF IT MEANS YOU HAVE FAILED**

How come that He has said that eventhough you bestow all your goods to the poor and though you give your body to be burned, and you have no love; it profits you nothing. Why has He also said that it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. After preaching people come to you shaking your hands congratulating you, O! you have done so brilliantly well, O! that was marvellous. You have failed. Were you one who preached? You go to somebodys house maybe a lawyer, or a chief, or a prominent man, and on seeing you the man bows down. He does not bow to you as a person, but he is bowing down to worship God. But on seeing this you carry shoulders high and say even king and elders bow to me. By so doing you have

failed. And you have disgraced God, and He must abase you. A sick man is brought to you and the challenge is placed before you that if you make this man to be healed we will know accept the challenge and begin to call aloud on God; you fast and pray and call on God to come down and cause the person to resurrect. The moment you try all these things you have failed. It means you are rubbing shoulders with God. At all times you have to walk according to the dictateds of the spirit because He is the spirit, and as He directs so should we do. And so brethren it is not my intention to belabour you; the second lesson will now be read.

*Second Lesson: Matthew 23:12*

*“And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and that shall humble himself shall be exalted.”*

## **IF YOU QUESTION WHY GOD DOES NOT STOP CERTAIN THINGS, THAT IS SELF-EXALTATION**

When you claim that you are the owner of the house, and you scold the in-mates: you people sit down here and waste my food, I feed you, I do everything for you. What is God's share in that house? What does God own? When you scold somebody and hush him to get away from you, what have you done? You have exalted yourself. Whoever is angry with another man, and condemns his action and ask why he should do a certain thing in a certain way. It means he has exalted himself. Whoever questions why God should allow a certain thing to happen, that God should not allow this situation to occur. It means he has exalted himself. He has disgraced God. He has instructed us that we should not feed the lazy, that we should not eat a man's food for nought. But you gather people and feed them. Even though they do nothing. It means you are rubbing shoulders with God. Or are you better off than God who has given the injunction that the lazy should not be fed? And for this reason He will abase you completely to the ground. Already He has given you certain things, that with that, you should feed the poor and the needy. And instead of feeding the poor and the needy you punish them, you torture them, you always abuse them. By so doing He will abase you and take away all those possessions from you.

## **HOW ARE YOU HUMBLE BEFORE THE LORD?**

Do you know how one can humble himself before the Lord? It is for you to attribute everything to God. In your actions, in your word of mouth, that everything is done by God, O! He is the one who has done this, O! you thank the Father for this situation. Whether somebody is sick, whether somebody is in good health you attribute it to God, you put it before God, that is responsible for everything. Whatever situation you find yourself you have to attribute it to God.

Whether you leave your car out here and before you get out you can no longer find the car. You want to say that God had not known that that car will be taken away or that He does not know where the car is? Whoever worships God, whoever reverences God, will not question why certain things have happen. He will allow whatever situation he finds himself, he will allow whatever has happen in his life to remain as it is because God knows everything. A lot of people ask, why did our Lord Jesus Christ ever allow himself to be arrested by people, persecuted and finally crucified? Now I want you to look at the situation this way. This is a man who was approached by those who wanted to arrest him. When he ask them: whom are you looking for? They answered: we are looking for Jesus Christ. He said: I am He. By saying: "I am He" all of them fell down on the ground. Do you think that that same man had not the power to say something or do something to prevent his arrest? He would have done it. But if he had done so the will of God would not have been manifested. And He would not have been exalted. For somebody to slap you, to spit on your face, to kick you, please God a great deal. But for you to say may fire descend from heaven and burn you, may you be destroyed within a twinkle of an eye, is not what you are expected to do. That is not a sign of humility.

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seek after the will of the Father and not after my own will. I have to glorify Him I have to adore Him. What did our Lord Jesus Christ say? He said: Whoever is not with me is against me; and whoever does not gather with me scatters abroad. And when you begin to say God take away famine, God take away sickness, God take away problems and difficulties. Do you know what you are doing? That amounts to pompousity and God will abase you. When you are offering prayers withhold a part of it. Don't say everything. When you are begging God for certain things keep aside other things. Because by asking for everything by wanting everything we walk face to face into our downfall. He is an all-knowing God. Nothing takes him un-awares. He is a loving Father, a perfect Father, He is omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient. He has all the qualitates and knows everything.

## **YOU ARE NOT LIFTED UP BECAUSE OF AFFLUENCE BUT HUMILITY**

God does not exalt you because you have erected a building, because you have made the lame to walk, the blind to see, the deaf to hear, the dumb to speak, or because you have cause the dead to rise. God does not exalt you because of these things. Are you the one doing these things? What can you of your own accomplish? God exalts you only when you humble yourself. You have heard from our second lesson that whoever humbles himself God will exalt. But whoever exalts himself God will abase. And we are also told humble yourself before the Lord and you will be lifted up.

## **GOD OWNS AND DOES EVERYTHING**

God is the owner of beauty and handsomeness. God is the owner of health. We are part and parcle of Him. The only thing He requires from us is humility. We have to humble ourselves before Him at all times. Whether you live for two hundred years or four hundred years, He has given you the number of years to live. And He has provided the number of generations you have to live. Whatever you find yourself doing or benefitting from is his provision. And so it does not matter how long you live or how many generations you live. But He has ask us to humble ourselves at all times. There is neither juju, nor apparition, nor witchcraft, nor concoction, nor any charm, nor

mermaid. He is everything. He is in everything. He gives food. He gives the rain. He gives sun. He gives everything that we benefit from. We do not exist at all. He is the only one that exists. Don't put your hope on the fact that you had erected a church for God, or a bethel for God, or that you had contributed to doing one thing or the other. Or that you are responsible for organising a certain thing. You do not exist and you cannot do anything of your own. What God requires from you, your role expectation is to humble yourself before God at all times. If God does not call you, you cannot follow him. If God does not elect you, you cannot be worthy of him. If God does not give you the ability you can do nothing. If God does not watch over the city you can do nothing. If God does not build you can do nothing. There is nothing that God cannot do of himself. And after God had done everything you stand back to claim the glory. You claim that you were the one who did this and that. Are you doing the right thing?

## **WHATEVER YOU REQUEST OF GOD SHALL BE DONE**

Elijah prayed God to give him power and God did. Moses ask for power and he was given. David and many others ask for power and God gave to them. Whatever you ask God, you want food, you want money, you want children, etc, God will give to you. But what he expect of you is to humble yourself before him. The Golden text will now be read. I have already told you that today's gospel is unique.

*Golden text: Philippians 2 : 8-9*

*"And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross.*

*Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name."*

## **CHRIST IS EXALTED ABOVE EVERY OTHER NAME**

Have you heard what the scripture says? Why did God not exalt Moses name? Why was David's name not exalted? Why was Abraham's name not exalted? Mention any other person in the world whom God has exalted his name above every other name. That



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